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## NICAP RAPPED BY CONVENTION SPEAKERS

29 May 1960 (UB) Another corner of saucerdom's three ring circus, the seventh annual Spacecraft Convention was held yesterday and today at Giant Rock Airport near Joshua Tree, California. As could be expected the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena was on the receiving end of the brickbats.

Probably the most startling statement of the whole convention came from George Van Tassel--convention host and airport owner--after he read a letter stating that Major Donald Keyhoe, NICAP director, would not appear at the convention because it would only bring ridicule to serious UFO investigation.

Commenting on the letter, Van Tassel said, "If it wasn't for the contactees, there wouldn't be any subject...In denying the contactees, NICAP has denied the wheels of Ezekiel and the whole Bible."

Although no one in the crowd seemed to notice this statement, anyone with a little knowledge of UFO history will remember that Maj. Keyhoe was the first person to create widespread interest in saucers with his articles in TRUE magazine and his first book, "Flying Saucers Are Real", published in 1950. "Flying Saucers Have Landed", by George Adamski, generally considered the first of the contact books, was not published until 1953.

Sightings of a red light in the sky, a UFO movie entitled "We Saw the Flying Saucers", and an airplane mishap proved to be the other "highlights" of what was otherwise a dull rehash of famous--or infamous if you prefer--stories by the Messers Van Tassel, Angelucci, Bethrum and company.

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## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SAUCERS?

May 1960 Chemical analysis reports released by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) of New Mexico, indicate that a sample of metal found after a UFO was seen to explode in Brazil in 1957 was magnesium of 100% purity.

The original analysis reports from the Brazilian govt. agencies that performed the tests--including spectrographic film and X-ray Diffraction film--are on file at APRO headquarters. No impurities were found in the sample other than magnesium hydroxide formed when the metal fell into the sea.

Commenting on the fragments, APRO stated: "On the basis of this study (the various analysis), it is highly probable that the metallic chunks picked up on a beach near Ubatuba, Sao Paulo are really fragments of a flying disc."

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## NICAP TERMS SAUCERS INTERPLANETARY

24 May 1960 (Washington, D. C.) "The unknown devices--UFO's--reported by reliable observers are intelligently controlled machines from outer space."

Such is the majority opinion of the Board and Special Advisers of the nation's foremost ufology research group, NICAP.

Concurring in the group's statement--the first such assertion in its three year history--are Dr. Marcus Bach, State University of Iowa; Prof. Charles Maney, Defiance College; Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, University of Southern California; Prof. N. N. Kohanowski, University of North Dakota; Frank Edwards, radio-TV commentator; Col. R. B. Emerson, USAR; Rear Adm. H. B. Knowles, USN (ret.); Capt. W. B. Nash, Pan American Airways; Capt. R. B. McLaughlin, Navy Missile expert; Albert M. Chop, former Air Force information official on UFO's; and Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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FROM RAY JORDAN'S DESK:

Help Out There!

For many years, the origin of our planetary system was believed to have been the result of a near collision of a passing star with our sun. This would imply that planets are very rare--human life on earth being unique in the universe. This theory, one which held an entirely too lengthy tenure, has recently been discarded in favor of the better "dust cloud hypothesis" which holds that stars & planets are formed by the gravitational contraction of dust and gas clouds. From this type of stellar formation, planetary systems would be a common occurrence.

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Excluding double and multiple star systems, it has been estimated that about 25% of all stars in our galaxy--the Milky Way--have accompanying planets. Considering the prerequisites for the development of an advanced civilization, as we know it, (stellar life, luminosity, etc.) it has been further concluded that 40 stars in our vicinity--50 light years--show similarities to our life giving G-type sun. Two of these, Epsilon Eridani and Tau Ceti, appear as excellent candidates for intense scrutiny. Working for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration in Washington, Chinese-born scientist Su Shu Huang, has accomplished the enormous task of narrowing down the list of stars having a likelihood of intelligent life.

Several scientists, notably Cocconi and Morrison of Cornell University, suggested some time ago that we utilize radio telescopes to listen for some intelligent signals from outer space. They also suggested the most favorable wavelengths for such a project. While such projects would have been laughed into an intellectual limbo 20 years ago, modern science is more liberal--especially since such ideas are now feasible both technologically and psychologically.

Towards this end--communication with any intelligence in the apparently limitless universe--Project Ozma has been established by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia. Appropriately, the Project is named for the queen of Oz--a place very far away, difficult to reach and populated by exotic beings. Work has already been initiated by an 84 foot radio telescope, with a 140 foot device slated for use upon its completion.

The success of such a project depends on many things. The assumed planetary systems must exist; life must have evolved; intelligent beings, if such exist, must be capable of and active in sending strong radio signals into space--in short their own version of Project Ozma.. Even if intelligent signals are picked up in the near future, any possible communication will be quite awkward. Such signals would take over twenty years to travel to the stars under investigation and return. Never the less, this is a project which inquisitive man must undertake in his march into the universe--and one which we hope someone out there has also undertaken.

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## NEWSNOTES &amp; CAPSULE COMMENTS

The June issue of ARGOSY MAGAZINE contains a documented expose of AF censorship by NICAP director, Donald Keyhoe. Included are photographed sections from AF reg. 200-2, JANAP 146, and the details of the Air Force censorship imposed on the Armstrong Theater staff during the rehearsals for the January 1958 show "UFO-Enigma of the Skies". To our knowledge this is the first good ufo story appearing in a national magazine in over a year.

Liasion has been established with the North Jersey UFO Group headed by Lee R. Munsick and the London UFO Research Organization.