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The Air Force says that it has no **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE** (physical meaning 'something you can touch') that such things even exist. In the words of Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, retired, who served three years at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, as Chief Investigator for Project Bluebook **WHAT CONSTITUTES PROOF??** — Does a UFO have to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, near the Joint Chiefs of Staff offices? Or is it proof enough when a ground Radar Station detects a UFO, sends a Jet up to intercept it, the pilot sees it, and locks on with his Radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal rate of speed? Which is **PROOF?**

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FLYING SAUCERS BECOMING RESPECTABLE

One indisputable factor is becoming more and more noticeable as the year 1957 unfolds before our eyes. The era of confusion is slowly but surely coming to an end. The decade from 1947 to 1957 could very well go down in future history as the **ERA OF CONFUSION**, and it all started for most of us in 1947 with Kenneth Arnold's report that he had seen 9 **SAUCER-SHAPED** objects flying between him and Mount Ranier.

The reason that the Era of Confusion is coming to an end, is that after ten years, the subject of **FLYING SAUCERS** is becoming **RESPECTABLE!!**

First there was the formation of NICAP, and Admiral Delmer S. Farnhey's statement, that "There are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds," etc.

Then the statement to the press by Clyde Tombaugh, that "Strange objects in the skies may be visitors from the stars, who have traveled trillions of miles to reach the earth!"

And then if that doesn't make them respectable enough, take this news release:

HENRY J. TAYLOR AFFIRMS BELIEF IN FLYING SAUCERS

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)--Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor, President Eisenhower's nominee for ambassador to Switzerland, said Saturday that about 10 percent of flying saucer reports are "very disturbing" and must be taken seriously.

Taylor was questioned earlier this week at a closed-door hearing by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who later approved his nomination by voice vote without a record ballot. His testimony was made public Saturday.

In response to questions about his oft-expressed belief in flying saucers, Taylor said: "Nine out of each 10 cases are either ridiculous or publicity seekers, or misconceptions, optical illusions and a hundred different

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reasons, but there is a 10th one that is very disturbing!!

He said this 10th case has to be taken seriously because it "has been seen by too many sober-minded people, with photographic and other evidence".

In his discussion of flying saucers, Taylor told the Senators that:

"I haven't the faintest idea what is happening. I just don't know, and I don't know anybody else who knows."

But, he added, "It is very difficult to deny that something is happening around us that we just don't quite understand." He said this "something" apparently is "happening in about eight or ten per cent of these sightings in various parts of the world which is not clear."

"I just don't think that we know all the secrets of the universe yet", he said. (Credit **THE MIAMI HERALD**, May 5, 1957 and also thanks to L. S. Fuller for the clipping from the Atlanta paper and Elizabeth Borries, Irving, Texas.

The most significant aspect of the above news release of course is that President Eisenhower, knowing of Mr. Taylor's often expressed opinions on the subject of **SAUCERS**, should appoint him as an Ambassador to Switzerland representing 170 million Americans. And the good Senators, after hearing him express his opinions should endorse him overwhelmingly. Only five years ago this would have been **UNTHINKABLE**!-----I'm telling you, **THEY ARE BECOMING RESPECTABLE!!!!**

And just look how respectable **SAUCERS** are becoming in New Jersey:

NIGHTWATCHMAN GRANTED MEDICAL COMPENSATION
FOR DISABILITY CAUSED BY A UFO

Shortly before 4:00 A.M. on the morning of October 2nd, 1956, Harry J. Sturdevant, 66-year-old veteran nightwatchman, was buzzed by a flying saucer. He was on duty making his rounds on the partially constructed East-West Highway project, a new super thoroughfare being built on the outskirts of the city of Trenton, New Jersey.

"I was standing at the bottom of the concrete steps just across from Rotary Island", Sturdevant said. "Suddenly it appeared. First as a red light in the sky above the Reading RR bridge about a mile up the river. In a matter of seconds it shot down past me, only about 15 feet above the water. Then it swooped upward about 500 feet and disappeared."

"It was about 60 to 100 feet long and about 15 feet in diameter, shaped like a cigar", he explained.

"It had no wings, and no fins---I heard no propulsion from it except a hissing sound like escaping steam."

"It gave me the greatest shock of my life. There was a smell like sulfur or brimstone. It was something I had never smelled before. I don't know what it was except it was very nauseating and it made me very sick. I lost my sense of taste and smell; my throat would not swallow properly."

Sturdevant claimed medical compensation from the Herbert Elkins Inc., construction firm for which he worked. At a hearing before the New Jersey State Workmen's Compensation Board he testified that he had been able to work only a few days since he saw the object out over the river.

An Elkins Co. representative however, disputed his claim, and pointed out that Sturdevant's trouble "might be with his imagination, not his eyes, ears, and nose."

The referee, Leonard B. Willits, who sat in on the hearing, upheld Sturdevant's bid for medical expenses on the grounds that it was his duty to investigate everything within sight, smell or hearing, including UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

Such a decision amounts almost to an admission by the state that flying saucers do exist. For the first time in history an object

from outer space was blamed for the disability of an earthman.

Influencing the judges decision certainly, were the following supporting stories of other residents of the Trenton area.

On the same morning, a circulation route manager for the TRENTONIAN, was making his early morning delivery run through the Hiltonia section of Trenton. He drops off newspaper bundles to stores and newsstands between 1:00 and 5:00 a.m. every day.

Peter Borza said he was driving his station wagon on Parkside Avenue, two blocks from the river, shortly before 4:00 a.m. on October 2nd.

"I was just about to make a turn near Cadwalader Park when I spotted this object in the sky", he said. "It was high in the sky. I guessed it to be about the size of the moon from where I stopped my wagon."

Borza's description differed only slightly from Sturdevant's. Where the watchman said the UFO had a glowing, reddish appearance, Borza said it was white. But Sturdevant witnessed the object from only 50 yards away; Borza saw the UFO when it was high in the sky.

When the Trentonian hit the street the following day, another sighting popped up.

A five-year-old Parkside Avenue boy had seen the saucer too. The time factor was the same. His parents who had passed off the youngsters story as a bad dream, took a new view of the incident and called the newspaper.

The child shared a bedroom with his nine year old brother. The youngster had awakened shortly before 4:00 a.m. on October 2nd and looked out the window. He had seen a "big lighted ball with a tail."

Whether or not the two additional sightings were the factor that influenced the judge in the case are open to debate, however what is certain is that for the first time in history a visitor from outer space has influenced the State of New Jersey.

(Credit Emil Slaboda of the Trenton, TRENTONIAN---for complete story in much greater detail read Slaboda's article in June issue of Fate titled "HE COLLECTED ON A FLYING SAUCER".

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But even while the Saucers are becoming respectable, the wild and wooley tales will

still pop up, and these the press will latch onto, particularly the writers who are too busy to investigate for themselves or for some reason prefer not to dig into the facts. This report on the 4th Annual Space Craft Convention at Giant Rock, California is typical. 7,000 people turned up there this year, so out of that many individuals there are bound to be some wild claims. These of course are the ones that get the play in the newspapers.

LITTLE MEN, YOU'VE HAD A BUSY DAY.....

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. -- (INS.) -- Creatures from outer space were described Sunday as "angels in disguise visiting earth to promote peace and to set down to a good earth-cooked meal."

Howard Menger, a farmer from High Bridge, N. J., told a final days gathering at the 4th annual Interplanetary Space Craft Convention:

"I've been talking to men in flying saucers since 1931, and I want to tell you these men from space are not monsters, despite their appetites.

"They are warm and wonderful creatures. Why," he pointed out to his audience of 7,000 earthlings, "the last time they visited my farm they ate up all the ham and eggs in the house!"

Menger was one of the featured speakers at the final session of the two-day convention in the desert near Twentynine Palms, California. He told the flying saucer enthusiasts that he would have been inclined to doubt his own eyes if his wife, children and New Jersey neighbors hadn't also seen the space visitors.

While Menger was telling of past visits of interplanetary travelers, James A. Lee, of Abilene, Texas, was cruising the desert area in his special car rigged with an "infra-red beam detector designed to track any space craft that may have been spying on the flying saucer meeting.

The crowd was momentarily startled into believing they were being visited by a space inhabitant when a solitary figure trekked in out of the vast desert shouting:

"The spacemen want peace! Nothing can stop us now! The time of the lamb and the lion is at hand!"

The visitor identified herself, however, as a "peace pilgrim." She said she had walked all the way from Washington, D. C. in behalf of the cause of world and interplanetary peace.

And speaking of Howard Menger and his claim of contacts with spacemen, here is some food for thought, and very serious thought at that.

The following article appeared in the New York DAILY NEWS on Thursday, April 4, 1957.

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ARE SOVIET SPIES BACK OF "SAUCER CONTACTS?"

(By Ben Gross)

Could Soviet Russian spies--intelligence or psychological warfare agents---be behind some of the American excitement over flying saucers? Two broadcasting personalities, who have devoted many hours on the air to discussing UFO's, believe this to be a possibility.

One of them is Long John Nebel, who conducts the off-beat program, "The Party Line" (WOR Radio, Mon--Sat. 12 Midnight to 5:30 AM) The other Ivan Sanderson a noted zoologist, botanist and geologist, who served with distinction in British Naval Intelligence during World War II. Both expressed their views on the air recently.

"A number of people lately have announced contacts with persons alleged to have come to earth from other planets via spacecraft", said John. "George Adamsky, among others, has written a book about it. And Howard Menger, a sign painter of Highbridge, N. J., has reported on my program that he has had conversations with beings from Venus who landed in his apple orchard.

"Some of these who tell such stories can't be dismissed as liars, psychotics or conscious charlatans, Menger for instance appears to be utterly sincere.

"All of their stories have certain similarities: The alleged spacemen appear only at night; their craft land only in out-of-the-way places; and they warn their contacts never to approach them while carrying any weapons or even flashlights."

"Furthermore, these space visitors, preaching a doctrine of brotherly love, are reported to harp constantly on the suggestion that we abandon our experimentation with atom and hydrogen bombs. Also, they are said to be giving secret instructions of some kind to their earth-people contacts.

"But most suspicious of all is this: Persons who say they have had such contacts insist that occasionally they recognize "people from other planets" working in our factories and riding along our highways in cars. How do they identify these individuals as being from outer space?

"Well, they tell you that this is a secret. But some have gone so far as to say there are hidden means of identification, including 'code words' involved".

Therefore, Long John posed these queries; "Would true space-men intent on benefiting humanity behave in this fashion? On the other hand, how would Russian psychological warfare agents behave?"

"Just in the manner you have described," said Sanderson.

WHY?

First of all, to establish secret landing places for their craft in out-of-the-way places in this country. Secondly, to gain the services of well meaning and highly credulous dupes. And thirdly, to undermine subtly our will to protect ourselves with nuclear weapons.

Sanderson, who has made a name for himself on Radio and TV, and is now appearing weekly on the Gary Moore program, argues that it would be silly to dismiss all reports of such contacts with "Spacemen." "There is now quite a considerable mass of such reports," he said. "Some of those alleged contacts have been witnessed by as many as six persons at a time, in one case even by a Princeton University physicist. So there is a definite possibility that some form of craft have landed here, unknown to the authorities.

"It must be remembered that our radar screen has two wide loopholes; at the rooftop level and straight up. If any other country has developed very fast aero forms that can go up to the limits of the atmosphere and then descend straight down, these craft could hop OVER our radar screen.

"Also there is published evidence, plus personal notes given to me by a former engineer of the Messerschmidt airplane factories in Germany to the effect that the Russians right now have such a plane or aeroform. This engineer worked on the prototype and actually saw it fly."

But there is still another puzzle; how do these people recognize persons as being from outer space, considering that the latter are reputed to "look exactly like earthmen"?

Sanderson suggested that foreign agents posing as space visitors might be equipped with some ultrasonic device which signals their contacts. "Many of us know about ultrasonic dog whistles," he pointed out.

FANTASTIC??? Yes. But as Sanderson said: "It's something for these charged with our national defense to ponder---and to investigate."

(Credit for the above news clipping goes to Harry Emerson, Miami, Florida)

(Editor's Note)---To say that the questions raised by Long John and Mr. Sanderson are out

of the realm of possibility of course, is only wishful thinking. After all it is a known fact that when World War II ended, we (Allied Intelligence) captured secret German bases, and personnel, particularly at their Peenemunde installation.

That is how we obtained such Rocket experts as Prof. Hermann Oberth and Warner Von Braun. What is not as well known is that we had in our hands another top German Scientist name of Halmut Gottroub.

But unfortunately we did not realize what we had, and turned him loose. The Russians grabbed him, and he disappeared behind the Iron Curtain.

But be that as it may, and admitting the possibility of Russian agents posing as space-men, how about the reports of strange craft over many U.S. cities in 1896 and 1897?

How do we explain the 1290 A.D. report written up in the Begeand Abby in England, by the good monks, "That while they were at prayer in the refectory, there flew over the monastery, an ROUND, GLOWING, DISK-SHAPED OBJECT, that caused the UTMOST TERROR?

Or the Wheel within a Wheel as seen by the Prophet EZEKIAL?

Or the FIRECIRCLES of ancient Egypt?

But if Russian agents are taking advantage of well meaning American citizens, I pose to our Government this question-----

WHO IS THE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING FOOLED?????

Is it the poor citizen who has been TAKEN IN?????

Or is it the fault of the leaders who have in ten years of confusing and conflicting statements, have denied, then admitted, then denied, then ridiculed, then stamped SECRET, then de-classified, then re-classified, until Mr. AVERAGE CITIZEN throws up his hands in utter disgust, says SO WHAT, and does his best to ignore and forget the whole STUPID BUSINESS?

WHO IS THE BLAME?????

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S.P.A.C.E. wishes to make an apology, To those who found that the May issue was a little out of order---pages in rotation as follows 1-2-4-3-5-6, printers are human (so they say) and being human can and do make a boo-boo now and then and the error was made and copies in the mail before it was discovered. Of course there may be another reason. Printers like to get paid now and then. After

you read your copy of S.P.A.C.E. pass it on to a friend or two to read. They may want to become subscribers, the bills will get paid faster, and no more mistakes. How about it printer? All for it, huh?

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LEST WE FORGET

June 24th marks the 10th anniversary of a flight that will be remembered, along with other important dates in the recorded history of man. I sincerely hope this date will not be allowed to pass unnoticed by the Press services. Here is a re-cap of the now famous Kenneth Arnold story.

It was June 24, 1947. Kenneth ARNOLD had just finished installing some fire fighting equipment for Central Air Service at Chehalis, Washington.

The day before a C-46 Marine transport had gone down in the mountains. The wreckage had not yet been found, so Arnold decided to spend an hour's time in the vicinity of Mt. Ranier searching before continuing on his way to Yakima.

He took off from Chehalis at approximately 2:00 o'clock and flew in the direction of Mt. Ranier. While searching the area and making a 180 degree turn over Mineral, Washington he saw a tremendously bright flash that lit up the surfaces of his airplane. At first he thought another aircraft had buzzed him and it was the reflection of the sun on the other planes wings that had caused the reflection.

He searched the sky around him for 20 or 30 seconds and saw nothing. Then the flash happened again. This time he saw where it was coming from. Far to the north a formation of very bright objects were coming from the vicinity of Mt. Baker, flying very close to the mountain tops, and traveling at tremendous speed.

At first he thought it was a whole formation of jets. He counted nine. They were flying diagonally in an echelon formation with a larger gap in their echelon between the first four and the last five.

He was startled to note as they came nearer that they had no tails. Since the formation was north to south at almost right angles to him, he was in an excellent position to clock their speed, which he attempted to do.

As the formation passed in front of Mt. Ranier he looked at the sweep hand on his instrument clock. The second hand was approach-

ing the top of the hour dial. Even though the formation held a constant direction it swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. At one time it passed behind one of the peaks, and then back out again.

As the formation passed in front of Mt. Adams, Arnold noted the time on his clock. A minute and 42 seconds had passed. He was amazed at the speed of these craft, and thought to himself, "What will these aeronautical engineers dream up next?"

He continued on his flight to Yakima. Upon landing he went immediately to the office of Al Baxter, general manager of Central Aircraft. After hearing the story Baxter called in several other pilots to hear it, and their opinion was that it must have been a flight of guided missiles.

Arnold then took off on the next leg of his flight to Pendleton, Oregon. During the flight he tried to figure out a calculation of the objects speed. It came out to 1700 miles per hour, and thinking there was an error somewhere he decided to wait until he landed at Pendleton, and calculate it again.

At Pendleton he was met by quite a group of people who had already heard the news from Yakima. There he figured out the speed calculations again. Even when using the base of the mountains as a guide which was too conservative as the objects were flying near the peaks, he came up with an unbelievable speed of 1350 mph.

To the pilots and newsmen who questioned him Arnold gave this description, "They didn't fly like any aircraft I have ever seen before. In the first place, their echelon formation was backward from that practiced by our Air Force. The elevation of the first craft was greater than that of the last. They flew in a definite formation--but erratically. Their flight was like speed boats over rough water or similar to the tail of a Chinese kite that I once saw blowing in the wind. Or maybe it would be best to describe their flight characteristics as very similar to a formation of geese, in a rather diagonal chainlike line, as if they were linked together. They flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water."

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Needless to say the newsmen picked up this term SAUCER, and the rest is history.

And now from the past---to the present and a current report. After several months of relative quiet in the South Florida area here we have an excellent report, by a competent

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observer. Mr. Doty is a serious amateur astronomer, and member of the board of directors of the Gulfstream Astronomical Association of Miami.

"On the night of May 22nd at about 10:30 PM E.S.T. I was observing the sky with my telescope in my back yard at 447 Blue Road, Coral Gables. I had just sighted my telescope on the star Vega when I saw a dimly glowing, elliptical shaped object appear from behind a small cloud. It moved with incredible rapidity in a zig-zagging manner due east, its apparent size becoming smaller and smaller, until it disappeared as a small speck about 15° above the eastern horizon.

"I estimated the time of its visibility to be about 10 seconds and its apparent size, when first sighted, as 10 minutes of arc along its major axis. Its color and brightness were similar to a searchlight spot on clouds. This, however, could not have been due to a searchlight because it came from behind a cloud.

"This sighting was not made through the telescope but with the naked eye. It would have been impossible to have sighted my telescope at anything in such rapid motion. However, I was able to use the circles on my telescope to measure the approximate location of the point at which the object appeared--namely, 20° north of the celestial equator and 60° above the eastern horizon.

"From these figures it is possible to do a little estimating of the size and speed of this object. Let's suppose the height of the cloud was 5000 feet. (which, I am advised, is a reasonable figure for such clouds.) The point of appearance was 30° east of my zenith and a bit

of trigonometry would then give a minimum distance of 5750 feet, from me to the object. Let's round that out to an even 5000 feet. If so, an object exhibiting an angular size of 10 minutes at that distance would have a real size of about 15 feet. (10 minutes is 1/3 the diameter of the full moon.)

"This is a minimum estimate. There is no way of knowing how high above the cloud the object was when sighted. The most startling feature of the object was its general appearance--totally unlike any meteor or aircraft I have ever observed. I spend many hours observing with my telescope and am quite familiar with the appearance of meteors. I have also watched aircraft of all familiar types at all altitudes. None of them look remotely like this object. Nor do they travel in an angular zig-zag path.

"This is the second time I have sighted such an unusual object, the other time was in March and then trees in my front yard prevented me from observing the object quite so thoroughly. (Credit, Wilson Doty, 447 Blue Road, Coral Gables, Florida.)

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An excellent Saucer Periodical is the bulletin published by the North Jersey UFO Group, P. O. Box 606, Morristown, New Jersey Editor is Lee R. Munsick, and his approach to the UFO enigma appeals very much to the Editor of S.P.A.C.E. And in this business it is a pleasure to find one who keeps his feet on the ground instead of going off on wild tangents as some do. His rate is \$2.50 per year. S.P.A.C.E. recommends this one.