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THE ABOVE PHOTO was taken in early 1956 by a West New York, N. J., youth named Bert Buhler. The boy was outdoors taking pictures near his home, at about 11-00 a.m., when he saw three bright lights, moving quite fast. This is the only picture he had time to take before the objects disappeared from view. The print has purposely been made dark in order to bring out the mystery lights more clearly. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

In the June-July, 1956, issue of SAUCER NEWS, we discussed plans to print and distribute to saucer fans the Air Force's huge Project Blue Book Special Report #14, released in October, 1955. Although this Report has been made public, only a very few copies of it were printed by the Air Force, and none have been available to saucer researchers unless they personally visit the Office of Public Information at the Pentagon in Washington.

We were unable to obtain Air Force permission to reprint this Report, but a determined researcher we know in White Plains, New York, has finally obtained this permission, through persistent effort. He is now distributing a book containing the 96 worthwhile pages from this 300-odd page Air Force document. The price is only \$1.00. If you want to read the information that the Government released but still didn't want you to see, then send your dollar now to Box D-10, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, N.Y. The staff of SAUCER NEWS can assure you that you'll be glad you did!

We wish to apologize (a bit late, however) for having stated in the June-July issue that Major Donald Keyhoe was a speaker at the Giant Rock Saucer Convention last summer. This information was taken from an advance press report of the Convention. The press report was in error, as often happens in newspaper accounts of saucer events.

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The Letters to the Editor section has been omitted from this issue, but will appear as usual in the February-March SAUCER NEWS.

The third issue of our non-scheduled Newsletter is still available. These Newsletters are issued irregularly, and contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in SAUCER NEWS itself. If you would like your name placed on our special Newsletter mailing list, just send us one dollar together with your name and address.

We also have a few copies left of the most recent Air Force "fact sheet". These will be sent free of charge to any subscriber who asks us for one. (Note: This is not the Air Force Report referred to above, but a more recent statement consisting of three mimeographed sheets.)

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AUGUST C. ROBERTS AND DOMINIC LUCCHESI are beginning a series of lectures, using slides and tapes. Mr. Roberts will speak on flying saucers, and Mr. Lucchesi will speak on metaphysical phenomena and related subjects. Learn about the Bender Mystery from the people who know it first-hand, as published in Gray Barker's book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Learn the other amazing things that have happened to these two lecturers during their more than eight years of saucer research! For further information about this lecture series, contact Mr. Roberts and Mr. Lucchesi in care of this magazine. For further information about the tapes, write to Gray Barker, P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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BOOK REVIEWS

- by Fred Broman -

(Editor's Note: Should you be interested in buying any of the books reviewed below, please do not order them from SAUCER NEWS, as we do not sell books. The largest East Coast distributor of saucer books is Gray Barker, P. O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia.)

UFO AND THE BIBLE - by M.K. Jessup (Citadel Press): The Bible is filled with events which are commonly called miracles. They are called miracles because nobody has ever been able to "explain" them. But now M.K. Jessup, in this challenging new book, gives us a clear, detailed and convincing explanation of many of the most perplexing Biblical wonders.

An understanding of the roll played in Biblical history by UFO phenomena provides the key to long-misunderstood truths and numerous prophecies found in the Bible. "UFO and the Bible" is a serious study, made in the light of modern science, common sense, and a host of bewildering and unexplained events surrounding the UFO mystery. Here is a searching examination of the "flying wheels" of Ezekiel, an illuminating verse-by-verse analysis of Chapter 13 of the Gospel According to St. Mark, a fascinating interpretation of the celestial visions of The Prophets, and a new view of the tortuous trials of Moses leading the Exodus from Egypt.

Mr. Jessup's "The Case for the UFO" and "UFO Annual"; two of the most important saucer books of recent years, brought the astounding truth about saucers to many thousands of readers. Now "UFO and the Bible" deepens the message of these books with new material, even more profound and more surprising. Religious bigots, who would deny scientific truths, and scientific bigots who would deny religious truths, will not like this book; but all people with open minds will welcome it.

THERE IS LIFE ON MARS - by Earl Nelson (Citadel Press): Here is the strangely unpublished story of the recent scientific "about-face" on the subject of Mars. Here is the final reason why astronomers, who used to insist that the Martian Canals are natural phenomena, now grudgingly admit that they must have been constructed by intelligent beings.

In words that the non-technical reader can easily understand, the author explains why Mars is the only planet in our solar system, other than Earth, on which intelligent life could exist - life that has adapted itself to atmosphere, gravity and temperature so different from our own, that the implications of what the Martian race might be stagger the imagination.

In the past few years, many scientific theories about space-life and life on other planets have been quietly discarded, because of surprising findings that are as yet unsuspected by most people. But now you can read the truth, as revealed by a famous and titled Englishman - a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geophysical Society, and the Royal Society of Anthropologists. Here are the things we know today about life on Mars and its meaning to our own planet. Here also are the things which the beings on Mars probably know about us!

STRANGEST OF ALL - by Frank Edwards (Citadel Press): In this age of matter-of-fact answers to baffling phenomena, Frank Edwards, noted radio and T.V. commentator, rudely snatches the carpet from under his complacent fellow-newsmen with this new collection of true stories that defy explanation. As you read this book, you will discover why these curious stories, each worthy of big headlines in its time, often never even made the newspapers!

Here is living proof that the age of mystery never ends.

You'll read about: Mysterious deaths and disappearances; Flying saucers; The restless dead and why they refuse to stay in their tombs; The strange case of a man who made millions of dollars on dead horses and lost every cent of it on live ones; and many other fascinating true stories.

These events couldn't happen - but they did. Revealing the truth, upsetting the scientific applecart, beating the skeptics at their own game - these are all in a day's work for Frank Edwards. The evidence presented in "Strangest of All" is incredibly accurate. All the names, dates, and places come directly from trustworthy records. And Mr. Edwards' rare ability as a story-teller has never been better demonstrated.

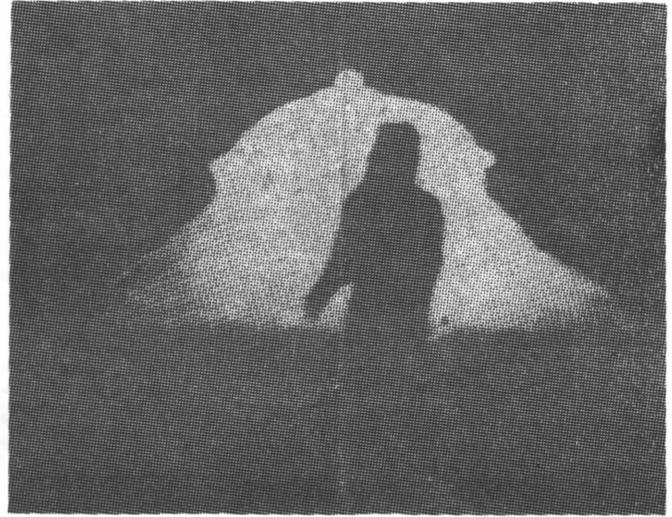
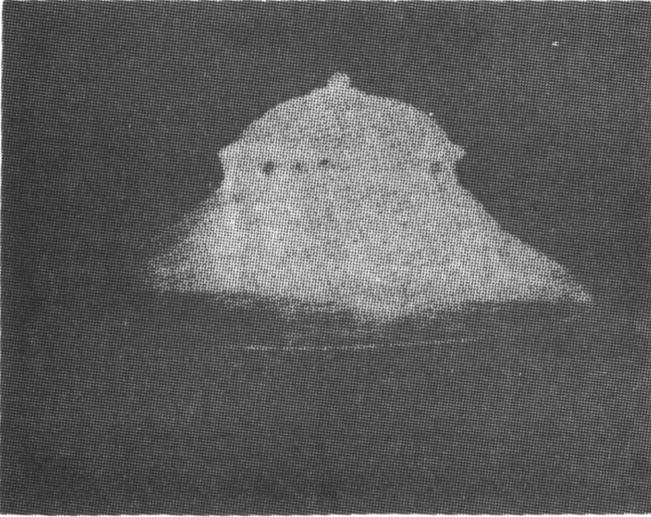
#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

**SAUCER SPOTTED VISUALLY AND ON RADAR:** On Nov. 25th, in Hot Springs, S. D., a saucer was spotted visually at the same time that a jet interceptor from Ellsworth Air Force Base reported registering an unidentified blip on its radar screen. The object was seen at about 4-30 p.m., by a group of persons in Hot Springs. This group included Sheriff Allen Coates and his son Robert, who said that the object was brilliantly lighted, flashed red, green and yellow lights, and was moving up and down in the sky. The younger Coates said that a jet interceptor made three passes at the object, and that on the third pass the pilot reported seeing a blip on his radar screen. The jets' radio was being monitored by the police radio. Coates added, however, that two other jets flying in the vicinity did not report picking up anything unusual on their radar. The Air Force refused to confirm any details of this most interesting sighting.

**THE MENGER STORY:** In the New York area during the past two months, a new group of saucer "contactees" and others with weird tales to tell, have been coming forward to give their stories to the public. This East Coast saucer revival has been largely due to a new all-night radio program on New York station WOR, where a saucer-minded announcer called Long John takes on all comers till the wee hours of the morning - the stranger the story, the better. Among those who have been interviewed on this program are George Van Tassel of California, author of "I Rode a Flying Saucer". Another man has rocketed to saucer fame largely as a result of having been on Long John's program. He is a new-comer to the field named Howard Menger, a 34-year-old sign painter from High Bridge, New Jersey.

Mr. Menger's contacts are of the Adamski type, in that the space people he meets invariably have messages of peace and love for humanity. A typical Menger contact occurred last August 4th. He relates the incident as follows: "It was 1-30 in the morning. I received two telepathic messages to go to a spot about a half mile north of my house, and about a mile from Route 69. I left the house alone while my wife was sleeping. I approached the spot and saw a glowing shape. I was not afraid because they (the space people) had taken all fear out of me.....I approached to within about 75 feet of the space ship, and saw three people emerge from it. The ship was bright with pulsating, colored lights. One of the three men walked toward me. He had blond wavy hair, which the breeze ruffled. He was wearing a uniform of a pastel color, and similar to a ski suit. The man spoke to me in a deep, beautiful voice. We talked a few minutes, and then the men returned to their craft and took off. The craft hovered in the air for a few moments so I could take pictures."

Mr. Menger has taken a number of pictures of the saucers and their occupants - unfortunately always with a Polaroid camera, which



leaves no negatives for examination. Two of his pictures are printed above. The left one shows a luminous saucer, while the right one shows the same space ship with one of its occupants standing in front of it. - In addition to the pictures, Mr. Menger has other "proofs" for his story. There are allegedly 16 people in the High Bridge area who have seen saucers near the Menger residence recently. One is a lady named Mrs. Tharp, a neighbor of the Mengers', who not long ago asked if she could be present at one of these space contacts. Shortly thereafter, she and her daughter accompanied Menger on a trip to a field near High Bridge, where they all allegedly saw three saucers. "One landed and a man got out," Mrs. Tharp relates. "He came to within 20 feet of us and Mr. Menger started talking to him. As a result of what I've seen, I do believe in flying saucers."

As a result of his experiences, Mr. Menger has been called upon for several appearances on radio and T. V. in the New York area. His home has been swamped by letters, phone calls, and personal visits by hundreds of people interested in his story. He has also begun making public lectures, the most recent of which (Dec. 16th) your Editor was privileged to attend. Menger, who claims he is not out to commercialize on his experiences, was charging \$1.25 per head for this lecture. The meeting began amid rumors that the speaker's life had been threatened, and that he might never reach the lecture hall alive. The hall was supposedly swarming with police, though this reporter saw only two. Menger reached and left the meeting alive, and without incident. The man is an uninspired speaker, but talks with apparent sincerity, mainly concentrating on the spiritual truths he has learned from his space companions.

With George Adamski now reported to be living in Mexico, the saucer-minded public in America apparently needs new saucer stories of a sensational nature to keep interest in the subject from fading. Mr. Menger has amply filled that need.

**SAUCER SEEN BY THREE MARINE PILOTS:** On Oct. 14th three pilots of the 241st Air Reserve Squadron, while on a routine formation flight, saw a saucer over West Orange County, California. Said one of the pilots: At 24,000 feet I saw a shiny, definitely circular object pass above us, going in the opposite direction to our flight. Two of the other three pilots in our group also saw the thing.....It was only a momentary glimpse. The object was silver-colored, and had no appendages of any kind." The Marine officers were not certain of the height, speed, or size of the object.

## FLYING SAUCERS: HOW TO SEPARATE FACTS FROM FICTION

- by Justin Case -

Readers who have followed my articles in SAUCER NEWS have asked me some questions about myself, and have also asked me to state my views on the origin of flying saucers. Here are my answers:

I am a mechanical engineer of many years experience, and a licensed professional engineer in the state of New York. I use the pen name of Justin Case to protect myself against the stigma attached to flying saucers by my fellow engineers and scientists.

Quite often the lives of many people and the safe operation of much equipment and large facilities, depend on the judgment of engineers. Therefore engineers must make sure their judgments are as accurate as possible. To do this they must base their thinking on facts plus extensive education and experience. Unless they do this, they are untrue to their profession and to the people they serve. I have sought to maintain this same attitude in all my articles on flying saucers, and especially in this one.

When I became interested in UFO's, I first looked for facts where I most expected to find them. To my surprise I found no information in the journals of the many scientific and engineering societies to which UFO's should be of interest. They unanimously ignored the subject completely. Therefore I had to launch my own program of investigation.

I have read about 20 books on flying saucers. Five are very good - one by Ruppelt, one by Menzel, and three by Keyhoe. The other 15 are trash. Most of these are "contact" stories, such as those by Adamski, Beth-erum, etc. Others are falsely scientific, such as those by Leslie, Cramp, Wil-kins, etc. The first 5 books we will call fact books, and the other 15 we will politely call fiction books. In addition there are one or two books that do not quite belong to either class. There have been some good articles, notably those in TRUE Magazine.

The fact books contain about 110 good, reliable UFO reports. Almost all the other UFO reports are worthless, particularly those in newspapers and especially those that originate in Southern California. Now that we have the facts, the next step is to interpret them.

Flying saucers are a scientific mystery, so we have to consult the sciences for information to help us interpret and solve it. But what sciences? No one knows. I have read about 100 books on many different sciences, searching for any information that might shed light on the subject. Briefly, this is what I found:

Books on Psychology and Hypnotism show that people are wholly unreliable and inaccurate observers, especially of unfamiliar objects and strange events. Therefore most UFO reports can be considered worthless. Furthermore, many people, particularly the less educated, can easily make themselves see anything they want to see. Therefore all "contact" stories in the fiction books are deliberate or unintentional hoaxes, and this is further borne out by the many and obvious flaws in all of them.

Biology and Evolution clearly indicate that there is very little likelihood that visitors from space, if there ever were any, could look and act like us, as they are reported doing in the fiction books. This is further evidence that these books are false.

A study of Chemistry and Physics shows that the laws of these sciences apply throughout the universe. If there is life on other planets and if flying saucers come from them, they would be subject to these same laws. There is no evidence that saucers violate any of these laws. In particular they do not fly on "magnetic lines of force" nor do they neutralize gravity as claim-

ed in the fiction books.

Meteorology is the science that deals with weather and the atmosphere. There are many curious phenomena that take place in the atmosphere, and quite a number result from unknown causes. But most of these phenomena have motions that do not indicate intelligent control. By contrast, most of the 110 UFO reports found in the fact books clearly indicate intelligent control. So we must conclude that most of these UFO's are not meteorological phenomena.

Physical Geography indicates that only certain conditions will cause intelligent life to develop enough to produce space flight. If living conditions are too favorable, as in our tropics, life is too easy, and there is no stimulant for scientific development. In fact, the most backward people on our planet are found in the tropics. If conditions are too severe, as in our polar regions, there is so much difficulty in staying alive that there is no time for scientific development.

From Astronomy as well as from the sciences mentioned above, we learn that any kind of life is the exception, not the rule, throughout the universe; that life can exist without being intelligent, and that intelligent life can exist without producing space travel. It can be roughly estimated that of the millions of stars all around us, only one star in about 200 is likely to have a planet with life intelligent enough to produce space travel. Within a radius of 16 light years' distance from our Earth, there are only 48 stars, so it is hardly likely that any one of them has such a planet. But even if it did, the enormous distance of even the nearest of these stars (4.3 light years, or about 20,000,000,000,000 miles), seems to be an insurmountable barrier to any visitors from them. It can be shown that Einstein's "time-dilation" theory is of little help in overcoming these enormous distances, even if the visitors could travel at 90% of the speed of light, or 167,000 miles per second!

To sum it all up, everything in all the scientific books that I have read indicates the utter improbability of our having intelligent visitors from space, and that all the fiction books are deliberate or unintentional hoaxes, or that they are written by ignorant people who pretend to be scientific. - The possibility of intelligent life existing on other planets in our own solar system is considered very unlikely by reputable scientists.

Our scientists are as near right in their knowledge as human beings can be, for that is their chief goal. We owe to them all the things that make our lives safe, comfortable, and interesting, from the cradle to the grave. Nevertheless the history of science shows that they have been wrong sometimes. In one case, the so-called "Phlogiston Theory" of combustion, they were wrong for 75 years, and they refused to recognize this for an additional 25 years, despite the clear proof presented by Lavoister in the year 1775; Science today recognizes its past errors, and many scientists freely admit that there is much they do not know or about which they are doubtful, and that much of what is considered true today may turn out to be false or only partly true tomorrow.

There you have a brief summary of what can be learned from the many different sciences that might pertain to flying saucers. We now have the facts - the 110 good UFO sightings, and we now have some scientific education with which to interpret the facts. What, then, is our judgment?

All of these 110 UFO reports indicate intelligent movements. There must be some truth in these reports. But even if we assume that some parts of these reports are not reliable, or even if we assume that only one report of the 110 is accurate, we still have a mystery that present-day science cannot explain. The saucers cannot be meteorological phenomena, for they show intelligent motion. The answer must lie somewhere else. We do not

know enough to say what it is; we can only make as good a guess as our education and experience allow.

There might be some mistakes in our present scientific knowledge, or our knowledge is simply not advanced enough to explain flying saucers. Fifty years ago, how many scientists could have explained a modern guided missile streaking through the sky? Today, how many scientists can possibly explain some new development that might come fifty years in the future? Engineers have shown that space flight is possible between planets in our solar system. It may be possible between the stars, especially for intelligent beings whose life spans and abilities greatly exceed our own.

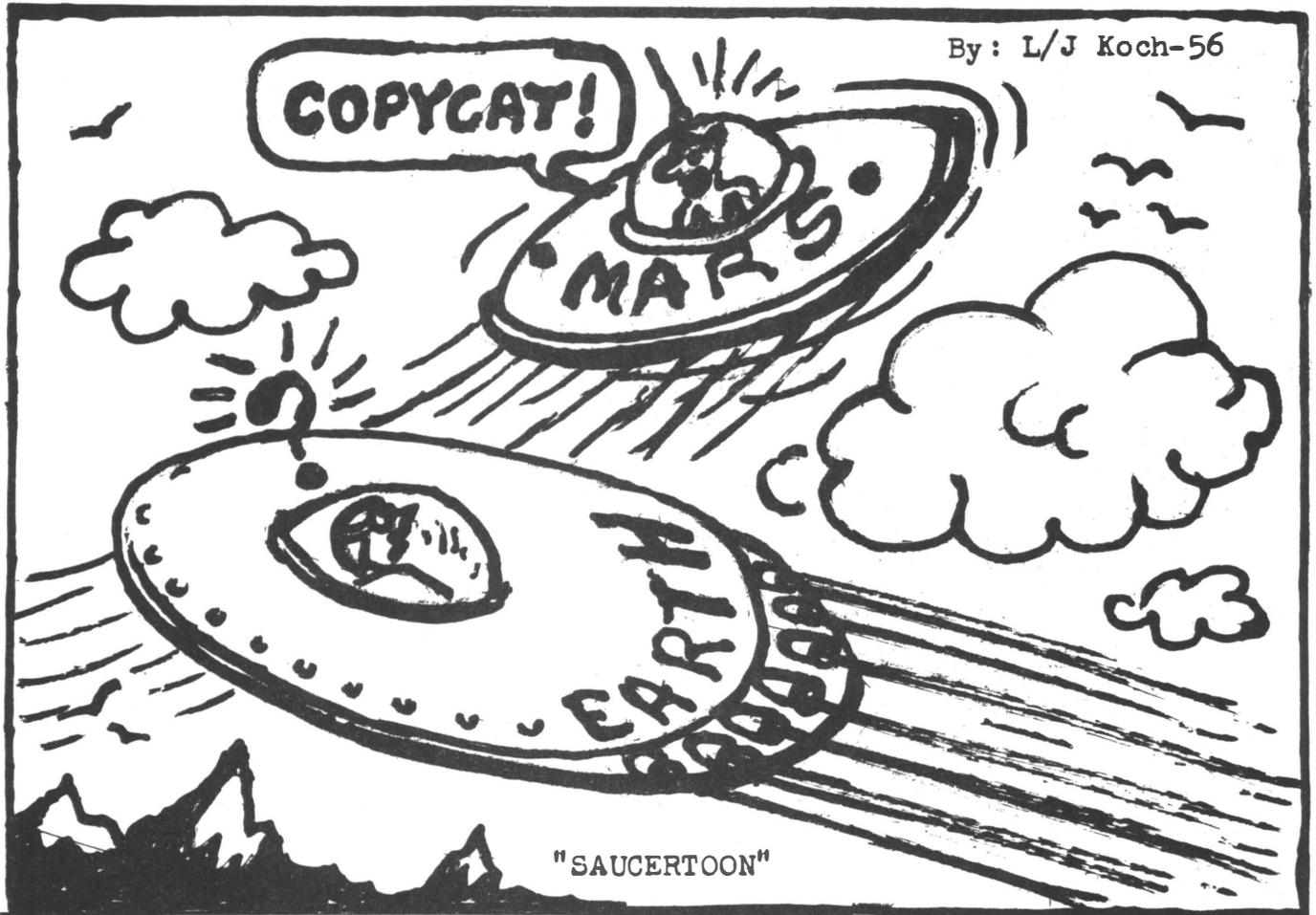
Therefore I am quite willing to admit the possibility of our having intelligent visitors from space, despite all the overwhelming evidence of present-day scientific knowledge against it. But I freely admit the weakness of this view, and I am willing to consider any new evidence that comes along. There is still a strong possibility that flying saucers are man-made after all.

In my opinion, the flying saucer mystery is still unsolved.

#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

**SOUTH DAKOTA MAN DESCRIBES HUGE SAUCER:** The following is the account given to newspapers last Nov. 15th by a young Redfield, S. D. truck driver, describing a sighting he had made at 1 a.m. the previous Wednesday morning: "At first I saw what I thought was a bright star. Then it began changing colors. I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me, so I stopped my truck and got out to stretch my legs. As I rounded the back of the truck, this thing swooped down about a half mile to the east of me and stopped at an elevation of about 1,000 feet. I was very frightened. If it had been on the ground, it would have covered about a square block. It looked to be about 12 feet thick. It was a slate gray color, and appeared to be made of metal. It was round, and at the base was an opening about one tenth the size of the object, from which a very brilliant light was shining. Around the edge of the thing was a lighted outline. I couldn't tell if there were windows in the lighted part, or if there was exhaust coming out all around it." The driver finally got back into his truck and drove on, but the object remained in sight for 5 hours, during which time he had traveled 150 miles. At no time did it make any noise.

**CONGRESS PROBES PENTAGON'S SECRECY ON SAUCERS AND OTHER MATTERS:** House investigators recently asked Pentagon officials to explain the Defense Department's strange and confusing security policies on such matters as flying saucers. A House government operations sub-committee investigating suppression of public information also wanted to know why Defense Department censors tried to blue-pencil material in magazine articles that had nothing to do with military secrets. The Director and Deputy Director of the Defense Department's Office of Security Review were called to testify. Later in the same investigation, Air Force officials faced questioning on why they alternately unclassified, stamped "secret", and then declassified again a report on flying saucers. Among other matters probed was the Army's refusal to allow a former intelligence officer to write a book dealing with intelligence work during the American Revolution. The officer had been denied permission to discuss intelligence procedures during the Revolution (1775 - 1783) on the grounds that they might throw some light on present-day procedures. (How absurd can you get!!! - Editor.)



**DEAD ANIMAL THAT FELL FROM SKY CAUSES WILD SPECULATION:**

Here's a really weird story, from San Francisco, Calif., dated Oct. 27th: When Faye Swanson, a local housewife, stepped into her back yard on the morning of the 26th, she found a small, furry body that had obviously fallen out of the sky during the night. The body had struck her clothesline with such force that a solid 4-by-4-inch post was splintered; Mrs. Swanson told police that possibly the body had fallen from an airplane, but a check with the local airport showed that no regular airliner had been transporting animals during the previous night. A lid of secrecy was immediately clamped on the case. Apparently the animal was finally identified as a Philippine monkey of the kind flown in by the thousands to help out in the manufacture of polio vaccine. But the question still remains - how did it get in Mrs. Swanson's yard? It seems that the local authorities know a lot more about this incident than they care to tell.

**GIANT SAUCER CLUB FORMED IN WASHINGTON:**

A group of about 70 respected and scientific-minded people have formed the beginnings of what they hope will be a million-dollar budget saucer investigation organization, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Although no government sponsorship is claimed, the organization intends to operate on a scale that will put all other saucer clubs to shame; Already a plush office has been opened on fashionable Connecticut Ave; The group is called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, and is headed by Thomas Townsend Brown, a 51-year-old physicist. Other leaders include the following men, whose names will be familiar to avid saucer fans: Frank Edwards, radio and T. V. commentator; the Rev. Albert N. Baller of Greenfield, Mass; and the Rev. Leon C. LeVan. Several

scientists and a retired rear admiral are among the others who are listed as members of the board. To their credit, the group has adopted a completely scientific approach to the subject of saucers, and they start with no preconceived notions as to what they will discover in their investigations. Two official publications are planned. However, confidential information reaching SAUCER NEWS Headquarters indicates that the whole scheme may have been just a bit too grandiose, and that the organization is already showing signs of financial difficulties and possible failure.

**NEW JERSEY MAN SEES FIREBALL SKIM OVER RIVER:** At 3-45 a.m. on October 2nd, a Trenton, N.J. night watchman named Harry Sturdivant saw a terrifying sight: A large glowing object swooped down out of the sky over the Delaware River, and came to within a few feet of the water before it suddenly took off into the air again. All this happened so quickly that Sturdivant was unable to get a complete description of the object. He says that it was very large - probably over 100 feet in length, - that it did not have wings like an airplane, that it made a hissing sound as it skimmed over the water, and that it gave off an overpowering odor. Sturdivant remembers the odor more vividly than anything else, for it was so sickening that he was afraid he was going to become ill. - An unusual aspect of this sighting is that Sturdivant later became probably the first man in history to apply for workmen's compensation for disability received from a flying saucer. The night watchman claims that he was terrified by the object and that his throat was affected by its fumes. He says that he has permanently lost his sense of taste and smell.

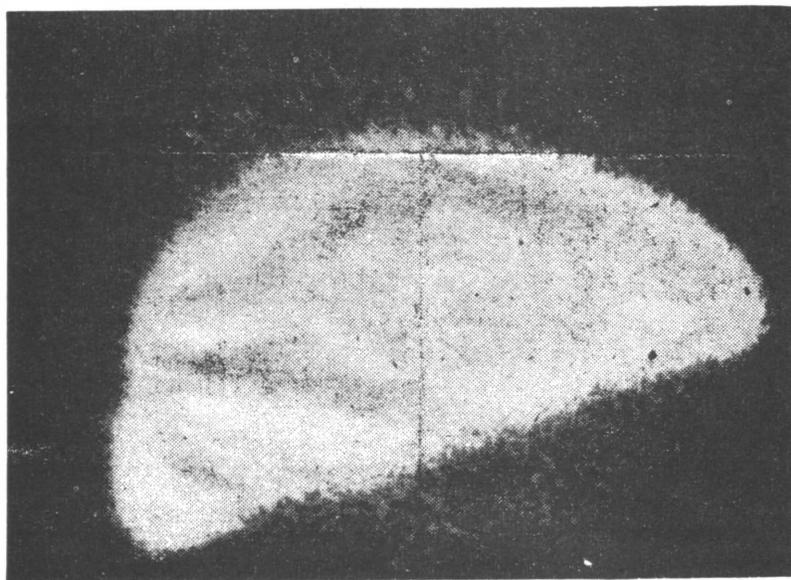
**MYSTERY NOTE IN BOTTLE TELLS OF BATTLE WITH SPACEMEN:** On July 15th, the Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer published a story of a strange note found inside a bottle by a woman living on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. The note read: "REPORT TO PENTAGON: Actually I doubt if anyone will ever find this message, but I am going to send it in the hope that someone does. I have been shot down by flying saucers over two weeks ago now. Today is Dec. 4, 1952, and I am dying. I will have to admit that to myself no matter how much I dislike it. The fact I want known is that there are flying saucers, as I am one of their victims. (signed) Cmdr. J. P. Sinclair, USN." Local Naval authorities checked their records to find out if there actually was a commander named J.P. Sinclair in their ranks in 1952, and found no record of anyone by that name - thus giving rise to the suspicion that the note is nothing more than a hoax.

**SAUCER SEEN CLOSE-UP BY THREE SOUTH DAKOTA MEN:** Three responsible persons, all engineers of Rapid City, S.D., reported seeing a saucer over the city last October 9th. The object came into view at 5-15 p.m., traveling in a northerly direction, about 15 degrees from their angle of view. It was about 20 feet wide and eight feet long, traveling with the long dimension across the line of flight. The speed was about 120 m.p.h., and the object was flipping over and performing "falling leaf" maneuvers, although maintaining a more or less northerly direction and climbing slightly. Within a minute or so it flew out of sight. The engineers looked for a tow plane or other aircraft in the area, but could not see or hear one, nor could they hear an engine or any visible method of propulsion on the unidentified craft.

**NEW SIGNS OF LIFE ON MARS:** An extremely interesting news report dated Dec. 14th reads as follows: "American astronomer E.C. Slipher (of Lowell Observatory in Arizona) claimed today that his observations with advanced television apparatus show that intelligent beings built canals on

Mars. But don't expect visitors. Slipher thinks the Martian civilization is extinct and that the planet has passed its life-supporting era." - Other signs of Martian life have also been reported recently, by several reputable scientists. During the week of Sept. 2nd, Soviet astronomers reported seeing striking changes on Mars, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere. These included bright spots, and a red line seen on August 30th. Two days later this line split in two. R. A. McIntosh, an astronomer in New Zealand, said the planet's ice cap melted three months earlier than usual this year. Other astronomers reported strange dust clouds, as well as lights and saucer-like objects flying near the Red Planet.

**NORTH DAKOTA POLICEMAN PHOTOGRAPHS SAUCER:** Last Nov. 25th, two state employees, including a state highway patrolman, saw a saucer near Pierre, N. D., and took pictures of it. Patrolman Don Kelm, and Jack Peters, dispatcher for the state police radio system, said they got to within a block of the object. The saucer was first seen at 12-45 a.m. on a highway 25 miles east of Pierre. The two men told reporters that the object was bright red in color, and was hovering 50 to 100 feet above the ground when they first saw it. They watched it for about half an hour. As they drove back toward Pierre, the thing seemed to follow their car. "It was shaped like half an egg with the bottom round, and made no sound," said Peters. "It appeared like someone was shining a red light on a mirror. There was enough



light from it to make the center lines on the highway gleam." Peters took several photos of the object, using a fence post to steady the camera. The negatives, developed in the state law enforcement laboratory, appeared to show a dot of light in the dark; There was no symmetrical shape such as the men reported to have seen with the naked eye.- At Rapid City, it was reported that radar screens had picked up the strange object, and interceptors were sent up to try to make contact with it. - The photograph on this page is a blow-up of one of the pictures taken by Mr. Peters.

**THE MON-KA STORY:** This incident has already received so much publicity that we will not give as much space to it as we would like to, although it is one of the biggest (and most disappointing) saucer stories of the Fall season.

It all began as a result of tape recordings from Mon-Ka, a Martian, that have been distributed during the past several months by a California saucer outfit called the Solar Cross Foundation, which is headed by a man named Dick Miller. On one of this series of seven tapes, Mon-Ka said he would appear over Los Angeles in his saucer at 10-30 p.m. on the night of November 7th, and that he would broadcast a message to the people of Earth at that time. These tape recordings were brought to London, England, by a saucer

enthusiast named Kenneth McKeller. Through his efforts, together with the efforts of the British magazine "Flying Saucer Review," the Mon-Ka story received wide publicity in England. A wire service newspaper story about these goings-on in Britain, was misinterpreted in America to suggest that recognized scientists had recorded and confirmed the authenticity of the space messages, although such was not the case at all. In the United States, the Mon-Ka business received publicity through an organization in Los Angeles called the Space Interplanetary Study Group. President Gabriel Green of this group persuaded radio station KATY in San Luis Obispo, Calif., to agree to go off the air for two minutes at 10-30 p.m. on Nov. 7th, to allow Mon-Ka's message to come through. In addition, two Los Angeles television shows - Paul Coates on KTTV, and Tom Dugan on another channel - gave some of their time on the "big night" to interviewing various people among the crowds in the Los Angeles area who were waiting for Mon-Ka's appearance and message.

Unfortunately, the Martian apparently got lost in a mental fog on his way to California that night, for he failed to show up. One routine saucer sighting was made that night, by one of eleven mobile stations set up by the student engineering council of California Polytechnic Institute. This student group, for reasons that are not quite clear to us, was co-operating with the saucer enthusiasts in this affair. Another routine sighting was made by a ham station working together with the engineering students, and numerous other sightings were reported by residents of the Los Angeles area on the nights of Nov. 7th and 8th. But no space messages came through. "Flying Saucer Review" had already issued a special bulletin denying any responsibility for or official connection with the Mon-Ka affair, and all of the more sensible saucer magazines in this country had deliberately ignored or played down the whole thing; so when the story turned out to be a fiasco, there were few red faces except in Southern California. Even John Otto, a Chicago lecturer who has had some pretty fantastic contacts himself in his day, was not caught out on a limb; he predicted all along that Mon-Ka would not appear.

Some time before the "big night" Miller had disbanded his Solar Cross Group, supposedly for financial reasons, and rumor has it that he has disappeared.

NEWS BRIEFS: Cedric Allingham, author of the British saucer book "Flying Saucer from Mars," has died in a sanatorium in Switzerland. The author had been suffering from tuberculosis for quite some time... The newly-elected president of New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence is John DuBerry. Mr. DuBerry is a former editor of TRUE Magazine, and is well known for his work with Major Keyhoe during the early days of saucer research. Other new C.S.I. officers include Ivan Sanderson, Courtland Hastings, Ted Bloecher and Lex Mebane. Your Editor is one of the former presidents of this organization. .... George Williamson, one of Adamski's former associates, has folded up his Telonic Research Center in Arizona, and the organization's quarterly magazine "The Telonic Research Bulletin" will cease to be published. Williamson is said to be heading for Lima, Peru, for reasons unknown.... James Rigberg, former publisher of "Flying Saucer News", New York City's largest (and only) saucer magazine, has declared bankruptcy. Rigberg was also the proprietor of a store that sold books on saucers and occult subjects. It is ironic that this news should come only a few months after Rigberg was featured in a Saturday Evening Post article emphasizing how well he was doing at that time in commercializing on saucers.... British astronomer H. P. Wilkins (no relation to H. T. Wilkins, the saucer author), has resigned from the sedate British Astronomical Association, due to that society's failure to accept unorthodox findings he reported in his study of the Moon. He is now forming a new astronomical society, composed of more liberal-minded scientists.