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SAUCER SIGHTING PROVES DUD

3 May 1960 (Local) Unidentified aerial objects - dancing, glow-
ing spheres of light - visited the electric city and were
promptly reported to the Schenectady Gazette and the CDSC.

The sighting of Gerald Jaffee, 1044 Palmer Avenue, was
referred to the CDSC by the Gazette for "competent investigation".
Upon speaking with the witness, Investigation Committee members
learned that Jaffee saw three spherical, yellowish objects
bobbing and weaving above the Balltown road area between 9:20
and 9:45 p.m.. Jaffee, his wife and four other witnesses watched
the unusual aerial show until the three objects disappeared by
"sinking below the horizon".

While preliminary investigations seemed to indicate that the
objects were neither astronomical or weather balloons, the Comm-
ittee continued its inquiries. By noon of May 3rd sufficient
evidence had been amassed from residents of the sighting area and
a phone tip during the previous evening to give a positive
identification to the apparent UFO's.

Ed Dearstyne, owner of a record shop in the Balltown road
section was testing some army surplus balloons he planned to
utilize for advertising purposes. On the night in question, he
attached these yellow plastic balloons to the top of his store.
While they floated some 100 feet above the ground, they were
illuminated by a spotlight. The five-foot diameter spheres
performed their aerial ballet in the same area and during the same
period as the mysterious objects Mr. Jaffee reported.

Due to the testimony taken and careful checking the Invest-
igations Committee concluded that the unidentified flying objects
were no more than advertising balloons.

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PRESS REPORTS SPARK T.V. APPEARANCE

5 May 1960 (L) Due to the newspaper reports concerning the
prompt work of the CDSC's Investigation Committee, two CDSC
members appeared on Channel 6 (WRGB) this morning.

Investigations Committee chairman Ray Jordan and Coordinator
Anthony Rudmann were interviewed by Ernie Taitro of the WRGB
staff on his morning show. Among the matters discussed were the
recent Jaffee sighting and the work of the CDSC.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Currently there are three separate and distinct groups- the conservatives, the fanatics, and the silence group - within ufology. The conservatives are those researchers, led by such personages as Donald Keyhoe and Bob Barry, who approach the subject with a relatively scientific attitude. To such investigators the flying saucers are unidentified flying objects, nothing more. Naturally, these people tend to support various pet theories concerning the origin and purposes of the elusive disks, however, they manage to maintain an objective outlook in their ufology activities. On the other hand, at the opposite pole of the saucer balance there occurs the fanatics- avid followers of men such as Gabriel Green, John McCoy and George Adamski - who support wholeheartedly the "accounts" of the contactees, those gifted persons who have made contact with the occupants of the enigmatic objects. With a devotion that is astounding, the fanatics throw huge conventions, band together in massive organizations, and applaud enthusiastically messages - purportedly from saucer pilots - imploring atomic disarmament and something called universal brotherhood. Finally, there is the silence group, the agnostic reactionaries of the UFO. Devoted to the destruction of the other segments of ufology and led by the "three men in black", they sow confusion and breed dissention with amazing and terrifying success.

It appears that the so called fanatical element of ufology is gaining converts and obtaining control of saucerdom as a whole. Such an occurrence is not at all desirable. Before the public will view the problem of flying saucers with any degree of credibility, the crackpot element must - of necessity - be a minority. The apparent success of the fanatical element, as witnessed by the huge convention thrown last summer on the west coast, and the difficulties of reputable organizations such as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and the Intercontinental Aerial Research Foundation has - for this writer- ominous overtones.

Now fanatics are by definition more fanatical in their beliefs and activities. Thus it can be expected that there will be a steady increase in the ranks of groups which attract such people. However in the last eighteen months such radical groups have increased not only in membership but in number. Perhaps the most interesting occurrence of this period was the formation of a national federation, the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, composed almost exclusively of fanatical UFO clubs. This organization has managed to eclipse the positive, constructive work of such fine groups as the NICAP, ICARF, and the Aerial Phenomena Research Group. If this is a sign of a future trend then there is little hope for creating the favorable public support necessary for the solution of the enigma of the skies.

It is not my impression - nor am I intimating - that the radical organizations have conspired to destroy the hopes of sensible saucerdom. It is rather a better supposition that the boundless enthusiasm of persons who actually believe in the dogmas of the contactees are the innocent dupes of the enemies of ufology. The good intentions of these persons and personages have played into the hands of the silence group.

It is quite evident that something must be done by reputable ufologists to correct this sorry situation. To sit on our office chairs and attempt to weather the storm so to speak may prove the undoing of all that has thus far been accomplished. One of the best suggestions offered to date to combat the activities of the radical groups is to forge strong ties among the conservatives ufo organizations. Through such an action the serious consequences of the current threat may be averted.

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FROM RAY JORDAN'S DESK

Flying saucers, or unidentified flying objects (UFO), are not new. In spite of the popular misconception, they have been with us since the beginning of recorded history. Delving back still further, there are accounts of UFOs in the ancient legends of every people on earth. Even the Bible contains what are, evidently, saucer sightings.

Because space ships have long been in the comic strips, most people connect any mention of flying saucers as the fantastic product of someone's too fertile imagination. Immediately upon learning of unconventional aerial phenomena, the vast majority of the population brushes them off as fiction with hardly a second thought. For this reason, the great mass of our citizenry is ignorant about this vital subject. Many such persons look to a higher authority - the Air Force, the Department of Defense, etc.- to see what their opinion or findings are. Unfortunately, most public pronouncements are negative either through ignorance or censorship.

Concerning censorship - figure this one out! In 1948, approximately a year after the great wave of sightings began, the U. S. Air Force - after a full year of investigation - came to the conclusion that these objects were interplanetary spaceships. ("Estimate of the Situation" by Air Technical Intelligence Center, Dayton, Ohio issued in August 1948 and classified Top Secret..Ed). Then suddenly, they reversed this -we must assume-carefully thought out opinion. Why?

Granted, there are a large portion of hoaxes, misrepresentations of known objects by untrained observers and such other causes for a number of UFO reports. But, how can all the excellent sightings by trained observers - scientists, civilian and military aviation personnel- in addition to radar, and combined radar-visual observations be thrown out? The Air Force accomplishes this feat! Anyone who carefully studies the "explanations" of these sightings can see how ridiculous they really are. The Air Force is definitely trying to cover up something. Maybe they fear mass panic. Maybe they just haven't come up with any real results to show the public for all the many millions spent in chasing the elusive disks. Maybe there's an outside source of silence.

Why would it be fantastic to regard the saucers as spaceships? Our astronomers are becoming more and more aware that we are probably not alone in this vast universe. Assuming that there is intelligent life elsewhere; isn't it possible that some creatures have advanced much further than we and have managed to bridge the tractless universe?

When the saucers began to appear in great numbers in 1947, scientists said - with knowing smiles - that these objects just couldn't exist because of their impossible manuevers. Other investigators theorized that the objects might be utilizing gravitational fields for propulsion, making wierd mamuevers very possible. As a result of these theories, work has now been undertaken in the United Staes and Russia in the area of anti-gravity research.

Someday, as a result of our preiiminary gropings, a breakthrough may be realized and we will build our own "Flying Saucer". If so, let's be kind and stay away from planets with less intelligent life forms than our own. It would only start trouble. Everybody knows flying saucers just don't exist.

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NEWSNOTES & CAPSULE COMMENTS

A copy of Air Force Regulation 200-2 has been received from the department of the Air Force through the unusually prompt cooperation of Major Lawrence Tacker. Thank you Major. If you'd like to read this most interesting document, it's available at CDSC headquarters.

A recent letter from the Intercontinental Aerial Research Foundation reveals that that august organization is experiencing organizational difficulties and may be disbanded. We hope that the difficulties will be rectified.

The April and May issues of FATE Magazine carry a two part report speculating on the existance of life on Mars. It makes quite interesting reading.

Is it this editor's mistake or is the April issue of FLYING SAUCERS MAGAZINE unusually late?

Help alert the public to the ufo problem; talk to people about the elusive disks whenever the opportunity presents itself.