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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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SKYQUAKES, MONSTERS, AND STRANGE FALLS FROM THE SKIES ACCOMPANY 1958 SAUCER FLAP

GHOST BLAST JOLTS EVEN EXPERTS

A mystery explosion rocked Dade County Thursday night, puzzling the police, fire department, U.S. Air Force, Miami International Airport, and anyone else who felt or heard it.

The concussion was heard distinctly in the southwest part of the county at Homestead, and as far north as Hollywood, a distance of 45 miles.

Hundreds of persons, told police and The Miami Herald of hearing two blasts about two minutes apart, at about 6:25 and 6:27 p.m.

Houses shook, plaster cracked, dishes rattled, a few windows broke, and thousands of alarmed citizens ran outside to look for everything from Russian bombers to an unannounced moon shot.

Miami International Airport Control Tower, which keeps track of all aircraft in the area, said flatly no jets were around.

To make sure, the Tower checked and rechecked. Homestead, Key West, Opa Locka and Patrick military bases said they had nothing in the air.

Police found no debris, or holes in the ground.

Blake Norris, watch supervisor in the airport tower, said he doubted the explosion came from the breaking of the sound barrier because of the terrific shock wave.

"No aircraft could shake up the whole county," he said. (Miami HERALD, Nov. 14, 1958)

The following day the HERALD carried the following headline---BIG BOOM STILL Baffles, CITY and COUNTY.

And the following day, your Editor received a telephone call from Mr. Ralph Texcel, who is in the Marine Service business in Miami. He

had just made a call to the schooner the Northern Light, undergoing repairs and anchored in the Miami River.

A workman named Healy told Mr. Texcel of a strange sight he had witnessed the previous night. Healy and another workman were sitting out on the deck at 11:30 p.m. the night before, Thursday night. They happened to look directly overhead and saw a very bright white light high overhead and stationary.

They watched the light, which remained stationary for a few seconds and then moved away to the west, and then curved to the northwest with what Mr. Healy describes as JET SPEED. While the observation was fairly short in duration, both men believe that what they saw was not an aircraft.

Messrs. Healy and Baker did not realize the possible tie-in with what they had seen and the mysterious skyquake of 5 hours earlier. But thanks to their report, we do know there were UFO's in the vicinity the evening of the quake. How many other sightings there were reported, we have no way of knowing.

But unexplained skyquakes we always have at time of UFO activity, therefore logic tells us that there is a definite connection.

A few days later the mail brought a clipping from the Los Angeles Examiner, of a severe blast which rocked Los Angeles on Nov. 13, the same day as the Miami quake. The time in L. A. was 12:42 which corresponds to 4:42 Miami time. So the time differential between the two unexplained quakes was only one hour and 45 minutes. The clipping follows:

SEVERE BLAST ROCKS LOS ANGELES

A sonic blast (from a high flying jet airplane??) "one of the worst in recent months" rocked the northern area of Los Angeles yesterday.

The blast was felt at 12:42 p.m. from

Highland Park to Hollywood; from San Fernando to Chatsworth, and from Northridge to Sherman Oaks.

Workers at the Van Nuys City Hall said the shock wave was felt for two or three seconds.

Joseph J. Smith of 7228 Hazeltine Ave., an auto worker, reported he was asleep and "the blast practically threw me out of bed".

R. O. Hunter of 8515 Rubio Ave., Sepulveda, told police the shock wave caused a 10-foot crack to appear in the ceiling of his front room. Others reported to police that dishes and bric-a-brac tumbled from shelves under the force of the blast. (LOS ANGELES EXAMINER, Fri., Nov. 14, 1958 -- Credit Mrs. Lela B. Johnson, Torrance, California.)

Mrs. Johnson also sent the following strange newspaper report:

DRIVER TELLS OF THING THAT CLAWED AT HIS CAR
RIVERSIDE, Nov. 9 (AP) - Funny thing happened to Charlie Wetzel on the way home last night.

A monster jumped out at him. That's what he told authorities who planned to continue an investigation of the incredible story today.

Wetzel, 24, a resident of nearby Bloomington, reported soberly that he was driving on a street near Riverside when a frightening creature jumped in front of his car.

"It had a round, scarecrowish head", he said, "Like something out of Hallowe'en.

"It wasn't human. It had a longer arm than anything I'd ever seen. When it saw me in the car it reached all the way back to the windshield and began clawing at me.

"It didn't have any ears. The face was all round. The eyes were shining like something fluorescent and it had a protuberant mouth. It was scaly, like leaves."

Wetzel said he became terrified when the creature reached over the hood of his car and began clawing at the windshield. He said he reached for a .22 pistol he had in the car.

"I held that pistol and stomped on the gas," he said. "The thing fell back from the car and it gurgled.

"The noise it made didn't sound human. I think I hit it. I heard something hit the pan under the car."

Sheriff's officers said Wetzel pointed at some thin, sweeping marks he said the creature made on his windshield. They went to the scene of the claimed apparition but said they could

find nothing to prove or disprove Wetzel's story.

The scene is at a point where North Main Street dips and crosses the Santa Ana River bed, which is usually almost dry.

Wetzel said he told the story to his wife and she induced him to phone authorities.

"I kept saying no one would believe a story like this", he said.

Sheriff's Sgt. E. R. Holmes said he thought perhaps a large vulture might have flopped on the hood of Wetzel's car - "sometimes cars hit them when they're in the road eating rabbits cars have killed," he said.

So he searched the area himself today. "But," said Holmes, "I didn't even find a feather."

("THE LOS ANGELES EXAMINER, Nov. 10, 1958, Credit Mrs. Lela B. Johnson, Torrance, Calif. Thanks to the many subscribers sending in this news account. We have used this one since it was nearest to the scene and most explicit.)

This would be a good time to restate the theory that I have had for a number of years--namely that Space Travelers may be using lower type animals and creatures for test purposes, just as we are in our own space program. However I formulated this theory BEFORE our own and Russian's scientists started using animals in our space vehicles.

Such bipeds could prove of valuable assistance to a race exploring numerous planets all possibly with different environments. These bipeds could be dropped off here, left for 24 or more hours and then be picked up to check reactions and ability to survive in this atmosphere loaded with such a high concentration of oxygen. 20% might be enough to suffocate any self respecting Martian.

And while we are in the department of strange goings-on, how about this one from Chicago:

ODD BLACK "DEW" HITS CHICAGO HOMES

CHICAGO - (UPI) - Residents of a South Side Chicago area Sunday were bewildered by an airborne assault against their homes, and all hoped for a speedy official investigation.

An unidentified substance that fell from the skies created havoc overnight in a 10-block area, discoloring houses, garages and fences by the dozen.

But it apparently wasn't the first attack

against the neighborhood. Several residents recalled similar incidents in the past several years, although they felt the latest attack was the most severe observed.

Numerous industrial firms are located in the area, but none has made an official statement expressing knowledge or lack of knowledge about the liquid downpour that caused paint to chip and peel.

Several firms and paint experts, however, were conducting private investigations to determine cause of the phenomenon.

But home owner T. E. Maroney proposed official action by a local civic league as the method for a speedy investigation and settlement of the mysterious action.

"It seemed to be a sort of dew," Maroney said in describing the substance. "It hit, and then ran down the sides of a house, a sort of black-looking liquid."

Maroney said a sulphur-like, bitter-tasting "acid gas" accompanied the freak disturbance.

Another resident, Mrs. Mary F. Sweeney, Jr. described her house as looking as if it had been hit by a "real heavy, dirty rain...which wouldn't rub off."

Mrs. Sweeney said sidings on several houses in her neighborhood also were pitted as well as discolored, and that all painted homes in her neighborhood appeared to have been damaged to some extent.

Newness of paint did not seem related to damage extent. Another resident, Mrs. Dorothy Sloman, said both her white fence and back porch had been painted within the past two months but were nevertheless turned black.

(Credit, the MIAMI HERALD, Nov. 24, 1958)

For an observation on this one I can only quote Desmond Leslie, when he was in Miami in 1955. He was asked about some of the strange falls from the sky, and he came up with this reasoning. . .Perhaps it was only a breach of etiquette on their part. After all, when you are in a train, and stationary in the station, etiquette tells you that you should not flush the toilet---and so---well, enough said on that subject.

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And it seems that this is a good time to observe some etiquette myself and apologize to the readers for your receiving this issue of S.P.A.C.E. later than usual. The reason was unavoidable.

My business demands during the month of December take every available minute of my time, and as all of you know, making a living for oneself and one's family is of necessity the first priority. If I neglected my business

there could be no S.P.A.C.E. for the business supports the publication---the subscription rate not being sufficient to cover all expenses.

Normally you would have received this issue before the Holidays, so since it is after will wish all readers a very happy Holiday Season.

For 1959 keep your vision outward. This should be the year to see the first unmanned rocket landing on the moon---with the manned rocket not too far behind. Then many--many of our burning questions will be answered.

And here is one of the problems:

DEATH STARTS 600 MILES OUT RADIATION 1,400 MILES THICK?

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (AP) - The first space man must cruise within 600 miles of the earth or zoom more than 2,000 miles up to escape a layer of deadly cosmic radiation, a noted rocket scientist said today.

Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency presented those estimates in a speech before a convention of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Above 600 miles, he said, radiation is up to 10,000 times greater than it is nearer the earth, and this area can be penetrated only for limited periods.

The German-born scientist based his estimates on radio exports from the Army's Explorer satellites, none of which exceeded 2,000 miles in orbital height.

He made no mention of this month's Air Force moon rocket shot to a height of nearly 80,000 miles. Preliminary information from that shot indicates the radiation may increase in intensity to a height of 5,000 or 6,000 miles and begin to diminish about 10,000 miles above the earth. A State University of Iowa scientist said, however, these reports were premature.

Dr. Stuhlinger said that, based on analyses of reports from the American satellites, the radiation belt may peter out at about 2,000 miles altitude. He said that if this is proven true, a space man could journey through the forbidden zone if he spent no more than an hour or so in the area.

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Shirley Fly, of Hondo, Texas sends this follow up on the radiation situation as viewed by the scientists at the Space Symposium held at San Antonio.

Dr. James A. Van Allen, University of Iowa Chief Physicist, warned that unless some means is found to "go around it" no one will ever be able to get out beyond the fatal radiation.

He suggested, among other things, to place "Sky Sweepers" in orbit at the appropriate altitude made to absorb this radiation, thus sweeping a safe path for a manned space station. Such satellites would be at least 30 yards in diameter and would take about a year to clear a path.

However, Dr. Van Allen felt that because the high arching lines of force curve down to Earth at the poles, scientists believe that a cone about 30 degrees wide over the poles may offer radiation-free escape routes for future space ships. Thus, as long as they exit or enter the Earth's atmosphere through these, they will be safe. (Credit, Shirley and Bill Fly, INTERPLANETARY SPACE PATROL--A Ham Network.) With this added comment---"SHADES OF ADAMSKI!! Will they never learn??? Just in case you've forgotten George Adamski told of this very situation, in his book INSIDE THE SPACESHIPS, Date 1955.

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SPAIN SETS UP SAUCER INVESTIGATION

BARCELONA, Spain UPI---Spain has decided to investigate flying saucers.

A group of scientists here have founded the Interplanetary Studies Center to investigate "unexplained phenomena in space and unidentified objects in the skies." The group is headed by Eduardo Buelta. (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Nov. 13, 1958, Credit Liz Borries, Irving, Texas.)

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REINHOLD SCHMIDT CLAIMS MORE CONTACTS

Through the pages of this bulletin, we have tried to keep you abreast of the claims of Reinhold Schmidt, the California grain buyer who claimed contact with a spacecraft and its crew near Kearney, Nebraska.

About his further claims we have no way of testing their veracity. We present them for you to read, evaluate and decide for yourself. My thoughts go something like this----Incredible----YES----Impossible----NO----TRUE---- "I do not know".

Schmidt now claims to have had five contacts in all, and that he has now got to the stage of being contacted in hotels by members of the crew of the space ship, who take him off in an M.G. (Yes an M.G., Adamski's friends used a Pontiac four-door sedan.)

Schmidt says that from Aug. 14--18, this year, he was on board a space ship and that he, plus his large Buick car with California registration PEX 501, were taken for a ride over the Arctic.

They were picked up from a quarry in Baker's Field, Calif., after a visit by a spaceman to his home, who told him where to go. Rather than leave the car in a quarry for five days, the space people said he could take it in the ship, and it was duly driven up a ramp and stuffed on board.

He then said he was flown North to Alaska and then up to the Arctic, and over the Polar regions, and finally back to Bakersfield, California.

Apparently the space ship spent some time going under the Arctic Ocean at a depth of about 300-400 feet. He said they ate some small wafers like wads that are put in something like Alka-Seltzer bottles. Also, one of the female members of the crew brought along a coffee pot with genuine coffee, and this pot heated itself from "free energy". He asked if it would work on earth and they said it would work anywhere where there was air. They promised to bring him one from Saturn next time.

The crew spoke to each other in high German, though they spoke to him in English. (He speaks German as his parents came from Hamburg).

An interesting point that Schmidt made was that the paintwork on the upper surfaces of his car was luminous after his return from the Arctic.

Schmidt says that he has now been contacted by two different ships in all (although he has now had five contacts), but the crew members were the same each time. Four men and two girls.

He described the first ship that contacted him as an instrument ship and the second as a passenger ship. He said the second ship was smaller than the first and only contained control instruments and television, as well as instruments for detecting minerals.

He claimed that both ships appeared to be made of metal, some kind of aluminum, and that the hull was about a foot thick. Access was by sliding doors and a ramp was lowered to the ground. The sliding doors slid sideways into the hull and could not be seen when closed. He claimed that from the inside the whole of the hull was transparent, and that one could see out from any part of it except the bulkheads at the ends containing the motors and the storage space, and any place covered by the instruments. For this reason the ship always flew sideways over the earth so as to get a good view.

He said that the interior was plainly

furnished, with modernistic chairs made of a light alloy with spindly legs and a gray fabric with no pattern covering them. The chairs were of a conventional height and design. There was also a couch of similar material with what appeared to be a foam rubber filling. He noticed that the chairs could not be moved around in spite of their not apparently being screwed down or otherwise anchored. (Credit Nov. Dec. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW). Ed. Note---As we stated before, Incredible--YES, Impossible, No!!!!

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FIELDS OF LAVA BELIEVED SIGHTED ON MARS

FT. DAVIS, TEXAS (AP)--Researchers probing the hemisphere with the world's third largest telescope said that lava fields apparently have been spotted on the planet Mars.

Alan Lenham said dark areas on the planet appear to be lava fields rather than vegetation, explaining they do not appear green but a neutral gray.

Dr. Gerard Kuiper, McDonald Observatory director, reported similar findings in 1948, 1954 and 1956.

The McDonald Observatory is operated by the University of Texas. Dr. Kuiper, astronomy department chairman at the University of Chicago, is making a 15-year study of Mars' seasonal changes.

The astronomers said a lack of seasonal variations in the dark spots color indicates little or no vegetation is present.

Lenham said the southern polar snowcap seen two years ago has disappeared, due to mid-summer heat. He also reported seeing brilliant white clouds on several occasions during the Martian sunrise. (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Nov. 8, 1958, Credit Liz Borries, Irving, Texas.)

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Received a number of interesting news clippings from J. Escobar Faria, Editor of the UFO Critical Bulletin, in Sao Paulo. The clippings are all from British Newspapers.

OUTLOOK FROGGY

DIGON, Burgundy. Thousands of tiny live frogs mixed with hail stones fell in the Jura mountain village of St. Julian-sur-Suran today. EVENING STANDARD, Aug. 8, 1958.

MONSTER FROM THE DEEP

A sudden swirl of water, and 17 men in a fishing boat stared horrified at a monster

from the deep. It happened near East London, South Africa. A huge brown creature with a head like a lion reared up from the water the fisherfolk reported today. Then it vanished. (EVENING NEWS, August 28, 1958.)

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TALL STORY--OF THE HAIRY MAN

DJAKARTA, Monday, Sept. 1--A man more than 20 feet tall was seen by fisherman at Lake Hulu in Central Borneo. Newspapers here said the fishermen claim the man, bearded and covered with hair, was carrying dead monkeys, and appeared to be hunting for others. The fishermen abandoned their boats and fled. (EVENING NEWS, Sept. 1, 1958.)

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WHAT WAS THAT BANG?

Police were investigating today an explosion which shook houses and rattled windows over a wide area of North London last night. It centered around the Crouch End-Muswell Hill area. So far they have no clues to its cause. (EVENING STANDARD, August 29, 1958.)

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A GREAT BIG BANG Baffles LONDON

What caused the Big Bang in London today? Everyone I spoke to this afternoon disowned it. No one could give an explanation for the rumbling explosion heard all over town shortly before midday.

The Civil Aviation Ministry said: "It could have been caused by a jet, but we have nothing official here."

The Air Ministry said, "We had no aircraft flying in the area at the time.

The U. S. Air Force said, "Our flight service, which keeps track of our aircraft all over Britain, has not been able to connect the bang with any of our planes.

The Fire Brigade said, "The bang was heard from Hampstead to Putney. We heard it ourselves, but have not had any calls. It may have been a plane breaking the sound barrier." (EVENING NEWS, Sept. 5, 1958.)

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FOUR HAUNTED PEOPLE MOVE TO PARISH HALL

A family of four moved their beds into a parish hall last night, because they did not want to spend another sleepless night in their three-bedroomed house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore and their children Michael aged 14 and Gloria aged nine, of Household Street, Norwich, say that strange noises have kept them awake for two weeks.

They say that window panes have been broken and the hands of clocks have been moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore asked the vicar, the

Rev. Sidney Lang, to bless the house. Mr. Lang said yesterday, "I was skeptical at first, but while blessing the house a stone fell at my feet."

An official at the city hall said, "We are sending an inspector to examine the house." (LONDON DAILY EXPRESS, July 2, 1958).

THE FAIRY IN THE CORRIDOR

To the 25 boys and girls living in St. Agnes Home for Children, she is a fairy who visits them regularly. But to the staff, she is a ghost.

The sisters of the Anglican Community who run the Home at Thames Ditton, Surrey, call her the White Lady.

They say she haunts the older part of the house which used to be one of Cardinal Wolsey's hunting boxes.

"We take her as a matter of course", said Sister Katherine yesterday. "The last time I saw her, in daylight, she was walking along the passage to the nursery.

"She was dressed in a long white robe, perhaps a bridal gown, and had a white veil on her head."

Others of the staff also say they have seen her, usually at 2:00 a.m. "She looks like a cloud at night," said Sister Katherine. The house was built at the same time as Hampton Court Palace, a few miles away.

The children are 8 weeks to 10 years old. Said Sister Katherine: "They talk about a fairy in the house. And I must admit she has a most fairy-like appearance. There is nothing frightening about her." (LONDON SUNDAY DISPATCH, August 24, 1958).

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ONCE A SKEPTIC, NOW HE'S SEEN FLYING OBJECT

Wheaton, Illinois--Almost as large as Moon--Saucer Hovers in Clouds----G. R. Grinnell, 21-W-360 Hill, Glen Ellyn, thinks it is a flying saucer.

Grinnell says he saw it Sunday about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. about 45 degrees above the horizon. Grinnell called his wife outside to see it because she has been somewhat skeptical about such things in the past.

Apparently she is now a believer because as the clouds broke there appeared the saucer, about three-fourths the size of the moon and giving off a brilliant light.

The saucer appeared to hover, rising and falling slightly, until finally the sky became overcast and hid it from view.

Grinnell also checked the moon setting time which was 10:13 p.m. so it could not have been

anywhere near the position of the saucer an hour or so before setting. (THE DUPAGE PRESS, Wheaton, Illinois, Nov. 18, 1958, Credit Virginia Sumner, Coral Gables, Florida).



BOY SNAPPED UFO---above picture was taken by a school boy, Tsutomu Kikuchi, 17, of Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture, Northern Japan.

He was making an observation of Jupiter through his telescope starting at 8:00 p.m. on May 17, 1958, when he spotted a mystery round object which flew across low in the sky at about 8:55 p.m. It moved SSE to NNW and passed over nearby NHK's radio tower, suddenly the object turned back in low speed.

The object the boy said, was approximately 5 cm in diameter, orange in color. His family and two passersby also saw it. It was under observation for 10 minutes and made no sound.

The boy took the above picture with his Pigeon 35 Camera with Neopan SSS film, diaphragm wide open and a 10 second exposure. (Credit the FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH GROUP, Yokohama, Japan.)

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(Ed. Note--While the picture does not look much like anything at all, as a professional photographer, I can verify that this is what a moving light would look like in the sky photographed for a time exposure of 10 seconds, particularly if the camera was not on a steady tripod. The boy should have been using 1/10th of a second instead of 10 seconds, and then one could tell more what the object was, then there would have been very little motion.)

In the October issue we ran part of the opinions of Mr. A. P. Grams, a saucer researcher living in North Miami. Because of

the many excellent sightings of the Fall 1958 flap, we did not complete what we had started the month before. In this issue we continue with Mr. Grams:

But let us return to these days. Certainly the subject of U.F.O.'s has not been a dull one. It finally reached the point where the Air Force was compelled to get in the act and establish an investigation.

After a few years of zig-zagging back and forth, pro and con, the A. F. came up with a report, which they hoped would settle the matter. It was as ridiculous as an elephant in labor bringing forth a mouse. One could almost read between the lines in the report, the silent wish that we would all buy it and let them alone forthwith. In far too many words, the A.F. bluntly stated there was no such thing as Flying Saucers.

However, the A.F. while being completely negative on the subject, named the report as THE REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. They brought up the word OBJECTS themselves. Now how do you imagine they decided on that word? Certainly it could not have been accidental, because they could have used a word far more expressive, for instance, THE REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED HALLUCINATIONS, had they so chosen. The dictionary defines the word OBJECT in this manner: "Something put, or regarded as put, in the way of some of the senses; something visible or tangible; a concrete thing". The use of the word OBJECT in a report denying the existence of an object was weak indeed, but the A.F. in many respects is like a gigantic iceberg in that only one seventh or less is visible and the balance is shrouded in mystery for what they deem security reasons. The A.F. was a poor choice for seeking an unbiased report. The smartest brains in the country should have been called upon to level with us all.

The reasons given for not telling us the truth are many, and as they are investigated they fall apart one by one. The first one to rip into is that feeble excuse that the masses will panic and carry on in all manner of peculiar ways, if they were to learn that at last, we were face to face with powers from outer space and we were in no position to fenagle, arbitrate, negotiate, fight, sign treaties or misbehave in any earthly manner. At last we could be measured by a complete outsider, and since our national consciences were as guilty as sin, the prospects of what our reputation would be, were not too promising.

In other words the powers that are holding back this information from us actually believe that we cannot face the truth. This is beyond all doubt the stupidest reason of them all. When the masses face a problem collectively they are never shook up. The horrible experiences that many nations faced in the last war should definitely prove that. To get as far as they have in this day and age they have faced, and are facing yet, greater hazards and calamities than the mere acknowledgement of other worlds, and new peoples could bring about.

My own personal belief is that the strongest opposition to the complete distribution of all the facts about Flying Saucers, comes from the leaders of all the many churches. History proves that the clergy has worked just as hard in attempting to keep us ignorant as they have in getting us into their various versions of heaven. Now, please don't get me wrong. Christ, the true son of God, lived for us as an example of how glorious and wonderful a true Christian life can be. We certainly could not have had a better teacher than Christ, nor a better textbook than the Bible. But when thousands of mere men got to fiddling with the text and interjecting their own individual ideologies on us, something was bound to be lost, particularly when you consider that after 2000 years of Christianity we have bamboozled ourselves into believing that we have available the finest and most deadly weapons ever conceived, to convince anyone who thinks otherwise, that we are not the finest Christians and truly close to God. The clergy has a mighty big job here on earth in keeping us in line and not being forced to answer too many questions, that should have been answered a long time before this, without the additional burden of explaining away these spooks from outer space, who might incidentally bring a great many of the correct answers. The clergy would not be human if they didn't recognize a threat to their bread and butter, from a visitor from outer space whose very presence here would call for some explanation, even before he began talking.

One clergyman when questioned as to just how these space people would fit in our scheme of things replied with a good deal of acidity that they wouldn't fit in at all unless they were properly baptized. What a little, little mind he must have. In all truth it can be said that what progress we have made for a better world has been made without consulting the clergy. Had we asked

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their opinions beforehand any change would have been axed quite naturally. Their primary concern is sin and the possibility of getting to heaven and all other progress or thinking is secondary.

I firmly believe that the future will substantiate my conclusion. The appearances of these strangers will become more and more frequent to the point where they will be commonplace, and then a whole new universe will open up to us all. Only the diehards and the ignorants will suffer, the rest of us will live a life so full, and so rich with new experiences that we will look back upon these days in the same manner that we now view the dim dark past.

A. P. Grams,
North Miami, Fla.

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MISSIONARY SAYS ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN ARE
TIBET PRIESTS LIVING IN ICY NUDE

REGENSBURG, Germany-(UP)- A German missionary back from 13 years in Tibet reports the "abominable snowmen" of the Himalayas are really native priests living nude in the icy wilderness of nearly inaccessible mountain ranges.

The missionary, the Rev. Franz Eichinger, reported he had photographed one of the priests. The picture was published Friday in the official organ of the Roman Catholic episcopate of Regensburg which said it was the first authentic photograph of an "abominable snowman."

Father Eichinger described the priest as a

primitive human being living in the nude in the sub-zero.

"In a way which we cannot understand they are immune from the influences of nature and the needs of human life, Father Eichinger said.

The picture published by the paper showed the snowman in a loincloth with wild hair and eyes closed - but no doubt, a human.
(The Miami Herald, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1958)

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NEXT: MEN FLYING AT SPEED OF LIGHT?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP) - An eminent scientist has predicted to the House Space Committee that men will be traveling through space by 1998 at almost the speed of light.

The speed of light is 186,000 miles a second - fast enough to reach the planet Pluto 3,582,000,000 miles away in less than six hours.

The U.S. moon rockets so far have achieved a maximum speed of less than 24,000 miles an hour. George J. Feldman, space committee chief counsel, did not give the name of the eminent scientist in disclosing the prediction. But a committee spokesman said the scientist was the head of one of the foremost technological universities in Europe.

The prediction was one of the most optimistic to come from a noted scientist. However, others have forecast that within 10 to 20 years men would fly in nuclear-powered space ships to the planets of the solar system.

U.S. scientists already are trying to develop a nuclearpowered rocket engine - considered by many rocket experts as a major key to interplanetary flight. However, experts have said even greater speeds could be obtained by ion and photon engines. (The MIAMI NEWS)