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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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After the predictions by Spencer Thornton, on the Jack Paar TV Show, of a cycle of UFO reports to start in the middle of January, it was interesting and possibly more than a coincidence to see several well documented reports follow within days of his predicted time.

First to reach S.P.A.C.E. headquarters came from the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. An object the size of a two-story house hovered over a lake in central Minnesota, witnessed by five State Highway Patrol Squads and over 200 local citizens. The following accounts appeared in the Twin-City newspapers:

HUGE DISC SEEN IN SKY AT CROSBY

CROSBY, Minn. - (UPI) - Jan. 18, 1960. Minnesota authorities Sunday reported seeing a huge unidentified object hovering for eight hours over Lake Mille Lacs near Crosby Saturday night and early Sunday.

The object was gone when daylight came. Highway patrolman John Hogan said five state highway patrol squads, sheriff's deputies from three counties and about 200 curious spectators witnessed a flying object, which had nine flashing lights of amber, green and red.

Hogan estimated the size of the object at about the same as a two-story house. He said it appeared to move up and down slowly between altitudes of 500 and 1,000 feet.

The SAGE installation at Duluth said it didn't pick up anything on its radar tracking screen. (Was it turned ON?? - Ed.) (St. Paul Pioneer Press, January 18, 1960, Credit Elmer O. Dahl, St. Paul, Minn.)

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The Minneapolis MORNING TRIBUNE, ran their story also, on the same date; with the following report:

LAKE LIT UP BY MYSTERIOUS, COLORFUL LIGHTS

BRAINERD, Minn. - (AP) - Mysterious lights that shone on big Lake Mille Lacs "like a Christmas Tree" were reported Sunday by law officers and area residents.

"They would come on for a while and then disappear", said Deputy Sheriff Bud Kisskeys of Crow Wing County. "I watched them for more than an hour. The lights were red, white, blue, orange and green. I couldn't figure it out. I still can't."

Kisskeys drove to the lakeshore near Garrison 25 miles east of here late Saturday night after receiving a report of strange lights on the lake from a highway patrol car in the area.

"There was one big cluster of lights that looked like a Christmas tree way out on the lake about 10 miles," he said. "You could see other lights, one at a time, along the shoreline."

"I drove to the spot where I thought one would be but it always seemed as far away no matter how long I drove."

The lights also were witnessed by scores of area residents. (Minn. MORNING TRIBUNE, Jan. 18, 1960 - Credit Elmer O. Dahl, St. Paul.)



UFO'S OVER MIAMI REPORTED BY STATE
ATTORNEYS SECRETARIES ENROUTE TO WORK

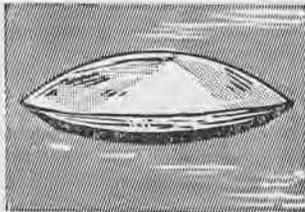
The two pretty secretaries pictured on page one saw two UFO's over Miami on the morning of January 19. They were enroute to work in the office of the Dade County State Attorney's office of Richard Gerstein. Upon arrival they told fellow workers of their sighting, the story spread through the Courthouse, and the Miami Herald reporters who are ever on the job in the Courthouse looking for news got wind of the report, and the following report appeared in the Herald on Jan. 20, 1960:

IN THEIR CUPS?

No, but pretty Mrs. Rheta Beecher (right) and Mercedes Insignares (left), both insist there was not one - but two - flying saucers speeding over Coral Gables at 8:20 a.m. Tues., Jan. 19th.

Both women are secretaries in the office of Richard Gerstein, Dade state attorney. Authorities at Homestead Air Force Base said the "saucers" may have been reflections from two high-altitude planes flying over the area at the time.

The ladies say no, that they saw a silver-rimmed "saucer" that looked like the sketch below. The Air Force is checking.



In a subsequent interview with the young ladies your editor found that others had also witnessed the same sighting. Mrs. Ila Albury who works in a Doctors Office in North Miami was awaiting a bus when she and another lady saw the same pair of unknowns. Also a teacher on her way to work witnessed the sighting and told her students about it in class before the story appeared in the newspapers. One of the children's mother told Rheta Beecher of the teacher's sighting upon seeing the news story. Also a witness was Mrs. Beecher's 9 year old daughter, Michele. In fact it was Michele who first saw the UFO's and called her mother's attention to it.

Thousands of other Miami residents rushing

to work could have seen the UFO's had they not been so intent upon staying alive in the morning rush hour, in the rat-race to punch the clock on time.

The girls did receive a call from a gentleman who said he was from the Geophysical Society (IGY???) , but in spite of the newspaper's statement that the Air Force is checking, they received no call or interview from the Air Force.

Probably just as well!!! As pretty as the two young secretaries are, an Air Force investigation may have gone on for MONTHS!

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DR. HELMUT GROTTTRUP TELLS WHY

When Germany capitulated during the summer of 1945, on all fronts was rejoicing and CONFUSION. German soldiers and technicians were surrendering faster than Allied Intelligence personnel were able to process and screen their captives.

Under such circumstances it is not surprising that some king-sized boobos were in the making. One of the biggest was the case of a small, unpretentious middle-aged man who was duly processed, screened and TURNED LOOSE.

But he did not get far, the Russians grabbed him, and off he went behind the Iron Curtain, not to be heard from for fourteen long years. He was Dr. Helmut Grottrup, a rocket technician ranking along with Prof. Herman Oberth, Dr. Wehrner Von Braun and Dr. Ernest Stuhlinger. Recently he was permitted to return to West Germany.

In a statement released in Stuttgart, W. Germany, he said that, "The Soviets are ahead in the missile and space race because their scientists concentrated on a few rockets and vehicles, made them simple and rugged, and were free from outside pressure in their selection of components.

"The Soviets achieved their lead without the help of mysterious fuels or exotic metals. Many Soviet feats were made possible by German brainpower - but not since 1950."

The main reason for Russia's successes, he claimed, was that her scientists developed only a small number of models; two missiles for the same basic purpose were never developed simultaneously, because a special committee was set up to prevent costly and diversionary competition.

"There would never be a THOR and a JUPITER in Russia", he declared.

Russian missiles are much simpler in construction - and therefore more rugged - than U.S. missiles, Grottrup said. Far less attention is paid to miniaturization, and there is no need to stuff the missile with delicate instrumentation. As a result, Soviet missiles are more reliable.

Grottrup suggested another, paradoxical reason for the frequent U.S. failures - American engineers have developed gyroscopic guidance apparatus of an accuracy long believed impossible to achieve, and thus created the prerequisites for inertial guidance. As a result, highly delicate instruments inside the rocket have been made responsible for its guidance.

In contrast, the telemetering systems chosen by the Russians are mainly based on the ground. Inside the rockets are merely several small, simple and very rugged instruments.

According to Grottrup, the German "Raketentechnik" a group of scientists held prisoner by the Russians from 1945 to 1950-- worked intensely on long-range rockets and designed several types of vehicles which were--compared to parallel developments in the U.S. "incredibly advanced."

But he said that with the exception of guidance systems all Soviet developments after 1950 -- such as multistage rockets, new fuels and satellites -- were achieved entirely by U.S.S.R. scientists. (Credit MISSILES & ROCKETS, Jan. 25, 1960)

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"Civilization is a system under which a man pays a quarter to park his car so he won't be fined a dollar while spending a dime for a nickel cup of coffee".

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LARGE TICKING OBJECT FALLS ON UPSTATE NEW YORK TOWN

SCHODACK LANDING, N.Y. Jan. 28 (AP) -- A large, ticking object fell from the sky here yesterday onto the icy Hudson River.

Those who saw it before it sank said it had a sharp nose, was about 15 feet long, and was made of aluminum and had engines inside.

"I heard a loud explosion. It shook the whole Post Office", reported Ernest Chiovini, acting postmaster of this community about ten miles south of Albany.

Four men put a rope around an exposed portion and tried to pull the object from the water. But "they heard it ticking and

decided to leave it there", according to Kenneth Jennings, who runs a general store. Later the entire object sank in about 20 feet of water.

Mr. Chiovini said he heard a plane overhead immediately after the explosion. Spokesmen at Plattsburg and Westover Air Bases said they knew of nothing that had fallen from any of their planes. (NEW YORK TIMES, Jan. 29, 1960, Credit Liz Borries, Pound Ridge, N. Y.)

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And in Iowa and Maryland the unseen forces of the other dimensions are having a ball, with the 3rd dimensional humans with whom they have taken up cohabitation. Or can you explain it any better??? Anyway here are the reports:

OPERATION GHOST FAILS TO EXPLAIN WEIRD GOINGS-ON

GUTTENBERG, Iowa (AP) - "Operation Ghost" was conducted at the William Meyers farm house near Guttenberg Friday night but failed to turn up an explanation for the strange goings-on that forced the family to move out.

Two University Professors and 10 students stayed in the house all night armed with Geiger counters, oscilloscopes, an ionization chamber, and an electrometer.

Prof. Jack Lorenz of Upper Iowa University in charge of the group said the investigation indicated everything was normal.

About 15 newsmen also were in the house during the night. Some of them took turns lying on the bed from which a 265-pound Guttenberg man reported he had been mysteriously thrown on Wednesday night. Nothing happened while the newsmen were on the bed.

The Meyers family moved out last month because they said objects were being tossed around for no apparent reason. (Sherman, Texas DEMOCRAT, Jan. 10, 1960, Credit Liz Borries.)

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WATCHERS FAIL TO FIND ACTIVITY IN GHOSTLY HOUSE

BALTIMORE - (AP) - The ghosts had quieted down Monday at the home of Edgar G. Jones.

No spirits were in evidence as newsmen and photographers encamped at the six-room, two-story house.

Earlier the Jones family had reported a frightening four-day epidemic of flying sugar bowls, falling glassware and exploding pottery. The only explosion Monday came when Jones propelled a self-appointed ghost neutralizer from the house.

The neutralizer, a moving-van driver, said he would pray in every room and drive the

demons away.

Jones, a retired fireman, said things have been falling and breaking at the house since Thursday. He said it got particularly rough Sunday night when seven soft-drink bottles exploded and a can of vegetables fell from a shelf. When he bent to pick up the can, another can bopped him.

The family hasn't witnessed the other accidents; they just hear a noise and find something moved or broken. (Stamford, Conn., ADVOCATE, Jan. 19, 1960, Credit Liz Borries, Pound Ridge, N.Y.)

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Some new subscribers may be wondering what ghost stories are doing in a UFO publication. Your Editor has always felt that anything unusual or unexplainable was grist for the mills. As we learn more and more about the mind and areas above the range of normal sight and hearing, even these unexplained events mentioned above will be understandable for all. Then we will be making progress -- and here is another kind of

PROGRESS!

"Progress is wonderful. The old roads where two cars could barely pass without colliding are happily being replaced by multi-lane highways, where six or more can crash at a time."

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MONSTER CAUGHT BY 50 WORKMEN

TAMPICO, Mexico (UPI)- A seven-foot "monster" described as resembling a dinosaur was in a cage here Tuesday night after an exciting chase by about 50 workmen.

Local experts could not immediately identify the animal, although some natives of jungle areas said that it was a "giant iguana". (Sherman, Texas DEMOCRAT, Nov. 18, 1959, Credit Liz Borries.)

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STRANGE MASS OVER SEA

Wellington, New Zealand -- The British liner Corinthic encountered a mysterious substance floating on the sea for as far as the eye could see on either side, during her latest voyage from London, Capt. A. C. Jones said here today.

The liner steamed through the strange mass for nearly 900 miles, three or four days after leaving Pitcairn Island. The substance was honey-colored, soft and of a jell-like or silky consistency, the captain said. Some pieces were several feet square but most were broken into small fragments. A possible explanation was that it was caused by a big submarine upheaval, and might be something

like pumice. (Ottawa Citizen, Jan. 8, 1960. Credit Gene Duplantier, SAUCERS, SPACE AND SCIENCE, Toronto, Ontario.)

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Maybe it came from an underwater area in the Pacific, something like this one found in the Atlantic:

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15,980 FOOT PEAK FOUND UNDER SEA

What was probably once an island is discovered off Africa by Columbia University Research ship. The seamount, as such formations are called by geologists, was discovered Dec. 15, 1959, by Columbia University scientists aboard the University's research vessel Vema.

It is 550 miles west of the Cape of Good Hope and rises 15,980 feet from the ocean floor. That is a little more than 3 miles. For comparison, the highest peak in the U. S. is 20,320 foot Mt. McKinley in Alaska.

The top of the seamount is 210 feet below sea level, but one isolated knob rises to within 120 feet of the surface. It is conical in shape, a good indication that it is an extinct volcano, according to Robert D. Gerard of Columbia's Lamont Geological Observatory at Palisades. He was chief scientist aboard the Vema when the discovery was made.

He said it is about 35 miles across at the base and 5 miles across at the top. The top is completely covered by coral. Samples were dredged from the top and from the base.

Mr. Gerard says the formation could have been a menace to navigation. A submarine with its sonar equipment turned off could have rammed it.

Dr. Maurice Ewing, director of the Lamont Observatory, declares that "as in the case with most seamounts, this one is associated with a large anomaly in the earth's magnetic field, indicating that it is composed of highly magnetic volcanic rock.

Geologists at Columbia, say the top of the seamount probably stood well above the ocean's surface in the last glacial period 8,000 to 10,000 years ago. The melting of the ice in the northern hemisphere changed the world's sea level, they add, and the waters of the Atlantic rose 180 to 240 feet, closing over the island.

On their expedition the Vema scientists found further evidence to support the theory that great landslides occur periodically in the ocean, with mud racing across the ocean's bottom at express-train speed. (New York TIMES, Jan. 18, 1960, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

This probably was about the same time that the Sahara Desert was no desert at all but a virtual Garden of Eden, as is indicated by the fairly recent discoveries there.

SEARCH FOR THE TASSILI FRESCOES

In the deep reaches of the Sahara Desert, modern man has unexpectedly fallen heir to one of the greatest treasures left by his prehistoric ancestors; an art accumulation of such extent, beauty and mystery that it first stuns, and then wildly stimulates the imagination.

Prehistoric engravings on the rocks in the Sahara had been known before 1933, but in that year a French Lieutenant, out on a police action, entered a canyon in the mountain mass of the Tassili n'Ajjer, a canyon called the Oued Djerat, which no European had ever visited - and discovered not only an extraordinary series of engravings of men and beasts, but a number of delicate paintings.

The most amazing revelations came 22 years later when a small French team of artists and photographers, under the sponsorship of the Museum of Man, and led by the explorer Henri Lhote, went to the Tassili on a 16-month expedition.

They discovered on the walls of rock shelters, thousands of paintings, identified at least 16 different art-phases and at least thirty different styles, and working under the most difficult and delicate circumstances, copied eight hundred which, "if joined up", would cover a surface of over 1500 sq. yards.

There were paintings and engravings of elephants, antelope, giraffes, ostriches, hippotami and cattle. There were scenes from daily life and ceremonial occasions, scenes of war and peace.

There were costumes and pieces of religious symbolism that indicated the influence of Egypt. There were paintings of stylized masks. There is a painting of a man and a woman, done by a Stone Age artist, that, as M. Lhote says "by its superb rendering of the human form is worthy to be compared with the sculpture of ancient Greece or with the works of the Renaissance artists."

These discoveries, while bringing new understanding of man's distant past, also have left many new riddles to solve. (New York Herald TRIBUNE, Jan. 2, 1960 - Credit Gladys Fusaro, Huntington, L.I., and Dorothy Leftler, Cincinnati, Ohio).

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DID FALLOUT FELL SODOM & GOMORRAH?

MOSCOW - The fire and brimstone that

destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah was really a nuclear blast set off by invaders from outer space, says a Soviet Scientist. M. Agrest, a master of physico-mathematical sciences advanced the theory in the Literary Gazette.

Agrest declared that the biblical account of the destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah takes on a new meaning when read in the light of modern science.

"In modern language", he said, "this legend says that the people were advised to leave the area of the future explosion, not to linger in the open and not to watch the blast. Those of the fugitives who looked back lost their sight and perished."

According to the Bible, Lot and his family were warned to get out of town by two divine messengers. As a hail of fire and brimstone devastated Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's wife looked back and was turned to a pillar of salt. Agrest said the fire and brimstone really might have been a nuclear fuel dump blown up deliberately by the outer space people.

He said he thinks the mysterious Baalbek terrace in Lebanon, a platform built of huge stone slabs was used by the space invaders as a launching pad for their space ship.

As further evidence to support his theory, he cited the glassy bodies known as tektites found on various parts of the earth's surface but particularly in the Libyan Desert.

Existence of these small objects has never been satisfactorily explained by science. Agrest said they may have been formed by the impact of probe rockets sent to the earth before the raiders risked a landing. (Credit Miami DAILY NEWS & Miami HERALD, Feb. 8, 9, 1960).

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Ed. Note - It may be possible that the Reds are attempting to explain many Biblical stories, in an attempt to weaken the belief in the Bible, and therefore at the same time weaken religion in general. However, the fact remains that those who have already studied all the evidence in the UFO picture, have already come up with similar suspicions of their own. Some Ministers even, have given sermons connecting UFO visits of the past with Biblical stories. M. K. Jessup in his book, "The UFO and the Bible", sees many instances that could interpret the messengers referred to in the Bible as actually space people leaving a message for the betterment of man upon this planet. And, of course, if they are an advanced race from elsewhere in

space, their actions and manifestations could be deemed as doing the will of the Infinite Creator. After all they too, were created by the Creator of the entire Universe.

Up in Cobalt, Ontario, a minister in a sermon, recently voiced these same opinions:

ANGELS IN FLYING SAUCERS?

Cobalt, Ont. (CP) - Angels, or messengers- as mentioned in the Bible could have been visitors from outer space traveling in flying saucers, says Rev. Helmut Wipprecht, a United Church minister.

"We want to take flying saucers and visitors from other worlds seriously, as obviously the Bible does," he told his congregation Sunday.

Rev. Wipprecht said that the Star of Bethlehem could have been a divinely sent flying saucer rather than a star. The chariot with horses of fire that took Elijah like a whirlwind up into Heaven could have been what is now referred to as a flying saucer, he said.

The term chariot of fire corresponds with many descriptions of flying saucers glowing and lighting up their surroundings, said Rev. Wipprecht. (Victoria Daily TIMES, Jan. 5, 1960, Credit Gene Duplantier, Ed. SPACE, SAUCERS AND SCIENCE, Toronto, Canada.)

(Ed. Note) - When it comes to explaining Biblical phenomena in the light of what is presently known regarding UFO's and inhabitants of other planets, we realize that we're treading upon ground which is considered sacred by most people. Such theories as those expressed by the Rev. Wipprecht, will seem to some even to be sacrilegious. Ours is not to decide for anyone on this matter.

However, most all phenomena which we do not understand tend to take on a supernatural significance. For instance, meteors and the northern lights or the (aurora borealis) were misunderstood phenomena of a hundred years ago. Many unlearned people attributed a supernatural meaning to them. In some parts of the world, illiterate tribesmen still do.

So if we present here an idea or a theory, we are not in any way attempting to force opinions upon you that may conflict with time-honored and accepted traditions.

To many the Star of Bethlehem would be unthinkable as a spacecraft whose particular job it was that night to guide three Wise men and groups of shepherds to a small cave on a hillside near Bethlehem. However, to astronomers with the best possible knowledge of the universe, considering the equipment now available, it is equally unthinkable for a star to

move out of its place in a galaxy which operates on a precise and absolutely predictable timetable.

Interpreted in the light of spacecraft and intelligent space inhabitants, many such biblical stories take on a completely new and logical meaning. In the current issue of Gene Duplantiers excellent publication appears another writer's ideas of yet another Biblical fact. Accept it or not, as you will.

THE EXODUS, THE CLOUD & THE PILLAR

by Arthur V. Sampsel

All who have followed the UFO mystery know of the case of Capt. Thomas Mantell of the Kentucky Air National Guard who died chasing an unknown object near Godman Field, near Ft. Know, Kentucky on Jan. 7, 1948. But the astounding part to me lies in the calculation of the size of the monster aeroform seen hovering near Godman Air Force Base.

From careful analysis of theodolite observations and mathematical calculations, the aeroform measured about 15,000 feet in length and over 500 feet in diameter.

The proportions of such an aeroform reels the imagination, even in comparison to our largest ocean liners which would have considerable difficulty in becoming airborne. Yet on Jan. 7, 1949, such a giant was seen and the facts recorded.

Keeping in mind the size of the Godman UFO travel back in time with me to the period in history when Moses led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt and compare that spectacle with the one over Godman.

The Israelites under Moses' direction made their way towards the lower end of the great Egyptian Wall, which extended from the northern end of the Red Sea to the Mediterranean. This was the natural course of travel, for to journey north meant meeting and doing battle with the Philistines; of course due East would mean running straight into the Egyptian Wall, which also was fitted with armed men every few hundred yards. Besides the Egyptian soldiers was the obstacle of the wall itself. Any of the courses could have been traveled with God's help, but the one which they finally took, met with God's fulfilling of a plan to bring them on to the Sianitic Peninsula and to the foot of old Mount Sinai.

When the Israelites reached the lower end of the Wall, they came to the shores of the Red Sea, on either side of them was a mountain and to the rear was the Pharoah, with an army to cut them off if they reversed their direction. Moses had reached a position, in

which nothing physically possible could be done to alleviate the situation. It was then that Moses spoke, saying, "Stand still and see the salvation of God."

At this point, there appeared over the multitude, a cloud which began to move out and over the Red Sea, and as it did, the waters parted, making a way for them to pass.

I have read innumerable theories as to how, by natural means, the waters of the Red Sea was parted. Most seem "plausible" up to a point. None explain how, the waters "stood up in heaps and CONGEALED." (Exodus 15:8).

There was a perpendicular wall of water on each side, held firm as if it were frozen. Peculiar too, if this action was by natural forces, that it occurred at just the right moment and for a period of time just long enough for the passage of the multitude and then closed on the Egyptians.

This same cloud, by night became a pillar of fire, illuminated their camp, brighter than any lighting we have today. By day this cloud was their guide, the Israelites moving when the cloud moved, stopping when the cloud stopped. As soon as day came, the pillar became this cloud and spread out over the entire multitude, giving them shade, so that the cloud was between them and the sun for the forty years journey. If an enemy pursued, the cloud swung to the rear, turning its hot fiery face in the adversaries direction or darkening the sky to form an impenetrable blackness.

This cloud and this pillar, was the "Presence of the Lord" guiding and protecting Israel. If this occurrence were to happen today, the cloud-pillar would undoubtedly be termed a UFO and could not escape the headlines as some of the prominent sightings of our decade, but the size of this cloud is the point I want to make in comparing it with the Godman UFO.

Remembering that the cloud covered the multitude by day in such a way as to provide shade for ALL of the people led out by Moses, the size could be estimated only if the number of those led by Moses were known. The record shows 60,000... the women and children were not enumerated, nor those circumcised who joined the Exodus. This mixed multitude was determined to number in all between two and three MILLION people, plus a great number of animals.

If the cloud covered only the humans on this journey and not the animals, which is not likely, it makes the UFO over Godman a pretty small affair. Certainly this great spectacle should be considered the foremost in aerial

phenomena of all time. (Credit SPACE, SAUCERS AND SCIENCE, Gene Duplantier, Ed., 125 Woodycrest Ave., Toronto 6, Ont. Canada).

(Note) Long as we have gone this far, we may as well air Van Tassels claim that the Manna found on the ground by the Israelites in the mornings, during their wanderings in the desert - was actually food dropped to them from out of the spacecraft (in the cloud) to keep them from starving to death until they reached their destination. (Make up your own minds, I am only speculating upon the possibility.)

NEW EVIDENCE UNCOVERED IN ANTARCTICA

Evidence that now-frozen Antarctica was a sunny fertile continent is mounting. Soviet scientists report finding 10 kinds of spores, proving past existence of fernlike plants, plus unidentified fragments of plant tissue, in rock formations believed to be 200 to 300 million years old.

Swedish explorers found traces of ancient vegetable matter in Antarctica back in 1901, and more recently New Zealand and Australian scientists found evidence of giant forests there. This indicates a rotation of the earth's axis. (Cincinnati POST AND TIMES STAR, Feb. 8, 1960, Credit Dorothy Lefler, the Athenaeum of Cincinnati, Ohio.)

FLASH LIGHTS WESTERN SKY

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. Feb. 7 - (AP) --

A bright flash lighted the sky over four western states at 12:03 a.m., today.

The FAA said no airplanes were reported missing in the area at the time. The light was seen by hundreds of persons in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and northern Utah. Their reports seemed to pinpoint it in southwestern Montana, possibly in the Bitter Root Valley. Some persons in Missoula and Butte, Montana, claimed they heard an explosion.

"It was fantastically bright, it lit up everything in the cockpit and the cabin and the entire sky outside", said Capt. Richard Belew of Salt Lake City, pilot of a Western Air Lines Convair. "It was a brighter nighttime flash than either my co-pilot, George Holgreen or I have ever seen."

"It started as a low blue light, and then came a blinding flash." He said he was flying about 40 miles south of Great Falls, Montana at an altitude of 11,000 feet.

At Butte, Aletha Tallon, a secretary at Radio Station KBOW, said a noise like a lot of jet planes taking off followed the

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brilliant flash.

In Utah, the State Highway Patrol said it had many reports which described the light like a flash of lightning streaking across the sky. (Cincinnati ENQUIRER, Feb. 8, 1960. Cr. Dorothy Lefler, The Athenaeum of Cincinnati.)

(NOTE) A news story coming in just at press time, from the St. Louis papers, from Mrs. Victoria Bloom carried this further description: Amateur astronomer Floyd Rickores of Hollywood, said he tracked a red ball in the sky for nearly five minutes after a "bright flash lighted the room". He said the ball was brighter than anything else in the sky. He guessed it was several thousand miles above the earth.

"It seemed to stay stationary between two stars for three or four minutes", he said, "then took off with fantastic speed and disappeared." (Ed. Guess that should take this one out of the meteor class.)

FATE OF SHIP STILL MYSTERY ONE YEAR LATER

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Jan. 20, 1960 ----
(Reuters) - More than 11 months after the Danish line Hans Hedtoft disappeared off Greenland on her maiden voyage, two of her lifebelts have been found on the coast of Iceland --- 600 miles away. Their discovery adds to this mystery of the sea:

It was on Jan. 30, 1959 that a small radio station in Greenland picked up an SOS from the Hans Hedtoft, sailing around Greenland's southern tip on the way to Copenhagen when she hit an iceberg during a stormy arctic night.

The last message reported: "The sea is pouring into the ship. We are sinking". Then there was silence.

An intensive search by ships and aircraft,

lasting more than two weeks, produced not even a tiny piece of wreckage.

The Hans Hedtoft disaster had a striking resemblance to that of the Titanic. Although much smaller -2,875 tons- she was like the Titanic on her maiden voyage. Great trust had been put in her special construction, which, it was said, made her unsinkable, even under the severest arctic conditions.

One of the things that presumably never will be solved is how the ship equipped with the most advanced radar, could not have evaded an iceberg.

An 80-year old fisherman, living on the barren coast of southwestern Iceland recently found a lifebelt which had been washed ashore during the night. It bore the name "Hans Hedtoft-Koebenhavn." A week later, another lifebelt with the same markings was driven ashore there. The findings of the lifebelts adds to the mystery. The greatest riddle is how they could have floated to Iceland's coast after 10 months, when according to the experts the ocean currents all run in the opposite direction. (Peterborough EXAMINER, Peterborough, Ontario - Credit Gene Duplantier, Ed. S.S. & S, Toronto, CANADA).

As we go to press with this issue and look back over the months of Jan. and Feb., we find that the prediction of Dr. Spencer Thornton, of a UFO flap beginning the middle of Jan., turned out to be of very limited nature. True, we did have several spectacular reports in the middle of January, particularly the object estimated to be as large as a two-story house, witnessed by 200 citizens and 5 State Highway Patrol squads, over Lake Mille Lacs in central Michigan.