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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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ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE SPACE AGE

A man was telling me that on his way home from work one night, he saw a crowd gathered on a street corner. Out of curiosity he stopped to see what was causing the commotion.

After worming his way through the crowd of onlookers, to a position where he could look over the heads of those in the front row (he was a tall man), he was shocked to see a little old lady, being beaten up by a 200 pound bully.

My friend was shocked to see what was happening, and no one was doing anything about it. The little old lady already had blood flowing from her nose, which was pushed to one side, and appeared to have been broken early in the melee.

My friend said to one of the men in the front row, "Why doesn't someone do something to stop this brutality?"

The man next to him said, "Not me, I might get my picture in the papers, it would be bad publicity, you know. What would my neighbors think?"

Meanwhile two other men were discussing the evils of the world which could cause such a situation to exist in the first place. Said one, "Maybe if we built a new housing project over in that part of town where this bully comes from that would help stop this sort of thing even before it started?"

The bully catches Granny with his big shoe in the middle of her stomach and raises her off the ground about 10 inches.

Says the second man, "Perhaps if we gave him some financial aid, so he could spend his time along more normal and constructive lines, he would stop wasting his time along these destructive lines."

"Yes, that's a good idea, let's see if we can sell these other people on the idea. If we can get their support in time, we may

be able to put a stop to this sort of thing".

Meanwhile, poor granny is almost on her last legs, one arm is dangling to her side, useless, even a cub scout could tell that it had almost been wrenched out of its socket.

My friend, unable to contain himself any longer, broke through the crowd of onlookers, grabbed a two by four that had been laying in the gutter, and started toward the bully.

"Hey, you put down that weapon, came a shout from the crowd. Fight fair, use your bare hands like the other man is doing (they forgot to mention his bare shoes as well). Brooklyn cheers broke out from other sections of the crowd. "Unfair---coward---where's your sense of fair play".

My friend was seeing red by this time and ignored all the jeers thrown his way. With a mighty swing of the 2x4 it came down on the bully's head and sent him sprawling on the ground. Granny barely was able to stand, with blood streaming from a dozen places on her anatomy.

Meanwhile someone had called the police, and just then the sirens were screaming, the ambulance arrived, and policemen were all over the place.

Granny and the Bully were placed in the ambulance, and taken to the Hospital. My friend was grabbed by the police and hauled off to the police station, where he was booked for "disturbing the peace".

What is the moral of the story. Perhaps there is no moral in this day and age of confusion, lack of moral stamina, and people with spines comparable to that of a jellyfish.

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My friend certainly does remind me of Major General Edwin A. Walker, the man who has also gotten into hot water for merely doing his duty, as he saw it.

General Walker is a loyal, patriotic American. He graduated from West Point in

1931, has been much decorated since, and was the Commanding Officer of the 24th Infantry Division in Germany.

At least he was until President Kennedy removed him from his Command last April.

Why did this happen?

The reason almost makes you wonder just who is running the show in Washington, D.C. (And maybe that question isn't as academic as it would seem at first glance).

General Walker had set up within his Division an indoctrination program against Communism, called the "Pro-Blue" program. It consisted of 10 books, beginning with J. Edgar Hoover's book "MASTERS OF DECEIT" and ending with "THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH", all books which show the dangers our country is presently in. Dangers not only from the outside but dangers from the "Trojan Horse" within, infiltration and subversion.

General Walker's "Sin", was in bringing to the attention of his troops under his command, the publications most likely to alert them to the weapons and the tactics of our enemy.

Now this would seem to be a very sensible thing for an Army Commander to do, wouldn't it? We are already involved in World War III, and J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the FBI, says that "the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this the safer this country will be".

Now if that is all right for the head of the FBI to say, what is wrong with an Army General bringing this to the attention of his troops?

Yet, for this he was criticized by the Overseas Weekly (G.I.'s call it the OVERSEXED WEEKLY). This publication is so bad that it was once banned by the Army itself, as being unfit for American Servicemen.

Yet the OVERSEAS WEEKLY launched a tirade of abuse, alleging that General Walker was "brainwashing" his men, consorting with "Super-patriots" and recommending publications of the John Birch Society.

President Kennedy removed General Walker from his command, "pending an investigation."

When will the investigation come and by whom?

I urge a prompt Congressional probe of this incident in question, and I urge all Americans to write their Congressmen asking

for an investigation of this unsavory situation.

We are engaged right now in World War III, and if our Generals in the field are not allowed to fight this War, because of the condemnation of a slime-mongering, girlie-stripping scandal sheet, we have no hopes what-so-ever of winning this war. So I urge every one of you to write to your Senators, your Congressmen and your President, and go to the defense of a wonderful and loyal American who is currently on the torture rack.

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Oh, Yes---In case you are wondering what happened to Granny and the Bully!

Well, they were both treated at the nearest hospital, and then dismissed.

Granny was advised that she should stay in the house, and not wander about on the streets then she would stay out of such troubles in the future.

The bully! Oh, Yes, he was turned loose too, because, he insisted that all he really wanted was PEACE-----A piece of Europe-----a piece of Asia-----a piece of Africa-----a piece of South America-----and last but not least-----a piece of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

And where is my friend, who went to the aid of Granny? Well, like General Walker, he's still on the "torture rack".

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In spite of the mounting evidence to the contrary, our own officialdom continues to accept the Russian story of the orbit of Yuri Gagarin, as being established with the same degree of proof as our own space flight of Commander Shepard.

The latest discrepancy in the Gagarin story seems to come from, of all places, the world of the stamp collector, as the following story from the Cincinnati ENQUIRER:

CALLED PROOF REDS LIED
SPACEMAN STAMP IN ORBIT TOO SOON?

By Margaret Josten

A Cincinnati stamp expert came up yesterday with what he considers "darned good proof" the Russians are lying about their man in space.

He said Iron Curtain stamps heralding Yuri Gagarin's earth orbiting flight went on

'sale in the United States April 22 - only 10 days after the supposed historic flight.

"My experience and that of others is that stamps just cannot be produced in such a short time," said Victor Kaufman who, besides being a philatelist, is assistant to the president of the Victor Corp.

Kaufman reported too, that New York philatelic circles are abuzz with rumors the stamps -- many carrying Gagarin's picture -- arrived in this country before April 12.

This is the date Soviets say Gagarin became the world's first spaceman. This is the date on all the stamps.

Most United States stamp issues, said Kaufman, are announced three to four months before they actually come out.

Yet East Germany's stamp was released April 22; Hungary's on April 25; those of Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Russia, itself, within the next few days.

Kaufman feels the satellite countries could not obtain Gagarin's photograph, set up multi-color presses, make plates, print, dry and perforate the stamps in such a short time.

He said the stamp-making process cannot be speeded up.

"I think this is sensational", declared Kaufman, "because Russia has given out nothing in the way of scientific reports or documentation on the flight."

Kaufman has two "guesses" as to what really happened:

The Russians may have rocketed an empty space ship around the earth and given Gagarin credit for taking the ride.

Or the stamps were made some time before the flight and planned for release at an early date to "make a big show".

The question then arises how the Soviets could be so sure Gagarin was to be successful.

"What if it had rained on April 12?", asked Kaufman. "Look at what happened to us when we were planning our first space shot.

He pointed out that Iron Curtain countries are well known as cheaters in the stamp field. "They pull all kinds of underhanded tricks in issuing stamps and most stamp collectors don't bother with them.

Kaufman bought his stamps here when he became suspicious after reading a stamp collectors magazine showing the items went on sale April 22.

His purchase was made from Bill Smith

of the Allen Stamp Service, 18 E. Fourth St. Smith received most of the stamps within the last week. He had had the Russian stamp for some time, but could not remember the date he received it from the wholesaler.

(Cincinnati ENQUIRER, May 13, 1961, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, Ohio)

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Ed. Note: --- Nuff said!

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For a while during the past month it looked as if one of our best sea mysteries might possibly be in the process of being solved. This was the mystery of Dec. 5, 1945 when 5 navy Avenger bombers took off from Ft. Lauderdale. The five plane flight carrying 14 men was to fly a training mission over the Atlantic and return to Base.

But the planes were never seen again. A PBV amphibian took off later the same day on the search for the Avengers, and it too vanished.

On May 18, a dredge sucking up fill from the Banana River for a new missile pad at Cape Canaveral, came up with an engine cylinder. However, upon examination it was found not to be of the type used on the Avengers or the PBV.

With no Sahara Desert in Florida to swallow them up, the mystery continues!

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REPORT ABOUT PLANE UNEXPLAINED

FT. BRAGG (UPI)---Military officials offered no explanation for reports that an Army cargo plane from Ft. Benning, Ga., was overdue here Wednesday night.

The erroneous report by officials at Simmons Army Airfield here touched off reports of a plane crash in Eastern North Carolina.

A farmer reported seeing a "ball of fire" in the early evening sky east of Wilson and a search was conducted in the area. Hours later the Highway Patrol said the "ball of fire" which was reported by Arthur Webb apparently was the reflection of the sun on a weather balloon. (WHAT??)

Simmons late Wednesday night confirmed that the plane, earlier reported overdue, had landed safely.

Officials could give no explanation for the erroneous report. A FAA official said the report apparently was issued while the cargo plane, identified as a YAC-1 experimental cargo plane, was still airborne, and that it was reported overdue an hour and a half before it was scheduled to reach Simmons.

The FAA said it had not been in contact

with the aircraft because it was not flying on an instrument plan. Simmons officials, during the confusion, ordered a search helicopter to the scene of the reported sighting of a "ball of fire" east of Wilson. (Raleigh, N.C. NEWS AND OBSERVER, May 19, 1961, Credit Ben Haugen, Cary, N. Car.)

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The following report from a correspondent in Boston, New York could be entitled:

MYSTERY DOWN ON THE FARM

"This is a report of an unusual happening on May 17th. Charles Donhouser, a local farmer who lives in a little valley called Wyandale, phoned that he had seen a big gray ball in the sky.

"Mr. Donhouser, called Warren Langman and myself, and about six hours after the sighting, we were out at the Donhouser farm.

Donhouser had driven out into the field with his tractor and spreader, when he noticed that his sheep had been frightened by something. With the tractor running, he couldn't hear anything, but he looked around thinking it might be a low flying airplane.

What he saw was a big gray ball. It was not shiny, like metal. It looked nearly transparent. It showed up clearly against blue sky but against a cloud it was hard to see.

As he saw it, it was going away to the north. It seemed to be rising as it went, and in three or four minutes was out of sight. So far, you see that it was not an unusual sighting.

When Donhouser got back to the barn yard, he found that the door of his machinery shed was torn off. This was a slide door about 12 feet wide and 10 feet high. It was broken into three pieces, each about 4x10. The overhead track was torn off the shed and the metal hangers on the door were broken. The three pieces of the door were laying, with what was the outside, up---and with the tops farthest from the building. Although the door must have been broken before it fell down, it seems to have pivoted on one corner. The center piece was thrown the farthest. It was perhaps 30 feet from its former position on the shed.

We studied the situation for quite a while. There was nothing disturbed inside the shed. It seemed that the only thing strong enough to break the center section out before the rest of the door came loose would be a very strong suction.

A small but violent whirlwind could possibly have done it. The question is whether

this wind was caused by the UFO.

There is another odd thing that may fit the story. Earlier, Donhouser had been working behind the dairy barn and he heard a car stop in front of the barn. (There is not much traffic on this road).

He heard a car door slam and the dogs ran around and barked. A few minutes later his brother drove up, and came around the barn to help him. He asked who was out front, and his brother said, no one. His brother was still around when he saw the UFO, but his brother neither saw nor heard anything.

It seems to me that the sound like a car, and the slam of a car door could have been the time that the shed door was wrenched off.

This though was at least a half hour before he saw the object. It would mean that he drove his tractor past the wrecked door at least twice, without seeing it, which he says would be impossible.

I don't know if there have been any other wind damage reports connected with UFO's or not. Like any flying machine, you would expect them to stir up the air as they moved through it. (Report by Donald Carl, Boston, New York).

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Ed. Note - Well, there have been reports of roofs suddenly going skyward, with no damage other than to the one roof, with others in the vicinity untouched and no signs of a toronado. (Reports by Fort Jessup, Wilkins, etc.) So--Who knows?

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If there is one group that has done the most to clarify the confusion in the UFO field, it is NICAP and its director, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, (MCR).

For this reason, we are reproducing in this issue an Editorial by Major Keyhoe carried in the April-May issue of the UFO Investigator. Major Keyhoe certainly needs and deserves your support.

EDITORIAL FROM NICAP

From the important news in this issue, it should be plain that the UFO secrecy fight is nearing a climax. But to be ready for the final battle, we urgently need your help.

In January we asked your support in a crucial drive for new members, to get funds for printing a special report to Congress and for badly needed clerical help. Only a small percent responded and instead of pushing this drive we had to delay publishing the UFO Investigator, extending membership to cover it.

It is an ironic contrast to see the

harvest reaped by those who cynically seize on the public's interest in UFO's. In one case, a well-known "contactee" has taken in thousands of dollars to build a "rejuvenation center", which supposedly would use secrets imparted by spacemen.

Another promoter has grossed hundreds of thousands with a crude "flying saucer" which has never been off the ground, but is supposed to fly to the moon.

In unhappy contrast--NICAP--an earnest, sincere organization--has never even paid its way. Memberships have never been sufficient. Contributions from a small group of members have helped, but NICAP has been kept going only because Mr. Hall, former associate editor Lee Munsick, and the director have diverted over 65% of their pay to cover NICAP bills.

In addition, the sum of \$930, royalties due the director on "Flying Saucers: Top Secret," has gone to cover NICAP debts.

Most NICAP members have said they want to be a part of the fight for the truth about UFOs, backing our efforts in Congress, publicizing NICAP's evidence, and helping to secure new members.

If you are in this majority, will you seriously consider this question? Have you done all you could to help? A few have done far more than their share. If the rest would immediately support our efforts by getting us new members, our financial worries would be quickly ended.

We are working hard to be ready for the impending break. Will you do your best to help us?

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Your Editor has often suggested, that if you can only afford to receive one publication concerning UFOs, then that one should be NICAP. Membership is only \$5.00 per year. And for that \$5.00 investment you will receive all the most solid, factual, sensible, and properly investigated UFO reports as they occur. Sometimes NICAP has been accused of being far too conservative in their investigations, but in the present confused world in which we live, it is much safer to be a conservative, than to be a liberal.

Which brings me around to the definitions of LIBERAL and CONSERVATIVE. Read these dictionary descriptions, and decide which of the two is the safer and the saner, in these perilous times.

LIBERAL: Generous, bounteous, open-handed, free from restraint,

unchecked, licentious, etc.

CONSERVATIVE:

Conserving, disposed to maintain existing institutions, or views; opposed to change. Within safe bounds, also adhering to sound principles believed to involve little risk, as a conservative investment.

After reading those dictionary descriptions, I hope all our readers decide to become CONSERVATIVES---if they are not already possessed of this desirable trait.

And remember, being a Conservative has nothing to do with party affiliations. There are Conservatives and Liberals in each party.

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STRANGE SATELLITE WATCHED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 19, 1961--(UPI)--- Satellite tracking stations around the world were asked today to help track a "suspected, unpredicted bright satellite."

The order went out from Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory after the strange satellite was spotted yesterday at Juniper, Florida.

"We're trying to get other sightings and get an orbit," said George Woron, Smithsonian's chief of public information.

Woron said there were more than 50 satellites and rocket bodies whirling around the world and "it sometimes happens" that one is picked up which does not match any of the known orbits.

He said scientists had no reason yet to believe the satellite was "anything new or mysterious" and such orbiting mavericks were spotted "with some regularity". (New York MIRROR, May 20, 1961, Credit Gladys Fusaro, Huntington, New York).

NOTE: Ah, Yes, these are seen with some regularity. Even tracked as far back as 1954, when Dr. Zwicky was in charge of an official tracking project. And to whom did they belong?

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Maybe they belonged to those non-existent inhabitants from the planet Venus. Perhaps the same natives who sent these:

MYSTERY SIGNALS IN OUTER SPACE

JODRELL BANK, England -- (AP) -- Unidentified signals from outer space were picked up by Britain's big radio telescope here yesterday on a frequency used by Russia's long silent rocket to Venus.

According to original Soviet schedules the rocket was due to reach its nearest point to the planet this weekend - passing

within 62,000 miles. Venus is now more than 40 million miles from earth.

The Jodrell Bank telescope began tracking the rocket Friday after receiving a message from Soviet scientists giving its calculated positions.

"Certain unidentified signals were received in the appropriate frequency band but we can't tell immediately whether they were from the rocket," said Prof. Sir Bernard Lovell, director of the Jodrell Bank station.

"Tape recordings are being sent to scientific colleagues in Moscow, and they are the only ones who could assess whether the signals were connected with the Venus rocket."

The rocket was launched Feb. 12, but soon afterward Soviet scientists lost contact with it. (Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, Sunday, May 21, 1961, Credit Nicholas Nestor, Cleveland, Ohio).

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NOTE: Well, it's an accepted fact that the Russian rocket isn't sending signals anymore. Then whose is it, coming from the vicinity of Venus????

Possibly someone else's? Someone on the planet Venus, who felt that since Earth had sent a probe toward Venus, and it was expected to reach there in June, due to its speed---then why not send a message toward Earth at that time????

Wouldn't it be a way of letting earthlings know that they were cognizant of the interloper in their corner of the solar system, that had come from our planet. Wouldn't this be a very smart way to say to this planet, "We have sighted rocket --- scrutinized same."

I doubt if the message would read --- "Have sighted sub --- SANK SAME", to paraphrase a famous WWII saying.

But if this is true, WHY did we have to send it on to the Russians to decipher? So they would be able to say -- WE have made the first contact with intelligent life outside the earth-planet!

Isn't it high time that we stopped handing them everything on a silver platter, including OUTER SPACE???

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FLAMING OBJECT SIGHTED BY TEXANS

TYLER, Texas, May 31 - (AP) - East Texans reported seeing a long flaming object in the sky last night and hearing an explosion shortly after it vanished.

The object was seen over Tyler, Longview,

Sulphur Springs and Marshall.

Johnny R. Peavy said he saw a "long flaming object, bright yellow flames in the front and orange flames in the back, falling in the sky. It was visible for only a few seconds. Two or three minutes later I heard a blast." (Detroit NEWS, Credit Violet Berger, Taylor, Michigan).

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FAMILY DOESN'T MIND VISITS BY THEIR "FRIENDLY GHOST"

Despite the fact that they believe their house is haunted, the Arnold W. Barnett family of Bryantown, Md. decided "to take things in stride."

Mrs. Barnett is convinced that the apparition---which all members of the family say they have seen---is "a friendly ghost."

"She's been appearing about once a month for the last year," Mrs. Barnett said. "We aren't the least bit afraid."

The family agrees that the ghost is a woman. Mrs. Barnett's mother, Mrs. Mary Swain saw it one day and mistook it for a guest of her granddaughter.

Beverly Barnett, 17, and Robert 12, the children, say they have seen it.

The ghost is said to be that of Anne Dent Bean, a young woman who died in the house in 1839 and was buried on the grounds. The home built around 1720 is known as the Dent Place and was in the hands of the Dent family until about a year ago, when the Barnetts moved into it.

The original locks are still on the doors and the Barnetts plan to keep it that way. Mrs. Barnett said: "We wouldn't do anything to disturb our ghost." (GRIT, June 4, 1961, Credit Violet Berger of Taylor, Michigan).

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BIRD? PLANE? SUPERMAN?MAYBE JUST A BALLOON

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 28, 1961 --- A large triangular-shaped object floated over Nashville about 6 p.m. yesterday and threw thousands of Nashvillians into a tizzy.

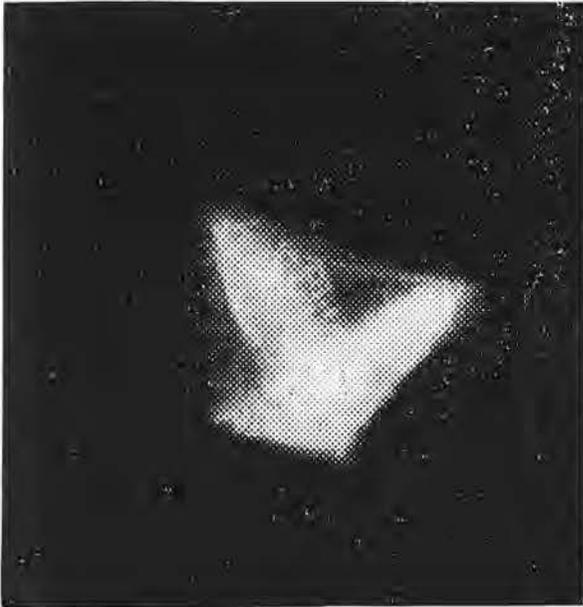
No one, from the Weather Bureau to the Federal Aviation Agency, knew quite what it was. Their guess: a balloon.

Thousands of calls jammed the switchboards of the NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, Dyer Observatory, the Weather Bureau and anybody else remotely connected with astronomy.

Officials at Sewart Air Force Base said their investigations revealed the Memphis Naval Air Station sent up two jets at 4 p.m. to find out what it was. Unfortunately, the jets could not go as high as the object was,

an estimated 60,000 feet.

Sewart officials said the pilots decided it must be a balloon because it couldn't be anything else. (Ed. Note--- now that's a real intelligent deduction).



Weather Bureau personnel here looked at the object through their field glasses and telescopes. They decided it didn't look like a balloon, but said, "It must be a balloon."

Mrs. Mike Nichols called the TENNESSEAN after she had taken a look at the object through her husband's telescope.

"It's like a fatty triangle, looks like it's made of aluminum," she said, "but it doesn't look like a balloon to me."

The object according to observers, apparently was moving east/northeast. It disappeared just after sunset, leading astronomers to deduce that the object fell into the earth's shadow quickly and therefore must be within the earth's atmosphere.

Walter Draughon reported that he saw the object (he's another amateur astronomer) and that it dangled a long cable. Houston Roberts, of WSM, a telescope enthusiast, said the object appeared to hold an instrument package attached to the cable.

Roberts said his telescope plainly showed that it was a balloon, "no doubt about it, an unusual shape, like a plastic pyramid. We got a fine view of it through our telescope."

Earthbound observers thought Roberts statements raised more questions than they answered. Their reaction:

"Whoever heard of a balloon shaped like a pyramid?" (THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, May 28, 1961, Credit Charles C. Bernholt, Jr., Celina, Ohio.)

Our correspondent, Mr. Bernholt, adds the following information relative to the above newspaper report, in his letter:

"A friend and I were on a short vacation trip to Nashville. We were registered at the Noel Hotel in the heart of town. We were in the coffee shop of the Hotel, getting a bite to eat, when we overheard one of the waitresses say, she wondered why all the people outside were looking up into the sky. I looked out of the window, and almost everyone was looking upward.

Curiosity got the best of the waitress and she went outside and looked. So I decided to go outside and take a look also.

I saw an object in the sky. It was directly overhead and at a high altitude. It wasn't round, but more like a cylinder, and the object gave off a very bright radiant light. The object hovered in the sky and did not appear to be moving when I observed it.

I finally went back into the Coffeeshop as my food was getting cold. I told my friend what I had seen. He went out and looked also and saw the same thing that I had seen.

When we finished eating in about 20 min., we looked up and the object was gone.

In the picture the object looks V-shaped. What I saw was just a cylinder-like object. I believe that the portion on the left of the object in the photo is a reflection."

Signed, Charles Bernholt, Jr.
Ed. Note--This is a strange one--To date I remember nothing in the annals of the UFO mystery that fits the description of the object in this photograph.

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PROJECT HAS EARS ON SPACE

By Clifford D. Simak

One night, back in 1899, sitting alone in his laboratory in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Nikola Tesla, a famed physicist, picked up what he believed were signals from space.

But Tesla was some 60 years ahead of his time... Today scientists talk very earnestly about the possibility that an intelligence on some other solar system light years away may be beaming messages in our direction, suspecting that an intelligent race (us) may have risen on a possible solar system about our sun.

At Green Bank, W. Va. a program called Ozma is now under way, with the radio

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telescope installation there bending an ear toward outer space in hopes of picking up signals which may spell out the existence of another civilization.

But when Tesla, who died in 1943, revealed what he had heard or thought he had heard on that lonely night in 1899, he was ridiculed into silence.

L. I. Anderson of Minneapolis, in a letter published in the British science magazine, *NATURE*, calls attention not only to Tesla's announcement, but also to the change in intellectual atmosphere which today seriously accepts a proposal that was laughed out of existence 60 years ago.

Anderson, an engineer at Remington Rand Univac, has spent some years in gathering material on Tesla's life. He believes that Tesla made "the first expression of the possibility of radio communication with other planetary communities."

In 1899, radio was in its infancy and Anderson says that it is remarkable that the concept of space communication should have been expressed that long ago.

There is a possibility that Tesla's radio signals might not be valid, that what he heard were not signals from space. But the point is that no one made an investigation, that Tesla himself was silenced by the public attitude.

Writing in *Collier's Weekly* in 1901, he said: "The changes (on the radio) I noted were taking place periodically, and with such a clear suggestion of number and order that they were not traceable to any cause then known to me. I was familiar, of course, with such electrical disturbances as are produced by the sun, aurora borealis and earth

currents, and I was as sure as I could be of any fact that these variations were due to none of these causes."

"It was some time afterward when the thought flashed upon my mind that the disturbances I had observed might be due to intelligent control...The feeling is constantly growing on me that I had been the first to hear the greeting on one planet to another.

"I announced to the Red Cross Society when it asked me to indicate one of the great possible achievements of the next 100 years, that it would probably be the confirmation and interpretation of this planetary challenge to us."

Because of the harsh criticism which was heaped upon him following his announcement, Tesla never produced detailed information concerning the chance reception of the signals and the results of his investigation.

It may be an opportunity lost forever, for if there were signals that night in 1899 they may now have been discontinued, with the signalers, after years of trying, convinced that there is no one here to contact.

But there still is some hope says Anderson. Tesla was a native Yugoslavian and when he died his papers, nine tons of them, were shipped to Belgrade, where they now are housed in a museum.

Some day some one will be able to go through those papers. And there is just a possibility that Tesla may have jotted down some information --- a wave-length --- perhaps --- which will enable us belatedly to make use of the findings which we threw away and ignored 60 years ago. (Minneapolis STAR, May 22, 1961, Credit Jerome Clark, Canby, Minnesota.)