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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows Long John Nebel addressing an enthusiastic audience at the Hotel Diplomat in New York City, last November 15th. At Long John's right is James W. Moseley, Editor and Publisher of SAUCER NEWS. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Discussion and Lecture Committee of SAUCER NEWS, which holds monthly meetings in New York, each featuring a leading personality in the flying saucer field. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos and details. (Cover photo by Judy Teller.)

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SAUCER NEWS EDITOR ADMITS TO SMUGGLING

IN ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR ARGOSY MAGAZINE!

Since we began publishing SAUCER NEWS in 1954, many rumors have been circulated concerning your Editor, mainly in regard to his source of income and the fact that he spent long periods of time away from his Fort Lee Headquarters. Sparking the rumors was the fact that for several years SAUCER NEWS propounded the theory that flying saucers are made on Earth, rather than being from Outer Space. This, plus the fact that we make fairly frequent trips to the Pentagon to gather UFO information, gave rise to the idea that your Editor is a Government agent of some sort, - in the pay of the Air Force, the CIA, the "Silence Group," or what-have-you.

In a non-scheduled Newsletter dated May 10th, 1961, we explained that business in South America was responsible for your Editor being away so much, and that the entire mystery concerning our activities would be cleared up in a forthcoming book. Then, in the June 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, we officially abandoned the "Earth Theory" regarding the origin of saucers, and stated our present belief - that UFO's are probably extraterrestrial in origin, but that absolute proof of this or any other theory is still lacking.

The book never appeared, however, and we never explained to our readers the nature of our business in South America. Finally, on the morning of November 8th, 1963, listeners to radio station WOR in New York and to her sister 50,000 watt station in Boston were treated to a five-hour broadcast over the Long John Show, in which your Editor "told all." The truth is that from 1954 to 1961 we were engaged in treasure hunting ventures in Peru, often with great success. Unfortunately, treasure hunting is illegal in Peru, except when performed by qualified archaeologists with a special permit from the local government. Most of the treasure hunting done in Peru results in the finding of valuable gold and clay antiques made by the Incas and pre-Incas, who lived in that land before the Spanish Conquest of 1530. These antiques cannot be sold easily in Peru, and must be exported to the United States or Europe, where there is a ready market among dealers, museums, and wealthy private collectors. But Peru, as well as most other countries of the world, has laws protecting its national treasures, and thus the finding of the antiques as well as their exportation was illegal. However, no United States statutes were broken, because (strangely enough!) our country has apparently deliberately made its laws in such a way as to encourage the importation of art objects, no matter how "cloudy" their origin may be.

The story is too long to explain in detail here, and in any case it is certainly outside the scope of a magazine devoted to flying saucers. Your Editor's adventures in South America make a fascinating tale, however, and they have been written up in a 5,000 word article for a current issue of Argosy Magazine. As of this writing, the story has been accepted by Argosy, but we do not yet know which issue it will appear in. If we find out before time to mail out this issue of SAUCER NEWS, we will write the month in the space at the bottom of this page. If nothing appears there, watch for the next couple of issues of Argosy, and you will find our article, which is tentatively titled "I Smuggled a Fortune in Inca Treasure out of Peru." In reading it, keep in mind that events have been "telescoped" for literary effect and that some of the names and locations have been changed to protect former partners. Other than this, everything in the article is true.

Certain circumstances, explained in the Argosy article, prevent your Editor from returning to Peru in the near future. Therefore, let us state in closing that if any serious person with the necessary funds would like to go there and export several thousand dollars in gold legally to the United States, he should get in touch with us. We have information as to the pre-

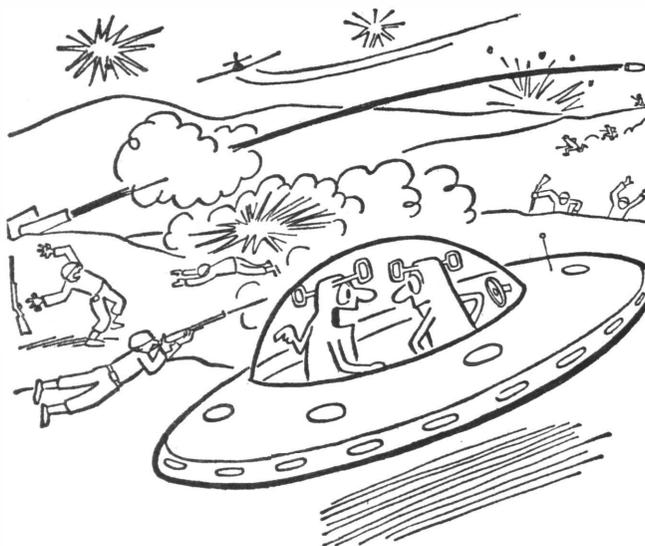
cise location of at least two buried treasures - one of which we ourselves buried - but that's another story! We will reveal this information only to the proper person, preferably someone with a degree in archaeology.

Also, we fear that in spite of everything, the rumors about our alleged connection with the U.S. Government will persist. However, they are absolutely without foundation.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

OUR JUNE ISSUE WILL REVEAL, for the first time, the true inside story behind your Editor's long feud with Gray Barker, former editor of "The Saucerian Bulletin." We will also have an exclusive story, with photos, by another engineer who has seen flying saucers over New York City, and we will present the conclusion of John J. Robinson's series of articles about the electromagnetic effects of UFO's. This is an issue you won't want to miss, so don't let your subscription run out!



"Our scouts misled us. They said there was intelligent life on this planet."

WE ARE IN NEED OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FROM OUR READERS, to supplement our press clipping service, which often misses good sightings that appear only in small town papers. Our subscribers can be of great help to us by sending along anything they see concerning flying saucers or any related topic. If the sender desires, he will receive credit in SAUCER NEWS for his clippings, if one or more of them are used.

WE WISH TO REITERATE our well-known policy concerning articles appearing in this magazine. Such articles represent the views of the author only, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or of the Editorial Staff.

ADVERTISING comes under the same policy, in that we will accept paid ads from any reputable individual or group regardless of our own opinions. Our new advertising rates are now as follows: 50 cents per line; \$12.50 per half page; and \$20.00 per page. Ads for the June issue should reach us not later than April 10th.

THE JUNE ISSUE WILL PROBABLY REACH YOU SLIGHTLY BEHIND SCHEDULE, as your Editor and his wife are taking a month's vacation in Europe in May.

ARE YOU ON OUR CONFIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST? Since December, 1955, irregularly-issued Confidential Newsletters have been sent out to SAUCER NEWS subscribers who want to be on the inside of the strange and baffling behind-the-scenes events in saucer research. Any subscriber in good standing can be placed on the special Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time for only one dollar. The three most recent issues are about an alleged spaceman in New York; the mysterious disappearance of a saucer researcher; and Howard Menger. All three will be sent out by first-class mail immediately upon receipt of one dollar from you!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enclosed is a photostat of my military card. I have a total of about 19 years in active service and the U. S. Officer Reserve Corps. I was overseas twice - into Alaska and to the Asiatic Theatre prior to Pearl Harbor, and then to Europe. I was on Omaha Beach on D Day at Normandy, France. I have the following citations or awards: Bronze Star Medal for exceptional meritorious service; Purple Heart; Bronze Arrowhead for beach invasion; 5 campaign medals in Europe; plus many citations for my unit in Europe; etc. But all this is now part of the past. My feelings boil down to a deep desire that all wars might end and that Mankind might be united in Christ consciousness, into a higher way of life.... WAYNE S. AHO, Toledo, Ohio

(Editor's Note: Major Aho sent us a photostat showing his honorable discharge from the Coast Artillery Corps on March 24th, 1946, having entered that Corps on September 18th, 1942. Major Aho's letter is in reply to that of James Roberts of Toledo, Ohio, who wrote in the December 1963 SAUCER NEWS (bottom of Page 6) that he could not find Aho listed in Army records. Apparently reader Roberts did not look in the right place, and we owe an apology to Major Aho.)

Your magazine is most interesting and well-gotten-up. All the very choicest wishes for you and your lovely new family, and congratulations on having such a competent wife who can double as a talented member of the Staff.
JUANITA McHARGUE, Glendale, California

We ask for your co-operation in placing the following notice in your bulletin: If you have ordered Laura Mundo's "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan," published by Gray Barker, please be informed that we are putting out our own edition within the next few months, upon instructions from the author. It will be nearer to the original manuscript and brought up to date. It will be distributed free....

I understand that George Adamski and Carol Honey have reached the parting of the ways, due to differences of opinion and ideas. Both are accusing each other of working with the wrong kind of Visitors, and are trying to save each other from being led astray by them....

CARMELLA FALZONE, Co-Director
The Interplanetary Space Center,
24720 Carlisle, Dearborn, Michigan

As usual, the December issue of SAUCER NEWS is superb. I enjoy cute cartoons, and the Fortean items are among the most fascinating things I've ever read. The article by Sandy Moseley about Gray Barker is cute as well as interesting. There is nothing like a touch of humor at times. However, my favorite story in this issue is "Further Information About Jonathan Swift and the Moons of Mars." This is about the most unusual sensible article about saucers I've ever read.

Your September issue was splendid also. I'm glad you had an expose of George Hunt Williamson. Why should he make money on his books, lectures, and stories when his degrees are non-existent?....It's most disheartening to buy all of a researcher's books and then discover he isn't what he claims to be....
MARY CHRJETZBERG, Tifton, Georgia

As a new subscriber to SAUCER NEWS, I was shocked to see your full-page ad for such a ridiculous organization as the "Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America." Such crackpot groups do not deserve any mention in your publication. The damage done to SAUCER NEWS' reputation, in my opinion, was not worth the small sum you received for advertisement fees. Some of my

friends have found it hard to consider your magazine as a serious and accurate publication after seeing this ad....

MICKEY EPSTEIN, Conn. NICAP Youth Council Representative
West Hartford, Connecticut

(Editor's Note: As we have mentioned several times, we do not necessarily endorse our advertisers.)

Regarding your December issue, I read with interest Sandy Moseley's article, "What Gray Barker Is Really Like," and I especially enjoyed Gray Barker's article, "Spacemen in our Midst." However, I must say that I was disappointed to hear Gray say that he is still a skeptic. I was hoping he had passed that stage by now....EVA MAHLE, Connersville, Indiana

As I have clearly stated in previous correspondence, it is my firm conviction that the Air Force has forfeited the right to be the investigating body concerning unidentified flying objects. It is with both sadness and gratification that I present you with further evidence to bolster this conviction:

On October 31st, 1963, I sent the Air Force a letter requesting to be informed of their conclusions concerning two UFO cases. One was the January 20th, 1951 case at Sioux City, Iowa, where a Mid-Continent Airlines crew reported a large UFO. The other case was the November 5th, 1957 incident at Long Beach, California, where the Air Force weathermen reported six UFO's. On November 19th I received their reply.

Their conclusion for the first case is as follows: "The January 29th, 1951 sighting at Sioux City, Iowa, carried an initial evaluation of aircraft by the investigating committee in 1951. However, subsequent review indicates there may have been possible astronomical aspects to this sighting, involving the planet Jupiter (Magnitude -1.7), which was located at 10 degrees elevation in the west. The star Deneb was in the northwest as the reporting aircraft pilot was taking off, and the star Regulus in the east. The setting of the planet Jupiter corresponds with the final report. However, the case still retains its original evaluation as aircraft." Not even a vague hint was made that this case was listed as "unknown" in Project Blue Book Report #14, released in October, 1955. One is left to wonder how any astronomical body can appear as a large, solid object, relatively close to the observer. One is also left to puzzle over what type of aircraft has no engine nacelles or jet pods, and is capable of performing a violent directional change, as this UFO was reported to have done.

Their conclusion for the Long Beach case....also typifies the fate that has befallen hundreds of equally inexplicable reports....I would like to mention that when you interviewed Project Blue Book personnel a couple of years ago, you seemingly came away greatly impressed that they were really trying to do an honest and adequate job. The account of this interview in SAUCER NEWS (Sept. 1962 issue) clearly showed that you missed a great opportunity to throw the book at them. Instead, you engaged in generalities and genial conversation, and stayed on very safe ground, and did not engage in battle. If you have another opportunity to personally confront them, perhaps you will then demand to know why! why! why! I certainly hope so.

HERBERT S. TAYLOR, Brooklyn, New York

I would like to offer congratulations on the additions to the Moseley family since last I wrote. We need all the support we can get!

The biggest news in the UFO field during 1963 was, of course, the accession to the presidency of Lyndon Johnson, the former head of the Space Committee, with all of its obvious possibilities. The only other big advance in 1963, the exploration of Venus by Mariner II, should be treated with the greatest reserve.....My own feeling is that Venus is highly volcanic and unin-

habited, except possibly for a small flying saucer base of some sort. But the evidence is much too ambiguous to support any firm theory. Let us hope that the probes of Mars offer more definite results.

E. R. LEE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Your check for \$5.00, dated December 28th, 1963, has been received. As you probably know, our membership was frozen with publication of the last "Investigator," Vol. II, No. 9; but as you were one of our early members, we are reinstating yours....

Major Keyhoe asked me to thank you and Mrs. Moseley for your lovely Christmas card.

MRS. LELIS S. DAY, Secretary to Major Keyhoe of NICAP
Washington, D.C.

(Editor's Note: The above letter, dated December 31st, 1963, reinstates your Editor as a NICAP member, after a period during which he was apparently suspended but never notified about it. The so-called "feud" between SAUCER NEWS and NICAP need not be reviewed here. Suffice is to say that Mrs. Day's letter paves the way for more friendly relations in the future. We will continue to exercise our right to criticize any organization when we feel justified, and to allow our contributors to express their own personal opinions freely. However, we are not now nor have we ever been "anti-NICAP," and we continue to wish good luck to Major Keyhoe's group.)

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SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF SAUCER
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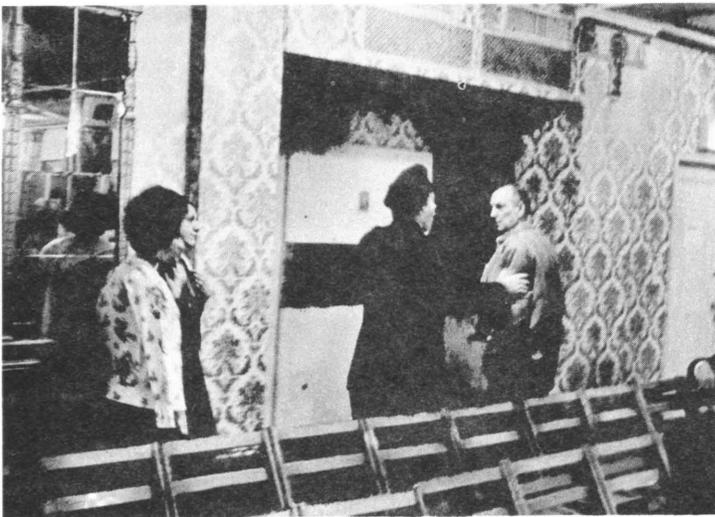
In August of 1963, the Discussion and Lecture Committee of SAUCER NEWS began its present policy of sponsoring a "name" lecturer every month. We started the program with Gray Barker on August 16th, and on September 20th we sponsored Stewart Robb, the noted psychic researcher, who gave a fascinating talk on the prophecies of Nostradamus. These lectures have already been described in detail in our December 1963 issue.

On October 18th, Gordon Evans was our guest. Mr. Evans is a well-known political writer and an avid saucer enthusiast. His topic for our group was "The Case for Mars," and in our opinion this was one of the most interesting factual dissertations we have ever heard. No one who was present that night could have failed to be impressed by Mr. Evans' wealth of scientific knowledge pointing to life on Mars, as well as his amazing familiarity with all aspects of our space program. Originally, Dr. Leon Davidson (formerly a frequent contributor to SAUCER NEWS) was scheduled to speak for us on October 18th concerning the alleged role played in saucer research by the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr. Davidson was forced to cancel, for personal reasons. We do not mean to be facetious or in any way disrespectful to Gordon Evans when we wonder out loud if perhaps Dr. Davidson was replaced on our speaking roster by a representative of the same agency he intended to talk about. In any case, it was a wonderful and highly informative evening.

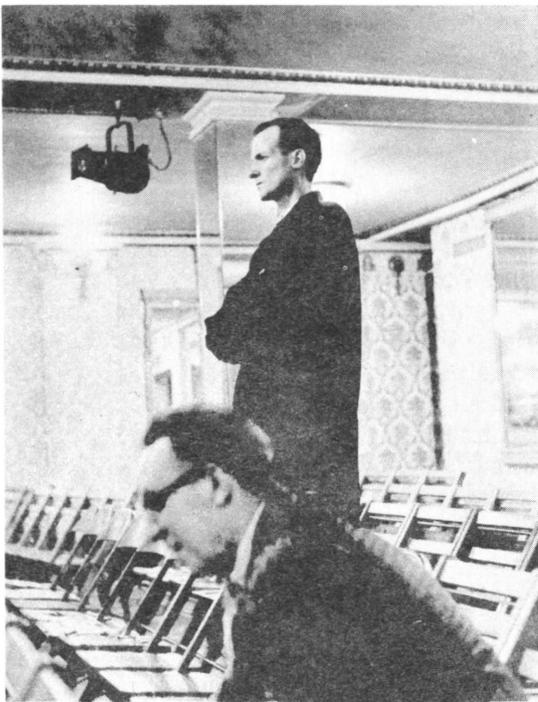
On November 15th our guest was Long John Nebel, of all-night radio fame. Anticipating a very large turn-out, we abandoned our regular hall at 108 West 56th St. and hired the Palm Room at the Hotel Diplomat on 43rd St. That evening was definitely the high point of our Fall schedule, though unfortunately the attendance was disappointing. Apparently many saucer fans stayed away thinking that Long John would discuss other topics, whereas the general public stayed away thinking it would be a saucer lecture. The people who did come were richly rewarded, however. Long John, who received no payment for his appearance, gave the audience two hours of fascinating anecdotes and inside stories about how his 5-hour nightly radio program is run; It took a true show-



man to stick it out that long in the face of an audience sprinkled with rude and impertinent people. In the photos at the left, taken by Sam Vandivert, we see (top) Long John and your Editor sitting together on the speaker's platform; (middle) A noisy drunk being thrown out by a policeman; (bottom) A saucer contactee in the back of the hall who tried to make a speech of his own when given the opportunity to ask a question. In all, it was a pretty wild night, but a memorable one for all of us who were there.



On December 20th we returned to 108 West 56th St. to hear an informal talk by Ivan Sanderson. There was a full house in spite of the nearness of Christmas, and a good time was had by all. Mr. Sanderson is the author of "The Abominable Snowman" and many other books, and his paid appearances on radio and television are too numerous to count. Just like Long John, he is a terrific showman, and is not too "big" to give his time free for a group in which he is interested. Ivan Sanderson's remarks that evening ran the gamut from UFO's to Fortean events, monsters, and what-have-you. We hope to have him back again soon, in a larger hall, with more advance publicity than we had this time.



In January, we were forced to look for new quarters, as the owners of the hall on 56th St., where we had held our meetings since March of 1963, decided that they themselves needed the premises in the evenings. We were fortunate enough to find a larger hall nearby, under the auspices of the Philosophical Research Society, at 211 West 57th St. The January meeting was held there, and the February and March lectures will also be there; but after that, their lease runs

out, and we will again be looking for a new place to hold our meetings.

On January 17th our speaker was John Mittl, a saucer contactee from the mountains of Pennsylvania. His topic, called "The True Nature and Purpose of Flying Saucers," was presented in the form of a slide lecture which was most interesting and well done. However, Mr. Mittl's theme was that saucers are non-physical in nature and that any trips made on saucers by earthlings - including his own such trips - are astral rather than physical. The lecture was well received by the audience, which included many members of the Philosophical Research Society as well as our own members. However, quite a few people - and especially your Editor - were thoroughly unconvinced concerning the validity of Mr. Mittl's basic premise.

On Friday February 21st our lecturer will be Ranjee Shahani, an expert on ancient Indian literature, and currently a professor of English at Fairleigh Dickinson University. His topic will be "Space Travel in Ancient India."

On Friday March 13th, Albert K. Bender will be our guest! Mr. Bender, who told of his mysterious "hush-up" in a book entitled "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," will give a talk for us called "The World of Kazik." This will probably be Al Bender's last appearance on any lecture podium, and it is something that no true saucer researcher should miss!

As previously stated, both the February and March meetings will be held at 211 West 57th St., New York City. Lectures begin promptly at 8:30, and the admission charge is one dollar per person.

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Book Reviews

- by Richard E. Wallace -

(Reviewer's Note: The reader who might be in disagreement with the following book reviews may question our reasons for writing them. We wish to make it perfectly clear that each and every volume submitted to us is carefully and impartially studied before any opinions are formulated. If we find a book worthy of praise, it shall be praised. If we find a book worthy of criticism, it shall be criticized. It is the privilege of the reader to hold whatever view he chooses.)

THE STRANGE CASE OF DR. M. K. JESSUP - edited by Gray Barker (Saucerian Books)

"At 6:30 p.m. on April 20th, 1959, the body of Dr. M. K. Jessup, astronomer, researcher, and writer on the subject of 'flying saucers,' was found in his station wagon in a park near Coral Gables, Florida.

"Medical examiners labeled the death 'suicide.'"

In this manner the notorious Gray Barker begins the Introduction of his latest and worst book, "The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup." In previous issues, the Editor of this magazine has severely criticized Mr. Barker on a wide variety of topics, and not without justification. Not being personally acquainted with Barker, we perhaps should have had no predisposition to be anything but complimentary in this essay. However, in recent years Mr. Barker has attained a widespread reputation for his mercenary activities which do not flatter him in the least.

Dr. Jessup's tragic and untimely death was indeed a shock to his many readers and colleagues, and it is regrettable that Barker and his cohorts have had to resurrect an issue that would be better left to unpleasant recollection rather than used as another vehicle for profitable exploitation.

For reasons of decency, we shall not delve too deeply into the

contents of this miserable volume. Suffice is to say that Mr. Barker employs his now familiar cloak-and-dagger tactics to the extreme in his presentation of the carelessly-edited sentiments of weird and obviously non-existent characters who go by the names of "Carlos Miguel Allende" and "Colonel B." The contents of this book are in unusually bad taste and were undoubtedly designed for the sole purpose of reaping a ripe financial harvest for the publisher.

THE WORLD OF FLYING SAUCERS - by Donald H. Menzel and Lyle G. Boyd (Doubleday)

When this tome was submitted to us for review, shrieks of laughter emanating from Officialdom became almost audible. We must admit that it was with great trepidation that we proceeded to peruse this book. It is not our policy to tackle the task of commentary with any preconceptions. However, in the case of Menzel, this is utterly impossible!

Having had the dubious honor of reading his first written work on the topic of UFO's, and considering it to be in its own way vastly inferior to many of the contactee books, it did not require any extrasensory abilities to perceive the manner in which Menzel would subtly excoriate the scientific method to further his dogmatism.

It is quite obvious that Menzel and his co-author entered into this project with the preconceived notion that flying saucers cannot be a manifestation of reality, and that every shred of evidence proving otherwise may be safely discarded without further ado. Even the Air Force, with infinitely superior facilities available, has been incapable of inventing solutions for every UFO sighting. Nevertheless, Menzel, through some quirk of fate, appears to have somehow acquired previously unsuspected powers of intellect to achieve his desire to destroy the saucer enigma once and for all.

Had we sufficient space, we might tackle a detailed debunking of the varied and intricate fallacious explanations that Menzel ascribes to many saucer sightings. However, we are confident that the reader will have little difficulty in this endeavor!

All books that appear in print are published with some purpose in mind. In the vast majority of instances, this might revolve around financial benefit. In the remainder of cases, the author wishes to expound certain "truths" that he feels must reach an audience. In view of Doubleday's half-hearted promotion of Menzel's volume, however, its purpose in being was at first quite obscure to us, and was clarified only upon a careful examination of the motivations of the authors.

The question arises as to why Menzel should have considered writing a book that would quite obviously produce minimal financial gain or prestige for him. Perhaps the answer lies in his fanatical denial of UFO reality. During recent years, one gets the distinct impression that Menzel was slowly being converted from staunch skepticism about UFO's to a partial acceptance of their possible actuality. Menzel was unable to permit himself to become convinced of the UFO's existence, so he was compelled to write a book that would not only fortify the disbelief of others, but of himself as well!

Mrs. Boyd's intentions are even more fascinating. She purports to be a science-fiction writer, though we shall hasten to concede that we have not had the misfortune of reading any of her work. It may interest the reader to know that in the February, 1964 issue of "Worlds of Tomorrow," a science-fiction publication that carries factual material as a regular feature, there appears an article by Mrs. Boyd that alludes to the possibility that Jonathan Swift might have been a visitor from the planet Mars. Yet, in "The World of Flying Saucers," she is apparently quite unwilling to accept even the possibility of UFO reality, let alone the remote possibility that the famous author of "Gulliver's Travels" might have come to earth from another world. We cannot but suspect her motives in writing a negative saucer book.

If we might be permitted an opportunity to make a humble prediction, we would say that this volume will almost surely be a pitiful failure; and we are confident that the reader will assist to this end by not purchasing the book.

INSIDE THE SAUCERS 1962 - "edited and annotated" by Timothy Green Beckley

In view of the number of grandiose and extravagant claims made by the author of this book, one would be led to believe that it would disclose, after a decade and a half of fruitless research, the final and unequivocal solution to the saucer mystery.

As we breathlessly paged through the tome, we anxiously awaited the fantastic revelations promised us by Mr. Beckley: The actual nature of the Three Men in Black; the reason the Air Force sends up mysterious satellites in polar orbits; "earthshaking" information concerning a "past researcher" (?); why greater quantities of "angel hair" have fallen from the skies during recent years; the startling reasons behind Air Force secrecy; the identity of the enigmatic agency allegedly in real charge of UFO information; and so forth.

Surely if but one of these outrageous claims were true, Mr. Beckley's work would rank among the most significant and influential of saucer literature. But "Inside the Saucers 1962" falls far short of fulfilling even the most inconsequential of its outlandish claims. One day someone may be able to reveal to us mortals these startling disclosures. However, in all probability this "someone" will not bear the name of Timothy Green Beckley.

The book is offered as a professionally printed volume. Thus, we were somewhat dismayed to discover that it is poorly mimeographed to the extent that it was often a chore to decipher. This inadequacy might be excused if the writing were of a readable nature. The young Mr. Beckley's lack of proficiency with the written word, however, was never more in evidence. His style is not only tedious, awkward, and occasionally incoherent, but is often plagued by grammatical errors.

The one redeeming feature in the entire book is a fairly interesting account of the UFO sightings of 1962, but this section is often marred by insufficient and ambiguous information. Our recommendation is that Mr. Beckley pay more attention to his studies during English class in High School, and refrain from further book publishing enterprises until he acquires more knowledge of his native tongue.

THE SHADOW OF THE UNKNOWN - by the New Jersey Association on Aerial Phenomena

We are told that this book represents a "new" era in saucer research - the era of "reasoned speculation." We do not particularly enjoy the task of awakening the authors from their complacency, but we feel we must inform them that their alleged "unique" formula has been a cornerstone in the advancement of science for hundreds of years. Without the faculty of "reasoned speculation" in conjunction with assiduous and impartial research, Mankind might not have evolved intellectually to any appreciable degree beyond the Neanderthal Man. "Reasoned speculation" is most assuredly not something that the authors of "The Shadow of the Unknown" have invented, rediscovered, or stumbled upon.

In any case, if one could assume that this method was put into practice, then a very interesting and informative book could be expected, i.e., one that would contribute greatly to saucer research. However, our faint glimmer of hope gave way once again to disillusionment upon discovering that "The Shadow of the Unknown" is merely another unsatisfactory endeavor on the

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SPACE SHIPS OVER TIMES SQUARE

- by Ed Sparks -

(Editor's Note: The above is the pseudonym of an engineer whom we have met, and who does not want to use his real name for fear of ridicule. The story he tells is a fantastic one, but we feel that he is sincere. Together with his manuscript, Mr. Sparks submitted a map of Manhattan showing the pattern of saucer flights, and a photostat of a story from the New York Daily News of Monday, July 19th, 1937, which ties in with the story, as you will see below. Lack of space prevents us from publishing the map or the photostat, but both are in our files and will be shown to any researcher who is interested.)

At times one has to sit back and wonder why all stories concerning the sighting of unidentified flying objects come from remote places such as the deserts of California or Arizona. Why have we not heard of sightings in heavily-populated areas such as Chicago or New York City?

As a matter of fact, I myself made a sighting of many UFO's over New York on the memorable afternoon of Sunday, July 18th, 1937; and except for telling a few close friends, I have remained silent till now.

It was a few minutes after 3 p.m. when I decided to go to the movies in Times Square. The day was overcast, with clouds at about 4,000 feet. I was walking north on the west side of 8th Avenue, between 38th and 39th Streets, when my eye was caught by an intense beam of light, similar in color to that emitted by the coils of an electric range. The light seemed for an instant to be beaming from a reflector onto my face. I looked up and saw it was being emitted by dual headlights of what at first appeared to be a low-flying plane. The lights seemed to be going on and off at regular intervals, and their origin was at a spot in the sky above Columbus Circle, at an angle of thirty degrees from the northern horizon. The speed of the approaching craft was slow, i.e., between thirty and fifty miles per hour. No sound whatsoever could be heard, and I could see that it had no propeller in front. Suddenly it made a maneuver which was entirely unconventional for airplanes of that day - or for planes of the present day, for that matter.

This maneuver was a sharp thirty degree turn to the east. I gazed in amazement as I noticed that the wings did not taper back to the center of the body of the air frame. Instead, they tapered in circular form back to the tail! At the tail section, the craft did not have any elevators. Also, the rudder was of peculiar design. It appeared webbed as though it could be folded and raised or lowered into the body of the craft.

Suddenly the UFO disappeared from view behind tall buildings; but seconds later, another craft with dual red beams could be seen coming out of a cloud bank. It followed the path of the first craft, making the same maneuvers. As I searched the sky for more of the mystery ships, I spotted in the distance, north by northeast of me, an entire fleet of them! The formation was different from any I had ever seen. Among the craft was a huge pantella-shaped dirigible, which did not have the usual gondola on its underbelly. There was a row of square windows from the front to the rear. Dirigibles are supposed to have motors, but none were visible, and there was no noise! Not a sound was being emitted from any of these ships, and they cast no shadows, due to the overcast skies. The flight speed was slow, but soon the fleet was lost from sight behind buildings, just as the first UFO had disappeared from view.

I again searched the skies and saw another huge dirigible-shaped

object at 85 degrees above the horizon, almost directly overhead. It was moving from west to east, and must have been directly over 42nd Street, or between 41st and 42nd. I glanced around to see if other people were observing the amazing phenomena I was seeing, but traffic was moving normally, and there were few pedestrians on that block. I kept asking myself why other people were not looking up. This huge craft was moving in the direction of Long Island, and it too had a long row of square windows, except for the last window in the row, which was circular and located slightly higher than the others.

Then I saw a symbol of identification on the craft. The symbol was a crescent, and I wondered if this meant that the mystery ships were from some Mid-Eastern country. Then the realization struck me that these must be craft from another planet! Perhaps they had come to salute the city of New York before making a landing. They all seemed to be going in the direction of Long Island, and I asked myself if they intended to use some unpopulated area out there as a landing field.

I looked to the south and saw the front end of still another formation of ships going parallel with approximately 30th Street, at about sixty degrees from the southern horizon. This formation, too, was traveling east. I saw tremendous flashes of light at mid-ship of a huge dirigible-type craft. These light flashes made the interior visible, and in the mid-section of the ship I could see what appeared to be a blank wall of a dark gray color. The flashes occurred intermittently as the UFO traveled its course. Before the tail end of this craft was obscured by buildings, another identical one appeared, 85 degrees above the southern horizon. This one was traveling diagonally across Manhattan, from the southwest to the northeast. It was the last of the huge pantella type craft to be spotted that day. Through its windows flashes of bright light, like lightning, were being emitted - reminiscent of the intermittent flashing of a welder's torch. This ship too had windows along its side from front to rear, in the same locations as those on the other cigar-shaped craft, but there was no symbol of any kind.

As the tail end of this last craft was obscured by tall buildings, I ran to the corner of 39th Street to again see its center section with the weird inner flashing of light. I estimated the size of this ship to be one mile in length! Suddenly the frequency of the internal sparking lights increased, and an aurora of darkness surrounded the craft. A roar went up from the area of Times Square, such as one would hear at a ball game. Through my mind flashed the thought that finally the many other people in the area had seen what was going on. I turned to two people near me and yelled, "Look, space ships!" One man looked up just in time to see a smaller craft, different in design from the others, which was traveling rather swiftly from north to south parallel to Eighth Avenue. The fellow was visibly disturbed, but the other man did not look up, and therefore saw nothing.

I wondered if I should go to Times Square and speak to other witnesses, or if I should go home and listen to the radio and obtain complete details from the radio broadcasts. I decided on the latter course, and went home expecting to hear about landings on Long Island; but no such report came in, and the next day's newspapers made no mention of the flight, which included a total of at least 36 craft in all! The only vaguely confirmatory evidence was a story in the New York News headlined "Quake Rocks Long Island," which described a three minute series of tremors felt on the Island; but in my opinion, it was not an earthquake. At a later date I learned from a friend that there was indeed some commotion in Times Square that afternoon, at the time I heard the roar of voices. It seems that for about thirty seconds it got strangely dark for that time of day. The explanation given was that somebody must have pulled the main power switch at the Consolidated Edison Company. Thus, through rationalization and ignorance, one of the greatest events of our times went unrecorded. After all these years, I still have no explanation!

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS OF FLYING SAUCERS - (Part Two)

- by John J. Robinson -

One Far East jet plane pilot reported that his radar was jammed by strong interference during an airborne UFO sighting. He also stated that when he switched to another frequency, he soon noticed a weaker jamming, as if the new frequency was being sought for!

At Ararangua, Brazil, on November 4th, 1957, the pilot of an airliner in flight sighted a flying saucer. During the sighting, the plane's ADF's (Air Direction Finders) were completely burned out, as well as the right generator and the entire radio sending and receiving equipment.

Electric power stations and power lines have also been troubled by this strange force. It is possible that the saucers can nullify the magnetic force in the wire coils of the dynamos which create the electricity, and in the coils of the transformers which reduce the high tension alternating current to the more usable lower volt power flow. In any case, the end result has caused entire towns to be blacked out when UFO's passed overhead or lingered in their vicinity.

Another report relates a story about pulsating house lights. The house illumination pulsed in time with a flying saucer which hovered above the isolated building. And in a case in Lemmon, South Dakota, the railroad reported that their phones and automatic block system went dead while UFO's were in the sky. Also the Western Union telegraph service was disrupted.

That the electromagnetic effect of saucers is indeed strongly magnetic is proven by the fact that compasses waver wildly or are deviated from normal, wrist watches have been magnetized during sightings, and metal highway signs have been strongly magnetized after UFO's were seen near them. Owners of cars with magnetic speedometers have stated that these instruments wavered wildly and gave extremely erratic readings before their cars were stalled.

NICAP's "UFO Investigator" reports their discovery of a quiet United States Project Magnet program, similar to the Canadian one. The U.S. project uses Super-Constellations equipped with a highly-trained crew and sensitive magnetometers. A magnetometer can be used to detect any unusual variation of magnetic flux lines, any place on earth or in space.

The "Investigator" also tells us that certain recent findings reveal the fact that a peculiar magnetic force evidently emanates from somewhere above the Key West-Caribbean area. It was in this area on December 5th, 1945, that five torpedo bombers from Fort Lauderdale disappeared without a trace, while the Martin flying boat sent out in search of them - complete with all equipment for rescue work - vanished within a few minutes after takeoff, never to be heard from again. (See Sandy Moseley's "The Mystery of the Disappearing Planes" in the June 1963 issue of SAUCER NEWS.) Two other tragedies have also taken place in this same area. The British four-engined plane "Star Tiger" disappeared without a trace on January 29th, 1948. This plane carried at least 25 persons and never gave a distress call! A year later another British plane of the same make vanished with all aboard while the pilot was giving a radio report.

It is not surprising that a magnetic disturbance may be found in this area. The really surprising fact is that the unusual magnetic variation seems to come from above the area. From Outer Space? If it does, how does it penetrate the envelope of magnetic flow which envelops and encircles this planet from the north to the south magnetic poles? This magnetic flow contains the Van Allen belts within it. The magnetosphere, which reaches at least 40 or 50 thousand miles out into space, is effected only by solar storms. (See the Scientific American article on the Radiation Belts by Brian J. O'Brian.) How does this unusual variation penetrate the seemingly solid envelope of magnetic flow about this planet and affect only one small area? The "UFO Investigator"

does not tell us, nor does the U. S. Government. However, the "Investigator" does remind its readers that several of our satellites have been provided with ultra-sensitive magnetometers and the means whereby to telemeter their information back to earth.

Existing magnetic field charts have always been considered sufficient for the safe navigation of our globe. The movements of the Polar magnetic deviations have been charted closely and the direction of movement estimated for years ahead. Recent discoveries have enabled all craft traveling on earth to depend on better and safer means of orientation than the humble compass. We now use radio triangulation, Radar, and the Loran System to preserve the safety of those who travel above the surface of the earth, on it, or under the earth's waters. The compass has been relegated to a less important status on important carriers, though it has recently been installed in many automobiles as a means of estimating the direction of travel.

Thus, with all the reliable means of obtaining a definite fix of position and direction of travel, one wonders why all this sudden interest in magnetism! We know that geologists have used the magnetic force lines impressed in rock formations as a means of determining the age of the creation of the mountain ranges which contain them, and also to determine the activity and movement of the earth's crust during the formative periods of our planet. If the force lines of magnetism are changing, can this presage a planet-wide cataclysm, or can it be that the UFO's are creating new patterns in order to enable them to direct their course by this subtle means?

Whatever the answer may be, we do know that Canada and the U. S. are doing research on this subject, and even Russia seems to have developed a recent strenuous activity in this branch of science. The Russian charting of the magnetic fields in the northern polar regions may be found in the Scientific American article by P. A. Gordienko, entitled "The Arctic Ocean." Although it is common knowledge that many countries maintain scientific expeditions in the southern polar regions, no report has yet been made on their recent magnetic discoveries!

Whereas everything previously discussed in this article has related to the inanimate and the impersonal, reports have also been recorded which relate to actual physical effects suffered by people during UFO sightings. These physical effects are not isolated. Cases are on record involving entire carloads of people. The statements made by these collective victims of the Electromagnetic Effect always agree with each other, and, as these people tend to report the same conditions or sensations, any claim of hallucination or hysteria can be eliminated.

Effects have been reported which range from a sensation of mild heat to that of excessive heat, and there are at least a couple of cases which involve painful burns. Other cases which do not involve heat, run the gamut from a slight numbness or prickly sensation to actual electric shocks of varying intensities. Other people have reported paralysis, differing in degree from mild numbness to actual immobility of the entire body. Another effect which is even more serious is that of the radio-active or radiation type burn, usually found on the exposed portions of the body when a person has faced a UFO at close range. Whatever the type of sensation or effect, it is collective, as it is reported by everyone who is involved in the incident.

For example, the people who rode in the adjacent vehicles (a bus, a truck, and a passenger car) which were stalled on a road near Lima, Peru, on January 30th, 1958, when a UFO descended and hovered above them, all reported the same sensations of electric shock. The passengers of an automobile in Baillolet, France, on October 16th, 1954, all told of the same sensations of shock and paralysis when a UFO hovered over the car at low altitude. On the 20th of October, 1954, a motorist in Scherneck, France, reported paralysis and heat when a UFO hovered above him, and the next day another French motorist

said that his car stalled and the lights failed when a saucer suddenly appeared in front of his car. In this case both passengers, the driver and his child, reported feeling heat and shock during the event.

One documented case involving heat is related to the Levelland, Texas, sightings. On November 2nd, 1957, at 10:50 p.m., Pedro Saucado, accompanied by his helper Joe Salaz, was driving a truck along a road near Lubbock. Both these men saw a huge lighted object rise from a nearby field. They estimated its size at 200 feet in length, and said that they both felt a strong blast of heat as the torpedo-shaped object sped overhead, rocking the truck from the air turbulence of its swift passage.

Reflecting upon the radiation type burns suffered by many UFO witnesses, I am reminded of an ancient and enigmatic mystery which has never been solved - at least, not to many peoples' satisfaction, including mine.

Let me explain: UFO sightings date back to the time of Pharaoh Thutmose III. (Circa 1600 B.C.) According to the Tulli Papyri and the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, as well as other documents of antiquity, there was a "wyld fire" which came from the sky and destroyed. I question the very pat explanation given by orthodox archaeologists regarding the vitrified forts of Scotland and Ireland. These circular forts were the protective habitations of the prehistoric peoples living in those lands many centuries ago. The upper stone ramparts of these ruins may be found to this day, melted and fused together! Archaeologists state that these stone forts were erected around a framework of logs. They say that the forts were captured and set on fire, whereupon the logs burned and left flue-like channels through which flames roared, creating the intense heat which melted the upper stone ramparts and left them vitrified.

But - fireplaces of rock and field stone have been made the world over with chimneys of the same material. I have yet to discover one which burned so hot that it melted the rim of the chimney, regardless of the size of the fire, even if the building burned down! It takes more than ordinary heat to fuse the rocky ramparts of either a fort or an ordinary chimney to a glass-like vitrification. That the forts may have been attacked by a greater force recently discovered by our own civilization - the atomic or radio-active force - seems to me to be the best guess and the most logical of suppositions. We will never know exactly what did happen, for the events occurred before the dawn of recorded history, and the defenders evidently died in the holocaust. To me, however, "wyld fire" from the UFO's supplies a more logical answer than do the archaeologists.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the vitrified forts, I wish to state that I refer particularly to those at Castle Law near Abernethy in England and those of Finaven at Angus, in Ireland. I have also heard rumors about a pre-Inca fort in South America which is said to be in a state of vitrification.

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THE FAR-OFF WORLDS

- by Robert Gelfand -

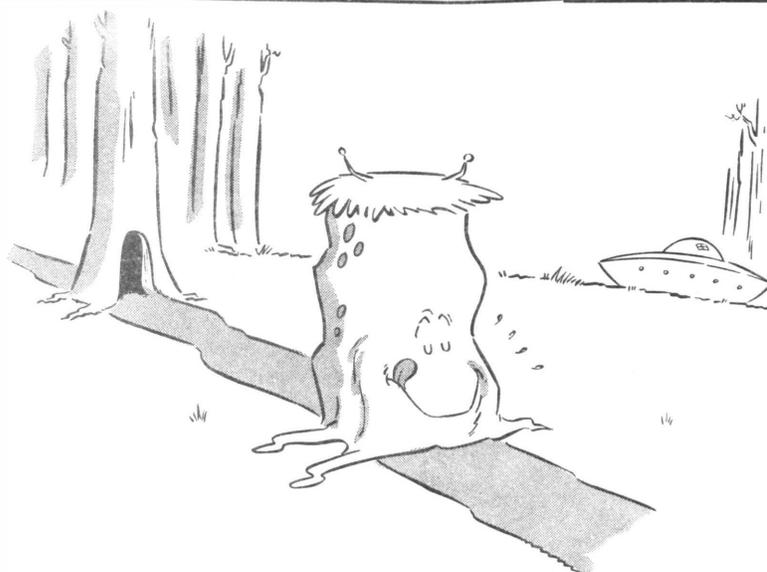
(Editor's Note: Mr. Gelfand is a comparative newcomer to the ranks of saucer researchers. His views should be of great interest to all our metaphysically-minded readers.)

A call has gone out from the Far-Off Worlds, and it is directed toward Earth. Humanity on Earth has responded to that call. We have been ignited from within and from without. Our reaction is conditioned by responsibility and love.

If we maintain a materialistic attitude toward spacecraft, we will retard our progress and hamper our movements to freedom in space, for space is infinite. Space is life, living, and breathing. We are dissipating our strivings in the search for phenomena, and we do not heed that voice telling us to use spirit-understanding. How many of you believe that spacecraft are material and metallic? Yes, some of them are physical, but many are not. In fact, the most effective work is being accomplished by the more subtle craft in use today. How can we be directed to the Far-Off Worlds if we continue to suffocate our consciousness with these earthly vibrations? We have arrested our growth because of our search for materializations. If the truth and purpose behind the spacecraft were made known to us, our directions would be true. We must be boundless in our striving towards infinite space.

Let us look at certain requirements which are needed in order to reach the Far-Off Worlds. The most essential is: Be set aflame by spirit in heart and mind. Secondly, the heart of the individual must contain sensitiveness to all life, compassion for all beings, and a heroic daring of tremendous dimensions. A third requirement will naturally be knowledge of spiritual life and the ability to act this knowledge out in everyday life. Do not think that all that is needed is a good physical condition such as we find in the astronauts of today. We limit our horizons by constant material considerations.

Some of these Far-Off Worlds have character-



istics bordering on the heavenly. Now, you might say that you never considered other planets to be responsible for your inner spiritual development, but I can truthfully say that Mankind is destined to reach these distant worlds, but not as he is in his present state. Mankind must enter and pass through a state of transition and transmutation before he can qualify for the Far-Off Worlds. Nor can he maintain his petty ambitions and foolish prejudices, for these become extremely heavy burdens which intensify pride and build ego. All these human qualities must go if Mankind is to take his rightful place amongst the stars.

There is a universal brotherhood to which Man will have to apply before becoming eligible for the great cosmic expanse. This group is functioning now and is made up of humanities from all the various planets within and from without this solar system. Certain members of Earth humanity are already filling the ranks of this brotherhood, but it must be understood that they are perfected men of earth. Whatever the requirements are for admission to this group, man of Earth will have to fulfill them completely. This will be no easy task, but the way is clear, and members of this brotherhood are helping to guide and protect those daring souls who endeavor to enter the group. The scope of your possibilities will depend upon whether you accept or reject this guidance and protection. You who fear an end to humanity or its decay, should turn your face toward the radiant light and affirm yourself in the understanding of evolution. There is no limit to the sendings from this great group; There is no limit to the assurance of the Far-Off Worlds; There is no limit to the natural treasures of the visible and invisible spheres, all of which are accessible to man of Earth.

We, the brothers of humanity, invoke you to realize the great beauty of infinity. Let the Far-Off Worlds live in your minds as a wondrous kingdom. Only in realizing participation in infinity may one reach the upper spheres. Humanity of Earth, depriving itself of Cosmic Vistas, has lost its relationship with infinity, and lost also is the thread of unity with beauty of life and with the great Cosmic Energy. The Far-Off Worlds are interpreted only as demonstrating the concept of distance. We must not regard the Far-Off Worlds in this light! We, the brothers of humanity, sound the summons to the Far-Off Worlds!

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THE X-4 ELECTRO-CRAFT

- by Howard Menger -

I believe I have thought of a good way to acquire sufficient funds so that the X-4 Electro-Craft I'm working on will be completed in time for a bang-up saucer convention this summer!

First, let me explain why it is called the X-4 Electro-Craft. X means "experimental," and 4 means it is the fourth craft I've worked on. Electro-Craft means it is electric, but of course this is a general term and does not say very much, other than the fact that it operates on what we call electricity. The big difference between the X-4 Electro-Craft and any other electrical device is the unique means in which it obtains electrons, and what it does with them in order to change energy to work power and allow the craft to rise vertically, silently, and then take off in a horizontal direction at great speed!

The one I am building now is approximately 18 feet in diameter, but it might be larger by the time we are finished. The reason for this is predicated upon the weight on the inner section, which is increasing. This might necessitate a change in the outer diameter to accomodate a larger surface area, giving the craft more thrust power. In other words, in the case of

an airplane (and the laws of aerodynamics) a large airplane will not get off the ground with small wings. In the case of the Electro-Craft, however, there is no connection with aerodynamics as far as I can see, because it uses electrical pressures, and/or electrical "voids" or vacuums. Thus it could possibly fly at much higher altitudes, not needing an environment of air or atmosphere, as airplanes must have.

In the case of the famous U-2, which flies at very high altitudes where the air is thin, secret additions were incorporated into the plane's design so that it could do its job quite well. It has a much larger wing area, plus jet assists at strategic locations on its fuselage, etc., so that it could hover at high altitudes for photography, etc. In my opinion the Electro-Craft will be far superior, not only because it could hover at much greater altitudes, but also because it will be capable of much higher speeds in a horizontal or a vertical direction. Also, it could be adapted for flights into outer space in the future.

But I want to get back to my idea on how to raise funds to complete the X-4 Electro-Craft and sponsor a convention on the East Coast: A few weeks ago, the money allotted for the completion of the craft ran out, and I am back to outdoor advertising, designing, building, painting, lettering, etc., to support my family and meet my financial obligations. Thus, work on the craft has been limited to only a few hours each week, and at this rate it will not be ready for testing before 1965; so here is my suggested solution:

I can supply a complete set of plans for a four-foot replica of the larger 18 foot model, which can do almost everything its big brother will do, but on a much smaller scale. It would be a simplified version, without the thrust or speed of the big brother, nor would it cost anywhere near as much to build. It would operate by radio remote control on the ground by the man who builds it. At night it glows and pulsates in various colors, mostly blue. In the daytime its shiny surface reflects the sunlight and looks just like a saucer from outer space as it dips and turns. This is the same craft (the X-3) which I flew successfully back in the summer of 1961.

I would supply a set of plans for this 4-foot replica of the Electro-Craft, together with complete instructions and step-by-step drawings, as well as a list of parts and where to buy them. These plans would be sent through the mail in a mailing tube upon receipt of \$25.00 check or money order.

The first three men to complete and fly the X-4 would each be awarded a one hundred dollar U. S. Government savings bond, and an offer to work with me (on salary) on the larger 18-foot model, which will be capable of carrying a man.

This 18-foot craft, when completed, will be test flown by me for some 6 or 7 interested government and civilian officials. They are only interested in a working model, and you can't blame them. So this is an opportunity not only for me, but for the men who have the talent, etc., to complete their 4-foot model and fly it. This would be a great chance to form a company and manufacture the X-4 on a government or civilian contract. The money received from selling the smaller models would be used to complete the 18-foot Electro-Craft and also to help sponsor the above-mentioned space convention, with radio, television, and other advertising media. It would also help to pay the salaries of the men working with me.

Without a doubt, many people will complete their models and fly them at the convention grounds. This of course will help to sell many more. I can see a lot of good coming from all this. It would probably be the biggest saucer convention ever held in the United States! The first East Coast space convention, which I held on my farm back in 1958, was the largest ever held in the East, and we did not have a radio-controlled flying saucer to show the public - much less one that will carry a man! I also have photos of my earlier flying models of the Electro-Craft, and I will send them to SAUCER NEWS soon.

RECENT NEWS

ELECTROMAGNETIC SAUCER IN NEVADA: A sighting which gives further confirmation to John J. Robinson's article in this issue of SAUCER NEWS occurred on November 14th in Carson City, Nevada. A resident of Carson City named Blanche Pritchett reported early that morning that she saw a disc-shaped object, "tremendous in size," hovering in the southwestern skies. The lady also said that a brilliant shaft of light from the UFO illuminated a nearby hill.

The huge object stood stationary in space while she watched it from a window of her home. It had "an odd green color with a golden cast," and Mrs. Pritchett also noted that a "vibratory hum" came from the object.

She first noticed the UFO at about 4:45 a.m. after seeing the drapes of her bedroom lit up from a glow outside. She added that a radio station which she was listening to at the time went off the air while the object was lighting the skies. It came back on again after the UFO disappeared!

Other persons phoned police, the weatherman, and a radio station in nearby Reno and reported the same or a similar object in the sky southwest of Reno. No explanation for the phenomenon could be found.

RECENT LANDING IN ARGENTINA: From our special correspondent in Argentina, Henning Von Hippel, we learn that landings of flying saucers are still occurring frequently in that country. (See the December 1962 and March 1963 issues of SAUCER NEWS for earlier landing reports.)

The latest case involves truck driver Eugenio Douglas, who, on October 19th, told police the following story, which we have translated from Spanish:

"I was driving my truck to Isla Verde when a luminous object - apparently a spaceship - surrounded by a light of blinding brilliance, came down near me. Three very tall beings, dressed in strange clothes and carrying some unknown kind of weapons, came down out of it toward me. I lost control of my vehicle and drove into a ditch, but I finally got back onto the road and kept on driving at high speed. The three beings kept coming after me. A blinding red light came from their craft. The creatures followed me for about a mile and a half, and shot out a gas which burned and caused me to lose my vision temporarily. When I finally arrived in the outskirts of the town of Monte Maiz, they suddenly stopped the persecution. They then got back into their craft, which disappeared into the distance."

The article goes on to state that Senor Douglas had indeed been burned by something, and that the doctors who examined him were not able to find the cause of the burns!

Another sighting, from the Buenos Aires newspaper "El Mundo," dated November 16th, translates in part as follows:

"Mar del Plata: Upon hearing the words 'flying saucer,' hundreds of residents of this city rushed to their balconies or the nearest open space, early yesterday morning, to see a cigar-shaped object which was giving out an intermittent light, which at times was white and at times bluish. This object hovered over the city for 15 minutes, from 12:30 to 12:45 a.m. It finally disappeared at high speed toward the north. The machine - for, due to the way it maneuvered, it could not have been a natural phenomenon - was over the western part of the city, about thirty degrees above the horizon. Among the witnesses was Horacio Tarifeno, chief of the information service of radio station LU9, who went out on his terrace after receiving many excited telephone calls about the object."

CLOSE SIGHTING IN IDAHO: At least four people in Meridian, Idaho, saw a UFO at very close range on the evening of October 24th. The witnesses

included Mrs. Albert Gordon and her two sons, one of whom made the following report:

"My brother Russell heard a noise over the house at 8:45 p.m. It faded away, but then came closer again and hovered over the house. My mother, Russell, and I looked outside. It was dark out, but as nearly as we could see, the object was perfectly round and about 35 feet in diameter. A red light on its side flashed on once and then went off quickly. It made a very deep humming noise. It just hung about eight feet above our willow tree, very low and motionless, and then slowly moved on after about five minutes. We were all pretty scared."

The family, as well as the F.A.A., discounted the possibility that the craft could have been a helicopter.

FORTEAN ITEMS:

Several unusual disturbances on the Moon have been reported recently, including one on December 4th, spotted by Air Force lunar mappers at Lowell Observatory. This time, motion pictures were taken of the ruby-red eruption, which is considered to be possibly volcanic in nature. It lasted for an hour and a half.

On Mars, a series of peculiar observations in October led to speculation that atomic explosions might be taking place! Bright flashes were observed, lasting about five minutes each, and followed by mushroom-shaped clouds characteristic of atomic bomb blasts.

An item dated November 13th tells of the Mystery of the Disappearing Lawn. It seems that New Jersey State Trooper Albert W. Waldron looked out the window of his home in Ironia, N.J., one morning, and found a hole ten feet wide and fifty feet deep where the side lawn had been. He had it filled with 27 truckloads of dirt, but the next time there was a heavy rainstorm, the hole reappeared. Apparently the cause has something to do with abandoned mines nearby.

On October 2nd, a mass migration of thousands of small frogs caused the temporary closing of Highway 24 near the California community of Riego.

A Jamaica, Long Island woman, driving a car blindfolded in a test ride in Canada last summer, made only one mistake during her demonstration of alleged X-Ray vision: She hit a pedestrian. Her victim was not injured, but she was hauled up on careless driving charges nevertheless.

On November 12th, a 25-foot-long monster described as having a flat head and a big mouth was reported by several people in a small town sixty miles south of Johannesburg, South Africa.

On October 6th, the town of Surbiton in England started to smoke from an overload of electricity. Fuses started flashing all over town, light bulbs popped, cookers grew white hot, and icebox motors burned out. For no known reason, the town's voltage had jumped from the normal 240 to a searing 280. After seven minutes, the voltage went back down to its usual level.

A ballpoint pen saved the life of 41-year-old L.L. McAdams last November when it deflected a bullet aimed at his heart. McAdams, who is a bus



"That tall, dark man you saw last time I was here— could you find him again?"

driver, was shot by a man who walked up to him, put a gun to his chest, and pulled the trigger at point-blank range.

Last October, a priest was called in to exorcise a "water spirit" from a country house in Farmborough, Somerset, England. Mrs. Heidi Whittock-Knott, owner of the haunted house, finds that every time she shuts the front door to go out, water begins pouring through the ceilings and running down the walls. Water splashes from the sink and buckets fall over, even though there is no one at home. Local plumbers and other workmen have been unable to find an explanation, nor have parapsychologists who have visited the house. The priest has asked to remain anonymous.

The New York News of December 8th tells the story of a woman in Flint, Michigan, who can distinguish colors using only her hands while blind-folded. The woman has normal vision, but a series of experiments are being carried out on her in an attempt to gain knowledge that will aid the blind. It is also said that there is a young woman in Russia who not only can identify colors with her fingers, but can also read with them!

In October, 39 whales allowed themselves to be washed up on a beach at Wreck Bay, Australia, and died there. An official from a local university explained that "mass suicides" of this breed of whales occur every two or three years. The cause is a complete mystery to scientists.

A weird story from April (1963) has only recently come to our attention. It concerns the three-foot-long body of a creature that looks like a devil. The body, entombed in a glass case, was accidentally dug up by a boy in Charlotte, North Carolina, and after newspaper publicity, more than 5,000 local people came to see the strange creature. This "devil," or whatever it is, has claw-like nails on its hands, two tusk-like teeth, cloven hooves instead of feet, and horns protruding from its forehead. It is thought to have been a circus exhibit many years ago, but there is a dispute over whether the thing was once alive, or whether it is a fake. Several museum authorities have shown interest in it.

Another case of ice falling from the sky occurred on October 13th, on a farm in upper New York State owned by a man named Hugo Wiken. A large barn on his property was utterly demolished by huge hunks of ice which hit with a great deal of noise. They apparently fell at very high speed. There were no airplanes overhead at the time, and the amount of ice was enough to fill several freight cars! It appeared to be natural ice rather than artificial.

The death of President John F. Kennedy was accurately predicted by Mrs. Jeanne Dixon, who has made many other uncanny predictions concerning famous people. Among other things, she predicted Roosevelt's death, one of Eisenhower's illnesses, Churchill's defeat as Prime Minister and his subsequent "comeback," and the death of actress Carole Lombard.

As discussed several times recently on the Long John Show, it is now believed that humans can be preserved at the time of death by deep freezing, and revived at a later time to live again. The cost would be about \$8,800 per body.

CLOSE SAUCER SIGHTING IN MICHIGAN: Two deputy sheriffs in Port Huron, Michigan, had an unusual encounter with a UFO at about 5 a.m. last November 12th. They observed what was at first only a "flickering light" hovering in the sky. As it got closer, it seemed at times that there was a big divided window in the midst of the flashing light, but the officers could not be sure. The UFO eventually approached to a height of only a few hundred feet above the ground, a short distance from their patrol car. The deputies attempted to follow it, reaching speeds up to 75 miles per hour in the chase, but the object out-distanced them. They lost sight of it completely for awhile. It then reappeared, and the officers stopped the car, turned out their headlights, and

shined spotlights onto the object. They then turned on the flashing light on top of the patrol car, and in a few moments the UFO not only had a flashing white light but it also seemed to be flashing a red light back at them, as if in an attempt at communication! The UFO appeared to again be standing still in the sky at that time, and they could hear a low sound of motors. Suddenly the motors grew louder, and the object disappeared rapidly out of sight.

MANY RADIO APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR: In October, your Editor made five tapes for the "coffee break" portion of the Long John radio show, heard between approximately 2:30 and 3:00 a.m. These dealt with topics already published in SAUCER NEWS and in our non-scheduled supplementary Newsletters. They were heard on the mornings of October 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, and 14th.

We were also on the full five-hour Long John Show, "live," several times as a member of panels discussing various non-saucer topics, i.e., prejudice against the blind and against Negroes, on the morning of October 24th; psychology, psychiatry, and religion, on the morning of November 1st; and medicine, on the morning of November 10th. On November 8th we "starred" on a five-hour show devoted to treasure hunting in Peru, as already noted on Page 2 of this issue.

From 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. on the evenings of November 1st, 8th, and 15th, we were on taped shows played for Bob Zanotti's "Coffee Clatch" show, on New Jersey's station WFMU. These programs discussed topics such as Deros, flying saucers, and Fortean events. Also appearing were John J. Robinson, Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS, and Eugene Steinberg, our Advertising Manager. Worthy of mention here is the fact that listeners in some areas reported a 5-second period of silence during the Dero program, whereas people listening to the same show in other areas noticed no such thing!

SAUCER BRIEFS: In January, the SAUCER NEWS Staff was saddened to learn of the death of John M. Cage, a 77-year-old inventor living in Montclair, New Jersey. Mr. Cage's inventions, on which he held many patents, go back as far as 1910, and include a helicopter and a submarine. Recently he had plans for an earth-made flying saucer, powered by the proper use of electrical energy

(not to be confused with "free energy," in which Mr. Cage did not believe.) He also had plans for a machine that would separate gold and other precious minerals from sea water. Mr. Cage was an unusually kind and modest individual, and it was a privilege to have known him. Some of his theories appear in an article written by your Editor

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for the September 1962 issue of Fate Magazine, entitled, "UFO's, The Universe, and John M. Cage.".....

Last October, Dr. Frank E. Stranges, author of "Flying Saucerama" and other books, was convicted in California of operating a "mail order diploma mill," in that he was issuing doctor of divinity degrees for \$25 each. A recent form letter sent out by Stranges to his fans does not deny that he was issuing such diplomas, but contends that this activity was legal. In any case, by his own admission, Stranges was fined \$200 and made to spend the night in jail. He now asks for \$2,000 in donations to cover "court penalties, fines, and attorney's fees.".....

On Page 18 of our September issue, we printed a photograph taken by your Editor in a Pentacostal church in Nassau, in the Bahama Islands. On the back wall of this church, near the altar, all visitors (including your Editor) can see a face resembling the traditional representation of Jesus Christ; but all attempts to photograph the face have supposedly failed. For most readers of SAUCER NEWS, there was no face in the picture, but a few people - who have asked to remain anonymous - were able to see the exact same face which your Editor observed visually in the church. We have in our possession a sketch of the face, sent to us by one of these researchers. Unfortunately it is too faintly drawn to reproduce here. However, it is available in our files to all who wish to see it....

We were surprised to learn recently of an incident that occurred in July of 1947, just about a month after flying saucers started making national headlines. Eight five-foot balloons were sent up from the New York Daily News building, in an effort to prove that people will report anything as a flying saucer. Of the eight, one landed in the yard of Gladys Fusaro in Huntington, Long Island, more than thirty miles away. It just happens that Mrs. Fusaro has been interested in UFO's and Fortean events as far back as 1942, and she is now a member of the SAUCER NEWS Staff. Out of some twenty million people living in the New York metropolitan area, isn't it a strange co-incidence that one out of only eight balloons sent up to ridicule flying saucers should land in the yard of a UFO enthusiast? Or is it a co-incidence at all!?

An informant who attended a slide lecture by contactee Buck Nelson in St. Louis, Missouri, reports that a blurred picture of a human-like space-man looked identical to a clearly-focused picture of Buck Nelson himself; and a photo of the famous 300-pound space dog that sometimes visits him, was identical to that of a small lap dog shown in another picture! The lap dog was being held in the arms of a miscellaneous visitor at one of Buck's conventions in Mountain View, Missouri.

According to a recent issue of his bulletin, Jim Wales (a co-worker of Laura Mundo) claims to have received several phone calls from a mysterious organization called "The Better Book League." This League supposedly offered Mr. Wales money to take Laura Mundo's book "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan" off the market. Mr. Wales believes that the calls were either from the "Silence Group" or from space visitors....

With this issue, SAUCER NEWS begins its 11th year of publication. We are now the second oldest saucer organization in the world, - second only to APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), which has headquarters in Tucson, Arizona.....George Adamski is expected to lecture in New York City on March 21st and 22nd, under the auspices of the New York Saucer Information Bureau (NYSIB).....A short four-line item about SAUCER NEWS in the St. Paul, Minnesota Dispatch last September resulted in several dozen subscriptions for our magazine. We still do not know who did us this favor.

MOST BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. WE NOW HAVE A SPECIAL OFFER OF \$7.50 FOR ALL THE 36 ISSUES STILL IN PRINT - A SAVING OF ABOUT \$6.00!

NEWS BRIEFS: The photograph at the right was sent to us by a correspondent in Seattle, Washington, who wishes to remain anonymous. It was supposedly taken on June 12th, 1960, by a young man who saw a disc-shaped object hover at low altitude for a period of several seconds....On the night of November 30th (1963) a mysterious flaming object was seen shooting through the skies near Knoxville, Tennessee, by two sheriff's deputies. They said that they saw something which looked like a "football with a tail on it" speed over them at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. A U. S. Air Force B-52 crew, flying over Knoxville at 35,000 feet at that time, saw the same UFO....A mysterious "circular hole" or crater discovered near La Grande, Oregon, in early October, was also the scene of several UFO sightings. The crater was at first believed to have been caused by a meteorite, but diggings there revealed no trace of metal. A superintendent of schools and his wife saw a glowing object fall in the vicinity of the crater a few days after its discovery, and local newspapers received several phone calls over a period of a week from other people who reported having seen a blue-white object drop from the sky and land near the crater...A UFO was seen over Sunnyvale, Calif., at 4 a.m. on Sept. 25th by three public safety officers and scores of other people.



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part of certain youngsters to glorify themselves in print.

In the course of 93 shoddily-mimeographed pages, the staff of the NJAAP carefully and meticulously destroy every semblance of the air of scientific study that the Introduction of their book endeavored to create. The tome runs the gamut from dogmatic and unquestioning acceptance of Aime Michel's "orthoteny" hypothesis - which in reality has only been proven to have occurred during the 1954 French saucer flap - to APRO's fallacious "physical evidence" allegations.

The book, however, is not without its good points. An informative, though tediously written, account of the Charlton Crater Mystery, together with some other worthwhile material, unfortunately do not make up for its numerous shortcomings. If you are in search of a mature, sober, and impartial study of the UFO enigma rather than an inadequate rehash of material that has already appeared elsewhere, you may safely pass this one by.

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