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### British Radar Picks Up Flying Object

London, April 4--Radar stations throughout Britain were alerted to look for a mysterious flying object tracked by Air Ministry observers over southwest Scotland. Three radar operators reported independently that the object flashed across their screens traveling at 60,000 feet. The operators said the object suddenly dived to a height of 14,000 feet, made two whirls, then vanished to the south. "We are investigating the matter," an Air Ministry spokesman said. "We do not know what the object was. Intelligence experts are studying the reports and a detailed statement may be made soon." The object was sighted by two lonely radar posts in Scotland's hilly Wigtownshire. A Royal Air Force station near Luce Bay on the southwestern tip of Scotland also caught it on radar. It last was reported seen heading toward the Isle of Man. Royal Air Force officials said no planes were in the area at the time. The mystery object was described as too fast, too big and too maneuverable to have been a plane. (Ed. note: Later radio reports said the object was positively identified as an unidentified flying object. That's what they said). Credit: George C. Wilson, A.P.R.G. Correspondent. Source--Santa Barbara, California, News--4/7/57

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### Mass Of Flame Hurtles Through Space, Hits Peak Near Anchorage, Alaska

Anchorage, March 17--A strange "ball of fire" flashed through the sky over the Matanuska Valley and plunged into the near mile-high Chugach mountain range. The "fireball" sent up a plume of black smoke that was visible for more than 15 minutes over the Pioneer peak which dominates the scenery in the Palmer area. Clouds shrouded the majestic mountain a short while later, preventing a check by air of the nature of the "fireball". The location of the peak is only 30 miles north of Anchorage on the main Anchorage-Palmer highway. In Anchorage it was learned that no planes were overdue or missing. The CAA and the Air Force both reported they had no inkling as to the nature of the crashing object. The "fireball" was reported at 6:30 p.m. to Territorial Policeman Gordon Nelson at Palmer by Aaron Houston who lives in the northern section of the Matanuska Valley agricultural town. Houston pointed out to Nelson a thin finger of smoke rising from towering Pioneer peak, thus confirming that something actually had plunged to Earth there. Credit: Jim Ewart, Director of Investigations. Source: Anchorage, Alaska Daily News--3/18/57

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### Expert Says UFO's Are Myth!?

Washington, February 19--A top government air research expert finally has made it official: There is no such thing as an unidentified flying object. This flat assertion came from Dr. Hugh Dryden, director of the National Advisory Committee For Aeronautics during testimony in a closed session before a house appropriations subcommittee. Queried about a German report that the Nazis in World War II perfected a 138 foot disc that sailed along at 40,000 feet altitude at a speed of 1,250 miles per hour, Dr. Dryden replied: "There is no truth in that statement." "Is there no such thing as a flying disc?" asked Rep. Albert Thomas, subcommittee chairman. "That is right," answered Dr. Dryden. Source: New York, N.Y., Herald Tribune--3/15/57

## U.S. Scientist Challenged On Nixing Flying Objects

Washington, March 20--A private research organization challenged a leading government scientist to prove his claim that there is no such thing as a flying disc. The director of the research group offered to disband the organization if the scientist could offer absolute proof for his statement. The challenge was issued to Dr. Hugh L. Dryden by Donald E. Keyhoe, head of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Dryden told a House appropriations subcommittee that the much discussed unidentified flying objects simply do not exist. Keyhoe, in a letter to Dryden, said his organization "has in its possession new evidence that vital facts have been withheld from the public." "If, as you imply, you can provide absolute proof that unidentified flying objects are non-existent, then NICAP will publish this as its conclusion and at the same time I shall request the board to dissolve this committee at once." Source: Denver, Colorado, Rocky Mountain News--3/21/57

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## Head Of NACA Backs Down On Flying Disc Claim

Washington, April 22--...Interviewed on station WIP Philadelphia, Dr. Dryden was asked if important information on other flying object possibilities was withheld by the Government. Dr. Dryden: "No comment." In a second NICAP letter he was asked if he still denied existence of all flying objects, or merely the German rumor. Replying by telegram, Dr. Dryden flatly refused to answer. Source: National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena).

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## UFO Prober Charges US Hushes Investigation Data

Philadelphia, April 4--Donald E. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps Major, says the Air Force has hushed up results of flying objects investigations and gagged U.S. Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Keyhoe made his charges in an interview over a Philadelphia radio station. Keyhoe declared he will ask the Air Force to turn over to his organization 97 percent of the unidentified object reports which he said the Air Force says have been satisfactorily identified. Keyhoe disagrees with the Air Force statistics and insists almost 20 percent of the sightings must be classified as unidentified. "I frankly don't expect the Air Force to give us the reports," he stated. "They have hushed up results of their investigations and haven't released a sighting report for the last three years, despite the fact there has been a steady flow of such reports." Keyhoe declared Senator Russell has been gagged. Keyhoe explained Russell had seen a flying object but had been told by the Air Force not to disclose any information. He charged the public never has been told Air Force jet fighters have fired upon unidentified flying objects. He also stated that he has a report of a radar sighting which shows a midair collision between a jet fighter and an object it was sent to intercept. "Neither the plane nor the pilot were ever seen again," Keyhoe said. Source: Sacramento, California, Bee--4/6/57.

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## What Was It?

Tucson, February 18--George Smith, 37, is nursing a nasty two-inch gash on his head and scientists at the University of Arizona are studying fragments of an object which hit him. Smith told officers the object smashed through the roof of his car. Credit: Jim Ewart, Director of Investigations. Source: Seattle, Washington, Post Intelligencer--2/19/57.

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## Lakewood, California Citizens See 75 Flying Objects

Lakewood, February 2--At least four Lakewood residents reported sightings of unidentified flying objects late in the afternoon. Traveling south, three groups of the objects swept across the sky at 4:50p.m., according to Bob McCracken, 5645 Castana Ave. "There were 20 to 25 of them in each group," McCracken said. "They appeared to be about the size of a small car, but I was unable to determine their exact shape. Either they had flashing lights or they were reflecting sunlight. They traveled at a rapid clip--much faster than aircraft." McCracken and his wife, Ruth, said the objects were noiseless and that each group passed from view within 30 seconds. Source: Long Beach, California, Press Telegram.

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### UFO Digest for February 1957

2/day unknown/57--Several objects glowing green and moving back and forth and up and down were reported over Mitchell, Indiana. A sharp sky quake shook LaPort, Indiana...2/1/57--A bright round object was seen at 12:45 p.m. at Michigan City, Indiana. It was stationary when first seen then moved on. At 5:45 a.m., slag-like material fell on York, Pa....2/4/57--A sky quake shook Bushnell and Galesburg, Ill....2/5/57--Sky quake shook N.E. Seattle, Washington...2/7/57--A silver light moving up and down and sideways while hovering was seen at 10:30 p.m. near Zumbrota, Minnesota. It was in sight for 3 hours...2/9/57--A bright white UFO moving at treetop level was seen at Toppenish, Wash. at 10:30 p.m....2/11/57--At 2:05 p.m. LaPort Indiana was shaken by a sharp sky quake. At 3:30 p.m. Galesburg and Monmouth, Ill. were shaken by a sharp sky quake...2/12/57--A red disc, rotating counter-clockwise, made a 90 degree turn over Stroudsburg, Pa. at 5:15 a.m....2/13/57--2 white discs, which stopped in flight, were seen over Eurbank, Calif. at 6:45 p.m. At 7 p.m. an oval shaped object was seen over the same area. That night a large fireball was seen falling toward Earth near Hobart, Washington....2/15/57--Two spheres were seen by the G.O.C. station at Albany, Oregon at 9:56 p.m....2/20/57--A UFO was reported at Linton, Indiana at 10:30 p.m....2/21/57--The UFO's returned to Linton, Indiana at about 10:30 p.m....2/23/57--A mystery light was reported at Linton, Indiana at 8 p.m....2/25/57--A red oval shaped object was seen for one minute near Eureka, South Dakota...2/26/57--A red object, shaped like a streak of light was seen for 2 hours (7 to 9 p.m.) at Bager, Texas..

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### The Universe

By Carol Honey

Comet 1956h, discovered by Arend and Roland, has at last made a spectacular appearance in the Seattle area. It was viewed with the naked eye and also with a 4" reflector telescope and binoculars. To get a good view, most Seattle viewers will have to go to a dark location away from the city lights. In ancient times comets were regarded as omens of evil. Scientists believe comets to be composed of gas and meteoric matter. When a comet gets near the sun it absorbs enough heat to cause vaporizing and forms the mixture of gas and dust in the tail. As the tail of the comet always extends away from the sun, scientists believe its composition is of particles so light that the pressure of sunlight against them forces them away from the comet head. Some comet heads may be 10,000 miles in diameter. Some may be a million miles in diameter. The tails may be millions of miles long. The density of matter in the tail is estimated to be so light that it could all be put in an ordinary suitcase. Another frequent display seen by the layman is meteors. A billion meteors are estimated to be captured by the Earth in a single day. Most of these are so small, they are no bigger than a pinhead or a grain of dust. Meteors appear in showers at certain times of the year. For example, Perseids, around August 12. During these showers we sometimes see as many as 10 to 15 meteors a second. Meteors enter the Earth's atmosphere at speeds from seven to 44 miles per second. They may be in view for as long as 3 to 4 seconds. They travel with terrific speed. If you observe a meteor-like object that is in view for more than five seconds, it probably is a UFO. If it stops, makes right angle turns, etc., it is definitely of the UFO class.

## The Brazilian UFO Review

By Olavo Fontes

A.P.R.G. Staff Correspondent

Continued from March issue--Lieut. Sobral maneuvered again, turning around and reversing course. Then, we passed over the island once more, this time flying very low and slowly. However, nothing strange or unusual could be observed over the place, which seemed to be uninhabited. A few hours later the T-15-1166 landed at Sao Paulo airport and the two Air Force officers reported the incident to the Sao Paulo AFB Commander. The Commander relayed the written reports to the Air Defense Command Headquarters, at Rio. An investigation was started at once. At the end all possible explanations had been discarded; and the UFO is still classified in the F.A.B. files as an "unknown". The F.A.B. considered this sighting as too hot to be released to the press. The policy was to release no information about it, unless someone asked direct questions. But, as the press didn't know, they naturally couldn't ask questions about the incident. At first the trick worked well. A few weeks later however, a reporter heard something about the story and started to ask questions. Then the Air Force released the sighting report--but only that. No additional information that might have developed during later investigations and analyses--if any existed--was released.

The sighting was reported by the newspapers, at Rio de Janeiro on December 11, 1954. The authorities refused to make any comment or speculation about it, as was expected. What was it? A lot of people I know are convinced that this report is the best of all--and that it can possibly be the key to the riddle, the final proof. These people believe that this report in itself was proof enough to accept the fact that some UFO's were spacecraft from another planet. But I am not so naive. I know the power of the "dogma", the strength of the will not to believe, the stubbornness of the experts. I have read Dr. Menzel's book. I saw how the "radiation story" was rejected, as told in Capt. Ruppelt's book. So, I don't expect to convince the skeptics that there is an only answer for the Rio Grande River incident. But of one thing I am sure; Even if all of the thousands of flying object reports could be discarded as conventional phenomena, or illusions--this one cannot be. The two Brazilian AF officers reported a definitely solid object of unusual outlines and shape, emitting a very bright and weird light. It had landed or was hovering motionless near the ground, and it took off silently at unbelievable speed, maneuvering unlike any known type of aircraft.

It is impossible to explain away a sighting of this kind. And it would have been hard to find two better qualified and reliable observers. Pilots know how to look, and what should be looked for, when they search the skies; they have seen many odd things in the air, but they have also learned to figure out what they are in a few seconds. Lieutenants Sobral and Hardy had some thousands of hours of flying time--but had never reported anything unusual in the sky, except this UFO. They obviously were not hoaxers, or publicity seekers. They were not fatigued pilots. They obviously hadn't panicked, they were thinking clearly--chiefly Lieut. Sobral, who even maneuvered his plane dangerously close to the "unknown" just to get a better look at it. He was risking his life, and knew it. I find it hard to believe that Air Force pilots don't know what they are doing, In this case, their report was thoroughly investigated and the conclusion is still "unknown".

To be absolutely sure about the Rio Grande River incident, I decided to look for a friend I have in the Brazilian Air Force. He is a jet pilot, and he don't believe in UFO's. He was not in Rio de Janeiro however, and I failed to find him. But, several months ago I saw him and, knowing my interest about the matter, he told me about a sighting he knew. It was the Rio Grande River incident. He had interviewed personally one of the witnesses, who had described it exactly as it was transcribed here. But at the end my friend asked: "What do you think it was?" "I have tried, month after month, to decipher the puzzle--but it is hopeless. I don't know what it was, because I have never seen anything like it before, or since. But I think it was a spaceship." To finish the account of this incredible story, I would like to stress that this is the first report in my country--and perhaps in the world--of a UFO which was landed on the ground and was sighted from an airplane.

## The Editors Have Their Say

Delano, Minnesota, Eagle--February 21, 1957--The presence or absence of flying objects was the subject of discussion throughout the nation again this week. Two area newspapermen, both of whom are extremely reliable reported that they actually saw the airships. This writer happens to be fairly well acquainted with both of these men. If anything, they are of a conservative nature--and not in the least inclined to see things that aren't there. For those who make jokes of the matter, we might add that to the best of our knowledge neither newspaperman has ever been bothered by the presence of pink elephants. We have included ourselves among the scoffers for many years on this flying object business. Now, however, we begin to wonder. These witnesses saw something. They identified it as a flying object. What a flying object actually is or where it comes from no one knows--but we'll bet this newspaper editor saw an object hovering in the sky, it was definitely there. Undoubtedly the Air Force, the government or the world of science has an explanation for this phenomenon. If so (and we are convinced that they do) it is high time they stop making an international secret of the matter and permit the normal, sensible people of the world to know what they are looking at. After all, man's mentality is not built so that he can run around looking at things that aren't there and remain normal for very long.

Newport, Virginia, News-Press--January 21, 1957--Slowly but surely skeptical ranking military officers in this country seem to be coming more and more convinced that the title of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's first book on the subject is true: "The Flying Saucers Are Real."...

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Recommended UFO Organizations, write for information regarding membership--National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C....Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, 1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, New Mexico...Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, 138 W. 92nd. Street, New York 25, New York.

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New Books--Other Tongues--Other Flesh, Amherst Press, Amherst, Wisconsin. \$4.00...Saucer Diary, Pagent Press, Inc., 101 5th Avenue, New York 3, New York. \$3.50...The Expanding Case for The UFO, The Citadel Press, 222 Fourth Ave, New York 3, New York. \$3.50.

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### Late Bulletins

George Williamson, author of "Other Tongues--Other Flesh" reports from Lima, Peru that the priests in the jungle stations have been seeing UFO's in swarms there lately....Northern Peru, About April 20--A large disc was sighted at very low altitude. The object was glowing a brilliant blue and was seen by the observer within 1,000 feet. Jungle missionaries have been reporting an abundance of UFO's during the last few weeks. Credit: John McCoy, from Lima, Peru.

## Books

UFO and the Bible, by M.K. Jessup--Here is the book that is likely to bring to an end the long and baseless conflict between the bible and science. Answering the bigots in both camps, Mr. Jessup shows that the long disputed miracles in the bible are the very means by which both the truth of the bible and the new truths of science can be confirmed. The key is UFO. Using biblical references as early reports of UFO sightings, all the mysteries become clear and the bible is revealed in a new light, as a major, first hand source of historical scientific evidence. Mr. Jessup shows the truly astonishing correspondence between the sky ascensions and meteorological phenomena reported in the bible and UFO phenomena as reported today. He draws his material from texts in the Old Testament, The New Testament and the Apocrypha. As he presents these in the light of the newer science, they take on startling reality, and in turn add their impressive testimony to the reality of UFO. The impact of this book will possibly be as powerful as a modern Revelations. Coming as it does with the announcement of the film documentary showing recent authenticated UFO sightings, this should be decisive. Religious bigots who would deny scientific truths and scientific bigots who would deny religious truths, will not like this book; but all open minds will welcome it. Mr. Jessup's "The Case For The UFO", one of the big books of recent years, brought the astounding truth about the UFO to scores of thousands of readers. UFO and the Bible deepens the message of that book with new material, even profounder and more startling. An original interpretation of biblical phenomena which shows that miracles, prophets and mystical aspects of biblical lore are directly related to UFO. At your bookstore or order from The Citadel Press, 222 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York. \$2.50

There Is Life On Mars, by The Earl Nelson--The Earl Nelson, author of the highly praised Life and The Universe, published in 1953, has made an absorbing and exciting study of Mars and has come to the definite conclusion that plant life, or possibly even intelligent life, exists there; life which may be entirely unfamiliar to us, but which has evolved and adapted itself to suit conditions different from those on Earth. He discusses the great mystery of the Martian canals and speculates on future space travel with all the hazards and problems that astronauts will have to face. Here is all the latest information that science has discovered about Mars and it is presented in such a way as to be clearly understood by the non-scientific reader. In fact, no similar book has appeared since Percival Lowell, the famous astronomer, wrote Mars and Its Canals in 1906 and Mars As The Abode Of Life in 1908. For untold ages, men have gazed into space at the myriad points of light, the stars and planets, marvelling at the immensity of it all, wondering if, somewhere among those countless specks there were not, perhaps, other homes of life apart from our Earth. This fascinating book will undoubtedly inspire further argument and conjecture. The book jacket shows a chart of Mars on Mercator's projection colored in red and reddish brown. The dark areas have been shown an overall green for easy identification. Actually these would be green in the northern Hemisphere (Spring and Summer), and brown in the southern Hemisphere (Autumn and Winter), or vice versa. The chapters include...The Universe Around Us...The Substance of Life...What is Life...Factors in Planetary Temperature Variations...The Velocity of Escape...The Canals On Mars...The Great Mystery Of The Martian Canals...The planet Venus...Life On Other Worlds...Interplanetary travel...Landing On The Moon. At your bookstore or order from The Citadel Press, 222 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York. \$3.00

The Expanding Case For The UFO, by M.K. Jessup--Suppose you wanted to prove the Case For Mankind, but had to do so without actually seeing a human being. Suppose that human beings were invisible, yet all their works were manifest. Now suppose that you were trying to prove to a man from Mars that there really is a human race. How would you go about it? What evidence would you present to the man from Mars who reiterates: "There is no such thing as a human being."? The phenomena you would exhibit to your man from Mars are the kind I exhibit to you on behalf of the UFO and their innate intelligences. The evidence for the UFO and for Mankind, if not identical, are parallel and complimentary to an impressive degree. This is how M.K. Jessup begins his important new book, The Expanding Case For The UFO. In what follows he sweeps aside many of the most stubbornly-held tenets of conventional science. The author draws on a wealth of fresh evidence from the fields of meteorology, archaeology and astronomy to expand his case for the existence of extra-terrestrial "beings". At your bookstore or order from The Citadel Press, 222 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, New York. \$3.50