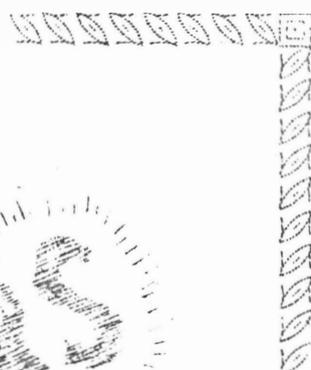
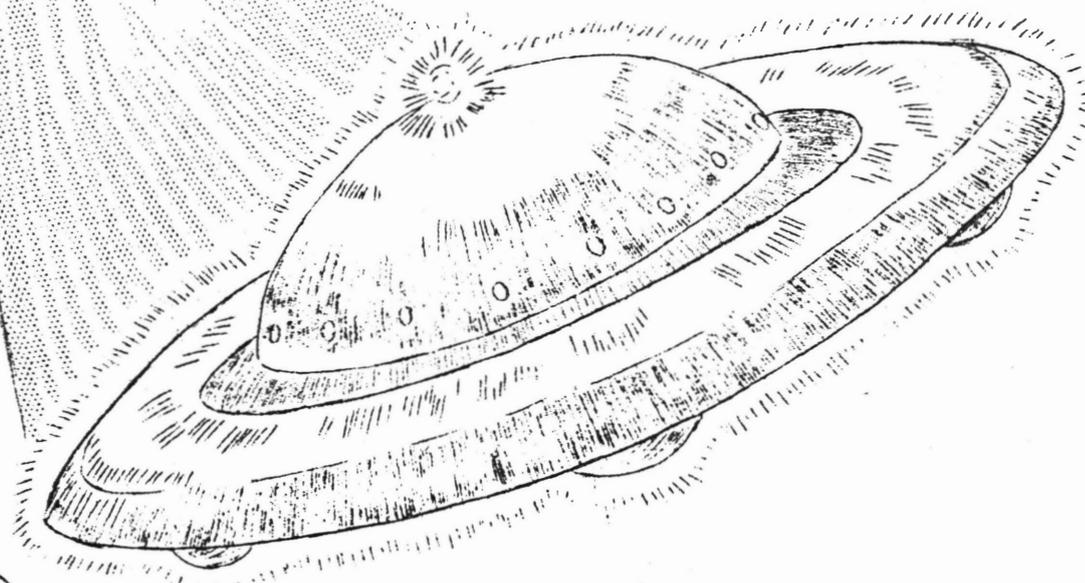


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EDITORIAL:

THEY HAVE SEEN

THEY NO LONGER DOUBT.

The chances are, that had you been a resident of one of the countries mentioned in this report, you may well have seen and reported a Flying Saucer.

The number of extraordinary claims by individuals and groups of people to have personally brushed or rubbed shoulders with Saucer occupants is without precedent. Perhaps the more remarkable is that the majority of these claims have come from people of good character, and are not suspect by the police, who are quick to investigate all such incidents.

Evidence of premeditated hoax or fraud by those who claim to have encountered landed "Saucers" or their occupants, has been very little indeed. Of the 30 odd incidents (to my knowledge) that have been reported in the last three months from France, Italy, India and Portugal, only one has been exposed as a proven hoax. This occurred in Varese, Northern Italy, in early November, and the news was carried by the Dominion Press.

Those who have been subscribing to this publication for over 12 months will recall that C.S.I. forecast the greatest invasion of our skies to occur this year, and from a rather sensational Press framed statement issued by myself, a greater number of "landings" were to be expected. I made quite a number of forecasts on behalf of C.S.I. early this year; all but one have been realised.

The one still outstanding is my near conviction that 1954 will see the Saucer mystery cleared up by official high-level statements that the "so called Flying Saucers are real and are from outer space." At the close of a published statement published by the "Dunedin Star" on the 7th June, 1954, I added an alternative to the above. "The events expected to follow in the next few months stood every chance of convincing the people of the world of the truth, whether Government statements were made or not."

SOME OUTSTANDING INCIDENTS:

In the general European theatre in the months of September, October, and November, the "Saucers" swarmed in all their glory, and never before had the skies of France, Italy, the Holy Land, and adjacent countries been so crowded with so colourful and varied a range of strange flying objects. From France came the unprecedented crop of encounters with the occupants, who were as varied as the craft, BUT WERE ALL OF HUMAN FORM.

French newspapers and magazines published very little else, and the French Government was bombarded with demands from thousands wishing to know the truth. One most humorous statement came from the French Air Ministry - "We are making them ourselves, flying Barrels and Cigars have been flying for some time, with astonishing performances etc., its our answer to Britain's Flying Bedstead."

Readers may be interested to know that the American "Life" magazine of November 1st and 29th (Home Edition) carried articles on the French and Italian "landing" incidents.

Very interesting separate articles have appeared in some N.Z. papers, surveying the flood of reports in France, Italy, South Africa - the Holy Land - and Europe in general. See "The Daily Telegraph", Napier, 30th October, "Taranaki Daily News", 26th October - "Saucers Over France" - the "Dunedin Evening Star" 1st November - "Southland Daily News" - 27th October, the Christchurch "Star Sun" of 10th December - "Saucers Over South Africa" - see "Wanganui Herald" 25th November - "The Press", Christchurch, 1st December, "Grey River Argus", 2nd December - "Saucers Over the Holy Land" - "Taranaki Herald", 10th November - "Wanganui Chronicle", 27th November - "Europe Bewildered by Saucers." There are other papers which published these accounts, I have mentioned the above for your ready reference, etc.

"15,000 OBSERVERS:"

The British United Press reported on the 29th October that 15,000 people at a Soccer Match in Florence, Italy, excitedly watched a flight of "Flying Saucers" for 30 MINUTES yesterday. The game stopped and the players joined the thousands of spectators in pointing out the Cigar and disc shaped objects flying at a high altitude.

The objects were silvery in colour, and dropped trails like spider-web! A knowledgeable professor scooped some up and hurried home and analysed the substance. He announced later that the substance contained a predominant quantity of boron, silicon, calcium and magnesium.

U.S. ENVOY SEES A SAUCER:

Clare Booth Luce, the U.S. Ambassador to Italy, saw some of the droves of Flying Saucers reported over Italy during October. She reported seeing one zooming over Rome, but could not explain what the object was or represented. She was reported later as saying - "My Government may soon tell the world about these things."

MANY THOUSANDS OF REPORTS:

I could produce a thousand-page book on the reports that have received press mention in the last few months alone. People everywhere are seeing and reporting these strange craft. Fresh reports have broken out in Australia, photographs of a large object hovering at 500 ft. has been received by the Civil Aviation Dept. at Melbourne. A Department spokesman stated that 99% of the population would be convinced of the photograph's genuinness. No evidence of fraud has yet been disclosed.

On the 23rd November, a weird object with flames shooting from all sides whistled and roared around the skies of Southern Melbourne between 8.45 - 9.45 p.m. Switchboards at the Melbourne Argus Office were jammed with calls. The object was last reported out to sea by members of a fishing boat. No official comment was made on the sighting.

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The November issue of the APRO Bulletin just received, reports the details of many claimed landing incidents. I close this Editorial with the thought provoking incident which is regarded by the Director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, as being a genuine incident. This organisation casts the claims of Adamski, Bethurn, Fry, and other 'contactors' to the hoax pile without any ado - so read on ----

PETARE, VENEZUELA:

New information tending to corroborate the story of Gustavo Gonzales, is the report that an object meeting the same description as that in the Gonzales case, was sighted in Venezuela two hours prior to the incident. APRO member is attempting to get a personal interview with the men involved.

WATCH THIS ONE! Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Rolas, both of Caracas, write that people are deeply concerned over this incident, and they believe that something big might break soon - at least in Venezuela. It might be interesting to see whether the American press carries any details of this one.

HERE'S THE WHOLE STORY -- and probably the most important one in the year of 1954. On November 28th, at 2 a.m., Gustavo Gonzales and his helper, Jose Ponce set out for Petare, (20 minutes ride from Caracas and one of the suburbs) to purchase foodstuffs for delivery to markets. They were in a panel truck, which they use in their delivery service, and upon reaching a street which leads to a Sausage Factory, were startled to see a luminous sphere some 8 to 10 feet in diameter blocking the street. It was hovering six ft. above ground.

Both Gonzales and Ponce got out of the truck to investigate, and saw a dwarfish man coming towards them. Gonzales grabbed the little man and lifted him off the ground, intending to put him in the truck, and was surprised by the lightness of the man. Gonzales says that the feel of the body was as of stiff hair, and hard. The man gave him a push which knocked him 15 ft. away. Ponce verifies this as he watched the scuffle, but when he saw that with one push of his arm he threw Gustavo such a distance, he took off for the Traffic Inspector's office which happened to be just around the corner.

Ponce also said that what made him run was the fact that he saw two other little men emerging from the bushes with what looked like hunks of dirt in their hands. These little men leaped into the sphere through an opening in the side. The man with whom Gustavo had grappled then leaped into the air about six feet, then toward him, his eyes glowing. Scared to death, Gustavo pulled a scout knife he had on him, and as the creature approached him with claws extended, he made a stab at the creature's shoulder, but to his surprise the blade slid off and did not penetrate. At this moment another creature emerged from the sphere holding some sort of tube, and shone a ray of light on him which blinded him momentarily. He made out that all the creatures then jumped into the sphere, which shot up into the air and was lost to sight within a few seconds.

Overcome with exhaustion and fright, the men, Gustavo and Ponce, related their story to the Traffic Inspectors on duty, who thought they were drunk. Examination proved they had not had anything to drink. Police later said that if the men had been drinking they would have been arrested for drunken driving. Both men were given sedatives, and at the present, Gustavo Gonzales is under observation by Doctors who are observing the reddish mark left on his side.

Another man, a typesetter, immediately came forward to report the incident which he had held secret because of his fear of ridicule. This man, on the 4th November, was hunting on his launch in the Delta district when he saw a luminous sphere suspended off the ground a little way in from the shore. The semi-civilised Indians with him fled in terror, but he approached, tied up the launch, and hid behind the bushes and rocks to watch. He saw three or four creatures of dwarfish size making repeated trips to the sphere with

dirt in their hands.

That is the story APRO members, we got a short report and held up this issue hoping for more information, which we have presented here. Because of the details, the apparently serious attitude of police and citizens of Caracas, plus the physical evidence left behind in the mark on Gonzales' body, we believe this account true, and the most spectacular report we have ever received to date.

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C.S.I. 4TH GENERAL MEETING: 1/12/54.

The fourth General Meeting of C.S.I. proved a most successful evening. Some 85 people were in attendance, completely filling the city hall hired. They were C.S.I. members and their guests. An address was given by C.S.I. President Mr. H.H. Fulton, during which he gave a survey of the most interesting and recent happenings attributed to "Flying Saucers". The latter part of the address consisted of a brief survey of recent astronomical findings on the planet Mars. Some excellent coloured Lantern Slides of the planet Mars were kindly screened by Mr. Beaumont, a prominent member of the Auckland Astronomical Society. These coloured slides added real support to the talk on Mars. All ladies who assisted with the grand supper are sincerely thanked for a task well done. The President was really surprised to meet members who had travelled long distances to attend the meeting, one man coming from Hawkes Bay.

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Due to absences on Christmas holidays, and other contributing factors, the next General Meeting may not be held until March, 1955. However, if possible a General Meeting will be held before that date - in any event members will be notified. Mr. Fulton will be absent (At Ohakea Air Base) from the 10th January to the 20th February, 1955, inclusive.

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OFFICIAL C.S.I. BADGE: C.S.I. Badges are now available, and the twenty odd members who have forwarded their 7/6d. will shortly receive them. If you are a member and would like a badge that will not give your connection away to outsiders, send in your order right away. The badge is a rectangular shape, 5/8" x 5/16ths inch, has a silver frame surrounding the initials C.S.I., equally spaced within the rectangle. In the centre a golden-yellow ellipsoid with a royal blue enamel background.

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THIS MAGAZINE: This issue is larger than normal, and the stencils have been cut by a Commercial Typist. We hope you find the magazine easier reading, and the information extremely interesting. Please let us know if you are satisfied. Cost of raw materials and typist's fees to produce 200 odd copies amount to £12. At home on Xmas leave the Editor has been working very hard to get this issue finished and out to you. He will be absent at Ohakea w.e.f. from 10/1/55 to 20/2/55, so he hopes you will pardon him if the March issue is a little late. If you wish to contact him direct during his absence, write to Sgt. H. Fulton, Sgts. Mess, R.N.Z.A.F., Ohakea.

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FIRE-BALLS

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METEORIC FIRE-BALLS: Even today Astronomers and Meteorologists are not wholly agreed on the term "Fire-balls", yet it applies in both their worlds. The astronomer deals with the subject in meteoritology, the meteorologist in meteorology, yet the Fire-ball of one has no relationship to the Fire-ball of the other.

Taking meteoritics first: Shooting Stars (Meteors) are of common occurrence but not so sporadic as some people imagine, coming from as many as a dozen set Radiant Points from the direction of an equal number of constellations at seasonal times.

We pass to those other Luminous Meteors which are probably identical with Shooting Stars in their nature, but which manifest themselves in more pretentious form. These we call "Fire-balls"; they appear suddenly and are usually noiseless, though sometimes an explosion is heard, which may or may not result in the descent to the earth of an Aerolite (i.e. stone from the air - Gr.) or the broken up fragments of an Aerolite. Their form is generally pear-shaped, the thin end of the pear giving forth sparks, seemingly incandescent matter proceeding from an incandescent nucleus; which sparks often remain visible for many minutes, and drift slowly away from the point of apparition, doubtless under the influence of wind currents.

So far the origin of this type of Fire-ball is unknown, and the hot stones found on the earth's surface may be aerolitic or from Meteorites (i.e. Shooting Stars which hit the earth), or both. It has been suggested that these Fire-balls are fragments of Comets or an extinct and broken up Planet.

METEORIC PROCESSION OF 1913: Perhaps the most remarkable example of this type of phenomenon was the "Meteoroid Procession" of February 9th, 1913. This wonderful group of Fire-balls was first seen over Canada, and having travelled about 5,700 miles was last seen over the Atlantic but still going toward the Southeast.

It consisted of four or five groups of forty to sixty members each. Along the observed part of their path their height was only about 35 miles. At many of the Canadian stations their passage produced sounds like thunder, and at eight stations even houses were shaken. A similar phenomenon was seen at Cairo in A.D. 1029, although the record is brief.

THE FARMINGTON AFFAIR: There seems to be some resemblance in the "Meteoric Procession of 1913" and the Farmington, New Mexico sighting. This sighting occurred on March 17th, 1950. The following day the headlines of the Las Vegas, New Mexico "Daily Optic" read "Spaceships Cause Sensation", and eight columns of space were devoted to a story from nearby Farmington, a township of 5,000 residents, a story that fully half the town's population had the previous day sighted hundreds of spaceships soaring overhead, from 10.15 in the morning until 11.15 a.m., and again at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

March 17th was a clear day in Farmington, with only a faint scattering of high cirrus clouds, and there were no strong winds. But at 10.15, the Farmington "Daily Times" was suddenly deluged with scores of reports that a mass flight of disc-shaped objects was rushing across the sky in solid waves. The hundreds of people witnessing their amazing flight, including residents, businessmen and police, were soon joined by the staff of the "Daily Times", whose Advertising Manager, Mr. Clayton Boddy, with a group of business associates, watched one flight go over. They said the objects were definitely discs, and that they "tended to flutter". The objects streaked across Farmington at tremendous speeds, so fast that it was almost unbelievable, and one estimate placed the actual number at more than 500.

Most observers agreed that, further, the objects were silver coloured, and some witnesses added that the only differently coloured one was an unusually red one. This one seemed to be the only one of them flying at a moderate height, yet even in its case, observers swore it had gone from horizon to horizon in less than a brief three seconds. An estimate of the object's size placed this at about twice the immensity of a B29 Bomber.

For hours calls poured into the "Daily Times" office from people seeking an official explanation of the object's origin. Pilots and others noted, for one thing, that many of the aerial visitors performed right-angled turns, an impossible feat even for the latest model jet, rocket, or in fact any kind of conventional aircraft. A Farmington garage employee said that their speed was 10 times that of a normal, terrestrial jet-plane, and that although they appeared sometimes to be swooping directly towards each other in flight, at the very last second one would veer upwards at right angles, whilst the other swooped just as sharply downwards.

Another witness, Mr. Edward Brooks, who has been a B2 tail-gunner in the U.S. Airforce, refuted the suggestion that the speedy objects might have been ordinary aircraft, because they were too manoeuvrable. Yet another observer, reported the "Daily Times" the next morning, said, "They flew sideways, on edge, and at every conceivable angle, which made it easy to determine that they were saucer-shaped."

Almost simultaneously with the Farmington and Las Vegas viewings, reports came from places as far away as South Carolina and Peru, confirming the New Mexican claims.

ATMOSPHERIC FIRE-BALLS: These Fire-balls belong to the meteorological category, as they are not bolides, but an electrical phenomenon, almost always occurring when differences of electrical potential in the atmosphere become sufficiently great to produce a lightning stroke.

There are many forms of lightning, such as sheet, streak, beaded, ribbon, forked, heat and globular or ball lightning. The last mentioned has been the subject of much discussion for many years, some maintaining that it was an optical illusion, while others maintain that the rather considerable evidence on the part of many observers, some of whom appear to be well qualified, leaves no doubt as to the existence of ball lightning.

Walter Brand, in Germany, from 600 accounts of ball lightning, selected 215, which appeared to substantiate the existence of ball lightning. Ball lightning may be described as a luminous ball, often, blood red in colour, with an average diameter of 20 cm. When it emerges from the cloud travelling toward the earth, its velocity may be as high as 100 m. per second, while near the earth its velocity is much slower, being 1-2 m. per second. Usually the ball explodes after an average life of 3 to 5 seconds.

F. Wolf suggested the possibility that ball-lightning is the result of incomplete beaded lightning associated with very small values of current. He mentioned that the phenomenon is obscure and no really reliable explanation has been developed.

It may be mentioned that there have been quite a number of recorded cases of very slow moving Fire-balls whose average speed would approximate between 5 and 10 m.p.h., the slower their motion the less seems the danger. Fire-balls of this type have entered houses during electrical storms and exploded faintly therein, without causing hurt or damage. Occasionally they have dissolved without noise. A woman reported having seen one enter by the door, skim along the mantleshelf and leave through an open window, its path apparently being dependent on air current.

A few years ago an eye-witness informed me of seeing two Fire-balls simultaneously in the heart of Sydney, one of which ran along the overhead tramway wires and which burst with a faint sound but caused no damage. The incident occurred during a thunderstorm and was witnessed by a number of people.

Another kind of Fire-ball, known as St. Elmo's Fires, usually occurs in quite fine weather, more often at sea when it will run along the rigging and yard arms, masts, etc., of ships, it not being unusual to see several operating simultaneously, finishing their course at the extremities of masts and yard arms, where they emit a bright glow. A slight hissing or crackling sound is heard from them. Columbus reported them on his ship. Sailors know these electrical manifestations as "corposants" and erroneously regard them as presaging bad weather. These fires are unattended by any injury to persons or property. Formerly sailors regarded them as of ill omen, and they were greatly feared and dreaded.

We turn now to a non-electric source of wonder; Ignis Fatuus, a gaseous form which is only occasionally globular and assumes numerous shapes. It is better known under more familiar terms such as will-o'-the-wisp and jack-o'-lantern. It consists of a pale flame, sometimes seen flickering over or adjacent to marshy ground, and it is said, over churchyards.

In days gone by many were the awesome tales woven around these spectres. Men and women reported that when in these areas they had been followed by ghosts who closely trailed them, however fast they walked or ran. The natural explanation is that in their travel the persons created a partial vacuum in their rear as they walked and this was filled by the pursuant gas form.

No entirely satisfactory explanation has been put forward, but it is generally believed that the effect is due to the spontaneous ignition of gases (especially Methane or Marsh Gas CH_4) produced by the disintegration of dead plant and, possibly, animal matter. In Southern Europe it has long been known as Fata Morgana and the superstition regarding it is not yet wholly dispelled.

THUNDERBOLT: Reverting to electro-atmospheric phenomena; the word "Thunderbolt" is sometimes applied, but erroneously, to a meteoric stone or meteorite. Formerly a thunderbolt was considered to be a bolt, shaft or dart acting as the destructive agent in a lightning flash when it strikes anything. Whether the bolt or bolt-head is of globular form or not, appears to be unknown. Severe streak-lightning and thunderbolts seem to have a close affinity but whether they are identical is open to question.

Whatever they are, the accounts of their destructive effects are legion, and as a conclusion regarding them, the most recent report is appended.

The Hobart "Mercury" (19th Oct., 1954) headlined its report "FIRE-BALL PANICS SYDNEY".

"Pandemonium broke out in the Sydney suburb of Belmore yesterday when a Fire-ball shot across three closely-settled streets during a severe electrical storm. Bursting directly over homes, it snapped electric wires, strewed them in the street, and set gas mains on fire. Dozens of screaming women and children had miraculous escapes from death. Four homes were almost totally wrecked and a dozen more badly damaged. The Fire-ball cut a mile long swathe of destruction as it shot through the area with a mighty explosion. Bricks, tiles, and fences were shot high in the air. Police went from door to door offering help to distressed families, some of whom were hysterical with terror.

During more than four hours of wild electric storms through the city, various suburbs were battered by roaring willy-willies, lashing winds and deluging rains. Roofs were lifted whole from houses at scattered points. At Rose Bay Flying-Boat Base a willy-willy caused a high water spout. It shot through small craft nearby and sent airline staff rushing for protection in hangars as it veered shorewards.

It toppled heavy steel equipment at the base as if it were matchwood. At St. Peter's a Fire-ball crashed into an electric light pole sending up a shower of sparks. People sheltering from the storm under a nearby shop awning, narrowly escaped injury as splinters of the pole and its fittings flew around them.

GREEN FIRE-BALLS - MYSTERY: Prior to December, 1948, the writer was unaware of such things as "Green Fire-balls", nor after many searchings can he find any previous reference to such phenomenon. Yet since December, 1948, Green Fire-balls have been reported from every continent in the world: their visits have been frequent and their pattern, in the main, constant.

To date, astronomers are baffled in their attempts to find a reasonable explanation as to what they are or from whence they come, though some consider them as being of meteoric origin. Dr. Peter Millman, Canada's leading astrophysicist, admits he cannot explain them.

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the New Mexico Institute of Meteorics, after studying the subject says "They are not any kind of Meteor I have ever heard of." His statement is not surprising as copper is not found in meteorites, and in iron meteorites the copper content is of 0.02%, too small an amount to suffuse a brilliant green glow.

The latest report to hand is from Wadestown, Wellington, New Zealand, where a Wadestown man reported his sighting to Mr. I.L. Thompson, Director of the Carter Observatory. On the 22nd September, 1954, a large, moon-size meteor was seen travelling North at 7.35 p.m. that night, and according to reports received by Mr. Thompson the meteor was of a pale green colour and left a trail behind it.

Tracing backward, the next reports (3 official and one private) are significant inasmuch as the green Fire-balls were all seen in the vicinity of Tasmania's largest airfield which is being extended considerably during the current year to accommodate the world's largest aircraft.

METEOR REPORTS RECEIVED FROM CAMBRIDGE
AERODROME, HOBART:

DATE:

DETAILS:

18/7/54.
5.47 a.m.

At bearing 355° from Tower a large green ball of light about the size of a full moon seemed to suddenly appear from about 40° above the horizon to go straight down towards the horizon, numerous parts with red particles appearing to shoot off into different directions.

19/7/54.
8 p.m.

In position about due South of Control Tower, Cambridge Aerodrome, a Green ball of light similar to previous evening seemed to appear to go in a horizontal direction from about 40° above the horizon and explode over the neighbouring Sandford area a few seconds later. Lit up the whole landscape.

21/7/54.

8.45 p.m. Small Green ball of light appeared South-West direction of Aerodrome to emerge from out of clouds and disappeared behind nearby hill. Lit up landscape but not as brilliant as those seen by observers mentioned previously.

The next report concerns a Tasmanian sighting by Mr. J.M. Day (Vice-President of the Tasmanian Interplanetary Group) on the 22nd June, 1954, who, with his wife, witnessed a green phosphorescent Fire-ball suddenly appearing in the sky, travelling in an East to West direction. Nearly as suddenly as it appeared it was lost to sight and in its place a trail of red sparks appeared.

A recent article by Mr. J. Guien, from the French "Ouranos" enumerates a few of the many explanations advanced for 'aeroforms, Fireballs, and aerial explosions. His map of France shows sightings of various kinds for nearly every province; classified by location and time with a good bibliography.

Capt. E.J. Ruppel (head of the official U.S.A.F. Project Bluebook, 1951-53) states that "Green Fire-balls" by their behaviour indicate no suggestion of a meteoric theory of origin, and their identity remains a mystery. As astronomers, scientists, and others can offer, so far, no generally acceptable theory or explanation relevant to green Fire-balls, the subject becomes inextricably mixed with "Flying Saucer" phenomena, upon which perhaps no fully authenticated book has yet been written.

This particular field embraces several hundred groups and societies and in this quarter of the globe, i.e. Australasia - such names as Mr. E.R. Jerrold (President A.F.S.B.), Mr. H.H. Fulton (President C.S.I. - N.Z.), are outstanding.

The A.F.S. Magazine (March, 1954, issue) gave a number of reports alluding to a spate of green Fire-balls visitations occurring in Australia in January and February, 1954. Bright Emerald Green Fire-balls were seen independently by a number of men and women; their sizes being given as from one and a half to twice the size of a full moon. The objects moved slowly and silently through the sky, and appeared to explode like a bubble. The Editor conjectured that the report may presage local bombardments on an intense scale, comparable to those experienced in the U.S.A., and he opined that it may be a new phase whereby extra-terrestrial intelligences are nearing earth for a closer inspection. It was suggested that a superstitious "fear of the unknown" acted as a brake of advancement scientifically and generally.

The green Fire-balls over the U.S.A. were particularly noticeable in New Mexico and the Southwest, where the first visitations occurred in December, 1948. They were described as moving silently, at meteor speed, but - unlike meteors - on a straight course. Sometimes as exploding silently - over uninhabited areas of the Southwest.

Mr. Donald Keyhoe (U.S.A.) describes them as coming thick and fast and makes several references to them in his writings. The writer may not agree wholly with Keyhoe's deductions, but considers that Keyhoe seeks the truth of things, avoiding the science-fiction stance, and recording the factual. The Green Fire-balls have been sighted in Eastern American states and down in the Caribbean, but the Southwest seems to get most of them. Ordinary meteors usually leave some trace when they explode, but U.S.A.F. search parties have not found a thing. They set up a special project "Twinkle". Several of the bright green Fire-balls were tracked, using triangulation, up to the moment of explosion at a speed of about 40,000 miles per hour.

Keyhoe suggests that these are guided missiles (not necessarily harmful) from space. He reports that a strange reddish light was seen at Albuquerque, where green Fire-balls had also been seen. The thing ("Saucer" Keyhoe calls it) came in at about 500 ft., then it suddenly dropped down to 200 ft. and exploded in a red spray, near the airport. This happened on three other nights - same place, same hour. Keyhoe suggests that they were flash bombs exploded by remote control, in ranging tests. The Air Weather Service said they were not balloons of any kind.

Gerald Heard, in his book "IS ANOTHER WORLD WATCHING ?" (1950), cites the following report:-

"On the 8th August, 1950, at 3.38 a.m. a green light appeared. It lit up a large area of countryside. The centre of the illumination seems to have been just north of Orange County. It was seen over four counties; Los Angeles, San Bernadino, San Diego, Riverside - that means that its light covered the greater part of the State of California, South of the City of Los Angeles and North as far as Santa Monica Bay.

One careful observer noted that it lit up the countryside for 90 seconds. Down at San Diego it was so bright that an observer at 3.45 a.m. said that the whole sky was alight - like a giant flash bulb of a photographer's camera.

Most people considered it a meteor. The green flash was, some said, followed by a white glare but many air authorities doubted - and with reason - whether it was meteoric. For either the meteor would be travelling obliquely to the surface of the earth and then its immense speed would carry it so fast that the light would quickly die away from where it was first seen; or, it would be coming down directly, vertically, when it would strike the earth or at least explode not far above the earth and the noise of even a small meteor exploding is emphatic. But in this instance no sound was reported.

So it remains 'unidentified' - but not unaccompanied. For the next night it was the turn for "up-coast", and from Salem, Oregon, up to Seattle, Washington, another huge but silent glare lit similarly the night sky. - And still they come"

The subject has only been fringed here, in simplified form, especially the latter part, which can only be considered as an elementary form of introduction to a new-found science whose manifold ramifications spread to the out-reaches of time and space.

Some men must and will pause from their common diurnal task to assess the values which encompass them; 'tis well the fisherman knows the tide's turn. A turn seems imminent in the relative affairs of men, mind and matter. Will it be gradual or as a thunderclap ?

Perhaps in our urgent pursuit of understanding, we may gain a foreknowledge which will better prepare us to meet our destiny !

The I.R.G. is presently engaged in research on this subject, and will welcome information.

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FURTHER PROOF THAT FLYING SAUCERS EXIST?

NAVY RADAR AT NOWRA AIR STATION SOUTH OF SYDNEY, PICKED UP TWO OBJECTS, BELIEVED TO BE FLYING SAUCERS, THE MELBOURNE HERALD SAID TODAY.

The paper said the Minister of the Navy, Mr. Josiah Francis, who was visiting Nowra, told how a Royal Australian Navy pilot flying back to Nowra after dark, was joined in the air by two strange aircraft, resembling Flying Saucers. The pilot reported to the Nowra Air Controller, whose radar showed three aircraft flying together. The Navy pilot identified himself by moving according to plan. The pilot said, after landing, the two objects were much faster than his Seafury fighter. No other planes fast enough to keep him company were in the air at the time. The Navy said the identity of the 'Saucers' remains undiscovered.

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450-KNOT SEAFURY WAS "BUZZED" BY TWO "SAUCERS".

The "Melbourne Herald" today identified the Royal Australian Navy "Flying Saucer" pilot as Lt. RO. Farrell, of Sydney. The paper said the authorities were still keeping the incident, where a Navy Seafury pilot and radar crews reported two fast-flying objects over New South Wales, "hush-hush". But the Navy was giving no indication whether it was taking the reports seriously or was making an investigation .

THE "HERALD" SAYS THAT THE PILOT'S STORY WAS THAT HE WAS FLYING NORTH OF CANBERRA WHEN HE WAS SUDDENLY "BUZZED" BY THE SAUCERS. THE OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE LIGHTED AND CAPABLE OF FAR HIGHER SPEEDS THAN HIS 450 KNOT PROPELLOR-DRIVEN FIGHTER.

The Pilot, fearing that he might be "ragged" on his return, asked for a radar check on his position before he reported the sighting. Air control told him that the radar showed three objects together, and asked him to make a manoeuvre so that they could identify him. The pilot then told his story, and the radar followed the objects until they went out of range.

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JANUARY ISSUE OF "JUNIOR DIGEST".

As a result of a competition offered Junior Digest readers following J.D. publication of Mr. Fulton's recorded talk on Flying Saucers to the Editor of that publication, the January issue of the children's magazine will carry Mr. Fulton's answers to ten leading "Saucer" questions submitted by readers of Junior Digest. The editor of this magazine spent two whole days hard work writing up the answers to these questions.

RADAR

SCIENTIST'S DISCOVERY

PICKED UP ON MANY RADAR SCREENS.

RADAR OPERATORS OVER A LARGE PART OF BRITAIN ARE WATCHING THEIR SCREENS CLOSELY FOR THE NEXT APPEARANCE OF A MYSTERY FORMATION IN THE SKY WHICH HAS THE DEFENCE EXPERTS BAFFLED. SIX TIMES IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS A STRANGE PATTERN OF DOTS - THE RADAR MEN CALL THEM "BLIPS" - HAVE BEEN PLOTTED ON THEIR SCREENS, MOVING FROM EAST TO WEST.

Neither the War Office, which controls inland radar, nor the Air Ministry, can say what these "blips" represent. A careful check has shown that they have not been caused by any identifiable aircraft.

TWO MILES UP:

The most recent appearance was last Monday. THEY APPEAR FROM NOWHERE, USUALLY ABOUT MIDDAY, FLYING AT A HEIGHT OF 12,000 FT., IN AN EAST TO WEST DIRECTION.

First seen by a civilian radar scientist, they have since been plotted by all the radar sites in the area. They have been seen both on fine and on cloudy mornings, and always in the same form.

"Z" FORMATION:

This is how a War Office spokesman described them to me:-

"We cannot say what they are. THEY FIRST APPEAR IN A 'U' OR BADLY SHAPED HAIRPIN FORMATION. AFTER A TIME THEY CONVERGE INTO TWO PARALLEL LINES AND THEN TAKE UP A 'Z' FORMATION BEFORE DISAPPEARING."

"They are invisible to the human eye, but on the radar screen they appear as lots and lots of dots formed by between 40 and 50 echos. They cover an area in the sky miles and miles wide."

AREA KEPT SECRET:

"Every time they have been seen they followed the same pattern. It was always around midday. We have checked and found that our sets are not faulty. We are still maintaining a watch. All our sets in the area have picked them up."

I WAS TOLD THAT THE AREA OVER WHICH THESE OBJECTS ARE SEEN MUST REMAIN A SECRET.

What can they be? When I spoke to one man who had seen them he told me he had been given very high-level orders to maintain the utmost secrecy.

"WORRIED":

"And even if I did know what they are, I am too worried myself to say anything", he explained.

At the Air Ministry I was told that there are many objects, such as meteorological balloons, experimental aircraft, carrier pigeons with metal rings on their legs, and even toy kites which could form an image on a radar screen.

There are also many natural phenomena, such as electrical storms, lightning, meteorites, which puzzle the operator.

NOT BIRDS:

But the radar specialists know all about those things, and none of them produces such regular and repeated patterns. Even birds which fly in formation would not show on a radar screen.

WHATEVER THE OBJECTS ARE, MAN-MADE, FROM SPACE, OR A FREAK OF NATURE, THEY DO EXIST.

And they have been seen on many different radar screens over a large area. On facts, they cannot be dismissed as coincidences.

Extract - London "Sunday Dispatch" 7th November 1954

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SPECIAL EDITION OF (EC) AN AMERICAN ILLUSTRATED COMIC.

C.S.I. has six Dollars worth of this beautifully illustrated Special Comic, recently released by the Fables Publishing Company. U.S.A. They issued the contents of this comic as an open and direct challenge to the American Air Force - to embarrass them into revealing the true story and explanation of the numerous "Unidentified Flying Objects" which frequent Earth skies. The comic accurately illustrates 30 odd cases of the most outstanding "Flying Saucer Incidents". All material used is a factual reproduction of genuine incidents, using actual names, places and quotes. Send 1/6 to C.S.I. Headquarters if you desire a copy. Expected in about a month's time.

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LETTER FROM MR. DESMOND LESLIE, Co-Author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed".

A letter from Mr. Desmond Leslie addressed to the President was recently received. Mr. Leslie states his interest in our work, and enclosed a subscription to our magazine. He reports that he was in Rome recently, when Flying Saucers were being reported every day.

He also says, "I have just returned from a three months visit to America, I spent two months with George Adamski whom I had not met until June (1954), and I was most impressed with him as a man and by his integrity and sincerity. I also interviewed Bethurum, Fry, and others, who have had close connections with Saucers. My impression is that all these people are telling the truth. Have you any reports of landings in your part of the world."

36, South Lodge,
Grove End Road, London. N.W.8.

Yours sincerely, DESMOND LESLIE.

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NEW REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. Jack Flower of Whangarei has been appointed, and has accepted the position of North Auckland Representative to C.S.I. Mr. Flower has been a most active and helpful member in this Northern theatre.

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NEW ZEALAND

STRANGE OBJECTS STILL FREQUENT N.Z. SKIES.

Due to the large amount of material for inclusion in this December, 1954, issue, details of reported "sightings" may be brief at times. The observations listed in this issue consist of all reports received by C.S.I. since the September issue went to press.

Our special thanks to Helensville, Whangarei, Nelson, Christchurch, and Dunedin Representatives and members for their personal efforts to keep us informed of all local happenings not necessarily reported in the Press.

We are receiving first-hand accounts from some of our Australian members and correspondents, and these will be listed later in the form of a special release of Australian sightings. Thank you sincerely Australian associates. Much valued material continues to arrive from overseas kindred groups, C.S.I. representatives, and correspondents located in many countries. All material received is greatly appreciated, and our sincere thanks goes out to all these good people.

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REPORTED OBSERVATIONS.

MANAWATU EVENING STANDARD, 24th September, 1954.

23/9/54. Mrs. Drumm, a resident of Bulls near Ohakea, witnessed the following at 4.20 a.m. "It was just like seeing Superman -- the object was like two Flying Saucers or motor-car hub caps locked together. The object was surrounded by a fiery mass of flame which produced a strong halo effect; it was rising at terrific speed straight up, and finally disappearing through cloud. Mr. Collins, a Met. officer at Ohakea, explained away the sighting in the following day's Press, it was only a radar Met. balloon he said. Mr. Collins expressed his pleasure in being able to shoot down another Saucer - C.S.I. is not so sure that Mr. Collins' explanation is the correct one. Similarly described UFO's have been reported from all parts of the world, inclusive of those reported by experienced pilots who have flown abreast of them in the air.

CHRISTCHURCH "STAR-SUN". 29/9/54 -- Otago Daily Times 29/9/54 & 1/10/54.

28/9/54. Approximately 12 persons reported sighting a greenish-blue sphere of light at varying times between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Two separate parties reported sighting similarly coloured rocket shaped objects trailing sparks. The officers of two coastal ships at sea made the following report to the "Star-Sun".-

"When the motor vessel "Picton" was passing Banks Peninsula near Lyttelton Heads last night, crew members reported a greenish flash in the sky which later disintegrated. The Master, Capt. D. Dewey, reported this on arrival at Picton. At 10 p.m. the pilot launch left Lyttelton to check on the blue flash area, but reported later that nothing was found."

Captain M.M. McArthur, Master of the "Holmwood" reported on arrival at Lyttelton that at 10 p.m. on leaving Timaru Harbour, a greenish ball of light that lit up the whole area and travelled at a high altitude in North-East direction as witnessed by himself and crew members. He took it to be a meteor.'

C.S.I. considers this observation to be one of the "Shooting Blue Moons" that have frequented Earth skies, particularly in the last 7 years. For a meteor to be around for a period of two hours, occasionally making blue flashes, disintegrating, trailing coloured sparks, and taking on rocket shape to some observers, is extremely unlikely. The reported times of observation of the phenomena from the two vessels were also well separated. Distinguished overseas astronomers do not classify this phenomena as having meteoric origin, they admit being quite unable to explain it.

THE MARLBOROUGH EXPRESS, 5th October, 1954.

3/10/54. Bright lights in the sky of an unusual nature, reported by residents of Onamalutu, caused enquiries to be made to the Carter Observatory, Wellington. Mr. Thomsen promised to forward to all people interested in correctly interpreting sky phenomena, "A small book with all the details."

WANGANUI CHRONICLE, 7th October, 1954.

6/10/54. A resident of Castlecliffe reports a most spectacular star visible in the western sky at 7.15 p.m. He said it looked like an Aircraft light which was studded with diamonds. On observing the light through glasses, the shape of the object looked more peculiar.

DUNEDIN EVENING STAR 7th October, 1954.

6/10/54. A group of Ravensbourne residents reported a most unusual light above the city. They watched it for three hours, from 8.15 p.m. to 10.50 p.m. Between 10.30 p.m. and 10.50 p.m. the light lost brilliance, then suddenly it regained its former brilliance with the addition of a vertical beam of light. Shortly after this the light descended and disappeared behind the Cortorphine Hills.

PRIVATE REPORT FROM MR. SAUNDERS:

8/10/54. A Murrays Bay resident reported that he saw two peculiar red lights in the sky above Rangitoto at 7.30 p.m. (Note this group of similar reports from widely separated areas within a period of four days.)

A most extraordinary report was received a few days after this incident, from a Napier member of C.S.I. Mr. Stevens report to C.S.I.:-

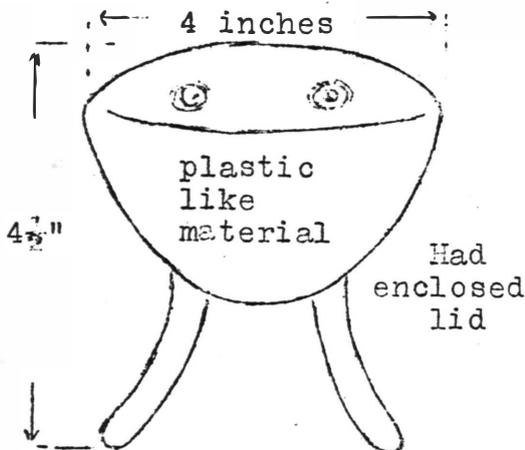
16/10/54. At 2.30 p.m. this day Mr. Stevens was standing on the Napier Wharf watching crew members of the Government survey vessel "Lochlan" (3566) making minor repairs. Suddenly Mr. Stevens' attention was drawn to a hissing sound immediately overhead. Looking up, he was startled to see a whirling intensely blue object falling rapidly. Mr. Stevens made to catch it, decided at that moment that it may be hot, so did not try to do so. The object hit the wharf -- bounced 12 ft. and fell back on to the deck of the survey vessel. A member of the crew had seen the object hit the deck, and after finishing his task (about ten minutes later) came and picked up the plastic-like bowl-shaped object with this exclamation: "What's this! Have you ever seen anything like this before?" Crew members gathered around and confirmed the unusualness of the find.

Mr. Stevens, in his report to us, includes a sketch of the object. He feels that the two prong-like extensions at the bottom were the spinning portion and so made the hissing sound. He hurried home, obtained his C.S.I. Certificate and papers, and returned to the wharf. Mr. Stevens introduced himself to Lt. Price the Master of the vessel, told him of his C.S.I. connections, and then

requested that he might have the strange object which had been seen to fall from a clear sky. He was informed that it had been flung overboard as it was considered of no value. Mr. Steven was disgusted with this action on their part, but could not really believe that the officers would have thrown away the curio. The President of C.S.I. tried to contact the "Lochlan" a few days later when a brief visit to Auckland was made, but he was unsuccessful, so he reported the matter to a member of C.S.I. who has an official interest in such matters.

No further information has reached Headquarters from either Mr. Steven or the official source the data was handed on to. What do you think this object may have been? Has a piece of solid material evidence slipped our grasp which may have provided real proof of Flying Saucers? Was the object a "Seeing Eye" which failed to return from a mission; they have been reported many times from overseas sources, but this is the first time we have heard of one failing to rise away again after a close inspection of whatever it may have been most interested in - and relaying to a mother ship perhaps high up out of sight of ground observers. We have no reason to doubt Mr. Steven's word as yet.

A SKETCH OF THE OBJECT.



PRIVATE REPORT FROM MR. SAUNDERS.

19/10/54. Object sighted at 9.31 p.m. approaching on a horizontal course, accompanied by a low humming sound. Mr. Saunders reported that the object's speed was great and that he had it under observation for one minute; a blue flash lit the sky as the object disappeared.

BAY OF PLENTY TIMES, 25th Oct, 1954.

24/10/54. Mr. D. Burrett of Tauranga reports that at 1.40 a.m. he had seen a strange cylindrical or spherical object (shining) travelling in a south-western direction at a great altitude.

After watching the object for ten minutes it changed direction to the north and disappeared travelling rapidly. Mr. Burrett made no claims that it was a "Flying Saucer", he feels that it may have been a balloon or the work of a practical joker. He was, however, impressed by his thought-provoking observation.

PRIVATE REPORT FROM MR. SAUNDERS:

30/10/54. At 9.30 a.m. Mr. Saunders was driving in the Milford (Auckland) area when "I suddenly spotted and drew the attention of my two companions to two fast forming vapour trails high in the sky, it was evident that objects (invisible to us) must have been travelling at great speed." Later that day Mr. Saunders called on a friend at Milford. His friend had also seen and photographed the vapour trails. (The President of C.S.I. is a regular member of the R.N.Z.A.F. at Whenuapai and is attached to No. 1 Auckland Territorial Squadron. On Saturday the 30th October, pilots of the Squadron were on high altitude formation exercises, they may have formed the vapour trails. The Mustangs were operating at altitudes up to 30,000 feet.)

PRIVATE REPORT FROM MR. ELLIS DUDGEON, C.S.I. Nelson Member:

4/11/54. At 10.10 a.m. Mr. Dudgeon was sitting on the doorstep admiring a beautiful cloud formation, when he spotted high in the sky a rectangular translucent object moving East at a slower pace than cloud of similar altitude.

the object had clear cut edges, was bright as frosted glass with sunlight shining through it. Mr. Dudgeon estimated the object to be about 30 - 40 ft. at it's greatest width, and moving East at 30 to 40 m.p.h. During the time he made the observation, Mr. Dudgeon noted a great deal of "cobweb or thistle-down-like substance" in the air; he reflected that it was too early in the season for thistle-down. Observed for ten seconds, disappeared in Sun's corona.

DUNEDIN EVENING STAR, CHRISTCHURCH STAR-SUN, GREYMOUTH EVENING STAR, 5th Nov., 1954.

4/11/54. Between 8 p.m and 10 p.m. on the evening of the 4th November, strange lights and objects were seen in many parts of the South Island, Groups of observers in Greymouth, Inchbonnie, Gray Valley, Dunedin, and individuals in Nelson and Christchurch reported fast flying lights, discs, and ovals moving rapidly across the heavens in southerly, westerly, and northerly directions. The brilliant white ball of light seen from Dunedin and Greymouth areas was estimated from both areas to be flying horizontally at approximately 1,000 M.P.H. at 1,000 to 1,500 feet. The light was trailing sparks, as do most meteors, but it was not seen to explode at termination of flight, but disappeared with distance to the south. No sound was reported by any witnesses. All observers were very impressed by the observation; a few reported that the object was football shaped, and blue-lit portholes could be seen. The Christchurch witness saw a clear cut disc about 2 ft. in diameter. Mr. Caterall, a Foreman Electrician of Nelson (report from Mr. Dudgeon) sighted an oval shaped yellowish coloured object flying west below cloud at approximately 4,000 ft. To C.S.I. this evidence of the presence in our skies of something other than meteors or astronomical moonshine is clearly evident. Two Dunedin members of C.S.I. were also witness to the local sighting. Many N.Z. papers covered this report.

PRIVATE REPORT FROM MR. SAUNDERS:

11/11/54. At 10.35 p.m. a large greenish object falling in curving flight preceded by brilliant green flash travelling from east to southwest. Appeared to halt momentarily in flight, threw off great shower of sparks, then made an abrupt left turn and vanished. Mr. Saunders reports that two other ladies witnessed this observation but wish to remain anonymous.

THE NORTHERN ADVOCATE, 15th, 16th, 17th, November, 1954.

THE WAIKATO TIMES, 16th & 17th November, 1954. And others.

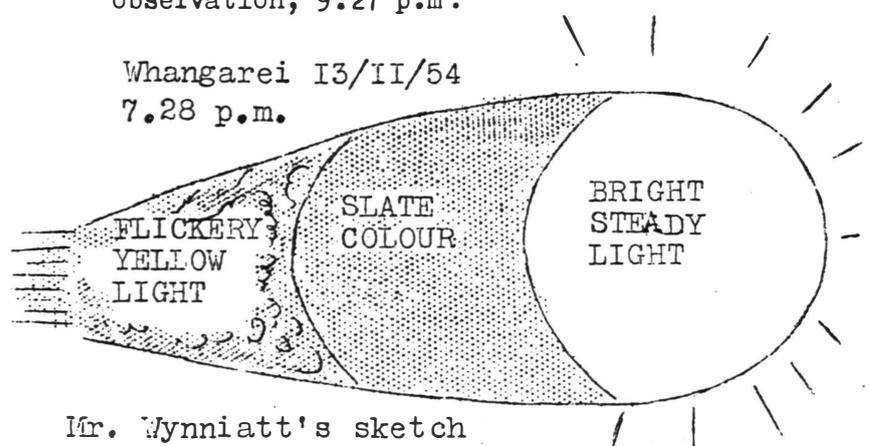
13/11/54. At 7.28 p.m. on Saturday the 13th November, a great number of witnesses from north of and in Whangarei itself, Helensville, Auckland, Hamilton and Te Awamutu, saw a most unusual sight. Far the greater majority of the sighters are now firm believers in Flying Saucers. The object seen was cigar-shaped and apparently flying at a great height following the curvature of the earth. It rose from the horizon, was visible for 15 seconds as it sped across the sky to disappear into the sunset. To all observers the object was seen in the northern sky to rise in the east and to disappear in the west. Apparently the glow of the sunset blotted out the object and shortened the length of time it could be observed. The majority of witnesses agreed that the cigar shaped object had a brilliantly lit fore-section, a dark mid-section, and a glowing rear section that trailed off into sparks of various colours.

The sketch given below is a reproduction of that published in a three column report by the Northern Advocate 17th November issue. It was drawn by Mr. Wynniatt, an individual who was favoured with a good view from the top of a hill in Onerahi. Mr. Wynniatt watched this startling sight for 15 seconds and is convinced that the object in no way resembled a meteor.

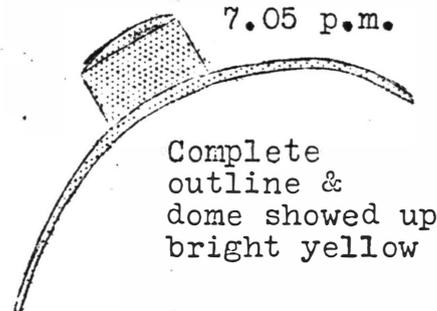
Observers agreed also that the object maintained a constant outline, colouration and direction, and it did not appear to be falling earthwards. One lady was startled to hear a loud boom from her telephone wires as the object passed over her residence north of Whangarei. The descriptions from all observation points agreed in the main, colours appeared different from different points. (Not inclusive of the Helensville reports.)

Reports received from overseas since this observation reveal similar observations of cigar-shaped rocket-like objects. One was seen over the Canadian Airforce Base Gimli, on the 9th November, 1954. Many airmen witnessed the flight of a silver rocket-shaped object trailing intense blue flames; the object appeared to be following the curvature of the earth.

On January 6th, 1953, a somewhat similar observation was reported by many people from Whangarei to Nelson. For the first time, too, in N.Z., an air to air report was made by First officer Bond flying an N.A.C. Dakota travelling from Paraparaumu to Auckland. First Officer Bond was sure the slow moving orange ball of light that passed from west to east in front of his aircraft was not a meteor. He watched it for 45 seconds travelling a horizontal path. Time of observation, 9.27 p.m.



Helensville I3/II/54
7.05 p.m.



The Helensville reports appear to differ from the rest, and the description is of a domed circular object seen at varying angles. A sketch of the object seen by Mr. Williscroft at 7.05 p.m. Saturday evening accompanies the sketch from Whangarei of the rocket-like object. Mr. Williscroft could clearly see the outline given above and noted that the object was moving at aircraft speed in a southwest downward direction with a pulsating movement.

An Auckland Star reported rang the C.S.I. President at Whenuapai with a query of any reports received. The President was in fact investigating three separate Whenuapai reports observed on the 13th. The Star reporter told of receiving many reports from many city suburbs, and promised to send the details to C.S.I. as they were not published. Two enquiries since to the Star reporter to remind him of his promise have been of no avail.

A report has just been received from Hastings from Mr. John Fear, who reports sighting a stationary cigar-shaped object at 1.30 a.m. on approx. the 11th November. The object was brilliantly lit and appeared silvery in colour. He reported the observation to Mr. Thomsen at Carter Observatory, but after reading of that person's further debunkings and hoax accusations, decided to send his report to C.S.I. for better hearing.

PRIVATE REPORT FROM MR. A.K. BUSING, via Mr. Saunders:

14/11/54. At 1.15 p.m. on Sunday the 14th November, Mr. Busing was looking at a heavy bank of cloud that formed a huge V in the heavens, when suddenly "out of nowhere appeared a round silver coloured object, disc shaped." For the 4 seconds he had the object in view, he was able to estimate the height as approximately 15,000 ft., and noted that it was heading in an easterly direction. The speed was far greater than any jet aircraft, reports Mr. Busing.

CHRISTCHURCH STAR-SUN, 22nd November, 1954.

21/11/54. A Staff Reporter of the Star-Sun writes up a personal sighting shared with his wife. He writes, "I did not believe that things called Flying Saucers existed - since 3.46 p.m. yesterday I have not been so certain. It was precisely at that time that an object which was not an aeroplane, a glider or a balloon, disappeared into a cloud bank over the foothills of the Southern Alps, travelling quickly north. We - my wife and I - had watched that object for seven minutes at least. When we first saw it it was gleaming brightly and hanging motionless in the sky probably at a height of more than 10,000 ft. about 4 miles west of Coutts Island. It was cigar-shaped and looked as though it might have been chromium plated, so intense was the light it reflected.

At no stage did we hear any noise in the sky which could possibly have come from it. We watched it for about three minutes while it hung motionless. I looked at my watch and saw that the time was 3.40. Within a minute it started to move off quickly westward towards the only cloud bank in the sky - over the Southern Alps. As it moved it emitted what appeared to be two puffs of pink vapour. During movement its shape did not change but it became smaller as the distance increased. We watched it from the road which runs from Coutts Island to the back of Christchurch Airport, and although the cloud bank was about 30 miles away and its top was at a height of 6,000 ft. (checked with the weather office at Harewood) the object could be seen quite plainly when it was over the bank. IT STOPPED MOMENTARILY OVER THE CLOUD BANK, CIRCLED, AND THEN HEADED NORTH INTO THE COULD." There are other comments in the news to substantiate the reporter's sighting.

A Christchurch member of C.S.I., Mr. H.E. Ward, believes he saw the object mentioned above. Mr. Ward was at the Airport where an Air Pageant was in progress. He noticed a dark cylindrical form motionless high in the sky, but lost it on momentarily resting his eyes. Mr. Ward was approximately 1 1/4 miles away, and slightly northwest of the Star reporter's position.

Mr. Ward forwarded a report from Mrs. Gindenberg, who called on him to tell of her observation. At 10.30 a.m. on the 23rd November, Mrs. Gindenberg had clearly seen a silvery cigar-shaped object at no great altitude moving N.E. of Kaikoura. She was positive it was not an aeroplane, and on being questioned by Mr. Ward, stated that she had not read of the reporter's sightings two days previously.

THE TIMARU HERALD, 1st December, 1954.

30/11/54. A glowing object with a reddish tail which took a few seconds to come from the sea at a height of a few thousand feet and pass inland beyond the Hunter Hills, was seen by a number of persons at 10.30 p.m. last night. This information was given by persons from the St. Andrews district, their accounts differed a little in detail, but agreed in the main.

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THE DOMINION, WELLINGTON, 15th December, 1954.

8/12/54. Near MIDDAY about a week ago I was in Westown, NEW PLYMOUTH, when about 10,000 to 20,000 feet up I saw something very peculiar. It looked like TWO PARALLEL LINES some distance apart travelling across the sky towards the mountain. The lines might have been a mile long at that time, and they kept straight until near the mountain, then they bent down and finally disappeared. The sight lasted 15 minutes, I have wondered what this curious phenomenon could have been caused by. Signed: "Interested", Inglewood. (See English Sunday Dispatch Radar reports. Editor.)

The reports of "Unidentified Flying Objects" received by C.S.I. over the last quarter of 1954 - mainly Flying Cigars, discs, and white and greenish-blue lights - are in all ways similar to the thousands of reports that have been recorded in countries abroad during this period.

LIFE ON ***** MARS
 20,000 PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW "SOMETHING ALIVE" ON MARS:

Out of censored silence and nearly smothered from public airing comes the climatic news -- LIFE ON MARS ! Thanks to newscaster, Paul Harvey, who sent C.R.I.F.O. the news release, I am able to quote the terse but epochal statement made by Dr. E.C. Slipher. A professional astronomer, Slipher headed the scientific team the Mars Committee, sponsored by Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona and the National Geographical Society. Working out of Bloemfontein, South Africa, for six months, where Mars appeared directly overhead and telescopic perception was better, the Committee returned armed with 20,000 photographs, says Dr. Slipher. These photos, he says, have confirmed his conviction -- there is something alive on Mars !!

Needless to say, Slipher's evidence marks the end of an astronomical dark age, or more aptly called the Terrestrial Age. Since Sir John Herschel first described Mars as a world of "Continents and seas" in 1830, astronomers bitterly contested Martian life. Conservatives argued that the "canals" were illusions - an optical trick to the eye and brain. Others say that Mars is oxygen starved, that the extremes of day and night temperatures and the exposure to devastating sandstorms, and the harsh glare of the unshielded sun, surely rule out life. And so with each new discovery came the rebuff, the counterclaim.

THE PASSING TERRESTRIAL AGE:

Looking back into the early phases of the Terrestrial Age, it was not until 1877 that the Martian "dream" found real substance. While Asaph Hall found two tiny Martian Moons that year, the Italian Astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, caused an international stir when he announced he discovered surface features in Mars which were "drawn with absolute geometrical precision, as if the work of rule and compass". Three years later, Sir Norman Lockyer summarized his findings: "Mars has not only land, water and snow like Earth, but also clouds and mists." In 1892 the distinguished Samuel Langley tried to explain the redness of the planet thus: "Is it that vegetation on Mars may be red instead of green! There is no intrinsic improbability in the idea, for we are even today unprepared to say why vegetation is green here, and it is quite easy to conceive the atmospheric conditions which would make red the best absorber of solar heat."

This extremely interesting article on Mars is reproduced from the December issue of C.R.I.F.O. NEWSLETTER.

LOWELL'S MARTIAN "DREAM":

It was not until the discoveries of Sir Percival Lowell - a name synonymous with Mars - that the world learned the simple truths about the red planet. Lowell became convinced early of the probability of life existing there, and with his own fortune, erected a large Observatory in Arizona. Conversely, Lowell was the first to refute the one strong theory backing his Martian "dream". He observed the canali crossing the "seas", proving the aridity of the planet. But Lowell did not abandon his work; instead he set out to prove a co-existent Martian life. According to Lowell: the desert planet conserves its water - irrigation canals feed water from the melting polar snows - vegetations along their borders render them visible - their regularity proves the existence of intelligent life - and, seasonal changes in the dark markings are considered the proof of vegetation.

Leaving Lowell and the Terrestrial Age, we now turn to a new age - the Interplanetary Age. Cognizant of its implications are the world Governments and their findings relative to the Flying Saucer. In the centre of it all, and as arch-investigator is the U.S. Air Force Intelligence. Supporting this Agency are the top brains of the scientific world, including most professional astronomers. For instance, when this writer recently interviewed a prominent Cincinnati astronomer he asked for "security clearance."

SAUCER EVIDENCE AND MARTIAN PHOTOS - A LINK?

It is this writer's belief, now, that our Air Force in withholding all its Saucer information and evidence (behind a jargon of excuses) was at the same time waiting for confirmation of Martian life. Now, backed by photo-evidence from South America (and Mt. Palomar) they have their proof-positive - their logical and technological tie-in with the UFO.

With these facts they will soon tell the world the true dramatic story of the saucer, of Mars and the high probability of universal life. "We are not alone," says Dr. Harlow Shapley, famous Harvard astronomer. There are probably 100 million planets which could support life in high forms. And, he adds, there is no reason to assume that man or the animals or birds on Earth, "are the best that biochemistry and the starshine" can produce. Shapley further discloses, and significantly, that evidence has been found for a huge planet circling round a star named 61 Cygni which is about 11 light years away.

Returning to Mars and back to Earth, this writer believes that Mars will be treated fully and kindly in the big pronouncement. They may explain the blue Martian clouds, the vapourous atmosphere and why it sustains life; they may explain the mysterious atomic-like explosion discovered by the Japanese astronomer, Tsuneo Saheki; they will tell us that the canali follow the great circle paths which indicate that they were the herculean workings of an advanced intelligent race; they may explain to us the Martian moons, Deimos and Phobos, and that one or both are actually artificial satellites of that planet (not to be confused with the two circling Earth) and then they may just tell us about what the eyes of the 200 inch telescope at Mt. Palomar have witnessed moving in space between Mars, the moon and Earth.

Twenty thousand photographs: They must have shown a lot! Summarily, we can understand why Drs. Slipher and Shapley are convinced ... which reminds me of Dr. Robert S. Richardson's discerning article, appearing in This Week, June 20th, 1954. We quote:- "Astronomers hope to obtain photographs which will show the markings on Mars so clearly that we can determine whether canals are natural or artificial in origin. On a planet as smooth as Mars it seems reasonable to suppose that real canals would be built along what are called "Great circle" paths,

the name sailors give to the shortest points on the surface of a sphere. Page 24
If photographs show that the canals always lie along great circle paths it would be an indication that they are the work of intelligent beings from this point of view, as Lowell said, although trivial in themselves, must be reckoned as the most outstanding sight in the heavens ... "fine lines and little gossamer filaments cobwebbing the face of the Martian disk, but threads to draw one's mind after them across millions of miles of intervening void."

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BUILD A TELESCOPE.

For full details on how to build an astronomical refracting or reflecting telescope within your means; writes Mr. Garry Nankiville, 45 Gayhurst Rd., Dallington, Christchurch. Mr. Nankiville F.R.A.S. R.N.Z.A.S. is taking orders for lenses, mirrors, and prime and polar castings to suit your requirements. I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Nankiville, and I am sure you will be well satisfied with any dealings you may have with him. He is also a foundation member of the New Zealand Interplanetary Society. This news offering real assistance to amateur telescope makers comes to C.S.I. via a very conscientious Christchurch member, Mr. H.E. Ward.

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N.Z. INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY.

Formed during September, 1953, N.Z.I.S. is Incorporated and is affiliated with the British Interplanetary Society and others. The interest in the fast approaching era of space flight is increasing rapidly week by week. The pioneering date of Interplanetary flight is far nearer than you think. If you are a member of C.S.I. you must be interested in the above Organisation and all it represents. Address your enquiries to Mrs. H. Ward, Hon. Secretary, 55 Tedder Avenue, Christchurch. E.3. Mrs. E.E. Hamber, President.

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CLASSES OF ASTRONOMY.

All members of C.S.I. should know and be able to identify the planets and the star patterns of the seasonal heavens to qualify as a reasonably accurate observer of unusual sky happenings. Enrol at the Auckland University Adult Education Astronomy course beginning in March, 1955. Write Mr. H.L. Beaumont, 2 Milton Rd., Mt. Eden. Mr. Beaumont is a well known and respected member of the Auskland Astronomical Society, and will be your lecturer if you attend the classes. If you were in attendance at C.S.I.'s 4th General Meeting, you will recall seeing some of Mr. Beaumont's coloured Lantern Slides on the planet Mars, attend the classes and see more of his beautiful instructional astronomical features.

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THE SPIES FROM OUTER SPACE

BY
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Extract : American "REAL MAGAZINE" Nov. 1954

You're flying a commercial airliner on a quiet night. Speed 275 miles an hour, altitude 11,000 feet, approaching a major airport. Suddenly a strange winking blue light zooms into view off your right wing tip, pacing your plane.

In accordance with instructions your radio crackles out the warning. Miles away another radar scope at the airport records the object. Control tower observers quickly pick it up with their night glasses. Jet fighters scramble and go roaring away to meet you.

The strange thing that started it all merely flips around in an unbelievable reversal and accelerates at a speed far beyond any conventional aircraft. A few seconds and it has vanished as quickly and quietly as it came. Another Unidentified Flying Object sighting is added to the Official records - and buried there.

WHAT WAS IT ?
WHERE DID IT GO ?
WHERE DID IT COME FROM ?
WHY WAS IT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE ?

WATCH ON THE RHINE.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS AND YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THEM. YOU'RE NOT GETTING THEM FROM THE PENTAGON. I REGRET TO SAY THAT BECAUSE OF THE BLANKET OF OFFICIAL SILENCE, YOU WILL HAVE TO DIG OUT THE FACTS FOR YOURSELF.

Since I have been doing that very thing for several years - and reporting the results over my radio network program - maybe I can help you. In the first place, make no mistake about the reality of the censorship and make no mistake about the fact that many Governments, including our own, are seriously concerned about the existence of so-called Flying Saucers.

Twelve countries have programs of study and investigation to deal with these objects. West Germany is the latest to join the list, having recently established what it chooses to call a "Space Flight Study Group", after some unusual incidents had occurred.

My own interest in these objects was sharpened when I detected a large measure of deception and contradiction in the official public statements on them. There was the period a few years ago when it was Government policy to humiliate citizens and pilots who reported UFO's by brushing the matter off as hallucinations. It worked for a while until too many astute citizens

noticed that not one single pilot, commercial or military, had ever been grounded for one minute after one of these alleged hallucinations. Obviously, the authorities did not believe their own hokum.

Scratch one "explanation". Hard pressed for something with which to replace the hallucination yarn, the authorities eagerly siezed upon the theory that these unexplainable sightings were nothing more than temperature inversions, caused by the action of masses of hot air, colliding with the cooler air. That sounded foolproof, and it also had another attractive aspect from the official viewpoint, since it was true that these masses of hot air coincided with the time of the year when the earth was nearest Mars. It was a matter of record that sightings of unidentified flying objects were heaviest at the period when Mars and Earth were nearest to each other. Ah! said the experts, that is summertime ... the time of hot air and temperature inversions!

True enough ... but only for the Northern Hemisphere. At the same time the Southern Hemisphere is having its winter and also having its sightings of UFO's! There just wasn't enough hot air to cover the theory. Scratch "explanation" two.

THE CRACKPOTS AND THE EXPERTS.

Undoubtedly many of the reported incidents involving UFO's are the work of publicity seekers, crackpots, and of sincere persons who simply fail to recognize conventional aircraft and meteorological balloons. Some of the reports also involve ordinary celestial objects with which the observer was not familiar. But the really important evidence on which many nations are spending millions of dollars is the mass of reports from qualified and credible observers. This includes commercial and military pilots, ground observers, astronomers, and others whose work and training entitle their reports to serious consideration and careful analysis.

AND THEN THERE WERE FEW.

Certainly something very strange is taking place in the limitless space above the earth. There are objects of unknown origin which have been seen with the naked eye, tracked by radar, chased by jets and sometimes were even photographed. In spite of the mantle of official silence which has worked to keep the American people uninformed, the facts are unmistakable. As a network commentator who has consistently refused to be sidetracked by phony official "explanations" on this and other topics, I have developed a policy of demanding the facts. Early this year I noticed there was a scarcity of UFO reports on the national news wires which had carried them before.

WHY ?

First I checked on the actual volume of reported sightings. If there were none, their absence from the newswires would be understandable. I asked my listeners to send me any reports of UFO's which were important enough to be printed in their local newspapers. Then I asked the Airforce at the Pentagon to give me the number of sightings they were receiving. Check and double check - the public press against the Pentagon.

The Air Force released to the newswires a statement to the effect that sightings this year were down to near nothing ... a mere 87 reports for the entire first five months of 1954 ! The newswires obligingly carried that statement.

I did not.

My reasons for refusing to carry the report of only 87 sightings were well founded. I personally knew of more than a hundred sightings that had been sent to the Airforce in that time, for I was receiving more than a hundred a week from my listeners who had clipped them from their local newspapers. And to top it all off, I had made arrangements with two individuals who had contacted the Deputy Commander of Intelligence at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, the nerve centre of the UFO investigation. There Lt.-Col. John O'Mara said the sightings were being reported at the rate of more than 700 per week ... the heaviest rate since the project started several years ago !

Please note that not one newswire service took the trouble to check the Pentagon story of only 87 sightings. They carried the handout exactly as it was given to them. As far as I know, I was the only nationwide newsman to expose the matter to the public.

Why did I do it? Simply because I feel that the public has the right to know the facts when unidentified objects appear over major cities, airfields, atomic plants and military centres. Local newspapers have thus far continued to report on this mystifying aspect of our news. In a two-column front page story on Friday, July 9th, a headline in the Wilmington, (Delaware) MORNING NEWS reported:- "100 mystery flying objects spotted here. Airforce permits Ground Observer Corps to release data on phenomena sighted in past two years and confirmed elsewhere."

THE STRANGE DELETION:

The article disclosed that ground observers had been watching these things, reported them to the filter centre at Baltimore where the Airforce studied the reports.

It is significant that on July 5th of this year, two members of the Ground Observer Corps at Wilmington reported an object which the Air Force officially confirmed as an Unidentified Flying Object ! The same official report also contains this tidbit: On June 14th the Wilmington observers watched an object which was determined to be hovering at an altitude of fifteen miles. Baltimore Filter Centre had it on the radar scope for two hours. It is believed to be the same thing which has been mysteriously hovering over the nation's capital two days before ! Whatever it was, it was a gigantic thing that they watched. And the thing that hovered over the city of Washington was not mentioned in any of the Washington news reports.

Once in a while a leak occurs and a UFO report gets into the papers ... briefly. On May 13th the Washington POST & TIMES HERALD carried a story of a sighting reported by airport police at the National Airport, just across the river from the capital. The large glowing objects had maneuvered over the airport between 12.45 and 2.00 a.m. Military Air Transport confirmed the sighting and an Air Force spokesman recommended that it be referred to as Unidentified Flying Objects.

The report appeared in the early morning edition of the Washington POST & TIMES HERALD. It was strangely missing from all other editions of the same paper. That was the morning of May 13th. On the same day, shortly before noon, a team of electronic experts were putting the finishing touches on a special type of radar unit. Suddenly they noticed that it had picked up an object at great altitude, something of terrific size. To double-check they switched on another unit, and it too began to track the thing. They were able to determine that it was about 250 feet in diameter, fifteen miles above Washington, hovering or moving from point to point at about 200 M.P.H.

Three hours later, after several government radar points had been alerted and checked the object, it moved away toward the West and finally vanished from the scope. And there was hardly any mention of this specific incident in the press.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has released a study of UFO's, titled, "For Limited Distribution - a Preliminary Study of Unidentified Targets Observed on Air Traffic Control Radars." Although it throws in a few reports from other airports, the meat of the study deals with UFO's which have been tracked in and around Washington. As might be expected, the material is pretty heavy reading since it is loaded with technical data of various sorts. However, the charts which show how the UFO's moved across the radar screens are readily understandable. By careful reading of the text it becomes obvious that CAA's explanations do not explain.

By trying to dispose of some of these more important sightings as mere reflections from temperature inversions, the evaluation is forced to be considerable speculation which means that CAA's guess is no better than yours as to what was on the radar. And by speculating that some of the objects on the scope were due to a delayed-pulse radar effect, the Government study finds itself with its foot in its mouth again. The evaluation says that if the object on the radar was actually nothing more than this delayed-pulse effect then the apparent speed of the object could not exceed the speed of the air itself.

"However, the analysis of the targets listed in Table 5 (sightings of Aug. 13th and 15th, 1952)" the report concedes, "showed that they were actually moving at speeds approximately double the wind velocities reported. This fact eliminated the possibility that the targets were being produced by the second-time-around delayed-pulse effect." All of which means that they had a dandy "explanation" available if it would only fit the facts ... which it admittedly doesn't do.

In this same study of UFO's by the CAA, there is a listing of 34 recorded sightings in and around the capital in less than three months of 1952. Since I could find only four of these incidents listed in the newspapers here for that same period, I think we may assume that the other reports were quietly withheld from the press. Many of the sightings were made by airline pilots approaching Washington. On July 7th, 1952, the CAA study says that Capt. Bruen of National Airlines was approached by a blue-white light at an altitude of 11,000 feet about 60 miles southwest of Washington. "The object," says the Government report, "came up to altitude of

aircraft, hovered two miles to left; Pilot turned on all lights, ball of light took off, going up and away."

WHY ALL THE SECRECY ?

On July 20th of that same year, Capital Airline flight 610 was approaching Washington National Airport at three in the morning. The CAA report says that a lighted object was tracked by two radar stations followed the plane for several miles at a point within four miles of Washington airport. On July 14th, the same report says, Pan American flight 901 got a look at six red objects at about 1,000 feet altitude, doing an estimated 1,000 m.p.h., with a sudden change of direction.

The chart included in the CAA study lists more than a score of sightings involving one object. Other sightings, both radar and visual, include what it calls "many" UFO's. But the real jackpots were on May 23rd, when fifty of the things showed up, and on August 13th when 68 were tracked within ten miles of the National Airport between 8.00 and 11.30 p.m., moving in widely varying speeds. All of which merely adds up to newly admitted evidence that the capital of the United States has had visitors of some sort, from somewhere.

That CAA report covers only three months in 1952. How many UFO's have been charted around the Nation's capital since then? The record does not show - because the record is not available to the public. Isn't that applying an unusual amount of secrecy to a 'temperature inversion'?

Are these things real?

Air Force Chief of Staff General Nathan Twining said at Amarillo, Texas, on May 15th of this year:- "The best brains in the Airforce are working on the problem of the unidentified flying objects, trying to solve this riddle." In Berlin in the first week of June, work was suddenly resumed on a new radar installation designed especially to be used in studying UFO's. The radar there was started in January, but work had been discontinued in February.

The June 27th Hamburg ADENBLATT says the American officer in charge of the new radar unit at Templehof Airport refused to answer questions about the reversal of policy. Perhaps we can find part of the reasons in the records kept by Rudolph Hermes, who works at the radar control tower now in use. Since May of 1945, he has logged more than 300 sightings of UFO's over Berlin. During six weeks this summer, scores of Berlin citizens reported such objects. And it was immediately following a particularly widespread sighting that the West German Government decided to set up the Space Flight Study Group.

Dr. Herman Oberth, famed German Rocket authority and designer of the V-2, told newsmen recently:- "There is no doubt in my mind that these Flying Saucers are interplanetary craft of some sort. I am confident that they do not originate in our solar system, but they may use Mars or some other body for a way station." Other experts agree with him.

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MEN FROM ANOTHER PLANET ?

From a group of top U.S. scientists engaged on high priority project, I received a voluntary communication on October 17th, 1953. Here is a portion of their letter which I have permission to quote:-
 "(We are) a group of scientists which has followed closely all related facts in the case of "Flying Saucers" since their inception in 1947 ... Our research in this matter leads us to believe that these so-called flying discs are observation craft of a very advanced race from another planet"

At that particular time I was preparing to go on a network television broadcast with famed German scientific writer Willy Ley and Major Donald Keyhoe, author of a best seller on UFO's. Since the purpose of the T.V. show was to discuss Keyhoe's book pro and con, I wired the writers of that letter and asked permission to quote from it.

On October 15th they replied as follows:- "Thank you for your interest in our project. We have discussed your request to use an except from our first letter on your T.V. program and we have no objections to this .. However, we again wish to stress the fact that under NO circumstances should any mention be made of -- or connection with --. We must insist upon this since, as you no doubt realise, we cannot risk possible ridicule in our present position. But ridicule may be the least which could happen. Coincident with that has already been suggested, the Government could take a serious view of your broadcast, challenging the authority of your statements and possibly demanding the disclosure of the source of your information ... Briefly, we are not YET in a position to present ifrefutable physical evidence in support of our convictions. But a statistical analysis of the evidence which we have collected thus far proves - without doubt - that we are dealing with an extra-terrestiral influence ..."

With those letters in my possession and with the permission to quote from certain portions, I was primed for the T.V. program. Now witness the strange sequence which followed. This was to be my first network television appearance. Since I had a tremendous radio audience, the promoters of the T.V. show were eager for me to appear on their T.V. spot. Naturally, they wanted to give it full circulation and full publicity, so on their program the week preceeding my appearance, they made full mention of the fact that Major Keyhoe, Willy Ley and I would be seen and heard the following week over the same television network.

It didn't happen. Keyhoe, Ley and I appeared on the T.V. network of exactly one station ! The other T.V. stations which had carried the same program the week before were deluged with calls from irate members of the audience. One station claimed the program had been cancelled. Another claimed that it had a previous commitment to present a 1932 cowboy film which was unsponsored - and so it went. The muzzle was on ... and silence cloaked the telecast which dealt with UFO's.

(The DuMont Television Network which carried the show, "Author Meets the Critics", told REAL that the program is a sponsor-less show; thus the number of stations which carry it vary from week to week, depending on whether a station can find a program with a paying sponsor - Edit.)

Baffling and frustrating as our experiences may have been to us and the audience, it was nothing compared to what happened to a group of scientists. They had heard about the remarkable 16mm colour motion pictures taken near Trmenton, Utah, on July 2nd, 1952, by Navy Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse. Driving along Highway 30, near Trementon, he suddenly noticed a group of flat, circular, shiny objects maneuvering in formation at high speed. Newhouse jumped out of his car, and using the telephoto lens on his Bell & Howell Moviemaster, got 40 feet of film of the things before they were out of sight. He turned his pictures over to the Airforce where a photo reconnaissance laboratory studied them for months.

The official determination was that the objects were of an unknown type, travelling at speeds between 653 and 980 mph, in a manner beyond the capabilities of any known aircraft or missile.

The scientists in this interested group made their first request for the Utah film in the latter part of last year. Instead of the film, the Airforce sent them a mimeographed sheet containing the hackneyed material about balloons, temperature inversions and hallucinations. The scientists went right back with another request for the Utah film. This time they received a reply to the effect that no such film was known to the Airforce. After a lapse of several weeks they received another letter assuring them that such a film did exist after all, but that it had been returned to its owner.

A request to the owner brought out that his original had not been returned in spite of requests to the Airforce. Scientists got the same run-around that the Cleveland PRESS got when it received permission to view the film only to be told that it had been ruined, etc. The fact is that twenty copies were made, but that was not mentioned in the brushoff to the newspaper of the scientists.

Latest important figure to add his voice to those who feel that these unidentified flying objects are real and must be dealt with is Lord Dowding, famed Air Chief Marshal and head of the British Fighter Command during World War Two. He recently told newsmen:- "Of course Flying Saucers are real. If they are not, we certainly would not be exercising the degree of vigilance now in force. We would not be sending Jet Fighters up to pursue them if they were not there. What they are, where they come from and what they want are matter for conjecture."

Do we really have spies from outer space? The evidence shows that something - or somebody - is certainly up there. The UFO's have been seen over every country on earth in the past seven years.

A SUSPICIOUS PATTERN.

In recent years, since Jets began to pursue them, they are sighted most frequently at night. For instance, the 100 sightings confirmed over the city of Wilmington were almost entirely at night. Whatever they are, they seem to express curiosity rather than hostility. Only a mere handful of UFO's have been reported behaving in a fashion which could be interpreted as belligerent.

If we analyze the nature, the frequency and the timing of the recorded sightings by credible observers, as the authorities of twelve nations are doing, we begin to see a familiar pattern emerging. We see a pattern of performance that is remarkably similar to what we would do if we were able to visit another planet and found it inhabited - keep our distance, look it over carefully, locate the most important cities, military and industrial developments. And if pursued, make the approaches at night, when the pursuit would be at a disadvantage.

That's what our scientists predict for our own space travellers. Has someone actually beaten us to the punch? Are the Unidentified Flying Objects really spies from space?

The veil of Pentagon silence provided no answer. You can only wait.

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C.S.I. AFFAIRS

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE:

We apologise to Michel Se'journe of Paris, France, our most active French Representative. Michel's name and appointment was accidentally omitted in the September issue of our magazine. Our sincere thanks goes out to Michel. He has sent us great bundles of his homeland's press and magazine comments on the recent Flying Saucer invasion of French skies and terra firma.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBERS:

Mr. Hank Hinfelaar, an Auckland member and our chief translator of foreign languages, and a most successful agent for C.S.I. membership, has recently been elected to the Committee. A comparatively new member of C.S.I., but a gentleman long interested in the study of Flying Saucers, has also been recently elected to the Committee. He is Mr. Denis W.S. Saunders of Takapuna, a very active scout for new members and useful data. We particularly welcome these two appointments, and greatly appreciate their support.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO OUR RANKS:

Mr. H.G.R. Goldingham, Takapuna. Mrs. O. Pudney, Auckland. Mr. A.J. Pudney, Auckland. Mrs. G.I.D. White & Mr. D. White, Auckland. Mr. E.C.N. Miller, Auckland. Mr. G.L. Menefy, Morrinsville. Dr. R. Moore, Palmerston North. Mr. A. Goldsmith, Mr. W.J. McCloy, Mr. E.A. Duggan, Mr. A.C. Vervoort, all of Helensville. Mr. R.T. Clark, Takapuna. Mr. G. Purdon, Auckland. Mr. F.C. Ruge, Auckland. Mr. & Mrs. A. Hawsworth, Devonport. Mr. J.C. Carroll, Auckland. Mr. H. Hillier, Auckland. Mr. E.L. Mansbridge, Australia.

Financial members of C.S.I. now number 104, and all these good people have joined our ranks since C.S.I. Committee invited public membership on the 6th May this year (1954). There are at least another hundred subscribers to the magazine only. All members are issued with an attractive membership Certificate, and official badges are available for 7/6 each.

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I MET A MARTIAN

BY : CEDRIC ALLINGHAM

Extract --- London "WEEKEND MAIL", October 28- November 1, 1954.

IT WAS 12.35 ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18th THIS YEAR THAT I FIRST SAW THE SAUCER.

To be more precise, I heard it. There was no sound of an engine, but I was aware of a swishing noise. High above me I could see a speck.

I QUICKLY FOCUSED MY BINOCULARS WHICH I ALWAYS CARRIED FOR BIRD-WATCHING WHEN IN THE COUNTRY, AND REALISED TO MY AMAZEMENT THAT I WAS LOOKING AT WHAT COULD ONLY BE A 'FLYING SAUCER'.

It glinted in the sunlight, probably about 5,000 ft. up. I dropped my binoculars and took three photographs with my cheap little folding camera. Then I watched the object until it disappeared above the clouds. I stood there for half an hour searching the heavens. But the Saucer did not return, and I finally gave up, thinking I had seen the last of it.

I KEPT WATCH:

Still, as I continued my walk along the Coast, away from Lossiemouth, I kept my watch on the sky. I began to wonder whether the Saucer could have been a trick of my imagination. But at five minutes past three I saw it again - higher up than on the first occasion, and moving more rapidly.

Again it disappeared, again I waited, but again I was disappointed.

I walked on, and after a while, turned slowly back. About 3.45 I heard the swishing sound again, and there, coming in across the sea, was the Saucer. I whipped out my camera and took a couple of quick shots. The Saucer was heading almost directly towards me. It hovered for a second or two and landed with a soft thud 50-60 yards from where I stood.

It was indeed a magnificent craft. About 50 feet in diameter, with a colour and lustre not unlike polished aluminium, and perhaps 20 feet high, the hull, central wall and upper dome, seemed to be shaped in one sheet of metal.

AS I NEARED THE SAUCER A SLIDING PANEL IN THE LOWER PART MOVED BACK AND A MAN LEAPED LIGHTLY AND GRACEFULLY TO THE GROUND.

As he advanced to meet me I raised my arm and saluted. He did the same. And then for a while we stood staring at each other.

CURIOUS SKIN:

His appearance was similar to that of earth men. He stood about 6 ft. I would say we were about the same age. (I am 32.) His hair, like mine, was brown and short, but his skin was a curious colour rather like a deep tan.

EVEN SO, HAD HE BEEN DRESSED IN EARTH-STYLE CLOTHES, I DOUBT WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE HAD ANY DIFFICULTY IN PASSING FOR AN ENGLISHMAN.

His forehead, however, was higher than that of any man I know. Strangely enough, his one-piece suit was rather that as imagined by our own

space-fiction writers. It reminded me of a very close chain-mail, presumably insulating and certainly flexible. It covered him from his neck to his feet. Only his hands were free.

On the space-man's nose was a breathing apparatus in the form of a tiny tube up each nostril joined by a metallic band as thick as a match. This was obviously to enable him to survive in our atmosphere which is much richer in oxygen than that of Mars. I noticed that he always breathed through his nose, opening his mouth only to speak.

The first thing I wanted to know was where he came from. I POINTED TOWARDS THE SKY. THE MAN SMILED AND NODDED. I reached for my pad and scrawled a diagram on it. In the middle I put the sun, starring it with rays to make clear what it was meant to be. Round it I drew three circles to represent the orbits of Mercury, Venus, and Earth.

SURPRISE:

I pointed to the third circle and then to myself. He nodded. I next pointed to the second circle and then pointed to him. To my surprise he shook his head.

NOT FROM VENUS !

I pointed again and said the word "Venus". He repeated after me "Venus". It was the first time I had heard his voice, and no longer could there be any doubt that he was of non-terrestrial birth.

It is difficult, if not impossible, for me to explain his tone. It had a liquid quality about it - the clear liquid of a hillside spring. A third time I pointed to my sketch of the orbit of Venus. A third time he shook his head. I tried again.

Outside the orbit of the Earth I drew a fourth circle to represent the orbit of Mars. I pointed to it then to him, and said "Mars".

HE NODDED AT ONCE.

But I wanted to make sure that he really was from Mars. Because of its strong ruddy colour, Mars has always been known as the Red Planet. My fountain pen was of a particularly glaring red. I took it from my pocket, pointed first to the picture of the Martian orbit, then to the red pen, and then to him.

HE SAID "MARS".

He was quick to understand, "Mars" he repeated after me. Now, if ever, was the time to find out about those Martian canals that have been seen by astronomers. I drew a quick sketch of Mars with its light and dark areas and polar caps, and passed it over, repeating the word "Mars". He nodded. Next I sketched in a long straight line running from one vegetation area to another. I pointed to it and to him.

ONCE AGAIN HE NODDED. THE CANALS, THEN, ARE ARTIFICIAL.

After several attempts I succeeded in telling him that we knew Mars is a world short of water. He pointed back to the sea, then to the picture of Mars, and shook his head and shrugged. The impression I got from this was: "There are no seas on Mars and it does not matter to us."

Suddenly I realised that I had not asked perhaps the most vital question of all !

HAD THE MARTIANS ANY LINK WITH THE VENUSIANS ?

By gestures and diagrams of the planetary system I succeeded in conveying this question to him and he answered, "Qul-1," a word I had earlier taken to mean yes.

ON THE MOON.

Using the same method I asked him "Do Martians and Venusian Saucers ever land on the Moon?" He answered emphatically "Yes". The Martian looked upward, and I realised that time was running short. I pulled out my camera, pointed to it and then to the Saucer, about 20 yards from where we stood. He nodded his consent, and I took a series of photographs in the growing dusk.

It was clear my time was up.

The Martian, who had walked a little way down the sloping hillside with me, motioned me away as he turned back towards the Saucer. Suddenly I remembered that I had not taken his own photograph. SO AS HE WALKED BACK TOWARDS THE SPACE-SHIP, I MANAGED TO TAKE A QUICK SNAP.

If I had not been in such a hurry and the light had been better, it would, of course, have been a more satisfactory picture. Even so, it shows something of the one-piece suit worn by the spaceman.

He motioned me back still further. As I drew away he raised his hand once more in the earth-type salute with which I had greeted him. I did the same. The moment of parting had come, and the thousand questions which I had wanted to ask flashed in my mind. I stepped forward, but the Martian shook his head and waved me back again.

THE SLIDING PANEL OPENED. HE JUMPED LIGHTLY INTO THE BODY OF THE SAUCER, AND THE PANEL CLOSED AGAIN.

A humming noise began, scarcely louder than the buzz of a fly. Slowly the Saucer rose into the air, the dome above the flange revolving swiftly, the wonderful craft glided away.

It soared gently at first, but when it had reached an altitude of perhaps 40 ft., it shot off and disappeared into the heavens.

The foregoing is an account as told in Mr. Allingham's book, "FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS", which is just out. (Publishers: Fredrick Muller, 10/6d.)

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ANGEL'S HAIR

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Along with death and taxes, Flying Saucers have become a perennial topic on the American scene. This latest account of strange doings-in-the-skies comes from Lt. Col. McNamara, now living on the West Coast, formerly press advisor for General James Van Fleet in Korea. However you judge the evidence, we think you'll agree the subject is intriguing reading.

ON THE AFTERNOON of February 3rd, 1954, three men stood silently looking at a small jar labeled - believe it or not - "Skippy Peanut Butter". They were: LeRoy Betz, civilian special investigator for the U.S. Airforce; R. DeWitt Miller, described by the United Press as "... one of the World's authorities on mysterious and psychic phenomena," and myself.

Within the jar were several strands of "Angel's Hair". We had given it that name because of its resemblance to the spun glass fluff used in decorating Christmas Trees. The jar had not been opened since the strands had been placed in it, three days before. Four witnesses had stubbornly maintained that specimens similar to that in the jar had, AT THE TOUCH OF HUMAN HANDS, vanished, vaporized, dematerialized, gone away, POOF !

One of the witnesses, Mrs. W.J. Daily, of Puente, California, had stated under cross-examination, that she had seen the substance fall from a gigantic Flying Saucer.

The background to the February incident was briefly this :- I conduct a weekly radio forum over Station KLAC in Hollywood. The previous week I had chosen as the subject of discussion "Flying Saucers - Fact or Fantasy?" I selected the subject because it was in the news and seemed likely to produce a good argument. Miller had been one of my panelists.

The morning following the program a man 'phoned me at the KLAC newsroom and identified himself as W.J. Daily. He said he had heard my program and thought he should let me know what had happened that morning in Puente (a community on the periphery of Los Angeles.) Daily's wife claimed to have observed - through eight-power binoculars - a huge disc or ball-shaped object studded by what seemed to be windows. She had been watching several jets maneuver, when her attention had been attracted to the strange object. To quote Daily:-

"She said that after maybe 10 or 15 seconds, the object turned reddish. Then it emitted some shining cobweb-like substance which began to drift to earth. The stuff fell lower and lower until it hung on trees and telephone wires. Some fell in our yard. It was long, silvery, somewhat akin to spider webs. But it vanished when I tried to touch it with my hands."

"Then you haven't trapped any of the stuff?"

"Yes, I have," Daily replied. "I 'phoned Mt. Wilson Observatory. They told me that if I got a stick and wrapped black cloth around it, perhaps I could pick up the stuff on the cloth. That worked. I have two pieces of cloth with the substance on it. I put each piece in a clean jar and screwed the lid on tight. But what will I do with it?"

I thought of Miller, and arranged a meeting between the two. The following is Miller's description of what happened when one of the jars was opened in his photographic laboratory.....

"I removed the black cloth laced with silver strands from the jar. Both my wife and I inspected the strange substance. When we touched some of it the strands vanished, dematerialized or vaporized almost immediately. Whether their disappearance was caused by the touch of our hands I cannot say. I only know that they were visible on the black cloth and vanished while we were examining them."

They did not open the second jar. However, Miller - wondering as he told me, whether these strands might not also suddenly vanish - photographed them without opening the jar. After the negatives were developed, Miller showed Mrs. Daily a photograph of an alleged "Flying Saucer", taken near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1952. He chose this picture because it seemed unlikely that Mrs. Daily had previously seen it. Mrs. Daily stated:-

"The thing I saw through my binoculars was very similar. I'd say that both were the same type of thing, saucer, space ship, or whatever you want to call them."

The following day Betz of the Airforce interviewed Daily in Puente, and was told of the jar in Miller's photo lab. Betz at once arranged a meeting with Miller who invited me to come. At this meeting Betz did not suggest the second jar be opened, and he departed with it.

So matters stood, until the Angel's Hair began falling close to my own home in San Fernando Valley, 25 miles from Los Angeles. On Monday, February 15th, the "Valley Times", (A San Fernando Valley newspaper) carried a four-column illustrated story under the banner:- "VALLEY MYSTERY CRAFT SPINS WEB." Gordon Grant, a reporter whom I knew in Europe in World War II, wrote the story, from which I quote:-

"A fluffy blanket, dead white, almost ephemeral in its delicacy and apparently electrically charged, may be San Fernando Valley's first physical contact with visitors from outer space. It is reported to have streamed like a lacy ribbon from a mysterious craft that sped over the Valley. "Could it be nothing more than spider webs," observers say no. Others, familiar with plant fungi, discount the possibility that the substance is merely bug-fluff."

Grant stated that the strange stuff had fallen on November 16th, 1953. A man living in the area where the "lacy ribbons" fell had telephoned an engineer at Lockheed Aircraft. The engineer had promptly arrived at the scene of the fall; other observers from North American Aircraft and Douglas Aircraft came next day in search of Angel's Hair.

A witness stated that:- "The material looks like finely shredded wool or spun glass. Held between the fingers it dissolves into nothing."

I decided to do some digging myself and found numerous documented, apparently authentic, reports of similar occurrences elsewhere. On October 29th, 1952, the LONDON EVENING NEWS carried a dispatch stating that approximately 100 persons in the town of Gaillac, France, saw 16 Flying Saucers in formation. The formation surrounded a cigar-shaped object. This object discharged a substance described as "bright whitish filaments like glass-wool". This substance floated down to treetops and telegraph wires and many eye-witnesses gathered whole tufts of it. UNFORTUNATELY, IT DISINTEGRATED AND DISAPPEARED BEFORE IT COULD BE TAKEN TO A LABORATORY FOR ANALYSIS."

The following item Miller himself brought to my attention:-

"Sydney, Australia, March 14th, 1954. (Reuters) - A motion picture film purporting to show a saucer-like object climbing steeply at great heights is on its way to the United States for special processing

Australian Air Minister William McMahon, said the film was taken with a telephoto lens by a civilian official at Port Moresby, New Guinea, last August in his heretofore secret report the official said (the object) climbed sharply away, leaving a clear vapour (Angel's Hair?) trail."

I went back to Gordon Grant of the "Valley Times", and inquired whether any of the "lacy ribbon" might still be found in the vicinity of White Oak Avenue and Haynes Street, possibly hanging in places where it could not have been touched by human hands.

"No", he replied, "but funny thing. A lady out there called me a couple of days ago and said more of the stuff had dropped on the 1st of February."

The February 1st fall in the San Fernando Valley coincided with the incident in Puente, and Grant gave me the name and address of the woman who had reported it. Together with Miller, I interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Mel Barnes at their home. Mrs. Barnes had invited two other witnesses who could corroborate her report.

According to Mrs. Barnes, before noon on February 1st, 1954, she was watching a jet plane maneuvering. "Then I saw a round ball. I am a "Valleyite", accustomed to seeing just about every type of plane (probably the world's greatest concentration of aircraft production is in the San Fernando Valley), and it suddenly dawned on me that I was seeing something a bit unusual. I called my next door neighbour and asked her to have a look.

By now the ball was near the plane, but going faster than it. The ball was about three times the size of a full moon. It was plain dead white, but didn't glisten. SUDDENLY A STREAM OF WHITE LACY SUBSTANCE FLOWED FROM THE BALL. Then the ball went straight up and disappeared."

She estimated that the Angel's Hair fell over an area of three city blocks. As the strands fell to earth and caught on trees, fences and telephone wires, Mrs. Barnes ran into her kitchen for Wax Paper.

"I intended to wrap it in the paper," she said, "but when I picked it up in my hands it disappeared."

Mrs. Barnes reported her experience to the police, and also telephoned Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The Company dispatched an investigator. He used a method similar to that employed by Daily in Puente to harvest the mysterious downfall. The investigator said he didn't know what it was. During the following week the Barneses were interviewed by a small horde of "special investigators."

Not only did Mr. Barnes corroborate his wife's story as to the Angel's Hair - which he had also seen, and seen vanish - but he described how later the same day he sighted three discs in a triangular formation, which they held for an estimated 10 to 15 seconds; then suddenly they broke formation and darted away at an incredible speed.

The other two witnesses, Mrs. Lillian Dangelo and Mrs. Opal Lane, corroborated the Barneses story.

But the clincher is what Mrs. Opal Lane said. She stated that she had seen - at approximately the same time that the Angel's Hair was falling in the Barnes' back yard and in Daily's yard 30 miles away in Puente, a "cigar-shaped object surrounded by a halo of light and hovering over the area of San Fernando Valley".

Compare that with the report in the LONDON EVENING NEWS of the Gaillac, France, incident on October 29th, 1952. The same pattern seems always to recur.

Angel's Hair falling and vanishing at the touch of human hands - and strange things in the sky, things round, disk or cigar-shaped. I have presented the facts, I leave you to draw your own conclusions about them.

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