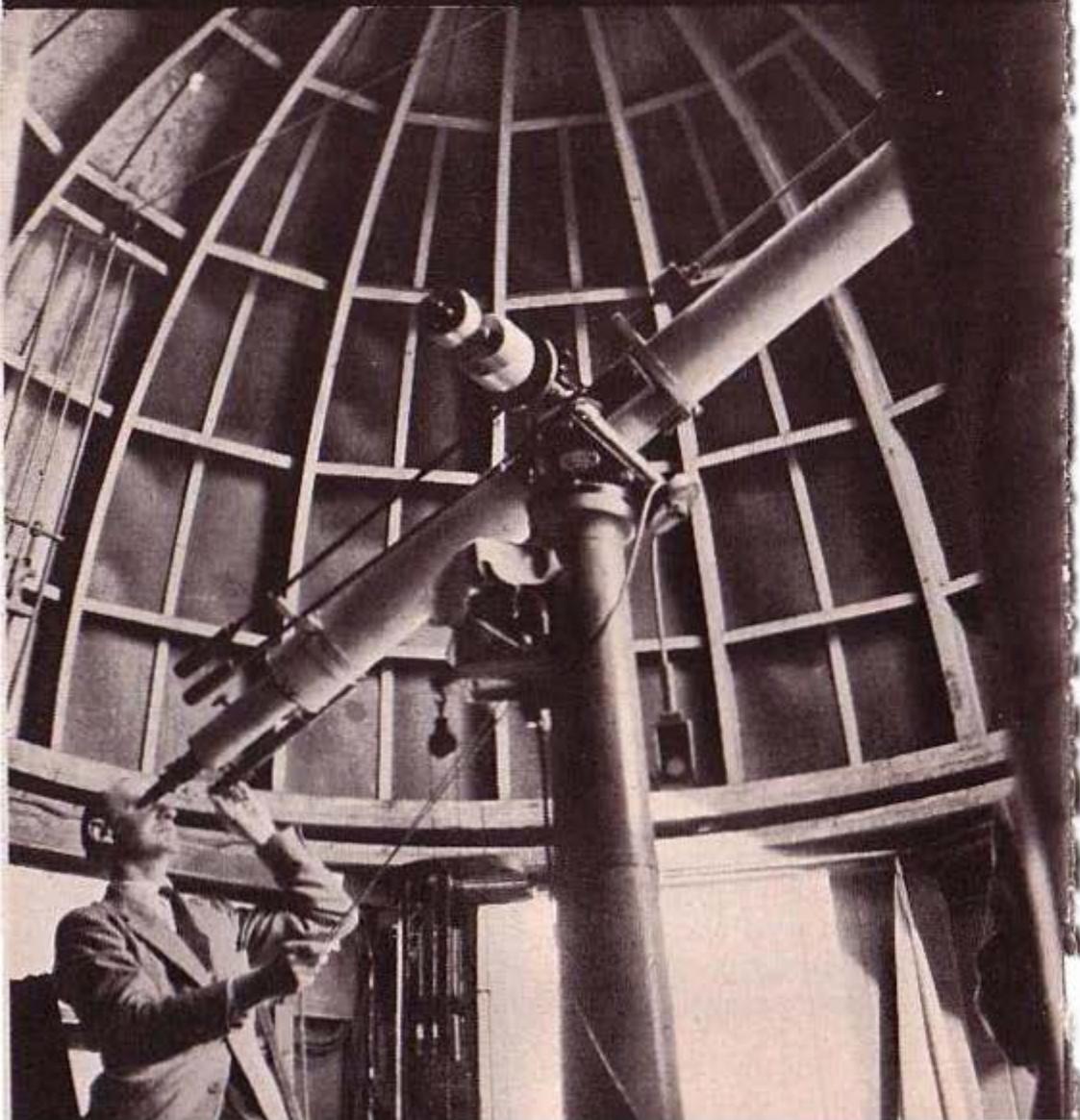


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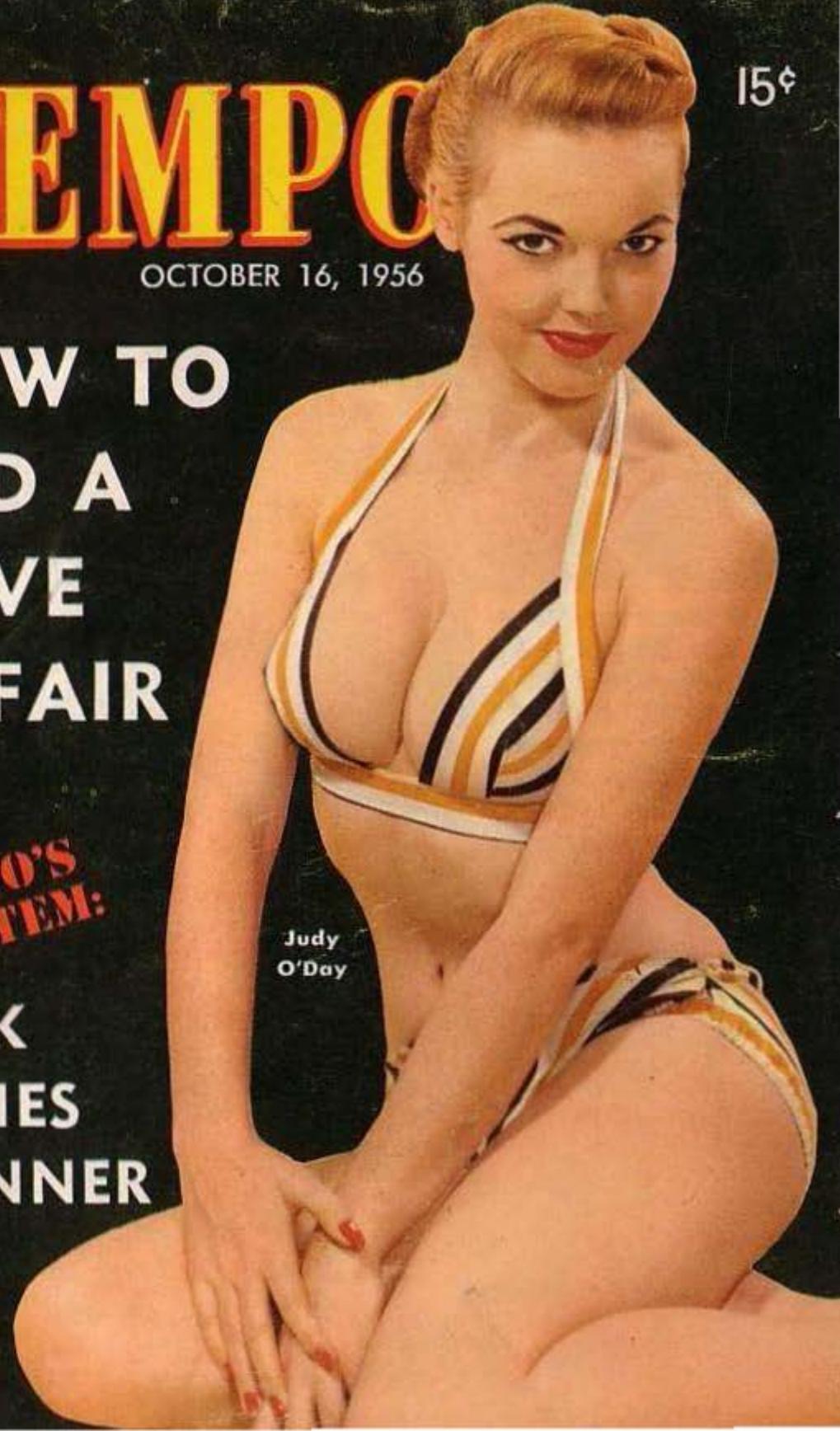
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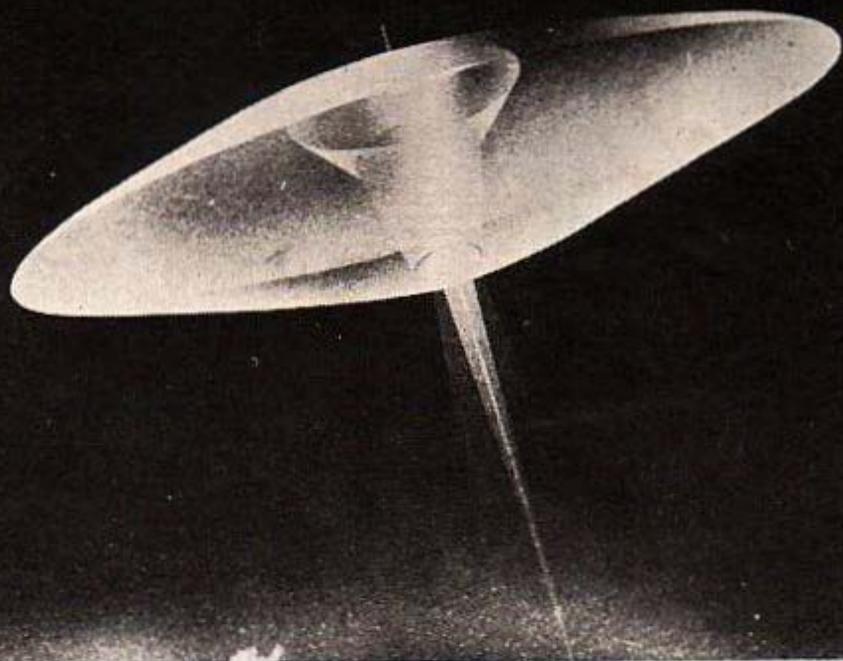
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Artist's concept of plastic flying saucer (above) with secret propulsion system. Dr. Finch (l.) scans sky with refractor telescope.

**T**HE CALL CRACKLED over the Godman Air Force Base P.A. system: "Unidentified flying object sighted at about 20,000 feet . . . Scramble!" Four sleek fighters roared down the runway and zoomed upward to find something resembling "an ice cream cone topped with red."

Seconds later, the voice of the Flight Leader, Capt. Thomas Mantell, was heard over the radio in the control tower: "I am closing in now . . . the thing looks metallic and of tremendous size . . . it's going up and forward now as fast as I am . . . I'm going up to 20,000 and if I'm no closer I'll abandon chase . . ."

The control tower heard no more from Captain Mantell. That afternoon his body was found in the tangled wreckage of his plane near the airfield.

The incident was another in a series of strange accidents involving Air Force pilots in pursuit of unidentified



of scientifically minded friends for a sighting expedition. They selected an observatory on the top of Hampstead Heath in London, and used specially adapted instruments like Geiger counters and sighting tubes.

Dr. Finch and his colleagues have derived sufficient data from their studies to make some pertinent comments about the saucers. "There is definitely unusual phenomena taking place. These unknown objects may be due to atom bomb explosions which release pockets of ionized air containing radioactive particles. They might even be some form of secret remote control rockets sent over from behind the Iron Curtain to take pictures of our Service and atomic establishments."

Whatever the "unknown objects" are, they are still a subject of serious controversy. Although the national furor over the flying saucers has abated somewhat, they are still being spotted. The mystery continues to deepen.



While spotter (l.) tracks U.F.O. with special Geiger counter, other Sighting Club members (r.) check out latest discoveries against drawings on group's saucer identification chart.

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flying objects. Interest in the nation's Number One puzzle—the flying saucer—has been heightened by the Department's official attitude of secrecy.

Scores of U.F.O. have been spotted in the past year. Over a two-year period, more than 2,100 individual sightings were sent in to the Air Force. Although many were written off as atmospheric phenomena or misinterpretations of legitimate aircraft, there was a persistent thread of mystery about some.

For example, no one has ever explained the flying saucer "dogfight" seen by a Shiloh, Ohio man. He spotted two "shining things" swooping around each other. On first impression, he felt that they looked like "tadpoles." But, he added, "they were tremendously large, and appeared to be flying at about 1,000 feet." The objects continued diving at each other, then angled to the north and disappeared "in a flash."

Air Force Lieut. Edward Balocco spotted a silvery object streaking over Washington, North Carolina, and gave chase. It had red lights, but was moving much faster than conventional aircraft. He throttled up to 500 mph—but the U.F.O. sped away from him.

The British have been so seriously concerned about unidentified objects that they have set up a Flying Saucer Service Center in London. In collaboration with its objectives, Dr. Bernard Finch recently organized a group