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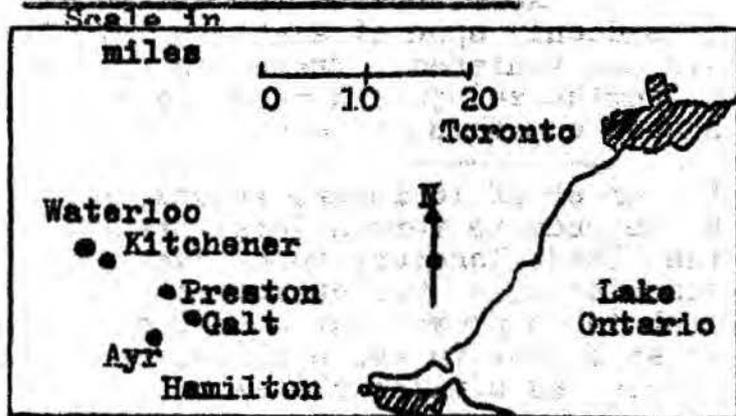
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Many descriptive sightings happened last year in the Galt-Kitchener area which I believe warrant telling to other saucerers, who probably have not heard of them. Because of space limitations, I have had to hold over material originally designated for this issue. However, this important information will appear in the May issue for sure, and will be of special interest to all researchers.

MAP OF SAUCERS PLAYGROUND



STRANGE FLYING OBJECT HOVERS OVER PRESTON

On a Monday evening, Aug. 12, 1957, two Preston police constables, R.L. Sneath, James Hewitt and one fireman, William Toleff saw a lone strange flying object hovering over Preston & Kitchener. A report was radioed from Galt police when residents in Galt reported it was heading for Preston. A cruiser, driven by Sneath, proceeded up Breslau Rd. and stopped on the Kress Hill where all three men spotted the object. Toleff described it as "huge, shining object, circular in plan and appeared to have fire jetting out of the front or back, we couldn't tell which end, because it didn't have any front or back, just round." Constable Sneath agreed and added, "It definitely was not an airplane because no plane could move in spurts as this did. It would speed away, then stop dead and hover over the city maybe 5 minutes, then dart up and away at tremendous speed." Constable Hewitt said, "It was headed in a westerly direction." Toleff continued, "After what I saw all I know is that it was something and it wasn't any type of airplane ever seen by me. We stayed

on that hill for close to half an hour just standing there staring at it. The Elmwood Avenue residents in Galt are definitely certain of what they saw and the three Preston men back the claim.

A woman of Elmwood Ave., said it was the 5th time she had seen this "strange thing". 3 times in daytime, twice at night. What she couldn't understand was that when a plane passed over Galt that the crew didn't spot the object, which seemed to vanish for a time and re-appear. The woman said these particulars were facts, which could be borne out by others living in the area.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, 1957, Galtonians could have thought they were being invaded from space. High in the south & south-west sky, silvery and pear-shaped objects stood vigil in the twilight. Roy Francis, reporter for the local newspaper, using long-range binoculars could detect a vague shape of two of them. This was around 7 p.m. One was about 5 or 6 miles away, and another about 10 miles. Four other people including a policeman, saw them through binoculars. In the next half hour, at least 6 more could be seen. Several were only pin-points, about 20 to 25 miles away. Some seemed to glow but could have been the reflection of the sun. Only binoculars could distinguish them from the first winking stars. It was not possible to say whether they were transparent or not. As it grew darker 3 of the objects were closer but hazy clouds darkened them out occasionally.

Headline: ARTIFICIAL PLANETS IN FIFTY YEARS, CAPTAIN RICKENBACHER PREDICTS

Mrs. Edward Clark, 142 West River Rd., of Galt, has seen strange objects about 12 times in the past few years. Her brother first called her attention to it. "It seemed over Moore's farm and was quite high." It seemed to have a bright glow, almost a tail, appeared to float closer. There were lights on it that could become brighter and then duller. It was round and shiny. In sight for a long time, it went higher with lights dull, moving slowly - then shot away to the West at a very rapid rate of speed. One of the last times she saw it was last July. She was in her backyard, when she looked up and saw it. There was still a little light. The round object hovered, but went completely dark when a mail plane, even higher than it was, went past. Then brilliance re-appeared as if a series of lights came on. After that, it picked up speed considerably and moved off again. Mrs. Clark explained that the lights are plain, not colored as on a plane. "Neither is it transparent - it is quite solid looking. There is a sort of tail from it that gives some light. One of the strangest things is the variety of shades of brightness on it, as if they are turned off to different shades." Her husband has also seen it.

On November 30, 1957, three Galtonians, Dr. Harold Mason, Customs Collector, Harold Simmons and Bruce Light, saw some sort of "fiery object" as it seared across the heavens between 11.55 o'clock and midnight, Saturday. All agreed it was not a falling star, not a meteor or plane. Dr. Mason expressed amazement there had been no other reports from the Galt area. It was very brilliant and seemed to change from orange to red, which could be due to atmospheric conditions. It was travelling south to north in the eastern sky. It seemed to be two or three feet in diameter, but couldn't be sure because of its height and speed. "It seemed to be controlled," said Mr. Light. "It moved back and forth and then settled momentarily. Then it raced off into the distance and we lost sight of it."

It is rumored another saucer landed in the Galt area 2 weeks ago. It was witnessed by 2 men and a boy. Mr. Homer Schaefer is investigating and may have full details for the next issue.

On August 6, 1957, Mrs. Mary Spittal of St. George told the newspaper, "Galt Evening Reporter", that a year ago an UFO landed on the Lattimer farm. Her story is supported by Miss Grace Lewis of Ayr who first saw it. Mrs. Spittal was in the kitchen making biscuits when Miss Lewis called out, "Mary, come quick and see what landed in the field." There was a round aluminum colored body about ten feet wide. It took off and came spinning toward the house at a great rate of speed. It seemed as though it was going to go right through the kitchen window. As it neared the kitchen, it suddenly spun straight up into the air and vanished. There was no flame, no portholes, just a round body, shaped something like a top.

Bob Greer of 16 Lowery Avenue, said he intends to form a local branch of the "Interplanetary Space Skeptics Association." The objective of the club is to prove that saucer do not exist except in restaurants, homes, hotels and similar places.

Investigating the area where the saucer witnessed by Jack Stephens of Galt landed last July, V.S. Lastch believed the odor of the burned areas were the same as any burned-over bush area. He claimed to have experienced several personal reactions. He suffered a strong feeling of nausea, while his face and arms had a "burning sensation" similar to overlong exposure to the sun. Friends said his skin had a purplish tinge to it. According to his findings, there is a latent energetic radiation which was stronger in the perimeter areas around the patches than over the patches themselves. An Official of the Galt Chemical Laboratories said, "There seems to be some thing unusual about the ground."

On August 1, 1957, Mrs. Lorne Johannes 103 Barrie Street, with her mother were watching a plane speeding across the sky. Suddenly she noticed a smaller, round silvery object above the plane. It was silent, and flying much higher than the plane and going westerly.

From Ottawa, Ontario, Hon. Lester Pearson says the best hope of world peace might be the discovery that another planet was inhabited and its space ships circling the globe.

TWO PRESTON GIRLS CHASED BY "STRANGE FLYING OBJECT"

Two Preston girls were given "the scare of their life" on Tuesday evening at about 10.45 p.m. August 13, 1957.

Colleen Weiler, 16, of Church Street and Diane Kloepper, 15, also of Church Street had a good view of the "object" as it circled above them at a height of about 100 feet on King street across from the Post Office.

Diane and Colleen had spent the evening at the home of Colleen's parents playing tennis and at approximately 10.30 p.m. decided to "call it a night".

Colleen offered to walk part way home with Diane who lives on the north end of Church street, the latter readily accepted the offer due to the late hour and the two girls started out along Church Street towards King.

On arriving at the intersection where the Bank of Montreal is situated, Colleen was attracted to a very brilliant light seemingly hovering above the bank. Colleen at first was too startled to say anything to her friend, but simply stared at the "object" until Diane glanced up as well and she too was shocked at the sight.

Blinding Light

"It was round and the light was blinding," said Colleen, "I couldn't look at it for any length of time at all or my eyes would have been more painful than they were. It was stationary for a short time then it would spurt away and then would return to a position above us."

Diane's comments substantiated the description of the object. "It was really scary and so close to us. I was glad when it left us but then it came back and I noticed the flames or it was more like white heat coming out of it on each side. When it did start away it grew paler in light and there seemed to be a dark plate of spot in the middle of it. The flame or whatever it was, also died down a bit. We never did see the top of it so I don't know what was on the top. When we saw this "thing" it seemed to be as big as a large room."

Diane then hurried home after this experience as did Colleen but the "object" followed Colleen back along Church St. as far as her house.

Said Colleen, "I practically ran all the way home and every time I looked over my shoulder, it was right above me. I was really scared. I ran in the house and told Mom what I had seen, she didn't say very much."

Frightening Look

Comment from Mrs. Weiler completed the happenings to the girls.

"Colleen came running into the house and told me what she saw and I could see by her face and eyes that something had happened to her.

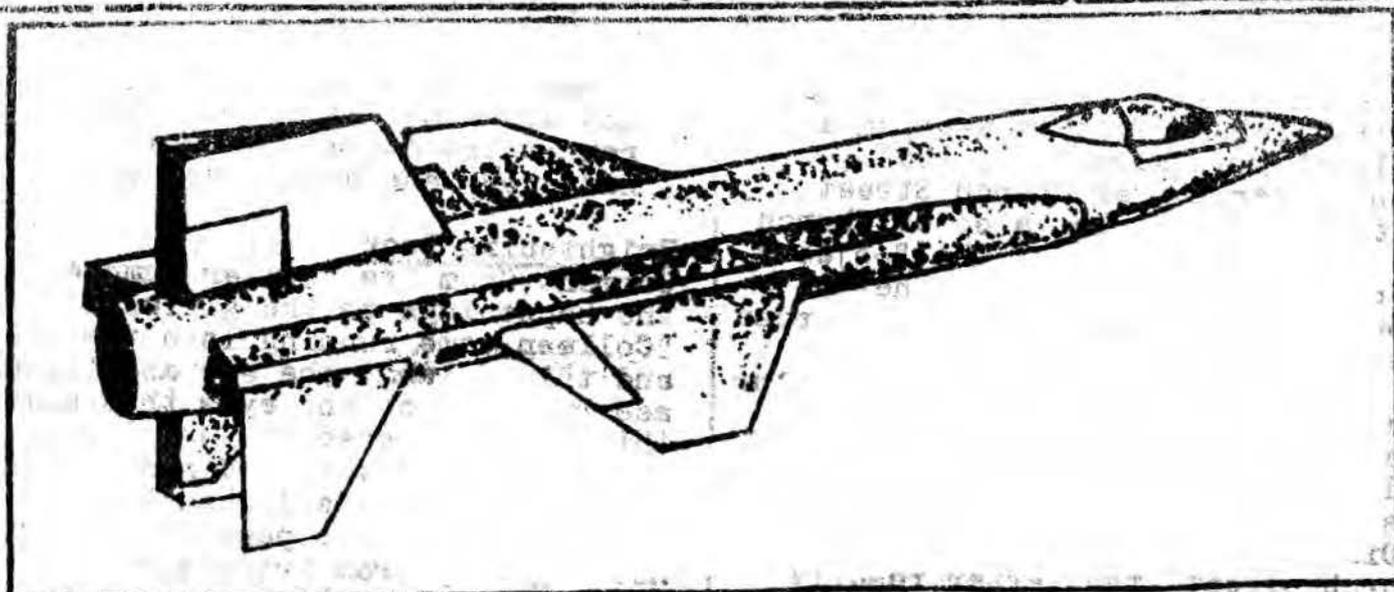
Her eyes were very red and bloodshot and they were watering something awful. I tried to pass it off as nothing but I was frightened myself that I wouldn't go out to look. I don't know what the girls saw, but I believe them in their description of this "thing" whatever it was. They just got back from camp and didn't know a thing about this flying saucer scare. They certainly do now though."

A number of "flying saucer" sightings have set the South Waterloo district astir and many such scenes have been witnessed by district who are sure of what they have seen. Many explanations have been given as to the cause or reason for the "flying objects" but up until now no concrete reason or proof has been found for these happenings. Until such proof is forthcoming, many district residents will be keeping their eye skyward hoping that they will also be a claimant to "viewing a flying saucer in action."

It is reported that many residents in Preston have run to their outside verandahs at the least sign of interference on their television screen which they feel might be caused by a "saucer" flying over."

(The Evening Reporter, Galt)

A new Canadian electronic invention, "ORBITRON", shrouded in secrecy, is causing world interest. At its simplest, it is a system which makes the best possible use of electronic information gained from Radar or any other sources. If the U.S. Gov't gives the go-ahead, Canada will do the research but any production will be carried out in the U.S.



Artist's conception of the X-15, designed for flights 100 miles or more above the ground. (Article from New York Herald Tribune)

DESIGN OF SPACE PLANE RELEASED

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 4/58 (AP) The X-15, designed to be the first airplane to penetrate outer space, will be able to fly a mile a second at altitudes above 100 miles, North American Aviation said today. The plane, now under development at North American's Los Angeles division, is scheduled to be test flown sometime next year. An artist's conception of the craft released today shows the rocket-powered plane has an unusually heavy vertical stabilizer. A company spokesman said the heavy stabilizer is used because drag is no problem in the upper atmosphere. In addition, he said, the extra strong surface of the stabilizer is helpful in steering the craft when it comes back into the earth's atmosphere. Plans call for launching the X-15 from a B-52 bomber over Wendover Air Force Base, Utah, and landing it at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Civilian test pilot Scott Crossfield is slated to fly the X-15. Another unusual feature is a ventral fin, extending downward from the tail assembly, which will be ejected before the landing. The X-15 is being developed for the Air Force, the Navy and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

MAGAZINES OF INTEREST ON NEWSSTANDS

TRUE OR FALSE: April - "I Flew Aboard a Flying Saucer" by Prof. Joao de Freitas Guimaraes. Contains a number of photographs and drawings.

SIR: April - Zhukov Told Me: "U.S. Has Flying Saucers" Illustrated.

PIX ANNUAL: Flying Saucers Terrify Europe - By Leroy Thorpe. Illus.

FANTASTIC UNIVERSE SCIENCE FICTION:
 "We'll Never Catch Them" by Ivan T. Sanderson. "Needed - Space Intelligence" by Lester del Ray. "Little Green Men" by J. Nicholson. May - 1958 Issue

Walt Disney has two entertaining and educational books in the DELL EDITIONS - entitled - "Mars and Beyond" and also "Man in Space"/ 10¢ each.

A French edition of "Interplanetary Voyages" has just come out in the magazine "Science et Vie". Beautifully and profusely illustrated with photos and illustrations. Very cheap at 80¢ and worth a whole lot more. Size is 9 1/2"x6 1/2", similar to Trend and Fawcett type books. The place I bought mine is sold out and if you had seen one, you'd know why!

Dr. Werner Von Braun, predicted that increased satellite traffic before year's end may cause a traffic jam of radio signals from orbiting missiles.

Jan. 3/58 - About 6.45 a.m. in South Western Manitoba, W. T. Manser, an amateur astronomer, who lives just east of Virden on Hwy. #1, said a light "so brilliant and with an odd bluish shade," streaked across the sky awakening him. The path it took was not a sweeping arc such as made by meteors but more perpendicular. It left a trail of white light.

Jan. 3/58 - Island Falls, Manitoba. (75 miles north of Flin Flon, Man.) Jack Barkwell, Glenn Craig and Lowell Christenson said they saw a bright object falling almost straight down at 8 a.m. It passed in an east by north direction, about 20 degrees above the horizon. All had seen meteors in the past and agreed "this was nothing like one." At one time, Mr. Christenson said, "the tail became very bright and a large section appeared to break off and burn itself out."

Jan. 3/58 - Trenton, New Jersey - Mrs. Rebecca Brovak, 603 Lamberton St., saw a shining ball with a little tail fall in the southern sky between 6.0 a.m. and 6.15 a.m.

Jan. 7/58 - A piece of equipment believed from a Russian rocket or Sputnik fell today on a farm near Asahikawa in northern Japan. It was identified as a radiosonde, used to take readings of humidity, wind and temperature at various heights.

Jan. 8/58 - A brilliantly-lighted object was reported hovering over the gulf islands today by several residents in West Vancouver and Kerrisdale, British Columbia. Miss Jane Peddler, 1420 West forty-seventh, said the object appeared to be the size of a football. West Vancouver residents said that from Sentinel Hill it appeared oval in shape, fiery at one end, and with another, weaker light at the other end. Checks with the R.C.A.F. meteorological bureau, Vancouver Airport control officers and Air Sea Rescue services brought no explanations.

Jan. 15/58 - Soviet biologists said today they were developing a new food for spaceman that produces oxygen in

addition to satisfying hunger. Radio Moscow said it is called chlorella, or better known as algae (seaweed). Dr. Piotr Isakow said it feeds on carbon dioxide and would thrive on exhaled human breath.

Jan. 19/58 - There were several reports of persons sighting an object in the sky of Owen Sound, Ontario. Some reports said it was brighter than any star in the area. Although not official, reports indicated it was a weather balloon.

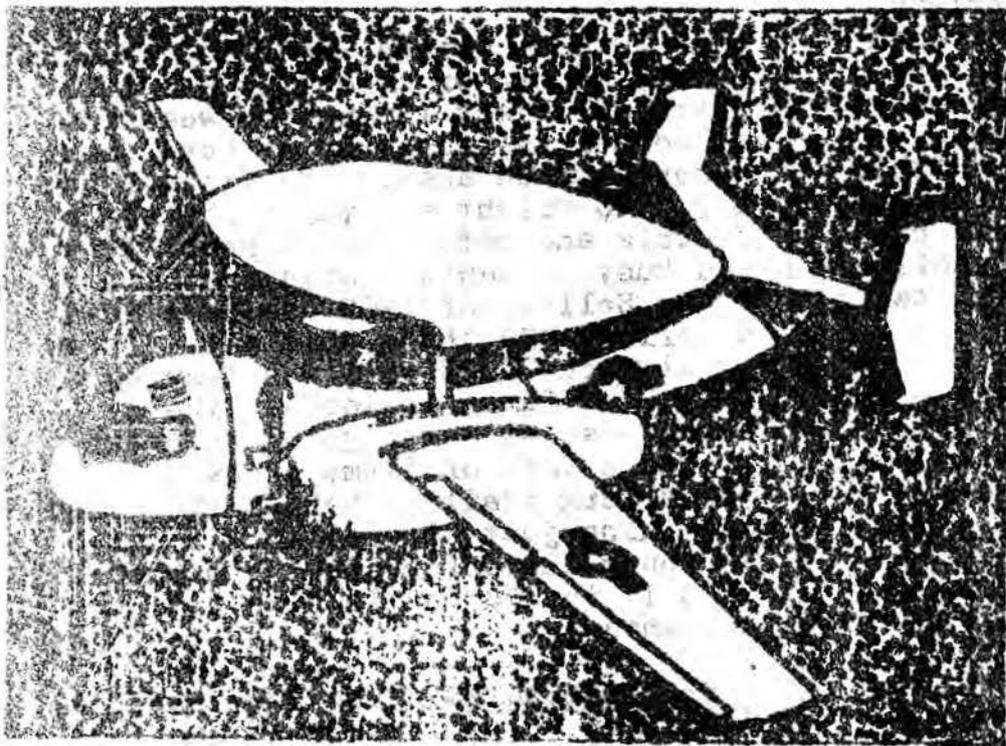
Jan. 20/58 - Ottawa, Ontario. Sputnik flying saucer or meteorite - a mysterious object lit up the western skies and switchboards at government observatories again. But it was too big, too bright and too early to be Sputnik and officials apparently were too busy to venture opinions. S. W. Sellars of 1202 Checkers Road described the thing this way: "I saw it at about 5.05 as I was leaving work. At first it looked like a plane - a jet - was going to crash. It had a tail of flame about 300 yards long trailing behind it. Then the thing just stopped in mid-air and hung there for about 3 minutes. Then it turned on its side and vanished."

FLYING LAMBSARIES? (The New York Post) Communist China intends to use Tibet, "the roof of the world" as a launching site for space ships, according to the head of Peiping's Astronomical Research Institute, Chen Tsun-wei. In an article in the newspaper China Youth, Chen said he had recently visited Tibet and found the sky unusually clear 35 out of the 36 days he was in Lhasa, "City of Sunlight." This would make Tibet an ideal site for launching space ships.

WASHINGTON - A scientist suggested to Congress that over very short intervals with which atomic experts are now dealing, time might be "reversed" and made to travel backward. Dr. Murray Gell-Mann, Cal-Teck theorist, said there may be such a thing as "anti-time," or reverse time. No one knows what to expect, and many physicists believe that space & time may lose their meaning when such short intervals are involved.

RADAR STATION IN AIR

Shown in flight for the first time in the U.S. navy's "flying saucer" radar research plane, craft capable of spotting aircraft "from the fringes of space all the way down to the surface of the earth." The huge disk is 37 feet in diameter.



South Weymouth, Mass. Mar. 19/58 - The U.S. navy showed its new WF2 Tracer, radar - research plane containing the worlds largest airborne antenna and the most powerful aerial radar detector equipment. The huge antenna, an electronic eye, is enclosed in a saucer-shaped "radome." This is installed atop the fuselage in such a manner that from any angle in the air it resembles a four-engined air-liner about to be overtaken and rammed by a flying saucer.

Scientists at Jodrell Bank, England, will attempt to contact Venus, closest planet to the earth, by bouncing radio beams off its surface. It will begin as soon as possible as the 500 powerful new transmitter and receiver, being built at Manchester University, is fitted to the giant 220 foot diameter radio telescope located there. Director A. C. Lovell said that it is about 10,000,000 times harder getting an answer from Venus than from the moon. It will take at least 5 minutes for a radio wave to get to Venus and back.

They say they have proof the island once had a culture that originated in central Polynesia. Dr. O. Wilhoj, said the tablets contain verses of the extinct Kai Kai civilization. Dr. F. Bartel of Hamburg, Germany, who headed the expedition, said the stone images were carved from compressed volcanic ash atop the island's Rano Rarua volcano and levered to their shoreward pedestals by an intricate system of ropes and pulleys. The statues stand atop great hollow stone walls that were also used as burial vaults.

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A Chilean scientific team claims it has at last solved the great twin mystery of the talking tablets and great stone images of Easter Island.

Oct. 15/57 - Mr. & Mrs. Alex Watt, 274 Queen St. S., Kitchener, saw an object in the sky almost directly overhead. It travelled from east to west. It was quite distinct and visible for about 3 minutes. Another Kitchener couple reported a "greenish-blue object" crossed from S.E. to N.W. as they travelled from Conestogo Dam toward Hwy. 86 about 9.40 p.m.

Dec. 4 - LONDON, ONT. - A mother and her 3 daughters reported they had sighted a saucer-like object which appeared in the sky over the western side of the city with red flashing on it. Henry Schack of Wonderland Sideroad spotted an object about 11.30 a.m. and examined it thru his navy binoculars before it took off with a jet-like whine and disappeared in 3 seconds. He said it appeared flat on bottom and domed on top with exhaust flashing at the edge.

Dec. 4/57 - John Tabaczynski, Kitchener, saw a small silver sphere "about the size of a ping pong ball," cross the sky at 9.25 a.m.

Dec. 5/57 - Percy Shoemaker, 26 Mutual Dr., Kitchener, claims he saw an object in the sky in a westerly direction which was "too bright to be a star." It was seen thru binoculars between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Arthur Hoy, saw a diamond-shaped and blue-orange colored object which was visible for about an hour from 7.00 p.m.

Feb. 13/58 - Scientists who designed Explorer I made the claim today that adding one more rocket motor on the Jupiter-C missile could reach the moon

Feb. 26/58 - A half-page photo of a saucer taken from the deck of the Brazilian navy survey ship, Almirante Saldanha, was printed today in the Toronto Daily Star. The Brazilian navy ministry has vouched for the authenticity of the picture in a statement which stated it was taken by Almirante Garauna, while his ship was cruising off Trinidad island, 700 miles off the port of Vitoria, Espirito Santo state. Those interested in obtaining a back copy, the address of the Star is: 80 King St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario, Canada. Price - .10¢ plus postage.

Mar. 19/58 - Lt. Col. Sam Hill said in a statement from the U.S. army medical laboratory that insects can survive 100 times the amount of radiation that humans & animals can take. By tagging wood ticks for identification by a radio isotope method, he discovered they can absorb 60,000 roentgens without death. It takes normally 450-500 roentgens to kill an animal or human. A roentgen is a unit of measure of radiation. Should man destroy himself and the animals thru awe-inspiring weapons it would leave the insects to repopulate the world.

Mar. 5/58 - An observation and missile firing satellite to hover 20,000 miles above a set target on earth was added today to a growing array of U.S. Air Force space projects.

Sometime in 1957, John Fletcher of New York City, was fishing in Canada, when a huge silver colored thing came whirring over the trees. It was so close he could almost see the moisture on the metal. Three passengers were leaning through apertures. They looked almost like earth women except they wore the prettiest he had ever seen. They wore no clothes that he could see and their skin was very pink. The saucer was not round, but more like a football. It hovered for almost a minute, then skimmed upward sharply and rose and soon vanished. He believes the Air Force should tell the people what they know about flying saucers so that those who have information won't be afraid to talk. (N.Y. Enquirer)

Comedian Bob Hope who recently visited Russia, said: "I just had my first drink of real Russian vodka. Now I know why they got their Sputniks up first. I'm surprised the whole country didn't go straight up years ago."

Howard Hughes may verify soon the rumors that he is building a space-ship for a flight to the moon with which he hopes to win the race with the U.S. Government.

A second grade teacher in Oswego, N.Y. reports that during class construction of a space-ship she saw a boy pupil crying. He blurted, "The girls want to put up curtains in our space-ship!"

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ROME, (NANA) - The Roman Catholic Church has appointed a committee of leading theologians to study the duties of the Church toward creatures in outer space. The central problem the newly formed pontifical group is whether the inhabitants of outer space, if any exist, have a need for salvation. They believe it's possible that original sin is not known beyond the earth. If the theorem that Jesus appeared only on earth but his gospel must be made known to all, the Church was obligated to carry its missionaries and work to Mars and beyond. When flying saucers were first whetting the public's attention for the outer spaces, the American Jesuit, Father Francis J. Connell, caused considerable controversy with his theory that the inhabitants of other worlds were still in a state of grace. Father Connell wrote that the Martians "may be living in a world of spiritual and material well-being, immune from disease, with death unknown and without the difficult social and political problems which beset the terrestrial beings.

SOVIET BALLOONS SEEN OVER ARCTIC

HELSINKI, Finland - Strange balloons have begun to appear high in the sky over Soviet territory above the Arctic Circle. Several have been sighted from various points on the Finnish side. The balloons are described as "very large" and are evidently attached to the ground by long cables. They are almost stationary, only moving back & forth with the wind. The sightings have been made at wide intervals along a stretch of hundreds of miles through frozen wilds. Military experts guess the balloons are either used in connection with aircraft or missile operations, or as lookout posts for Red border guards.

Four U.S. national bureau of standards scientists found that all the water vapor on Mars equals that found in a box of earthly air 2 ft. wide, 2 ft. long and 10 ft. high. This is the final conclusion of the most delicate examination yet made of the Martian atmosphere. The Martian spectra were compared with those of the moon taken at the same time. The moon is known to be essentially without an atmosphere and the same sunlight is reflected from the moon and Mars.

A Soviet scientist has proposed electronic cars powered by high frequency waves. Dr. G. Barat, writing in the Journal of Industrial Economics explained that insulated cables transmitting high frequency waves could be installed along roads or hung above them to provide power. The cars would have receivers which would capture the waves.

LONDON (CP) - George King, 38 year old "ambassador for Mars and Venus and Earth," has written to Dag Hammarskjold demanding a seat in the United Nations.

King, a London doorman, claimed in his letter that he has been accepted by the Martians and Venusians as "primary terrestrial mental channel." He feels "in all humility" that he is entitled to be liason officer in the U.N. between earth and interplanetary intelligences.

In his letter to the U.N. secretary-general he said that during the last three years he has received about 300 telepathic transmissions from these intelligences.

Academy Award-winning composer Dmitri Tiomkin proposed that classical and popular music scores be included in America's 1st rocket to the moon, because "music is international language."