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THE ABOVE PHOTO was released in October of last year by the Russian news agency TASS. It shows the gigantic footprint of an unknown species of sea monster, and was taken at a depth of approximately 10,000 feet somewhere in the Indian Ocean, by a Soviet scientific expedition. No further details are available.

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A REPORTER'S REPORT - (Part Two)

Concerning the current status of Ufology, and of Saucerism, Neo-Blavatskyism, and other assorted Nonsense.

- by Ivan T. Sanderson -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Sanderson is an internationally known naturalist and explorer. He has made innumerable radio and television appearances, and is the author of several books. His most recent book, "The Abominable Snowman," contains several pages of material contributed by ibn A'haron, Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS.)

The sheer volume of double-talk and gobbledygook that has been spouted about what has and/or has not been seen in the skies that cannot be explained, is now really monumental. It has been flowing out since written records were first kept on rock-faces, clay tablets, and papyrus. It has been handed down by word of mouth and on paper since long before printing was invented. The Bible, Veddic texts, and Buddhist psalms are full of it. Since 1947 the American press has poured it out. Servicemen and civilian aviators have since then sometimes almost choked the wire services with it - and from almost every country in the world. Dozens of people have written books about it, and goodness knows how many little magazines and other periodicals have bloomed for dissemination of it. Yet, not one gosh-darned thing has come out of it that has ever been even verified. About thirty percent of humanity seems to accept the fact that there are unexplained things buzzing about in the upper and sometimes lower strata of our earth's atmosphere, and a not inconsiderable body of these persons are willing to state that they think they have seen such; but frankly, about 99.9% of everybody else is now just plain bored stiff with the whole business.

The remaining hypothetical .1% (which, incidentally, if you take the human population of the earth as being 2 3/4 billion, amounts to quite a tidy congregation) would appear to be divided into four quite distinct groups: (1) Trained and working scientists in various fields. (2) Technologists, including the personnel of armed services in all countries. (3) A minute body of people composed of not a few of the above two categories as well as the most diverse of other occupations, who treat the business as a subject worthwhile recording and trying to investigate; and (4) Quite a large body of assorted mystics, in the widest sense of that word, who stolidly believe not only in the existence of as yet unexplained items in our skies, but who for the most part also believe that these are vehicles intelligently controlled by all manner of characters from demi-gods to devils - but mostly by what they call "Space People." Some of (3) believe, like (4), that either some or all of these UFOs are space vehicles controlled by intelligent entities, but they refuse to attribute to said entities any specific characteristics as yet - good or evil, different or indifferent. What (1) and (2) think, we, the public, have yet to be told; but, while the impression has been widely put about and obviously most carefully fostered that they don't think anything of the whole notion, there is really now an enormous volume of published material that clearly demonstrates that at least some of them are thinking furiously on the matter, and have been for a long time.

For these reasons one cannot divide the four classes of "believers" into the two neat camps that most everybody would like. Both the real scientists and, I am sure, the technologists would be only too happy to be able to deny and thus disclaim the whole wretched business, while the mystics (4) have made it quite plain that they embrace the whole shebang with howls of glee,

and would be equally happy is only Messrs (1) and (2) would deny it, and (3) would go some place and die. The whole thing now is thus like a "dissension" in one cage in a muscularium in which a million pure-bred mice are housed. The rest of the mice - that's us, the other 99.9% of humanity, or what is usually referred to as "The Public," - are no longer interested, even if we could make head-or-tail out of that particular cage of mice and their problems. We are fully occupied with the business of living, breeding, and the upcoming possibility of mass extermination.

In a way, this is all a great pity. Any aspect of nature is worthwhile considering, however esoteric it may be. Ghosts have been around since time immemorial too, and many more people believe in their existence than do in UFOs - with or without built-in space blonds. Unfortunately though, while quite a lot has been attempted vis-a-vis ghosts, nothing has so far been accomplished that has convinced the great 99.9% either that they "exist" or that they are worth serious consideration. The same may, to some extent, be said for such altogether more concrete items as poltergeists, sea monsters, abominable snowmen, the "Jersey Devil," and other summer-season stand-bys. Of course, singular unpleasantnesses like the Coelacanth fishes turn up from time to time to plague biologists, and physicists keep unearthing anomalies and paradoxes in nucleonics, but both such items are really quite beyond the scope of the public. Besides, they all get explained in time, and everything returns to normal.

The trouble with UFOs is that there does not as yet appear to be anything anybody can do about them, apart from observing and reporting them. And, even if organizations like our governmental agencies, departments, and services with the necessary funds and equipment do so "observe" them, what are they going to do about them? I must say that, if the departments of our officialdom have so observed them - and so many people assert that they have - I don't see quite what they can do, or might be expected to do. What, in God's name, is the use?

Until recently almost everybody asserted that the full moon was a great grinning human face. It certainly looks like one to the naked eye. Viewed in even a small telescope it does not. To state that it is not a face (or that it is not made of green cheese, for that matter) is thus really quite redundant, and simply not worthwhile. I suppose that the moon could turn out to be made of cheese, though that is somewhat unlikely; but the only real way to find out is to go there and take a sample with one of those funny semicircular knives they once used to extract servings of gorgonzola.

So it is with UFOs, of however many kinds and varieties of origin and composition they may be. They are interesting, perhaps, but of no consequence until we can devise ways of doing something about them. Members of the .1% mentioned above are variously interested in just this; but neither classes (3) or (4) have, or are, doing anything realistic about them. How can they? Also, we don't know if Messrs (1) and/or (2) are any more advanced in this respect - or even concerned. So why should the remaining 99.9% of us even be interested?

To be thoroughly pragmatic, one might suppose that our going up into the upper atmosphere and beyond, will eventually solve this whole business. If there are the number of unauthorized items flying through or floating in these upper reaches as so many people have reported and now assert, then surely some space-prober is going to come face to face with one. If said "prober" is alive and a human being, he will doubtlessly be disbelieved unless his report is backed up by a lot of simultaneous non-human gadgetry. If he is so backed up, or if the gadgetry - T. V. cameras and such - get it on their own, I suppose the "obscenity" (as Charlie Fort would have called it) still

need not be reported, let alone published. And a decision not to publish might be just as sensible as many people might believe it to be criminal. I'm not a tub-thumper for officialdom, but it's the best that humanity has so far been able to erect to manage its affairs, and not infrequently governments and departments of governments are not nearly as stupid as the public imagines. (A golden example is our National Parks Service, which gets on with its job without fanfare, and turns in a magnificent account of itself year after year, despite the crass stupidity and appalling destructivity of the public it serves.)

However, I must admit that the behavior, or alleged behavior, of the long-suffering U.S. Air Force, as pointed out by Major Keyhoe, does appear to leave a great deal to be desired. This service is, of course, primarily empowered with our protection in the air. It, like other fighting services, is not set up to prosecute basic research in matters other than its own province. But UFOs would seem to fall within its province. The complaint is that it has not reported properly or adequately on its findings in this province. This may be true, for to this reporter at least, it appears that the Air Force has consistently and persistently stated for the public record that it cannot as yet find anything to report on in this field. This may be a divarication. Major Keyhoe thinks it is, and he has stated his reasons. It would appear that the Congress now feels that he has made his point. It is therefore up to the Major, as sponsor for NICAP, to state that case and for the proposed subcommittee of Congress to assess it. And I personally feel that all of us who are in any way interested should back both Major Keyhoe's and the Committee's efforts to the hilt, so that the "ghost" may possibly be laid once and for all.

At the same time, there is no reason to give up whatever investigations any of us may have initiated. Moreover, - and I say this sincerely, - those whom I have called mystics should carry on in their own mystical way. Why not? Hypnosis came out of Mesmerism; and who knows what even they may not dredge up that some hardboiled technologist may not find he can weigh and measure! They may be way out on an imaginary limb, but there are some among their ranks who at least believe what they pretend to believe. Who in heck are we in our almighty ignorance to say that everything they say is pure baloney - or even salami! So far, they have not, to my knowledge, turned up one single iota of concrete proof of anything they have ever said; but, I have to admit, neither has anybody else, except..... (And here comes a nasty one, that makes me more than mad.)

I could, but will not at this time for various reasons, name quite a number of persons who at this very moment possess to my personal knowledge all manner of bits and pieces of "stuff" and "things" that have, or are alleged to have fallen from the sky in inexplicable circumstances of one kind or another. Example: Six small, monometal cylinders containing what appears to be powdered charcoal, that landed with dozens of others of an exactly similar nature on just one field in Pennsylvania over a period of three weeks. Example: Several shoe-boxes full of bits of very strange-looking material with little globules of pure copper in them, said to have landed over wide areas in both the East and the West. Example: Large hunks of vitrous (glassy) material that demolished a large power pylon and then formed a boiling cauldron of molten what-have-you at its base. Example: The alleged space pancake. Example:



Half a dozen other items known to have been sent to "official institutions" but never reported on. And so on.

I am a reporter, and I am endeavoring to report to you. Why have these items not been reported upon? Why do people sit on those that they have, like broody hens on a clutch of Guinea-fowl eggs? We are all crying out for facts. Why don't we start with what we have now, or allege to have now? Why fumble around with radar blips and housewives' reports of hovering lights when there are boxes full of material objects lying around that can be tested and either pronounced phoney or odd? What's the matter with metallurgists, chemists, and geologists? Can't any of them say what these items are, or what they are not?

I've seen and handled a lot of these items personally, and they are not "make-believe." They exist. Furthermore, I have some years of past experience just looking at "things" and "stuff"; I have a degree in geology; and I collected for museums professionally for many years. I tell you that all of these odd bits and pieces that I have examined are beyond my ken. Perhaps they would be everyday objects to the proper specialists. But I do wish that they might be shown to said specialists, even if they debunk them out of hand. Meteoritics is now a rather precise discipline, and despite what any crackpot may say about "scientists," I'm sure that real ones would most readily admit that any substance submitted to them that did not fit into what is known, was unknown, and thus worthy of further examination. After all, you don't even need to state that your specimen did, or was alleged to have, come down out of the sky. Just turn it in for identification, and if it can not be matched with anything known, then start asking questions. You may get blasted into the next county, but again I must use the corny phrase, what the heck?

Here at least we might have something concrete (no pun intended), and something that the great 99.9% could get their teeth into. Just find one "something" or a bit of "stuff" that has not previously been known on this earth, and you would really be getting somewhere. In the meantime we are all floundering around in a welter of pure "yakk."

"Flying Saucer Research," my foot! How can you "research" anything you can't contact or even prove exists?

And that, my friends, is just precisely the present status of both Ufology and Saucerism.

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EDITORIAL NOTES: We are pleased to announce that Gladys Fusaro of Huntington, Long Island, has accepted a position as Associate Editor of SAUCER NEWS. Mrs. Fusaro has furnished us with a large amount of valuable material in recent months...Our usual "Letters to the Editor" section will reappear in our next (i.e., June) issue. We will also have a review of the latest book by George Williamson (which he wrote under the pen name of "Brother Philip"), and we will have an unusually interesting article by Brinsley le Poer Trench, the well-known British saucer researcher...In answer to several inquiries, we wish to state that the person who bought our collection of saucer clippings has expressed the desire to remain anonymous....Please remember that signed articles in SAUCER NEWS represent the opinions of the writer only, and these opinions do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editorial Staff....This issue will go to press about Feb. 1st. Thus we are not yet able to report on the world-wide disasters (if any) which, according to many astrologers and others, are scheduled to occur on Feb. 4th, 5th, and 6th. During these three days five planets will be in conjunction for the first time in hundreds of years. Our Non-Scheduled Newsletter #15 will give the whole story, however, and if anything really unusual occurs during Feb. 4-6, we'll print it in our June issue.

HUMANOIDS AND THE MARS SAUCER CYCLE

- by Lonzo Dove -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Dove, who has been a frequent contributor to our magazine over the years, is a well-known amateur astronomer. He believes that the flying saucers come from the planet Mars, and several years ago he drew up a very detailed chart which scientifically correlates sighting "flaps" with the nearness of Mars.)

In Fate Magazine for October 1961 there is an article by J. Vyner, reprinted from the British magazine Flying Saucer Review, which is a most enlightening collection of similar reports about the visitations of an unearthly "man" not of the human species.

I have taken the trouble to calculate and correlate the dates of these visitations with the periodic flying saucer dates in my established chart of saucer reports as they recur over the years and centuries in the Mars-Earth Synodic Period of 780 days. This chart shows peaks and lulls and specific types of craft and behavior that repeat themselves during this period and which link chronologically with the proper dates for space journeys between Mars and Earth. And the peculiar repeated parallel matching that I found for these living creatures proves conclusively that they arrive and depart in flying saucers from Mars. Read and see.

The strange man-like visitor is described as thin, extremely agile, with a tight metallic-looking suit, a metal helmet, and on his chest a blue-flashing lamp that can beam harmless paralyzing rays. This creature was wrapped in a loose-flowing cloak hiding a mysterious bulge on his back, and he was able to wing over walls. His ears were pointed, like a member of the cat species. His eyes were round and red, like a bird, and his nose was beak-like. He had flying ability, and hands like a man but claws like a beast. He tried to contact human beings gently, until fright at his sight caused alarm. He could speak understandable English.

This creature appeared near London in the middle of November, 1837, scaring people, until finally a reward was offered for his capture. This date in the Mars-Earth Synodic Period, set parallel with modern saucer report periods, proves to be a regular saucer appearance date of low intensity, which occurs one or two months after the greater observed "rest" date in the Mars-Earth schedule. This 1837 sighting occurred one Earth year after the close approach of Mars to Earth, and 13 months after the main short-way arrival time at Earth from Mars.

About a century later, on June 18th, 1953, a month after the very analogous date in the Mars-Earth Period, a similar creature was sighted, with wings showing on his back, at Houston, Texas, U.S.A. This date was also a month before another regular brief saucer activity in my chart, in the middle of the 11 month or half Mars year general lull, - when Mars is farthest from Earth, - and 13 months after the close approach of Mars to Earth.

The Fate article lacks the detail that at 2:30 a.m. on the date of the above-mentioned U.S.A. sighting, Hilda Walker and two other witnesses saw the "winged man," and after he was gone an oval object flew over the house. Then two days later occurred the well-known Brush Creek landing, in which little men were seen dipping water for their flying saucer. This was seven days after flying disks were seen by many people in California, New Mexico, Connecticut, and in Belgium, on June 13-14, 1953.

Back again a century earlier, on February 18th and 20th, 1838, on the analogous date, 13 months after the Mars close approach to Earth of that period, the same living creature re-appeared in English villages three months

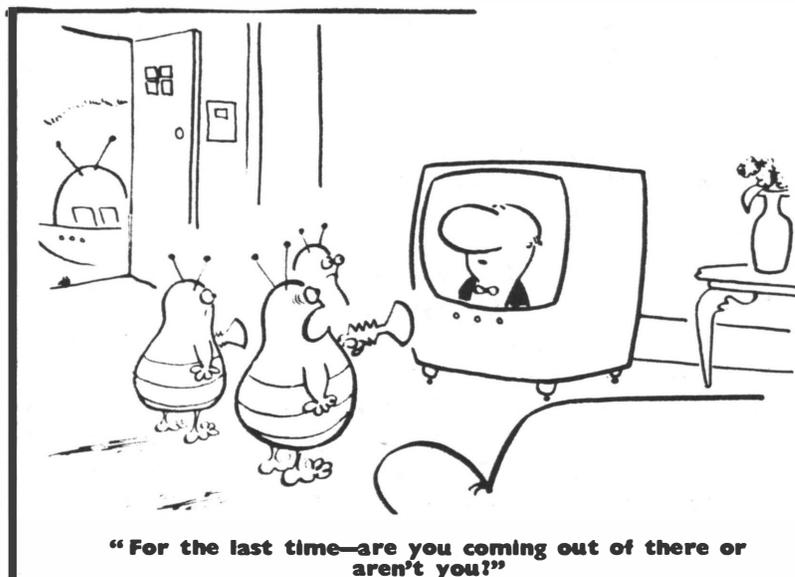
after the visits already described. A lady beautiful answered the door bell and invited the "beast" - until the house light revealed his face and figure, and she screamed in alarm. Then seven days later, the space visitor seeking in vain for human reception, scared the servant when asking in the English language to be escorted to the master Mr. Ashworth of Commercial Road in England. This was the last seen of the strange visitor from another planet at that time and place.

But about four months later, on the night of July 6th, 1838, the departure of the visitor was made most manifest. This date, not strangely, was exactly analogous to the "saucer landing" time in my chart, in the "exploration" peak two months before the proper astronautic time for return from planet Earth to Mars. At Liverpool, England, a police inspector named Hemer turned his back when he saw a flash in the sky and a great round fiery object landed in a field. This date was precisely analogous to the famous Kenneth Arnold flying saucer activity peak of June-July 1947, and its next analogue, August, 1949, was the time of the hushed Death Valley saucer landing in which little people were seen. - The creature was back again on October 3rd, 1883, at Warwick, England, at signal time for new launchings of saucers from Mars to Earth.

About three years earlier, on July 28th, 1880, right on the usual "rest" date after an 11 month or half Mars year of saucer activity, - a date always marked by spectacular events of local extent, - a humanoid creature of similar description was seen at Louisville, Kentucky. The Fate article does not mention that on the same date, between 6 and 7 p.m., there appeared a double globe and a separate satellite disk moving up and down in the sky at Louisville and Madisonville in Kentucky. Nor does Fate mention that this Louisville landing occurred four months after luminous disks orbited east to west over Kettenu in Germany, on March 22nd, 1880 - the proper and observed saucer arrival time by long easy spiral route from Mars to Earth.

According to the Fate article, the creature was seen again on January 6th, 1948 at Chehalis in Washington State. Somehow this item failed to come into my vast file of saucer reports, probably because "monster" cases were not yet being connected with flying saucers. But I observe that the date was just one day before the tragic case of Captain Mantell, whose plane was shattered out of the skies while chasing a huge flying saucer near Fort Knox, Kentucky, on January 7th, 1948. This was about one month before the close approach of Mars to Earth on February 17th, - exactly two Mars-Earth periods of 780 days before the great saucer peak centered on April 15-17, 1952, about a month before the Mars approach to Earth on May 8th of that year.

Again on the analogous "rest" date, in late August 1944, according to the Fate article, the creature appeared at Mattoon in Illinois, looking through windows and stunning people with his ray lamp. He escaped the dragnet of policemen sent to get him; My files show that three months later the "foo fighter" fireballs began to chase war planes,



on November 23rd, 1944. This again is about a month before the usual saucer activity time, 13 months after the Mars approach to Earth, like the above case of June, 1953.

It is manifestly clear, therefore, that the humanoid living creatures reported during certain saucer sighting peaks are passengers from Mars in flying saucers. Analogous dates to watch in the near future are: January 30th to February 12th, 1962; June 5-18; August 12-18; November 5-9; and December 19-21, 1962. This last period is about a month before the next Mars-Earth approach.

About 2,500 years ago, the same species of living creature in the same kind of flying bowl landed in front of the Temple of Jerusalem, where its true size and form were modeled in brass and jewels from the day Solomon built it 400 years yet earlier. The form of this "saucer" ("gilgal" in Hebrew) was commemorated on the first Hebrew coins ever minted, by King Simon Maccabeus in 141 B.C., preserved to our day in archaeological ruins. On May 31st, 1960, at 7:50 to 7:57 p.m., in Washington, D. C., I had a good long look at the real thing of identical form descending slowly in the sky, lighted up like a star. The same object was observed a few evenings later by a scientist at the university where I was then employed as an astro-technician. This occurred between the "saucer landing" and "return to Mars" dates on my chart.

The following is quoted from the first chapter of Ezekiel: "As for the likeness of the living creatures, they had the likeness of a man, had four wings, their feet were straight, the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot, and they sparkled like burnished brass; they had hands of a man, they had the face of a man, of a lion, of an ox, also the face of an eagle. They went straight forward, they turned not when they went, and ran and returned as a flash of lightning. The appearance of torches (flash-lamps) went up and down among the living creatures, and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning (flash-beams). As for the Wheels, they were called in my hearing 'The Gilgal.'"

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SAUCER RESEARCHERS - (Part One)

- by Dr. Leon Davidson -

(1) I would like to deviate from my usual writing style and cast this article in the form of an open letter, without rigorous documentation. I have been unable to keep up properly with the correspondence that followed my article "Why I Believe Adamski." Hence this open letter of reply.

(2) Because of the somewhat unpopular position which I have always taken on this subject, I would like to state my qualifications, to justify the somewhat pompous position which I may seem to affect. I challenge any other saucer researcher to present a better list of qualifications to pontificate in this field.

(a) I have read the full text of the Secret version of the Project Grudge Report of August, 1949.

(b) I have worked for classified government projects, mostly in the atomic energy field, including a stint working for Uncle Sam in AEC Headquarters in Washington, at a highly respectable level.

(c) I have held high U. S. security clearances for over 15 years.

(d) I have lived in several areas of the country where and when flying saucer activity was going on, including New Mexico during the "green fireball" period, and Washington, D. C., during the 1952 "National Airport radar sighting" period.

(e) I have extensive files of flying saucer magazines, books, newspaper clippings, NACA and other technical reports, and correspondence with military agencies, collected personally starting when I first became involved in this field in 1949.

(f) My professional background can be found in "American Men of Science," 9th Edition, Volume I.

(g) I am a trained engineer, with a doctorate in Chemical Engineering, and am a member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

(h) At Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, I worked with the semi-official project looking for the "green fireballs" in cooperation with the Laboratory security organization.

(i) I was given a special private showing of the "Tremonton Films" by Major Dewey Fournet, in a Pentagon briefing room in November 1952, while the films were being kept secret from the public (and from Major Keyhoe.)

(3) If there were need to expand the above list further, I could list my correspondence files, including informative replies, from many scientists and officials, including members of the 1953 CIA panel, and many saucer researchers, including Adamski, Al Bender, Barker, Moseley, Dan Fry, Richard Ogden, Len Stringfield, Ruppelt, John Otto, LaPaz, Menzel, Whipple, Munsick, Keyhoe, Dick Hall, etc. I could also point to my appearances on the Long John radio show, and my authorization (by Congressional action) to publish the official Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14.

(4) Let me now say what I think is the true explanation of the flying saucer situation as it now stands, and as it has developed. In a nutshell, it is this: The Central Intelligence Agency, formed in 1947, took over the public image of the "flying saucers" created by secret flights of U. S. aircraft and artificial meteor research, etc., during the 1947-48 period. By 1950 the CIA had set into motion a plan of encouraging public belief in interplanetary travel through a psychological technique of guiding the release of planted information, ordering "secret" tests of authentic military developments which gave misleading impressions to observers, etc. It delegated the Air Force to act as the official "investigator" to stave off public inquiry. It secretly sponsored the formation of saucer study groups and contact clubs, including NICAP (under T. Townsend Brown, with whom, incidentally, I have had voluminous correspondence.) The CIA set up many saucer publishers, sponsored the publicity received by Adamski's books and others, and sponsored the wave of saucer articles in 1952 in "Life," "Look," etc. The CIA also conducted the hoaxes played upon Adamski and Fry, including Adamski's desert contact, his "train disappearance," etc.

The motives of the CIA can best be described by Allen Dulles, who has recently retired from his position as leader of that Agency. He is quoted, in Stringfield's book, as saying that "by use of the injunction, if necessary," he would prevent anyone from testifying in court concerning Adamski's book, "because maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFO's." The Anti-Atom-Bomb drive of 1957-58, which led to the U. S.-Russian-English ban on nuclear bomb testing (only recently broken) was the only worthwhile objective of the CIA-sponsored flying saucer movement which is as yet publicly recognizable. The build-up for this is evident in the earliest saucer contact stories.

(5) A more detailed historical development of the CIA's role in the saucer story follows:

In 1946, based on research done during World War II, and taking a lead from German rocket and satellite information, the U. S. Navy developed

several interesting gadgets, including:

(a) The Flying Flapjack, scheduled for test flight at Muroc in the summer of 1947, the very place and time of Cases 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the official Air Force saucer investigation, Project Grudge. This plane was designed by C. H. Zimmerman of the NACA, and Chance-Vought.

(b) The "Flying Platform," also designed by Zimmerman, based on his patent #2,417,896, issued March 25, 1947 (applied for on Aug. 10, 1943.) This was not publicized until 1955, when the Office of Naval Research made the cover of "Look" and/or "Colliers" with it.

(c) The launching of artificial meteors from shaped charges carried aloft by V-2 rockets over New Mexico, starting in December 1946. (This led to the "green fireballs.")

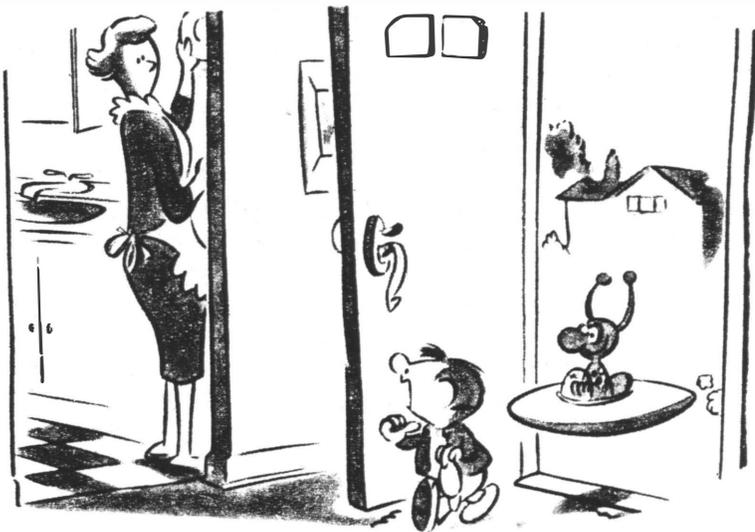
(d) The "Skyhook" balloon project, and other high-altitude research.

In 1947, the Air Force was embarrassed by sightings of "saucers" at Air Force bases, although Naval air bases were not bothered. The Air Force had "flying wings" YB-35, but they did not fly well, and the YB-49 jet version crashed at Muroc in June 1948. Muroc was renamed "Edwards AFB" in memory of the test pilot, Capt. Glen W. Edwards. The Navy "flying flapjack," the XF5U-1, did not have any publicly reported flights; yet it was not officially scrapped until March 12, 1948. The Navy had a large restricted area near Arco, Idaho, through the end of 1947, which is now the site of the AEC Reactor Testing Station. The area is near the center of activity of "saucers" during that period, and could have been "their" base of operation.

The CIA started operations (under Admiral Hillenkoetter) on May 1, 1947. The earliest two dated cases in the official Air Force Project Grudge files are: May 17 (or 21), 1947. Oklahoma City. "Round, disk-like, ten times longer than thick, high speed." (Case 82); - May 19, 1947. Manitou Springs, Colorado. "Reversal of direction of flight; maneuvers." (Case 92.)

In early 1949, just after "unification" of the Army, Navy, and Air Force started to take effect, an Air Force general ordered the Air Force to discontinue the investigation of "flying saucers" and to close Project Grudge by the end of 1949. This general's name and the full text of his letter are given in the secret Project Grudge report, No. 102-AC 49/15-100, Project XS-304, Release Date August 1949.

Classification: Secret; written by Lt. H. W. Smith and Mr. G. W. Towles of Air Materiel Command Headquarters at Wright Field. In this letter the general ordered the name of the project changed at once from Project Sign to Project Grudge. The name Project Sign had been given, under CIA auspices, to help spread the idea that saucers were interplanetary bearers of messages of wisdom; This general, who was not in on the secret, but saw that the Navy was sending its "secret aircraft" to taunt the Air Force bases, used the name Grudge to connote the fierce inter-service rivalry existing then.



"He followed me home. Can I keep him?"

The June, 1947, Maury Island (Tacoma, Washington) sighting did not become widely known until after the Secret Grudge Report was released in 1949. (Released only to the military and the AEC; it was not and is not yet available to the public.) The Maury Island incident was referred to by the Rand Corporation in its chapter of the Grudge Report. The Maury Island affair is fully described in the book by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, and thus Palmer is associated with the earliest stages of the flying saucer story.

During 1950 Allen Dulles became actively involved with the CIA work on saucers, and saw the psychological impact which they had. He started a plan to build them up as a psychological warfare weapon. Ruppelt's book clearly shows the steps the CIA took. Project Bluebook was warmed up in 1950-51, Ruppelt was selected by a screening process and groomed for the job of public relations cats-paw (without his knowledge), and a series of "incidents" was planned and carried out involving regular military units, which led to cases considered as authentic evidence of saucers. See my article in the March-April 1960 "Flying Saucer Review" of England. See also Page 127 of Ruppelt's book (hard-cover first edition), regarding the Sept. 10, 1951, Ft. Monmouth radar sighting. By this time, there was no need to fly "real aircraft" any more; the "Flying Flapjack" and the skyhook balloons had done their job, the public had been inoculated, and since that time there has been no need to postulate the existence of "secret new aircraft" to explain the eyewitness reports. (This article will be continued in our June issue.)

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BOOK REVIEW

THE WAY OUT WORLD - by Long John Nebel (Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc.)
- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

As almost every reader of this magazine knows, Long John Nebel is the gentleman who for several years has been conducting an off-beat all-night radio show on New York's station WOR. Less well known is the fact that Mr. Nebel's background (according to the back jacket of the book) includes such varied occupations as circus clown, bandleader, salesman, street-corner pitchman, and manager of Siamese twins. Finally came his "break" into radio and later T. V., bringing about the comparative fame and fortune he enjoys today.

Flying saucers was only one of the unusual topics that built up the large audience which regularly listens to Long John's five-hour nightly radio show. There was also extrasensory perception, reincarnation, astral projection, faith healing, magic, spiritualism, off-beat philosophy of all kinds, unusual inventions, and a host of other topics which probe the borderland on the edge of human knowledge. Each of these topics has its experts, pseudo or otherwise, and almost all these self-appointed experts have appeared on the Long John Party Line at one time or another. Your SAUCER NEWS Editor is no exception; we have sat before Mr. Nebel's microphones some 10 or 15 times in the past three years or so, and we are mentioned in the book.

"The Way Out World" is not, basically, a biography of Long John, nor is it a history of his radio show. It is mainly an organized summary of the most interesting stories which have gone out over the airwaves, plus entertaining background material on some of the further-out of the far-out guests. Approximately one quarter of the text is devoted to flying saucers, - mainly to the "contactees." The book is written in a breezy, fast-moving style, using the vernacular of the carnival pitchman (words like "gaff," "square count," "bit," "pitch," etc.) The author makes it clear that he does not "buy" (i.e., believe) any of the strange tales he has heard, nor has he even been

convinced by certain unexplainable demonstrations that he himself has witnessed. To Long John, we don't really live in a "way out world" at all, but in a prosaic, orthodox world, in which a fairly large number of people propound strange creeds either (1) in mistaken sincerity or (2) to hoax the public. These pitchmen are nurtured by a much larger group, - running into many thousands of people, - who, for various reasons, swallow such stories. In each field of off-beat research the "gaff" is different, but to Long John the result is the same - a gullible public that has been deceived just as surely as were the customers at the famous old carnival "shell game." Or, like the clients who, in John's dark days as a street corner vendor, used to buy sealed envelopes stuffed full of napkins, thinking they were girlie pictures.

But let's get back to the occurrences that Long John himself is unable to explain. The one which he seems closest to actually believing, is the most incredible of all the incidents related in the book. During a quiet matinee stage show at the New York Paramount Theatre, a magician named Dr. William Neff supposedly dematerialized right before the startled eyes of Mr. Nebel. (This is one "bit," neighbors, that we don't "buy" either!) Then there was the time that the same magician teleported a dollar bill from one room to another in the WOR studios, under carefully controlled conditions. But the story that impressed your reviewer most was that of "Mr. W.," an anonymous gentleman who would phone the WOR studio once in awhile and offer proof of extrasensory powers. On one occasion he gave correctly, over the phone, nine out of ten of the serial numbers on a dollar bill selected at random in the studio. Another time he identified all ten numbers correctly. (The odds against doing this by chance are about ten million to one!)

Mr. W's greatest triumph, however, was under strictly controlled conditions set up by Ben Isquith, one of the hard-headed cynics who compose Long John's permanent panel and help him interview guests. To quote the book: "Each member of the panel....picked a random number from....our subconscious mind. Everyone wrote his number on a small slip of paper, and these were all dropped into a paper bag. Three of the panelists held the bag over their heads, and each selected a slip. These three numbers represented a page number. Then I chose one of the two remaining slips and the number on it indicated the word on the page selected....Ben decided that the book to be used would be the Collegiate Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 1943 edition. It was his decision that only words in bold-face would be counted. The test continued, and the page number turned out to be seven-twenty-six (726). The word was 'pointed arch.' But no one knew this except Isquith, who had opened the dictionary and located it in accordance with the numbers we all had picked at random and thrown in the bag and pulled out again. I announced over the air that we were ready and that Mr. W. could send in the word any time he thought that he had 'received' it clairvoyantly. Within ten minutes his reply came into my studio. It consisted of only two words which were, as you've already guessed, 'pointed arch.'"

A thing like this gives us food for serious thought, but apparently Long John's thinking does not go as deep as ours.

Our only serious criticism of "The Way Out World" is that the author is too obviously sneering at all the off-beat characters who enabled him to build up his radio and T. V. shows. The book will only be amusing to those among them who have as rollicking a sense of humor as Mr. Nebel purports to have. But to the general public, who have no genuine curiosity about the Unknown, Long John's parade of side-show freaks will make for highly entertaining reading.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

CLOSE SIGHTING IN ARGENTINA: The story you are about to read is a SAUCER NEWS exclusive, from the Buenos Aires newspaper "El Mundo," dated January 10th, 1962. The article was sent to us by our correspondent in Argentina, Henning Von Hippel, and was translated by your Editor.

A truck driver named Jose A. Fillipin made the following statement to "El Mundo": "I was driving back to Catamarca last night from the town of Tucuman, accompanied by two companions, when we suddenly saw two powerful lights overhead. They were following our vehicle. When we stopped to investigate, the lights disappeared with surprising speed. Another sighting was made further along the highway, at Amadores. This time we noticed that a strange machine was standing stationary near a hillside about a hundred yards from the road, next to the shore of the Palin River. The light on top of the machine made it possible for us to make out the form of a dome, similar to the upper half of a bus. This object moved away rapidly when we tried to shine the truck headlights on it. When we got closer, we saw that there were two identical machines rather than one, and they were moving slowly back and forth in a zigzag motion."

When Fillipin reached Catamarca, he went to the police with his story. A group of policemen accompanied him, - still the same night, - to the area where the sightings had occurred. Says "El Mundo": "As if to confirm that Fillipin had not suffered any hallucination, one of the objects graciously reappeared when the policemen arrived on the scene. The machine descended slowly and made a landing or a near landing, at a considerable distance from them. A search of the area by the police did not have any positive results, but the lighted object was clearly seen by everyone.

"The truth of this story was attested to by Inspector General Pedro Tolosa, who is Chief of Investigations of the province. He stated that, while asleep at his home, he received a phone call from headquarters at 3 a.m. He thereupon sent out the above-mentioned policemen to investigate Fillipin's story, - only out of duty, and in spite of the fact that he never has believed in sensational occurrences such as flying saucer sightings. But, upon hearing later of the sighting made by his own men, he decided to go personally the next night to investigate the area himself, in order to be able to give a full report on the strange episode." (We do not have the follow-up story on what, if anything, the Inspector General found on his own inspection trip.)

PUBLICATION OF AL BENDER'S BOOK DELAYED TILL APRIL: In our December issue, we told you of Gray Barker's news release in which he stated that the "inside story" of the "silencing" of saucer researcher Albert K. Bender would finally be released to the public in book form in February, 1962. Now comes a second news release from the mysterious Mr. Barker. The Bender book, to be titled "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," is now due for publication on April 15th. It is to be mailed out simultaneously to no more than 2,000 lucky people who purchase the book on a pre-publication basis. Says Barker, "The book will be more frightening to some people than to others. It will not stop all saucer research, for I personally feel we must continue research and check on some of Bender's details. The book could do harm to some people, but we are adding personal material at the end of the volume to minimize this problem. (The book) tells the entire Bender Mystery, describes the origin and purpose of the Three Men, (and) it tells how Bender found it necessary to deliberately lead some researchers astray in order to protect his life. It tells what happened to researchers who got too close to the secret. The book is documented and contains dates and other information which can be checked." - So if you



want to get in on this offer before the 2,000 copies are spoken for, we suggest that you run (don't walk) to your nearest post office and rush your \$3.95 into the mail. We hear on good authority that Barker is short of beer money these days, and your check might just save the intrepid Clarksburg researcher from a dry evening. His address is P. O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va. Please do not send money or inquiries to SAUCER NEWS, as we have no fur-

ther information, and we want nothing to do with this thing.

SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED IN HAWAII: The picture above was taken last November 21st by Masa Arita of Lihue, Hawaii. It is one of two pictures which he took within seconds of each other while the UFO hovered briefly over Kalapaki Beach. The object then zipped away so quickly that it "disappeared from sight almost instantaneously," according to the report. No further details are available.

"MOTHER SHIP" SIGHTING IN CALIFORNIA: Under "News Briefs," on Page 16 of our last issue, we summarized an unusually interesting saucer report from the Fall River Mills, California "Inter Mountain News." Lack of space prevented us from printing more details at that time. In answer to several requests from readers, we now give the verbatim report from the "Inter Mountain News" of October 26th, 1961:

"Three separate sightings have been reported on unidentified flying objects over the Fall River Valley last week. The first two were seen at 7:00 and 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, October 18th. A McArthur man and his wife saw the first one over Coble Mountain, approximately ten miles southeast of Fall River Mills. It was dusk when they first saw the hovering, oval-shaped object against the horizon. He said it seemed to be divided into three areas of flashing lights. The bottom area glowed red, the middle white, and the top green. The saucer-shaped object hovered over Coble Mountain as the couple watched it for three hours. It released two other objects, also oval with the same light formations, from either side.

"The first small oval departed from the mother ship about an hour after the big craft was first seen. It went toward the Fall River Valley and returned about an hour later. As it re-entered the larger ship, a second object was released from the opposite side. This object headed towards Hat Creek and also returned in an hour and entered the larger craft. At this time the big oval headed toward Redding at a great speed.

"The same McArthur couple saw the whole drama re-enacted Sunday night at 7:05, also over Coble Mountain.

"In Fall River Mills on October 18th, two 11-year-old boys, Reggie Bell and Randy Bassett were in front of the Roy Bassett home, and (they) report that they saw a strange round object at 7:00 p.m. It stayed in view for several minutes, growing brighter and then dimmer. This object, which glowed with a white light, also released objects from either side.

"So, heads up, everybody! (This) sounds like spotlights from Outer Space to us!...."

FORTEAN ITEMS: A report from Cheltenham, Australia, dated December 9th, 1961, states that a fireball literally chased the postmaster's daughter up the stairs of her home during an electrical storm. After a tour of the house, the fireball disappeared through a bedroom window. The visit began in the kitchen, where Mrs. Doris Will said she "felt this great thing over my shoulder," and was stunned. The fireball then entered the dining room and shot upstairs past Anne Will, who reported she was running up the stairs "and it was following me." Her two brothers were still in bed when the strange fireball finally raced out of the house through the open window of their bedroom.An apparent sonic boom rocked a wide area of Los Angeles last December 1st. Little damage was reported, but in a scary coincidence, a county air raid siren short-circuited six minutes before the boom was heard, thus bringing about nearly a thousand phone calls to county authorities.....In South Africa, a pet cat walked 180 miles to trace its owners when they moved from one town to another. Other cats have walked greater distances when returning to their old home, but this cat went to a house he had never visited!....

Just to show you how vast and unexplored this planet of ours really is, we want to mention briefly a recent news story telling how a U.S. Army plane which crashed 19 years ago in New Guinea has just been found. Also found was a diary kept by several survivors of the crash. The diary entries indicate that the group waited in vain for several weeks to be rescued. It is still not known whether or not all the survivors eventually died.....The latest example of a house gone haywire is in Schenectady, New York, where the Binkowski family has been having some peculiar troubles. In the first place, the whole house hums, and everyone in it also hums. Another problem is that the family suffers from earaches, headaches, stiff joints, and other ills, but only when they are at home. Fillings suddenly pop out of the children's teeth, and Mrs. Binkowski, who freckles and burns at the beach, gets a lovely suntan inside the house. If the family wants to listen to the local radio station, they can get it through a light switch on the wall or by hooking an earphone onto any water pipe. The basement stays warm as toast even on the coldest winter days. Things became so bad that the family moved away for awhile. - A team of Air Force technicians who examined the house with half a million dollars worth of special equipment, reached the conclusion that the Binkowski family has unusually acute powers of hearing; but this does not account for all the phenomena, nor for the fact that many other people in the neighborhood have complained of hearing strange sounds and feeling strange sensations, to a lesser degree.....

In Australia, a "suicide complex" among fish has ended as suddenly and mysteriously as it began. For four days, thousands of fish had been hurling themselves to death along 200 miles of coastline. "It's amazing," said Lester Cribb, chairman of a local sportsmen's group. "Whatever has caused the fish to die has suddenly disappeared." During the above-mentioned four day period, the fish swam vertically to the beaches, spinning like tops through the water, in a frantic rush to get out of the sea....Finally, here's a brief run-down on two unusually interesting English ghost stories which lack of space prevented us from publishing in our December issue. The first, dated Sept. 25, is really weird. Several couples living in apartments at Woodborough Road, Nottingham, have seen the figure of a tall woman with black hair tied in a pigtail. They believe she is the ghost of a woman who killed herself in the bathroom of the house several years ago. One resident said, "We have lived here only a week but my wife has already seen the ghost twice. She spoke to it and asked if she could do anything to help. It moved off without answering." Another man reported, "Last night while our baby was asleep, he suddenly started to laugh and kick as if being tickled. When our little girl got up in the morning she asked if the strange woman would be coming back. She had seen

her tickling the baby!".....The second ghost story, dated October 10th, concerns a dead night watchman who had worked for a factory in the English city of New Town, Berks. The deceased man continues to punch the time clock occasionally, and his dog can be heard barking on other occasions. Three night watchmen quit their jobs within a three month period, due to eerie noises of various sorts which plague the factory almost every night.

NEWS BRIEFS: The United States has finally decided to abandon its much-publicized attempts to build a flying saucer. After an expenditure of seven and a half million dollars, the saucer project was dropped at the end of 1961. It was begun several years ago by Avro Aircraft Limited of Canada, and was later taken over by the U. S. Army and Air Force. Apparently, recent wind tunnel tests made it clear that many changes in design were still needed..... Here's an unusual item from Sacramento, California, dated December 4th, 1961: A Mather Air Force Base jet chased a "blinding flash," believed to be a large meteorite, over northern California on the night of December 3rd. The flaming object finally "apparently" dipped into the Pacific Ocean. Sacramento area law enforcement officials and residents had reported a "bright red ball, as big as a house, with a flaming tail." These reports led to the jet chase.....Major Robert Hart has replaced Major William Coleman as the Pentagon spokesman on the subject of flying saucers. Coleman is now preparing to write a book about UFOs.....A flying saucer was seen and photographed by a newspaper photographer near the village of Leibnitz, Austria, a few days before Christmas. The UFO was seen moving along slowly about 45 feet above the ground. The newsman snapped several pictures before the object suddenly took off with a noise like a jet. The newspaper "Weiner Montag" had experts check the negatives, and then published the story....According to information we have received, Otis T. Carr of "free energy" fame was released from jail in Oklahoma City on January 17th. This leaves Reinhold Schmidt as the only saucerer currently in involuntary seclusion....There was quite a sighting "flap" in Ohio on the night of January 3rd, when dozens of people in various parts of the state reported seeing unidentified flying objects. Most of the sightings were around 6 p.m., and concerned a greenish object flying eastward at low altitude. A Columbus youth observed an object somewhat later that evening through his telescope, and said that it appeared to have a cabin, and lights of various colors.

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