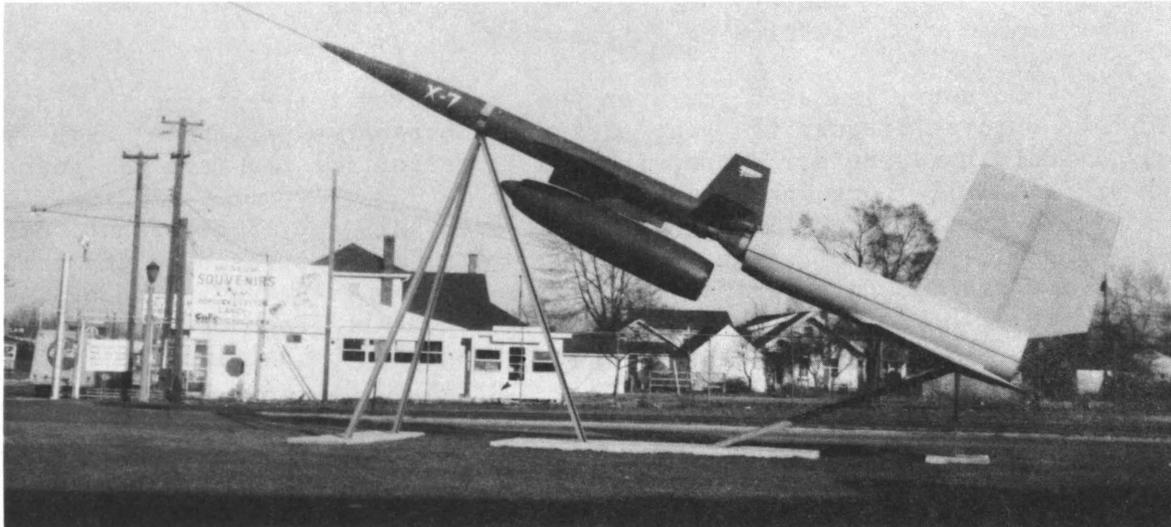


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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows a rocket prototype at the Air Force Museum near Dayton, Ohio. This picture was taken late last March, during your Editor's exclusive interview with Lt. Col. Friend, chief of the Air Force's saucer investigation at Wright-Patterson Field. (See story beginning on Page 6 for more photos and details.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hart was kind enough to pass along a copy of your June 1962 issue. It is one of the most interesting issues I have seen to date.

On Page 16 you state that "Hart is the third officer to take charge of the saucer project in a period of little more than six months." To set the record straight, I would like to point out that I was spokesman for Project Blue Book from March 1961 until February 1962 - almost 12 months.

I hope this finds you enjoying good health and prosperity.

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.; Major, USAF
Deputy Chief, Operations Branch
Office of Information

So sorry I missed you when you dropped by the Pentagon in April. I would have enjoyed discussing your Wright-Patterson experiences with you. Also, I would have preferred thanking you in person for the tape of your 31 March and 14 April Long John shows.

For the first time since taking over this job, I feel that someone outside the military clearly understands the Air Force approach to the problem of UFO's and has put forth a lucid explanation of why we are in the business. I must agree with you, Jim - The Ufologists could all drop dead tomorrow and the Air Force would still investigate every reported Unidentified Flying Object. First, to determine its immediate threat potential; then, in greater depth, to determine if there exists even the faintest possibility of long range threat potential. If we didn't do this we would be remiss in our duty and responsibility to the American public.

Also, I just received your June issue of SAUCER NEWS and find myself in another bit of agreement with you, and that is on the point, "...as Mankind moves out into Space in the next few years..." and so on for the rest of that paragraph; to which I would append, "or they were truly known phenomena that had been misidentified for any one of many reasons."

Again, thanks for everything.

ROBERT HART; Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

By all means keep me on your mailing list. - I just had my 70th birthday, and surprises galore. Chilton & Co. of Philadelphia accepted "Cross My Heart," the story of my short life out of bed in the last 30 years. It begins with a jailing and ends with a knighting, which is an improvement over Sir Walter Raleigh's format.

Good letter from Desmond Leslie (in the June SAUCER NEWS.) Good issue. Your offset is the most. All the best,

FRANK SCULLY
Palm Springs, California

Congratulations on your June issue. I believe that your policy change is one for the better. Perhaps, however, I am prejudiced, as your new policy now lines up directly with my ideas and theories, i. e., that saucers come from other planets....

THOMAS ROARK (Director of C.O.R.A.P.)
Lancaster, Pa.

Your steady work on the saucer problem is certainly commendable and I congratulate you on trying to give all the angles, regardless of where

the chips may fall. I don't always agree with some of your comments, but I do find them important, so please keep me on your mailing list.

MRS. O. L. HIETT

Dallas, Texas

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Hiett, formerly Rose Hackett, used to be on the NICAP staff in Washington, D.C., until she split with Major Keyhoe.)

Your June issue was just great except for two things. Again you have made uncalled for attacks on Gray Barker, who has never done any of the bad things you claim he has. You have called him a beer drinker. This is not so.....I also think that you gave too much space to Andy Sinatra, known as the Mystic Barber. What has Mr. Sinatra done for saucer research? He has thrown serious UFO research back ten years! You should stick to facts and not to fakers....

TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY

New Brunswick, N. J.

As Director of the Aerial Phenomena Investigation Committee, and Editor of its official journal, "The UFO Reporter," I am cognizant of the influx of Fascism into the saucer field. Your denouncement of Norbert Gariety's propagation of his own right-wing views in a saucer zine has met with substantially favorable comment from our membership. More effort should be made by other sincere investigators to offset the increasing trend towards politics in Ufology.

Portions of our readership have expressed opinions regarding your feud with Gray Barker. While we have formulated our own personal views regarding same, we feel that neither APIC nor any other group is in a position to determine the validity of the arguments brought forth by you and your adversary, without conducting a comprehensive and impartial investigation to ascertain the facts....

As always, your periodical remains in the "upper echelon" of saucer zines, due to its unbiased coverage of the entire saucer situation without regard to your personal "whims." Your June issue was perhaps the best we have seen thus far, and as you will recall, our collection of SAUCER NEWS goes back quite a few years. We sincerely wish you and your organization continued success, and we invite your readers to contact us regarding any facet of the saucer enigma.

EUGENE R. STEINBERG (Director, APIC)

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I wish to locate a man named Lee Conway. This man was supposedly a witness to a flying saucer contact in early 1960. Conway's last known address was the Hotel Macambo in Hollywood, California. My source told me that he may be a well-known saucer researcher. Anyone with any information as to the present whereabouts of this man should contact me at the address below.

HARRY SIEBERT

1457 Kenwood Drive, Pamona, California

Not only on behalf of myself, but also on behalf of almost everybody else who was present, I would like to thank you ever so much for taking the time to come down here to talk to us, - sharing your enthusiasm with us and letting us know a little bit more about this mystical subject of flying saucers. All those to whom I spoke afterwards agreed that your talk had been quite something, - very interesting and quite unique on this very, very conservative campus. I am very sure that we have gained some "disciples" for the existence of UFO's.... J. A. TELLEFSEN, JR.

Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

You gave us all a pleasant and profitable evening at the Cap and Gown Club last week. As I told you and told the students, it was an excellently presented resume of what has been taking place in the sky in recent years - and in very ancient times as well....

DR. EARL DOUGLASS (Member, NICAP Board of Governors)
Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

I was very pleased to get your good letter. It is a very sensible letter, and I entirely agree that you should keep off politics. I personally hate 'em. I am only interested in human relations and in matters affecting human dignity....

The powers of evil that came into being at the end of the Atlantean period (forces actually created by men), know their days are numbered and they are now having a last good fling. The line-up is becoming very clear. One is either on their side or on God's side. By God I mean all that is spiritually progressive and adding to the stature of man. The Brotherhood that I have spoken to you about, is merely a group of men who have already gone through this crisis and chosen the Path of the Sun. Everyone has to go through this crisis and make his choice at some time in his evolution, and it is to our planet's credit that the huge majority make the right choice....

I was very happy to get your letter, as I have always known intuitively (despite seeming differences) that you were with us in this glorious phase of human evolution. I don't feel you have done any harm at all in pouring skepticism where you felt there was humbug. For Truth is the highest Good. Often one comes to the truth by a series of ruthless eliminations and revisions....

Dear old George Adamski is only one of many who are preparing the Way at the moment for the great change in human thinking and living that is coming (possibly in our lifetime.) We call this change "The Coming of the Cosmic Christ." By this we don't mean a dead letter Biblical physical phenomenon. By the Christ we mean that Principle now lying dormant in human souls, a tiny seed which will grow and become the Christ-Child in every human heart. This means an awakening in man of facilities and perceptions he never knew he had; a breaking down of barriers that make him so terribly alone and unable to understand or communicate with his neighbor; and a blossoming in everyone of an almost universal consciousness that will eventually unite not only all races, creeds, and factions, but ultimately the whole huge galactical family of sentient life. We have been given very precise instructions on how to apply ourselves to this task. And the most immediate one (which you may care to help with) is to propagate unity and brotherhood, and gradually to persuade people to forget their fog of prejudice, and to accept the fact that men are much the same the world over, and that one race is not necessarily more wicked than another.

Gloom, despondency, and war scares are out! People who shout "war" must be regarded as silly lunatics and ignored. This is not politics. To visualize the hands of East and West clasped in brotherhood, human dignity, and understanding, is merely the next step in evolution....

DESMOND LESLIE, London, England

Let me say it's a big help to have UFO information coming in regularly now, and you deserve great credit for maintaining your publication schedule and for keeping up interest with feature articles when sightings are at a low ebb.

In the coming year, the best hope for UFO progress seems to lie with space probes to Venus and Mars. You have noted, perhaps, that the Russian

astronomer F. Zigel contends that Mars' satellites are artificial, and were launched shortly before their discovery in 1877.....He states that they may be way-stations for secret visits to Earth.....Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of Colorado State University (writing in "Science," April 6, 1962), generally upholds the Russian's views....and few care to challenge Prof. Zigel. With the facts less than a year away, opposition to UFO's cannot long prevail....

E. R. LEE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In defense of NICAP, I would like to make the following statements: First, your remarks that NICAP is trying to be some kind of "men in black," because they frown on the idea of letting the Air Force look at their files, is only a half truth.....This can be done only after NICAP is sure that the Air Force is being completely honest.....and the only way this can be done is by forcing or asking the Air Force to reveal their files first.....Keyhoe has already told us in his latest book that it would be illogical to turn over good reports when Congressional hearings are so close....

NICAP has been accused of having cloak and dagger men within it, and for that reason it is said that their evidence and promises are falsehoods. I say hogwash! We are not robots yet! And one thing you and Palmer are forgetting: Members of NICAP are individuals.....Ruppelt tells us that some of the Air Force investigators had to be "purged" because they didn't like what was going on. And now a lot of them belong to NICAP. It reminds me of when this country fought the "bloody British" to keep what they thought they had a right to have. And believe me, the British used "brain washing" then, too. Now for the same reason, there must be a line cut between NICAP and the Air Force. Ruppelt and Keyhoe tell us that...some officers were not content to allow this "purging," and they too were "purged."

.....In a letter to Palmer, Richard Hall points out that Palmer deals in half truths. Palmer's deductive reasoning goes like this: The Air Force and the military have control of the saucer project; NICAP has military people in it; therefore NICAP is a cloak and dagger gang. This is a very unscientific deduction....Using the same methods, I could deduce that the Empire State Building is a granite rock or that I, really, had feathers.....Hall goes on to say that the military are only a part of NICAP, and that if the NICAP military are as knavish as Palmer says, by mere weight of numbers, they would not have much chance to influence the organization.....Must I remind you that clergymen, lawyers, bankers, doctors, etc. are also members of NICAP?

.....Open hearings can be held if the support and evidence are assembled. But things of real importance do not come with the flick of the finger. It takes work and co-operation, not attacks and pseudo-science! But it can be done. If nothing else, NICAP should get an "E" for effort. Once NICAP is gone, there will only be the "entertainers" left to take over the saucer field.

STEVE ERDMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

The recent discovery of live monsters, which experts are unable to fit into the animal kingdom of our geological era, leads me to believe that God, through his laws of nature, has deep-frozen eons ago many and various organisms, which, given the proper circumstances, thaw out and revive....Regarding the 7-ton monster washed up on a beach in Tasmania, the Australian scientists were....baffled as to its origin and identity.....Normally, there should be others like it, at least in that area: brothers, sisters, cousins, in-laws, etc....But such have not been seen....How do I explain this solitary specimen? He and many others like him, suddenly deep-froze in a cake of ice because of some cataclysmic change which occurred thousands or perhaps millions of years ago....

REV. GUY J. CYR, S.M., Lawrence, Mass.

MY INTERVIEW AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON FIELD

- by James W. Moseley -

Way back in 1954, I made my first attempt to obtain an interview at Wright-Patterson, the base where the Air Force's saucer investigation is conducted. I happened to be passing through Dayton, Ohio, on my way back from the West Coast, where I had interviewed dozens of saucer personalities including George Adamski and his "desert contact" witnesses. I phoned Wright-Patterson from a hotel in downtown Dayton, and managed to get through to the officer then in charge of the UFO project. However, I was told that no one except accredited newsmen were allowed on the Base, and that was the end of it.

Through the years, - both before and after the above incident, - I would drop in periodically at the Pentagon in Washington, and interview whatever information officer was currently in charge of releasing saucer information to the public. But it was June, 1961, before I made any further attempt to be admitted to Wright Field. At that time, Major William Coleman had recently replaced Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker at the Pentagon. Coleman was an unusually pleasant and open-minded officer. He had been a science-fiction writer at one time, and as an Air Force pilot, he had made more than one UFO sighting himself (though none that he was unable to explain.) Even though Coleman was far from being a saucer "Believer," he seemed to have more of a personal interest in the subject than the officers who had preceded him. Coleman told me that he could see no objection to my going to Wright Field, and that he would let me know in a few weeks, just as soon as things could be arranged.

However, the weeks and months went by, and nothing happened. In March of this year I happened to be in Washington again, and I returned for another visit to the Pentagon. By this time Coleman had been replaced by the current public information officer, Major Robert Hart. I spoke to both Coleman and Hart, and again I was promised that a date for my visit to Dayton would be set shortly. In all this, I was given to understand that the delays were due to the delicate fact that the saucer files at Wright-Patterson are located in a building where highly classified intelligence work, unrelated to saucers, is being conducted. It seemed likely that I would have to wait until the UFO project was moved to another building, or till the "Cold War" cooled off, or until a security clearance could be arranged for me. Since any of these problems could take months or years to solve, I again left Washington feeling that I would not likely obtain my goal.

It was only a few days later, however, that a date was actually set. Apparently both Coleman and Hart felt that a visit to Wright Field by a UFO editor would not be harmful to the Air Force at that time. They pushed the matter through for me, and I am very grateful to them for doing so. I thus became the first civilian saucer researcher to be granted this privilege.

Not long after my return to Fort Lee from Washington, I received by mail a carbon copy of a letter which reads in part: ".....Unclassified from SAFOI-3B. For PTD-E, Lt. Col. Friend. Confirming our conversation of 22 March 1962, Mr. James W. Moseley will arrive at your office 28 March 1962. Request Mr. Moseley be given a full, unclassified briefing, to include access to unclassified case files if desired. This briefing is IAW and AF policy of making UFO files available to news media...." At the bottom of the letter Major Hart had written in pencil: "Jim: For your info., you don't need to have this with you. Friend knows you are coming."

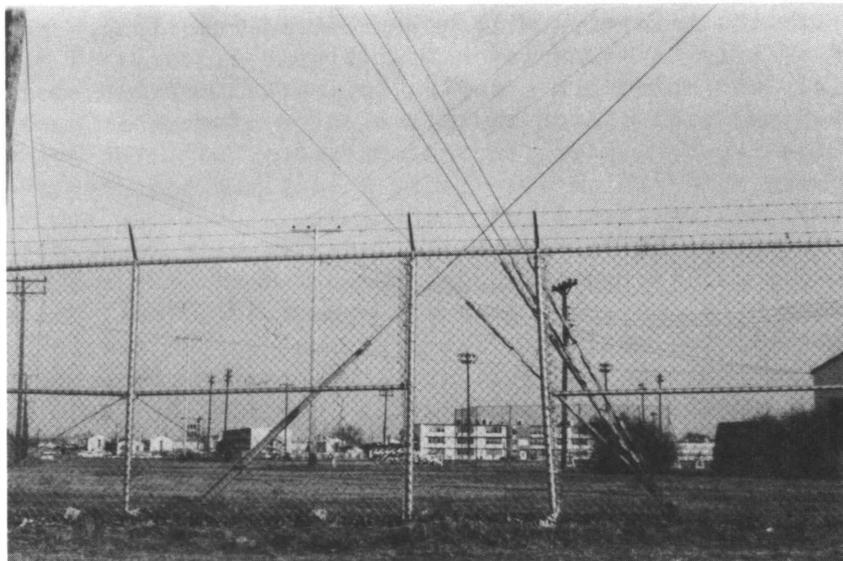
It is indeed fortunate that I did not need to have the letter with me, as it did not actually arrive in Fort Lee until after I had left for Dayton. Before leaving, I had spoken by long-distance phone with both Major Hart

and Lt. Col. Friend, who is currently in charge of the Wright-Patterson UFO project. Thus I was reasonably sure that I would be admitted to the Base, even though the above-mentioned letter was not yet in my possession.

I am unfamiliar with the Dayton area, but upon arriving by car on the night of March 27th, I noticed that the little town of Fairborn, Ohio, is apparently much closer to the Air Base than Dayton. I therefore spent the night in a motor hotel in Fairborn, and at 9 o'clock the next morning I telephoned Col. Friend. It turned out that I had made the right decision, as my hotel was only a couple of miles from the portion of the vast Base in which

the saucer investigation is conducted. Shortly thereafter, Col. Friend met me at the hotel in his private car, and drove me onto the Base.

We parked in a large parking lot for the use of the personnel of the building in which Col. Friend's office and files are located. No cameras are allowed in this portion of the Base, and the pictures at the left were taken by me from outside the Base, late in the day, alone, after the interview was over. I walked with Col. Friend to the building in question. It was fairly large in size, and had its name written over the entrance. I have been requested not to publish this name. In the lobby, I signed the visitors' book, and the security guard gave me a tag which I was required to keep visible during my time in the building. We then walked through a long hall, on our way to Col. Friend's office on another floor. I had no opportunity to see any rooms other than the one in which Col. Friend worked; but in the halls were signs reading, approximately,



"This is a Security Area." I could not help but wonder what was going on behind the various doors I passed. I think I have a fairly good idea, from various clues I gathered. Let me simply state that the building is devoted mainly to intelligence work directly connected with the Cold War, but not directly connected with saucers in any way.

In Col. Friend's office there were two secretaries and a technical sergeant named David Moody, whose job it is to keep the saucer files up to date. There was nothing unusual about the office except for a large blackboard, which had a most peculiar thing written on it. I will get back to this further on.

I did not come to the interview with any prepared questions, nor did I have any intention of pressing my own views about flying saucers. I sat down near Col. Friend's desk, and asked him a series of rather routine questions as they occurred to me; and each answer would remind me of another question, so that the conversation never lagged. In the course of an interview lasting approximately six hours (and which ended only when I ran out of questions and decided to end it), this is what I learned:

The saucer effort at Wright-Patterson is under the Air Force Systems Command, formerly called the Research and Development Command. The chief of the Air Force Systems Command is currently General Bernard Scriever. Until July 1960, the UFO project was attached to a sub-division called A.T.I.C., meaning Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center. Since that date it has been attached to a different sub-division. This is the group the name of which is visible above the main entrance of the building in which I conducted my interview.

Wright-Patterson's job, in regard to UFO's, is in connection with investigation and analysis only. Public information is handled only at the Pentagon (currently by Major Hart), and this is why no civilian saucer researcher was allowed to interview Col. Friend until now. In addition to the investigative and public relations departments of the Air Force's UFO project, there is a third, lesser-known department. This is called legislative liaison, and is handled by Lt. Col. Boland, at the Pentagon. He is a qualified attorney, and his job is to answer questions from Congress in regard to UFO matters. Both Hart and Boland have other duties in addition to their work on the saucer project, but Col. Friend is a full-time "saucerer."

As published in the February 6th, 1962 "Fact Sheet," released from the Pentagon, 7,369 UFO sightings were received at Wright Field during the years 1947-1961. However, this figure is misleading, because (according to Col. Friend), an average of at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ reports are received on each sighting. In other words, the total number of reports would be closer to 11,000; and of course, one report can include the testimony of several witnesses who were together at the time of the sighting. Furthermore, Col. Friend readily admitted that there would be many more reports - perhaps 3 or 4 times as many, - if everyone bothered to make one, or if it were not true that many people are reluctant to tell the Air Force about their UFO experiences. I was told that there were 200 to 300 separate reports on the Levelland, Texas, phenomenon, during the 1957 "flap." This is the highest number of reports ever received by the Air Force in regard to a single UFO incident.

The manner in which saucer sightings should be relayed to the Air Force is outlined in two official publications, both of which are already well known to serious saucer students. The first is AFR 200-2, which bears the following title: "Intelligence: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). This regulation establishes the responsibility for reporting evidence on unidentified flying objects (UFO) and for releasing information to the general public." This document was first published in 1953, and has been reprinted several times in

slightly modified editions. My copy is dated April, 1959. The gist of the procedure is simply that civilians should report their sightings to the nearest Air Force base. Col. Friend explained that in approximately 90 percent of the cases, investigating officers are sent out from this local base to interview the witnesses, and to obtain other pertinent information. Finally this complete report - including background information on the witnesses - is sent to Wright-Patterson for further evaluation. The only startling thing here is that as many as 90 percent of the cases are investigated at the local base level. It had been my understanding previously that only a small percentage of the reports, i.e., the most important ones, are investigated in this way.

The other well-known Air Force publication dealing with UFO's is JANAP 146(D). My copy is an earlier version, JANAP 146(C), issued in March 1954, which I assume is practically the same as the current version. The title is "Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings from Airborne and Waterborne Sources." It concerns what are called CIRVIS Reports. This regulation applies to both civilian and military aircraft (as well as ships), but according to Col. Friend, its use by civilian pilots or vessels is voluntary. (This is a point hotly disputed by Keyhoe and others.) Once the CIRVIS form is used by a civilian, however, he comes under military security regulations; and JANAP 146(C) clearly states: "All persons aware of the contents or existence of a CIRVIS report are governed by the Communications Act of 1934 and amendments thereto, and Espionage Laws. CIRVIS reports contain information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, 18 U.S. Code, 793 and 794. The unauthorized transmission or revelation of the contents of CIRVIS reports in any manner is prohibited." The net effect of this regulation is that the newspapers or the public rarely hear of UFO sightings by military pilots. In my own opinion, the scarcity of reports from civilian pilots is caused by pressure from the individual airlines or by the pilot's own fear of ridicule, - but JANAP 146 is not a factor.

At Wright Field, all cases are accurately filed both according to date and location. (I know this because, of 3 somewhat obscure cases I asked about, 2 were found for me immediately by the Sergeant, and the third was not found at all, as it had apparently never been filed.) Naturally, Friend's office can soon determine whether or not several reports refer to the same object. Then, after Wright-Patterson's complete analysis has been done, approximately 2% of the cases are re-investigated personally by either Col. Friend himself or any of four other officers at his disposal, who are sent out from Wright-Patterson to the area, wherever it may be, that the sighting took place. Dr. J. Allen Hyneck of Northwestern University, who has been with the Air Force saucer project almost since the beginning, is also available for field trips. Col. Friend emphasized that the 2% thus re-investigated are not the same 2% which are listed currently in the Pentagon's "Fact Sheet" as "unknowns." It became very clear that the sightings which are of greatest interest to the Air Force are not the same ones which are of greatest interest to civilian researchers. Obviously, the Air Force is more worried about the possibility of Russian guided missiles slipping through our radar net than they are about philosophically-inclined Martians who may or may not be cruising through the Earth's atmosphere now and then. They are also particularly interested in sightings with unusual scientific importance - such as the quick location of meteorites, some of which contain elements with a short half-life.

One gets the feeling that even if NICAP, SAUCER NEWS, and all the other saucer clubs were to fold up and disappear, the Air Force would still continue its UFO investigation with the same vigor as it maintains now - for the simple reason that they have the responsibility of protecting our skies

SIR BAGBY

By R. & B. Hackney



from any objects which might be hostile. This is a serious responsibility, and one which I am absolutely convinced that the Air Force takes most seriously.

According to Col. Friend, only the following information about UFO sightings is classified: The source of foreign reports (for obvious reasons); the background clutter on radar scopes; sightings at or near "sensitive areas," i.e., military installations; and the names of civilian sighters who do not want their names released. To this list I would add that most sightings by military pilots are apparently classified, as indicated in my discussion of JANAP 146. Whether or not sightings by military ground personnel are classified is a matter which can be disputed. I did not ask Col. Friend this particular question, but I think it is a fair assumption that such personnel are at least under considerable pressure to keep their sightings out of the newspapers, etc.

I think it can also be assumed (although I may be wrong), that the Air Force prefers to conduct its UFO investigation quietly and without the glaring light of publicity. Their public relations attitude in the past has often left much to be desired, in my opinion, and perhaps the one good thing that NICAP has accomplished is to make the Air Force more aware that good public relations are a necessary part of their job.

In analyzing and solving UFO reports, Wright Field has at its disposal equipment which could be duplicated by civilian researchers only by the expenditure of many thousands of dollars - or perhaps millions. Col. Friend has, when necessary, the use of photographic, chemical, and aeronautical laboratories. By simple phone calls, he can consult with aircraft project chiefs concerning experimental aircraft flights, or with personnel who have complete data about missile, satellite, and balloon launchings. All information about military and civilian flight schedules, air-to-air refueling operations, etc., are also available to him. It goes without saying that some of this information is classified; and thus no civilian group, whatever its financial backing, could ever solve as high a percentage of its UFO cases as the Air Force does.

The key question, however, is this: Granted that the Air Force can solve most of its saucer cases through careful teamwork, special facilities, and access to classified information: Does it not still remain true that they "reach too far" for some of their explanations, i.e., sighting details which don't "fit" are ignored, etc.? The Air Force says no. Civilian researchers almost unanimously say yes. The true answer to this question can never be learned until or unless the Air Force decides to release to the public the individual cases it receives, and their solutions, instead of just statistical summaries. My own opinion is that the truth lies somewhere in between the extreme

claims on each side. Air Force officers, being human (even if NICAP believes they are inhuman), certainly have the temptation to achieve as high a percentage of solved cases as possible, even if they have to stretch a point or ignore a detail in doing so. On the other hand, civilian researchers have an even stronger inclination to leave as many sightings as possible unsolved, and then yell, "See, this proves my point that we are being visited by space-ships." As a matter of fact, few civilian groups make any attempt whatsoever to solve any UFO sightings. They simply publish the sensational ones and ignore the ones that might be balloons, stars, etc. In this, SAUCER NEWS is as guilty as any other saucer zine. After all, who wants to read about a UFO which has an obvious explanation?

One of the strongest arguments that the Air Force has in its favor is this: No one, - not even an airline pilot or a scientist, - can be an experienced observer of unidentified objects. The phrase is an obvious contradiction in terms. If we are looking for "experienced UFO observers," certainly George Adamski deserves to be ranked far above Clyde Tombaugh, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto. Dr. Tombaugh has seen only one UFO. It flew over his home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, in August 1949, and he still does not know what it was. Adamski, however, has seen and photographed dozens of saucers, talked with their occupants, and even ridden in saucers while discussing philosophy with their pilots. Therefore, perhaps George Adamski should succeed Col. Friend when the latter's tour of duty on the UFO project ends late this year!

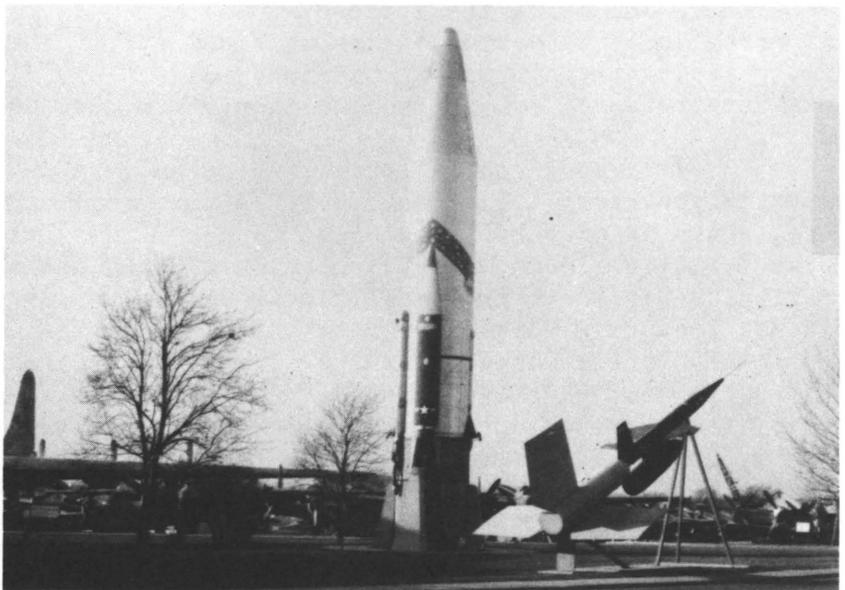
Another important point, which entered into my discussion with Col. Friend, is that no one can accurately estimate the size, speed, or distance away of any unknown object, unless the sighting is made at very close quarters or under unusual circumstances (i.e., there might be a cloud layer near the UFO or a plane passing near it.) Thus, most estimates of size and speed made by observers - experienced or otherwise - are subject to question. It seems likely that UFO's are very often reported to be 20 to 50 feet in diameter simply because this is the approximate size of an airplane, and observers unconsciously link their UFO's with these familiar objects, as a mental reference point, so to speak. Actually, the saucer might be nearer to the observer and smaller, or further away and larger. Since neither size nor distance is known, estimates of speed are inaccurate, and only angular velocity can be relied on.

In making the above statements, I do not mean to imply that the Air Force ignores estimated velocities, etc., submitted by observers. I am simply saying that in my own opinion, and in the Air Force's opinion, these details are more subject to question than most UFO fans would be willing to admit.

Time did not allow me to go into a detailed discussion of many saucer sightings. I did ask Col. Friend about the Simonton "space pancake" case, which is of special interest to me. I was told, in effect, that the Air Force believes Simonton was sincere, but that his sighting was not a physical reality. I was shown two small pieces of the famous pancake, and I must say it did not look very edible, even by Martians. I also saw a number of other items from what the Air Force calls its "junk file." This is their unkind way of referring to the "physical evidence" that has been sent in by saucer sighters. Two of the objects were intricate hoaxes, containing tubes and wires which even my untrained eye recognized as earth-made. One of these devices had Russian writing on it (apparently in an effort to frighten the Air Force.) Col. Friend informed me that the Russian word was misspelled. Another "junk" item was obviously a small American device of some sort, as it had "U.S." written all over it. This object, like the others, had been found by a civilian and

had eventually made its way to Wright-Patterson for analysis. Lastly, I remember seeing some small hunks of slag, which a woman claimed had appeared on a road overnight. According to Col. Friend, their tests showed nothing unusual about the material. In brief, the "junk file" divided itself into two categories - hoaxes and honest mistakes.

I also had a quick look at the file of still photographs. A quick look was all I wanted, as I immediately recognized most of the pictures as having been around for years. Some had even been published in SAUCER NEWS. Col. Friend said that hundreds of still pictures have been submitted, and needless to say, they prove nothing. He told me that there are about six motion picture strips on hand. These I did not see. He denied that the Air Force has ever purposely lost, darkened, destroyed or suppressed any saucer film. I then inquired about the Ralph Mayher film, taken at Miami Beach during the July 1952 flap. This was the one case I asked about that Sergeant Moody was unable to find in the files. Col. Friend knew nothing about the Mayher film (which in my opinion was the best saucer movie ever taken, - far more detailed than the two well-known film strips which were eventually released to the public in the commercial motion picture "U.F.O."); Mayher claimed, in a personal interview with me in 1954, that a day or two after his sighting he gave his film to the Air Force for analysis, and



it was never returned to him, nor has any report on it ever been released. He did retain a few frames for himself, and these were widely published at the time. In fairness to Col. Friend, who joined the Air Force saucer project in early 1959, I should state that he certainly bears no responsibility for what ever happened to the Mayher film. However, here is an item that has been lost, ignored, or suppressed, and which is as close to authentic "physical evidence" as anything I have ever seen in my nearly 10 years of research.

In regard to Col. Friend personally, I would say that he appears to be a thoroughly qualified intelligence officer. As for his treatment of me, I do not see how I could have asked for or expected any better treatment than I received. All my questions were answered courteously and pleasantly, although I have no way of knowing whether or not every answer was entirely truthful. I was given a free lunch with Col. Friend at the officers' club, and a guided tour of the Air Force Museum (open to the public - see photos on previous page.) I kept the latter down to a minimum of time, as I was anxious to get back to Friend's office and go on with my saucer questions. When the interview was over, I was driven back to my hotel in the Colonel's private car. All in all, Col. Friend performed his duty admirably. I say his duty, because technically he received me only under orders from the Pentagon.

The conversation came around, at one point, to "hush ups," and I was told the story of a gentleman (name known to me) who made an important and apparently truthful sighting during the 1957 flap. Later he began claiming that, as a result of his sighting, he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had "snow-balled" from there.

I think that all of us enjoy a good story. For instance, I would like to tell you about the strange little man, with furry hair all over his face, whom I passed briefly in the hall of the building where I interviewed Col. Friend; or about the huge saucer-shaped canopy in the yard, surrounded by armed guards; or the odd way the good Colonel winced when I mentioned the name of Albert K. Bender. But none of these things happened; and as this article is, to the best of my ability and recollection, a truthful report, I have decided to leave these stories out.

However, there was one strange thing that I really did see, and I mention it for what it is worth. Near the beginning of this article I referred to a large blackboard in Col. Friend's office, with peculiar writing on it. This writing was peculiar, because it obviously was not in our alphabet. I asked Friend about it, and he said (as nearly as I can recall) that it was a motto or saying, in ancient Syrian, which he had copied out of a book, and which he had left up on the blackboard for the past week just to attract questions from visitors to his office. He told me what the motto was, but I unfortunately have forgotten it, as I did not write it down at the time. It was something nearly as commonplace as "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." But why put mottos in strange languages on the blackboard of an office devoted to serious intelligence work? Was it Martian writing that they were attempting to decipher? No, I don't think so, but I don't really believe it was a Syrian proverb either. Now, it just happens that on the same day I visited Col. Friend, there was a military coup in Syria. There may be some connection. In any case, this is as close as I came to anything really weird or exciting during my memorable visit to Wright-Patterson.

OPEN LETTER OF REPLY TO DR. LEON DAVIDSON
- by Brinsley le Poer Trench -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Trench, a noted British saucer researcher, is the author of "The Sky People" and former editor of "Flying Saucer Review." He wrote the following article in November, 1961, in answer to Dr. Davidson's "Open Letter to Saucer Researchers," which we printed in two parts, in the March and June 1962 issues of SAUCER NEWS. Mr. Trench's reply to Dr. Davidson is, we believe, a thoroughly worthwhile contribution to saucer research.)

In his letter, Dr. Davidson offers an elaborate run-down of what he considers to be the source and history of events connected with saucer activity from the beginning of current public interest up to the present time. There can be no doubt that he is sincere in his beliefs, or that he is making an honest effort to put down what he considers to be the true picture of affairs.

It is not my purpose to attack him in any way, either for his views or for his presentation of them. However, if what he says is difficult for some of us to accept, (and it is), we claim the friendly right to enter into the discussion that is certain to arise from his open letter. We would like to point out a few possibilities which the good Doctor may have missed.

In paragraph 2 of his letter he lists what he refers to as his "qualifications to pontificate in this field." It may surprise him to learn that some of these qualifications are more alarming than they are reassuring to his fellow researchers. Some people may have developed different points of view if they have approached the saucer question from angles other than his. Perspectives vary, and it may be that some of the qualifications he sets down have qualified his evaluations. Furthermore, this could have been exactly what they were intended to do, and not, let us be quick to say, by him!

In paragraph 4, Dr. Davidson outlines his views in brief. Apparently he believes, and wants us all to believe along with him, that flying saucers were, and are, nothing more than a gigantic hoax perpetrated by the CIA for some unexplained and unimaginable reason. Has the CIA, then, convinced him it is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent, as he seems to be saying it would like to pretend to be?

For reasons of our own, some of us may remain unconvinced. There is something more than faintly ludicrous in the thought of an almighty organization's employing powers usually attributed to divinity to play pranks and to perpetrate hoaxes upon what has remained, after all, a small minority of the world's population.

Let us look at the facts. If the purpose behind the Great Hoax was to frighten everybody, then it failed miserably. If, on the other hand, the distribution of platitudes via messages to all mankind was the purpose, then, again, it failed, and for the same reasons. Even saucer fans have grumbled at not hearing anything new. Humanity is a strange animal: Without trying any of the remedies offered for its ills, it demands a new one, perhaps with a more agreeable flavor.

If even a part of the plot was to unite the world against a threatened invasion from outer space, then that did not come off, either. The present generation is skeptical of such time-dishonored science-fiction gimmicks. After all, it has been presented too many times in extravagant movie and television imitations of Wells and Welles, H.G. and Orson.

Or, assuming for the moment that there is some reality in all this hokum, does the CIA hope somebody will intercept a real space-man, laugh him to scorn for his pretensions, and tell him: "Very well, I will take you to

your leader!" - and turn him over to Intelligence for "interrogation"?

Another point is that, for Dr. Davidson to be correct, the CIA must possess a highly maneuverable and extremely efficient time-machine, and they must have been very busy with it. There is much testimony to indicate that saucers have been flying around in our earthly skies for thousands of years! Anybody who could possibly accept that the CIA invented saucers must have been most carefully educated to believe such objects had never been observed before 1947 A.D.

It is a known fact that "education" of this kind is possible to intelligence organizations, and violence need not be an ingredient of the process. People can be led in very subtle ways to believe that black is white, and a missionary impulse to "go and teach all nations" can be implanted. Good reasons can be presented for this kind of action by an intelligence group, and they are logical reasons that make much more sense than a keen, boyish desire to indulge in a world-wide Halloween prank.

One of the most obvious reasons is this: Whoever can believe the tale as told, that the CIA was responsible for the whole world-wide saucer phenomenon, will probably feel one of two emotions: If he has been a skeptic, he will say, "I told you so!" and sit back smugly to enjoy the chagrin of all the dupes. On the other hand, if he has seen, believes he has seen, or accepts that others have seen saucers, he will feel duped and dismayed. His deep embarrassment can then express itself in several ways, but two will probably be characteristic of the majority of people:

First, the person will be inclined to shut up and will refuse to talk about the matter at all. He will retire from the scene and will try to forget that he was ever connected with such an uncomfortable situation. Or, secondly, he may remain vocal, but will turn missionary for his educators and try, in all sincerity, to "enlighten" everybody according to the line of thought he has been given. Of course, by the time he has become totally convinced, he is not aware that he has been indoctrinated. The technique is to allow him to discover the evidence for himself, and this can be arranged for him in any number of most impressive ways.

In any case, the result will be the same: The subject of saucers, as a serious reality, will be killed quite dead.

We have all heard enough about modern methods of idea-control to realize that this sort of thing is in keeping with the purposes and behavior of intelligence groups. For a long time some of us have thought there might be an effort on the part of some "body" or other to squash public interest in saucers, rather than to promote it or to stimulate it in any way. Has this body been the CIA? I am still in no position to formulate a definite opinion, but if the CIA is actually trying to make sincere researchers believe what Dr. Davidson presents in his open letter, then perhaps it could have been, or is.

All efforts to make sightings and contacts look ridiculous have failed to remove the saucers from public notice. People who have encountered UFO's at fairly close range tend to resent being told by people who were not on the spot that they have seen the planet Venus, high-flying birds, or even weather balloons.

Any secret organization must keep itself in character. An intelligence body cannot come out flat-footed and confess the so-called secrets it would like to have revealed. Bad policy. However, it can educate a capable man to do the job for it. He can be taught, without his knowing anything about what is actually happening to him, to do the job honestly, sincerely, and as an important revelation of the vital truth.

If these so-called secrets have been devised in such a way as to discredit an idea by opposing it with quantities of prefabricated and well-

planted documentation, all of which he has been highly privileged to see and discover, then, perhaps, such a revelation would succeed where open ridicule has failed. This would be particularly true if all really interested researchers in a given field could be reached and converted. The kind of ridicule that comes from an external source can be faced, opposed, and overcome. It is far more difficult to handle the sort of embarrassment that arises if somebody can prove to you, in the presence of your own best observations, that you have been duped.

Although it is obvious that Dr. Davidson has collected information from a variety of sources, it is apparent that he has really listened to only one, the Official. A certain respect for authority of this nature must, of necessity, go along with the maintenance of "a high security clearance for over 15 years." To this can be added the respect for what one has been taught, which becomes a part of the highly trained and specialized mind. Both these virtues are of great and undeniable value within any field to which a mind may be dedicated. Through them we achieve accuracy and precision, but not necessarily understanding. They can become limitations and barriers difficult to surmount in the face of unknown factors and strange experiences beyond the limits of already-accepted data. It is no criticism of such a mind to say that it tends to minimize and to reject the non-conforming datum. In so doing, it is merely performing as it has been schooled to perform. "No strain," as the Chinese say.

I am only moved to wonder, as I read Dr. Davidson's "Open Letter to Saucer Researchers," if, in the end, the man some of us may come to "feel sorriest for in all this" may not be Dr. Leon Davidson himself!

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BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER HOAX - by Coral E. Lorenzen (Published privately)

Although the title is a poor one, this book, rather surprisingly, turns out to be one of the very few really worthwhile books ever written on the subject of flying saucers. Mrs. Lorenzen is the director of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), and her bi-monthly bulletin is familiar to most researchers.

The greatest merit of this book is that the author has made a successful effort to avoid using sightings that the saucer public is already familiar with. For the most part, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" contains material which has not been published before, except in the APRO Bulletin. Of special interest are the many South American reports. These have been sent to APRO over the years by Mrs. Lorenzen's correspondents in Brazil, Venezuela, and elsewhere. A great number of landing and near-landing reports, as well as "little men" stories are included. Although individually, these sightings are certainly subject to question, there are so many of them that they add up to a new mass of evidence indicating that the flying saucers may indeed be piloted by humanoid creatures. Aime Michel, in his excellent book "Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery," several years ago provided us with the same kind of detailed evidence from France, - including a large number of "little men" sightings.

Mrs. Lorenzen's book gives us a great deal of extremely interesting evidence regarding UFO's, but in spite of her claims to the contrary, she has no scientifically acceptable proof. Like all saucer authors, she cannot resist overstating her case. The famous Ubatuba (Brazil) "saucer fragments" are reviewed in detail; but as David Wightman aptly pointed out in his long technical article in the March 1961 SAUCER NEWS, these fragments do not prove anything. They are interesting, they are unusual, but that is all.

Mrs. Lorenzen's other error is her opinion, on the basis of very scanty evidence, that some UFO's are hostile. She bases this belief mainly on the fact that automobile engines, electric power systems, etc., have sometimes been cut off by low-flying saucers. She also notes that military bases in the United States and elsewhere come in for a great deal of scrutiny by the UFO's. But if the saucers were really hostile, I should think that they could wipe out our whole population very quickly without firing one shot or dropping one bomb - assuming that their occupants are as advanced technologically as they seem to be. So far, they have harmed humans only very occasionally and apparently by accident. Thus Mrs. Lorenzen seems to have jumped to an unwarranted conclusion based on insufficient data when she attributes unfriendly motives to our visitors.

The title, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," refers to the fact that Mrs. Lorenzen feels that the public is the victim of a hoax, in that we are being misled by the press and the Military into thinking that extraterrestrial saucers do not exist. The author does not believe, however, that there is any organized censorship. In this respect she has taken a very sensible view, and one very close to my own. She is also in basic disagreement with NICAP on this very important point. She states: "I believe those in control of the saucer investigation sincerely believe that all UFO's could be explained as conventional objects if enough information were available. Air Force withholding of evidence is not due to special knowledge, but rather to special ignorance - indeed, quite an invincible ignorance. It cannot fairly be accused of suppressing that which it does not recognize. Air Force regulation 200-2 is written

in such a manner that an investigating officer is not likely to report evidence which would indicate anything but a mundane origin. As a result, many official explanations do not seem to fit the facts, and a critical public feels that information is being suppressed. This idea finds wide acceptance simply because the average citizen prefers to think someone has the answer."

"The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" is well written, well organized, and fortunately lacks the pseudo-documentary style characteristic of the Keyhoe books. Together with the books by Ruppelt, Michel, and Max Miller, this is the most worthwhile volume ever written on the saucer subject, and in spite of its inevitable defects, I highly recommend it.

LOCH NESS MONSTER - by Tim Dinsdale (Published by the Chilton Company)

As the title clearly implies, this book is about Scotland's famous Loch Ness Monster, - a creature which is receiving an increasing amount of attention on both sides of the Atlantic these days. We do not ordinarily review books which are not about flying saucers; but this particular one is of such interest to all students of "Fortean" phenomena, that we felt many SAUCER NEWS readers would want to hear about it.

"Loch Ness Monster" is written by an Englishman who is an aeronautical engineer and photographer. The introduction is by Ivan Sanderson, the famous naturalist, who is a recent contributor to SAUCER NEWS, an editor employed by the Chilton Company, and a personal friend of Mr. Dinsdale.

The book includes several dozen detailed accounts of Loch Ness Monster sightings, going back to the early 1930's. There are also several photographs as well as stills from a motion picture of the Monster taken by the author in April 1960. It appears that there were few sightings previous to 1933, due to the fact that there was no road around the lake until then. There is, however, one similar account from the 6th Century A.D. This would indicate that the Monster - whatever it is- has been around for quite a long time.

Mr. Dinsdale became interested in the Monster as a hobby about three years ago. By means of a careful study of one hundred sightings, he was able to come up with an accurate composite or statistical average of what the Monster looks like. According to these calculations, it has a long slender snake-like neck about ten feet long, a thick body twenty feet long, and a tail ten feet long. It has a set of limbs or flippers at the front and rear end of the body, and is even able to run on land with these. (There is a handful of detailed accounts of the Monster having been seen on land, near the lake.) According to Dinsdale, the Monster is closely related to sea serpents which have been seen throughout the centuries in the ocean, as well as to fresh-water monsters seen in various parts of the world. In all probability, the Monster is a survival of some animal thought to have become extinct in prehistoric times.

This book is sane, sober, and sensible. It is difficult for an open-minded person to read it without coming to the conclusion that something odd is indeed going on in Loch Ness.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE - by Reverend George King (Published privately in England)

George King is the best-known of the British contactees. He edits a periodical in England called "Cosmic Voice," and has made a lecture tour of the United States. He has also published a book previous to the current one, which we did not bother to review. Our main purpose in reviewing King's latest book is to show our readers just how absurd saucer contact claims have become. It is true that King does not meet space people physically, like Adamski, Fry,

Betherum, etc; but what he lacks physically, he more than makes up for astrally. King is also a medium - and apparently a happy medium - as he has frequently had the good fortune to tune in on a being called Aetherius, from Venus. Therefore his group is called the Aetherius Society. Better still, King claims to have made psychic contacts with Jesus Christ, and from the general tenor of the meetings he holds in London, he might more properly be called "irreverend" rather than "reverend."

"You Are Responsible" starts out by describing the joys of yoga and telepathy, and then, after a few other preliminaries, there is a simply fascinating chapter called "The Mars Story." Here we find King making a series of astral voyages to Mars, just at the time when Mars and Earth are in grave danger from a planetoid controlled by a weird and evil form of intelligent life. On his third astral trip to Mars and vicinity, King lands on a Venusian saucer which is trying to subdue the troublesome planetoid. King tells us that this particular saucer was chosen for the mission because of its ability to exceed the speed of light, and thus out-run harmful rays being shot out from its adversary. In the course of the events that follow, a Martian space ship with a hundred and sixty one Martian beings aboard, is lost in combat. Things go from bad to worse. Soon the Lords of Saturn arrive in a fleet of saucers, to try their hand at saving the situation. Meanwhile, the evil planetoid has started heading straight for Mars, and catastrophe seems inevitable. At this key point in the combat, Jesus Christ appears in the Venusian saucer with King and his Venusian companions, and gives the message: "The Love of God Never Fails." Armed with this message, translated into the form of a powerful ray of some kind, the planetoid is defeated, Earth and Mars are saved, and King becomes the unsung hero of the day.

The second portion of the book is devoted to psychic messages from Aetherius and others, whereas the first portion is concerned with "true astral experiences" such as the one related above. The main message in Part Two seems to be that the use of atomic energy by earthlings - even for peaceful purposes, - must be stopped at once.

Yes, George King, you are responsible - for the most absurd and fantastic saucer book ever written!

THE CHALLENGE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - by Prof. C.A. Maney and R. Hall

This book is co-authored by Professor Maney, who is connected with a small college in Ohio, and Richard Hall, Major Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP. The volume is privately published, badly printed, and incredibly poorly organized. Of more than passing interest is the dedication, "To Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.): For his sincere and tireless efforts in alerting the world to UFO phenomena, and encouraging a rational inquiry." On the back cover, Keyhoe returns the compliment, and states: "I heartily recommend this book to everyone seeking an honest presentation of the facts - facts combined with the inescapable fascination of the UFO mystery." Such mutual admiration is indeed touching!

The book is written in three parts. The first two are called "The UFO Mystery" and "A Scientist Looks at UFO's." These are written by Mr. Hall and Prof. Maney, respectively. To a person who is a beginner in saucer research, the material therein will be of considerable interest. To those of us who have followed the saucer problem through the years, these two sections are merely a badly organized re-hash of material that has already appeared in Keyhoe's books, NICAP's non-scheduled bulletin, and the publications of the now-defunct New York group called Civilian Saucer Intelligence. There is little, if anything, that is new.

Part Three is called "A Philosopher Looks at UFO's." It is Richard Hall who here assumes the role of philosopher, and some of his observations are of considerable merit. He discusses the philosophy of science, analyzes the flaws in the Air Force's saucer investigation, and gives several good UFO sightings by scientists, which apparently have not been previously published. To get to the "meat" of this book, however, the reader needs to wade through a fantastic amount of boring and repetitious passages, and the most interesting section of all - concerning electromagnetic effects associated with saucer sightings, - is reserved for an appendix.

Throughout the volume, the NICAP anti-Air-Force bias is as evident as is the fact that the book was thrown together hastily in an effort to get it onto the market before public interest in UFO's wanes.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

MORE HIGH ALTITUDE UFO SIGHTINGS: It seems that almost every Russian or American orbital or high altitude test flight is accompanied by UFO's of one sort or another. In our June issue we reported on Col. John Glenn's "fireflies," which were also seen by Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov. More recently, test pilot Joseph Walker, flying the experimental rocket-powered X15 to a record altitude, came upon five or six disc-shaped or cylindrical-shaped objects. These were not seen visually, but appeared on film taken during the history-making flight. Still later, another X15 flight, this time by Robert M. White, was highlighted by the dramatic sighting of "a strange paper-like object tumbling in space."

The X15 sightings have been more or less identified as bits of ice flaking from the planes' fuel tank area. A recent official Air Force release, commenting on the Walker and Glenn incidents, concludes as follows: "NASA scientists have no firm conclusion concerning astronaut Glenn's sighting, although several possibilities have been suggested. In any case, neither of these sightings produced any evidence that would indicate that there was any threat offered to these men and their crafts." The wording here is very significant, as the possibility is left open that the UFO's were non-threatening but completely mysterious phenomena of some sort.

SAUCER BRIEFS: Gabriel Green, saucer contactee and proponent of "prior choice economics," is running for the United States Senate from California this Fall. He is running on a left-wing Anti-Bomb platform, and is endorsed by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling and others. In 1960 Green ran for President of the United States, but was edged out by John F. Kennedy..... The amateur movie "Edge of Tomorrow," which we reviewed in our June 1961 issue, has resulted in new legal troubles for contactee Reinhold Schmidt. Our latest information, received last April, states that he is to be prosecuted for \$50,000 he allegedly bilked out of gullible backers in regard to the production of the movie. According to the same news story, Schmidt is already serving time in a state mental prison in northern California, after conviction on an earlier charge of grand theft....

Ralph Holland, formerly editor of "A Voice From the Gallery," died of a heart attack at his home in Youngstown, Ohio, on January 26th of this year. Holland's magazine, which was discontinued several years ago, dealt with saucers as well as several other off-beat topics.....The infamous book by Albert K. Bender, entitled "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," has finally been published by Gray Barker's Saucerian Press. Lack of space prevents us from reviewing this book - the wildest of all contactee stories - until our next issue. According to persistent rumors, the long delay in publication was caused

by pressure put on Barker, as a result of which he edited out all material which might give a genuine clue to the solution of the saucer mystery. The book as it now stands reads like science fiction, and is science fiction - rather unscientifically presented, however...Kenneth Arnold, the man who coined the term "flying saucer" in 1947, ran in the Idaho Republican primary for Lieutenant Governor this past summer, but lost out by a considerable margin.

FORTEAN ITEMS: A mysterious "storm" of tiny earth tremors, one every 27 seconds for eight hours, occurred on June 6th of last year, according to information recently released by the Seismological Society of America. The tremors, too small to be detected without instruments, were recorded by seismographs around the world. They have never been explained....On May 7th, Harry Gee of Churt, England, remembered a childhood story and reached for his shovel when he saw a rainbow apparently rising from the back of his garden. He dug lustily for a few minutes in search of the proverbial pot of gold. He soon struck metal, but hastily returned to the safety of his home when he discovered it was a hand grenade left over from World War I. Police removed it..... A large number of six-legged frogs have been discovered in a pond near College Station, Texas.....In Regina, Sask., Canada, a 730-pound animal, apparently a cross between a cow and a deer, is baffling experts. A blood sample tested at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police laboratory showed the animal to be pure bovine; but it has a long thin forehead and nose, plus horns, which it has dropped each January, just at the time deer normally lose their antlers....

An Italian scientist, experimenting with a team of 21 men who were kept in a pitch dark cave for a week, has discovered that humans have the power to distinguish certain colors even in total darkness....An April 22nd radio broadcast from Bangkok, Thailand, disclosed that a resident of a nearby town witnessed a "fog" which broke into little pieces the size of peas. The pieces were sent to a police laboratory for analysis....Fishermen at Marchfield, Mass., have come across a live sea monster with the head of an alligator, 12-foot long tail fins, and a body shaped like a nail keg. One of the fishermen told a friend that the creature was gulping up the fish in the area but did not concern itself with humans in the way. He added that he had seen all types of whales, but never one that resembled this creature. A local historian noted that there are records of a similar sea monster which was sighted in the Gulf of California in the year 1849.....Last Good Friday, a group of nurses at St. Mary's Hospital, London, saw an object resembling a cross shining behind the full moon, at about 5 a.m. A lady in another part of the city, who happened to be up at that hour feeding kittens, also saw the phenomenon. Astronomers had no immediate explanation....

Twin girls, who followed the same paths throughout their lives, both died mysteriously last April 13th in separate wards of a North Carolina state mental hospital, where they had been admitted for emotional disturbances. No bruises or marks of violence were found on either body, and the county coroner said there was "no demonstrable cause of death"..... Last April, villagers in Horningsham,



"They appear harmless enough. Their leader is knocking a little white ball about with a stick."

Wilts., England, reported that the Longleat Spectre, (a famous local ghost) was haunting again. The ghost is said to be an ancestor of the Marquis of Bath, owner of a large country mansion in the area. One of the villagers told a local newsman, "It flits around the bushes and amongst the trees. Sometimes it appears in the shape of a man, and sometimes it slinks near the ground like a dog." Further sleuthing laid the ghost to rest. It was merely the Marquis picking up the litter left by tourists who visit his estate....

A weird item from the London Daily Telegraph tells us of a family of African natives, in Tanganyika, who apparently are using telepathy to control lions and terrorize villages. Col. Mervin Cowie, Director of National Parks in Kenya, told a meeting in London that a number of Africans and lions were living and even hunting together in a remote province of Tanganyika. In one instance, one of the lion controllers was jailed in a neighboring town, and warned that unless he was freed by nightfall he would get his lions to kill the chief's cattle. The chief refused, and by morning 14 of his cows were dead...A dead sea monster was discovered by a fisherman on a beach in Obihiro, Japan, last June 6th. The strange animal is more than 45 feet long, has a head about one foot in circumference, but no eyes, nose, or mouth. It has no scales and is gray in color. Fishery experts from a nearby marine industry laboratory stated that they have never seen anything like it.....After six years, doctors in Lucknow, India, have almost given up the battle to humanize Ramu, a "wolf boy" who was found in 1956 after having grown up among wild animals in the jungle. The boy, now about 15 years old, has finally been taught not to eat raw meat, but he is so retarded that he can probably never be made a useful member of society....

In Buenos Aires, 30 believers in the cult of St. John the Baptist walked barefoot over a 1,470-degree-hot bed of coals. The performance took place before the startled eyes of 15,000 spectators in a soccer stadium. Doctors and scientists were among those present. They examined the coals carefully beforehand, and could offer no explanation as to why the cultists were not burned....Our old friend the Loch Ness Monster is again in the news, and within a few weeks his existence may finally be proven. If the beast is actually captured, Lloyd's of London (the famous insurance company) will lose about \$100,000, that being the amount of a policy taken out by a London merchant who offered this reward to anyone delivering the monster to his place of business. More likely, however, the creature will merely be photographed or detected on echo sounding devices. At least two expeditions, using the latest scientific equipment, plan to hunt for the beast in the near future. Meanwhile, the summer season has already brought at least one new sighting. Last July 12th a group of four visitors to the loch saw the creature surface for a period of four minutes.

BUSY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF: The following is a list of meetings and personal appearances undertaken by your Editor and/or his Staff, during the months of March through August:

- March 13th - Interview at the Pentagon with Major Hart & Major Coleman.
- March 28th - Interview at Wright-Patterson Field, with Lt. Col. Friend.
- March 31st - Radio station WOR, New York: The Long John Show: Discussion of the Wright-Patterson visit and other saucer topics, with Dominic Lucchesi and others. (Note: Dates given for Long John shows, which run each night from midnight to 5 or 5-30 a.m., are exact. In other words, subtract one day in order to obtain the date of the evening previous to the show.)
- April 5th - Lecture at Princeton University.

- April 14th - Long John, with Ivan Sanderson and others, re monsters.
- April 19th - WPJB in Weston, W. Va: Half hour television interview regarding flying saucers, African art, etc.
- April 20th - First open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society. The meeting was held at the Society's headquarters at 303 Fifth Ave., New York. The meeting, which was of an organizational nature, was conducted by John J. Robinson, Chairman of the Lecture Committee. Mr. Robinson is also a newly-appointed Associate Editor of S. N. Also present were Sol Lipski, Assistant Chairman, and Mary Robinson, Secretary. James Moseley, Treasurer, (and Editor of S.N.) was away on a lecture tour.
- April 21st - WBOY in Clarksburg, W. Va: Short television interview concerning African and other antiques.
- April 21st - WCHS in Charleston, W. Va: 40 minute radio interview with disc jockey Hugh McPherson, on flying saucers.
- April 23rd - WCRC at the University of Richmond, Va: 2 hour radio interview with S. N. Associate Editor Mel Stiriss, on saucers.
- April 23rd - WRNL, Richmond, Va: 40 minute radio interview, on saucers.
- April 24th - WRVA, Richmond, Va: 10 minute radio interview, on saucers.
- April 28th - Long John, with contactee Dan Fry and others.
- May 3rd - Long John, with contactee George Adamski and others.
- May 18th - Second open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring a talk on radiation by Mr. Robinson.
- June 15th - Third open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring a talk on "little men" by Mr. Robinson. Further meetings were suspended until the Fall.
- July 22nd - Repeat of the April 28th Long John show, on tape.
- Aug. 4th - Repeat of the May 3rd Long John show, on tape.
- Aug. 10th - Repeat of the March 31st Long John show, on tape.
- Aug. 26th - Long John, with Dominic Lucchesi, August Roberts and others, regarding the Bender book, "Flying Saucers and the Three Men."
- Sept. 1st - Long John, with Albert K. Bender, Gray Barker and others, regarding "Flying Saucers and the Three Men."

NEWS BRIEFS: Contrary to popular belief, saucer reports are not really becoming less frequent. Here in northern New Jersey, a brief "flap" occurred on July 11th. There were rather routine sightings in Clifton, the Oranges, and West New York, N. J., all of which received brief mention in the local press. The West New York sighting, in which several teenagers saw a glowing, spinning object high in the sky above a diner, was personally investigated by Mr. Robinson.....On May 21st a strange globe-shaped machine was encountered by an Irish International Airlines plane bound for Brussels. According to Capt. Gordon Pendleton, the UFO was round, with protrusions like antennae. The sighting was confirmed by First Officer J. P. Murphy....Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of Colorado State University, writing in the magazine "Science," has stated that there is a remote possibility of intelligent life on Mars, and that it is "highly probable" that flourishing vegetation exists there. Salisbury also reminded his readers that a search for Martian moons in 1862 disclosed none, but in 1877 they were spotted. He suggested the possibility that these satellites are artificial, and were launched by the Martian inhabitants between 1862 and 1877....

A front page headline story from Las Vegas, dated April 19, tells of a "tremendous flaming sword" which flashed across Nevada skies. The same mysterious object, traveling on a horizontal course, was also seen in several

other western states, and it was tracked on radar. According to a UPI report, the Air Force stated that the object landed near Eureka, Utah. A spokesman for the 28th Air Division at Stead Air Force Base in Reno admitted that the power in Eureka was knocked out by the impact. Earlier, jet fighters at Nellis Air Force Base had been scrambled as a result of the radar sightings....On May 23, four teenagers and a state highway patrolman in Norwalk, Ohio, saw a UFO which hovered about 200 feet above the ground. The saucer was seen to change color from orange to blue to red. It looked like a flat iron on the bottom, and had a triangular shape. They turned a spotlight on it, and it took off at high speed and disappeared.....The above-mentioned sighting may have been inspired by a similar one, a few days earlier, by Prof. Charles Maney of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. Maney, who has recently co-authored a saucer book reviewed elsewhere in this issue, has, by co-incidence or otherwise, been in the news frequently of late. His sighting as well as several others, constituting a brief local "flap," was made on May 20th....

Bacteria have been brought back to life after 650,000,000 years in a salt deposit deep underground in Siberia, according to a Russian report. The revived bacteria are not like any known species.....A wave of dramatic UFO reports came in from Argentina early last June. Several cigar-shaped or saucer-shaped craft were seen almost simultaneously from places more than 1,000 miles apart. Two responsible independent newspapers, La Prensa and La Nacion, quoting their own correspondents, reported that the objects had been seen by hunters, truck drivers, and policemen. The UFO's were moving more slowly than a meteorite and in every case they were traveling from north to south. In one area, a white beam was seen on the ground. It soon soared to a high altitude, followed by several other objects of a similar shape. They appeared to move around on their own axis.....British chemists have recently discovered in far-reaching laboratory tests that it is entirely possible for life to exist on Saturn and Jupiter, which were previously considered incapable of supporting life of any kind. The same teaming of oxygen and hydrogen which makes life possible on earth may be complemented, on Saturn and Jupiter, by the teaming of ammonia and nitrogen - thus producing living molecules of an entirely different order than those found on our planet....

A series of saucer sightings in Tucson, Arizona, late last June turned out to be the work of a group of students who were sending up candle-carrying balloons at night. The balloons were supposedly a serious attempt to study wind velocities, though the students seemed pleased to have caused several people, including a local professor, to mistake their experiments for genuine UFO's....An interesting clipping from Asheboro, N.C., dated July 19th, tells us of two women living in a rural district who heard a mysterious object making a whizzing sound through the tree tops, whereupon it apparently settled down in a nearby creek. The women heard the sound of bubbles as the thing, whatever it was, settled to the bottom of the creek. As far as anyone knows, it is still there....

According to a story published by NICAP's Seattle affiliate, a woman living in Bordentown Township, N.J., saw a weird light at close range on the night of June 1st. Mrs. Jessie Bilancio told a local newspaper that her television set was acting up that evening, and she went into her yard to investigate the cause. She saw a small bright light about 30 feet away from her. She thought at first it was a spotlight, but it moved from branch to branch of a nearby tree, and finally zoomed away into the sky.....A recent report from London states that top Russian scientists are currently doing research in telepathy. Most scientifically-minded Russians take telepathy seriously, and believe it is an ability which man had in his earliest days, but which is now largely lost. They are trying to recapture it by means of various experiments.