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MEL NOEL BREAKS SILENCE--A government ultimatum and realization that certain "officials" are not the most respected men were listed as two of the reasons why Mel Noel did not take a trip on a non-terrestrial space ship last November. Last year, Noel said plans were in the making for him to take an actual trip in one of the "vehicles." Plans for his flight began when he met a professor of Italian-Swiss descent who told him some very unusual tales. The tales, he said, all revolved around and coincided with information about a base established in South America for the study of outer space and vehicles which travel in outer space. The base is reportedly run by Martians, directing over 124 scientists, technicians, engineers and other professionals. Reports of spacecraft in the South American base have been so numerous that people and authorities alike don't even bother to report sightings anymore, Noel said. The professor said plans were made for Noel to take the trip, and Noel asked that he be allowed to document the trip by taking acquaintances and informing the press. This was approved. The next step was that of introducing Noel to the counsel of Costa Rica, a federal judge of Mexico, and a chief of police, also of Mexico, all involved in arranging the trip in the spacecraft.

Noel, former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, explained that an investigation on the men was begun immediately, and dossiers showed that the counsel of Costa Rica was released from his position in 1942 for conduct unbecoming his office and that he was on the "10-most-wanted" list in Central and South America for gun running. The judge had a perfect record. However, the judge's father, the chief of police, was one of the 10-most-wanted men in Central and North America for narcotics running. This, plus the fact that members of the U.S. government approached Noel and gave him an ultimatum--"don't make the trip or it will be detrimental to your health," --has "delayed" his flight, he said. When asked about the base and what he thinks is happening there, Noel explained that he believes it is a pro-Nazi base of some kind. He said Marconi, inventor of the wireless, had developed what in this day and age would be known as a ray. Mussolini allegedly developed an interest in the device and asked for demonstrations. Marconi refused and six hours later was dead. Noel said it is a fact that friends and fellow scientists of Marconi, all of the Hitler era, took over his study, and it is Marconi's friends who are located at the South American base now. He said the base has been photographed with telephoto lens, and the pictures show about 124 people experimenting with spheroids and other objects which they are sending into the air. He said the U.S. government has just recently taken an interest in the base and in fact is sending U-2 flights there. He said, however, "There definitely is something going on down there, but what and what they are going to do is not known." Noel said Bell Telephone and General Electric both have been researching UFO's, but it is not a matter of public record. Both companies reportedly have the same information.

ALIEN CRAFT LANDS IN MEXICO--According to a report received by APRG, a mysterious, alien spacecraft landed outside Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico on March 25. Residents said the strange craft about the size of a bus, which radiated a brilliant light, landed about two kilometers from Iguala. Some persons said they left their homes to see the spacecraft but were blinded by the light. Elpidio Figueroa, driver of a Flecha Roja bus, said that as he neared Iguala from Acapulco, a bright light suddenly blinded him and he almost wrecked the bus. "I stopped, and we stayed there until the light went out when the craft landed," he said. Some of the passengers confirmed the driver's story. "A few minutes later, we saw the sky filled with light again as the spacecraft took off," Figueroa said.

MAJOR KEYHOE UPGRADES APRG--For several years Major Donald Keyhoe--director of NICAP and self-appointed world expert in the field of Ufology--has referred to this organization as "a one man operation." Using the old dictator's line, "If you tell a big enough lie long enough, most every one will believe it," the dear old major led the members of his NICAP to believe that this organization consisted of only one member. The grand old hero of the Marine Corp must have felt terribly guilty about all those years of lying. He recently found it in his heart to upgrade APRG by classifying it as "a small group in Seattle, Washington." We are so indebted to the aging major we can hardly restrain ourselves. Sorry, the major had nothing to say about our national membership. Maybe the next time, we hope.

MYSTERY OBJECT OVER VIETNAM--Men on the ground said it was cylindrical, silver colored and visible for several minutes. But the pilots of two F-102 Delta-Dagger jets sent up in pursuit were unable to find the object reported in the sky near the big U.S. military base at Da Nang. Many American soldiers said they saw the object on June 11, but no photographs were known to have been taken of it.

ALIEN CRAFT LANDS, ATTACKS WITNESS--Steve Michalak is suffering from chest burns received May 20 from an alien spacecraft he touched just north of Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada. It was about 35 feet long, eight feet high with a three-foot protrusion on top, looked like stainless steel when it landed, but gave off a glaring red light when it started to move through the air at a speed the 50-year-old industrial mechanic says he can't "even begin to describe." And there were voices coming from it, voices that sounded human but were obscured by a whirring sound the craft made all the time it was on the ground. He has remnants of an undershirt with a geometrically-patterned burned spot on it, a hat with a hole burned through it. And, he says, there seems to be a smell "coming from inside me and I can't get rid of it." Mr. Michalak was out looking at some land north of Falcon about noon when he heard a pair of geese start to cackle insanely. "I looked up and saw these two objects coming from a south-southwesterly direction. They were glaring red. I can't describe how fast they were going. You just can't put it in time. One was cruising about 10 feet above the ground and one landed. I watched it for about a half-hour before going near it." He says it looked like stainless steel as we know it, but gave off kind of a rainbow reflection. And when a three-depth door finally opened, all he could see was a brilliant violet color. "It seemed to be making a sort of whistling noise, like it was sucking in air or something. Air seemed to be coming in or going out somehow." Still slightly shaken up by the experience and hostile attack, he said the joints of the craft were "the

most perfect joints I've ever seen. I can't understand how it was done. There was no welding, no rivets, no bolting, and when the door closed I could see nothing." When he finally decided to approach the craft, he heard voices coming from it that were "definitely human." But he couldn't understand them because of the sound of the craft. "I spoke English, Russian, German, Italian and Polish, but the door closed." Suddenly, rays of heat from a pattern of holes in the side of the alien craft struck Michalak. The craft started to move in an anti-clockwise direction and took off. Michalak then noticed that his shirt was on fire. Mrs. Michalak says her husband is definitely not acting normally. He hasn't eaten, has been vomiting and does have a strange odor about him.

UFO INVASION WORRIES U THANT--In the very middle of the Near East crisis, U.N. Secretary General Thant took time to do a very significant thing. He arranged to have an advocate of the theory that UFO's are from another planet, speak before the Outer Space Affairs Committee of the United Nations. The Middle East war broke on June 5. On June 7, Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, a fly-by-night self appointed expert on UFO's, spoke before the U.N. outer space committee. Dr. McDonald believes that UFO's are extraterrestrial space ships on reconnaissance missions to explore the earth. Interesting fact is that U Thant has confided to friends that he considers UFO's the most important problem facing the United Nations next to the war in Vietnam.

VIRGINIA MAN INJURED BY ALIEN OBJECT--In what appeared to be a deliberate act of hostility, an Eastern Henrico County, Virginia man told police he was burned on the arm by some substance which dropped from a searing bright object which hovered briefly over his yard about 7:30 p.m., June 13. Charles W. Fletcher, 69, said he was sitting in a chair in the yard reading a newspaper when suddenly a bright light appeared from above and was reflected on the newspaper. The substance then dropped on to his left arm near his elbow. He said it was like a liquid and he immediately wiped it off with the newspaper. At the same time, Fletcher said the object burned him on the right side of his face. Fletcher said he looked up and saw a shadow of an object he could not describe as it disappeared over the trees beyond his yard. The substance on the newspaper was purple colored with what appeared to be metallic speckles. Fletcher went into the house and wiped his arm again with a wet rag. He said the rag, where it was stained by the substance, turned a purplish blue.

ALIEN CRAFT LANDS; CONTACT REPORTED--The Air Force placed a cloak of secrecy June 10 over the reported sighting and photographing of an alien craft by two North San Juan, Nevada County, California elementary school students. Lt. Joseph Kinderman of Beale Air Force Base declined to say more than the boys, Tony Spurill and John Bradshaw, saw "something" and took a picture of it. He said he would present the pictures at a meeting in Boulder, Colorado. The pictures show an object described as resembling a "Texas cowboy hat." Parents of the boy were instructed not to disclose any information. The alien object was sighted at dusk about June 2 over the abandoned hydraulic diggings north of North San Juan. The official curtain of secrecy was lifted slightly the next day by Fred Langdon, a 27-year-old rancher. Langdon said he saw the pictures taken by the two boys. Langdon, who is a close friend of the boys' parents, viewed the pictures before they were taken away by the Air Force. He said an object in the pictures resembling a "cavalry hat" made a boulder nearby measuring 6 by 6 feet "look like a pebble." He estimated it to be

at least 15 times larger than the boulder. Langdon said the boys "were playing with a new camera near the North San Juan rifle range and they looked over into the diggings and they saw this alien object down in this rifle range." He described the pictures the boys had as "big, clear pictures of this craft." He said the boys told him "the thing finally took off and they rushed down underneath. I don't know how high it was in the air." He said the boys' described the craft as making a kind of "whistling sound" as it rose. Langdon said the spot where the reported landing occurred is only four minutes walking distance from the community. Hulbert L. Gillis, a bartender in North San Juan, who is an uncle of the Spurill boy, said he was not impressed when he first heard of the sighting and photographs, but added "they (the photographs) sure look real and are kind of frightening." He was reluctant to talk about the youngsters, explaining, "They are real good boys and I think they should be left alone." Most of the persons who have seen Tony's pictures said they clearly show an object shaped like a cowboy hat sitting in the center of the diggings. One picture shows the craft taking off in a verticle position just above an abandoned automobile. The abandoned automobile has disappeared.

Townspeople have admitted sighting the alien craft for years but said they hesitated to report anything because they had no proof of the sightings. Two nuns from Mt. St. Mary's Academy in Grass Valley, who would not permit use of their names, visited Tony on June 14, and one said she also had seen an alien craft--and visited its occupants. She and Tony, discussing the craft, asked each other if they had heard the craft occupants, described as similar to earthlings, but coming in three sizes--medium, large and small. Tony said he did hear them speak, but unintelligibly. They had children with them and said they were contacting regular earthlings because they feared this government might have a belligerent attitude. Two craft had been shot down over military missile installations, Tony said he was told. The nun nodded in agreement. But when they turned and saw reporters and a UFO investigator from Davis standing by the conversation stopped. And what about the pictures? Dr. Davis Saunders, of the University of Colorado UFO center, has branded the photos "fakes." Saunders said, "I knew the pictures were fake as soon as I looked at them. There are just too many inconsistencies I have not ordered further tests because they are not that interesting. Saunders also said the pictures were shown to as many as 100 UFO investigators attending a conference at the university. "To the man," he said, "everybody agreed they appeared to have been faked." (Editors Note: Imagine, 100 UFO investigators and all of them photographic experts.)

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FLYING OBJECTS CAUSE PLANE CRASHES, WARNS CATHOLIC PRIEST--"March 1-15: Inhabitants of the planet Mercury will arrive here. Those who come before March 5 will be returning to their home planet from Mars. Those appearing after March 5 will be on their way from Mercury to Jupiter. Over this period it will be very dangerous to fly because many planes will crash. The mysterious accidents will indicate the presence of UFO's in the skies over our planet."--The Reverend Severino Machado in an interview with the Spanish daily newspaper MADRID, on February 4.

FACT: March 5, Monrovia, Liberia--A Brazilian Varig jetliner crashed near this West African airport killing 51 aboard the plane and five natives on the ground. The 39 other passengers and crew were injured. The pilot, who escaped, claimed that a heavy blanket of fog marred his vision as he approached the runway. But an airport official said visibility was normal. Reason for crash: MYSTERY.

FACT: March 5, Kenton, Ohio--A Lake Central Airlines plane crashed near Kenton killing 38 persons. The Federal Bureau of Investigation was called in to investigate a strange explosion in the Corvair aircraft. The discovery that the fuselage seemed to have burst outward gave rise to speculation about sabotage. Reason for crash: MYSTERY.

FACT: March 8, Karachi, Pakistan--Nine passengers killed when a French-owned Corvair crashed on an overpass on the outskirts of the city hitting a rickshaw and also killing a man pulling it and his passenger. The plane had just taken off and had gained only treetop height when it started to jerk. Reason for crash: MYSTERY.

FACT: March 9, Urbana, Ohio--A Trans-World Airlines DC-9 and a tiny twin-engined Beechcraft apparently collided in mid-air and plunged to earth, with the loss of 26 lives. An eyewitness said she heard what appeared to be a "sonic boom." Reason for crash: MYSTERY.

FACT: March 11, Newark, New Jersey--An American Airlines jetliner narrowly escaped an in-flight collision when the pilot dived sharply to avoid an unidentified "plane." Four hostesses aboard the Boeing 707 were injured in the dive but the 11 passengers on a flight from Detroit to Newark were unharmed. The other aircraft has never been identified. Reason for incident: MYSTERY.

FACT: March 14, East London, South Africa--All 25 aboard a South African Airways Viscount were killed when the plane crashed into the Indian Ocean. Reason for crash: MYSTERY.

FACT: March 14, Brest, France--A French Navy aircraft with 13 aboard vanished during an anti-submarine training exercise over the Atlantic. The twin-engined Neptune did not land on schedule and a vast hunt failed to find any trace of the plane. Reason for crash: MYSTERY.

It all added up to one of the blackest chapters of aviation disasters in years. APRG has been sent the following information about the controversial priest and his amazing predictions. Father Machado, 62, who has a degree in Sacred Theology and is an economics graduate, teaches religion at a Madrid, Spain church school in addition to his duties as a parish priest. He has also studied astronomy for years and spends hours searching the skies through the telescopes at Madrid University. And he warned: "There will be another wave of airplane crashes in July, August

and September--all caused by flying objects." Father Machado said he had spent thousands of hours with his investigations of outer space using powerful telescopes. "It is a fascinating study, and I can declare that UFO's do exist," he declared. "I have seen them with my own eyes. And it will be only a matter of time before they are widely accepted as a fact by the entire world. As a priest, I have tried to promote friendship between all men on Earth. Then I realized that Earth must not be my only parish--that I must try also to promote friendship between all peoples in the Universe." Father Machado then began spending a day each week looking through newspapers and reference books in Madrid libraries. He noted from the newspapers details of reported UFO sightings all over the world. "I finally came to the conclusion that beings from other inhabited planets--Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mercury--have been able to harness the magnetic pull of the planets to propel themselves through space. I believe that all spacecraft which visit Earth are powered by this method.

Father Machado's prediction of the March air crashes were from a calendar he drew up outlining the times when the alien craft were likely to be in the Earth's atmosphere. He bases his conclusions on the positions the planets must be in for the UFO's to travel most efficiently along their magnetic fields. He said: "Beings from Mercury visit our planet most frequently because this planet is in line with the Earth and the sun every 115 days. When that happens, it is the most opportune moment for its inhabitants to return or depart on their voyages which pass the Earth. My calculations for the rest of this year force me to make predictions just as alarming as those I made in January." And these are the danger times he pinpointed: July 1-15: "Once again the people of Mercury will visit Earth on the way to Mars. Between these dates it will again be very dangerous for aviation." August 20-September 20: "It will be even more dangerous for flying during this period, for many planes will be brought down by UFO's heading home from Mercury to Venus." September 20-October 5: "During this period it will be possible to see over our planet the inhabitants of Saturn and their satellites. They will come by craft from Venus on the way to Saturn." November 2-10: "The number of planes which will crash will again show that there are UFO's over the Earth. They will be returning from Mercury to Mars." Said the non-smiling priest: "What I have just told you is not fantasy. As you have already observed there were a number of plane crashes in March, and there will be many more during the other periods I have mentioned. Without a doubt these flying objects are a reality--and a menace. They pose a very real threat to Earth. Just wait and see."

SOUTH AMERICA SIGHTS ALIEN CRAFT IN PROFUSION--Visitors from outer space took a good look at South America during the week of June 18. UFO watchers in Argentina, southern Brazil and Paraguay reported entire squadrons of mysterious objects zoomed through the skies. Argentinian watchers reported a squadron of UFO's sighted in six provinces on June 24. Flying at speeds up to 3700 miles an hour, they were sighted by residents, pilots and airport control towers. In Paraguay, at about the same time, six objects flying noiselessly in formation were sighted over the capital, Asuncion, for about 10 minutes. The airport said communications were completely disrupted while the UFO's were overhead.

NICAP ATTACKS UFO AUTHORS--In an apparent attempt to take complete control of the dissemination of news about UFO's, the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena--which is directed by the

Mutt and Jeff team of Major Donald Keyhoe and Richard Hall--has launched a massive smear campaign against the authors of magazine articles and books on the subject of UFO's. Keyhoe and Hall have accused these authors of being "hack writers...and opportunists...who are out to make hay while the sun shines." Without mentioning the big pile of 'hay' which they have made on their own writings, the major and his sidekick have struck out at such great authors as John Fuller, author of "Incident at Exeter," and Coral Lorenzen, author of "Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence of the Invasion From Outer Space." The Mutt and Jeff team had the audacity to accuse Mrs. Lorenzen of sensationalism in her writings, while conveniently overlooking the most sensationalized book on the market today, "Flying Saucers, Serious Business," by Frank Edwards. The fact that Edwards was a very good friend of Keyhoe and Hall, and a member of the NICAP Board of Governors, could have some bearing on the exclusion. It has been said many times that NICAP is a front organization being used by an unknown government department to hide the truth about UFO's. The recent attacks on the authors of UFO material would indicate that Keyhoe and Hall are working overtime to destroy those who would attempt to disseminate this information to the general public.

ALIEN CRAFT STOPS CAR--Two Albuquerque, New Mexico youths reported that an alien craft hovered over their car on May 26, causing the engine to stop and the lights to go out. Bobby Grant, 17, Joseph Romero, 18, and Johnny Sanchez, told officers they were driving north in Albuquerque when they saw a light approaching from behind their car. The light was darting back and forth across the road, and they thought it might be a drunken driver. When the craft hovered over the car, the engine stopped and the car lights went out, and the three boys got out of the vehicle. As they looked up, the craft flew away to the southwest. There was no sound. The incident occurred about 10:15 p.m.

MYSTERY OBJECTS STARTLE EUROPE--Cigar-shaped objects, trailing brilliant light and looking like "fireworks," startled tens of thousands of northern Europeans on July 18. The objects flashed across the skies over Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Luxembourg. The U.S. Air Force said the brilliant heavenly phenomena were sighted by its personnel at three air bases in Germany. None of the flying objects, described by some Italians as "incandescent footballs," were picked up on Air Force radar screens.

ALIEN CRAFT LANDS--The craft made a whirring sound as it spun toward the earth. It was more than five feet tall and about three feet in diameter, dark in the center with flashing green and white lights. That's what 12-year-old Brian Dorscht said he saw land on the lawn at the National Grocers Co., Ltd., premises in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada on April 26. Brian said six legs appeared when the craft was about four feet from the ground. It landed and the whirring ceased. Brian was frightened and started to run home. He looked back and the craft was gone. Police later found six two-inch circular imprints in a circle of about two feet in diameter. Another imprint was found in the center of the circle. Brian, his two sisters and mother later saw a triangular-shaped craft with flashing red and green lights fly over the same area. Mrs. Frederick Rolufs said she saw three craft fly over in a perfect triangle formation. "The lights were too far apart to be an airliner." All the sightings took place between 9 and 10 p.m.

BOY, 7, TERRORIZED BY ALIEN CRAFT--A 7-year-old boy was terrorized by a

hubcap-shaped craft that landed in a small clearing near his home on June 1. He was so overcome by fear, according to his mother, Mrs. Pedro Norton, that she took him, via Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad, to the Medical College of Virginia emergency room. There, the boy, John Norton, was treated and released; he was described as "convulsing" when brought in. John, a first grade student at Short Pump Elementary School in Western Henrico County, Virginia, was home for the day because of a slight cold. About 11:30 a.m., while playfully chopping on some wood near the clearing in the woods behind his home, the craft landed in the clearing. Mrs. Norton said the boy screamed and ran to the house, stiff with fear and unable to talk at first. He told her there was something out there, and it "winked" at him. Meanwhile, she said her sister-in-law, Rebecca Norton, 16, came in "white as a sheet," saying she, too, had seen "the thing out there." John described the craft as being encircled with red and green lights. The top two lights, he said, blinded at him, and that scared him. He said the craft took off, making only a slight buzzing sound, and that it "took off like lightning." He said it was "about the size of a Volkswagon," shaped like a hubcap and that it was "kinda white, and golden at the bottom." Asked to draw a picture of what he saw, John drew a verticle, elliptical figure with circles representing lights around the perimeter. He said he saw no windows or portholes or anything besides the lights.

INVESTIGATORS PLAN TO SEEK SOVIET AID--The question which most puzzles the special team of UFO investigators at the University of Colorado is whether--and how--it can acquire fuller, more solid and, if possible irrefutable information to determine whether flying objects are real or illusory. One thing is clear. The investigators are not going to base their findings on existing facts. They are setting out to open new sources of information, to tap wider veins of expert testimony on sightings and to broaden the search for knowledge to the scientists in several foreign countries, including the soviet Union. This reflects the zest of the team led by CU's Dr. Edward U. Condon. Dr. Condon is assembling a group of specialists including physicists, astronomers, meteorologists, atmospheric researchers, engineers and psychologists. The Condon team is not at all disposed to leap at the unsupported. It is intent upon opening up additional avenues of reporting and verification to take UFO's out of the category of mystery. Already engineers of one of the major automobile companies are attempting to determine what could cause sudden failure of electrical systems of automobiles in view of the fact that such effects have been reported in connection with UFO sightings. Robert J. Low, an engineer and administrator whom Dr. Condon picked as project director of the investigation, is himself planning to attend the meeting of the International Astrophysical Union in Prague in August in order to have the opportunity to confer with scientists from both Western and Iron Curtain countries. He is particularly interested in talking with soviet scientists who report their radar screens have been detecting UFO's for 20 years. Low wants to see whether they are willing to pool information on the whole UFO question. The Condon team is not doing this job reluctantly; they are doing it with a sense of excitement; they know that just possibly they may be within reach of the biggest discovery of the ages. Obviously, the findings of the Condon investigation cannot be forseen and should not be prejudged. It could be one of three things: (1)conclusive verification of a UFO and its source; (2)enough evidence to justify further investigation; (3)enough evidence to conclude that all UFO sightings have natural explanations. It appears that the Condon team is going to do a thorough and scientific job.