

CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE OF NEW YORK

Report to Members - Summer and Fall 1955

Enclosed for Your Information:

Announcement of the First Fall Meeting, October 28, 1955.

Report on Meeting of June 3, 1955.

Statement of Purposes, Activities, and Policy of CSI, recently prepared for use in answering the increasing number of inquiries about our organization.

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On July 30, Marilyn Feifer, now Mrs. Louis Shaw, invited a few friends to her new home at Port Washington, Long Island. You will remember her as the prime motivator in organizing CSI in February 1954. Among her guests was the speaker at our June 3 meeting, J. Gordon Vaeth, and there was a welcome opportunity to discuss UFO's at length with him.

Since the national press seldom covers UFO accounts nowadays, CSI members may well have taken this as indicating a general lull in UFO activity. This is not the case. While sightings are not reaching the proportions attained in the peak years 1952 and 1954, we have it on good account from irrefutable sources that the reports are flowing into Wright-Patterson Air Intelligence Center at Dayton at a rate of never less than one or two per day from all sections of the country. This minimum of sightings has been maintained for at least the last eight to ten months. Unfortunately, CSI does not possess adequate funds for a subscription to a news clipping service, whereby we might have a better idea of what kind of total national press coverage is being given the subject at the moment. There is a definite indication, however, that activity has picked up recently.

In spite of the apparent lull in UFO activity, the Research Section has not been at a loss for work. Isabel Davis has continued the card cataloguing, while Ted Bloecher has arranged all the CSI clippings and personal sightings in orderly shape for easy reference. Almost 1400 cases, including a number of personal accounts, have been indexed, and when all the material now on hand has been indexed, the reports will probably total well over 2000.

We were fortunate in obtaining from a friend of CSI, Artur Isenberg, a considerable number of foreign accounts that give some idea of the extraordinary saucer activity throughout Europe in the fall of 1954. This original material, translated by Victoria de Cervantes and Lex Mebane, presents quite a different picture from the one offered in the U.S. newspapers, which covered in a joking vein only a few of the stories. Most significant were the accounts of dozens of alleged landings, where numerous witnesses testified under oath to observations of strange and alien creatures, generally described as small and humanoid in shape. The mysterious and seemingly idiotic behavior of these creatures gives these reports a unique quality of credibility.

Close on the heels of the European accounts came the similar but more alarming South American incidents, where - in at least four apparently well-documented cases - innocent victims were set upon by hairy midgets with superhuman strength. Full details are given in the APRO Bulletin for November 1954, January 1955, and April 1955. The Bulletin is published by Mrs. Coral Lorenzon, Director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, 519 New York Avenue, Alamagordo, N. M.

As a result of these amazing but convincing reports, the members of the Research Section have been forced to the conclusion that it is not possible to remain completely incredulous about all alleged saucer landings. The story of "luminous little green men" seen in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on August 21st, is similar to the European and South American cases, and is believed to be probably true; also the sighting of little men in Georgia on July 2, by Mrs. Symmonds of Cincinnati (this case was reported in the New York World-Telegram and Sun for August 25).

Earlier in the summer the researchers were in touch with Major Donald E. Keyhoe, whose third saucer book, The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, will be published this Fall by Holt. Major Keyhoe told us at that time that publication of the book, originally scheduled for Spring 1955, had been delayed because of important new information that he had received. On October 1 the publisher stated over the telephone that publication date is now definite, November 28. We suggest that you order your copy now, as a new Keyhoe book on saucers is important.

Jim Moseley, our 1954-55 president, has been twice to South America (not on saucer business, however). We hope that when he returns from his current trip he will give CSI members the opportunity to hear about some of his experiences.

On August 19 it was the Research Section's honor to be host to a distinguished astronomer, whose name would be known to most of our members. Because of the general prejudice against saucers in his field, he asked us to preserve his anonymity. However, it can confidently be stated that few, if any, people in this country are better informed about saucers than this scientist, and his visit was a source of enlightenment as well as pleasure. In his expert opinion, no really scientific investigation of saucers has yet been made by any agency, governmental or otherwise. He was favorably impressed by our work.

Ted Bloecher spent the week-end of August 27- 29 in Cincinnati, as the guest of Leonard Stringfield, Director of CRIFO. At the time of Ted's visit, Cincinnati was a hot-bed of UFO activity. Local reports were being made every night, and he was able to verify at first hand several of the remarkable cases described in the September issue of Stringfield's publication, Orbit. (Write Leonard Stringfield, CRIFO, 7017 Britton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

Any night owls among CSI members who were listening to Barry Gray's radio program on WMCA at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 24, had the pleasant surprise of hearing Ted Bloecher and Warren Siegmund discuss flying saucers and the work of CSI with Mr. Gray. Unfortunately we did not have enough advance notice of this appearance to notify our members.

Three lectures were also given by CSI officials. On September 13 Marty Meyerson addressed the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights, Long Island, on the subject of the club. They found his talk so interesting that he was asked to return for their next meeting, September 20, and give them more information.

On Thursday, October 14, Ted Bloecher addressed the Social-Scientific Society of New York at Manhattan Towers; this is an organization founded in 1870 by Dr. Carl Schurz and Dr. Abraham Jacoby, and is composed chiefly of scientists and engineers. This opportunity came about through a letter written by Ted, criticizing an inadequate review of flying-saucer books, that appeared in the August 27 issue of The Saturday Review.

The fall season is here, and we are preparing our series of CSI meetings. In the past year this job has been admirably handled by Marty Meyerson, our Secretary-Treasurer. But Marty is leaving soon on an extended vacation in the West. Responsibility for handling the business end of the meetings has been assumed by Lex Mebane. But we need assistance from members and friends who can offer their services. We need envelopes typed for announcements of meetings, we need help with our increasing correspondence, someone to take minutes at meetings, and similar duties. If you can lend a hand, please contact any one of the following:

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If we get the help we need to handle regular organization work, we will undoubtedly be able to get intelligent, informative speakers. We have made many excellent contacts recently, and there is a prospect of outstanding meetings this season.

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