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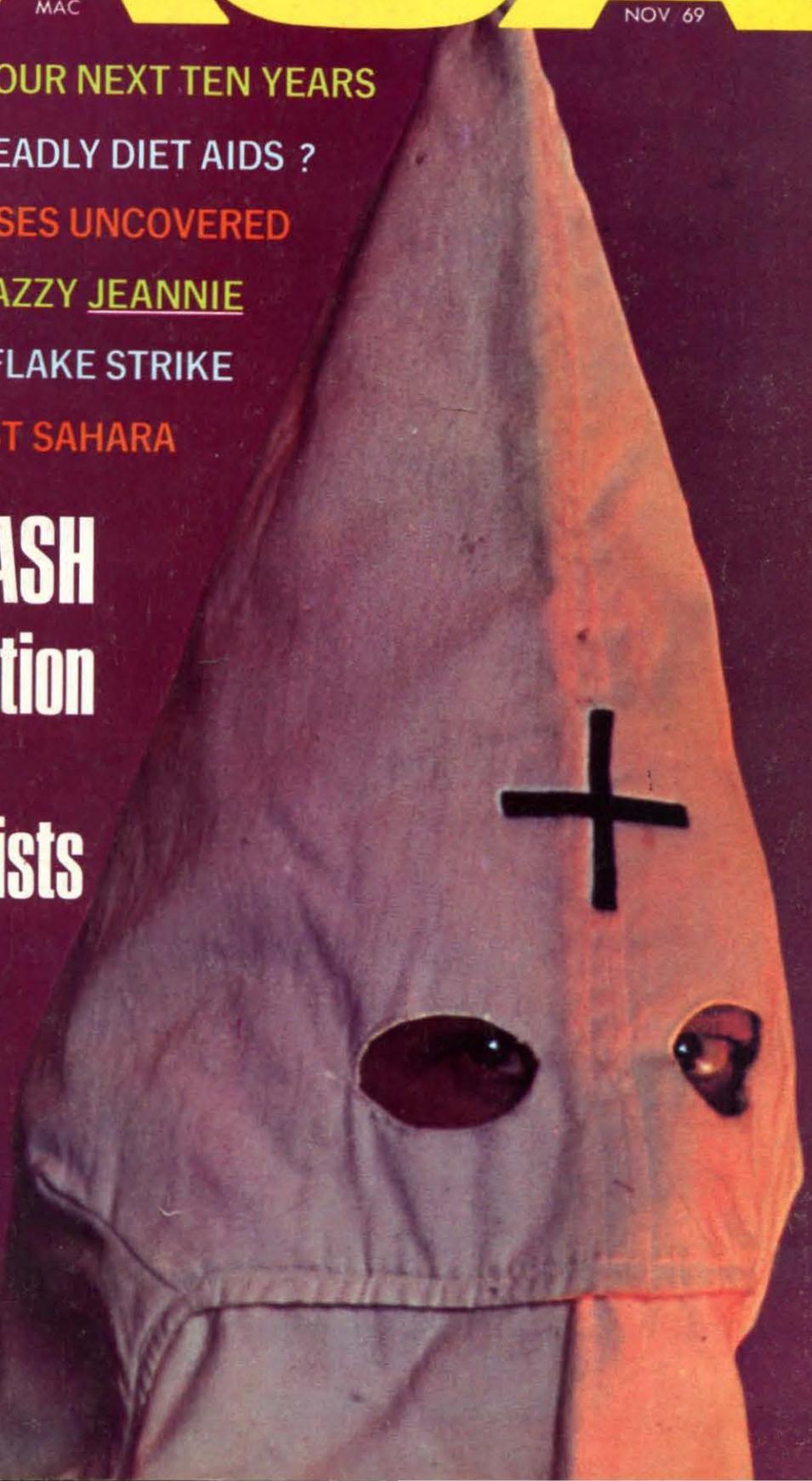
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Why, for years now, have most UFO's been sighted in lonely, mountainous regions which are literally riddled with *unexplored caves*? Is there any connection between these landings and the mysterious, massive caverns which, for all the world, look like they were *mechanically carved out of solid rock*? Can any expert explain the recently uncovered miles-long tunnels that are so symmetrical that they look *man-made*? Are these dark, haunting chambers—which honeycomb the whole world—really part of a vast

UNDERGROUND NETWORK OF SAUCER BASES?

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- In folklore that has lived for centuries, various small creatures are supposed to live underground—trolls, kobolds, pixies, leprechauns, elves, goblins, gnomes. They have many names around the world. Often they were just called the “little men” and were usually described as gnarled and ugly, and not quite human.

Now, who do they remind you of? Yes—the little humanoids stepping out of flying saucers, as described in numerous reports of UFO landings. All over the world, in history, “little men” coming up from below—and today, “little humanoids” flying around in saucers.

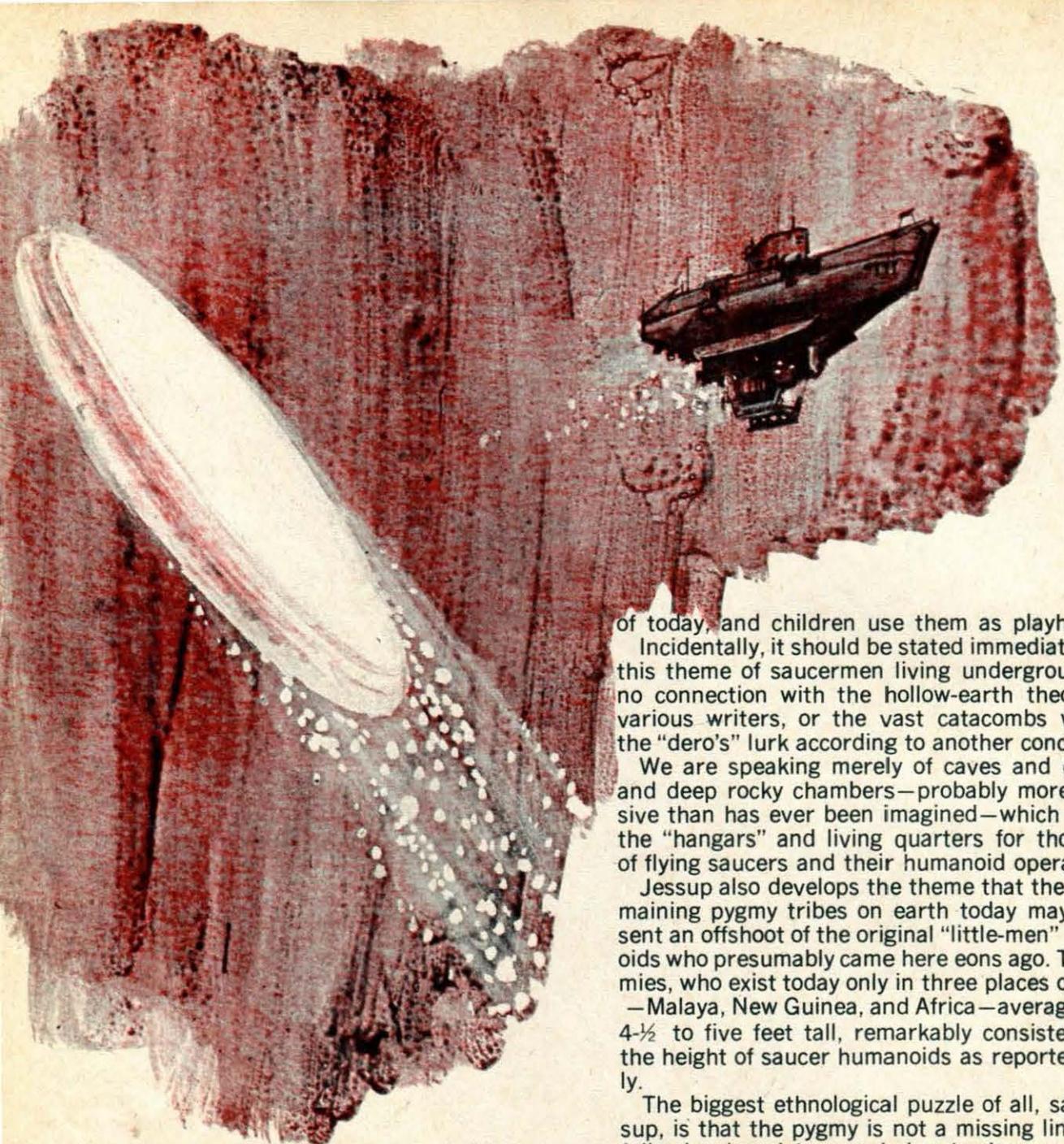
Any connection?

Significant clues are piling up that the legendary dwarfs and the “legendary” (according to skeptics) saucermen may be *one and the same*. This would mean that the “UFOonauts” have long ago established themselves *underground*. Their brief appearances above ground through the ages, with or without saucers, might have caused the worldwide “fairy tales” about the tiny people.

But they may not be fairy tales if we ponder what Dr. Morris K. Jessup wrote in his book, *The Expanding Case for the UFO*: “There are caves in Europe which have been shaped by masonry methods. They are 10,000 to 20,000 years old. Their rooms and passages are too small for normal-sized adults

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of today, and children use them as playhouses."

Incidentally, it should be stated immediately that this theme of saucermen living underground has no connection with the hollow-earth theories of various writers, or the vast catacombs wherein the "dero's" lurk according to another concept.

We are speaking merely of caves and caverns and deep rocky chambers—probably more extensive than has ever been imagined—which may be the "hangars" and living quarters for thousands of flying saucers and their humanoid operators.

Jesup also develops the theme that the few remaining pygmy tribes on earth today may represent an offshoot of the original "little-men" humanoids who presumably came here eons ago. The pygmies, who exist today only in three places on earth—Malaya, New Guinea, and Africa—average about 4-½ to five feet tall, remarkably consistent with the height of saucer humanoids as reported widely.

The biggest ethnological puzzle of all, says Jesup, is that the pygmy is not a missing link but a fully developed human being having no genetic connection with the rest of humanity. If not a product of earthly evolution, then where did he come from?

Returning to legend again, the folklore of mining regions is always full of tales of encounters with miniature men deep in the shafts. The "metallic sprites" or kobolds (from cobalt) of Germany apparently harassed miners so much that productive mines had to be abandoned. Were they saucer humanoids who did not wish the miners to dig down into their underground domain?

In Scandinavian folklore, mines were habitually plagued by two goblins who even had names—Cutty Soams and Bluecap. Hanover had its own version of "little devils" who haunted mine shafts and whose eyes shot flames. And then we have the most basic "legend" of all—the god Pluto of the Greeks and Romans who was "king" of the under-

On Dec. 8, 1968, the Atomic Energy Commission conducted the Schooner Experiment and exploded an underground nuclear bomb of 35 kilotons capacity in Nevada. Five days later, the radiation level rose from 10 to 20 times—in *Canada, 1,000 miles away!* Since the Nuclear Test Ban prohibits aerial explosions and all A-bombs are set off underground, how did that radioactivity reach Canada? There is only one answer, which the baffled scientists will never accept—the *radioactive dust traveled through an interconnected series of caves all the way to Canada!*

ground, master of all metals and jewels, and possessing the magic power to hurl bolts of flames.

In modern UFO sightings, many humanoids are reported to point tubular devices, and shoot "rays" that sometimes burn the skin of the observer. Pluto, reincarnated!

And consider this recent UFO sighting of June 13, 1967, at Caledonia, Canada. At approximately 2:30 a.m., Carmen Cuneo said he spied two UFO's near a mine dump. One was cigar-shaped and about 36 feet long, with four windows on a side and a boom aerial. The other was a disk 15 feet in diameter. Then Cuneo was startled to see three small men emerge with hats *similar to those worn by miners*. Each cap had four small amber lights at the peak. Cuneo excitedly ran to bring back another witness but by then the craft and "mini-miners" were gone.

A more recent "haunting" comes to our attention, though the rumor is unverified. We all remember the great Mohole Project of a few years ago. Millions of dollars were spent with the idea of drilling through the ocean floor into the underlying rock, and extracting samples of the earth's crust six miles below. Why was that project abruptly abandoned last year? Was it because of interference from underground, like that "caused" by the kobolds in the German mines? We leave the question hanging until we hear some other valid explanation for the sudden and surprising cancellation of Project Mohole.

More scientific evidence of cave humanoids came about 25 years ago, when Chinese archeologists found a remarkable collection of stone disks in caves at the border of China and Tibet. Complete with holes and grooves, the disks resembled phonograph records, and it was found that they vibrated as if they were electrically charged. Dating back some 12,000 years, are they the "records" of an ancient humanoid hideout? For along with the disks were found the bones of undersized men with

"huge craniums and underdeveloped skeletons." In other words, small humanoids.

Archeological records contain other reports of astounding discoveries that do not fit our picture of primeval times. In the Sahara, Henri Lotte, a Frenchman, stumbled upon caves whose walls were adorned with frescoes that clearly depicted what appeared to be *men in space suits*. A similar discovery was made in Japan, where the ancient Dogu drawings were so detailed they showed round, sealed helmets with what resembled built-in two-way walkie-talkie systems. There are cave pictures of "spacemen"—or at least men dressed in uniforms that look suspiciously like spacesuits—in the Val Comonique, the Swiss Alps, in Australia, and Soviet Central Asia.

And again, like the pygmies, these pictorial records are scattered all around our planet, indicating some *common "model"* who posed for them. What fits better than flying saucermen who could navigate anywhere on earth? Otherwise, how would you explain dozens of isolated tribal communities—from the Arctic to the Antarctic and all places between—at the dawn of civilization, without radio or the airplane, all depicting the same or similar "beings"? Archeology fails to provide a coherent "scientific" explanation that include UFO's and extraterrestrial visitors.

Even more sensational—and more of a headache to anti-UFO scientific authority—was the find in 1932 of a mummy in a cave near the base of one of the Pedro Mountains in Wyoming. It wasn't usual Egyptian mummy wrapped and laid in a golden sarcophagus. This was the mummified body of a tiny "humanoid" *only 14 inches tall!*

But, just as headhunters shrunk heads to small proportions, it can be assumed that either by natural forces or man's technique, this humanoid was shrunk from its original living height of perhaps 4-½ feet.

At any rate,

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X-ray investigation and other tests proved it was no hoax and was indeed the petrified body of a man, approximately 65 years old, who died thousands of years ago. Whether he was "human" or not, the scientists would not conjecture. The riddle is unsolved to this day.

One more odd discovery, not involving humanoids at all, provides another possible answer. The Soviet newspaper *Komsomol Pravda* reported last year that Russian scientists had explored a coal mine above the Arctic Circle, and found the fossils of ancient animals dating back to the Paleozoic Era some 330 million years ago. They strangely described the area as a veritable "underground zoological park" where an enormous number of animals apparently had been confined in a small area. The animals were identified as natural enemies and as such never congregated within biting distance. Who, then, brought these beasts together? Is it unreasonable to think that, long ago, humanoids from the stars, living underground perhaps to avoid the fierce killer beasts above, captured some for a zoo? Or for scientific study? Or food?

There is other evidence that strongly reinforces the thesis of saucer humanoids living underneath our feet in hidden camps. There are many tales of weird sounds, eerie noises, and even voices and whispers in echoing caves.

For instance, in Floyd Collins Crystal Cave, speleologists (cave explorers) reported hearing strange voices both yelling and at times whispering, followed by footsteps. They were too experienced to be "hearing things," and said the voices simply could not have a natural origin. The leader also once heard babbling voices approaching them but they suddenly ceased and no one appeared.

In the Tampico area of Mexico, stands stately Sombrero Mountain, riddled with caves near the top. From these caves

come incredible sounds which, according to the local people, resemble those made by hydroelectric generating equipment. There is no hydroelectric plant within Sombrero Mountain. But take note: witnesses often have said that the UFOs they sighted made buzzing noises like *electrical machinery*.

Caves are also mysterious because people sometimes enter them and never come out. It is possible they might have become irretrievably lost, or were killed in accidents. Isn't it also possible that the victims were abducted by the subterranean saucer men?

Some caves, particularly in Europe, have been the source of so many disappearances that they were declared to be "cursed" and inhabited by some evil spirit or demon. A more updated version of this tale could be that saucer men patrol these caverns and capture or silence any human blundering into their secret domain. If the UFO nauts of today take such care to avoid humans, we can assume they have had this policy all through the ages in their underground realm.

A curious little story comes from Lucius Farish (in *Saucer Scoop*). He tracked down a member of the Fortean Society who had once known an old sea captain with the odd name of Harmonious. The old salt would "spin yarns," many dealing with the *Old Ones* who lived underground and rode around in clam-shell (saucer?) craft at fantastic speeds. He claimed they came from the stars and established a vast underground network of caves, scientifically using earth's internal heat for power.

Harmonious said that portals into this hidden realm existed at Mt. Shasta in California, at a point in the South American Andes, and in Antarctica, as well as other places in between. Strangely enough, all the points he named are on the Great Earthquake Belt, or the

great-circle fault that scientists now know creates earthquakes. It would be logical for huge fissures to exist along this belt, like gateways to the underground.

Harmonious told his stories solemnly, as if they were the truth. His Fortean listener could offer no proof except that for 30 years, the old sea captain—who was short and bearded like a gnome—never aged. And his story involved clam-shell "saucers" long before Kenneth Arnold and his famed Mt. Rainier sighting.

But it is not only "little men" who lurk in the shadowy bowels of the earth. Early in 1968, a team of archeologists explored ancient tunnels and buried chambers in a remote part of Turkey. Some 900 feet below, they came upon a maze of huge passageways obviously dug by artificial means. Suddenly, they were attacked by a group of giant albino haired men seven feet tall. One archeologist was killed, another hospitalized for months; every member of the party had serious wounds. To date, no further attempt has been made to reenter the caverns and solve the mystery.

These hairy giants sound a lot like the *yeti* of abominable snowman legends, or the bigfoot *sasquatch* recently discovered in the California Sierras. But note: the legends about trolls and such did *not* always specify that they were small men, but often huge "monster men" seven to 10 feet tall.

The legends about giant subterranean beings are as prolific as those of the little men. Archeologists have uncovered ancient underground habitations, their proportions signifying that only enormous men could have lived there. George Hunt Williamson, famed archeologist, tells in the book, *Road in the Sky*, of a man named de Valda who discovered seven skeletons of giant men and women who were between eight and nine feet tall and a Mexican legend concerning a giant called Xelhua who "came out of a mountain."

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Williamson also says that Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, has been the scene of numerous saucer sightings. According to the natives, there are "giant white men" who live in the mountain. It is a fact that eerie lights playing around the peaks have often been observed by explorers.

Proof of an ancient race of giants exists in a tribe of black people living near Kilimanjaro. Its members are up to eight feet tall! They are the well-known "Watusi," famed for their athletic feats and skilled dancing. Are they remnants of the underground giants who once wandered to the earth's surface and stayed there?

The Bible concurs by saying: "And there were giants on the earth in those days." Anthropologists admit the discovery of genuine fossils of creatures taller than normal men. All specimens of so-called "ape-men," from *pithecanthropus* back, range above eight feet tall.

One of the most startling discoveries of recent times was made in 1945 by two pilots flying a photography mission over the terrain north of Nazca, Peru. They were astounded when their enlarged photo showed a vast network of figures previously hidden to the naked eye by the vegetation. Formed by shallow trenches, or rows of stones, the figures included triangles, squares and circles, and the enormous shapes of animals, birds, even insects!

Why was this strange pattern, extending for more than five miles, laid out to be *distinctly visible only from the air*? The ancient Peruvians had no aircraft that we know of. Then were these "ground beacons" set up as *guides for flying saucers*?

Peruvian legends persistently mention the "sky gods" who often visited earth in "bronze eggs." Let us recall that many modern UFO reports describe egg-shaped craft of various metallic colors.

Mentioned above were Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, and Mt. Shasta in California, both the sites of many UFO sightings in modern times, and also the places where strange beings were seen in the past.

Other locales around the world, particularly mountainous areas, are apparently centers of UFO activity. Included are Mt. Argentario in Italy, the Marcahuasi plateau in the Andes, and the Ozark Mountains in the U.S. Another site is Mt. Ranier in Washington State where Arnold sighted his nine saucers and launched the modern era of saucer sightings.

The clue to the areas' UFO activity may lie in what Harmonious previously said about Mt. Shasta, that they may all be "entrances" to the saucermen's underworld domain.

There are other possible entrances to the homes of the saucer men—underwater, for instance. An estimated 40 percent of UFO sightings occur near rivers, lakes, bays, reservoirs and the deep sea. In a significant number of these sightings, the saucers both enter and leave the water, as the following examples illustrate:

• December 13, 1959: The Swedish ship *Dorthemaersk*, nearing the coast of Vene-

zuela, observed a strange craft shaped like a cone, and giving off fiery radiance as it plunged directly into the sea.

• March 23, 1957: In Venezuela, Luis Petriera and several friends observed a glowing UFO dive into Lake Maracaibo.

The Venezuelan shores and inland waters seemed periodically to be the scenes of "sea saucers." In 1967, three different parties reported flying saucers that either plunged into the water or rose out of it. One was a spectacular sighting of the water boiling violently at first, then three saucers in single file zipping into the air and speeding away.

• April 29, 1961: John P. Gallagher, a carpenter, of Newport, R.I., reported seeing a red sphere bobbing up in the bay, floating out to sea, then suddenly flying away.

• September 12, 1963: Nineteen workmen aboard Texas Tower II off Cape Cod (a radar missile-spotting station) watched for 20 minutes as a floating object swung a searchlight beam around it, gave off steamy vapors, then sank abruptly. Coast Guard cutters later found no sign of any craft or wreckage.

• October, 1967: Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia, was the scene of diving saucers several times during a single week. The most notable of the events, occurred when a "flaming" object dove into the harbor waters and vanished. A search by frogmen revealed no trace of a sunken vessel.

Saucer Scoop has through the years received many reports of "diving saucers" that fly into or emerge from coastal waters. In December 1967, various fishermen complained of "holes" in the Gulf of Mexico "where the water boils in circles." This phenomenon coincided with a flock of sea-saucer sightings in which the craft often left the air and mysteriously disappeared into the sea.

The Gulf of Mexico has been the scene of many weird happenings. In December 1968, two men in a 21-foot boat spent a harrowing week-end on the stormy waters because their compass "went wild."

A similar incident occurred when retired Navy captain, Alfred Standford, cruising off Milford, Conn., in his sloop, *Vision IV*, watched his compass make an eerie, 10-minute clockwise spin.

Many ships have reported their compasses going "haywire" over certain stretches of water, especially after UFO's were seen in the area. One theory is that the powerful electromagnetic field of the UFO is what affects the compasses, just as it knocks out car motors on land, or blacks out their radios and lights.

But this leads us to the most spectacular and significant sea-saucers of all—those that are detected *while submerged*. These USOs—Unidentified Submarine Objects—have puzzled many a ship's crew. For example:

• July 5, 1965: Dr. Dimitri Rebikoff, a marine scientist, was conducting studies in a one-man submarine off the Florida coast when he saw a shape of unusual symmetry moving at a speed of three-and-one-half knots. First he thought it was a strange shark, but soon realized it was some sort of machine. Dr. Rebikoff said it was the most fantastic underwater device he had ever seen.

• January 12, 1965: In New Zealand,

an anonymous report described a submarine "vessel" cruising at a depth of 30 feet in waters that no ordinary submarine could safely enter. This mystery USO was at least 100 feet long.

Also from New Zealand came the report of R. D. Hanning and W. J. Johnson of the *Eleoneai*. While cruising past the Rugged Islands they saw an immense structure suddenly rising to the water's surface. Both men said it looked nothing like any conventional submarines and the sighting, they added, left them badly shaken.

• In 1966, scientists aboard a research vessel loaded with electronic anti-submarine warfare gear picked up weird, intermittent signals on the sonar coming from a depth of 30,000 feet. Unable to identify the object causing them, the scientists jokingly named it the "180 rpm" animal, knowing it *wasn't* any form of marine life, but some inanimate object cruising far below.

• August 29, 1964: This was truly a shocker. The *Eltanin*, an oceanography ship equipped with a subsea camera, which could be lowered to far-reaching depths, took pictures at 13,500 feet at a location 1,000 miles west of Cape Horn, South America. They photographed a "big fish" indeed, as their developed film later showed. Hazily, but definitely, visible was an astonishing piece of machinery covered with projecting rods resembling TV antennas. The scientists aboard had to admit it could not possibly have been a marine plant at that lightless depth, nor could it have been any form of coral. When asked what it really was, one scientist couldn't answer but did say that it was man-made, and was baffled as to how anybody could have gotten it down there.

Then, during 1965-66, the famed Jacques-Yves Costeau and his technical crew set up operations for exploring the depths of Lake Titicaca in Peru with submarines. The lake is the highest in the world at a 12,000-foot altitude.

Costeau was ostensibly working on a Walt Disney movie, but rumors claimed that he was commissioned to find out why UFO's constantly submerged in the lake. The Peruvian Navy had officially recorded 36 UFO's that vanished in Lake Titicaca's waters in a period of only four weeks.

Costeau found nothing at the lake's bottom—at least nothing was released to the public.

But Peru, particularly the Lake Titicaca area, is the site of many ancient legends concerning "underground giants" and their civilization. Ruins of some of their abandoned hideaways inside mountains have been discovered and authenticated by archeologists.

One final marine item may form a link in the mysterious chain of sea-saucer sightings. UFO sightings have been notoriously frequent in the West Indies, as well as Florida. Near the Bahamas shore, in August 1968, archeologist Dr. Manson Valentine announced a blockbuster of a discovery—the finding of temple ruins and marble columns under only six feet of water. In all, the relic was 100 feet long and 75 feet wide.

Cautiously, Dr. Valentine tried to attribute the visible architecture to the

pre-Columbus Arawak Indians, or perhaps to the much older Mayans. But the suspicion exists that they are much older than that—perhaps dating back to Atlantis some 25,000 years ago.

Islands suddenly appear at sea regularly, as portions of the ocean floor inexplicably rise. So it is not beyond belief that some part of sunken Atlantis has recently risen into shallow waters.

And Atlantis, according to legendary references, was the site of a highly-advanced civilization that possessed aircraft similar to flying saucers.

What do all the sea-saucer phenomena lead to? Simply this—most of them are seacoast and offshore sightings where underwater or tidal caves may exist.

And these may give access to the underground dry-land homes of the saucer-men. Florida's, extensive coastline, for instance, is known to be riddled with innumerable underwater caves. UFOs plung-

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ing into the water may simply enter these hidden apertures that could be linked to a dry underground cave system, created either by nature or men . . . saucer-men, that is.

And consider this. Florida is constantly beset by the sudden appearance of "sinkholes," or cave-ins, some of them disastrous. For instance, on December 17, 1968, the Anclote River bridge on Route U.S. 19 north of Tarpon Springs suddenly collapsed due to sinkholes that abruptly opened up under it.

These sinkhole pits are sometimes as big as football fields, swallowing up houses, herds of cattle, and small forests. Now, geologists know that underneath much of Florida there exists a veritable honeycomb of pits, caves, and caverns. The scientific explanation is that these were formed in ancient times when Florida was submerged and the sea-waters swirled through its basic limestone structure.

But the appearance of sinkholes is increasing, as if *more* deep caverns are being dug out—by whom? It can no longer be nature. Combine this with the enormous number of saucer sightings in Florida—both over land and off the coast—and you have a two-plus-two that adds up to a major "colony" of underground saucer-men snuggled under that state.

The sinkholes are no joke. In 1967 and 1968, no less than eight sinkholes suddenly appeared in that one area near the Anclote River bridge, including the following:

- A sinkhole that caused one home to collapse.
- 18-foot wide sinkhole in the middle of Montana Avenue in New Port Richey.
- Five large sinkholes up to 30 feet wide that swallowed up trees, lawns, parts of houses, and one whole street in Tarpon Springs.
- A sinkhole 18 feet long gobbled up part of U.S. 19 and stopped all traffic on that busy highway.

There is also another mysterious kind of geological formation—the "lava tube," found in volcanic areas. These are amazingly straight and uniform round tunnels averaging 4,000 feet in length with smoothly polished sides. Scientists attribute them, somewhat lamely, to the seepage of water through limestone. But who ever heard of such drippage forming *symmetrical* tunnels that are sometimes 40 feet wide and eight and one half miles long?

Aware that their theory is weak, the authorities recently stated, "Because of the persistent folklore regarding an *unknown race* living far far underground, such holes or caves carry an aura of strangeness and fear . . . some of which (the lava tubes) are so regular that they look *man-made* . . ." (author's italics).

Yes, the lava-tubes do inspire an aura of strangeness—probably because they are part of a much more complex and deeper system of passageways that were never made by lava, or dripping water. They may be the "outlying territory" of a saucer-man network of caverns, from which they at times rise to the upper surface.

Another mystery the experts cannot explain is the extreme *purity* of cave air, so pure that the National Cave Association recommends caves for hayfever sufferers, and lists 32 caves in 14 states for people to visit. These include such famous sight-seeing caverns as Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the Cathedral Caverns of Alabama, Arkansas's Onyx Cave, Missouri's Mark Twain Cave, the Ice Caves of New Mexico, and the Forbidden Caverns of Tennessee.

Why should these and many other caves hold the *purest* air known, with absolutely no pollen or dust or pollutants; why, unless an underground race of humanoids *produces* fresh and pure air to be pumped through their vast cave-system, some of which leaks up into the caves we know?

Are such caves related to UFO sightings? Decidedly so. A large percentage of saucer reports comes from areas in the vicinity of natural caves. The following are but a few samples:

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• April 18, 1968: Near New Kensington, Pa., a dozen people spied a bright circular object in the sky over the Allegheny Valley. Ora Conley, Jr., and Andrew Buday, who were exploring caves in the region, also saw the UFO which came within 50 yards of them. They described it as big as a room, round, with flashing lights underneath and unblinking lights at the sides, plus a glass-like dome at the top.

• July 28, 1968: A wave of UFOs was reported from the area around Huntingdon Valley, Pa., where the well-known Lincoln Caverns are located. Open to the public during the summer, these caverns contain the usual stone formations and features with colorful names—Diamond Cascade, Mystery Room, Frozen Niagara, and Giant's Castle.

With so many people visiting the caves, the UFOs seen would hardly enter them. But it's a fact that most large caverns have more than one opening to the surface. The public entrance is only the largest or most convenient. The saucers may well use another and perhaps secret entrance that bypasses the commercially exploited portion of the caverns and goes directly to the saucer-men's rocky lair.

Missouri was also the scene of a "flap" in late 1968 and early 1969, especially in the Ozark Mountains. Many UFO reports centered around Hannibal which is near the Mark Twain Cave (mentioned above).

On February 11, 1969, three persons came upon a round, silver ball the size of

a quarter moon, hanging in the air. It mysteriously "disappeared" after five minutes. Did it vanish underground, in a diving motion too swift for the human eye to follow?

Near Springfield, Mo., are three caves open to tourists: Marvel Cave, Meramec Caverns, and Fantastic Caverns. Dozens of UFOs were reported by excited people in the vicinity in January 1969. One report from a woman and her teenage daughter told of an 18-foot round object that had landed on the highway in front of their car. Was it to let off small humanoids who then scurried into one of the innumerable Ozark caves, many of them unexplored?

Evensome of the larger, commercialized caves remain uncompletely charted, according to the National Caves Association. For example, in the case of Bridal Cave, it says: "The size of the cave is undetermined, as it is explored only to the subterranean lake (Lake of the Ozarks)."

Speleologists mention "unexplored" passageways and "unknown" pits in almost all caves, large or small. Chances are that less than 10 per cent of any cave system is fully known to us. Difficult passages and dangerous formations prevent even the hardest cave explorers from going on through what may be linked caverns going on for untold miles at greater depths.

But the saucer-men could have long ago charted these lightless, mysterious mazes

and converted them into comfortable and utterly safe havens free from human interference.

Otherwise, how would you explain the innumerable UFO sightings in bleak, mountainous areas which are riddled with caves?

And ponder this. On December 8, 1968, the AEC conducted the Schooner Experiment, and exploded in Nevada, an underground nuclear bomb of 35 kilotons capacity. Five days later, the radiation level rose from 10 to 20 times—in Canada, 1,000 miles away. Since the Nuclear Test Ban prohibits aerial explosions and all A-bombs are set off underground, *how did that radioactive contamination reach Canada?*

There is one answer we can give the baffled scientists, which they will never accept, of course—the nuclear contamination traveled as dust through an *interconnected series of caves*, all the way to Canada.

We have no answers yet regarding the effect of underground nuclear explosions on subterranean saucer-men, or whether the saucer-men have protection systems against radiation. One wonders if too big a blast might not bring a swarm of angry little men boiling out of thousands of caves.

And this fall, as part of the anti-missile development program, the AEC will conduct a nuclear test of the biggest bomb yet, a two megaton shot—*underground*.

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