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THE ABOVE PHOTO is an informal shot of August C. Roberts taken recently at his home in Wayne, N. J. "Augie," as he is known to his friends, entered saucer research way back in 1947. He was one of the original members of Albert K. Bender's International Flying Saucer Bureau. In 1952 he received nation-wide publicity because of a UFO photo he took while on duty with the ground observer corps in Jersey City. Thereafter he contributed photos and other material to a number of saucer books. In 1960 "Augie" retired from saucer research, and is seen here playing the steel guitar, - his current hobby.

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EDITORIAL

By the time you read these lines, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) will probably have folded up. If this happens, it will not be - as Keyhoe might want you to believe - because of any insidious Air Force plot. NICAP's plight is due to a combination of other factors, all of them very mundane: NICAP's violently anti-contactee attitude lost them the support of wealthy potential donors; their inability to publish their bulletin on schedule was annoying to many members; and their Board of Governors, heavily laden with military men (such as the former director of the CIA), aroused deep suspicions that Keyhoe might not be conducting an honest investigation. But in our opinion the most important factor in the collapse of NICAP has been Keyhoe's inability, after four years of effort, to prove his point, - namely, that flying saucers come from outer space. Had Keyhoe not formed his conclusions before beginning his saucer investigation, he would have attracted support from the general public as well as from many scientific people.

Just recently, NICAP was given the opportunity to do research on an alleged saucer landing which occurred in Eagle River, Wisconsin. (See Page 10 of this issue.) According to information reaching us just before press time, Keyhoe's organization refused to analyze a piece of physical evidence sent to them by an on-the-scene investigator in Wisconsin. This physical evidence, if genuine, would have tended to confirm the landing story, and, if fake, would have branded it forever as a hoax. But Keyhoe was not interested, or was too worried about what his "friends in Washington" would think about his "dirtying his hands" by merely investigating a landing story! Thus we see again that NICAP is not an unbiased research group. It never has been, and with Keyhoe at the helm, it never could have been.

SAUCER NEWS has now been published for over seven years, which makes us one of the oldest saucer groups in existence. During those years, we have seen a great many UFO organizations come and go. Some of them were good, and some of them were bad, but (although we hate to brag), few if any of them ever enjoyed the consistent support and following that SAUCER NEWS has received. The reason for this is very simple in our opinion. Although we have long favored a terrestrial solution to the flying saucer mystery, we have always done our best to print all sides of every controversy. We have never suppressed evidence; we have no connection with the Military; and our pages have always been open to anyone with something worthwhile to say on the subject of UFOs or related matters.

It is for this reason that while NICAP and other saucer clubs are going under, SAUCER NEWS is expanding. We are mailing out more copies of this issue than ever before in our history. Our new office, located at 303 5th Ave. (Suite 1009) in New York City, was opened just before the summer began. It will be the scene of a series of saucer lectures to begin this fall. Further details about this lecture series will be printed in our September issue.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lot of people have been fascinated by R. E. Straith, but I know a man who is even more mysterious and fascinating. He calls himself R. E. Palmer.

The Flying Saucer Man of Wisconsin knows the answer to the saucer mystery, but is afraid to print it in his magazine "Flying Saucers." No, the answer has nothing to do with Palmer's Inner Earth theory. Not even Palmer believes in what he is printing these days. Palmer is more truthful when he says in one of his editorials, "Maybe all we're doing is trying to trick you into a little thinking. But isn't your curiosity aroused?"

My curiosity is aroused all right, but not about Palmer's nonexistent saucer bases in warm Shangri-La valleys beyond the poles. Mr. Palmer knows that Admiral Byrd did not fly 1,700 miles beyond the South Pole into such a region, because I pointed out to him that the New York Times of February 18th, 1947, shows that Byrd flew only 86 miles beyond the Pole and reported no oasis. The New York Times of February 15th, 1947 did report a discovery of an oasis in the Antarctic, but this was located near the Knox Coast in Wilkes Land. David Bunker made this discovery, not Byrd, and it has nothing to do with any strange land beyond the South Pole. Palmer is writing science-fiction these days, based on what he has "borrowed" from a science-fiction book called "Worlds Beyond the Poles" by F. Amadeo Giannini, published by Van-tage Press.

I called the above information to Palmer's attention, and he refers to it vaguely in his August 1960 editorial; but he cleverly censored out the most damaging part that would have killed his new saucer theory. Palmer's censorship proved to me that he didn't believe in what he is printing about the polar regions, and it also aroused my curiosity about this mystery man of Wisconsin. Palmer knows the truth about the saucer mystery, and that truth is his so-called "Fact." Mr. Palmer's "Fact" is truly amazing, and if you knew it you would be able to explain the Shaver Mystery, the Maury Island Mystery, Adamski's contacts, and even the Straith letter. In my opinion it is all part of a five-year plan, which states that an important saucer event will take place every five years, ever since Richard Shaver first had his experiences with the Deros in 1942. Let's take a look now at this record in summary form and see if it doesn't offer some clues about the Mystery Man of Wisconsin:

- 1942 - Shaver Mystery
- 1947 - Maury Island, Kenneth Arnold's sighting over Mount Rainier, and a "saucer flap."
- 1952 - Adamski's contact with a Venusian, and a big "saucer flap."
- 1957 - The Straith letter, a "saucer flap," and the beginning of Palmer's saucer magazine.

Note that an important saucer year has taken place every five years since the Shaver Mystery, so we know that the next mystery year will be 1962. Palmer knows why this all takes place, because this is his "Fact." And if you knew Palmer's "Fact," you would know the answer to the saucer mystery!

RICHARD OGDEN
Seattle, Washington

There is no doubt that after World War II, further experiments were carried out in connection with the German V-7, as pointed out by Rudolf Lusar in his book "German Secret Weapons of World War II," Pages 164-166. A certain degree of perfection was achieved on this revolutionary machine. Furthermore, there can be little doubt that successful flights have been achieved

by the various nations that cashed in on the V-7 in 1945; and Russia, as it is well known, was one of these countries. One can easily conclude that many saucer sightings reported over the past ten years are due to test flights of the V-7, possibly by remote control, and in some instances with actual crews aboard.

Despite the fact that there is a V-7, however, there still remains the mystery of many sightings which occurred before the advent of the airplane, V-7, etc. It is entirely possible that the population of the world has actually witnessed interplanetary machines flying around. The evolution of the V-7 might be Man's first step in producing a machine similar in shape only to the type used by interplanetary beings.....As one reads more and more about UFOs, one realizes that one answer alone will never cover the whole truth. An open mind and a lot of patience are the best assets to have. In time, censorship will decrease, and heretofore unpublished facts will be made known. One of the most important facets of the saucer business in regard to government censorship is that the government must shield itself from any admission regarding interplanetary machines, as such an admission.....would cause a moral and psychological collapse on the part of a good percentage of our people.... Until the governments of various nations can find a way to explain the existence of space visitors and quickly revise our thinking, denials of the existence of saucers (interplanetary ones) will go on. In the meantime, however, they can lean on the V-7 for their answers.

WILLIAM NEVA
Rochester, New York

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MOVIE REVIEW

EDGE OF TOMORROW - Produced by Ron and June Ormond - Reviewed by Fred Broman

"Edge of Tomorrow" is the title of the hopelessly boring, technically inadequate, poorly photographed hodge-podge of inanities premiered before one thousand starry-eyed saucer addicts at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles on May 28th, 1961. For reasons only professional psychologists can isolate, the majority viewing this 16mm color (though by no means colorful) "premiere" seemed vaguely satisfied that this motion picture had offered something of value to the world, though no one seemed quite able to specify what that "something" might be.

The hour-long monotony opened with Reinhold O. Schmidt - hero, star, and martyr - driving interminably around Kearney, Nebraska (where he was allegedly contacted by a Saturnian spaceship on November 5th, 1957.) Then, at long last, the film re-enacts the famed encounter: briefly the audience spots what appears to be an aluminum cucumber lying in an untidy garden.

Although Schmidt had claimed the Saturnians spoke in "high German," the space visitor who finally greets "Schmidty" looked and talked like a Hollywood version of a British butler (and one whose shoes were two sizes too tight.) When two space women later appear, red-blooded American males can only be grateful to be living on terra firma. Schmidt enters the spaceship through a silver door that must take 20 to 30 seconds to jerkily slide open. The interior of the 60-foot craft appears to have been constructed of cardboard and erector sets, (not wholly unlike the deliberately antiquated sets used in Disney's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.")

"Edge of Tomorrow" was produced, directed (?), and filmed by Ron and June Ormond. Ron Ormond is a former Hollywood director (of low-budgeted westerns) and is a part-time professional mystic. He is unquestionably a

superb showman, but what cinematic talents he may have were not displayed in this epic.

It might be worthwhile at this juncture to quote from the publicity sheets Reinhold Schmidt mailed to 7,000 Los Angeles saucer faddists:

At a recent private showing for the Hollywood press, Reinhold challenged them to answer their own questions about the flying saucer used in the motion picture. Those witnessing the picture have literally been left breathless....

But more surprising is the fact that no one in Hollywood can determine the exact geographical location of the scenery. No one, that is, but Reinhold O. Schmidt and his director, and they're not talking.

At another point, this sheet (which would have been a credit to P. T. Barmum), hinted broadly that some of the preposterous scenes were actually filmed aboard a spacecraft:

"What about the spaceship sequence in the film," one critic asked Reinhold Schmidt. "Was it filmed aboard a real flying saucer?"

The contactee's answer will go down in history as he replied to the hard-boiled newsman: "You're a film man," Reinhold commented, "you certainly ought to know a theatrical ship from the real thing."

Scratching his head, the man replied, "Well, I've never seen one exactly like that, and brother, I've seen a lot of movie sets in my day."

But by far the bulk of the picture comprises an endlessly tedious, badly photographed interview between Schmidt and one Bill Anson. One must here give credit to a script not devoid of adequate continuity. But why Schmidt's illiterate grammar was not improved by employing a teleprompter or idiot cards, this reviewer will never know. (The film presumably cost \$20,000. But even at union rates, this figure seems unnecessarily high.)

Reinhold Schmidt, playing himself, was excruciatingly self-conscious and static throughout the film. As for acting and direction, neither of these qualities was evident in the opus.

A fact omitted from this biographical documentary (one has to call it something), was Schmidt's 1938 arrest and conviction for embezzlement.

Not all of those witnessing the movie were overwhelmed by its spiritual significance. One young couple sitting across the aisle from this reviewer abruptly got up during the middle of the presentation. The gentleman audibly mumbled a comment, but obscenity laws prevent its quotation within the body of this review. But his reaction obviously was not isolated.

"Edge of Tomorrow" is truly a "must see" for all enthusiasts of flying saucers and Outer Space, as an experience that will always be remembered.

That's what the publicity handouts said.
Amen.

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EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION

- by Justin Case -

Everything we learn about the world around us comes to us through our five senses - sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. These five senses somehow transmit sensations to the center of our nervous system, the brain, which interprets them. The five senses plus the brain comprise the human mind, which the dictionary says is the "mental being of man." There is little use in trying to define the mind any further than this. Many books have been written defining the human mind, and each book requires more books to explain it. Furthermore, we are told that we have at least two minds, the conscious and the unconscious. But no one really knows what these minds are, where they are located, or how they operate. Aside from life itself probably the greatest mystery we know of is the human mind.

This mystery was greatly complicated about twenty-five years ago by the discovery of a sixth sense called Extrasensory Perception, or ESP. This sense includes clairvoyance - the ability to see events that happen beyond sight; precognition - the ability to foretell events before they happen; and mental telepathy - the ability to read other peoples' minds.

We are interested in ESP because so many saucer contactees claim to have been led to saucer landings by ESP, and to have communicated with these visitors by mental telepathy. They claim that these visitors possess these marvelous powers far more than we ordinary mortals do, and are therefore much wiser and happier than we are.

The leading investigator of ESP in this country is Prof. Joseph B. Rhine of Duke University, Durham, N. C. Full details of his work are usually available in public libraries, so here we will only briefly summarize his results:

About one person in five has ESP to a noticeable extent some times in his life. But only one person in a thousand has strong ESP powers. Usually a person who has any one of the three - clairvoyance, precognition, or mental telepathy, also has the other two. Distance and physical obstructions are no barriers to these powers. They are just as effective at 200 miles as at 10 feet, and through many thick walls as through one thin wall. But in all cases these powers are very elusive. They cannot be controlled, or turned on and off at will. People who possess them do not know how or why or when they have them. There is no way of developing them to make them stronger. Usually they are stronger (more accurate) during peaceful, relaxed and cheerful states of mind and body, and weaker (less accurate) when tired or tense or depressed. With time these powers tend to disappear and there seems to be no way of restoring them. In the case of mental telepathy, the person who does the mind reading can read only certain peoples' minds, not everybody's. This, in brief, is what Prof. Rhine has learned from his years of investigation.

Therefore the outstanding characteristic of ESP is its unreliability. It is this unreliability that has made many scientists refuse to accept Prof. Rhine's proof of the existence of ESP. They attribute his results to chance. Nevertheless, in the opinion of some scientific people, Prof. Rhine has proved conclusively that some people are capable of clairvoyance, precognition, and mental telepathy. That is, they can see events beyond sight, foretell events before they happen, and read other peoples' minds much more accurately than if they guessed by chance alone.

Here is a story of how ESP figured recently in a sensational murder mystery. Late in 1958 the Jackson family of parents and two daughters disappeared after leaving their Apple Grove, Va. home in an automobile. Despite a wide search by police and volunteers, not a trace of the family was found for

over two months. Then by accident the murdered bodies of the father and one daughter were found in a lonely wooded area near Fredricksburg, Va., and some time later the bodies of the mother and the other daughter were found buried, also in a remote wooded area, near Gambrills, Maryland. The police continued their investigation with no reported success for the next year and a half.

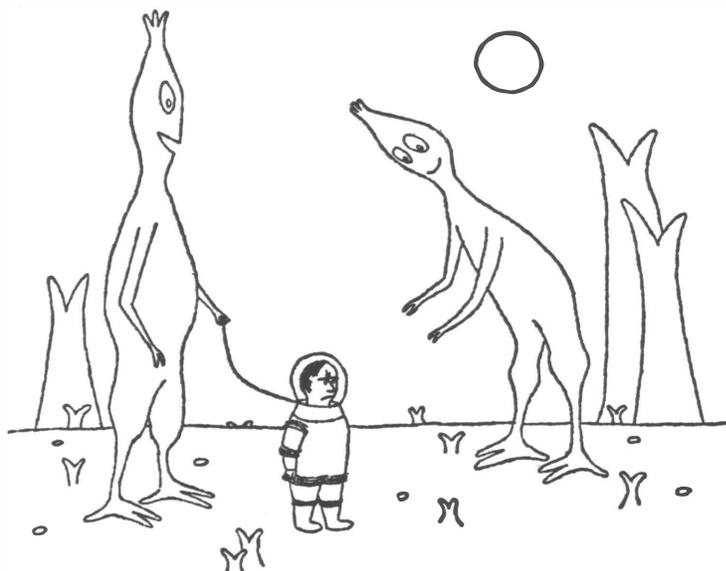
In June 1960 a Washington, D.C. psychiatrist who was interested in ESP and also in the Jackson case decided to help the police. At his own expense he brought in from Florida one Peter Herkos, a mental telepathist who had gained fame in Europe and who had been lecturing and performing in this country for the past four years. Fifteen years ago Herkos had been a house painter, in the course of which occupation he had fallen 35 feet off a ladder and fractured his skull. A short while after this accident, Herkos discovered his ESP abilities and set about demonstrating them. He claims to have helped police both in Europe and in this country solve a number of long-standing mysteries.

At their first meeting Herkos convinced the psychiatrist of his powers. Herkos was taken by the psychiatrist and the Virginia state police first to the Jackson family home at Apple Grove, Va., and then to the murder sites near Fredricksburg, Va., and Gambrills, Md. Herkos said he was able to get a mental image of the killer's face, the killer's wife, and the house they lived in, - all of which he described. The police took him to a house similar to the one he had described. They learned their suspect had lived there but had moved. The next day they located the suspect's new home, but Herkos said he was too tired and refused to question the suspect. The following day they returned and questioned the suspect's wife while the suspect was away at work. Herkos reminded the wife of six beatings her husband had given her recently, which he described so vividly that the wife exclaimed, "I can't lie to this man; he knows everything, just like God!"

The wife accompanied them to the Culpepper, Va. police station, to which the suspect was brought later on. He was questioned by the police, the psychiatrist, and Herkos. He denied the Jackson killings, but admitted he sometimes suffered from amnesia. The psychiatrist decided that the suspect might be mentally unbalanced and potentially dangerous, so they brought him before a hastily-convened lunacy commission at 1:45 a.m. at the Fairfax County, Va., court. This commission committed the suspect to a hospital for the

insane, for observation, after his wife signed the petition for his confinement. But no criminal charges were placed against him. It was expected that the police would file such charges later on.

Herkos announced that a very important development in the Jackson murder case would occur in two weeks. Sure enough, exactly two weeks later, the FBI arrested an itinerant musician named Melvin Rees, Jr., and charged him with the murder of the Jackson family. (A jury in Baltimore, Md. later found Rees guilty.)



"I really don't know what it is, but it makes a very cute pet."

Then the wife of Herkos' suspect claimed that she had been pressured into asking for her husband's confinement to the insane asylum, and demanded his release. About a week later he was freed, and within a few days his lawyer announced that they were going to sue the state of Virginia for \$25,000 damages for illegal confinement.

This is but one example of the unreliability of ESP. As I have already pointed out, unreliability is the outstanding characteristic of ESP. Herkos readily admitted that he was not infallible, but continued to claim that he had been right in most cases.

At first thought it seems that ESP is a wonderful gift bestowed on man that can increase his powers and knowledge, solve many of his problems, and bring him happiness. But further thought should convince anyone that it is indeed fortunate for the human race that so few people have ESP and that it is so unreliable. In fact one of the reasons why our society and civilization have developed to their present stages is that ESP is so rare and so uncertain.

Most of us ordinary people continue to live and struggle and endure all sorts of hardships largely because we do not know what the future will bring, but we hope it will be brighter. It is this hope that keeps us going. We live in relative peace and security among our neighbors because neither they nor we know what is in each others' minds or what each is doing when out of the others' sight. That's the way we live now.

Now let us suppose that a lot of people became suddenly endowed with very strong ESP powers, so that they can read our minds, see what we are doing all the time no matter where we hide, and even foretell the future. What would happen to them and to us?

As soon as we found out that they were reading our minds and that they were watching us no matter where we hid, we would bitterly resent them. Yet the only way we could be sure of stopping them would be to kill them, provided we knew who they were. In turn, for their own protection they would have to kill us or enslave us to keep us under their control, for they would know how much we hated and feared them. If they began to read each others' minds and watch each other, their own fears and suspicions would start a battle of minds among themselves, surely leading to bloodshed. If they foretold the future they could not avoid learning of some of the calamities in store for them. This would make them lose all hope and ambition, and sink into despair. For if the future can be foretold, it must be predestined, and there is nothing they could do to change it. The only spur to their will to live would be the knowledge of some occasional moment of happiness in store for them. But as any older person knows, moments of happiness in life are few and far between. - That is what life would be like if ESP were widespread and certain.

Therefore if many people suddenly acquired strong ESP powers, it would bring unhappiness, despair, and probably death to them, and death or enslavement to the rest of us. Our present society and civilization could not possibly continue, but would be plunged into turmoil, confusion, and bloodshed from which, if it survived at all, it would revert to some form of barbarism akin to the animal world. This prospect is frightening indeed!

So it is a blessing to the human race that ESP is so rare and so uncertain. To insure that this continues to be so, it would be best if all experiments with ESP be stopped permanently. Let us hope that scientists engaged in ESP research realize this in time, before they loosen forces that could destroy us more thoroughly than nuclear bombs.

We can conclude from this that if the saucer contactees and their visitors really possess the great ESP powers claimed for them, then they must be a very unhappy, miserable lot, and a serious menace to mankind. But we need not lose any sleep over this, for there is no reason to believe these claims.

DON'T JUST BRUSH AWAY BAD THOUGHT WAVES

- by Melvyn Stiriss -

For those of you who are fortunate enough to be making the acquaintance of the Mystic Barber for the first time, let me explain that he is the inventor of certain headbands and other unusual implements which, he feels, will revolutionize mankind, the world, and (of course) the Universe. He claims that his findings are based on the "science of Moses." Andrew Sinatra, the Mystic Barber, was, through an act of God, a stroke of luck, or via an over-wrought imagination, telepathically instructed to duplicate exactly the breast plate, headband and wrist band which, he informs us, Moses wore.

What is the purpose of these headbands, rigged with wires, tubes, etc. (which Moses wore)? Different models serve different purposes (naturally.) Mr. Sinatra explains that there are undesirable thought waves floating about which originate on the earth and on other planets. (Watch it! There goes a harmful thought wave now!) Those persons with "unbalanced or undeveloped involuntary systems" are vulnerable to these waves, and they therefore hear voices. They are classified by our society as insane and are appropriately put in institutions. If you are in this category, you will definitely want one of the Barber's headbands. This model will protect you from these thought waves, and you won't hear voices any more. As a result, neither you nor your friends will be aware of your condition.

If you have always had a secret desire to communicate telepathically with men from outer space, there is a headband to suit this purpose as well. Another model can be adopted to charge the body for therapeutic purposes. And, the Barber has a strange device for charging ordinary tap water, which can then be drunk for "better health and vitality." Last but not least, Mr. Sinatra has a mechanism with which he can influence the weather as he so desires. (We note at this point that, despite the Mystic Barber's professed ability to work miracles on a Cecil B. DeMille scale, he modestly does not claim divinity.) This last-mentioned gadget, however, is not on the market, as it could be used to wage climatic warfare, and as he received a letter from Washington about it (which he modestly didn't bother to show me.) The said epistle beseeched him to guard the secret and to use it for peaceful purposes only.

But the headbands and water energizer are on the market and are custom-made to suit the individual (as there is nothing more embarrassing than an ill-fitting headband.) If for some reason, whether insanity or health, you want one of these, you should contact the Mystic Barber telepathically. Or, if you are the more conventional type, contact him by writing: Andrew Sinatra, 270 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn 7, New York.

Order now while the supply (and Mr. Sinatra) lasts.

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SIX THOUSAND SAUCER CLIPPINGS STILL FOR SALE: As we have mentioned several times before, your Editor wishes to sell a collection of over 6,000 saucer clippings, covering the years 1954 to 1961. This collection is contained in 40 scrapbooks. We wish to sell the entire set to one person, for cash. If you are interested in this offer or know anyone who might be, please contact us immediately at P. O. Box 163, Fort Lee, N. J. (Dept. S).

RECENT NEWS STORIES

SAUCER LANDING IN WISCONSIN: In a widely-publicized incident last April 18th, a chicken farmer living near Eagle River, Wisconsin, claimed that a saucer with three men aboard landed in his yard. The farmer, named Joseph Simonton, said that he was attracted to the yard at about 11 a.m. when he heard a strange noise outside the farmhouse. The saucer, gleaming silver "brighter than chrome," had already landed when he arrived outside. It was about 30 feet in diameter and 12 feet thick, according to Simonton. There was a hatch about five feet from the ground. As the hatch opened up, he could see three men inside the machine. One of them, dressed in a black two-piece suit, held up a jug, which appeared to be made of the same material as the space ship. The man in black motioned to indicate he would like the jug to be filled with water. Simonton took the jug and hurried into the house to comply. He then brought it back to the saucer occupants. The farmer says that the space men were about 5 feet tall and weighed about 125 pounds. He described them as smooth-shaven, and they "appeared to resemble people of Italian descent." Simonton does not recall hearing them speak to each other or to him.

At this point Simonton was able to see the interior of the saucer. He says that it looked black inside, - "the color of wrought-iron." He could see several instrument panels and hear a slow whining sound, like the hum of a generator. One of the men inside the ship was frying food on a flameless grill of some sort. Simonton motioned to indicate an interest in the food. The man, - dressed in black like the others, but with a narrow red trim along his trousers, - handed him three small pancakes from the grill. A short while later, the hatch snapped shut and the ship took off rapidly to the south, with a blast of air that bowed nearby pine trees. Said Simonton, "When it took off, it went up slow and even for about 15 feet, and then in two seconds it was so far away that I couldn't see it." Among other details the farmer recalls: The saucer never actually touched the ground, but seemed to hover slightly above it at all times. The entire sighting lasted about five minutes.

The local sheriff sent two deputies to the Simonton farm soon afterwards. They said that they could find no evidence of the saucer visitation, but that the farmer seemed to be sincere and sober. Air Force investigators also visited the area. A local man interested in saucers, Judge Frank W. Carter, sent one of the pancakes to NICAP in Washington for analysis. No official word has been received from that organization as to the outcome, but rumor has it that nothing unusual was found. Simonton claims that several chickens on his farm died shortly after the saucer landing, and that many others are ailing. He asked the sheriff to get the Air Force to make a return visit to investigate this, but nothing was done.- As often happens in such cases, several less spectacular sightings were made in the Eagle River area during the week following the landing. In one of these, an unidentified flying object, "definitely not a jet," was seen streaking across the sky east of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. It was described as a silver circular object, 30 to 40 feet in diameter.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE: (Condensed from an article in Life Magazine.) Two sensational scientific discoveries of recent months may finally give the world direct physical proof of life on other planets. (SAUCER NEWS fans will recall that the amateur research group called APRO made an abortive attempt last year to produce such evidence. Their data was later shown to be totally inconclusive.)

Last March 16th three little-known chemists read a paper to the New York Academy of Sciences in which they explained how they had analyzed the

organic compounds found in a meteorite which fell in France 97 years ago. They surmised that these compounds had been created by living plants or animals. Among the scientific community, the first reaction was skepticism, but that did not keep the story from making a big splash in the newspapers. It was explained that the chemists had found a number of complex waxlike hydrocarbons, the same kind of chemicals that occur in terrestrial petroleum deposits. On earth these fuels are generally accepted as being chemical fossils. The swamp ferns, extinct fishes, ancient microbes and monster reptiles that created them, moldered away into ooze millions of years ago and left no prints or outlines. But their molecules remained, revealing by their complexity that they must have been caused by animal organs or green leaves. It is also true that fairly complicated hydrocarbons can be manufactured, at least in theory, by inanimate forces like cosmic rays; but chemists know of no non-life process outside the laboratory that could create compounds as complex as those found in this meteorite.

Upon receiving criticism and skepticism from their colleagues, the team double-checked their results, and came up with further proof that their conclusions are correct. One of the team now states, "We calculate that the odds against these compounds being made at random by non-living processes are in the magnitude of a billion to one." Other scientists are now much less critical than they were at first. Brian Mason, the American Museum of Natural History's curator of minerals, stated that he and his colleagues are "no longer skeptical, just cautious."

At about the same time, two other scientists, working independently, came up with even more sensational but less conclusive findings as a result of their work with another meteorite. They pulverized a chunk of a germ-free meteorite and put the dust in sterile solutions to see if anything would grow. After several months of incubation the solution turned cloudy, - and droplets of it under a microscope revealed tiny, wiggling sausage-like particles about the size of small bacteria. (.000008 inches.) These were unlike the usual terrestrial bacteria! However, the chemists did not rule out the possibility that the wiggling, though it looked like the stir of life, might prove to be a kind of non-animal motion caused simply by the constant collision of fast-moving molecules. And the wigglers, though they had been encased in very dense rock, might possibly be a previously unknown terrestrial species that had attached itself to the meteorite when it fell to earth 10 years ago, and then worked its way inward during the years of storage. Since the rock's pores were about the same size as the microscopic sausages, the chemists pointed out that they could never completely rule out this mundane explanation.

The scientific discord that these discoveries have brought about, stems from the fact that there are two schools of thought as to whether bacteria can actually survive a space trip on a meteorite, which would last at least a few hundred thousand years. According to some scientists, a bacterium can survive almost anything. Certain bacteria have been found alive inside nuclear reactors; others have been dredged up from the depths of oil wells where the rocks are millions of years old. But other authorities say that the bacteria inside the reactors have survived only because they were able to repair damaged protoplasm at a rate they could never maintain in the extreme cold of outer space. As for the bacteria taken from oil wells, this group of scientists insists that they must be interlopers that have crept into the wells from dirty drill bits. If there actually is life on meteorites, a great deal of scientific theory may have to be rewritten. It would mean that simple one-celled plants and animals may have evolved on a planet some place in space between Mars and Jupiter as early as they did on Earth. It would mean that an extinct planet, long ago located in what is now the asteroid belt between Mars

and Jupiter, once had a climate much more hospitable to life than such a planet could have now. A further startling implication is that the extinct planet had a great deal of water on it, for one of the meteorites is suspiciously like a piece of sedimentary rock from a sea bottom - indicating that there were oceans on its planet of origin!

SAUCER BRIEFS: Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, one of the three founders of modern psychiatry, has died at the age of 85. In 1959 Jung authored a book called "Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth," in which he expressed his opinion that the psychological implications of saucer sightings are more important than whether such objects are real or not.....Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, once the most active saucer group on the East Coast, is now all but defunct. A spokesman for the organization tells us that no work has been done for the past year or more, and no public meetings are planned.....Major Wayne Aho, the saucer lecturer who recently spent more than two months confined in a mental hospital, has finally been released in custody of his wife. On May 30th Aho was allowed to leave the insane asylum at Central Islip, New York, where he had been transferred from Bellevue. He has now returned to his home in Toledo, Ohio. - The full story of the strange events which led up to Aho's confinement is given in our Confidential Newsletter #13, now available...Major William Coleman has replaced Lt. Col. Laurence J. Tacker as the Air Force spokesman on the subject of UFOs. During a recent trip to Washington, we dropped in on Major Coleman at his Pentagon office, and had a very interesting conversation. There seems to be a slight shift in Air Force policy, toward more public information.....As reported in our March issue, Edward J. Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," has died of a heart attack. Ruppelt's book was reviewed in the April-May 1956 issue of SAUCER NEWS, and was recently brought out in an expanded second edition, which includes three new chapters. We have just acquired the new edition, and find no grounds for the charge made by Keyhoe and his followers that it shows Ruppelt was "under pressure" to take a more anti-saucer attitude than he had in the earlier part of the book. Although Ruppelt does take a few good-natured cracks at the over-sensitive Major Keyhoe, the tone of the last three chapters does not sound to us any more anti-saucer than the tone of the rest of the volume. We still recommend "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" as one of the best UFO books ever written.

NEWS BRIEFS: The House Space Committee is going to hold investigations on the subject of UFOs, according to present plans of Chairman Overton Brooks. He is designating a subcommittee to hear witnesses. Congressman Joseph E. Karth will head the subcommittee, and Congressman Perkins Bass has been named one of the members of the three-man body. The question of whether or not the sessions will be secret had not been decided at last report. Chairman Brooks is said to "harbor some lingering doubts" as to whether public testimony on the subject might "contribute to national alarm."....A tear-shaped object was seen speeding over Wheaton, Illinois, last June 10th by a 19-year-old youth named Barry Stark. "It was moving from north to south," said Stark. "Then it stopped and moved to east and west three times, and finally went off to the southeast." Stark described the UFO as moving with the "blunt end forward," with flashing white lights....Our old friend the Loch Ness monster is the subject of a new book published in England, called "Loch Ness Fact and Monstrous Fancy," in which the author asserts strongly that the strange beast really does exist.....A red ball of fire, trailing smoke, flashed across the sky in Oregon at dusk on May 19th. The object, described by one observer as brighter than the moon, was seen as far away as Canada and California.