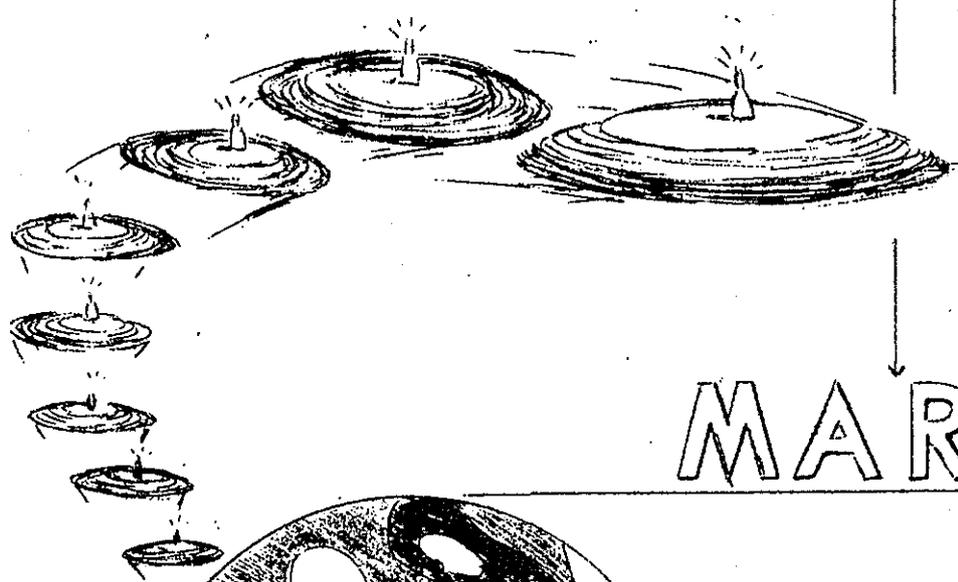


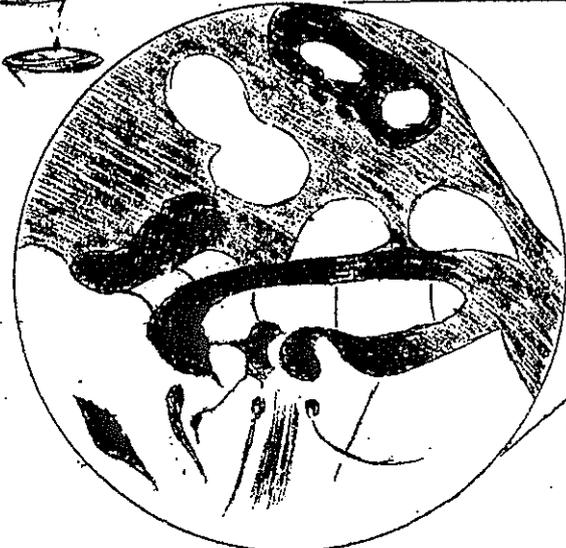
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DO THE SAUCERS COME FROM

Granted that the "Saucers" are real and interplanetary ; for by far the greater weight of evidence supports such an astonishing theory , then from whence do they originate . Have investigators also strong evidence that points an accusing finger at any source in particular. Yes, both the American and Canadian government sponsored "Project Bluebook" & "Project Magnet" respectively plus most of the 15 odd Civilian investigating agencies have for some time recognized "The Wise Old Globe" Planet Mars as suspect No 1.

Government and Civilian agencies have noted from the greater periods of activity etc., that the "Saucer" flurries occur in near regular cycles. This cycle it was discovered coincides closely approximating the "Oppositions" or near approaches of Earth and Mars in space. Since the startling reports of 1947 to the present day, three "Oppositions" have occurred. Each major flurry of sightings has been greater than the last and over a greater area. In between the major flurries there occurs a minor one approximating the half way mark, this leads us to speculate the likelihood of the "Saucers" having established themselves on our satellite Moon or orbiting Space Stations, there is evidence to substantiate both suggestions, all are watching for signs of real proof.

We are nearing the date of the next "Opposition" (June 25th) and the expected greatest yet flurry of Flying Saucers or Interplanetary Vehicles. This renewed activity commencing late May-early June, if the theory is the correct one, will climb rapidly to a peak round June 25th - July 2nd and taper more gradually over a period of 2 or more months. During these "Oppositions" Astronomers professional and amateur alike, take every opportunity to study the surface of Mars and occasionally a significant happening is noted. There was the unusual cloud formations that appeared on Mars preceeding the appearance of the Saucers over earth (refer article by Lonza Dove Vol I No 3) and the following extract from the Strolling Astronomer (American) April 1952.

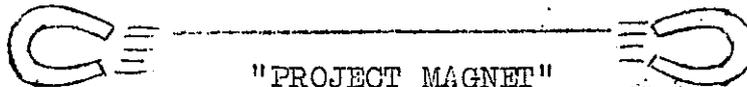
Quote! Dec 8. 6:00 A.M. Eastern end of TITHONIUS LACUS, Mars. N of Equator While observing Mars under a telescope a, "verysmall and extremely bright spot," resembling a "twinkling fixed star" appeared on Tithonius Lacus, it twinkled and grew brighter for five minutes before decreasing in brilliance This phenomenon, unknown in astronomical history of Mars, and all theories of natural causations were found inadequate to explain it. Observed by Tsuneco Saheki, a director in the Oriental Astronomical Assoc., and lecturer at the Osaka Municipal Planetarium.

During the "Opposition " June 25th Mars will be subjected to the most determined, thorough and broad study in all our time. All available and suitably situated telescopes will be trained on the Red Planet. The Hale 200 inch on Mount Palomar in conjunction with a large precision astronomical camera in the hands of the skilled staff will make a coloured movie film of the event. "Space Review" Feb 1954, makes further interesting mention. Quote , " Recently Drew Pearson mentioned in his column that the Air Force (USA) will scan Mars when the planet nears earth this spring. He went on to say.... the Air Force will send high-flying observation planes and guided missiles into the upper atmosphere for a clearer look...when Mars

will approach nearer to the earth than at any time in the last thirteen years. In addition a scientific expedition will journey to Bloemfontein, South Africa, which will be the closest point on earth from which to observe our neighbour planet". You will agree that this is a very significant pointer, it is a very good thing, we are certain that much new evidence and information will be obtained.

Here are the major particulars of the planet of our immediate interest. Fourth planet out from the Sun, Distance from the Sun 141,000,000 miles., Distance from the Earth at "Oppositions", furthest point 63,000,000 miles nearest point 34,600,000 miles. Diameter 4,250 miles., Colour through Telescope, reddish mainly, mass compared to earth 0.11, Volume 0.15. No of Moons 2, Deimos and Phobos. Length of year 687 days. Temperature up to 50 degrees at equator at noon. Diameter of Moons 10 miles. Physical description. Has white polar caps, greenish-blue areas, reddish-brown areas at certain seasons of the year. Atmosphere as near as our scientists can determine is mostly carbon dioxide with traces of oxygen. Many astronomers have seen while others haven't, peculiar markings resembling canals. The length of day or time of revolution is 24 hrs., 37 min., 22.65 seconds. Clouds on Mars vary from red white and blue in colour.

Loose leaflet Feb 8 Statistical Release accompanying Quarterly Review "FLYING SAUCERS" illustrates further particulars of the "Oppositions".



Canadian Project - From the Toronto DAILY STAR of Nov 11th 1953 by Harold Greer: Ottawa, Nov 11, The World's first scientific flying saucer sighting station is being constructed by Canadian electronic engineers at Shirley's Bay 10 miles north east of here. The work of "Project Magnet" --code name for the secret development of a flying disc powered by electromagnetic propulsion-- the station is being equipped with every conceivable type of recording device in the hope of obtaining the scientific measurements necessary to prove or disprove the existence of flying saucers. "Project Magnet" researchers have found that flying saucer reports come in flurries about two years and two months apart. It may or may not be significant that they have occurred when the planet Mars has been in opposition to the earth and that reports are most frequent when Mars reaches its closest point to the earth. Wilbur B Smith, head of the project, told the (Canadian) CP Wire service: Scientists do not believe there is any real proof that flying saucers exist or are interplanetary. However, "there is a high degree of probability that they do exist and are interplanetary". Mr Smith told the TorontoStar that there is a 90 to 95% probability that flying saucers do exist: 60% probability that they are "alien vehicles" 10% probability that they originate here on Earth and a 30% probability that they are inconceivable to man--such as some form of time travel involving a form of life other than protoplasm. (Extract from "SAUCERS" F.S.I. publication, March 1954)

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= HOT SHOTS FROM THE NEWS =

Sent in by alert C.S.I. "Honorary Observer" in the States. Our thanks to Mr C.H. Marck Denver Colorado. The following news is extracted from Frank Edwards Radio News Commentary week nights New York.

Dec 1953. Saucer over Bermuda. Frank Edwards reports that a huge Saucer flew over Bermuda at only 50 M.P.H., and then streaked away at such speed, it was out of sight in seconds. Civilians and Armed Forces personnel said it was about 200ft in diameter and had a yellow glow around it. The object itself seemed to be silver in colour. Sighted first week in December 1953.

Frank stated that the Air Force Project Bluebook personnel have recently received the movie film taken at Port Moresby New Guinea, The Australian government sent the film to Air Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson Field to have it further thoroughly analyzed. He further stated that the Australian government is exchanging information about the saucers with the U.S. government, but as usual the saucer investigating agency at Wright-Patterson Field have kept the Bermuda and Moresby sightings from the Press. Frank's address is Frank Edwards, Mutual Broadcasting System 1440 Broadway, New York 18 New York. Frank is reported to be working with the saucer investigating agency "Project Bluebook."

Jan 4th 1954. Frank announced tonight. Over Quantica Marine Base during the last week in Dec, the Marines saw Flying Saucers for four successive nights. The Saucers would fly in controlled manoeuvres over the base at different altitudes. They flew high and at tree-top level he said, but on the fourth night one of the objects made a landing about half a mile from the Base. The Saucer stayed on the ground for only a few seconds, but when approached by Marines in a Helicopter it took off rapidly and disappeared. The Marines it is reported got a good look at it. The object was described as round with red pulsating lights. Frank said keep your eyes on 1954, this is only the beginning. Air Force investigators are now questioning the Marines. Quantica Marine Base is located in Virginia.

Jan 14th 1954. Last night Frank said the Air Force and its investigating agency "Project Bluebook" is not going to give out any more information on developments about the Saucers to the Press and public, nor release any more sightings to the Press. The reason for this official silence the Air Force said, is because of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's new book "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE", it has caused too much public alarm about the Saucers.

But here is the real reason for the official silence about the saucers, Frank said, an "UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT" is under observation by scientists at a WEST COAST MILITARY FIELD" U.S.A. (This field is reported to be Edwards Air Force Base at Muroc, California.)

Feb 10th 1954, Last night Frank gave out more news of the Saucers, he said that a Scripps-Howard Newspaper stated that the U.S. Air Force already knows the source of the Saucers, and they are withholding the information from the public. This Newspaper is the "THE WORLD TELEGRAM & SUN" New York. Frank said he had recently spoken to scientists and physicists and they said, the flying saucers are "INTERPLANETARY SPACE CRAFT", there should be "STRANGERS IN THE SKIES THIS COMING SUMMER OF 1954".

THE AMERICAN SCENE

C.S.I. brings this clipping from an American Newspaper in full, it represents the most recent overall comprehensive coverage of the American Scene on Flying Saucer Inquiry.. Written by Richard Reilly published 26th Dec 1953.

AIR FORCE BAFFLED BY FLYING DISCS.

What were the mysterious "unknown flying objects" that appeared over Washington in the early morning of July 20, 1952 and were sighted by air and ground observers and on three radar scopes? After an exhaustive investigation, the Air Force admits ---almost a year and a half later ---that it still doesn't know. It doesn't know either what the objects were that reappeared on the radar screens here on July 26, 1952. On July 29, 1952 Gen. John. A. Samford, head of Air Force intelligence, told a press conference here that both incidents were a result of tricks played on radar by temperature inversions. He said he was "satisfied in my mind" that this was the explanation. A newspaper account of the conference stated, "The chief of Air Force intelligence labeled Washington's flying saucers as heat inversions. CARRIED AS UNKNOWN. Although Gen. Samford still maintains the same view, the Air Force has told the Times Herald that the cause of the Washington sightings is carried as unknown; that they are included among the 20% of "flying saucer" reports that remain unanswered."The temperature inversion theory was offered only as a possible explanation", a high Air Force spokesman said. Another official said that the Air Force had never accepted this theory. By classifying sightings as unsolved, the Air Force admits it has been unable to attribute them to illusion, hoax, known types of aircraft or natural phenomena. Intelligence officers are still trying to find an answer.

A man who was not quoted extensively at the time of the sightings is Harry G. Barnes, senior controller at the CAA air traffic control centre at National airport. Barnes was in charge on the early morning of July 20 1952 when the unknown objects first appeared here. The incident remains vivid in his memory. A serious, deliberate man, Barnes reputation for accuracy is described as "excellent" by both Air Force and civil aeronautics administration officials. Harry Barnes flatly denies that the "targets" he and co-workers observed on radar that morning could have been caused by an inversion or any other weather condition of which they have knowledge. Barnes has his own opinion as to what caused the sightings ---what these unknown objects were, but he has never expressed it-- because CAA officials won't let him. He can however, describe what transpired and he gave a graphic account to the Times-Herald. Barnes explained that a radar scope has a purplish streak called the "sweep" which revolves like a clock hand six times a minute. This corresponds with the rotation of a parabolic antenna located on a nearby hill. As the rotating beam sent out by the antenna strikes a solid object, it appears on the screen, in the form of a "blip" or small white dot.

The blips reappear every 10 seconds, and take several seconds to fade out. Thus, the objects course can be plotted and its speed determined. The greater the speed of the object, Barnes pointed out, the greater the difficulty of knowing whether it is the same object-- since the blips appear at widely separated points on the 'scope. Unless the objects course is known, he added, it is difficult to determine if it is the same object that appears at these different spots on the 'scope. "On that night" Barnes said, "the targets would appear and drift along from 60 to 160 miles the impression of doing one of two things (a) disappearing and then reappearing at a later time somewhere else on the screen or (b) accelerating at such a terrific speed

that they would give the appearance of having disappeared and reappeared at a wide distance on the 'scope". Cause for disappearance of an object from the screen, he said, could be that it hit certain blind spots in the radar beam --- in other words went below or outside the beam. Referring to the 'objects bewildering performance on the radar 'scope, Barnes declared:

I never saw it happen before. If the acceleration explanation is true, then the speeds involved would be much greater than we know of. "He said jets could not approach such speeds. There was simultaneous visual-radar sightings, Barnes said, and the objects were pinpointed by radar at the control centre, the control tower and at Andrews Field across the potomac." There is no possibility of a mistake about this" he added. Barnes also said the targets he observed on the radar screen that night "made right angle turns and completely reversed their direction in speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour---something I never saw any plane do. Regarding the inversion theory, Barnes said: "inversion blips are always recognized by experts". We were familiar with inversions before this occurrence. We are familiar with what weather conditions, flying birds and such things can cause on radar." No inversion caused anything like we observed that night". Referring to the other radar men who observed the strange blips --Edward Nugent, James Ritchey and James Copeland he continued: "We've talked about this often and we've all agreed we never saw anything like it before. Inversion couldn't explain it. I had three qualified radar men with me. We know an inversion when we see it and think nothing of it. This was not an inversion." In addition, Barnes said, the unknown objects "had substance"---very definitely! At times, he said, they gave the impression of "hovering". They did this in the vicinity of the White House and Capitol, he added.

Asked for his opinion as to what caused the unusual sightings, Barnes hesitated, then said: "I do have an opinion on this of course, but so far I have never expressed it. I am willing to do so if ordered by my superiors: so far I have not been. I was told it would not be wise for me to offer any theory or opinion! When CAA officials were asked to give Barnes the necessary permission, they refused. "We can't permit him to do that" a spokesman said. He said that this was for Barnes' own protection. "People would say he was seeing things", he explained. An Air Force spokesman agreed that Barnes could not give an opinion, "for his own protection". He said this was his statement would be regarded as the CAA's position. The strange aspect of the whole thing is this statement made by Barnes: "They do not know what my opinion is --- I have never expressed it!"

Nation Took First Saucer Tales As Joke.

But the Air Force got busy as they continued. Since 1947 the Air Force -- and the American public in general ----- had been bewitched, bothered and bewildered by "flying Saucers". It all began when a private pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported on June 24th 1947, that he had sighted nine saucer-like things flying like geese in a diagonal chain-like line near VaRista, Wash. He estimated that they were going at least 1,200 miles an hour. The story swept the country and was followed by other saucer sightings. At first the nation regarded the reports as a joke. But as the reports kept coming in ---many of them from such reputable observers as veteran pilots ---people began to take a more serious view of the situation. The Air Force itself declared the saucers "are no joke". Subsequently, there have been hundreds of sightings of unknown flying objects reported to the Air Force. During the present year, for example the Air Force has received 366 reports

of which 10% are listed as unsolved. Sightings have been made in all parts of the World. Within the past few days, a new sighting caused a stir in England. Two Royal Air Force jet pilots reported that they were flying at 20,000ft when they spotted a circular object which was much higher and was moving at a tremendous speed. They said it was either reflecting or emitting a bright light. The object was tracked on radar, and was seen from the ground by many observers. British officials said it might have been a giant balloon released by scientists. A possibility also was advanced that it might even have an American Balloon that drifted that far. The sighting remains unsolved. The same pattern applies to many of the unsolved American sightings. The description of a circular object emitting some sort of a glow is a familiar one. The objects have been described as displaying different colours. such as red, green blue and orange.

SOME CIGAR SHAPED. there has also been descriptions of cigar-shaped objects larger in size than the disc-shaped ones. The evidence was sufficient for the Air Force to undertake a special investigation. After 6 years, "Project Saucer", as it is termed, still is incomplete. The Air Force neither affirms the existence of saucers, nor does it deny it. Intelligence officers have had many mystifying cases to puzzle over. One of the earliest was the tragic death of Capt Thomas Mantell. On the afternoon of Jan 7, 1948, hundreds of people near Madisonville, Ky reported sighting a huge glowing object. It later appeared over the Godman Air Force base, and, as it appeared to hover there, Capt Mantell and three other F51 pilots who were flying past on a routine flight, were contacted by radio and asked to investigate. TREMENDOUS, SAYS PILOT. A short time later, Mantell called back that he had sighted the object. He reported that it was tremendous and appeared metallic. It had started to climb, Mantell said that although it appeared to be equaling or exceeding his speed, he would follow it to 20,000ft and then abandon the chase if he came no closer. Those were the last words ever heard from Mantell. Later that day his body was found near his plane some 90 miles from the field. Theories that he was "chasing" the planet Venus or the Moon were advanced but not accepted by intelligence officers. The case is still unsolved. A high-level Air Force officer that served with Mantell during the War told the Herald that Mantell was an intelligent seasoned pilot whose judgment was sound. He said that although it appears that he blacked out from lack of oxygen, he certainly should of known how high he could of climbed safely.

There have been many other similiarly puzzling reports, some of cause were attributable to hoax or honest mistake. others were found to have been caused by natural phenomena, climatic conditions, conventional aircraft or, sky-hook balloons. But still there are about 20 per cent of all the reports that cannot be explained by the Air Force. The Air Force believes that - insufficient information on reports may account for some of the unsolved sightings. "In the early days", commented Lt Robert White, Air Force public information officer, "this caught us unawares". It often was some time before reports could be investigated, and then frequently it was too late to arrive at anything conclusive. We are now set up so that often an intelligence officer can investigate a report immediately after it is received. To obtain more information on the elusive saucers, the Air Force has distributed a specially-constructed "grid" camera to bases throughout the country. It is to be used to take pictures of any unknown flying objects that may be sighted. The camera is designed to separate light into its component parts and record them on film. Ben Stern, Director of the CAAL's airplane information office, said that most of the sighting reports -

received by the CAA have a general conformity of description. "They all describe them as round-shaped objects which accelerate rapidly" he explained. "but I don't know what they are. I honestly don't. All I do is see the reports. None of us here know any more than that." In another attempt to obtain information which may provide an answer, the military Air Transport Service during the past five months has distributed forms to American pilots - both military and commercial---in all parts of the world. The forms are designed to obtain maximum information on every sighting of an unidentified flying object. Pilots are also under instructions to radio the nearest air base when they make an exceptionally good sighting. Commenting on this extensive program, Larry Gates of the Air Lines Pilots association pointed out: "Since our pilots are all over the --- this side of the Iron Curtain --- the military wants to make use of every possibility of getting the answer to this problem."

CANADA TAKES STEPS

Canada is taking an even more drastic step to solve the six-year old riddle. It announced recently that it would construct a new saucer-sighting station near Ottawa. The station which will be under joint authority of the Canadian defence research board and the Canadian transport department, will have special equipment, and a 24-hour watch will be maintained. Wilbur B. Smith, supervisor of the new station stated. "There is a high degree of probability that flying saucers are real objects and 60% probability that they are alien vehicles. The optical illusion explanation is lovely, but in every sighting there is always some factor which precludes this explanation. We have decided to try to learn just what they are." Smith said the Canadian federal transport department, in which he has charge of the communications, broadcast and measurement section, constantly receives reports of sightings of flying saucers. The total number is classified as restricted material.

MORE DETAILS WANTED

In this country the Air Force is hopeful of solving the saucer mystery by obtaining more complete details of the sightings. The requirements of what it considers to be a good report are: (a) source must be reliable: (b) report should be current so that immediate investigation may be made: (c) report should indicate exact time of sighting: (d) exact location: (e) estimated speed: (f) altitude of object: (g) manoeuvre pattern: (h) weather conditions at time: (i) estimated size of object: (j) direction of flight: (k) length of time object was in view: (l) whether any sound accompanied the sighting: (m) overall description of object. The Air Force has on occasion received pictures purporting to be of unknown flying objects. But on this point it declares: "The Air Force does not possess photographs which prove the existence of flying saucers. Because "still" photos are so easily faked, either by using a mock-up or model against a legitimate background, or by retouching the negative, they are practically worthless as evidence." "More attention is given to movie pictures of unidentified flying objects, since they are more difficult to fake. However only a few movie type films have been received by the Air Force and they reveal only pin-points of light moving across the sky. The Air Force has been unable to identify the source of these lights."

SHOW ON UTAH FILM

This brings up the subject of the so-called "Utah film" which shows several bright objects moving through the sky (daylight). The Air Force has classified the objects as unknown, and has added these comments (a) source con-

sidered reliable: (b) possible mirage effect, and (c) possibly migratory birds in flight. However, Major Donald E. Keyhoe U.S.M.C. retired who has written two books on the phenomenon, claims that the Utah film actually proves the saucers are of interplanetary origin. Meanwhile the Air Force is taking definite steps to obtain a definite pattern in the saucer sightings. It hopes that a mechanical computer survey it is having made - and which is due to be completed later this month, will show whether the sightings have any consistency in regard to time and place. All this can be taken as evidence that the Air Force is still quite interested in the flying saucer problem -- and will continue to be until it is solved.

SAUCERS HELD SPACE SHIPS BY EX-MARINE

Are the flying saucers real ---- and if they are, what are they? That in essence, is the question that faces the Air Force and the American public as well. Although it remains unanswered, it has stirred no end of opinions and theories. One theory advanced from time to time is that the saucers are some revolutionary type of weapon perfected either by this country or some other nation. The Air Force, however, depreciates this possibility: In a recent statement it said: "The Air Force has stated in the past and reaffirms at the present time, that unexplained aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile or aircraft developed by the United States. None of the three military departments nor any other agency in the government is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be a basis for the reported phenomena."

Weapon Theory Discounted

In addition, a high-ranking Air Force officer indicated to the Times-Herald that it is believed impossible the saucers could be a foreign weapon. Regarding the question as to whether flying saucers exist, Lt Robert White public information officer, said the Air Force believes that reliable observers such as reliable airline pilots are sincere when they report sighting unidentified objects. The Air Force was tossed a hot potato recently by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S.M.C. (ret), who claimed in his recent book "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE", that the saucers are not only real but that they are of interplanetary origin. Further-more, Keyhoe contends that the so-called "Utah film" possessed by the Air Force proves this thesis. THEORY BOLSTERED. Keyhoe's interplanetary theory was bolstered by a letter published on the jacket of his book from Albert M. Chop, former Air Force civilian expert on the saucer project, who now is with the Douglas Aircraft company in California. In the letter Chop stated. "The Air Force, and its investigative agency "Project Bluebook", are aware of Maj. Keyhoe's conclusion that the flying saucers are from another planet. The Air Force has never denied that such a possibility exists. Some of the personnel believe that there may be some strange natural phenomena completely unknown to us, but that if the apparently controlled manoeuvres reported by many competent observers are correct, then the only remaining explanation is the interplanetary answer." Upon publication of the letter printed on Defense Dept stationery ---- the Air Force challenged Chop's claim and said he was merely expressing his personal opinion. Chop subsequently admitted that he was not speaking for the Air Force, but maintained that some of the investigative personnel had subscribed to the interplanetary theory. He said this was based on "personal contacts with these various individuals," and insisted that it was "a true statement". Amplifying his theory that the saucers come from another planet, Keyhoe claims they could originate from some other body in the earth's solar system--such as Mars or Venus or from some other -

system or universe. Keyhoe charges that the Air Force is convinced that the saucers are space ships from another world, but that it is covering up because of the fear that such a disclosure would result in widespread panic. The Air Force insist that this is not so -- that it is holding back no important facts from the public. Lt. White said the names of persons involved in the sightings are withheld, and reports which divulge the capabilities of our aircraft, radar and electronic equipment are classified. All other information with respect to the sightings is a matter of public record he said. Keyhoe maintains though, that the Air Force has refused to release many analyses of sighting reports. He pointed out that the names and locations connected with the incidents could be deleted if necessary.

WANTS -- FILM -- RELEASED

Keyhoe also claims that the Air Force should release the final intelligence analysis on the Utah film. In connection with this, Keyhoe recently sent a telegram to high Air Force officials charging that since the Air Force had implied that he had misrepresented the analysis of the Utah film, either he or the Air Force was lying. The Times-Herald asked a top Air Force spokesman if Keyhoe had in fact misrepresented the Utah film analysis. He declined to comment. In his telegram -- as in his book -- Keyhoe stated: "The final analysis proved that the saucer formation could not be explained as any known aircraft or other conventional objects. The spokesman was asked if this statement was true or false. He said that to date, the Air Force has neither affirmed or denied it. Keyhoe also contends the analysis concluded the objects were not birds and were not caused by weather conditions. Specifically, Keyhoe claims the intelligence experts reached the following conclusions. (1) The average speed of the objects was somewhere between 653 and 980 miles per hour. (2) All the objects appeared round, of the same size and gave off a blueish-white glow of very high intensity. (3) The objects seemed to be manoeuvring in a circular or elliptical pattern within the group, at very high speeds. (4) because of these high speeds the objects obviously could not be balloons or birds. (5) They were not any type of known aircraft. (6) The sightings could not be explained by any conventional answer. Asked if the Times-Herald could see the final analysis report, an Air Force spokesman said that there were certain reports the Air Force could not make public for security reasons, risk of libel, and other reasons. However the spokesman said the film could be viewed at Wright field Ohio. The Air Force officially neither accepts nor rejects the interplanetary theory.

Brig. Gen. Sory Smith, Air Force public relations chief, put it this way: We do not know enough about it to deny that flying saucers exist. Conversely, we have no proof that they do exist. In our investigation we are not discounting the possibility that the saucers--if they exist-- could be interplanetary. We are interested in anyone that may be using the air over the United States. "However, we have no authentic physical evidence that they are interplanetary". Continuing Gen Smith stated: "For the Air Force to admit that flying saucers exist, it would want indisputable evidence of a physical nature. For such an admission it would want stronger evidence than it has now." Summing up the problem, he said: So far the question of whether flying saucers exist, and if so, what they are, has not been conclusively answered either way." But one thing is certain he added. The Air Force will continue to seek the answer. Meanwhile Keyhoe plans to continue his campaign to compel the Air Force to disclose the facts it is concealing.

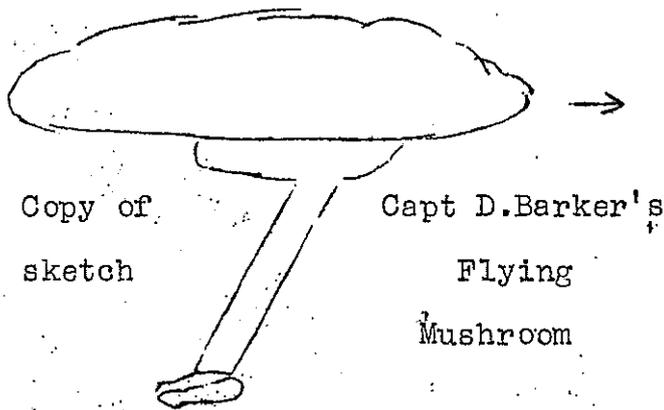
He told the Times-Herald he will continue to make his claims in print and on Television, and will challenge the Air Force to deny them. If any official, after reading the final analysis on the Utah film, says that it did not rule out birds, known aircraft or conventional objects as the cause of those objects, I will call him a liar to his face. I do not like to use such terms, but after all, the Air Force, has, in effect, been calling me a liar and I'm getting tired of it.

Regardless of the charges and counter charges, so long as the Air Force has unsolved sightings in its files----- and until it is definitely known what the flying saucers are----- the average person is bound to wonder Are the flying saucers real?, if so, what are they?. The final chapter is yet to be written in this strange drama. The answer is not yet available to us.

LOOKING AT AUSTRALIA

Since 1st Jan this year, Australia, the State of Victoria in particular has been the scene of numerous reports of Flying Saucers. To give all the details of these sightings and subsequent newspaper articles would fill a book. If it were possible at this stage C.S.I. would gladly pass on all available data, but we are definitely limited in this aspect by major considerations such as Time, Finance and available space in this Review. However here is a brief survey of the recent Australian enigma.

Jan 1st 1954 Capt. Douglas Barker (A.N.A. pilot) sights flying object shaped like Mushroom, at approx 2000ft over the Yarra Valley. He told the Civil Aviation Dept that he saw a semi-transparent object shaped like a mushroom with a stalk, over the Templestowe brickworks at 10.15 A.M. --- I was sitting on the edge on the dining table in my home at East Kew when I noticed the clear-plastic-like out-size mushroom oscillating rapidly in and out of the thick cloud. The object which was flying well below the safety level in that area was travelling faster than any jet I have seen and was roughly four times the size of a DC4 seen side on. It appeared to have something trailing beneath it like a thick stalk and a smaller construction at the bottom end which could have been an observation car. Capt Barker said that he was not trying to impress any one and had not been celebrating the New Year, having retired early the evening previous. I have been flying since 1937 and served for three years with the R.A.A.F., so there is no question of confusion. (CAD tried to convince Capt Barker that he had probably seen a Convair airliner that was test flying in the area at the time.) Capt Barker is convinced that that what he saw was not a plane nor an optical illusion. The object would fly into the clouds for a second and then sink down to the clear sky. Its colour seemed to be changing from clear plastic to sky blue. Capt Barker said that he had expected his crewmated and colleagues at Essendon sceptical, but he had been surprised, two or three senior pilots had had strange experiences in the air with flying saucer-like objects but were afraid to mention it for fear of ridicule. At the time the object was seen, the sky was completely overcast, Capt Barkers sketch was published and there was much follow up argument and discussion on this sighting in the Australian Sydney Herald and Sun between Jan 1st and 6th.



Jan 3rd. Mr A Heinrichs and his wife reported sighting a spherical-shaped object, trailing vapor, flashing across the sky over Box Hill at 2.30p.m. I saw what appeared to be a balloon or large box turning slowly over and over high in the sky, while we were watching, a second object like a ball of white vapor with a jet trail shot down at 4.5⁰ at the other object. After 4-5 seconds they both vanished.

Jan 8-9th Two flying saucer reports which could have been of the same object were reported of the weekend. Late on Friday night Robert Cobain saw a strange object low on the horizon NNE of Sale. Cobain said the object appeared to be corrugated across the top and flashed crimson lights. He called some neighbours and while watched the lights appeared to change from crimson to misty green and back to crimson and disappeared shortly after. In Adelaide M.D.W. Scherek, a former airman reported having seen a yellowish white object shading to deep orange between 2.30- & 3.15am on Saturday. It hovered and then swiftly moved vertically and sideways. Mr Scherek said he rang Professor Huxley, head of the Adelaide University physics dept. Mrs Huxley saw the object but did not wake her husband.

Pro. Huxley was disappointed that he had not been woken and viewed the object. It was he said about the position of Jupiter, but the movement was difficult to explain with this solution in mind. There would have to be extraordinary light refractions to explain the swift movements.

SOMETHING IN THE AIR SAYS EXPERT Source. Sydney Daily Telegraph Jan 9th. An R.A.A.F. officer in Melbourne today revealed that the R.A.A.F. had been investigating flying saucers since 1947. The officer said that an intelligence officer usually interviewed people who reported flying objects. The R.A.A.F. are keeping an open mind on the source of the objects. I believe, he said, from the information we have received, could have an interplanetary source. People on earth should be able to fly into outer space within 40 years, why shouldn't people on other planets already have reached this stage. ----- This report followed one from the CAA discrediting an interplanetary answer. ^ (the objects)

Jan. 12th Sydney Daily Mirror. MARS LINKED WITH SAUCERS. The president of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. (Mr E.R. Jarrold) believes Mars is in some way connected with the appearances of Flying Saucers. He said today that this conclusion was based on extensive data compiled over a considerable period. Mr Jarrold said he did not share the view of the Dept of Civil Aviation, that these objects did not originate from another planet. He said: Because of the unprecedented wave of sightings of "unidentified" aerial objects all over the world in 1950 & 1952 --when Mars was at its closest point in space to the Earth-- record number of reports can be expected this year. This view has already been confirmed by several researchers in the United States. It is the only theory advanced to date which has been found to conform acceptably with recorded visual, radar and photographic evidence accumulated by researchers here and abroad.

FLYING SAUCER REPORTS TOTAL 50 IN A WEEK Melbourne Argus 13th Jan. Reports from 13 people who claim to have seen "flying saucers" and other objects over Melbourne in the past few weeks were received by the Civil Aviation Dept this week. (CAD had previous press statement inviting people to send in their reports without fear of ridicule)

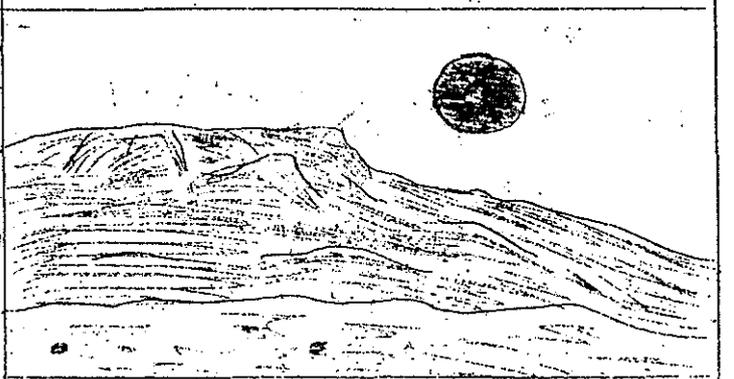
Highlight of the reports come from Mr. J.W. Boyle, of Caulfield, Vice-President of the Victorian branch of the British Astronomical Assoc. Last night Mr Boyle said: At 11 a.m. on Jan 3, I was walking from the Victory Theatre St. Kilda, towards the beach. My son Ian was with me. "Suddenly immediately overhead, we saw a strange rectangular object flying in straight and level flight. It resembled a huge sheet of aluminium and was flying from west to east. It was clearly visible for 15 to 20 seconds, but too far away to describe in any detail. Ian saw it too. He called out look at the silver-butterfly." It could of been some unknown type of flying machine". Most of the other eye-witnesses told the Civil Aviation Dept that the objects they had seen had been illuminated. Many described the objects as "Discs".

FILM OF SAUCER TAKEN . Sydney Daily Telegraph Jan 25 . A Dept of Civil Aviation employee has photographed on movie film a mysterious flying object. The Minister of Air, said this last night. Mr McMahon said he had the film flown to the United Staes for enlarging . Mr T.C. Drury a senior Dept officer stationed at Port Moresby took the film. Mr Drury was a former member of the R.A.F. He is a reliable creditable person Mr McMahon said. Mr Drury seen a cloud suddenly forming from a dot in the clear blue sky; a silvery object rose out of the cloud . It went higher up into the air and vanished. Mr Drury had telephoto lens on his camera and photographed the object flashing across the sky, on August 20, 1953. Mr McMahon said experts of the R.A.F. had examined the film carefully and said that the film definately showed something in the sky. Mr Drury is the Australian Deputy Regional Director of Civil Aviation.

UNKNOWN CLAIMS HE SNAPPED FLYING SAUCER OVER ALICE SPRINGS.

Such was the headlines in the CENTRALIAN ADVOCATE Feb 5 1954. The Advocate has published the photo-

graph left under its office door by the unknown person. This the unknown's story. For several reasons, one of which is because I can hardly believe it myself, I refuse at this stage to come forward and allow my name to be used. But study this picture of a flying saucer for yourselves. I was taking a picture of Mount Gillen on the day that a number of Alice Springs people said they heard something strange pass over. (Jan 15) Suddenly an enormous round looking object appeared from behind Gillen. It went high and then dropped to come quite low between the Mountain and the Town -- it was not traveling fast at this stage-- it fact it appeared to be almost hovering; this was when I took the picture-- almost automatically. It would of been possible to take more photos, but I just looked, then suddenly the thing moved off very fast, it gained speed until it must of been travelling at a terrific pace. " I did not hear much of a whistling sound, the saucer looked to have been anything up to 150 ft across. I don't know maybe Adamski had something about those men from Venus.



Here is a sketch of the photo showing the wheel-like appearance. It is most difficult to determine the authenticity of photos, however you may appreciate the rough sketch for reference. Other reports have come from Central Australia from the aborigines. Four of them said that something sounding frighteningly strange streaked overhead. Another "Alice Springs man (White) confirmed that he too had seen and heard the object, that scared the natives.

CAME TO SEE THE QUEEN

A Darlinghurst man thinks that "Someone from outer space" may have watched the Queen's arrival in Sydney. He is Mr. H.E. Ireland of Liverpool St. Mr. Ireland claims to have seen a Flying Saucer about 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday February 3, while the Queen was on the Royal Yacht Gothic in Sydney Harbour. He says he watched the "saucer" from the doorway of his knife and die casting factory in Burke Street. "It hovered east of Sydney several thousand ft up for about ten minutes then disappeared leaving a blue vapor trail," Mr Ireland said. BRILLIANT LIGHT. "It seemed to be flat and threw a brilliant white light. I called a policeman and he saw what I saw. I knew it couldn't be an ordinary aeroplane. I've flown in all these modern planes -- Constellations and so on. I was Internal Auditor with the R.A.A.F. during the war, therefore I'm not a dill." An R.A.A.F. spokesman said yesterday that he knew of no service plane or balloon which could have been mistaken for a flying saucer on the morning of Feb 3. (Sydney Sunday Telegraph February 14, 1954.

There has been undoubtable other sightings that we in N.Z. have not received notice of yet from the Australian scene, however we would like to once again record our sincere thanks to Mr Jarrold for his untiring efforts in passing all available information, clippings etc our way. The Overseas Press coverage of the "Flying Saucer" incidents is very poor indeed, we fail to understand the reason for this in the light of the public's extreme interest and the tremendous significance of it all, if, as we are ~~very~~ certain, the Flying Saucers are real and interplanetary. (We are referring to the New Zealand Press coverage of overseas Saucer news)

FROM NEW ZEALAND SKIES

Congratulations due. Mr Douglas Metcalf (C.S.I. DUNEDIN "HONORARY OBSERVER") received a large write up in the Dunedin Star 4, 1953. Mr Metcalf has formed a group from a nucleus of local "Honorary Observers" and interested parties. We are most pleased to see Mr & Mrs J.P. Burke have joined this new investigatory team; Mrs & Mrs Burke witnessed one of New Zealand's best sightings of a mystery flying object in the early hours of Oct 28 1952. Mr Metcalf has sent C.S.I. a copy of his group's proposed program, it is extensive and most creditable. He is also busy writing a book on "Flying Saucers" over New Zealand and has appealed to C.S.I. headquarters for the particulars of all sightings on our records. Unfortunately C.S.I. is unable to comply immediately for there is no one available to do the tremendous amount of copy work necessary. The President of C.S.I.'s spare time is fully engaged in answering ever increasing mail-range, recording data and producing the Quarterly Review. ("Star" 4, December 1953.)

December 6 1953. 3.11 p.m. Sunday. Two men claim they sighted a flying saucer when they were sunbathing at Devenport, Auckland last Sunday afternoon. We saw a disc dull white in colour, which appeared to be moving at a terrific speed," said Mr E. Moen of 60 Grafton Rd, city today. It moved over a full 80 degree arc in about 10 to 15 seconds." He is emphatic that what they saw was no meteorological balloon.

Dec 6 1953 Auckland . A member of C.S.I.'s committee Mr Jack Connell reports that while observing a fire on Waiheke Island (popular pleasure resort three to four miles out from Auckland Harbour) just on dusk, approx 7.45 p.m. , his attention was drawn to a whitish light that appeared to move across the sky at great speed to disappear behind a cloud. The light was twice momentary screened by loose cloud while being observed.An Air Force Sgt From Whenuapai Air Station known by the President of C.S.I. also reported seeing a strange light just on dusk the same evening . He Said: " While walking towards the city my attention was drawn on a number of times to a dull orangy light that appeared to be hovering . The light was quite large with a kind of hallow around it, the outer fringe appeared to be the brighter source of light. I had just began to wonder what it was, when on looking again I was surprised to find that it had quite disappeared. Neither party claim it was a flying saucer.

Dec 6 Tauranga 8 pm. An object in the sky "which might have been a flying saucer", was seen by Mrs H. Spencer, of Fraser Street at 8 pm..... The object, said Mrs Spencer appeared to be hovering in the sky at no great distance, a little to the north. It was round, bright and silvery and gave the appearance of a great chandelier. Suddenly it shot upwards with a terrific hiss , turned and streaked across the sky to the south-east. After the object had disappeared a trail of pink and white "cloud" hung in the sky for about five minutes. (It was reported the following day in the press that several residents had seen a bright meteor that same evening.)

Dec 24 Strange cloud formation observed. A cloud looming over Tangiwa at the time Thursdays Rail disaster, was of strange formation, clearly resembling the form of a Lion ready to spring; this cloud stood out boldly in an otherwise lightly clouded sky. Others reported it as being cigar-shaped and a photo confirming this was published in NZ Herald.

Jan 8th Dunedin:.. 10.45. pm. Miss V.E.J.Allen . C.S.I.Dunedin Rep. reports I saw a cigar-shaped object flying from the south-east to north-east at amazing speed. I thought at first it was a meteor, but there was a long trail of golden sparks behind it. It was very high up ,almost overhead and was gone after 4 seconds. Looking about two inches long the object appeared to accelerate rapidly after discharging a burst of sparks.

Jan 19 Wellington . Letter to Editor by Mr Geoff Bonallack C.S.I. Tawa Flat "Honorary Observer" . Sir, Having read Leslie's and Adamski's book, I can agree with Kickshaws , who reviewed it last Fridays issue, that it is poorly worded in parts, specially in Leslie's opening chapters; but in fairness to the authors and in particular to Adamski , I think Kickshaws should have mentioned that the book contains photographs of the sworn affidavits of several witnesses to the alleged meeting between Adamski and the supposed Venusian. It is difficult to see how these witnesses could benefit themselves by giving false statements. I agree with Kickshaws that the photos of the saucer could of been faked, but there are some very searching scientific methods of checking this and why should Adamski and his photographer , whose name is given, lay themselves open to almost certain discovery ? . Many sightings of saucers are doubtless meteorological balloons ,but experienced pilots are very firm in their refusal to admit that balloons of any kind can fly rings round them and then shoot off like a shell from a gun into the upper atmosphere. Many sightings are certainly meteors But not the ones that go into reverse. Others are cars headlights reflected

from low cloud, but not those seen on clear nights or by day. Some people, specially round about six p.m., see spots in front of their eyes, but it is unusual for ground crew, air crew and radar operators, plus a good sprinkling of civilian witnesses, all reporting independently, to see the same bright disc doing the same antics in the same place at the same time unless there is really something there. Yet this has happened. In the absence of absolute proof of the reality or otherwise of flying saucers, we should as Kickshaws suggests maintain an open mind on the subject. (The President of C.S.I. recently had the pleasure of visiting Mr & Mrs Bonallack and spent two very pleasant evenings discussing the progress of flying saucer research among other things).

Strange Object In Sky (Letter to Editor, Dominion, Wellington 25 Jan. Sir, Though one is lead by some authorities to disbelieve in the flying saucer theory I, for one, and probably many more, believe it to be correct. To help me believe further, while at Waitarere Beach on Dec 30 last, at 10.45 a.m.; my neighbour and his friend, sitting in a car looking out to sea, noticed an object like a plane coming in from the sea. When my attention was called to it, the object appeared to be changing course, not as a plane in a circular fashion, but approx in a vee course. As I watched it, it appeared to tilt and flash in the Sun as it changed course, and went out to sea in the same direction from which it had come or arrived. Ohakea, Nelson, N.A.A.C. and the overseas base was checked with, but no planes were reported in that area at that period. It could not have been a plane, as the wind was blowing in off the sea, and no sound of plane engines could be heard at any stage. A "met" balloon could not have acted in this way this object did, as when it reversed its direction it would have to have gone against the wind. Four people saw this object at the same time in the same area, and were not seeing spots before their eyes. If this was not a saucer what was it. (Many thanks Brian Mackrell for also sending in this report).

Jan 28 1954 A Brilliant Meteor. Certainly a very bright meteor or meteors fell towards the south-east over the South Island leaving a very colourful display and must of been seen by hundreds that night. C.S.I. thanks all those who sent clippings in, it was extremely interesting to see how many reported the occurrence as due to Flying saucers. Some Astronomers say that every time a meteor falls up to 500 reports of saucers pour in. This we know as nonsense. From the large writeup this recent^{MEMO} received in the main South Island Dailies there was only one mention of Flying Saucers.

February 9. The Auckland Star gave C.S.I.'s Statistical Release a front page write up. The contents of this release accompany (as a loose leaf) the Quarterly Review.

February 12 Whangarei. STRANGE LIGHTS FLEW IN ARC OVER WHANGAREI. Two strange lights which could of been flying saucers were seen to fly in an arc over Whangarei last night. They were watched by two business men, Messrs T.H. Busck and R.E.A. Laery and two Auckland visitors who saw them, Rust Lane at 10.50 P.M. Mr Busck who saw the objects first, had time to draw the attention of his friends to them and the quartet saw two fairly faint yellow lights describe an arc across the town and disappear to the south-east. Mr Busck said this morning that the two lights appeared from the general direction of Parahaki moving side by side in more or less parallel flight. There was no noise. They appeared to be at great altitude and a long way off. From their pace and distance covered they could of been outside the

earth's atmosphere, said Mr Busck. The two lights were in view for 5 to 6 seconds and all members of the party were certain the phenomenon was not caused by meteors; main reason for being certain of this was the fact that the yellow lights remained constant in brightness and flew in an half circle over the town to disappear in the direction of One Tree Point.

February 12, Gisborne Mr C.F. Taylor and Mr W Davoren were pig hunting at Okaihau station in the Mangatu district, when they spotted dozens of metal objects embedded in a clay wash-out. The men brought some back and the Dept of Agriculture/as pieces of a meteorite. The metal balls dirty green in colour were lying on the surface of the ground when found. The balls were rough on the outside surface and varied in size from a pea to a billiard ball, on breaking one with a hammer, it was found to have a light-greenish centre. (insert above "identified them")

February 23 Auckland Star . Aries column. Attempt to take C.S.I.'s recent Press Release to task and all those that accredit the possibility that Flying Saucers may be real and interplanetary. The press release failed to mention that the 25, June (Mars Opposition date) represented to saucer investigators the approx peak period of expected renewed activity or visitations from mystery craft. Based on sound evidence from the records of all those keeping graphs etc., on the rise and fall of Flying Saucer reports all over the world, and the discovery that the major flurries or period of greatest activity closely coincided the Mars oppositions; particularly the last three; investigators have every good reason to be extremely interested in the next such an occasion. Saucers with the speed of light as mentioned in Aries column may or may not enter into it, the whole argument was a waste of energy because of a misrepresentation in the press. If some of these ardent sceptics took time to study the whole matter a little more closely, I am sure they would never be so keen to rashly debunk it. Right throughout human history we have always had an army of debunkers, More strange than the "saucers" is the fact that, such a high percentage of these progress retarders are among scientists; enough said. Ed.

February 27 Nelson Evening Mail. Congratulations to Mr J.E. Fletcher for the long and well written letter to the Editor, published in that issue. Mr Fletcher is our only "Honorary Observer" in the Nelson area; and a very active one too. Others are encouraged to do likewise, it will all help to make the matter better known, increase public interest and Press coverage.

March 17th 7.30 P.M. Glen Innes, Auckland . Two observers report a bright light moving at high speed in a westerly direction low on the horizon. The light, flying a horizontal path was seen to separate into two lights and then go out. (This was most likely a meteor)

P.M.

March 17. 8.30 Palmerston North, Wellington, and Christchurch . A bright object, reported by many to be round and emitting a blue light, was seen heading in a southerly direction. One observer reported seeing the object disintegrating over Cook Strait, however, as it was further reported north of Christchurch also at 7.30 P.M. maybe only partial disintegration took place. The fact that the object was sighted almost simultaneously from these three main centres leaves very little doubt that it was indeed a meteor as expressed by the Director of the Carter Observatory, Wellington. Later that same evening another report of an orange-coloured round object travelling southeast across Wellington at 40,000, was explained by the

Kelburn Weather Office as being most likely the lighted balloon released by them at the exact time (11.3pm) and going in the same direction as reported by the sighter of the orange-coloured object. The observer, however was certain that it was not a plane, a meteor nor a balloon, he said it was travelling approx 800 mph and appeared to have bulges and at intervals gave off an ice-blue light as it tilted on its side.

March 18, Christchurch. Dr C.D. Ellyet, Senior Lecturer in physics at Canterbury University College, claims all Flying Saucer reports have simple explanations. and that there is no evidence whatsoever to support real ones. C.S.I. would like to see how this Gentleman would face up to a gathering of experienced airmen, skilled radar operators, military and civilian highly trained observers, who are prepared to swear that they have seen real strange-shaped flying craft in our skies. It is significant that those eminent scientists appointed by their respective governments to investigate the phenomena, have not found it easy to draw an answer after 6 years of intensive study. They admit today that there is a high probability of there being real saucers. Conclusions based on five minutes study are shots in the dark and will ultimately possibly prove very embarrassing to their originators.

March 19. Nelson. LOUD EXPLOSIONS IN SKY NEAR NELSON. Loud explosions in the sky followed by swishing noises were heard over a wide area to the north-east of Nelson early yesterday afternoon from Whangamoa, inland on the Nelson-Blenheim state highway to Delaware Bay on the coast. Settlers today reported having heard the strange noises. Observers in the Cable Bay area, heard three bangs high up in the sky and saw a wisp of white smoke. Mr P.S. Berkett, a Whangamoa farmer, said that at 2.35 yesterday afternoon he heard loud booming noises which he thought for a moment might have been caused by a plane out of control. He saw a round flat object of whitish colour which he estimated at about 4000ft. It appeared to be turning over and falling followed by a trail of smoke. Two other people on his property heard the explosions and saw the smoke. One of them Mr. K. Evans, of Auckland. (In a letter to the Editor Nelson Evening Mail March 22. A Mr Ellis Dudgeon states in first para. "Three of these men, Messrs Berkett, Appleby and Evans, not only heard noises, but saw a round flat object of whitish colour at 4000ft. The object was turning over and over and falling while emitting loud explosions. It ceased falling, remained stationary for some while and finally ascended out of sight. Surely no intelligent observer could believe these antics to be performed by a meteor." If this is correct C.S.I. confirms the writers view, it would be the most outstanding incident recorded over N.Z, attributed to Flying Saucers. We would like more details on this incident.

It may have been pure coincidence that R.N.Z.A.F. Vampire jets gave an interesting aerial display at 35.000ft over the Nelson area 7 days after the above disturbing incident, We wonder ?.

March 22. Dunedin, (Just received) Letter to Editor "The Evening Star." Sir, I don't want to appear to be rushing in, but I must put up some defence in answer to the article in Fridays "Star" concerning the report of Dr. Ellyet's address in Christchurch regarding flying saucers, If these men who hold the ear of the people were to remain unchallenged, it would appear that what they had to say was correct. When a person of such standing in the educational arena makes a statement such as Dr, Ellyet has, that flying saucers have a straight forward explanation, it appears that he has

much information that others of science know nothing of. For instance, Dr. Peter Millman, chief of Canada's Dominion Observatory's astrophysics division, says: "Most sightings of flying saucers could be explained as natural phenomena, but there still remains a concrete group of reports that are 'unexplained.'" That would be a great number if only it were just 10% unexplained. He also said it was a mistake to ridicule anyone who made a sincere report. Many, many reports are made each month by men of science, who should be able to identify a kite or a balloon if they saw one. About 2000 reports have been handed in in the last five years, and no one can tell me that Dr. Ellyet has ever seen them, let alone studied them, while government scientists from other countries have been busy on them all the time and are more cautious as to their opinions of them. The United States Air Force has even set up 400 special cameras to get their own special photos of flying saucers. Why all this preparation if Dr. Ellyet has all the answers? I have on my files from the Dunedin area alone eight reports of objects seen over the last three months. If no one else is, we are still interested in receiving these reports, as the majority of your readers are, I am sure, still not satisfied concerning the origin of flying saucers.

D.A. Metcalf. President Civilian Saucer
Investigation. Dunedin Group.

HAVE YOU HEARD

A French Historian has recently stated that the Duke of Burgundy recorded that on All Saints Eve in the year 1461, a bright object, half the size of the moon, hovered in the sky above his imperial court for one half hour. As one news commentator remarked, "It must have been an ancestor of the ones that have been flitting about our skies of late." (March issue "Saucers"

"FLYING SAUCER OBSERVATORY". From Vienna comes news that Russia has established an observatory for "flying saucers". Somewhere in Mongolia. It has only recently been completed. This is the first news from Russia of any Soviet interest in the phenomena of "flying saucers"! Viennese scientists believe that there are several aims behind this project---first to watch for and investigate by secret electronic processes any mysterious objects in the sky, and, secondly for astronomical observations next summer when the Earth and Mars come nearest to one another---- 40,000,000 miles.
(N.Z. Truth 27, Jan. 1954.)

Another Mystery Blast and Explosion (compare with similar mentions in Dec "Flying Saucers", and recent Nelson N.Z. happening) Dieppe, France Jan 7. A mysterious explosion rocked this port early today, shattering windows, blasting open doors and waking most of the inhabitants. The explosion was preceded by a flash in the sky. Some people said the explosion came 4 minutes after the flash. Some said eight minutes, and they also differed on the direction. The flash was seen 50 miles away. A railwayman at Orchies, near the Belgian border, said he saw a fiery disc in the sky moving at great speed at the time of the Dieppe explosion. (Chicago Daily Tribune 8/1/54)

Washington Jan 27 1954. Air Force intelligence has just about reached the last straw on the flying saucer situation, orders from the top are that every detail on every reported sighting must be tracked down. (Peter Edson. News Reporter.)

1909 ——— ENIGMA

(Nelson Evening Mail Dec 6, 1952)

Can we rightly regard flying saucers and aerial cigars as the enigma of the Radar, Jet Plane, and Atom Bomb era, or have these phantom objects been flitting across our skies for at least several decades? For about three weeks in the horse-and-cart days of 1909, reports came from all over the Dominion, telling of dark objects wending their way across the heavens and of bobbing lights. Explanations were far more prosaic than those being considered today and mention of sightings finished as suddenly as they had begun, possibly because observers feared ridicule and doubts as to their sobriety. Although mention of the occurrence did not appear in "The Mail" until several days after objects in the sky had become general news, it seems that one of the first sightings was made in the Nelson district on Saturday July 24, 1909. The paragraph read: "A Riwaka resident reports having seen a mysterious light in the sky. The object whatever it was, was first seen to appear in the direction of D'Urville Island. It came across the bay until it appeared quite close to Motueka. then it changed its course and travelled in the direction of Farewell Spit, where it was lost sight of. The object zig-zagged across the sky, also rising and falling at intervals. The observer watched it for fully 20 minutes before calling the people from the house to see this strange light. The light was described to be as large as an ordinary-sized bucket. Needless to say, the whole family was greatly alarmed."

Not long after, reports began to come in from other districts. The following Wednesday a resident of Opoho, near Dunedin, claimed he saw an airship after the noise had wakened him at 2 o'clock that morning. There must also have been sightings at Auckland, not so generally publicised, for during Wednesday an Auckland fireworks dealer threw cold water on the tales with the comment that he had been seeing an unusually large number of toy fire balloons, considering it was not a festive season.

Airship seen at Kelso

In Otago "fly-by-nights" began to excite tremendous interest. Several Dunedin and Mosgiel people asserted that they saw a moving light in the sky on Wednesday night. One report mentioned a bright light like that a railway engine with a dark body attached. At Kelso the "ship" was seen by scores of reliable people and the police and others began making investigations. This information appeared in the "Mail" of July 29, 1909 under the heading "Aerial Navigation"..... It is interesting to record that in the same column was a report of Mr Latham's attempt to fly the Channel which almost succeeded. Another message from New York advised that the President had watched an official trial at Washington in which Mr Orville Wright.... "acroplaned" with a passenger. On Thursday more information flooded in. Dunedin city and country people said they watched lights during the night, early morning and again that evening. And Invercargill residents entertained themselves in a similar manner. Mysterious lights Kakanui Ranges, near Oamaru had also been observed for several nights, sometimes through field glasses, but the veracity of reports had been doubted. Scoffers were confounded, however, by the unusual story of a settler at Kauroo Hill. It was apparently light at the time. The man sensed something unusual was happening as horses in the yard were restive. He looked up and saw an object shaped like a boat with a flat top", speeding along at something like 30mph.

or more". After watching it for sometime he ran in to get his field glasses, but by this time the airship had disappeared over a hill. The object was also seen at Mahono. The comment of the Oamaru Press agent circulating the report was "if this the same mystery as something that has been seen in the south of Otago and Southland, the inventor evidently has a machine that can not only take long flights, but it moves at a great rate of speed. The distance between the two points is about 200 miles". It was reported that on Tuesday afternoon, 23 schoolchildren at Invercargill had seen the "ship". Two diagrams drawn by them were published but bore no resemblance to one another. A good deal of excitement and interest was manifested by the passengers on the Hokitika train on approaching Greymouth on Thursday evening, when they were informed by the guard that the mysterious light was visible. As the train was approaching the Teremakau bridge the engine-driver noticed a light out to sea. It was moving up and down and advancing towards Greymouth Harbour. He and the fireman watched it until the train arrived at the Nelson Creek station, when the object came inshore and descended close to the breakers. "The guard passed word to the passengers and they crowded out on-to the platforms to watch. The light or object was noticed to rise and fall every now and then. It then moved off against a strong wind in the direction of the Greymouth bar and then headed towards Point Elizabeth. The object behaved in a most mysterious manner and all sorts of conjectures were made", stated the report. One passenger advanced the theory that it might be a message from Mars. At about the same date a Buller resident 4 times watched a mysterious object floating over Mount Rochfort in the early hours of the morning. The mysterious light alleged to be an airship passed over Timaru on Thursday. The harbour-master saw the light and said it was nothing more than "a ball of concentrated electricity known to sailors as "Jack in the Lantern" and a frequent accompaniment of foggy weather". (continued next issue Ed.)

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"IS ANOTHER WORLD WATCHING" by GERALD HEARD, published by Bantam Books New York . March 1953. (Revised and more up to-date edition of The Riddle Of The Flying Saucers). (25 cents)

"BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS" by FRANK SCULLY, published by VICTOR GOLLANCZ LTD LONDON 1950 (11/-NZ) Scully is preparing another book.

"THE FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL" by MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE USMC retired Published by FAWCETT PUB. INC. NEW YORK. Book No 107. Gold Medal Book also pub., by HUTCHINSON & CO LONDON 1950 (2/9 NZ)

" THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS" by KENNETH AFNOLD & RAY PALMER, publ., privately by the authors (Ray Palmer RT.2.Box 36 Amherst Wisconsin USA/ \$5.

"THE MYSTERY OF OTHER WORLDS REVEALED" Fawcett Book No 166(5/6)three sections , Space Travel , Flying Saucers , Rocket Development (1953)

"FLYING SAUCERS" by Donald H. Menzel, published by Putnam & Co Ltd London 1953 . (26/- NZ) This Professor has natural phenomena explanation for all Flying Saucer reports.

"FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED" by DESMOND LESLIE & GEORGE ADAMSKI, Pub, T. Werner Laurie London 1953 (12/6) Serialized in Australasian POST 7 weeklt issues 19th Nov ----- 31st Dec 1953.

"FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE" by MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE, USMC (ret) Published by HENRY HOLT & CO NEW YORK (\$3 (highly recommended for most up to date and authoritative book on subject. (Oct 1953) reviewed in Oct 1953 American LOOK magazine.

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