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C.S.I. INTERIM BULLETIN

It's been many months - since the Lorenzens' visit in December, to be exact - since the CSI Research Section has issued a News Letter, invited members to a meeting, or even kept up properly with correspondence. But we haven't been "silenced"; the two villains were shorthandedness and unremitting work on Aimé Michel's new book, which proved to take much more time than had been expected, and for a long time left us no opportunity to attend to anything else. Though this was unavoidable, it was not fair to our valued members, and membership renewals will be extended by an appropriate length of time.

The Michel task is now almost complete. Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery is scheduled for June publication (see below) and at long last we can turn our attention to neglected obligations.

MEETING MAY 23 - see announcement enclosed. There will be an adequate door committee for this meeting. Since the hall will accomodate only 280, and we may have a crowd, we suggest that you arrive in good time. Bring your membership card! We are indebted to CSI founder, member #1 Marilyn Shaw, for Willy Ley's friendly participation in this program.

MEMBERS' GET-TOGETHER MAY 30. All members are cordially invited to a long-delayed meeting, at the offices of the Handicapped Children's Home Service - ground floor, 105 West 55 Street, 8 p.m. No speeches or business, just conversation and refreshments; everyone is invited to contribute whatever interesting UFO information has come his way during the past few months.

MICHEL BOOK. We expect, of course, that this will be available to CSI members at a discount, but please do not send money or orders for it now; as soon as details have been settled with Criterion, we will let you know. The book will contain an extensive Appendix by the Research Section giving a comprehensive account of the November 1957 sighting wave in the United States.

NEWS LETTER #11 is finally under way, but what with the meetings, it will probably be June before it can be sent out. Meanwhile, here is telegraphically-brief mention of recent events of interest; more detail about most of these, with other new material, will follow in NL #11.

NEWS NOTES

Space Animals: New evidence for the animal theory: falls of rapidly-evaporating "sky jelly" (compare evaporation of angel hair) in Miami, Florida, February 28, 1958 (policeman as witness) and Australia in 1950.

Angel Hair & Gossamer: Japanese UFOlogists say X-ray diffraction proved residue from October 4 angel-hair fall was not spider web. CSI now has an apparently similar specimen of "gossamer" from Portales, N.M., fall of October 24, 1957.

New Genuine UFO Photographs: Important picture taken at the mid-Atlantic island of Trinidad (Brazil) on January 16, 1958, by photographer on IGY vessel, certified by Brazilian Navy officials as not faked. Ralph Benn of Los Angeles takes movie of paired UFOs December 1 (similar to Tremonton film) and gets decent treatment from Air Force (from Max Miller's Saucers). Famous 1953 movie taken in Port Moresby, New Guinea, unearthed and published by Australian investigators: shows right-angle maneuvers.

Harry Sturdevant, Trenton, N.J., night watchman allegedly injured by UFO in October 1956, loses workmen's compensation April 21 on grounds that his experience was only a hallucination.

Sightings slacked off after the November wave, but even so, we have more on hand than we will be able to get into NL # 11. Here are two of special interest:

UFO Stalls Car Engines in Peru: On January 30 a Peruvian lawyer, Dr. José Valencia Dongo, was driving from Arequipa to Lima with his wife and her brother. At 11:45 p.m. they were 220 miles north of Arequipa on the Pan-American Highway, when their headlights went out and the engine died. The driver stopped the car. Then they noticed an object descending from the sky; when it reached a height of about 150 feet, it stopped and hovered. It had the shape of a "flying saucer," of "incandescent" (presumably orange-red) color. For 8 minutes it remained completely motionless, then disappeared into the cloudy sky. A truck and a bus going to Lima were also stopped. Dr. Dongo said that in all three vehicles the passengers felt a nervous shock before the UFO appeared overhead.--La Prensa (N.Y.), Feb. 1, 1958. (Same as France and Levelland, Texas; one assumes that a lawyer is not a hoaxer.)

Ivan Sanderson Sees Green Fireball: On the night of Saturday, February 8, the well-known zoologist, author, TV star, and CSI Vice President, Ivan Sanderson, was driving back to New York from the South, with three friends. At 10:35 p.m. they were heading northeast on Route 301 in southern North Carolina, and had just passed the tiny village of Micro (about 30 miles southeast of Raleigh). Robert Duncan, in the back seat, noticed a bright "peacock-green" luminous object rising behind the trees in the southwest and catching up with the car. A moment later the brakes were slammed on as it was seen by Ivan and Richard Florimont, in the front seat. Not quite one-third the size of a full moon, it had a blunt front and a tapering sharp tail, from which spurted a few orange sparks that forked like those struck from a flint. It appeared like a rounded, three-dimensional thing, not a mere glaring light. It passed over, to their left, and within four seconds was lost to view behind pine trees in the north-northeast. No sound was heard. Ivan had the impression that it was a good many miles away. (The appearance and horizontal course of this object seem to put it in the general class of the enigmatic "green fireballs.")

Frank Edwards Lecture in NYC, May 8, 1958, for NYSIB (new contactist colleagues of ours, who have also had Williamson and Reinhold Schmidt). His excellent presentation included two exceptional April 1958 sightings from Indiana: in one, four orange-luminous objects in stately procession killed aircraft radio; in the other, a formerly skeptical friend saw UFO take off from ground nearby (Valparaiso).

Still More Icefalls in Pennsylvania; CAA now blames them on planes, but this explanation won't hold water.

Trasco Dognapping Little-man Story (see NL #10) has been investigated by Jules St. Germain; he feels it doesn't look authentic.

Another New Jersey Little-man Case, Drakestown, December 30; Jules hopes to check up; sounds promising; little men said to be luminous, and green!

UFOs at United Nations: On April 7 Frank Bartholomew, president of UP, wrote that "The counter-offensive striking force of the Strategic Air Command has been sped on its way many times by alerts created by the appearance of ... foreign objects, flying in seeming formation, that simply never have been explained." (Times, April 19.) On April 21, Russia formally complained in the UN about this repeated launching of H-bombers across the Arctic, but was voted down. Many commentators remarked on the ease with which this crazy hair-trigger situation could touch off accidental catastrophe, but none seems to have noticed that UFOs were responsible.

Air Force vs. Leon Davidson: Dr. Davidson, to whose energetic persistence we owe the public availability of Project Bluebook Report #14, is now battling to make the Air Force release another important document, the Scientific Panel Report on UFOs, prepared in January 1953 by six scientists consulted by Project Bluebook.

(See Ruppelt, Chapter 16.) The Air Force released a so-called "summary" of this report, to contradict Major Keyhoe when he appeared on the Mike Wallace show on March 8 and quoted Ruppelt. Davidson is trying to compel the AF to release the full report, which will confirm Keyhoe and Ruppelt. Major Tacker, current AF spokesman at the Pentagon, has injudiciously given Ruppelt the lie direct; Leon is trying for Congressional action.

Among the Contact Claimants: Howard Menger has gone to moon and returned with pre-served potatoes; has also made piano record of a "Saturnian tune," selling well at \$7.00. Williamson's California audiences have been treated to "sightings" after his lectures; Max Miller exposes the "spacecraft" as balloons sent up by confederates. Contactist press gives much publicity to hoax letter from "State Department" to George Adamski, purportedly endorsing A's claims. "Tibetan lama Lobsang Rampa," contact claimant and author of The Third Eye, exposed in England as Liverpool native Cyril Hoskins. Rex and Ray Stanford publish book revealing that adepts can "grow" their own saucers providing they watch their diet. George King of London announces "protest march" against government secrecy commanded by his "telepathic contact on Mars"; gets world-wide publicity.

Notable Long John Radio Programs: Lorenzens (December 19), Keyhoe (March 9), Edwards (May 6), Jim Moseley (January 25), Arthur Clarke (February 5), Reinhold Schmidt (March 23); Schmidt now claims further contacts and refuses lie-detector test.

Otis T. Carr of Baltimore, also a Long John guest, claims to be able to build an anti-gravity saucer for \$20 million; members are advised to keep their money in their pockets.

Another Nocturnal Program: "Opinion," over WNJR (Newark), 1130 mc, 12 - 3 a.m., conducted by hypnotist Joseph Edelman (former frequent Long John panelist). Similar to LJ's and refreshingly severe on phonies.

WANTED - Any details from any member about "7 UFOs making a scene over restricted areas in Washington, D.C." on August 11, 1957; CSI member Liz Borries heard that this had happened; can any member elucidate?

Also See NL #11 for: Comment on Keyhoe's celebrated appearance on the Armstrong Circle Theatre January 22, 1958, when his voice was cut off the air for 20 seconds, raising question of censorship (CSI people were at the studio); comment on new saucer publications and books (including Saucer Pilgrimage, by contactists Bryant and Helen Reeve) and on two recent technical articles pretending to explain radar angels; etc.

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