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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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1960 - BEGINNING A DECADE OF DESTINY

The new decade has been popularly named "THE SOARING SIXTIES". A title which we believe at S.P.A.C.E. headquarters, to be very appropos.

With this decade should come true space travel by the inhabitants of the "prison planet". (Prison because we have been unable to leave it.) Before 1970, earth space-travelers should visit other planets of our solar system - and return.

Minds will be stretched, and with it should come increased compassion and understanding. This will come equally as fast in the fields of philosophy and theology as in the field of the physical sciences.

We have always felt that it was the responsibility of the Religions of the World to inform earthmen, as to the eventual meeting and the proper behavior at the time of meeting, intelligent beings from other planets of the Universe. This is a Moral responsibility as well as a political one. Perhaps, even more so!

In the first decade after Kenneth Arnold and June 1947, religion was strangely silent. Apparently adopting a wait and see attitude. True enough George Adamski, after his claim in 1952, was sent a questionnaire from the Vatican in Rome.

However, no announcement was made regarding any opinions drawn therefrom. Which is perhaps as it should be. One man's testimony with a lack of physical evidence to prove his story is not sufficient to make any world-wide absolute announcement.

Yet in 1959, less than a decade later, the Vatican officially announced its position regarding the exploration of space, and its complete acceptance of the possibility of intelligent beings living on other worlds. "Beings possibly closer to the Infinite Father than we are". (See May, 1959 issue,

article THE VATICAN AND SPACE CONQUEST).

Now, at a timely speech in Baltimore, Md., another Christian leader, a Methodist Bishop voices his opinion in like manner. These are signs of the times, the handwriting on the wall. A sample of the thinking of Theologians during the Decade of Destiny which is upon us.

BISHOP ENVISIONS CONQUEST OF SPACE

Baltimore, Md.--(UPI) Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, D. C., in a sermon here concluding the week-long 175th anniversary of the Methodist Church in America, said Sunday we will come to know the people who populate the great planets of the universe before another 175 years have passed.

"The future will at least be a period of stretched mind, with fundamental readjustment in the realm of philosophy, and, of course, theology," he said.

"Before another 175 years have passed, we will have conquered space and come to know the thinking, the culture, the dreams, the problems, the limitations of the people who populate the great planets of the universe."

"The next 175 years", he concluded, "must be characterized by an intellect big enough to speak out a new philosophy, to use new power to create and maintain peace. It must be mind and heart and will, full of light, that in leisure can lift mankind to the practice of love. (Credit Miami HERALD, Jan. 4, 1960).

WELCOME TO THE FOLD, CAPE CANAVERAL

We sincerely welcome to the fold of S.P.A.C.E. subscribers a certain Office at the Missile Test Center, PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA. Your subscription is appreciated, we hope you like our approach, our findings, and our evaluation of the UFO reports. We do not expect you to agree with

all conclusions, but we do hope you will find them interesting. We hope S.P.A.C.E. will be an asset to your files. Once again, WELCOME!
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OBERTH BELIEVES FOUR RUSSIANS DIED IN
SPACE ATTEMPTS

NUERNBERG, Germany, Dec. 13 - (AP) --- Prof. Herman Oberth, German space scientist, said today he believes published reports that four Soviet astronauts have died in attempts to put man into space.

"I know from American intelligence reports that one attempt at the end of 1957 or beginning of 1959 failed", Oberth said. "I believe that the Russians have made several other attempts."

He was commenting on the reports published by the Italian news agency, Continentale, that reliable informants in Prague said the Russians have made four vain attempts to get man-in one case a woman-into space.

In Washington, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had no comment on the report. (The LONDON FREE PRESS, Dec. 14, 1959, Credit Gene Duplantier, Toronto, Canada)

SIR EDMUND HILLARY TO HUNT ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN

KATMANDU, Nepal, Dec. 20, 1959 - (UPI) -- Sir Edmund Hillary, Conqueror of Mount Everest, today received a government permit to search for the legendary Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas.

The Nepalese foreign office said the New Zealand beekeeper-turned-mountaineer was authorized to lead a 14 man scientific expedition from Sept. 1960 to June 1961, to hunt for the Yeti - Nepalese for the Snowman - and for more routine scientific research.

Hillary, who left Katmandu today after a one-week stay to arrange necessary documents, said he wanted to try to climb 27,790-foot Mount Makalu without oxygen. His team will also make a glaciological survey.

"One group of our team will also look for the Yeti in the area", he said.

In his search for the Yeti, Hillary will be following in the footsteps of American, Japanese and Russian explorers who have sought in vain for the snowman which Nepalese mountain dwellers are sure exists on the snow-bound peaks.

A six-man expedition led by three Japanese has been searching for several months and reported recently that they had found a foot-

print that might have been that of a Yeti. (Cincinnati ENQUIRER, Dec. 21, 1959, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

STONEHENGE LINK TO DRUIDS DENIED

LONDON, Dec. 13, 1959 - A Government pamphlet just published states emphatically that the Druids did not build Stonehenge, the group of huge weathered stones standing on the Salisbury Plain.

Prof. Atkinson, Archaeologist at University College, Cardiff, writes: "Unfortunately, there is no foundation for this belief at all. The Druids were a Celtic priesthood which flourished in Britain only during the few centuries before the Roman conquest."

"It is very unlikely that there were any Druids in the islands before 250 B.C., and by that time Stonehenge had been built for more than 1,000 years and may already have been partly in ruins."

Prof. Atkinson says there is no evidence that human sacrifice was ever practiced at Stonehenge. (New York TIMES, Dec. 14, 1959, Credit Dorothy Lefler).

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UFO PACES CAR IN NEW ZEALAND

OTATARA, New Zealand, Nov. 6, 1959. An Invercargill mechanic who was returning to his home on Friday night had the uncanny experience of driving along the road with an unidentified object keeping pace in the sky. "The edges of it were clearly enough defined" he said, "but I could tell that there was some darker unlit shape in the center of it. There was a depth there, but I couldn't tell the exact shape of the rest of it." As his car neared an airport, the UFO wheeled and moved behind a row of trees. The mechanic gave chase, following the UFO for some time as it moved slowly along. (Southland DAILY NEWS, New Zealand Nov. 9, 1959, Credit Richard Hall, NICAP, Washington, D. C.)

(Ed. Note - This case is very much like the UFO that chased a car near Statesville, N. Carolina, just three days earlier, on Nov. 3. See BALL OF LIGHT CHASES CAR ON LONELY ROAD, in December issue of S.P.A.C.E.

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NEW INTEREST IN VENUS

The recent discovery of watervapor in the atmosphere of the planet Venus has led to renewed speculation about the possibility of

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life on the mystery planet. The presence of water is a requirement for life as we know it. Comdr. Malcom D. Ross, veteran Navy balloonist, piloted the balloon in the first of a new series of trips above most of the earth's atmosphere to get a better look at astronomical objects.

Charles B. Moore, scientist on the staff of Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., took spectroscopic readings of Venus with very little interference from the earth's atmosphere. Next day he announced the discovery of water vapor. The amount of water present on Venus has not yet been determined, but the new findings suggest the possibility of life.

The fact that Venus is now being considered seriously as a possible abode of life is interesting in itself. In the past, most scientific speculation has considered it unlikely that any other planets in the solar system could support life. Some went so far as to use this as an argument against UFOs, suggesting that space travellers would have to come across vast distances of space from other star systems, and this was considered very unlikely.

Also of interest, is the fact that Charles B. Moore, scientist who conducted the recent tests, was the man who tracked a UFO through a theodolite near Arrey, New Mexico in 1949. Moore later suggested that the government ought to set up a 24-hour skywatch until the UFOs were identified. At that time he was an aeronautical engineer in charge of balloon operations for General Mills, Inc. and many G.M. balloon tracking personnel had sighted UFOs. His sighting, in which a white, disc-shaped object flashed across the path of a balloon at a computed speed of 18,000 mph, was described in TRUE, March 1950, in an article written by Commander R. B. McLaughlin, an Annapolis graduate and a Regular Navy - Officer.

Moore's present views on the subject of UFOs are unknown. Perhaps it was his own sighting which spurred him on to make the hazardous journey to the edge of space in an attempt to discover whether water vapor - hence possible life - was present on Venus. At any rate, he is to be congratulated for his discovery of what may prove to be one of the most significant facts of the Space Age. (Credit Richard Hall, Staff of NICAP, Washington, D. C.)

Ed. Note -- It is no accident that millions of dollars are currently being spent from

Government funds to build bigger and better radio telescopes.

The most recent plans along this line include the world's most powerful radar station to be built near Arecibo, Puerto Rico, with 4½ million dollars in U.S. Defense Department funds. The radar will be used by Cornell University scientists to probe the secrets of space.

A prime target will be the planet Jupiter, some 400 million miles from the earth. The farthest man has ever reached to date is 30 million miles - (the planet Venus). The radar dish will be 1,000 feet wide with a 600-foot tripod to support the antenna feed.

This radar station is to be built on earth -- but the NASA is planning much more than this. It has plans to erect an astronomical observatory on THE MOON!, as per the following item which appeared in the Cincinnati ENQUIRER, on Dec. 20, 1959.

 SCIENTISTS TO SEEK RADIO SIGNAL OF
 COHERENCE FROM PLANETS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 - (UPI) - Scientific man is hunting confidently for evidence of intelligent life on the planets of other suns.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to erect on the moon an astronomical observatory of sufficient range to see planetary systems of at least the nearer stars.

But this will take 10-20 years to do, if not longer. In the meanwhile, other scientists are about to try other ways of testing their belief that highly developed beings exist on other worlds.

This attempt, Project Ozma, is being undertaken by Dr. Frank Drake and his colleagues of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, W. Va. It is an attempt to spot radio signals from space of possibly intelligent origin. The project was named for Ozma, Queen of the Land of Oz in the WIZARD OF OZ stories by Frank Baum. Oz, as Drake points out, was "a land far away populated by strange and exotic beings."

Another, more prosaic name, fashioned for those who shy away from romance, is "Search Transmissions for Extraterrestrial Coherent".

Starting early next year, if equipment now being installed is ready by then, Drake will keep a record of signals from a couple of nearby stars, "Twins of the Sun", and from other radio sources in space.

Some of the signals might have been transmitted by intelligent beings. Drake believes 10 to 20 stars within range of Green Bank's

85-foot radio telescope have planetary systems capable of supporting life at least the equal of Earth's. Earth scientists, 50 years after the discovery of radio, have finally developed receivers sensitive enough to record signals from deep space and discriminate between "noise" and "commerce".

They have not, however, perfected the radio art to the point where they have felt competent to attempt two-way communications over interstellar distances with other planets.

So, Drake said, if the Green Bank astronomers pick up any signals coherent enough to indicate intelligent rather than natural origin, they would have persuasive evidence that creatures exist elsewhere who are considerably more advanced technologically than the inhabitants of earth.

It is conceivable, Drake told UPI, that someone somewhere in space might be trying to send television pictures to neighboring worlds. Pictures, he said constitute a universal language.

Most astronomers believe on the evidence of the solar system that hundreds of millions of other suns in the universe must possess families of planets. Many millions of these planets, they believe, must be at least as hospitable to life as the earth. Some of the older ones may harbor inhabitants who have attained an understanding and mastery of nature far exceeding man's. (Cincinnati ENQUIRER, Dec. 20, 1959, Credit Dorothy Lefler, the Athenaeum of Cincinnati.)

Ed. Note - It is very interesting that Dr. Drake told the UPI, "That someone, somewhere may be trying to send television pictures to neighboring worlds."

This ties in with a theory that your Editor has maintained since the beginning of the modern UFO sightings. If advanced intelligences can send TV signals across interstellar space, they would also have perfected receiving equipment capable of picking up TV signals from those same interstellar distances.

My theory has been that the UFO's started showing up in increased numbers in 1947, because that is about the time they started picking up our TV signals coming across space to them. Therefore, they became extremely interested in the intelligence transmitting, and then started explorations to follow and investigate the planet of origin.

Remember that TV signals travel in straight lines, unlike radio waves, and we can only guess how many millions of miles out into

space our TV signals carry.

Prior to World War II, there were only a few experimental TV transmitting stations. The experiments continued at a slow pace during the War, with only the possible military use, which was limited, as a stimulant. Then after the war ended, TV stations started to spring up all over the U.S., and then in turn all over the World. Imagine the interest that this would arouse, in other parts of the Universe, when signals start coming in regularly from a previously "silent planet".

Naturally the intelligences out in space, would decide to investigate this planet with the "growing pains". And after an investigation, observing the inhabitants, being chased by our jets, being fired upon by these same jets, and even hunters and small youths with shotguns, up would go the "quarantine signs". And they would read something like this.

"INVESTIGATE, OBSERVE, TAKE SPECIMENS WHEN NECESSARY, TAKE SAMPLES OF THE PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE --- BUT BY NO MEANS FRATERNIZE WITH THE NATIVES -- THEY ARE DANGEROUS".

DR. THORNTON PREDICTS RASH OF SIGHTINGS

Dr. Spencer Thornton, psychic predictor, announced on the NBC Jack Paar TV Show on Dec. 16th that there would be a rash of UFO sightings in the northeastern and the southwestern sections of the U.S. starting about January 15 1960. Inasmuch as he had previously predicted that the Hawaiian volcano was going to erupt, it will be interesting to see how this prediction fares.

By the time you get this issue, the wave should be starting, if Dr. Thornton is correct again. However, this may not be too hard a prediction to make. The peaks of sighting seem to occur about every six months these days, and we are about due for another one anyway.

BRITISH SHIP FINDS STRANGE JELLYFISH

LONDON, Dec. 8 - A british deep-sea research ship has caught a giant jellyfish said to be unlike any other known to science.

The animal is plum-colored and, instead of tentacles, has four "arms" or food-sweeping organs and when fully extended they measure about seven feet from tip to tip.

But the most remarkable thing about it is that instead of producing young in the normal but complicated manner of egg-laying jellyfish, which go through various larval stages, the new specimen is viviparous. It produces its young alive and fully formed.

This means that zoologists will have to

establish an entirely new family group for the specimen within the catalogue of nature.

In the current issue of the British science journal "Nature", Dr. F. S. Russell, director of the Plymouth Marine Laboratories, reports that he has named the animal Stygiomedusa fabulosa, meaning the "abominable jellyfish from the depths."

It was caught about seven weeks ago when the research ship Sarsia was trawling deep in the Bay of Biscay about 40 miles north of Santander, Spain. The trawl was at the end of 10,000 feet of steel cable. (New York TIMES, Dec. 13, 1959, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati.

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AVERAGE LIFE SPAN OF UFO PUBLICATIONS

It is with regret that we learn that one of our reliable sources of UFO information from Brazil is closing up shop. J. Escobar Faria, a Government attorney of Sao Paulo, Brazil has been in the business of publishing now for three years and has been a valuable asset in getting news and opinions from his country to the U.S.A.

He did much to inform the interested people in the U.S.A. of the Saturn shaped UFO photographed over the island of Trinidad in January of 1958.

At best editing a UFO publication is a thankless task. It is impossible to please all factions of interest in this controversial field. Your Editor has now reached the three year mark, this issue being number 37, and in spite of the problems involved and underwriting the deficit in the treasury, I plan to continue, until this mystery is far more settled than it is to begin the year of 1960.

Financial difficulties are the reason for most decisions to stop publishing. However, your Editor realized that situation at the outset, and planned to publish in spite of it which is the reason you have read very little in the way of financial complaints in this bulletin.

Faria's American Editor is Richard Hall who is also working with Major Keyhoe in publishing NICAP's bulletin. He and Attorney Faria, still plan on remaining active in the UFO field and are going to publish periodical booklets on various phases of the UFO mystery.

In his final issue of the UFO-Critical Bulletin, Richard Hall expressed his views of the inhabitants of the Saucers, which we will produce here in its entirety, as we feel it to be very thought provoking: Richard Hall's

HYPOTHESIS OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL VISITORS

There has been a great deal of debate,

about which, if any, of the "contact" reports in UFO literature are true. The two most common types of "creatures" reported have been idealized human types a la Adamski, and the more grotesque "little men" which have been humanoid in broad features. In thinking about the problem of recognizing extraterrestrials, if they have actually made an appearance on earth, it has occurred to me (as it has to all others) that there is no reason why extraterrestrials would have to be humanoid at all. Between the types mentioned above, the "little men" reports are the more believable, because of the circumstances in which they were made. Even though these reports may be true, is it not possible that other space visitors might take such strange forms that we would not recognize them for what they were if we confine ourselves to human analogues?

Almost without exception, even among a typical creature report, the creatures have been pictures as capable of locomotion along the surface of the earth. But if we assume that intelligent beings could evolve in an environment devoid of surfaces (e.g., a fluid environment), we are faced with a new possibility. If this type of intelligent being were to master space travel somehow and visit the earth for exploratory purposes, the beings would find us to be strange creatures living on solid surfaces, only able to travel off of these surfaces by means of complex mechanical contrivances. Their environment might equip them to be able to move through fluid regions such as the earth's atmosphere without the aid of any machines.

As I speculated about these possibilities, I wondered if anywhere in the data on UFO's there were a consistent body of evidence which might be interpreted in this way. Because my time is so limited, however, I have not been able to do any detailed research. On the basis of preliminary research, though, I think it is an idea worth looking into. Presumably even creatures of the type under discussion would need some sort of conveyances to travel through interplanetary space, but once in our atmosphere, they might be able to maneuver at will outside their craft. This brings to mind the so-called "mother-ship" reports with satellite objects. Heretofore, the smaller satellite objects have been considered to be smaller mechanical craft, but they might instead be actual extraterrestrials themselves.

Another body of reports which would be consistent with this idea is cases of

apparently amorphous objects, and some cases in which UFOs have reportedly changed shape. This notion would also tie in with "space animals" theories, except they would be intelligent animals.

One desirable feature of this hypothesis is that it provides a good explanation for the lack of definitely established intelligent communication with extraterrestrials. We might not have even humanoid characteristics in common, much less vocal means of communication. The more difference between the extraterrestrials and humans, the more difficult it would be to make contact other than displaying their presence. The repeated instances of "UFOs" following cars and airplanes might be the visitors from space themselves, operating out of an interplanetary carrier, putting themselves on display so that future contact without fear could be made.

In short, some of the glowing "objects" and "blobs of light" which have been reported as UFOs might be intelligent space creatures maneuvering through our atmosphere without any mechanical aids, observing the strange forms and activities of human beings. Maybe it was one of these creatures that Lt. George Gorman had a "dogfight" with in 1948. Maybe we have come face to face with intelligent space visitors without realizing it.

This hypothesis does not rule out the possibility that there may be more than one type of extraterrestrial visitor, including humanoid "little men" or larger human-like creatures. Perhaps its greatest merit is in providing a framework of explanation for some of the data which has been difficult to account for previously. (Credit Richard Hall, NICAP, Washington, D. C.)

UFO SIGHTING AT WINNFIELD STILL MYSTERY

WINNFIELD, La. A new case of an Unidentified Flying Object cropped up here yesterday when several citizens saw a bright object in the skies. Reports came in for three hours from persons who saw the phenomenon.

At first it was believed that the bright object - said by some to be brighter than a star - was a weather balloon released earlier this week in Sioux Falls, S.D., by the Navy to test infrared radiation. But this balloon was found in the woods near Fulton, Miss., later in the day.

The object was picked up on radar by England AF Base at Alexandria, but it was not intercepted.

Benny Lantzer, city police radio operator in Winnfield, said that he spotted the object

when it was about 20 degrees southeast of here. He said it appeared "extremely high, much brighter than the stars, was about the size of my two fists and gave off a light similar to a white diamond."

Chief of Police Edwin Kelly was with Lantzer and said the object appeared to him to be elevated at about 60 degrees. Lantzer said the object was too bright to determine its shape and was too high to estimate its motion.

The balloon was discovered in Mississippi before the last sighting of the Winnfield UFO was reported. The UFO was tracked by the radar unit at England AFB for a while, but air traffic became so heavy that the military unit had to abandon the tracking.

Texas stations reported balloon sightings in the San Antonio area yesterday, but none of the Texas balloons were believed to have had sufficient time to have moved from Winnfield in time for the Texas sightings. (This clipping was sent in late in December with a Munroe, La. postmark, but no further information as to the date, the newspaper, or the name of the kind person forwarding the clipping. Please remember to include the name of the newspaper, and the date of publication, also your name if you wish credit for the article.)

LOCAL STIR RAISED BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKIES

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2, 1960. - An unidentified flying object described as showing "blue and yellow lights" was sighted over Greater Boston at 8:40 last night by residents of several suburbs.

Observers said the lights were "above the horizon" and that they seemed to move toward Boston from the south and then turn west and travel for a few seconds before disappearing.

The Boston Weather Bureau reported that it received many calls about the phenomenon but was unable to provide an explanation. The lights were not observed by any of the bureau's staff. (Boston HERALD, Jan. 2, 1960, Credit Lorna Donovan, West Newton, Mass.)

LIFE ON MARS ---- REDS BELIEVE

The contention that life exists on the planet Mars has been further supported by N. I. Kucherov, well-known Soviet Scientist.

He reports that the observed color of the dark spots or "seas" on the planet changes according to the time of the year: blue-green in the spring, brown in the fall. In certain years, the Martian "seas" change in outline and size, thus refuting the conclusion that

they are geological formations. Many scientists reason that if the "seas" were tremendous accumulations of mineral salts, changing color according to the humidity, they would have been covered up by dust and sand during the frequent sand storms occurring on Mars.

Only relatively tall vegetation could withstand the drifts of sand and the accumulation of dust.

G. A. Tikhov, Soviet astrophysicist demonstrated that the spectral curves of the "seas" of Mars coincide with the same curves for Earth plants growing in severe climatic conditions, particularly in the Pamirs and in Tien Shan.

A band in the far infrared range on the 3.4-micron wave length, inherent in many terrestrial plants, was recently discovered on the Mars spectrum by the American scientist Sinton.

The Soviets plan further study of Mars at the new Planetary Division to be opened at the Pulkovo Observatory. (Credit Missiles & Rockets, Jan. 18, 1960.)

FLYING POTS, FALLING PICTURES, PANIC BALTIMORE FAMILY

BALTIMORE - (AP) - Strange things are happening at the Jones house on Meridene Drive.

Flower pots leaping through window panes, wall pictures crashing to the floor, pottery exploding and plants jumping out of their holders.

Its been going on for four days, according to Mr. & Mrs. Edgar G. Jones. "I'll tell you, it's got us crazy", says Mrs. Jones. "We're scared to death. I've got so frightened I don't know what to do."

No one in the family has seen the objects move. "We hear the crashes but we've never been around when they happen" said Jones.

Firemen, police and utility men have been called in to investigate. All are at a loss for an explanation. (Miami HERALD, Jan. 19, 1960).

No, no one has an explanation, and they never shall get one from POLICE, FIREMEN OR UTILITY MEN. Better that they should ask the opinion of Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University.

Dr. Rhine spent several days in Miami, visiting the University of Miami during January. In an interview with the press, Dr. Rhine came as close as anyone can to the answer. He said, "When we understand better the powers of the mind, extra-sensory perception, and mental telepathy, we may be able to understand an explain the ghost stories and

the folk-tales of past generations."

No, by all means do not call the POLICE, THE FIREMEN OR THE UTILITY MEN! We might just end up with another 1732 SALEM WITCHCRAFT hunt on our hands.

LECTURE

For those readers in the Miami area who may be interested, Betty McCain, a nationally known clairvoyant, author and lecturer will be in Miami for a lecture at the Junior Mechanics Hall, 1501 NW 28 St., on Feb. 20, 8:00 p.m. Her topic will be, "THE GREAT NEED FOR MAN'S SELF AWARENESS". Voluntary donation. If interested take it from here.

EISENHOWER, KHRUSCHEV AND ORBITING H-BOMB

Twenty-seven months ago the Russians launched the first man-made satellite Sputnik I into orbit.

Immediately Pres. Eisenhower went on radio and television to calm down an apprehensive American Public. One of his statements was that the Russian feat was a great scientific achievement, but it did not have any MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE!

At that time this writer took issue with the President of the United States. In S. P. A. C. E., on Radio and in public lectures I told audiences of the many military advantages of a satellite program.

As one of the potentials of an orbiting satellite I mentioned that satellites could be launched with nuclear warheads, capable of being brought down out of orbit at will and guided to any spot on Earth!

Surely, our Military leaders could see this! Surely a former five-star General turned President could see this. To believe that our President had so little foresight, and was so ill-advised would be to place us in an abominable situation.

The reason must have been a complete lack of confidence in the bravery and stability of the American people. Are we such juveniles that we have to be treated like infants, tucked into our beds and given the assurance that Uncle knows all, that we should sleep peacefully, and no wolves will ever come near our door!

Was this the treatment given the peoples of Great Britain, by Sir Winston Churchill, and Air Marshal Lord Dowding during the Blitz? No, of course not!

They did not try to pamper the citizens with side-stepping the facts. No, but with BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS, they were told to face their adversities.

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Today the World is up against an even more cunning and crafty adversary than with the mad paperhanger. If the American people are lackadaisical and are fooled by the subterfuge of Nikita and Co., then the responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the top echelon, which did not take the American people into its confidence.

And once again we have lost another psychological battle because of it. An orbital H-Bomb, capable of recall at will and directed against a specific target would be the worlds greatest psychological weapon. An ICBM missile fired from Siberia and aimed at any great City of the world would do just as much damage. But this would be direct HOT WAR, which Russia does not want.

But suppose that just before the coming Summit Conference, the Russians fired into orbit a large inflatable balloon-type satellite. The balloon to be inflated by an accompanying tank of gas upon reaching orbit. A balloon 500 or more feet in diameter, visible from the Earth, visible even in the daytime, moving overhead, seen at least once per week by every inhabitant of the planet.

There would not necessarily have to be an H-Bomb inside. But an announcement from the Kremlin, that there was -- and it was capable of recall upon a given signal by Soviet Scientists, would be the greatest psychological weapon that this war-torn planet has ever known.

There is only one ray of hope in this bleak picture. Even if it did happen, the Russians may fall short of the psychological impact they desire upon the United States, because they may overestimate the mental reaction of the average American Citizen.

Unlike the citizen of Europe, this generation of Americans has not felt the horror of War in our own homeland. We would undoubtedly take an orbiting H-Bomb in our stride, look up at it and laugh, saying, "THOSE RUSSIANS WOULDN'T DARE PULL THE STRING". The Russian who takes everything in such matters seriously may be disappointed completely in our failure to panic in the face of the ultimate psychological weapon.

Who was the wise sage, who once said,
IT PAYS TO BE IGNORANT?

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There are times in this UFO publishing business that one wonders if he has accomplished anything worthwhile. Now and then information comes back which makes it all seem worthwhile.

During the summer of 1958 many of us all over the country in a semi-organized effort all wrote our Senators and Representatives urging them to investigate the UFO situation, with the goal of a Congressional investigation of the situation.

This writer received an answer from Senator Smathers, with the statement that "FLYING SAUCERS ARE A SUBJECT IN WHICH WE ALL SHARE A GREAT INTEREST". I subsequently received permission from Senator Smathers to publish his letter with that statement in S. P. A. C. E. This was done, copies of his letter and statement were sent to all editors and publishers of UFO information in this country and all over the world. On July 15, 1959 Senator Smathers statement was duly entered into the Congressional Record in Washington, D. C. On that date, the Hon. Edgar W. Hiestand, representative from the State of Calif. made a speech in the House urging an inquiry into the UFO situation.