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We have been unable to obtain any information about the above photo, other than the fact that it was taken recently in Brazil by a Japanese photographer. It is believed to be a fake by some of the people who have examined it. (Photo from the files of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIALS

We wish to report further on the vicious hoax letter discussed in our June-July issue, about James Moseley, your SAUCER NEWS Editor. This is the anonymous letter which, as you will remember, was published by Mr. Gray Barker in the May 30th issue of his "Saucerian Bulletin". The letter alleges that Moseley is in reality an Air Force agent of some sort.

In the past month or so this matter has stirred up a great deal of public interest as well as a considerable amount of comment in various saucer zines. Recently Howard Neuberger, co-editor of "Cosmic News", wrote a letter published in issue #3 of "The Ufologer", a new saucer magazine previously unknown to us. In it he states his opinion that the hoax letter is untrue, but that it was written by Moseley himself. He draws this conclusion from the fact that the typing style in the hoax letter is very similar to Moseley's style, which he claims to be very familiar with.

We have begun our own investigation of this whole affair, as we promised in our June-July issue that we would do. We have examined a photostatic copy of the hoax letter, and have concluded that it does indeed represent a conscious effort on the part of the anonymous writer to imitate Moseley's style. Naturally, it goes without saying that Moseley did not write the letter himself. No one has yet been able to explain what possible motive he could have had for doing so! The only tentative solution we have been able to arrive at so far is that it was written by someone who has corresponded with Moseley for years, and who at the same time is clever enough to make things appear as if Moseley had written the letter himself. Mr. Neuberger does not meet these qualifications, although Mr. Barker definitely does. However, we do not wish to accuse anyone until our investigation is completed.

Lee Munsick, writing in issue #9 of his "UFO Newsletter," gives unexpected but welcome support to Moseley's side of this controversy. In his editorial column called "Unsensational, not Confidential", Munsick first discusses a hoax photo of your Editor published in "Cosmic News" some time ago. The photograph in question, purporting to show your Editor "in the control room of a guided missile" (sic), is such an obvious fraud that we did not even bother to reply to it in print at the time. Munsick then goes on to give the real facts about Moseley's private life, insofar as he knows them. As issue #9 of the "UFO Newsletter" may be sold out, and as Munsick has hit very nearly 100% correct in his analysis of the situation, we want to quote this part of his article in full:

"The military business about Moseley may have been prompted by the fact that a relative was an officer of fairly high rank in another service. As far as being a paid stooge for the Air Force, it's fairly well known that Mr. Moseley need not rely on the Pentagon for his daily meals; the U. S. Air Force informs us that there is no Lieutenant James W. Moseley; neither of two Air Force Moseleys with other initials live anywhere near New Jersey.

"As to the trips which he is constantly taking to Peru, here too there is no great mystery.....The Fort Lee editor has business connections there which require his personal attention much of the time and which by the way, have been the subject of earlier attacks at the hands of "Cosmic News," and which are most definitely none of their -or anyone else's- business. Suffice is to say that I know of them to the extent that I may say they have nothing to do with UFO's or the Air Force.

"And as to Moseley's appearances in Miami; he stops over there on his trips between Peru and New York.

"Barker begins his article by saying, 'James Moseley

is either the most misunderstood saucer investigator alive today, or the most mysterious'....In this statement Barker is certainly right, only it seems that whether or not Moseley is mysterious, he is indeed most misunderstood.

"Barker also complains about 'the means he (Moseley) will use to attain whatever strange ends he pursues' including the fact that 'he utilizes the basest scandal magazines (the latest one "Confidential"), to advertise his journal.' While your editor does not pretend to speak for James Moseley and his policies and methods in the past, notably in the last issue, trying to attack him through equally bad or worse methods such as this is not living up to the standards necessary in the saucer publishing field, in my opinion."

Incidentally, the "UFO Newsletter" is a fine 30-page publication, well worth the 30 cents per copy. If you want to subscribe, write to Lee Munsick, 1721 19th St. N.W., Washington 9, D.C. While you're at it, why not subscribe to the "UFO Investigator", which Munsick helps to publish, together with Major Donald Keyhoe. Further information about the "Investigator" can be obtained by writing to National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

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We are thinking of printing a special issue of SAUCER NEWS, containing all the principal expose stories about George Adamski that have appeared in past issues, some of which are now out of print. Before going to the considerable trouble and expense involved in printing this special issue, we would like to know how many of you would be interested in buying it. It will contain at least 20 pages, and will sell for \$1.00. If you would like to receive these revealing articles on Adamski if and when we decide to re-print them, please let us know now, but send no money yet. The amount of interest our subscribers show in this project will determine whether or not we decide to undertake it.

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Some time ago, your Editor made a standing offer of \$1000 to anyone who can offer definite concrete proof that flying saucers are from another planet. As many readers will remember, a Californian named Jim Fugatt said he had such proof. Several of his letters to the Editor have been published from time to time in SAUCER NEWS. We intended to investigate his story personally this fall. However, we have recently learned that Mr. Fugatt has been committed to a mental hospital, thus closing the file on this particular claim.

Your Editor recently found out that a cash offer similar to his own has been standing unclaimed since 1804! In that year a French-woman named Anna-Emille-Clara Guzman left a will offering 5,000 pounds (about \$14,000 at the present exchange rate) to "the first scientist who will succeed in communicating with a heavenly body - that is, send a signal to a heavenly body and receive a reply." The planet Mars, however, was excluded from the offer. The money, which is held in trust by the French Academy of Science, has doubled over the years, i.e., it is now worth about \$28,000. For over a century members of the French Academy have wrangled about the bequest, particularly as it excluded Mars, the one planet that might, they thought, be inhabited. But the money is still there, and is still available to the first man who can prove he is in communication with any planet other than Mars. If John Otto and others of his kind are really on the level, they will begin a race to collect this money immediately upon reading this editorial. If no such race

occurs, it will be further proof that these people are not really making the space communications they claim!

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In answer to several requests, we wish to state that the Air Force sheet which we sent out free to subscribers while our supply lasted, is no longer available. Free copies of this fact sheet can probably still be obtained by writing to the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, Washington 25, D.C.

We do have available a very few copies of the Peruvian booklet described in the August-September issue. Also, a few extra copies of recent back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still on hand, and are for sale at the price of three for one dollar.

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A bad typographical error appeared in our June-July issue, Page 8, third paragraph from the bottom, third line in that paragraph: As the context clearly indicates, the sentence beginning on that line should read, "Shortly before the Adamski-Williamson 'contact', Williamson wrote me on Sept. 15, 1952...." The Adamski-Williamson contact occurred on Nov. 20, 1952, and Williamson's letter inviting Lonzo Dove to be present at that contact was obviously written before that date, not after it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Concerning Dr. Davidson's Article in the June-July Issue

That was a very, very good issue of SAUCER NEWS. If and when the Earth Theory (maybe not yours) is proven true, as it will be some day, your light will shine.....

MARY J. HYDE
Alexandria, Va.

My congratulations to Dr. Davidson on his fine article. His analysis of the Ruppelt book, although based on a good deal of assumption, is the best answer I have seen to date on Officialdom's peculiar attitude about flying saucers....

WILBER ROSWALD
Baltimore, Md.

The article by Dr. Davidson is ably written and his rational conclusions from his given premises are most logically constructed. We need more such penetrating articles. But I beg to suggest reconsidering two of his fundamental assumptions.

First, the ability of the Air Force to make advance predictions of future saucer flurries, like the case of June-July-August 1952, mentioned in the article, does not have to mean that the U.S. Military performed the fulfilling with its own saucers, and therefore could do the predicting correctly. I myself gave that very prediction at that very time to the very Air Force being discussed, and sent a carbon copy and additional information to Drew Pearson and Frank Edwards in Washington. This is proven by the following extracts of letters sent to Pearson, who never published this knowledge. It is not hard to see through the hints that Ruppelt got that particular prediction from Pearson, who was then swapping saucer tips with Frank Edwards. So now, Mr. Moseley, if you cover up this uncovering of facts, we can infer that

the rumor is true about you being a man who is trying to cover up the Air Force's knowledge that the saucers are really from Mars.

My letter stated: "The unprecedented high saucer peak in July 1952 and into August, centering on the Washington Capitol, fulfilled my charted Emergency and Freight Arrivals from Mars to Earth." Shortly before the event, I submitted a Scientific Prediction of the time and place of that saucer peak, in a memo to the Air Force Project Saucer or A.T.I.C. at Dayton, and to Frank Edwards and Drew Pearson in Washington; I wrote to Project Saucer, then directed by Ruppelt, on June 17, 1952. The memo was held on Ruppelt's desk until after the predicted saucer peak, and then acknowledged to me on Sept. 11, 1952. I sent a carbon copy to Pearson, which stated, "In fulfillment of my advance predictions placed in the hands of witnesses, I believe you will have an opportunity to observe a number of disk-like structures or flying saucers on June 27-30 and August 15-16, 1952." To Drew Pearson on June 13, 1952, I wrote, "Here are the near future saucer dates scheduled in my charts: June 15, 27-30, August 15-16, 1952, heavy freight shipment from Mars. The new coming saucers will strike out of space and come down for a close look over Northern Virginia and the Eastern U.S. general area, where on April 12 and 16 a scout saucer and vapor circle were seen."

History has confirmed the accuracy of my predictions. My charts were made in March 1950, and my prediction formula was simple. Just count 780 days or multiples thereof from any spectacular saucer sighting or peak. This 780 days is the Mars-Earth Interplanetary Expedition Cycle geared to the Planetary Synodic Period.

My second objection is to Dr. Davidson's statement that no one had ever seen or discussed disk-shaped aircraft before 1947. But on Tuesday the Day of Mars, January 22, 1878, John Martin of Texas saw a disk-shaped object like an orange, that flew across the sky, and he described it by the word "saucer", the same as Kenneth Arnold did on June 24, 1947, again on a Tuesday. Apart from the saucer-shaped objects reported in astronomical literature, there were saucer sightings 2,500 years ago, again on Tuesday or the "24th Day of Shebat in the Second Year of Darius", when a man named Zachariah saw a wheel-like object about 35 feet in diameter "flying over the face of the land between Earth and Heaven", and for which he used the descriptive name "flying lamp-bowl object" (Hebrew "Mglh"), which was as near as possible to our modern flying saucers, as a look at archaic lamp-bowls will show.

No, I am afraid that the U. S. Government will never answer Dr. Davidson's key question, because to say "Yes, the saucers are ours," will be proven a lie, and to say "no" before "yes" comes from another source with conviction, would spoil the suspense value and raise panic. For even if the flying saucer is never built on Earth, they will still be seen at their scheduled times, as in the past. LONZO DOVE, Broadway, Va.

The article by Davidson is quite interesting, but I think he is speculating quite a bit. He is searching for "a needle in a haystack" in Ruppelt's book, and if he looks hard enough he will find something that he can interpret to his liking. I regard Ruppelt's book as a thoroughly honest and sincere record. But I think even Ruppelt slipped up by saying he knew some scientists who had the answer to the saucer mystery....

JUSTIN CASE

Fort Lee, N.J.

Saucer research owes a vote of thanks to Dr. Davidson for bringing to light evidence which would probably have been overlooked as testimony in behalf of the "earth theory" had he not called it to our attention.

Why he should try to undo the good work by over-confident assertions that saucer phenomena began in 1947, I do not know.....To force an initial retreat on Dr. Davidson's part, I need only call attention to documents issued as early as March 1946 by Meade Layne of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates. I will leave it to Dr. Davidson to decide what he intends to do about these sightings, and about the many others written before Mankind had aircraft. That such descriptions exist in graphic abundance even over present-day accounts, is for me to prove; and I shall undertake to do so, in a series of articles in SAUCER NEWS to begin in the December-January issue.

Y. N. IBN AHARON
Fort Lee, N.J.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was also written in answer to Dr. Davidson's article. Richard Hall, the author, is the editor of a very worthwhile new saucer bulletin called "Satellite". This magazine is published monthly at 721 Burdette St., New Orleans, La.

DR. LEON DAVIDSON AND THE SECRET WEAPON THEORY

- by Richard Hall -

Dr. Leon Davidson has long held that flying saucer reports are caused by various U.S. tests of secret devices, and by psychological warfare programs. He is to be commended for his recognition of the problem of identifying UFO's, and for his painstaking research to that end. However, I believe there are holes in his arguments and, at times, indications of slanted interpretations. His sincerity, and the value of his efforts, are not in question. In the interest of getting at the truth, I would like to criticize his article on four points: (1) Pre-1947 sightings. (2) The tests of disc-like aircraft in 1945 and earlier. (3) The postulated secret agency "ZYA" and alleged "outer-space propaganda". (4) His conclusions.

(1) On Page 9 Davidson states, ".....no one had ever seen or discussed flying saucers before 1947." Though it is clear that he refers specifically to the disc-type UFO, neither the UFO problem in general or reports of discs began in 1947 at the time the Navy was said to be testing their disc-like aircraft. For the best single refutation of this argument see the CRIFO "Newsletter", May 6, 1955. The Swedish "ghost rockets" of Summer 1946, while largely involving cigar-shaped objects, constituted a fullfledged UFO mystery which closely paralleled the later American version. It had a serious military investigation complete with censorship and a "final" report. In the same issue of the "Newsletter" (Case 83), it is shown that discs were seen and photographed in the New England area in 1946. Furthermore, flying saucers were not confined to the U.S. in 1947 either. In my publication ("Satellite", Aug. 1, 1957, p.5) there is a news report from the London "Psychic News" quoting an Air Ministry spokesman in England: "(We) have in fact been investigating saucer reports since as far back as 1947." Then, there is the Altai-Himalaya sighting of 1926 of a big, shiny "huge oval". The very foundation for Dr. Davidson's case crumbles when the 1947 starting-point is seen to be quite arbitrary.

(2) It is known that tests on disc-like aircraft were being conducted in the early 1940's both in Germany and the United States. The German tests, however, were interrupted as the War ended and the U.S. tests halted between 1942 and 1945. (U. S. News and World Report, April 7, 1950, p. 15.) Professor Herman Oberth, a German scientist conducting such tests, confirmed the development, but said the craft "makes an infernal noise" (Keyhoe,

"Flying Saucer Conspiracy", p. 274), while UFO's in most cases are exceptionally quiet. Later, it is alleged, the disc tests were resumed both in Russia and the U.S. The German device was said to be a helicopter with jet tubes in two rotating wings, and the American version was the propeller-driven (hence also noisy) "Flying Flapjack". The July 8, 1947 object seen over Rogers Dry Lake, which Davidson implies was a descendant of the "Flapjack", was seen descending below 20,000 feet, and there was no smoke, flame, or sound (Ruppelt, p. 38). Moreover, UFO's observed closely by pilots have been discs and ovoids (and "cigars") smoothly streamlined with no apparent external structures, as both test devices had. The Navy device, supposedly a prototype being tested at Muroc, could hardly account for the mass sightings by Arnold in June 1947 and by E. J. Smith (UAL pilot) in July 1947. I have never heard of nine prototypes being tested at once, but I am open for enlightenment. And Kenneth Arnold's report of July 29th told of some 20 to 25 circular objects, indicating a great many "test devices" indeed!

(3) As for the alleged secret U.S. agency, the "ZYA", this is nothing but a hypothesis which is badly in need of supporting evidence. Ruppelt quite often withholds the names of people and agencies, in line with established policy, for the un-mysterious reason of protecting people from a rash of unwanted publicity. It is natural that many agencies are interested in UFO's, but to interpret a few brief comments by Ruppelt to mean that some agency is spreading outer-space propaganda deliberately, is a very weak inference. At one time the Air Force implied that "Life" caused the 1952 "flap". Now Davidson argues that the "ZYA" is the real villain. An objective look at the 1952 reports themselves reveals the real villain - the UFO's themselves. Clear, serious reports by such people as pilots Nash and Fortenberry of P.A.A. were the cause of the 1952 space-ship fever. What secret devices are capable of a sudden dead stop and sharp reversal of direction while traveling at very high speeds?

Undoubtedly there is propaganda of one sort or another being used on the public, but you can be sure it is based on conviction and not on a willful desire to mislead the public for dubious political reasons. Ruppelt states (p. 197) that opinion in the Pentagon in 1952 was growing that UFO's could be space-ships. Davidson uses this to help show that a propaganda campaign (implicitly a deliberate lie) was underway to sell interplanetary space-ships to the public - for purposes known only to the supposed "ZYA". The much simpler, more obvious and reasonable interpretation of Ruppelt's statement is that more people in the Pentagon were really convinced UFO's might be space-ships as the good reports continued to come in during that Summer. Dr. Davidson often indulges in unwarranted reading between the lines. In this case it is a nebulous hypothesis (the "ZYA") based on seemingly slanted interpretations of simple statements of fact.

(4) Davidson's conclusions:

(a) "The true solution, if saucers were indeed real interplanetary space-ships, would certainly have been found in the past ten years of study." This argument could be applied more cogently to secret U.S. devices. If UFO's are space-ships, we could expect confusion, fluctuating policies, and sharp divisions of opinion on what the public should be told. On the other hand, it is very unlikely that secret devices could be kept secret for ten years, and not used to advantage in places like Korea. The secret devices theory is rejected by Ruppelt, Keyhoe, Oberth, Riedel, Biot, Charles G. Ross (late secretary to Truman), and a long parade of aviation men, intelligence officers, and government officials. Ruppelt also had a top security rating and must be included in the alleged "plot" if Dr. Davidson is correct.

(b) If in doubt as to the UFO's origin after 1949,

Davidson says, the Air Force would have used "the nation's leading scientists and scientific organizations." But Ruppelt stated in his report that the names of the scientists who assisted "Project Bluebook" in 1953 read like pages from "Who's Who". The implication obviously is that they were some of the nation's leading scientists, and they recommended that a full scientific study be made. To be consistent, Davidson must interpret the scientists' evaluation as another conspiracy, and this explicitly contradicts the story Ruppelt told, even though the full study was never made.

(c) "The Air Force has not been conducting a bona fide investigation of saucers." This is an amazing conclusion for anyone who has read Ruppelt's book. Flying intelligence officers directly to the scene to interrogate witnesses and gather evidence would seem to be a bona fide investigation. I think Dr. Davidson's quarrel here is with the "Bluebook" report, which does appear to be a farce. ATIC three times concluded that UFO's were real objects requiring an answer, but the alleged conclusions fed to the public in the form of summaries came via the Pentagon. At top levels, then, ATIC's findings have been countermanded repeatedly. There are many possible interpretations of this, but the least likely, it seems to me, is that someone is trying to convince us that UFO's are space-ships.

Since Dr. Davidson and I seem to agree on the basic issue, that UFO's are real, solid, mechanical devices, I can wholeheartedly agree with his demand for "forthright and unequivocal answers" from the officials we have entrusted with running our governmental agencies. If the issue is secret devices vs. space-ships, so be it. We have the common goal of wanting to know which of these alternatives is correct. Let's find out!

BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

THE EXPANDING CASE FOR THE UFO - by M. K. Jessup (Citadel Press, \$3.50)

This is another book by the author of "The Case for the UFO", "UFO Annual", and "UFO and the Bible". Jessup's "Expanding Case" is a rather poorly organized and confusing book. It can be divided roughly into four parts, the first of which quotes liberally from Fortean data on mysterious falls of organic matter, ice, etc., often without duly naming Fort as the source of this data. The second part goes off into a long unrelated discussion concerning the artificial satellite which the United States is hoping to send up next year. The third gives a great deal of detailed information about unusual changes and occurrences seen through the years by various astronomers watching the Moon; and the last part discusses Jessup's theories concerning the "little men" who he believes pilot the flying saucers, and who, according to his theory, are descendants of a very ancient race of pygmies which once inhabited the entire Earth. Jessup believes that this race possessed the power of levitation, by which force they built the huge stone fortresses now observed in ruins in Africa, South America, and elsewhere. He also believes that present-day pygmy tribes on Earth are relics of this same ancient race.

It is Jessup's "little men" hypotheses which are most interesting to us. Certainly if they could be proven, or even half-proven, the author would go down in history as having made a tremendous scientific discovery. But Jessup's evidence falls far short of being convincing. For example, he calls attention to passages under five feet high found in the Zimbabwe ruins in Rhodesia, Africa, and at Cusco, Peru. These, to Jessup, are indications that the people who built the passages were pygmies. I myself could show Mr. Jessup a series of tunnels under five feet high near Arequipa, Peru, which

might give him further evidence to support his theory. The only trouble is that they were built two years ago by diggers working under my own direction, hunting for buried treasure. I am almost six feet tall, but I did not mind the inconvenience of bending over when walking through the tunnels, in order to save the time necessary to make the roof higher.

At another point author Jessup makes the flat statement: "Pygmy man is known to have existed (for) a period of approximately 33,000,000 years. He is not a missing link but a fully developed human race - although not related to other races through any known genetic connection." I do not claim to have the scientific training that Jessup does, but I remember being taught in school that all human races have, in one proportion or another, the same four basic blood types. Is Jessup saying that the various pygmy tribes presently on Earth do not have these four blood types? If they do not, I will stand corrected. If so, it would seem that the pygmies have the same common origin as the rest of Mankind. And what, for example, of the seven and eight foot tall Watusi tribe that is a neighbor of the African pygmies living in the Belgian Congo? Jessup does not mention them, but are we to assume that just because they are taller than the rest of us (and world-champion high-jumpers, incidentally), they are unrelated to other human races? Not only has Jessup failed to show clearly why the pygmies of Earth are related to the "little men", if any, in the flying saucers, but he has not even given a sufficiently clear indication that the pygmy tribes now on Earth are related to each other. In short, the theory Mr. Jessup wants us to believe is a fascinating one, but largely unsubstantiated.

Mr. Jessup, unlike most saucer authors (including this reviewer), has a genuine scientific background. It seems to me that instead of flying off in several directions at once - Moon, satellites, "little men", etc., - he should take just one of these points and develop it fully. Then he might have a really worthwhile book, of interest and value to the general public, the scientist, and the saucer fan as well. I know Jessup personally, and consider him a good friend of mine. It is for this very reason that I know he is capable of better work. It seems a shame that in his apparent effort to "give the public what it wants", he has deserted his own scientific background so completely!

THE INEXPLICABLE SKY - by Arthur Constance (Citadel Press, \$3.95)

This is an extremely interesting and well-written British import, in which the author convincingly demonstrates that flying saucers are not the only sky phenomenon that science is unable to explain properly. The author devotes a long chapter each to meteorites, falling fluids, fireballs, the aurora borealis, saucers, and other such phenomena. Happily, most of Constance's work is not duplicated in Fort or any other book. The writer has a collection of 16,000 books and over two million newspaper clippings, from which most of his data has been taken. In the case of each of the phenomena listed above, Constance shows that current scientific opinion is divided as to its true nature. He further shows that even if we are to accept the consensus of scientific opinion as having a correct solution to some of the occurrences in each of these categories, there are nevertheless many occurrences in each category that remain unexplained.

I can heartily agree with Constance that scientists do not know everything, that they often choose to ignore rather than investigate happenings (such as saucer sightings) which do not fit into their theories, that they have been wrong before and may still be wrong about many things, and that many of them tend to be over-impressed with their own knowledge. I can

even recommend Constance's fierce, detailed attack on Professor Donald Menzel's farcical book "explaining" all saucer sightings as hoaxes, mirages, etc. When I read Fort's books some time ago, I enjoyed that old gentleman's good-natured ribbing of scientists, and I can go along with similar remarks that I have read in other books and saucer magazines. But Constance goes entirely too far in his attacks on science and scientists. His extremely intense anti-scientific attitude is psychotically bitter, obviously prejudiced, and largely unjustified. One quote from "Inexplicable Sky" should be sufficient to demonstrate this point: "Science, not religion, derives from the charms and potions, the philtres and fetishes, the devil-worship and human sacrifices, of the world's earliest sorcerers. It is true that it has enlarged its horizons as it has developed through the centuries, but if it has discarded its tortures and death penalties for those who dared to contradict it...it still has its own methods in these times for dealing with those who dispute its authoritative pronouncements.....If we are asked to place our trust in the world's scientists, and to believe that they have long ago left behind the self-lacerations and fire-sacrifices of its early magicians, we need to remind ourselves that at this moment in human history they are preparing on a gargantuan scale, with meticulous efficiency, and at colossal cost, monstrous devices calculated to strip the skin from the lacerated bodies, not of a few medicine-men, but from the bodies of millions of innocent humans, in a fire-sacrifice which may shrivel cities to cinders and consume the entire globe."

For all his 16,000 volume library, Mr. Constance obviously needs a beginner's course in scientific method. He also needs a short course in history, through the study of which he will learn that it has been religion, not science, that has so often tried to hold back the progress and enlightenment of Mankind. Mr. Constance is so naive, ill-informed, or downright prejudiced, that he blames all the problems of the world on a handful of scientists whom he conceives of as purposely leading the world down a cold, heartless, atheistic, materialistic path to utter destruction. He does not realize, as his beginner's course in scientific method would teach him, that science seeks knowledge for its own sake. The use or misuse to which that knowledge is applied depends upon the needs and desires of the population as a whole, or of its rulers. In other words, scientists are not responsible for public morality or immorality. If we are now building atomic bombs instead of using atomic energy peacefully, then this is apparently what Mankind wants. Furthermore, even Mr. Constance should realize that the results of science and technology have not been entirely bad by any stretch of the imagination. On Page 109 he makes it clear that he will go to his grave still hating the airplane, which he feels is more of a curse than a blessing (to which I heartily disagree); but I wonder if he rides in a horse-drawn buggy instead of an automobile, and I wonder if he sends messages by jungle drums instead of by telephone and telegraph, all of which are inventions of the "Scientific Devil" he has dreamed up! If I have been a trifle bitter in this review, it is only in a possibly ill-advised attempt to match Mr. Constance's bitter rantings.

To sum up, "The Inexplicable Sky" would be an excellent book if only the author's pet psychosis could be extracted from it.

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WHY ARE THEY HERE? - Part I
- by Justin Case -

All my previous articles about flying saucers in SAUCER NEWS have been written from a scientific viewpoint. This time I will depart from that practice and indulge in speculation, with only logic as a guide.

Assuming that flying saucers come from Mars or from some interstellar planet, we can say that their occupant visitors must have superior intelligence to have developed space flight. They must have courage to risk the hazards of such dangerous journeys and they must have very good reasons for coming here. What are these reasons? Saucer writers and science-fiction writers have given us a number of them, and perhaps we can add a few of our own. Let us examine some of these reasons.

(1) The first and most popular reason given by saucer writers, especially in the "contact stories", is that the visitors have come to help us solve all our problems and that they ask nothing in return. This is a beautiful thought and it appeals to a world weary of wars, both hot and cold, and sorely beset on all sides by economic and social problems. But Mankind's basic problems from which most other serious problems stem are increasing population and inadequate food supply. The simple solution ultimately is birth control, but its application and enforcement are much less practical in our time than is limitation of armaments. It is difficult to see how our visitors could help us in this. It is certain that whatever solution they offered and help they gave, they would not please everybody, not even a majority. Many of us would object strongly, and others would not appreciate the help, for ingratitude has been typical of Mankind since biblical times. The net result would be to make matters worse than before. Our own experience should show us that. We as a nation have helped other nations, only to find ourselves disliked for having done so. Often the receiving nations have insisted on accepting our aid only on their own terms. So, if our visitors are intelligent, they will not offer to help us. They will leave us alone to work out our own solutions, however painful that might be.

(2) The second reason given by saucer writers is that our visitors want to prevent our self-destruction by nuclear bombs. People who offer this reason have little knowledge of science, geography, or nuclear weapons. Our planet has a volume of about 250 billion cubic miles, and a population of close to three billion people. Mighty though the present and future nuclear bombs may be, their effects are puny as compared to thunderstorms, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. The Earth has withstood such catastrophes in the past and will continue to do so in the future, so it has little to fear from man-made bombs. The devastations wrought to our population by famines, plagues, droughts, and climatic changes have been far greater, proportionally, in the past, than any devastation by nuclear bombs in the future. It is not man who will ultimately destroy mankind. It will much more likely be nature, beyond the control of man. Despite the exaggerated cries of the alarmists, neither mankind nor our planet is in danger from destruction by nuclear bombs. So our visitors have no reason to worry about what we might do to ourselves. Furthermore, they would have no interest in preserving our race except as a scientific curiosity, much the same as we are seeking to preserve the whooping crane from extinction on our planet.

It has been suggested that destruction of our planet would upset the delicate cosmic balance and result in some sort of harm to our visitors, and that they are here to prevent this. This claim has little to support it. The Earth's mass forms only one part in 333,882 of the total mass

of our solar system. This is so insignificant that its loss would scarcely cause a ripple in the solar system. An explosion of our planet would hardly affect the climate of Mars, since Mars is never in the shadow of the Earth because their two orbits are not in the same plane. Therefore there is little to show that destruction of our planet would affect anyone but ourselves.

(3) The third reason given by saucer writers is that our visitors have come to get materials that are scarce on their home planets. This shows how uninformed these saucer writers are. Our scientists are now able, on a small scale, to transmute some materials into others. They can even change base metal into gold. Our visitors must surely be advanced enough to do likewise, and with the tremendous concentrations of energy available to them, as proven by their achievement of space flight, they can easily transmute common materials into whatever scarce materials they require. It would not be worth their while to travel millions or billions of miles and risk all the hazards of space travel to get materials that they could much more easily make at home.

(4) The fourth reason offered is that the visitors have come peacefully seeking a place to live on our planet. We have to reject this reason. Our visitors would undoubtedly look very much different than we do. They would be subject to suspicion, fear, and hostility. Their friendliest acts would be mistaken for carefully concealed ulterior purposes. They would be blamed for all sorts of unfavorable events. Unless they could protect themselves, they would meet the same fate as some Christian missionaries experienced about a year ago among the head-hunting tribes of the Amazon.

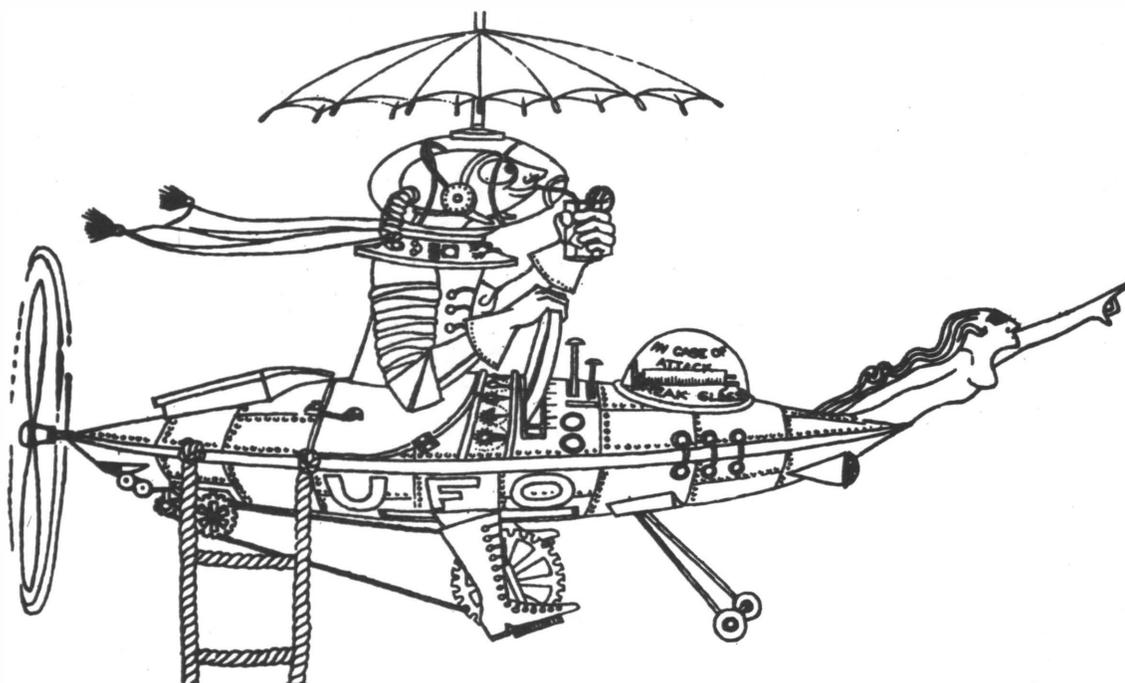
(5) The fifth reason is that our visitors are here for exploration and scientific study. This is the most plausible of the reasons thus far considered. If they come for that purpose, we would expect them to make a thorough survey, collect samples of the various forms of life here, including the most interesting one - man, and then depart. They could learn all they want to know about us from the specimens they take back with them. They would have little reason to come back here again. But there is some indication that they have been here in times long past. We know they have been here almost continuously since 1947. If they are here again and for such a long period, it is not for scientific purposes. There may be other plausible reasons, either ominous or beneficial to us. We will discuss these plausible reasons in Part II of this article, to appear in the next issue of SAUCER NEWS.

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RECENT NEWS STORIES

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN IN FLORIDA: Brilliant unidentified lights were seen in the skies of St. Petersburg, Florida and at the Gulf beaches, last Aug. 21st. The lights were spotted early in the evening, at an altitude estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 feet. They "hung" in the sky, seemingly 100 to 200 feet apart, according to witnesses. After about 20 minutes, the saucers took off at a tremendous speed, heading west. They then "slowly disappeared". Dozens of residents of the area reported the sighting. The local Coast Guard and Air Force Base could offer no explanation.

TWO SAUCERS SEEN IN NEW YORK STATE: A Civil Defense lookout post in Olean, N.Y., reported on the night of Aug. 22nd that two UFO's were visible for an hour in the western sky. The objects, larger than the apparent size of a star, changed position slowly during the period of observation. Both objects were white in color, and one was slightly larger than the other. Both were observed to be constantly pulsating.



MESSAGE FROM MARS SENT TO EARTH FIFTY YEARS AGO? Here is an extremely interesting "Fortean" item, reprinted in the Aug. 8, 1957 edition of the Harriman, Tennessee Record, originally printed in the Jan. 6, 1898 edition of another Harriman newspaper:

"Scientists in Binghamton N. Y. are puzzled over an aerial visitor that dropped in that vicinity recently. Professor Jeremiah McDonald, who resides on Park Avenue, was returning home at an early hour in the morning when there was a blinding flash of light and an object buried itself in the ground a short distance from his premises. Later it was dug up and found to be a mass of some foreign substance that had been fused by intense heat. It was still hot, and when cooled off in water was broken open. Inside was found what might have been a piece of metal in which were a number of curious marks that some think to be characters. When opened, the stone emitted a strong sulphurous smell. Professor Whitney of the high school declared it an aerolite, but different from anything he had ever seen. The metal had been fused to a whitish substance and it is of unknown quality to the scientific men who have examined it. The aerolite is now on exhibition and will be placed in the geological collection of the high school. Several persons have advanced the opinion that this is a message from another planet, probably Mars. The marks bear some resemblance to Egyptian writing in the minds of some. Professor McDonald is among those who believe the mysterious ball was meant as a means of communication from another world."

CLOSE-UP SAUCER SIGHTING IN WYOMING: On August 31st, a dozen or more residents of Thermopolis, Wyoming, reported to police that they had seen "a round object as big as a garage and with windows" hovering about ten feet off the ground. Mrs. Molly Wertz told Police Chief Mel Matthews and Civil Defense authorities that the object was first sighted by her four young sons and two other neighborhood boys. After the boys called it to her attention, she too saw the saucer, which was then hovering over a tree about 100 feet from the Wertz home. Mrs. Wertz said that the object made no sound as it sped off and disappeared behind a nearby hill. She added that it moved "faster than anything I could comprehend." The police chief said that he questioned

quite a few other people who reported seeing the object, and that their descriptions of it coincided.

SAUCER SEEN BY SEVERAL IN OHIO TOWN: Edgar H. McClure, a steeplejack of Lima, Ohio, was among about 15 men who got a good view of a flying saucer on August 14th. McClure was driving his car in Lima when he spotted the object. He stopped the car to get a better look. The saucer was at an altitude of about 15,000 feet, and had a diameter of 100 feet, according to McClure. It made no sound, was traveling at very high speed, and looked like a glowing light bulb. It was shaped like a disc, and had no windows or markings of any kind on it. During the period of observation, the object made an extremely sharp turn which eliminated any possibility of it being a conventional craft.

VERY CLOSE SIGHTING IN INDIANA: A woman living in Addison Township, near Shelbyville, Indiana, who declined to give her name because of possible disbelief of her story, told reporters last August 18th that she had seen a brightly illuminated flying object descend vertically to within 100 feet of a cornfield. She said that the thing hovered there for a few seconds and then floated away toward the southeast. According to her report, she had been sitting on her front porch at about 9 p.m., when she spotted a flat, spherical object "about 10 feet in diameter and four feet thick." Lights of various colors were located around the rim of the object. After hovering over the nearby cornfield, the saucer "made a clanging noise" as it changed direction and started to float away. Her attention was attracted to the saucer initially by the barking of dogs nearby.

THOUSANDS REPORT UFO OVER INDIANA: During the early morning hours of August 7th, thousands of reports were made from a large area of Indiana, concerning a mysterious "something" that was hovering in the sky and emitting lights of various colors. The object was visible for several hours, and was seen by residents of Pendleton, Indianapolis, Decatur, Greenfield, Kokomo, Muncie, Fort Wayne, and a half-dozen other towns. A great number of anxious calls poured into police headquarters and newspaper offices in Indianapolis and in other areas nearby.



Captain Robert Graham of the Anderson Police Department reported that he observed the object from 1-05 until after 4 a.m. He said that the UFO hovered at about 8,000 feet and was clearly visible. It emitted a "whitish-silvery glow", and flashed red and green lights. Suggestions that the object might have been a conventional plane were dismissed by the fact that the thing was stationary. No helicopters were known to be in the vicinity at the time.

OVERSEAS ROUND-UP: A ball of fire struck a house at East Harling, Norfolk, England, on the night of June 5th. All the rooms were instantly filled with smoke, a radio set was burned out, electrical installations were blown to pieces, and a rainwater pipe was smashed.... On June 9th it rained eels in Piacenza, Italy. Dozens

of eels, about four inches long, were sucked from the nearby ocean, supposedly by a miniature tornado.....On July 15th, an unidentified missile landed with considerable force in a quarry in Dorset, England, narrowly missing workmen. A theory that the object came from a tank on a firing range in the area was not supported by the War Office. Earlier it was thought that the missile had been fired by a warship from a nearby gunnery range, but no ships were in the vicinity at the time. It was also established that the object was not a bomb from an aircraft.

ANOTHER CLOSE SIGHTING IN INDIANA: Indiana really had more than its share of saucer sightings during August! Here's another very good one that reached us just before press time: On August 13th, Mrs. Elfa Levi and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins of Gary, Indiana, reported that at 6 a.m. they saw a saucer about 300 yards from their lakeside home, floating 40 to 50 feet above the water. Said Mrs. Levi, "It looked as if it were made of two saucers, one of them upside down, glued together. It had a sloping hump on top and another on the bottom, and it tapered to an edge all around. Its light was a brilliant white, like a welder's flame, but it seemed to be self-contained and glowed rather than burned. The object was 60 feet in diameter, and perhaps 15 feet high in its thickest part. As I watched, it revolved slowly. After 10 or 15 seconds it swung out in an arc, the light slowly dimmed, and it vanished from sight."

SAUCER BRIEFS:
Gray Barker of the "Saucerian", and Roger Pierce and Howard Neuberger, co-editors of "Cosmic News", were among a plane-load of science-fiction fans who spent September vacationing in Europe. The group attended the annual science-fiction convention, which was held in London this year. Let's hope that as a result of this trip, Barker and the "Cosmic News" editors will put more science and less fiction in future issues of their respective publications...
.....A motion picture based on the "most outstanding contact stories" is being considered in Hollywood by the Screen Guild Press. Apparently the film is only in the planning stage as yet.....August Roberts, our Photographic Consultant, has recently returned from a two-week visit to the Pacific Northwest, where he visited with



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local saucerers. He also visited Mt. Rainier and Maury Island, places which will be remembered by readers of Kenneth Arnold's book.....Sign in an office that made us laugh: "This is a non-profit organization. We didn't plan it to be. It just sort of turned out that way." Reminds us of S.A.U.C.E.R.S!.....Dr. Leon Davidson is preparing a reprint of the 80-page Project Bluebook Report #14, plus his analysis of same. Well worth the \$1.50 he charges. Write to Box S, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York. Incidentally, Dr. Davidson is currently on the trail of a very important saucer story, which we hope to bring you in our next issue.....Latest saucer club to come to our attention is C.P.D.V. (don't know yet what the initials stand for), headed by Auriphebos Simoes of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Simoes is expected to visit New York shortly.

POLL SHOWS SAUCERS MORE POPULAR THAN EVER: A recent Trendex News Poll showed that about one out of every four Americans now believe that flying saucers may be interplanetary. A scientific sample of men and women from coast to coast was asked, "From what you have read and heard, do you believe there is some possibility that saucers may be objects from outer space? 25.3% answered "yes", 52.9% answered "no", and 21.8% said that they did not know. Of those who said "no", a large but unspecified percentage accepted the existence of flying saucers but said they thought they originate on earth.

The responses indicated that considerable misinformation persists about UFO's. Some people were sure that Government statements had confirmed their existence, while others thought the Government had declared them imaginary. Many of the people polled had been convinced about the reality of saucers by personal sightings or by magazine articles and books. Among those denying the UFO's existence, several asked, "If they are real, why haven't they been picked up on radar?" - not knowing that saucers have been tracked on radar many times. Those who believed saucers are interplanetary were asked a further question concerning whether or not they are manned by intelligent beings. On this question about three out of five "believers" said "yes", one said "no", and one had no opinion.

WRIGHT FIELD DECLARES INVENTOR'S SAUCER DESIGN PRACTICAL: Alfred A. Loedding, an aerodynamist working for the Wright Air Development Center in Dayton, Ohio, has succeeded in interesting the armed services in a saucer design he has been working on for several years. Loedding's saucer is a turtle-shaped aircraft which will be able to take off vertically and cruise at more than 200 miles per hour. The design could be altered to allow super-sonic speeds, he says.

The inventor visualizes a family plane 16 feet wide and 20 feet long. It would weigh 2,000 pounds and could be produced as cheaply as an automobile. Loedding's design is based on the use of an extremely simplified internal turbine engine. It employs the latest in boundary layer control ideas to suck turbulent air through the fuselage and to employ it in developing thrust. Two compressors would force air through doors in the belly of the craft to give vertical takeoff. Once airborne, the air flow would be directed through the tail to give tremendous accelerating speed.

Loedding says that the main advantages of his design are stability in flight and safety. Because the entire aircraft would act as a wing, the propulsion system he would use would give a 10 to 1 thrust ratio for vertical takeoff. Only the helicopter approaches that ratio now. The latest developments in ram jet engines or other systems could be incorporated into his design without changing the configuration, Loedding says. The inventor believes that saucers already exist, as he saw one himself in 1952.