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**IS LEE MUNSICK A CONTACTEE?** Lee R. Munsick, former director of the North Jersey UFO Group, has always been considered a conservative saucer researcher. But in a letter to Michael G. Mann, dated May 11th, 1959, Munsick states: "Enclosed is a picture I took on my recent trip to Mars of a real live Martian. You see, Howard and the others are nuts! I have another of a Venusian equally strange but quite different." - In the photo above, we see Mr. Mann holding the strange picture sent to him by Mr. Munsick. (Insert at upper left is a close-up of the "Martian!") - We can only wonder if Mr. Munsick was being facetious, and if not, why he hasn't chosen to tell the rest of us about his alleged trip to Mars!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Y. N. ibn A'haron's article on Extraterrestrialism is easily the outstanding feature of your December 1960 issue, and it is extraordinarily interesting. The question of the possible existence in the Bible of greatly distorted versions of what were once statements of scientific fact, brings to my mind something I read in Denis Saurat's fascinating book "Atlantis and the Giants." Speaking of the origin of Eve, this writer states that the Bible may contain the last fragments of an ancient tradition which had been highly scientific, and which only recently we have been able to understand.

Eve is said to have been formed from the side of Adam. It may be that an ancient science was aware of the manner in which twins are formed - by the separation of a single initial cell - and that it might occur that one would be male and the other female. This knowledge, over the ages and intervening catastrophes, was largely lost, and what remained was mostly distorted, so that by the time Genesis came to be written, men knew nothing of genes or cells. Thus they were unable to interpret the ancient information about the first human couple which originated from the same cell (the female being only the half separated from the male twin.) The nearest the writers of Genesis could get to it was the idea that Adam, when a full-grown man, was cut into two by the Creator - a version which changes a statement of fact into an absurdity! Saurat suggests that the two twins (Adam and Eve) were the first human beings, because they represented a sudden and great mutation and differed fundamentally from their parents.

ERIC BIDDLE

Ludlow, Shropshire, England

It is asked, "What is Truth?". Truth is what a man believes in! Justin Case has a lot to learn, as shown by his article "Proof by Ignorance" in your December issue. The way he so glibly accepts Thor Heyerdahl's explanations of methods used to move huge stone pieces, shows that he is repeating the logical errors he accuses Cramp and Leslie of!....

MAUDE KAPREILIAN

Kingston, New York

As Executive Editor of "Saucers," I have received numerous requests for UFO slides over the past several years.....Realizing this need, I have devoted several years and considerable effort to collecting what I believe is the most comprehensive selection of UFO and related slides in the world. These include UFO photos (American and foreign), illustrations, personalities (authors, lecturers, contactees), astronomy, space travel, conventions, and miscellaneous but related subjects including atom bomb tests and missile launchings....Anyone interested should get in touch with me.

MAX B. MILLER

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I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I enjoy your magazine. I was interested to see that you printed a report on the rings in the field at Evenlode that I investigated...There was another very good sighting over this area on November 11th 1960. One of the witnesses, Maurice Estop, said that the object hovered just above him, at a height of between 15 and 20 feet. It was the size of a four-seater car, and as the object changed color from white to blue, Maurice felt a terrific heat; and if it had persisted much longer, he felt he would have become unconscious. The object finally shot out

a vapor or exhaust trail. It then glided to one side and shot away....

DAVID JONES  
Cheltenham, Glos., England

I have been trying to get the source Fort used on those observations made in 1762, of a huge object in space. (See Fort, page 199 and Wilkins "Flying Saucers on the Attack," page 211.)...If you read the account quoted by Wilkins, you'll see that the maximum and minimum of the possible distances and possible sizes can be calculated. The displacement of the object between Lausanne and Sole could not have been more than the apparent diameter of the sun, 30' of arc, while that between Lausanne and Paris was probably somewhat more than 30'....I calculated for a simple displacement of 30' at 135 miles (about the distance of 45 leagues), which gives something less than the real distance and size of the object. I truly hope I went about it in the wrong way, - multiplying where I should have divided, or something - as I got a distance of 17,000 miles and a length of 119 miles, - and nothing can be that big! But I think it was a real "whopper" anyhow, and apparently not an astronomical object. Jessup would have loved this "widget," I think.

This ties in with the question of how long UFOs have been around. Possibly 1762 marks the appearance of the sort that look as if they were extraterrestrial machines of some sort. Most earlier accounts seem to me to be of things which look as if they were alive. Probably the space-saucer partisans would not be so eager to prove that the very same type of UFO seen in the past 13 years has been seen since the 1920's or 1890's, if it occurred to them that this indicates a pretty non-progressive bunch of spacemen. We earthlings, then, in our space explorations, will come across no all-wise "elder race," but a decrepit, fossilized culture which uses the same spaceships today as sixty or a hundred or two hundred years ago!....

FRANK REID  
Chicago, Illinois

SAUCER NEWS continues to maintain its high-quality reporting, and I hope your offer to sell your saucer clippings does not mean you contemplate leaving the field, as others have done recently. The new U. S. Administration is almost certain to be much more cooperative, while the quickening pace of space exploration brings ever-mounting pressure for disclosure of saucer information by the Government. During this final, interim period, publications such as yours will be almost invaluable to the serious investigator....

E. R. LEE  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

I saw your ad in a magazine many years ago, possibly in 1947 or 1948, when people were seeing flying saucers, but nobody would believe them. I believed in saucers from the start and still do, and the reason they have not been unveiled to every Tom, Dick and Harry is purely a military one. If I were an aeronautical engineer I could build one myself. Although it looks as if the U.S.A. is behind the Russians in rockets, actually the U.S. doesn't need them, as we are so far ahead in missiles and space flight with our flying saucers that it isn't even funny; and the big publicity about all the rocket failures is only a blind. I wouldn't be afraid to bet that when the Russians get to the moon they will find U. S. installations there and will be taken prisoner and returned to earth.....I am a former R.C.A.F. officer, and made 35 missions against Germany in World War II.

EUGENE B. NOWOSAD  
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BOOK REVIEW

FLYING SAUCERS AND THE U. S. AIR FORCE - by Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF  
(Published by Van Nostrand Books)

- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

Lt. Col. Tacker was until recently the official Air Force spokesman on the subject of flying saucers. He is a pleasant fellow, and was most courteous to your Editor a year or so ago when we dropped in on him at the Pentagon to ask him what was new, saucer-wise. Recently the publisher was nice enough to send us a free review copy of Tacker's book, whereas Keyhoe makes us go out and buy his books like the common people have to do. Thus, we have every predisposition to give "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" a favorable review. But in all good conscience we are unable to do so.

It seems that there will never be an unbiased book on the subject of flying saucers. Keyhoe has proven this again and again, and now Col. Tacker has given us written evidence that he, in his own way, has as big an ax to grind as any of the contactees could have!

Tacker's book is short, well written, and to the point. It runs to less than 90 pages, plus an appendix that adds another 50 or so, and which consists of old Air Force press releases. These releases are apparently used here as "padding."

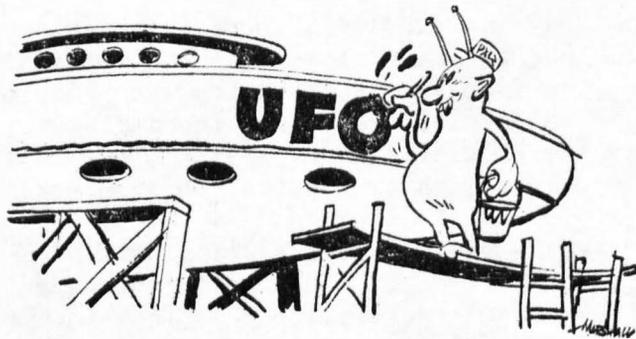
Tacker's basic theme is quite simple: Since most UFO reports can be identified as conventional objects, therefore all of them could be so identified if enough information were available. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that flying saucers represent strange or unknown objects of any type, nor is there any evidence that they might be space ships.

The same line of reasoning might well be applied to haunted houses. I would guess that not more than one house in a hundred thousand has ever been said to be haunted. Thus, since 99,999 houses out of every 100,000 are not haunted, this means that all possible cases of haunted houses have already been solved, except for a mere .0001%. Now, the Air Force only claims to be able to solve about 98 out of every 100 saucer sightings (i.e., 2% remain unsolved.) So you see that I have already done a better job of eliminating haunted houses, just by sitting here, than the Air Force has done with UFOs in all their painstaking years of investigation!

The point is, of course, that the statistical method does not work in regard to a subject such as flying saucers. Tacker admits that there are many cases which, although containing sufficient data on which to base conclusions, are unsolvable. If only one bona fide UFO sighting remained in the Air Force files, they would still have the saucer mystery on their hands. But, alas, there are dozens, in which no amount of additional information could possibly identify the UFO as a hoax, error, conventional object, etc. The only remaining conclusion would be that dozens of people who don't even know each other have secretly banded together to make up fantastic stories in order to embarrass the Air Force. I doubt if even Col. Tacker believes this!

I agree with Col. Tacker that people make mistakes. Even radar makes mistakes. I myself would assume that the vast majority of night UFO sightings are errors of one kind or another; and unfortunately the vast majority of sightings are made at night. But what can we do about the many people since 1947 who have been so close to a saucer, and seen so much detail, that there is no choice but to believe they have seen something very unconventional indeed - unless we assume these people are lying, doped up, or crazy?

I am reminded, for instance, of Mr. William Squires, whose sight-



ing is mentioned briefly in Keyhoe's second book. In 1953 I made a long trip around the country interviewing saucer sighters, including Mr. Squires. I obtained details about him and his sighting that Keyhoe never knew about. Here is an outline of the story:

William Squires lives on a farm near Pittsburg, Kansas. On August 27th, 1952, he was driving to

work, when at about 5:30 a.m. (just as the sun was coming up) he saw an object shaped like two oblong saucers placed on top of each other. The object was hovering about 10 feet off the ground, about 100 yards from the road. It was between 75 and 125 feet long and about a third as wide. The UFO made a sputtering noise of some sort, and had a large number of very small propellers around its perimeter. There were three or four windows in a row, with blue lights shining out from them. Shadowy forms - perhaps people or machinery - were moving about inside the craft, and there was one smaller window behind which Squires could see a shadowy face. The UFO was visible for about a minute before it took off at great speed and disappeared in a matter of seconds. Later that day Squires returned to the exact spot with an Air Force investigator, who saw that the high grass in the area had been flattened down from the force of the wind made by the strange machine.

Years have gone by, and William Squires has not written a book, made any lectures, or "cashed in" on his experience in any way. In 1953 when I visited him he was known in his community as a sane and honest man. I assume that he is still known as a sane and honest man. The question is, Col. Tacker, what did this man see? Was it a temperature inversion, a bird, a spec in his eye, a vivid dream, a hypnotic suggestion from the Dark Forces, or what? Until Col. Tacker can solve this case and scores of others like it, we will have to relegate his book to the "light fiction" department, rather than consider it the factual study it purports to be.

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THE AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION'S "PHYSICAL EVIDENCE":  
 WAS THE UBATUBA DISC A MISSILE, A HOAX, OR A FLYING SAUCER?  
 - by David Wightman -

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Wightman is editor of "Uranus," England's most respected saucer zine. We are pleased to announce that with this article, Mr. Wightman has won the Giant Literary Contest we told our readers about in the December issue of SAUCER NEWS. The second prize winner will be announced in our next issue.)

There are two things I want to make clear right at the outset. The first is that this article must not be construed as an attack on the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), or on Dr. Fontes, - who were the prime movers in this case. Secondly, I do not claim that what I am about to write constitutes "proof" of anything. I write only to show the amount of work a full investigation of a case of this sort takes, and to show the weaknesses in the case which APRO has put forward to support their conclusions. The additional information I have to offer serves only to facilitate the appropriation of the final details which could solve this particular mystery.

The most significant point about the Ubatuba magnesium fragments

case is the restricted amount of publicity it has received. Three years passed before the story was published, and even then it failed to arouse the interest of any saucer zines outside America; and in fact little attention was paid to it outside of New Mexico, the state in which APRO was then located. Only "Uranus," the oldest established British saucer publication, gave the case any prominence, and this magazine sounded a critical note. (Which isn't surprising, for I am its editor.)

To me this situation signifies the rapidly degenerating status of "Ufology." Had the case been published soon after it (allegedly) occurred, world-wide attention was assured. Flying saucers were still prominent in the public eye, and the case was unique in that it claimed to provide physical evidence that an extraterrestrial space craft had visited our planet. While this may in fact be true, I feel that the case put forward by APRO is inadequate to support the claim, and that from additional information I have gathered it is possible to construct two other hypotheses which satisfactorily account for the known facts.

Because the case itself has been given so little publicity, I give here a brief resume of the information published by APRO: - Precise date unknown; It was during the first 14 days of September 1957. Time: around noon. Place: Ubatuba Beach, near Sao Paulo, Brazil. Witnesses: four men in a fishing party, names and addresses unknown. Origin: a letter written by one of the witnesses to a society columnist - Ibrahim Sued of "O Globo," a prominent Brazilian newspaper. The letter described how a disc-shaped object was seen plunging toward the sea. When a crash into the sea seemed inevitable, the disc swooped upwards and disintegrated in a shower of glittering fragments. Most of these fell into the ocean and "sizzled," but some fell on the beach and these were collected. A number of fragments were sent with the letter, which went to the reporter's private address and reached there on Friday, September 13th, 1957. The letter was published in the 1 p.m. edition of "O Globo" the next day.

Three days later Sued found a copy of the letter together with more magnesium fragments at his newspaper office. No estimate of the object's size or its altitude when first seen or when it disintegrated or its distance from the observers was given in the letter. The letter itself constitutes the sum total of the information available about the incident, and none of the witnesses have been traced despite a personal tour of the area by Dr. Olavo Fontes, who was accompanied by another prominent newspaper reporter. No one else witnessed the incident, but Dr. Fontes met a resident fisherman who told him of four men who came to him on a date he cannot remember. They showed him some fragments of metal, and they looked excited. Four abortive attempts have been made to trace the witnesses or anyone else who saw the incident. These attempts have been made via magazines, the national press, radio, and T.V., in Brazil.

Dr. Fontes, who is APRO's Brazilian representative, went to see Ibrahim Sued only five hours after the letter was published. He collected the metal fragments but failed to get the name and address of the writer. He told me the signature at the end of the letter was illegible. A later visit to Sued by Dr. Fontes to get the address proved fruitless, as the reporter had lost both letters and envelopes as well as the second group of fragments. He told Dr. Fontes that twenty people had been to see him about the matter. They included Brazilian Air Force officers. A most important piece of information which is missing is whether Dr. Fontes was the first person to visit the reporter. In particular, did the Air Force officers arrive before him? So far as is known, Dr. Fontes was the only person to get fragments from Sued, although Fontes himself turned over some samples to Air Force and Navy authorities at a later date.

I have a lot of background information on this case and have used it to make a study of the possibility of the case being a hoax. It is my opinion that this hypothesis cannot be ruled out.

Dr. Fontes has had three separate spectrographic analyses of the metallic fragments made. An X-ray diffraction test has also been carried out. These tests show the fragments to be unusually pure magnesium. In fact, the three spectrographic tests failed to show even traces of any other metallic impurity. The X-ray diffraction test did show traces of magnesium hydroxide, which proved that the metal had come into contact with a considerable mass of water and had burned in the atmosphere. APRO's conclusions concerning the extraterrestrial origin of the fragments are based solely on the fact that the A.S.T.M. commercial standard of purity for magnesium states that the following impurities may be present: Calcium - 0.1%; Just traces of aluminum, copper, iron, and silicon.

Not having the full details of how this A.S.T.M. standard of purity was established, let me try to throw some light on this aspect of the affair by comparing such details as are given in it with the information I have obtained. Only one figure is given in the A.S.T.M. standard, that of 0.1%, for calcium. This is very vague. Does it mean 0.1% by weight or by volume? "Traces" of copper, aluminum, iron and silicon is even more vague. I am afraid that I am not at all impressed by this A.S.T.M. standard of purity for magnesium. I have a sample spectrographic report for a commercial sample of magnesium, which lists no less than 12 impurities. The quantities of impurities present is given in parts (atomic) per million. If we take the 0.1% given in the A.S.T.M. standard as a quantity, then the impurities present in that particular sample were 500 times greater than that in the sample analyzed by the firm I contacted. This isn't a very good standard of purity, is it!

Of course, a mass spectrometer run, which I also have, shows up more impurities, and the limits of detection are much more critical. The question we must ask here is, "How do the tests Dr. Fontes and APRO have carried out compare with those about which I have details?" Also, why has APRO refused to let me have these details? My criticisms here may be quite unjustified, but I can only find out the truth by getting the jealously guarded details from APRO! Failing to get this information, I have been forced into trying to assess the reliability of their statements about the particular aspects of the case which, if fully investigated, might yield positive results.

Inconsistencies in APRO's pronouncements on this case are easily picked out, and they show how "probabilities" have become categorical statements without the acquisition of further information. In their March 1960 bulletin - which contained the first release of the story - there appeared the following paragraphs: ".....The magnesium in the samples analyzed, which was absolutely pure, represents something outside the range of present-day technological developments of our science. On the basis of this study, it is highly probable that the metallic chunks picked up on a beach near Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, are really fragments of a flying disc." In the May bulletin there appears the following: (in an extract from a letter to Lt. Col. Tacker) - "APRO has in its possession the physical evidence which the United States Air Force denies having been able to acquire. It is, in fact, a portion of an extraterrestrial vehicle which met with disaster in the Earth's atmosphere. The catastrophe was witnessed by numerous human beings. The gratifying aspect of this case, however, is that we do not have to depend on the testimony of the witnesses to establish the reality of the incident, because the most advanced laboratory tests indicate that the residual material could not have been produced through the application of any known terrestrial techniques."

I must emphasize that no further research was done on the case be-

tween the printing of these two bulletins, and no additional information was acquired. Despite this, the "high probability" of the object being a "flying disc" became the categorical statement that "it is in fact a portion of an extraterrestrial vehicle...." Changes of this kind certainly do not encourage the acceptance of other statements made by APRO. Clearly, the authors of these statements have indoctrinated themselves with "The Will to Believe." Their ideology is based on the belief that the Earth is being visited by spaceships, and now they cannot appreciate valid criticism when it confronts them!

APRO also states quite clearly that "the most pure magnesium refined is only 99.9% pure, and such complex and time-consuming operations are required, that this final product - although still exhibiting some impurities - is more costly than gold." From the people who make the stuff I have it that ingots of better than 99.95% purity are regularly being produced! APRO is also guilty of a dangerous assumption when they say the stuff could not be produced by any known terrestrial technique. From five different sources I have been told that magnesium could be refined to such a degree that it would display the complete absence of any metallic impurity under spectroscopic examination. These sources are just about the most reliable anyone could find - a leading university, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, a firm which makes samples for spectrographic standards, and two research chemists. From three sources I have been told that aluminum and other light metals can also be refined until spectroscopically pure - and have been! Without going into any further details, it seems I have excellent grounds for seriously considering the possibility that the object APRO is making such a fuss about was in fact a conventional space probe or missile.

I have devoted much time to considering the possibility of the whole thing being a hoax, and have come to the conclusion that there is nothing inherently impossible in this solution. It would have to have been an elaborately conceived hoax, but the facts fit the case. Dr. Fontes is a well-known UFO researcher and he is on the medical faculty of a university. It is common knowledge that university students the world over have an addiction to pulling off elaborate hoaxes. If we consider that Dr. Fontes' reputation in UFO research was known to students at the university, then we have all the ingredients for a hoax of this nature. What better place is there for producing pure magnesium fragments than at a university? What better bait is there for taking in a man like Dr. Fontes than to produce physical evidence of an extraterrestrial object? After all, isn't this the only missing link in the chain of UFO evidence - i.e., the Final Proof?

The background facts in the case fit in excellently. The details supplied to me by Dr. Fontes himself increase my suspicions. The columnist, Ibrahim Sued, is described to me as just the sort of person who would take part in such a nefarious scheme, and his actions certainly are suspicious. First, the signature at the bottom of the letter was illegible. How fortunate! Secondly, both letters and envelopes were lost. How unfortunate - for Dr. Fontes! Sued's refusal to place an advertisement in "O Globo" in an attempt to trace the letter writer can also be explained as part of the plot. Numerous other small points go on to add up to a suitable hoax hypothesis.

What can we deduce from all this? First, it is obvious that no final conclusion is possible on the basis of available information. I have no hesitation in blaming APRO for this. They have insisted on keeping to themselves the details of the analyses conducted on their samples. Their conclusions in the case are based upon an investigation which is only half completed, and right from the beginning their inquiries have borne the characteristic of a group which already has the "Will to Believe" and which is merely supplying more "proof" that the Earth is being visited by extraterrestrial space

ships. If APRO - which is not alone in this category of self-professed "researchers" - had carried out an investigation with a truly open mind, the truth might have been revealed, - even if it did not support the contention that the disc these untraceable witnesses (allegedly) saw was a space craft from another world. Like so many other so-called research organizations, APRO seems to have forgotten its avowed purpose pronounced at the offset with much effusive sincerity - to uncover the truth. This type of group began by stating that the UFO problem was one deserving a scientific status; and now, indoctrinated by their own spiel, they are consistently flouting the principles upon which all science is based!

It is true that my own inquiries fall short of supplying proof of anything, but they do show quite clearly the single purpose of APRO's actions in the case. Not only this, my inquiries show that with additional data it is possible to construct an alternative hypothesis to embrace all the known facts. They also obviate the out of hand denial that the thing could have been a U.S. missile.

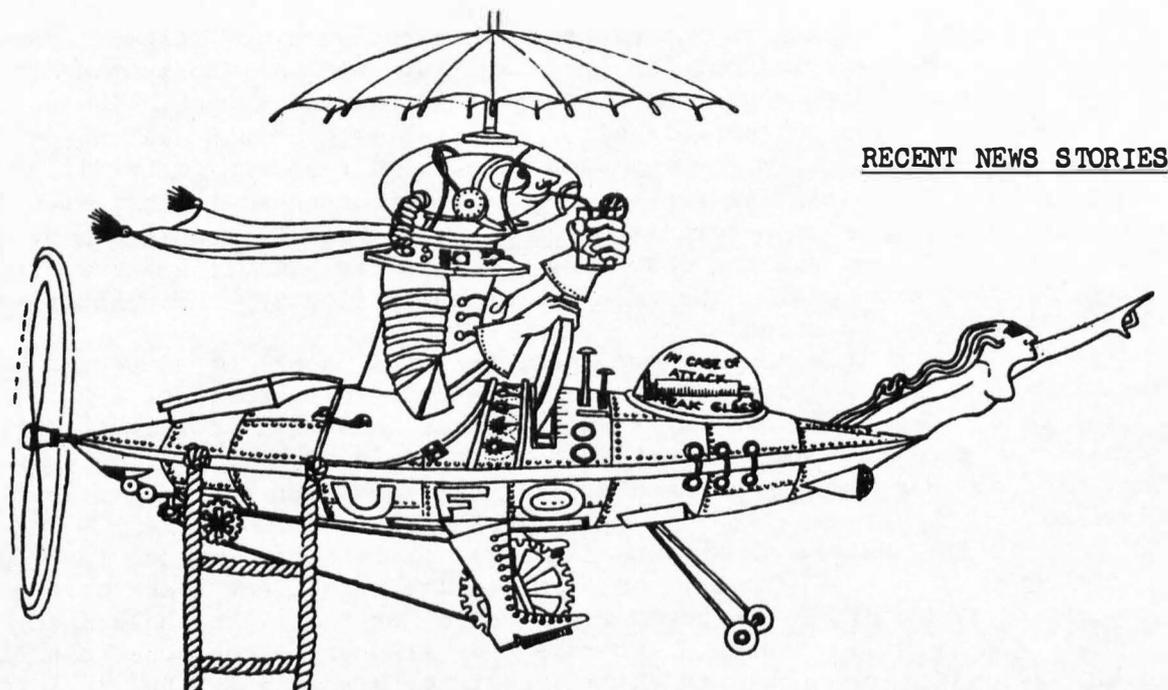


MAN FROM OUTER SPACE?

If I adhere to my own standards of evidence needed for "proof," then I cannot claim the object (if there ever was one) was part of a missile or that the whole thing was a hoax - no more than APRO or anyone else can claim it was an extraterrestrial spacecraft. But if I lower my standards of evidence to that which APRO deems suitable, I am justified in putting forward a counter-claim that the thing could have been Earth-made. At this juncture APRO would, no doubt, raise their standard of evidence and demand that I produce a piece of spectroscopically pure magnesium, and they would righteously feel justified in doing so. This is despite the fact that they have never taken the trouble to find out if spectroscopically pure magnesium can be produced on Earth. I would point out that the burden of proof is upon them. When was this A.S.T.M. standard for magnesium made? What analytical procedure was used in its making? APRO knows nothing of these facts, but they have gleefully leapt upon the impurities specified in this commercial standard and pointed to the Earth-shaking fact that their precious samples have none of these impurities; ergo, it comes from another world! What a travesty of scientific thought!

After considering all these points I believe it should be obvious that there is no cut-and-dried case for the extraterrestrial spaceship pronouncement favored by (or should I say dogmatically stated by) APRO. Spectroscopically pure magnesium can be produced, and it could have been a hoax. At the same time it must be stated that here at last is a case which just might provide the kind of proof which science and authority would have to accept. I have spent over nine months gathering my information and I don't want my efforts to be wasted. If APRO would release all their information to a competent authority, I would gladly do the same with mine.

I have followed Prof. Maney's advice by not publishing my full, critical report on the case and thereby running the chance of bringing down further scornful criticism from the ostrich-head-in-the-sand skeptics upon the few genuine researchers left in Ufology. I insist on retaining my rigid standards of evidence necessary to acquire scientific proof; but it seems that APRO's standards are substantially lower than mine. Is it I who is asking too much, or is it the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization who, in their haste to convince themselves, have sacrificed their reputation by making rash, dogmatic statements based on unsound premises?

RECENT NEWS STORIES

**NEW JERSEY HUNTER ALMOST SHOOTS SAUCER:** Last December 3rd, a duck hunter named Earl Leeds and his grandson had a frightening experience with a UFO in the meadows near Atlantic City, N. J. It was about 6 a.m. when the two men spotted the object flying straight at them, about 300 feet above the ground. Leeds loaded his shotgun and was prepared to shoot down the object, but it then rose vertically into the air and flew away. The strange machine was saucer-shaped and measured about 60 feet in diameter. It had a red glow that lit up the ground and that changed to purple as the machine zoomed up into the air. The UFO traveled silently at all times, and moved with a jerky motion "like a bouncing ball," according to Leeds.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Major Wayne Aho, who claims to be a former Army intelligence officer, has spent the past several weeks under observation at a mental hospital on Long Island. Aho is head of a group called Washington Saucer Intelligence. - Details of this strange episode can be found in our current Non-Scheduled Newsletter #13.....According to the most recent issue of "The UFO Investigator," saucer contactee Reinhold Schmidt was jailed on April 12th in Oakland, California, on charges of grand theft. The NICAP account states that Schmidt had persuaded several women to invest money in Alaskan crystal and gold fields allegedly spotted from a flying saucer. A later report reaching us from another source indicates that the "Investigator" version is probably inaccurate in part. Only one woman claims to have been bilked by Schmidt, and the sum of money invested was technically only a loan. In any case, Schmidt is now out of jail.....Among the clippings reaching us recently is a real gem, sent in by a West Coast correspondent who wishes to remain anonymous. The article is from the San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Telegram Tribune, dated January 1st, 1961. It concerns a wedding ceremony in that town, and reads in part as follows: "Among the guests were.....HRH Prince Michel d'Obrenovic-Obilic van Lazar, Duke of Sumadija, and his wife and son, Marc, of Paris. The prince is a noted anthropologist with the pen name of George Williamson. He currently is on a lecture tour of the United States...." So it seems that old "Ric" Williamson - author, lecturer, contactee, etc., - has suddenly become a royal personage with an unpronounceable name. There seems to

be no bottom to this man's bag of tricks!.....Our old friend John Otto hit the Chicago papers again last October when he led a group of hardy saucer enthusiasts on a boat trip onto Lake Michigan, in a determined effort to make contact with a flying saucer. The experiment seems to have been at least partially successful. One member of the expedition, using Morse code and a high-powered flashlight, beamed a message off into space, and got a flash of light as a response. The same sort of flash was seen later in reply to a second message. Otto claims that he checked with the Coast Guard beforehand, and that no other boats were on the lake because of rough weather....

Saucer lecturer Dr. Frank E. Stranges (author of "Flying Saucers") has been drummed out of NICAP for having used the name of that organization in connection with contact claims. One of Dr. Stranges' offenses was his claim to have talked with a space man in the Pentagon.....SAUCER NEWS came in for unexpected mention in the New York Journal-American on March 22nd because of a cover story (with photo) that we did on Andy Sinatra last year. Sinatra is better known as the Mystic Barber. In his interview with the newspaper, Sinatra was asked about one of his famous predictions that had failed to come true. The prediction, published in our June 1960 issue, stated that the world would come to an end on May 10th. The newsman wanted to know why the Mystic had bothered to have the prediction published a month after it had been proven wrong. But Sinatra, always on his toes, replied, "They forgot to put down the year - May 10th, 2466.".....Gabriel Green, the Space Age candidate for president ("Abe in 1860; Gabe in 1960"), cleverly withdrew from the presidential race in favor of Kennedy just before the election last November. Green said that an "extraterrestrial electronic brain" forecast a Democratic landslide. The Space People correctly picked Kennedy as the winning candidate, but got their circuits crossed in regard to the electoral vote.....Recent APRO bulletins report that the interesting phenomenon of orthoteny (the fact that some saucer sightings fall into straight-line patterns on a map), has been discovered in Brazil in regard to a group of 1960 sightings. Some readers will remember that orthoteny was first discussed by the French author Aime Michel in his book "Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery," reviewed in the Dec.-Jan. 1958-1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS. The recent data from Brazil indicates that orthoteny may be a world-wide phenomenon, and that it is somehow deeply connected with the solution to the flying saucer mystery....

Edward J. Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," has died of a heart attack.....Contactee Reinhold Schmidt has made a documentary movie called "Edge of Tomorrow," which deals with his personal experiences with space people, and other such matters. We intend to publish a review of this movie in our next issue. - Schmidt also plans to sponsor a saucer convention at Bakersfield, California, in early September.....George Adamski has published what we may hope is his last book. It is entitled "Flying Saucers Farewell," and concerns mainly the philosophy of the Space People. It also contains an explanation of what is called the "revised Adamski solar system," which consists of 12 planets rather than the conventional nine.....An American delegate to a flying saucer convention in Germany has stated that more than 800,000 persons living on earth today actually came from other planets. According to his line of thought, some of our greatest scientists came here from Space but have forgotten where they came from. (Wouldn't it be handy for our space program if they could suddenly remember, and remember how to get back!?).....Contactee Daniel Fry claims to have been awarded a Ph.D. degree, from St. Andrews College of London. The award is supposedly for the "scientific theories" contained in his book "Steps to the Stars." In this book Fry expounded on information given to him by the Space People.....Rumor has it that Gray Barker has ceased publication of his notorious "Saucerian Bulletin."

**FIREBALL CAUSES NEAR-PANIC IN CALIFORNIA:** In a widely-publicized incident last January 16th, a brilliant fireball was seen by thousands of people from San Diego to San Francisco, and as far as 300 miles inland in Nevada. The object was in view about 18 seconds, and was described in many different ways by the people who saw it. Inquiries from frightened citizens swamped police and newspaper switchboards throughout the area. The sighting brought about a series of panicky reports that fires were raging in large portions of the state, caused by falling embers. Other reports, all later proven false, included findings of metal debris in various places. A rising tide of panic seemed to overtake many generally reliable officials who were soon repeating fantastic rumors. One version of the story was that the strange fireball had crashed into a densely populated section of Hollywood Hills. The truth seems to be that it either burned out in mid-air, or else fell harmlessly into the Pacific Ocean. No one is sure as to exactly what the object was, though it is assumed to have been natural in origin.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** Recently there have been an unusual number of reports from all over the country of strange falling objects. Most of these are undoubtedly meteors, but among those that might not be, are the following: A fiery UFO fell to earth and started two small forest fires near Colegrove, Pa. last October 26th. One witness saw the object as it broke into two parts during flight. She said it had a long tail of flame, and that it appeared to be about three feet in size from her vantage point three miles away. The fires were spotted by the crew of an airliner, but they later went out, and the two fallen fragments were never recovered....At dusk on January 17th, Mrs. Paul White of Norco, California, was sitting in her yard when a faint whistling noise attracted her attention. A ball of fire came screaming down toward the ground, and hit in back of a house across the street. The next day Mrs. White investigated the spot where the object had hit, and saw three charred circles in the back yard. The ground appeared to be baked by intense heat, but no objects were found....On February 19th a strange missile hit a house near Berlin Heights, Ohio, and landed with such force that it broke a number of slats on the roof before falling to the ground. When the owners of the farm checked later, the object had split into several pieces which were scattered over the side steps. The largest chunk is about four inches by two inches, and is made up of several strata of translucent rock. The top layer resembles limestone, and the lower layers appear to be of a different substance, fused to the rock by intense heat....

A sighting which occurred in Anaheim, California, on October 14th may be unique in one detail: Two star-like saucers were seen, one of them flying slightly faster than the other. Eventually the fast one overtook the other, seemed to engulf it, flew away, and disappeared....A report from Portland, Connecticut, dated December 14th states that Mr. and Mrs. William Bastel of that city witnessed a flying saucer at about 10 p.m. on the previous night. The object was making erratic movements in the sky, and looked "like a dinner plate," though at times a conical form was also noted. Strange "metallic" lights aboard the UFO varied in color and intensity, and the object seemed to move in a pulsating manner, "something like a jellyfish." The thing was in view for 20 minutes...An object which may have been a weather balloon was seen on October 23rd by a Trans-World Airlines pilot named Capt. J. R. Petrie, who made the sighting while piloting his passenger plane over Toledo, Ohio. He took a number of photos of the UFO, and radioed ahead to his destination, Chicago. When he rolled his jet to a halt outside the terminal, he was greeted by airline officials and representatives of the Air Force, who took the film with them....

House Majority Leader John W. McCormack went on record last February as being in favor of Congressional hearings in regard to UFOs. Said he, "I feel that the Air Force has not been giving out all the information it has. ....These UFOs must be in a very high state of development and perfection. Whether they come from some other planet, we don't know....So many expert witnesses have seen these objects that you can't disregard so many unimpeachable sources." - Because of Congressman McCormack's statement, plus other recent developments, it seems that NICAP may yet get their way in regard to public hearings on the flying saucer subject.....Two eight-year-old boys went out to play in the woods near Hawkins, Wisconsin, last November 17th, and if they are telling the truth, they made one of the closest saucer sightings of recent months. They spotted a silver object "about the size of a medium-sized room." The object was either on or very near the ground. (The news article does not state which.) The UFO was making a series of shrill beeping sounds, and had a turret with windows near the top. It was apparently made of metal. As the boys approached it, the object rose quickly into the air and disappeared "like a streak" to the north. There was no sound when the UFO moved away.....A couple living in Monaca, Pa. made a fairly close sighting of two saucers on the night of November 29th. The objects were seen by local police to be hovering in the air over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohm, who described the craft as square, each with four white lights and a red blinking light. For awhile it was thought that one of the objects was going to land in the back yard of the Rohm residence. (See photo on next page.)....Several photographs of UFOs near Glen Burnie, Maryland, were taken in early November by a man named Donald Blevins. The objects were seen by him on several different days. Mr. Blevins related that he saw what appeared to be reddish and greenish bursts of light emit in a sharp line from the things. These bursts were about 15 seconds apart. One of Blevins' pictures was published in the Glen Burnie "Star" on November 17th, but it does not show enough detail to merit reproduction here. A spokesman for the Air Research and Development Command Post for Cambridge Research Laboratories at Sunspot, New Mexico, has said that these UFOs may be the result of sunspots. He did not elaborate.

**MONSTERS ON THE LOOSE IN WEST VIRGINIA AND ELSEWHERE:** Old-time saucer fans will recall the now-famous Flatwoods monster, seen in Braxton County, W. Va. in September of 1952. Now new monsters have returned to haunt the same general area. In early January, the driver of a bakery truck reported seeing a strange humanoid creature covered with hair, while making his usual deliveries late one night. Because a bread man saw him, the monster was named the "Abominable Doughman" by local wags. Later reports from Cheat Lake, W. Va. describe an eight-foot creature that leaves three-toed tracks on local ski slopes. This creature has been spotted by several skiers and conservation officers, but no one has been close enough to get a photograph. It is said to weigh more than 400 pounds, and has been seen carrying a branch or piece of wood as a weapon. A small dog belonging to one of the skiers chased after the monster on one occasion, and the huge creature, apparently wild with fright, ran rapidly away. Skiers armed with rifles and clubs have attempted to track it down, but lost the trail among rocks and fallen trees.

Meanwhile, back in the Himalayas (which are only slightly more primitive than West Virginia), an English explorer named Alastair Cram has seen and photographed the Abominable Snowman. Unfortunately, the photos are only of the Snowman's footprints; the creature itself was seen too far away to be captured on film. - Elsewhere, our old friend the Loch Ness Monster continues to be seen now and then. One sighting was made on December 1st by a group of 50 school boys who saw the creature surface for a period of about ten

minutes. People in England and Scotland are starting to take the monster more seriously these days, and plans have been made to capture it by dropping depth charges. But J. R. Johnstone, chief constable of the county where Loch Ness is located, takes a dim view of such ideas. Says he, "Any such nonsense will be stopped before it begins. I would welcome real scientific investigations, but bombing the monster is out of the question." Johnstone has called for a special act of Parliament to protect the Loch Ness monster against human villainy. - As reported previously in SAUCER NEWS, it is now believed that a whole family of monsters lives in Loch Ness. A group of scientists from Oxford and Cambridge Universities explored the lake with an echo-sounder last summer, and reached the conclusion that there are animals living there that were thought to have become extinct 60,000,000 years ago. From their investigations, they believe that the Loch Ness monsters are 30 to 60 feet in length, with a long tail. They feed on small fish such as salmon and are capable of swimming 30 miles per hour under water.

SAUCER NEWS OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY: After almost seven years of operating out of the Editor's apartment in Fort Lee, New Jersey, SAUCER NEWS has opened an office at Room 1009, 303 Fifth Avenue, New York City. We are now listed in the New York phone book. (Murray Hill 6-3743.) Mail should still be sent to our Fort Lee post box. Public meetings are planned in the near future, and will be announced in forthcoming issues of this magazine.

HAS MAJOR KEYHOE BEEN DUPED BY THE AIR FORCE? Richard Ogden, well-known writer of saucer articles, offers an intriguing theory in the July 1961 issue of "Flying Saucers." Ogden states his belief that the Air Force, while publicly attempting to kill the idea of interplanetary saucers, has secretly promoted people like Keyhoe who publicize the outer space idea. Says Ogden, "There is little doubt that the Air Force has promoted Keyhoe underhandedly. - No other writer has ever been able to receive so many official sighting reports nor a letter of endorsement such as was sent to Keyhoe's publisher (by Albert M. Chop) and widely publicized on the book jacket (of "Flying Saucers from Outer Space") in order to put the book over as a best seller....Many hail Keyhoe as their hero in the fight to prove saucers interplanetary....We are supposed to believe that the Air Force is desperately



THEY WERE THERE — Mrs. Charles Rohm, Blakup Lane, Center Township, shows her husband where two unidentified flying objects were when she spotted them hovering near her home Monday night. The objects, which the Air Force authorities at Greater Pittsburgh Airport could not identify, returned to the spot several times during the night.

trying to keep Keyhoe's 'truth' from us, while curiously enough the Air Force is responsible for pushing Keyhoe to stardom....Yes, this is a curious battle, just as it is curious why so many military men are associated with Keyhoe's NICAP organization, including the former director of the CIA. The present director of the CIA is responsible for setting the Air Force's UFO policy....The chances are that the military personnel associated with NICAP are not busy probing the nation's secrets....but that they are actually carrying out a program which the Air Force secretly authorizes.....This program calls for official denials of the existence of saucers from outer space while at the same time unofficial confirmations are made which add fuel to Keyhoe's fire...." Ogden concludes by stating that the Air Force is in reality trying to cover up something much more frightening than interplanetary saucers. The real origin of the UFOs is Russia or some unknown Earth race, according to Ogden.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** A new theory to explain flying saucers has been advanced by a 74-year-old New Jersey inventor. John M. Cage, who is credited with devising electrical and electronic systems now incorporated in our Early Warning defense system, has invented a gadget which demonstrates anti-gravity. A plastic box containing small objects can be rubbed and its electrostatic field changed in such a way that the objects inside will float around. Cage believes that UFOs are electrostatic phenomena. Their bluish color and their rate of speed toward or away from airplanes confirm his belief. According to this inventor, a high concentration of electricity has a high rate of speed when approaching or receding from another charged object, such as an airplane. The descriptions of blue lights accompanying UFOs tally with the natural color of electricity, according to Cage, who has filed more than 800 patents during his lifetime.....A nicely detailed sighting made last July 1st is reaching us only now, almost a year later. The object was seen by several people near Montpelier, Idaho. It was bright, silver colored, and appeared to be made of highly polished metal having the shape of two dinner plates face to face. One of the sighters estimated that it had a diameter of 185 feet, and was 14 feet through the center. Five transparent bubbles projected from the bottom. The object was viewed from a distance of only about 400 feet, and was seen to descend to a height of 50 feet above the ground. It then suddenly ascended and took off at tremendous speed. There was no evidence of jets, rocket exhaust, propellers, fumes, or smoke, and no sound was heard....

As we reported briefly in a previous issue of SAUCER NEWS, an elderly inventor living in Clearwater, Florida, has invented a flying saucer which he expects to test fly within a very short while. The aircraft is essentially a controlled flying wing in which the wing embodies lift and propelling forces. It is circular in shape, and the bottom of the wing revolves in a horizontal plane. The center of the wing is stationary, and contains the cabin and the controls. The inventor, named Clarence D. Lemon, has been working on the machine for the past two years.....A report from Hamilton, Bermuda, dated October 2nd, informs us of a rather good night sighting down there. Mrs. Cecile Smith of Hamilton saw a transparent object "like a large dinner plate" flying at high speed over her home. The elliptical shape was geometrically perfect, she said. The perimeter and inner edge seemed a darker band of light than the center. There was nothing to show what propelled it. The same object was also seen by other witnesses.....Last September, a very official-looking sign reading "Caution - Flying saucers landing on highways" showed up mysteriously overnight on a street near Lubbock, Texas. The police suspect practical jokers. At last report, no saucers had been seen....

A wave of sightings in New Mexico and near El Paso, Texas, caused headlines in many newspapers late last September. The most widely publicized

of the sightings occurred on September 25th and concerned a green light seen at Las Cruces N. M. and elsewhere. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency stated that their instruments indicated the UFO was 37 miles above the earth. The object appeared to hover for about thirty minutes and then moved off toward the southwest. According to the F.A.A., the UFO was spherical, and had a square object within it. They said that flashing lights of various colors appeared to emanate from the square object within the sphere. Two unidentified pilots - one of them flying a military jet - reportedly spotted the UFO, as did many people on the ground, including police....Somewhat similar reports of a high-flying UFO, seen by thousands of people, came from the Wisconsin-Ohio-Indiana area on November 23rd. Some versions stated that the UFO was veiled in a sort of mist, and had a fan-shaped tail or "headlight." Although the object may have been natural, no definite explanation for it has been found.....A sighting "flap" in Maine last February 7th and 8th included several fairly detailed descriptions. One of the best reports came from a man who was driving on the Maine Turnpike at 2:40 a.m. on February 9th. He became aware of a "terrible brilliance" which lit up the whole upper left hand corner of the windshield. As he watched in amazement, a spherical-shaped object - brilliant pea green and somewhat bluish - moved across the sky from northwest to northeast. He said it was ten times brighter than a shooting star and was trailed by a cone-shaped tail of sparks. There was a brilliant flash of light almost like an explosion as the object disappeared below the horizon.

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