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A TALK WITH THE MAN WHO 'VISITED MARS'

Editor's Note: Although this story is alleged to have happened in 1957, we think it will be of interest to many of our readers. It was an exclusive when published for the first time in the "Prince George Citizen" on Dec. 11/57. It was not publicized much at the time and many may be unfamiliar with this incident, so here it is, for what it is worth.

By Ron Powell, Citizen News Editor

This week a man came into the Citizen news office and when he had left some four hours later my ears were ringing with one of the strangest stories I have ever heard.

As you may see by the headline on this article, this man claimed that he had visited Mars in a flying saucer. At this point there may be loud bursts of laughter from all sides, but let me explain...

This man, a resident of the district, who, at his request, will remain nameless in this article, dropped into the office and said in a reasonable, sincere fashion, "I have a story I would very much like to tell you, but I'm afraid you might think me completely crazy or else laugh at me."

Such a statement, of course, only served to whet the newspaperman's appetite in me and I told him to give it a whirl and find out what my reaction would be.

He then went on to tell of being picked up in a flying machine shaped like a saucer by a creature not of this

world and of being transported through space at a tremendous rate of speed to a planet he assumed was Mars. My initial reaction was one of complete skepticism and I was alert for any signs of violence while looking for an opening to ease him out of the building.

But, as the stranger went on with his weird tale in a calm, quiet manner, I began to relax a bit. Just a few years ago Sputniks circling the earth would have been crazy too. It was almost as if he was telling me about a trip to some foreign country. I tried to look for loopholes in his story and tried to catch him up on the smaller details. He couldn't be caught.

The interest for me became so great that I told him to start right at the beginning and tell his story with as many details as he could remember. This interview is recorded below in his exact words.

By the time his story had ended more than four hours had passed. We shook hands and he went away, seeming a bit relieved that someone had at least listened to him.

Stranger Than Fiction

After giving the story full consideration I can't say whether I believe him or not. If it is a hoax, it's a good one. If it is the truth, it is certainly stranger than fiction.

For myself, I can't help but recall the quotation from Shakespeare's Hamlet: "There are more things in heaven and

earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." The man's detailed story is as follows:

I was working for the U.S. occupation army in Austria on May 15, 1951. I was driving for QM Col. Cousin. He commanded me to drive Mr. Haster to Linz from Salzburg. Mr. Haster was teaching evening courses to the U.S. soldiers in Linz. My job was to drive him from Salzburg to Linz three times a week.

This particular day I came back as usual from Linz at about 11 o'clock at night and arrived at the motor pool five miles north of Salzburg. I started for home after leaving the car at the motor pool. I lived two miles north of the motor pool. I took a short cut and on the left hand side was brush. It was dark, no moon. Suddenly someone came out of the bush and came close to me. I could only see the outline in the dark but he seemed to have a helmet on. He was about my height, maybe a little shorter. He had something in his hand and he pointed it at me. I thought it was his finger, but it made a click. After the click he waved his hand quickly and I went to put my arm up in front of my face, but I was paralyzed. I felt like falling down but I didn't. He put a black, square plate on my chest and strapped it around my back. I could hear a dog barking away off in the distance, but I couldn't hear him walking. He must have walked very easily. I could see his outline as he walked around me.

Couldn't Move or Walk

After he strapped the plate on me he walked in front of me and he pointed the thing in his hand at the plate on my chest rather than my head like before. He walked away and pulled me after him. I couldn't move or walk, but he just pulled me along after him. I wasn't actually in the air, but my full weight wasn't on the ground. It seemed as if I was light. Behind the brush was a small field. In the field, hidden from the road was a round object about 150 feet in diameter. It was dark and I couldn't tell what it was. My first thought

was that a spy had captured me for some reason.

The thing that led me sort of rose from the ground and took me after him to the top of the object. He did something, either stepped on something or pushed some button, and a door opened and he pulled me after him down into the dark. I was plenty scared and I wondered what would happen next. I got down into the dark and I could finally feel a floor under my feet.

Stars Were Shining Above

I knew that where I was was either glass or plastic because the stars could be seen shining up above. Then I saw the outline of what looked like a door and he pulled me through into what I later found out was a room of glass or plastic. He kept his finger, or what I thought was his finger and later saw was some sort of a pencil-shaped object, pointed at me until I was inside the room. He kept it pointed at me all the time then when I was in the room he took it off me and I sank down to the floor. He went out and I could see his outline. There was sort of a shaking sensation and I knew the door to the room had shut.

Sensation of Rising

The next sensation I had was a sensation of rising up into the air. I had never flown before in my life. In a few minutes I could see the left half of the moon shining. I was so scared, but I figured I was dreaming. Then I started to feel my hands and feet again. I sat up and then I got up on my feet. By this time we were in the sunlight. I looked across the ship and I could see the person that had brought me here. He was standing over by the wall and there was some levers on the wall. He looked like a person, like we are. A little bit shorter than me. To me at that time he looked like a devil. He had no hair at all, I could see through the sort of glass helmet. His head was sort of cylinder form. A very high forehead with big eyes. You could see lots of little eyes in the two big eyes. It seemed to me it looked like the eyes of a fly. No nose at all, just two holes. He had a very small

slit for the mouth. It looked like he had skin, it was sort of white. There was two holes for the ears. His skull was very large. He had no eyebrows or any hair at all.

Three Long Fingers

The torso was round kind of like a tin can. The legs were of proportionate length. His arms were a little bit shorter than our arms, I would say. His hands seemed to be three long fingers.

I couldn't see any neck but he was dressed in material that was like silver, but it wasn't shiny. This covered all of him except the head part which had on the helmet. He didn't look at me at all.

The main part of the ship that I could see from the room I was in appeared to be round and the walls were like glass, but you couldn't see through them. The floor was made of glass or plastic. In the middle of the floor, under the glass, was a black plate something like I had strapped on my chest. From the corners of the plate, which looked to be about 10 feet square, black beams ran to the walls of the ship.

I could see under the black plate and there seemed to be a duplicate room on the other side of the ship. I could see the same kind of levers on the wall as the thing was standing beside.

As soon as we came into the sun, I could feel a real burning heat, but he pulled a lever and a covering, like blue water, came over the roof. Then the sun was normal, but I could still see through it.

Soul Rising Up!

My first thought was that I was dreaming, and then my second thought was that I was dead and my soul was rising up.

The ship was not rotating or going sideways, but kind of gliding straight up. I could see the sun like a ball of fire, and the moon like a silver ball, but the rest was darkness. Suddenly, as I looked up the moon was right above us and it seemed to come down at us. Suddenly we were both standing on what had been the

roof. We seemed to be about a quarter of a mile above the moon. I could see clearly the craters on the surface of the moon. There was lots of them. The ground seemed to be a grayish color and I could see rocks and hills. We were in the sunny part of the moon then the ship glided to the right and into the darkness. Then the driver stopped the ship. I could feel it sort of waiting. It was dark all around outside, but the sun seemed to shine into the ship. I saw the thing take one of the pencil-things that he had pointed at me and he pointed it downwards. I thought at the time that he must be from the moon and that he was signalling someone down below.

No Noise From The Ship

There was no noise at all from the ship or from the signal. After about five minutes we started to move again to the right.

My first thought was that I'm going back to earth. But I looked up above me and I could see the big ball that I knew was the earth. I could see the outline of America and Asia and I could see clouds.

The earth and the moon were going away from me very fast. Then I began to think that this was from another planet.

Suddenly another planet seemed to loom up in front of us and I thought we were going to crash into it. I was sure of this, but the driver suddenly stopped it again, but there was no jerk. I realized then we were still quite a ways from the planet and then he started to glide sideways down towards the ground.

I looked out over the land and it looked like paradise.

Editor's Note: Due to the length of this story, we will conclude it next issue. There will also be a cutaway view of the flying saucer showing the square black plate in the centre of the floor with beams running from its corners and the location of the room the man was in during the trip.

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UFO OBSERVATIONS BY EDITOR OF "DISC"

From the latest copies of SS&S we learn that most UFO observations occur in the eastern provinces, Ontario and Quebec, but also in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. When we look up the various sighting-places on our map, we discover that most of these places are situated on the border of land and water, or in the inland, where much water is present. This is a fact, which has been stated all over the world with many UFO-observations. It is difficult to draw a definite conclusion from this UFO aspect. But we can form a theory that on the border of land and water there occur always air circulation, from which not only aeroplanes but probably UFO's too take advantage of. Further on we can assume that the UFO's extract certain forces out of the water. This fact has not only been established above oceans, lakes, rivers, canals, etc., but also above regions, where water was not visible at the surface but was present as undercurrents, wells or in frozen status.

MYSTERY LIGHTS SEEN OVER CRUCES

Las Cruces, N.M.--For the third time in a year "mystery lights" have been seen over Las Cruces. Officer Dan Garcia of the Cruces Police Department reported seeing a "red flash" about 5:25 am. yesterday morning moving in the direction of the Organ Mountains. Later in the morning, before it became light, he saw a white light in the sky, which was not moving when he first sighted it, but "circled around" a few minutes later and disappeared. The Police Department said similar lights in the sky were also observed further north of the city. The radio at White Sands Missile Range told police that an aircraft over Las Cruces on route to El Paso "was just missed" by a falling star. The base is checking the incident for further reports. (The El Paso Herald-Post, Jan. 16, 1962. Credit: Tim Beckley, New Brunswick, N.J.)

Tokyo, Japan: Japanese amateur astronomer, Tsutomu Seki, 31, has discovered a new comet, the Tokyo Observatory announced today. He spotted the comet Feb. 4 as bright as a star of the ninth magnitude, southeast of the double star Puppis. (Owen Sound Sun-Times; 2/7/62)

DEEP SHAFT IS FOUND MIDST STONEHENGE CIRCLE

Salisbury, England. Another puzzle has emerged in the riddle of Stonehenge, the 4,000-year-old giant stone circle of Salisbury Plain here. Miss E.V.W. Field, a Scottish archeologist, has discovered a great shaft of a kind unique in Britain within three-quarters of a mile of the circle. Miss Field discovered a funnel-shaped depression which at a depth of 20 feet tapered into a shaft. Near the surface was found an Iron Age pot. Further digging revealed the shaft, six feet wide and descending at least 100 feet through solid chalk. At first it was thought to be an early Roman well but this theory was soon shattered by the discovery of bronze age shards, or broken pieces of earthenware, down to the lowest level. (The Owen Sound Sun-Times, Feb. 10, 1962)

HAVE RUSSIANS LAUNCHED FIRST SPACE COFFIN?

Photographs of Russian launching pads, taken by U-2 reconnaissance planes, have revealed evidence of unannounced Red space failures, a top NORAD official said in Fort Worth, Texas. And, said Col. Barney Oldfield, chief spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command, a satellite now in orbit may contain a Russian who couldn't return to earth.

He said American U-2 plane reconnaissance over Russia revealed the Russians may have had many failures along with their successes. Launching pads centered with huge rockets were photographed, he explained. In later photos, only scorched earth showed.

"We know they didn't put anything into orbit from these spots," he said. "What ever was there must have exploded on the pad."

Turning to the mystery satellite, he said the orbiting object was made up of a nose cone and a booster unit which failed to separate. It was put up in May, 1960, he added, and the cone may have been manned.

If so, Oldfield said, "They've put the first cosmic coffin in a celestial cemetery."

(Winnipeg Free Press, Feb. 28, 1962. Credit: Marge Chalmers, Ridgeway, Ont.)

SAUCER LANDING AT EDWARDS A.F. BASE

Your editor has been asked a number of times recently for more information about the saucer that landed at Edwards A.F. Base in California. Riley Crabb, editor of Round Robin, a Borderland Science publication, gives his readers a number of details about this event in his recent issues. Pages 25-26 in RR Vol. XVII-No.1. (\$1.00)

"The Muroc Incident" 8 1/2 x 11, mimeo, 14 pages, (.50¢)

Additional information is contained in "Flying Saucers and the Coming Space Probes" (\$1.00) (Incidentally, folks, Edwards and Muroc are one and the same place, just a name change a few years ago. You may also be interested to know that the "Space Probe" listed above contains stories about the crashed Spitzbergen UFO of 1952, new light on the Mantell case, the why of the government's "silence policy" on UFOs, camouflage used by UFOs, etc.) All listed books may be obtained from Riley Crabb, P.O. Box 548, Vista, California, U.S.A.

TASMANIA MONSTER BAFPLES SCIENTISTS

Hobart, Australia. (AP) The mystery of a monster washed up on a Tasmanian beach deepened today. The humped creature, 18 to 20 feet long, five feet thick and weighing about seven tons, has so far baffled scientists.

Scientist Bruce Mollison of the Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization returned from an inspection of the carcass with samples of its ivory-colored flesh. Mollison told reporters: "I think we have discovered something probably never seen before by man. You could not call it fish, fowl or fruit. Heat makes no impression on it. The flesh closely resembles crayfish meat."

Zoology professor A.M. Clark of Hobart University said the blubbery monster might be a rayfish or sunfish. The creature resembles a turtle but has no shell or legs. Its carcass was sighted on the sandy west coast beach two weeks ago, but its importance was realized only this week after examination by scientists.

Reporter Jack Percival of the Sydney Sun-Herald, after a flight over the carcass said: "It projects from its

sandy tomb like a giant garden snail--at close quarters, it resembles a prehistoric creature that could have emerged straight from the pages of a picture book."

Percival said at least three land parties were making their way to the monster. An official two-man party also flew there in a light plane but could not land nearby and the men had to trek through thick scrub for seven miles.

Dr. J.R. Simons, a lecturer in zoology at Sydney university, agreed it might be a rayfish or a mollusc without its shell. (Toronto Daily Star, Mar.12, 1962. Credit: W. Kopacz, Toronto, Ont.)

Gladys Fusaro of Huntington, L.I. sends us additional news about this creature as printed in the New York Daily News of March 10, 1962.:

Bruce Hollison said it is circular in shape, has no eyes, no clearly defined head, no bone structure. It's creamy, rubbery flesh 12 inches thick is covered with wooly hair.

In 1952 a fishy creature about the size and weight of a man, with arm and leg-like appendages, was found in the Indian Ocean. It was a coelacanth, of the first family of bony fish, which had been believed extinct since the creatures first moved out of the sea 50 million years ago and began living on land.

RUSSIANS SEE MONSTERS. TOO!

London (Reuters)--The Soviet Union laid claim Wednesday to not one but two "Loch Ness monsters".

Moscow radio said the first monster was seen by Soviet geologists in a lake 3,500 feet above sea level in eastern Siberia. They first thought it was a barrel in the water, but as it drew nearer they saw it was a monster with a head more than six feet in size and with a 30-foot long body that had something like a fin on it.

The geologists, Moscow radio said, described how the monster approached in spurts, submerging after every spurt. Near the shore it halted, dived, and was not seen again. The 2nd monster was seen by a party of geographers in a lake in the mountains on the border of Soviet Central Asia and China. (The Woodstock Sentinel-Review, Feb.15, 1962)

FLYING OBJECT "SHAKES UP" YOUNG IAN

Believe in flying saucers? Jerry Hislope, 20-year-old Kentland High School senior does after Thursday night.

"I was scared to death. I had cold chills and my face surely turned pale" he said after being "buzzed" by a UFO on U.S. 52 about 2 miles north of here about 9:45 pm, Thursday night.

"I was driving toward Kentland when I first noticed it heading straight toward my car. It was moving very fast, and was dull, glowing white in color. I would say it was about 8 feet in diameter and about 3 ft. high. It passed just over the top of my car, about 10 feet off the ground. I watched it out of the rear view mirror as I stopped. "I got out of the car and watched it disappear back up into the sky," Hislope related Friday, still looking a bit stunned by the incident. (Indiana Journal, Lafayette, Ind. Credit: Edward Babcock, Kendall Park, NJ Dec. 28, 1961)

IF YOU SAW A 'SAUCER', IT DIDN'T COME FROM MARS

Washington, (AP) The U.S.A.F. said today that after 15 years of investigating flying saucers there is no evidence that any of the 7,369 unidentified flying objects checked on were spacecraft swooping in from distant planets.

To date, no unidentified flying object has given any indication of threat to the national security, the air force concluded in summing up its investigations from 1947 through last year. It said its Project Blue Book has turned up no evidence that any of the unidentified sightings represented technological advances "beyond the range of our present day scientific knowledge," or that any were "extraterrestrial vehicles under intelligent controls." During 1961, the air force's official department of aerial phenomena probed into 433 saucer reports--26 less than the year before.

At year's end, only 20 of the 1961 sightings still were classified as unidentified. Most of the rest were traced to aircraft, balloons, satellites, astronomical phenomena, birds, lights, hoaxes and other causes. The report disclosed that new experimental beacon designed to prevent airliner

collisions has been mistaken by some persons as a UFO in the last several months. The beacon is intense and flashes for a fraction of a second. "It has been seen as much as 50 miles away and at that distance only the light could be seen, thereby producing a rather startling sight," the air force said.

Recently, too, there were widespread reports of flashing objects in the sky caused by the earth's passing through meteor showers, the report said. It added that balloons and planes can take on changed appearances at high altitudes under unusual light conditions (Victoria Daily Times, Feb. 7, 1962)

NOTE: Those SS&S readers who would like their own copy of the USAF Fact Sheet from which the above excerpt was taken, may write to: The Department of Defense, Office of Public Affairs, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A. Ask for the Air Force UFO Fact Sheet Report.

UFO REPORT from SS&S correspondent, Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, Ohio. January 3, 1962.

My girlfriend, last night asked if I had heard anything more about the fireball, and then told me her husband had sighted the fireball, sometime after six o'clock (she didn't know the exact time), on his way home from downtown. This would place the fireball in the Northern sky. According to his account, the fireball glowed brightly, it was oval-shaped with green all around the rim, and white inside. It had a jet trail. Suddenly it went out while travelling straight course. He did not observe it falling downward. It just went out.

JET SPOTS, FOLLOWS FLAMING OBJECT

Sacramento, Calif. (UPI) A Nather AFB jet followed a "blinding flash" believed to be a large meteorite over Northern Calif. Sunday night, before the flaming object apparently dipped into the Pacific Ocean. Sacramento area law enforcement officers and residents reported sighting a "bright red ball, as big as a house, with a flaming tail." It was heading southwest. A Nather spokesman said one of its jets spotted and followed the object before it fell into the ocean. (The Los Angeles Times, Dec. 4, 1962. Credit: G. Fusaro, Huntington, L.I.

YOU TAKE YOU PAYS YOUR MONEY & YOU TAKES YOUR CHOICE

By Brinsley le Poer Trench

We have received a copy of an open letter to saucer researchers from Dr. Leon Davidson, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York. It is dated October 8, 1961, and carries the admonition that it is not for publication. However, this statement is modified by the further comment: "I would be glad to send copies of this letter to other interested persons."

Because of our own evaluations of the letter's remarkable content, we have felt moved to comment. Boat mail is slow between the United States and Great Britain, and we have only recently received our copy of the letter. Therefore, in the interests of good communication, we are framing our ideas in a similar form and directing them to all those researchers and interested persons with whom we have been in contact and who may have received a copy of the open letter. If anyone on our mailing list has not received a copy of the original impetus, we have been assured it is readily obtainable from the address given above.

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 our 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 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, and possibly others as well, 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 other angles 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. We consider it important to quote a part of that paragraph here. In the words of Dr. Davidson:

"The Central Intelligence Agency, formed in 1947, took over the public image of the 'flying saucer' created by secret flights of U.S. aircraft and artificial meteor research, etc. during the 1947-48 period. By 1950 the CIA had set into motion a plan of encouraging public belief in interplanetary travel through a psychological technique of guiding the release of planted information, ordering 'secret' tests of authentic military developments which gave misleading impressions to observers, etc. It delegated the Air Force to act as the official 'investigator' to stave off public inquiry. It secretly sponsored the formation of saucer study groups and contact clubs, including NICAP (under T. Townsend Brown, with whom, incidentally, I had voluminous correspondence). The CIA set up many saucer publishers, sponsored the publicizing of Adamski's books and others, and sponsored the wave of saucer articles in 1952 in 'Life' and 'Look', etc. The CIA also conducted the hoaxes played upon Adamski and Fry, including Adamski's desert contact, his 'train disappearance', etc.

Apparently Dr. Davidson believes, and wants us all to believe along with him, that flying saucers were, and are, no more than some 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 minority of the world's population.

Let us look at 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 it for its ills, it demands a new one, perhaps with a more agreeable flavour.

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 sceptical of such time-honoured science-fiction gimmicks. After all, it has been brought up on extravagant cinema and television imitations of Wells and Welles, H.G. and Orson.

Or, assuming for the moment 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, tell him: "Very well, I will take you to your leader!" - and turn him over to Intelligence for "interrogation"?

We have with us in the world for all to see a phenomenon that looks like a good analogue of the picture of the CIA and its activities as presented by Dr. Davidson. This is the treatment accorded historical facts by the Russians, wherever inventions and "firsts" are concerned. If you listen to the Russians, you will hear how their comrades/invented every important device in the world. From the point of view they would like to have everybody accept, the whole fabric of technology appears to have emanated from the collective Russian brain. With little of their own to point to in the line of original contributions, they cheerfully claim to have produced it all!

Apparently the CIA is in a parallel position with regard to saucers, if we are to accept what Dr. Davidson tells us in all good faith is their official, top-secret attitude.

However, even if such an attitude exists, and even if it is genuine and honest on the part of the CIA, let us look at it before we accept it. What if we added certain available data to the problem, and what would that addition imply?

The very first implication we can think of is that the CIA must possess a highly manouvable 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 about 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~~ 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 sceptic, 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, will retire from the scene, and will try to forget he was ever connected with such an uncomfortable situation. Second, he may remain vocal, but 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 to do in any number of most impressive ways.

In any case, the result will be the same: the subject, 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 double move is much more in keeping with the purposes and behaviour of intelligence groups than any one-sided attempt to fake saucers.

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, not to promote it or to stimulate it in any way. Has this body been the CIA? We are still in no position to formulate an opinion, but if they are actually trying to make sincere researchers believe what Dr. Davidson presents in his letter, then perhaps it could have been, or is.

An effort to make sightings and contacts look ridiculous failed to remove the saucers from public notice. People who have encountered UFO at fairly close range tend to resist 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, so to speak, the secrets, so called, 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 that job honestly, sincerely, and as an important revelation of the vital truth.

If those 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 to discover, then, perhaps, such a revelation will 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, perforce, go along with the maintenance of "a high security clearance for over 15 years". To this can be added that respect for what one has been taught that becomes a part of the highly trained and specialized kind. 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 most 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 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 stain", as the Chinese say.

We are only moved to wonder, as we 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.

WEST COAST 'MYSTERY JUGS' BAFLE HISTORY EXPERTS

Victoria. (DP)--A Victoria fisherman has discovered another of the "mystery jugs" which have baffled historians up and down the Pacific Coast since early last spring.

Ray Lund found a sealed earthenware jug with a small neck on the beach at Cape Cook, Estevan, on the west coast of Vancouver Island and took it to Dr. Clifford Carl, director of the B.C. provincial museum.

The jug is similar to a succession of pottery vessels of unknown origin which have been washed ashore along the Coast of Washington, Oregon and B.C. over the last nine months.

Some experts believe they are Korean burial urns; others that they once contained food and drink for the souls of the departed.

"This jug has evidently been made of clay and fired in a kiln," says Dr. Carl. "There is a suggestion of Oriental origin but I would not care to guess its age."

Seven jugs have been picked up south of the border but only one of them has been opened. It was one-third full of "a syrupy substance of sweetish-sour odor and may have been wine or food pickling concoction--or even the juice of a poppy."

Not all the jugs are alike in shape or design but they do fall into two distinctly different types. Most of them are in graceful, vase-like shapes, but two or three are simple, unornamented, glazed brown or black vessels with one or two handles. All are stoppered with the same grey mullike cement.

(The Owen Sound Sun-Times, Jan. 31/62)

MOUNTAIN MIRAGE

Whitehorse, Y.T. (CP) A towering mountain range, five miles long and several thousand feet high, has made an appearance over the waters of Lake Laberge, 20 miles north of here. But the spectacle has caused little excitement. It's a mirage.

The mountain range mirage, first noticed from the department of transport air field control tower here, made its appearance late last week. It has reappeared every day since then.

The weatherman here says the mirage is a result of a cold air inversion.

(Winnipeg Free Press, Jan. 22, 1962)

Look, maw---no world!

1970 BOMB COULD FINISH THE JOB

Washington (UPI) A scientist has come up with a chilling suggestion on how a space power such as Russia could wipe out much of the world in 1970--by using an "asteroid bomb".

It is theoretically possible, said Dandridge M. Cole of the General Electric Company's missile and space vehicle department, to kick a small planet out of its orbit and send it crashing into a predetermined spot on earth.

Both Russia and the U.S. conceivably could have the rocket power to bring this about in nine years or so.

Cole told the annual meeting of the American Astronautical Society an alien race invading the solar system might use such a weapon to destroy the entire earth--if this race "wished to eliminate men as a potential threat to their operations."

Asteroids are minor planets, ranging in diameter from 100 feet or so to 20 miles or more. Cole suggested one could be deliberately diverted so it would hit the earth with a violence equal to millions of H-bombs.

Cole added that "if it is assumed that the Russians would like to obliterate the U.S. and run little risk of retaliation, then they would reasonably consider the use of a close-approach asteroid. A single asteroid bomb striking Kentucky would knock out the entire eastern half of the U.S. It appears probable that earthquake shocks from an explosion of this magnitude would topple buildings all over the North American continent."

Cole said such a bomb aimed at the Atlantic would generate tidal waves which probably would "not only destroy the Atlantic seaboard of the U.S. but a large part of Western Europe as well."

(The Vancouver Province, Jan. 24, 1962)

SWIMMERS TO STUDY MYSTERY LAKE LEGEND

A team of British underwater swimmers announced plans today for a study this month of the 1,000-year-old mystery of Malaya's Lake China--the reported home of monster albino crocodiles and a giant flying wolf. The 20-man team from the RAF base at Changi, Singapore, also will try to find the legendary "lost city" said to be at the bottom of the lake.

(Victoria Daily Times, Jan. 19, 1962)