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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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If you want your father to take care of you, that's **PATERNALISM**.  
If you want your mother to take care of you, that's **MATERNALISM**.  
If you want Uncle Sam to take care of you, that's **SOCIALISM**.  
If you want your comrades to take care of you, that's **COMMUNISM**.  
If you want to take care of YOURSELF THAT'S **AMERICANISM!!!!!!**

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Thanks to those who have been patient with the lateness of the May and June issues. In the Photography business, which is how your Editor makes his livelihood, in May and June, it is a combination of Graduation, Brides and Fathers day, and some other side activities just have to give way to the essentials of life.

After many, many long months of inactivity in the UFO field, things started popping again. Time will tell whether or not this is another "flap" of consequence.

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## IRISH PILOT SEES FLYING OBJECT

An unidentified flying object was reported yesterday - by a pilot for Irish International Airlines, the company's office here reported.

The pilot, Capt. G. Pendleton, was in command of a Viscount flight from Cork to Brussels when he saw the object about 35 miles southeast of Bristol in the late afternoon. He was at 17,000 feet. The object, which he thought at first was a balloon, was 3,000 feet below him.

As it passed he said, it appeared to be a large orb with irregular antenna-like protrusions. His co-pilot also saw it, but said nothing to the two hostesses or the 60 passengers. (New York **HERALD TRIBUNE**, May 22, 1962, Credit Gladys Fusaro, Huntington, Long Island).

## 'FIERY OBJECT' SEEN IN PA. SKY

**BETHLEHEM, Pa., May 25 (AP)** - A fiery object was seen moving across the skies north-east of here before dawn today.

Police Capt. John Holzinger said the object was bluish-green when he first saw it. It increased in intensity until it became a brilliant white, then vanished, he said.

Holzinger is a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and he said "it was the brightest object I have ever seen in the heavens."

A pilot of an airplane passing over the area radioed a report on the object to the Bethlehem-Allentown-Easton Airport, which reported it also had phone calls from persons who saw it. (New York **MIRROR**, May 25, 1962, Credit Gladys Fusaro.)

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Our correspondent on Long Island also sends along two eyewitness accounts of reports immediately following, both from the New York area:

Midnight, Thursday, May 24

"Sometime before 12 midnight, when the storm stopped, I saw a large luminous shining object in the sky for almost an hour. It did not move, it was not a star--or a meteor, or a plane--as those three could not stay stationary for an hour as we all know.

"Then suddenly it shot up in terrific speed. During the storm the sky lit up in colors I have never seen before. I did not sense any fear at what I saw. Shortly after the object left the spot, I saw about four of our planes in that vicinity. Guess they were sent up by airfields to investigate.

"The next morning I was scanning the Daily Mirror, when lo and behold, I saw in a back page, in print, that a large object was seen in the heavens over Pennsylvania, before dawn. Could this have been the same object I saw, travelling on to Pennsylvania, where it was sighted again? (Informant wishes to

remain anonymous.)

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10:00 p.m., Friday, May 25

Report made to Gladys Fusaro, by a gardener of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Lloyd Harbor, Long Island, N.Y.

"I was sitting on the large concrete bench having a smoke before going to my room and to bed, when all of a sudden, while I was looking at all the stars, I saw this very bright, luminous object streaking along the sky. I thought at first it was a falling star, but then it kept on moving very fast and at the same altitude, coming from the South, travelling North.

"I kept watching it, and all of a sudden, almost right overhead, it stopped, then made a "U" turn, and headed back to the South, from where it had come. It was going very fast, and I should think that it was very high, possibly 10 or 15 thousand feet. It left behind it sort of a blue flame, like a twin exhaust in the rear.

"I watched the object disappear. I did not go to my room until around 11:00 p.m. I was hoping it would return, but it did not. There wasn't any sound from this object, like we are accustomed to hear in this area from the jets which cannot be seen, but are heard. After the object left then I heard the sound of jets which came into the area". (Credit for interviewing the witness, Gladys Fusaro, Huntington, Long Island, N.Y.)

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#### INTELLIGENT BEINGS ON MARS???? POSSIBILITY SEEN

WASHINGTON (UPI)- A scientist suggested "the remote possibility" Thursday that Mars harbors intelligent beings who may have conquered the atom and carried out great reclamation projects.

The scientist, Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of Colorado State University, said the space agency should think twice before it rockets to Mars sample-grabbing robots which might anger the natives.

Writing in "Science," weekly publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Salisbury said it is highly probable that flourishing vegetation exists on the red planet.

That assumption, he said, provides the best explanation yet offered for seasonal color changes observed on Mars. Salisbury said no earthly plants could survive on Mars

with its daily temperature extremes and thin atmosphere containing only traces of oxygen or water.

So if plants exist on Mars, he said, they must have evolved a biochemistry far different from that of vegetation on earth. Perhaps water, the essential life environment of living cells on earth, may act "more like a vitamin" for Martian organisms, he said.

Salisbury said the notion of intelligent life on Mars seems implausible. But he also said "we should not arbitrarily close our minds to the implication of some striking observations."

He mentioned among other things speculation that the two small Martian moons, deimos and phobos, are artificial satellites.

Salisbury said a search for Martian moons in 1862 disclosed none. But in 1877 they were spotted. Was the 1862 failure due to faulty telescopes, Salisbury said, "or may we imagine that the satellites were launched into orbit between 1862 and 1877?"

He said that on several occasions observers have noticed on Mars "a bright spot of light lasting about five minutes." Sometimes the light was followed by "a rather distinctive white cloud."

"Was this volcanic activity," Salisbury asked, "or are the Martians now engaged in debates about long-term effects of nuclear fallout?"

Salisbury noted that in 1954 "an area about the size of Texas appeared in what had previously been open desert." He asked whether this was a natural invasion of the desert by plants or whether it was "an organized reclamation project."

If plant-like organisms have conquered the Martian environment, Salisbury said, animal-like forms may have developed to feed on the plants. Have these evolved into intelligent beings?

"We should at least try to keep our minds open so that we could survive the initial shock of encountering them," Salisbury said. (The Palm Beach POST, Friday, April 6, 1962, Credit Ruth Clindaniel, Syracuse, Ind.)

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And more scientists are getting into the act. Seems that an attempt is being made to "unbrainwash" the public, after decades of "brainwashing" in the other direction.

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### LIFE POSSIBLE ON OTHER PLANETS, SCIENTIST SAYS

WASHINGTON (UPI)- A scientist said today there is a faint possibility that living things thrive in the depths of the moon and on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

The scientist, Dr. Carl E. Sagan of the University of California at Berkeley, said Mars is the most likely abode of life among the bodies of the solar system other than earth.

The possibility of life on the airless and arid moon has been rejected by most scientists on the grounds that no imaginable organism could survive more than a few hours on the lunar surface.

But at "some distance below the lunar surface, conditions are appreciably milder," Sagan said in a space science lecture broadcast overseas by the Voice of America. The likelihood of living organisms beneath the moon's surface "is probably small, but it is not negligible," he said.

Scientists believe the first living things on earth came into being at a time when there was no oxygen in the planet's atmosphere but lots of hydrogen, methane, ammonia and water.

#### BELIEVED SIMILAR TO EARTH

Sagan said the primitive environment of many other planets presumably was similar to earth's. So, he said, "life must arise on countless other worlds, in our solar system, and in other solar system."

Venus appears to be too hot for living organisms, and it has been generally assumed that the Jovian planets - Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune - were far too cold for life to get started.

But the atmosphere of the Jovian planets, Sagan said, "are very similar to the primitive atmosphere of the earth, in which terrestrial organisms first arose."

Presumably there is water on the Jovian planets, and there has been speculation that surface temperatures might be relatively mild because of heat retention resulting from the thick atmospheres.

Although the possibility of life on the big and distant planets cannot be ruled out, it has yet to be demonstrated, Sagan said, that life exists anywhere in the solar system except on earth. (South Bend, Ind. TRIBUNE, May 21, 1962, Credit Ruth Clindaniel, Syracuse, Indiana).

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### FIRE-SPEWING FLYING OBJECT SEEN BY RR CREWS

Two New York Central freight train crews, working miles apart, saw an unidentified

fire-spewing object flash across the sky at 3:30 a.m. today.

One crew was working near the O. H. Hutchinson power station between Franklin and Miamisburg in Warren County. George Enneking of 5633 Lester Road, a trainman, said the object was traveling from northwest to southeast. He said it looked like a rocket and had a blue-and-white flame coming out of the rear. Mr. Enneking said four other members of the crew, working the length of the 95-car train, also saw the object.

Another train crew working near the Early and Daniel plant at 525 Carr Street saw the "fireball" flash across the sky over northern Kentucky. The flash lasted seven or eight seconds. One crewman said the object appeared to be shedding. (Cincinnati POST & TIMES STAR, May 16, 1962, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, Ohio).

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### FIREBALL JOLTS TWO AT HOMES

MELBOURNE, Australia - A mysterious "ball of fire" jolted two women at their homes in suburban Sprinvale last week. It "danced" into the backyard of Mrs. J. W. Cherrie, 44, mother of six, while she was wheeling a barrow of pumpkins. "I was covered with the sparkling light and got a severe electric shock", she said. The fireball then "jumped" the fence into the yard of Mrs. R. A. Audsley, 36, who was standing outside holding her 20 month-old son. The fireball hit the side of the house with a bang and shook the house, rattling dishes on the shelves and then vanished. (San Francisco, California CHRONICLE, March 4, 1962)

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### UFO SIGHTED BY TRIO IN NORTHERN NEVADA

Unidentified flying objects (UFO) are back in the news, this time reported in northern Nevada. Three women returning from the general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, reported sighting the object as they traveled south from Oregon's state line towards Winnemucca late Saturday night. The women reported the bright object, about the size of a beach ball, glowed with a yellowish-orange light and seemed to hover just above the ground. It crossed the highway in front of their vehicle and cast a light beneath it. It followed them for 60 miles, and disappeared for the last time shortly before the trio arrived in Winnemucca. (Medford, Oregon MAIL TRIBUNE, April 9, 1962, Credit June Larson, NICAP Subcommittee, Seattle, Washington.)

'STRANGE LIGHTS' SIGHTED  
SEEING THINGS?

Greater Cincinnatians were seeing strange lights in the sky last night - and even hearing strange noises.

Dave Wahler, 8217 Bridgetown Road and Mike Benesch, 4034 El Vista Dr., Bridgetown, reported seeing a light moving east to west across the sky, changing from red to white.

A Mt. Washington man said he saw a light moving north to southwest "three to four times as bright as Venus." He said it was traveling low in the sky.

A Ft. Thomas housewife said she saw a moving light, too, and also heard a "zooming, swishing noise." She said it was moving west of Cincinnati.

Dr. Alex Presnell of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society said he thought the light probably was Venus.

"Venus is quite prominent in the west now", Dr. Presnell said.

The Federal Aviation Agency's control tower at Greater Cincinnati Airport said it had sighted no strange objects in the sky. (Cincinnati ENQUIRER, May 26, 1962, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, Ohio).

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Your Editor sees by the Patriotic American paper HUMAN EVENTS that in a speech in Roanoke, Virginia, that Attorney, and Congressman from the 7th District in Virginia, introduced Attorney General Robert Kennedy to the audience of attorneys in observance of Law Day.

In a bit of humor that speaks more than volumes could on the subject, Congressman Harrison said in his introduction: "We admit that Massachusetts was first to do anything about medical care for the aged. They hanged the old women as witches, after which the infirmities of old age bothered them no more." (Ed. Note--referring to 1732 for those of you not up on your "witchcraft" trials).

That bit should send more editors to their typewriters screaming--"Extremist---Rightwinger".

Seems that in the latest issue of Saucer News that Curtis Fuller of FATE Magazine patted Jim Moseley on the back for his wonderful articles exposing that "dangerous Fascist Right Wing".

And since your Editor seems to be the individual that Moseley has accused of such "terrible right-Wing, John Birch writings," I felt it only proper to write to Mr. Fuller of FATE magazine (especially since I have

been advertising monthly for about 4 years therein), and sent along several back issues with the "Pro-American articles", and ask him honestly, just how did he judge these articles in S.P.A.C.E. to be so "Fascist".

Mr. Fuller did not analyze the writing at all, much to my disappointment. However, he did assure me of his great belief in our democracy, plus his fears along certain lines. So we quote from his letter:

"I have no doubt that Communism seeks to impose a dictatorship, and I oppose any dictatorship. I fear the Communist dictatorship not only because it is a dictatorship, but because it would mean a Soviet Russian dictatorship.

"But I am equally terrified and opposed to the far right movement in this country, because I am sure that it is stronger than any internal Communist movement, (underscoring mine, Ed.), and that our greatest danger is from the far right internal movement, than from the far left internal movement." (Unquote)

Now this is most interesting, coming from Mr. Fuller, especially since in July of 1961, Ed Hunter (Author of BRAINWASHING, the man who saw the take-over of China by the Reds, and who interviewed the returning troops from Korea) testified before the United States Senate Internal Sub-Committee to the following facts:

"In December of 1960, an order came down from Communist Party Headquarters, and the line was carried in the Worker and the Peoples World, to attack all anti-Communist organizations, and to equate them with Fascism in America."

In view of this, Mr. Fuller, I am very sorry to see you possessed with the same fears and "line" as coming from these very obnoxious and "un-American" sources. I hope you will investigate, and perhaps you will get out of such "company".

And since the Right-Wingers in general and the John Birch Society in particular are so very dangerous and bad for America, perhaps you might help my thinking out by answering these questions posed in an Editorial in the Oceanside-Carlsbad, California BANNER.

We quote from part of this Editorial, under the heading of:

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE BIRCH SOCIETY?

If you still think the John Birch Society is a great menace, and that we should choose up sides as a Nation along this line, this paper must ask again, "What is the real menace to America???" -- Think for a moment!--

1. Has the John Birch Society through subversion and infiltration, taken over two-thirds of the world?
2. Has the John Birch Society enslaved millions of people anywhere on earth?
3. Has the John Birch Society starved multitudes to death in the Ukraine or elsewhere?
4. Has the John Birch Society taken away anybody's freedom anywhere in the world?
5. Has the John Birch Society seized a single government by violence and revolution?
6. Is the John Birch Society about to run us out of Cuba?
7. Is the John Birch Society about to involve us in a war with Laos?
8. Is the John Birch Society responsible for the Civil War in the Congo?
9. Is the John Birch Society prepared to annihilate America in a nuclear war?

The answer to all these questions is "NO". The John Birch Society is not responsible for these inequities, but Communism is.

Now you tell the BANNER where the real menace lies. You tell this paper along what lines we ought to divide.

It is along the line of Americanism vs. Communism, not along the line of some Americans for and some Americans against the John Birch Society.

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(Ed. note: This should be sufficient to see if Mr. Fuller's fears of the Right rather than the Left are properly placed. Of course, if the forces on the Far Left can convince enough Americans that the danger somewhere else is greater than the danger from Communism, then the Communists have won themselves a very important battle. However, we are happy to discover that more and more Americans are awakening to Communist Strategy and Tactics, and therein lies the hope of this great Nation. And with that thought let's go back to the field of space.)

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#### NORTHERN IRELAND: UFO LIGHTS UP SKY

The Belfast TELEGRAPH reported in its January 13 issue:

"The people who saw an object light up the sky at 12:15 this morning are asked by Armagh Observatory to report on its height and direction. Said Mrs. J. McKee, of Cumberland Road, Dundonald: 'I was just pulling the curtains in my bedroom when the sky was lit up by the flying object. It lit up

the whole room. It was like a flame across the sky, but lasted only five or six seconds.'

"A Carrickfergus pilot officer was also puzzled by the strange object. Policemen and some residents of Carrickfergus also reported the object, as did Groomsport Coast-guard station on the other side of the lough.

"Signal Officer Thomas Mann, who lives at Downshire Gardens, Carrickfergus, was on duty in the pilot's hut at the end of Carrickfergus pier when the object appeared.

"It flew past the look-out hut looking like an enlarged electric light bulb. It was white in the front and reddish at the back, with a 100-ft. long amber tail.

"It was about half a mile out to sea and only about 80 ft. above the water. It was going like lightning and it lit the whole place up.'

"Mr. Mann said it was 'an awful looking thing.' He had been at sea for many years but had never seen anything like it before. 'I don't know what it was unless it was one of these Russian machines or else a spaceship.'

"The local police rang him up after they had received reports from residents, while the coastguard at Groomsport rang up to check if it had been seen on the Carrickfergus side of the lough. Two men at Saintfield who saw the object said it was 'a glowing white ball with a flame-like tail.'

"One of them said: 'To tell you the truth, I thought it was the end of the world.'

"A spokesman at Armagh Observatory said from reports he thought it was a fireball. 'We would like to have reports from people who saw this object,' he added.

"Dungannon residents also reported seeing the object."

The Armagh Observatory luckily had a conventionaliser on its staff. "It's a fireball," said Dr. E. M. Lindsay, according to a report in the Belfast TELEGRAPH on January 15. (Credit to Mr. Thomas Thompson, Bangor, Co. Down.)

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#### PRETORIA, S. AFRICA

On January 23, the PRETORIA NEWS reported another sky mystery: "A dull orange object which appeared three times at almost the same point in the sky between 7:45 and 9 pm last night puzzled Pretoria people who watched it. Staff-Sgt. J. P. du Toit, who has been in the Defense Force for several years, was so intrigued by the 'fantastic performance' of the object that he telephoned

the Pretoria News this morning. 'I know a good deal about aircraft,' he said, 'and this object was certainly not an aeroplane. All planes have the usual two identification lights, and this object did not. Moreover, it made no sound.'

'A farmer in the Broederstroom district recently described to the Pretoria News an object he and other people had seen in the sky. The position of the object last night was almost in a line with the position indicated by the farmer.'

'Staff-Sgt. Du Toit, who lives at Valhalla, said he and his wife were sitting on the verandah of their home at about 7:45 when a dull orange object suddenly appeared west of the Swartkop control tower. It moved slowly at first and then suddenly darted swiftly across the sky like a falling star. It disappeared from sight for about 12 minutes, and then suddenly reappeared in almost the same place it had first come from. 'This time, however, its colour changed from orange to a pinkish-red shade,' he said. 'It stood still for a while, then moved slowly and once again suddenly, fell and disappeared.'

The performance was repeated once again before the object disappeared for the last time at about nine o'clock. Staff-Sgt. Du Toit's 13-year-old daughter, Ingrid, was one of the most enthusiastic watchers last night. The family intends to look for the object again tonight at the same time. It was seen by other families in the neighbourhood." (Credit British FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, May-June 1962).

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#### SCIENCE

LIFE BEYOND EARTH? /Mystery Element from a Meteorite could indicate Living Matter/ by Robert K. Plumb.

A tiny six-sided object found in a meteorite which fell in France in 1864 poses a major puzzle for science.

Biologists who have seen photographs of the object or microscopic preparations of it are agreed that it looks like the fossil of a living organism.

The puzzle is this: Did the object get into the meteorite during its long years of museum storage, did it enter while the meteorite was being isolated and photographed, or is the object a true microfossil of extra-terrestrial origin - the first physical evidence that life exists outside the earth.

Actually, a number of "signs" of life have been found in the last year and a half

in various fragments of the French meteorite (and in other meteorites) by researchers at several laboratories. The team that has pioneered is made up of Dr. Bartholomew Nagy and Dr. Douglas J. Hennessy, both of the Department of Chemistry of the Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Warren G. Meinschein of the Esso Research and Engineering Company in Linden, N.J., and Dr. George Claus of the New York University Medical Center.

INDICATORS OF LIFE - The signs of life the team has found in the French meteorite include chemical compounds akin to cholesterol and butter - compounds which are believed to be the end products of the living processes of plants and animals - as well as fossilized one-celled organisms that look as though they had at one time been alive. Other researchers have confirmed the presence of the one-celled organisms in fragments of the meteorite and some now believe that it has been established that extraterrestrial life exists.

This view has been vigorously challenged. Among those who have opposed it are Dr. Frank W. Fitch and Dr. Edward Anders of the University of Chicago, who maintain that the objects in the French meteorite are nothing more than earthly contaminants such as ragweed pollen and starch grains that in some manner got into the specimen. But last week even Dr. Anders admitted that the six-sided object is very much a mystery.

The six-sided organized element - which might turn out to have ten or twelve surfaces if it could be studied in detail - is about twenty microns in diameter. A micron is a millionth of a millimeter. This type of organized element appears to have three thick and tubular protrusions that extend from the surface, presumably to a spherical envelope. In gross structure it resembles to some extent the tiny sea animal known as hystrichosphaeres. But it is not this creature, Dr. Nagy says. Similar suggestions that the element is a particle of primrose pollen have also recently been discounted, he added.

MYSTERY UNSOLVED - So the identify of the object remains a mystery. Microscope slides of it were recently shown to palynologists (specialists in pollen and spore fossils millions of years old) from twenty-two nations, Dr. Nagy said. None was able to identify it as a terrestrial object. Pending further study, Dr. Nagy holds that this and other organized elements found in the meteorite are of biologic origin and that they came to

earth with the meteorite.

The origin of the meteorites, however, is a further mystery. Most meteorites are stony and some are mainly of iron. The French meteorite is a stony meteorite of the type called the carbonaceous chondrites because it contains carbon compounds and biobular aggregates of silicate minerals. Soon after the meteorite was observed to fall, crude chemical analysis was performed. The fragments contained about six per cent organic material. It is the nature and the organization of this organic material that has proved puzzling.

If the organized elements in the meteorite represent life, and if the life originated where the meteorite came from, then the recent discoveries tell something of the place of origin of the meteorites themselves. **WATERY ORIGIN** - It appears that the element-bearing meteorites arose in an area which held liquid water, for example. The water was at room temperature or slightly higher. The elements may have been formed in a watery place removed from the atmosphere such as a lake or a subterranean pool.

Meteorites similar to that found in France have recently been dated as 4.5 to 4.7 billion years old. This does not indicate, of course, that the organized elements are that old, for they might have entered a meteorite later. The French meteorite was in space and exposed to radiation for only a few hundred million years before it plunged into the earth's atmosphere about a century ago.

The question of whether life exists outside the earth has recently intrigued many. According to one line of speculation, there are so many suns in the universe - and thus a chance for so many planets with earth-like conditions - that it is unlikely that the earth itself is peculiar in holding life. So the existence of a form of life outside the earth itself would come as no surprise.

**SIGNS OF LIFE** - Proof of this hypothesis is another matter. Man will spend many billions of dollars to travel to the moon and one of the objects of this project is an effort to find on the moon or other planets signs of life. A number of scientists have now suggested that meteorites are worthy of immediate and world-wide attention.

Since the meteorites already studied have been stored on museum shelves or in drawers without thought being given to keeping them sterile, doubters can always raise

the possibility of earthly contamination, a charge which it is difficult to disprove. A similar problem will certainly emerge when an astronaut or a cosmonaut or a mechanical device lands on an asteroid or on the surface of the moon or a near-by planet. There may then be a question about whether signs of life - if they are found - are actually earthly contaminations and not evidence of extraterrestrial life. (New York TIMES, May 27, 1962, Credit Gladys Fusaro, Huntington, N.Y.)

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**FIERY TALES PUT SCOTLAND YARD ON TRAIL OF EASTERTIDE "GHOST"** -by Robert Musel  
LONDON (UPI) - Scotland Yard was investigating the case of the Peckham Poltergeist, a ghostly pyromaniac that sets objects on fire in the home of Graham Stringer every year about this time.

The Yard was called in by firemen a week ago after Mrs. Stringer reported that furniture in her living room on the first floor of a two-family house had erupted spontaneously into flame in a matter of seconds from no visible cause.

In three of the last four years mysterious fires have broken out in Stringer's home in the Peckham district, always just before Easter, but usually after the appearance of the "ghost" - a greyish, fluorescent column of vibrating light about the height of a man.

"We had no fires last year," said Stringer, a free lance photographer, "maybe because we had a Roman Catholic priest read the Rite of Exorcism. But now it looks like Larry is back, though we haven't seen him yet."

Larry?

Stringer explained somewhat diffidently that he and his wife had to give the ghost a name because their son, Steven, 4, kept pointing to a column of light and asking:

"Who's that, mummy?"

Now the child, according to Stringer, will occasionally say: "There's Larry" when nothing is visible to his parents.

Stringer said the occurrences started in 1958, a month before Easter, when he went downstairs to check the time and found a chair and the baby's toys on fire. On Good Friday he left a room for a few seconds, smelled smoke and rushed back to find a hole burned as though with a blowtorch through the center of a pile of the baby's clothes.

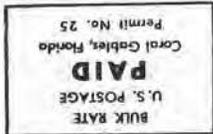
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inflammable they are."

When a pair of shoes was snatched from his hands in 1959, Stringer called in experts from the College of Psychic Science. They got no definite reaction, they said, and a famous British medium is going to hold a seance in the house later this month.

In 1960 some clothes burned within 30 seconds, though an ordinary flame would have taken minutes.

"I was working in my darkroom that year," Stringer said, "when suddenly the room lit up. There was Larry vibrating at my side. I haven't dared use the darkroom since.

"But it's a funny thing that the light did not fog my photographic plates."

Stringer said he did not know until after marriage that his wife, Vera, 29, was psychic.

"I found out during the honeymoon when our bed seemed to be floating in the air."

Police are working on the theory that someone has a grudge against the Stringers, although Stringer himself cannot think of anyone quick enough or resourceful enough to get away with it - except Larry.

One thing impressed Scotland Yard. The Stringers have no fire insurance. (Cincinnati POST & TIMES STAR, April 12, 1962, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, O).

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#### TEST SHOWS MOON EMITS X-RAYS, SCIENTISTS TOLD

WASHINGTON (UPI)- Scientists have discovered that the seemingly inert moon is a giant X-ray machine.

Dr. Richard W. Porter of New York told the International Committee on Space

Research that the moon emits X-rays in response to a heavy bombardment it receives from solar and cosmic radiation.

These so-called secondary X-rays are among the lunar characteristics which the United States wants to investigate with space instruments before it undertakes to land a man on the moon and bring him back.

Porter, chief U.S. delegate to COSPAR, presented a summary report of American space achievements to the third international symposium on space science opening here today.

COSPAR is an organization of space scientists from 18 nations. Nearly 1000 are gathered for the first international symposium to be held in this country. The 19-member Soviet delegation includes cosmonaut Gherman S. Titov.

Porter said that in 1961 the United States launched more than 300 high-altitude balloons carrying scientific equipment to investigate the upper atmosphere.

In the same period, it launched nearly 900 high-altitude weather rockets. In addition, it shot into space more than 75 larger rockets to investigate the environment in which men someday will travel on their way from the earth to destinations among the planets.

Accomplishing even more than these rockets were 31 artificial earth satellites and deep space probes sent out to distances of many thousands of miles.

Porter said instruments were flown on a high-altitude rocket "to determine whether or not x-radiation from the moon could indeed be detected." (Cincinnati POST & TIMES STAR, 5/1/62, Credit Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati).