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EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON THE SAUCER LANDING AT GLASSBORO, N.J.

MYSTERIOUS HOLES left in the ground by a flying saucer which landed near Glassboro, N. J., are shown in this photo taken by researcher Bruce Kraig. The main hole (foreground) is 1½ feet deep, and originally contained 13 small discs composed of fused sand. Another of the 4 holes is seen in the background, near the trees. The landing spot was reported to police and Air Force investigators by NICAP member Ward Campbell, who was told about the incident by his two young sons. The Air Force now claims that the landing was a hoax, but this opinion is hotly disputed by many people, including Dr. John Pagano of Fort Lee, N. J. (another NICAP member), who personally interviewed the boys. See Page 19-21 for details. Similar landing reports from other parts of the U.S. are given on Page 23 ("Saucer Landing in Indiana,") and at the bottom of Page 25.

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Editorial Notes

YOU WILL NOTE THAT THIS ISSUE contains 28 pages (a record!), and that four feature articles have been included, in addition to Patricia Jones' tongue-in-cheek "UFO Coloring Book." You may also have noticed our new typewriter with Classic Elite type - bought in an effort to make SAUCER NEWS neater and more readable than ever before.

Also, we have continued our coverage of the fantastic 1964 saucer flap, which has exceeded all previous flaps in duration. In case you might wonder why sightings and landings as far back as June and July are being covered in the December issue, the reasons are quite simple: We are on a quarterly schedule. It often takes a month or more for us to receive from our clipping service and correspondents the news articles which we analyze and rewrite for SAUCER NEWS. Another factor is that each issue of our magazine is "closed" at least three weeks before you receive it, as it takes that long for printing and third-class mailing. Therefore, as this December issue is being written ahead of schedule in order to avoid the Christmas rush at the post office, the "cut-off date" is about October 1st. This means that many incidents from September, as well as all those during October, November, and onward, will not reach you until the March 1965 issue - unless you are one of the people on our special non-scheduled Newsletter mailing list, to whom important bulletins are sent immediately upon receipt at our office.

In short, we are doing our very best to bring you the finest saucer magazine possible, and to give our readers the fullest possible coverage on UFOs as well as on Fortean events of all kinds. Even when we are slow, we are always thorough.

We welcome your comments, compliments, and criticisms, for use in our "Letters to the Editor" column.

OUTCOME OF THE SAUCER NEWS POLITICAL OPINION POLL: In our September issue, we asked our readers to send in their preference for President of the United States in the forthcoming election. A surprising 585 people have voted to date, of whom 357 prefer Johnson over Goldwater. There were also 11 "undecideds." Eliminating the latter, the percentage was 61% to 39% in favor of Johnson, which is quite similar to the national polls.

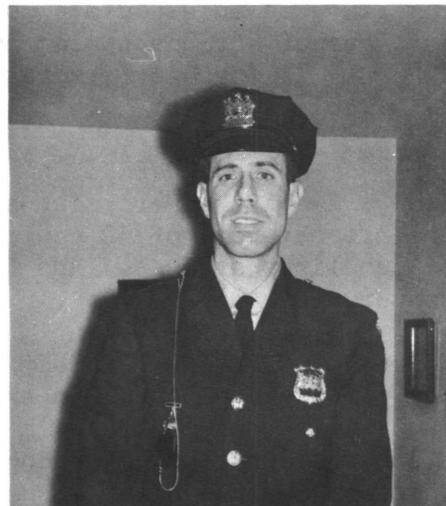
Not only was the number of responses surprising, but also the outcome, because saucer researchers tend to be conservative politically, and because Goldwater is on record as believing in flying saucers whereas Johnson is not. These facts were pointed out in a SAUCER NEWS press release which was sent on September 15th to many of the news media in the New York area. Our press release was carried by the New York Herald Tribune on September 17th, and in the September 26th issue of the New Yorker Magazine, and it may be mentioned in a feature article on flying saucers now being planned by the New York Daily News. (A free copy of the SAUCER NEWS press release will be sent to you on request.)

Based on our own poll and the national polls, we are now in a position to predict an overwhelming victory for Lyndon Johnson in November. Although you may be reading this editorial after the election, these words are being written on October 2nd.

It is our usual policy not to discuss politics in SAUCER NEWS, and we have never taken sides in any election until now. However, we note that nearly every newspaper and magazine in the country has an editorial page, and almost all of them endorse one candidate or the other before a presidential election. We therefore wish to state, however briefly, that the majority of the SAUCER NEWS Staff is most pleased at the outcome of our opinion poll, and this same majority heartily endorses LYNDON JOHNSON FOR PRESIDENT! The issues

are clear-cut this year, and we would be remiss in our duty as citizens if we did not stand up and be counted.

BOOKS, BACK ISSUES, AND NEWSLETTERS FOR SALE: For the first time in our 11-year history, SAUCER NEWS has a limited supply of saucer books on hand. We have Albert K. Bender's "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," one of the most important UFO books ever written - now selling for \$2.00 (originally \$3.95.) We also have a book by Fortean researcher Frank Edwards, called "My First 10,000,000 Sponsors," selling for \$1.00 (originally \$2.00), and Virginia F. Brasington's recent book, "Flying Saucers in the Bible," at \$2.00 (still available from Saucerian Books at the original price of \$3.00.) If you order one or more of these three fine books, we will send you, free, a ball-point pen marked "Flying saucers come from other worlds."



We also have, at \$1.00 each, copies of the June 1964 issue of Argosy, containing your Editor's article about treasure hunting in Peru; and for \$4.95 each, we have tapes of August C. Roberts' June 19th, 1964 lecture to our Discussion and Lecture Committee. This tape runs about 1½ hours, at 3 3/4 speed, and contains a fascinating history of the saucer movement since 1952.

Our supply of back issues is almost exhausted, but a very few are still on hand. They sell for 35 cents each or three for \$1.00. If interested, send for our free list of available issues.

One final word: Whether you order anything else or not, the small sum of one dollar will put you on our special Confidential Newsletter mailing list, provided that you are currently a subscriber in good standing. These non-scheduled Newsletters usually contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in our regularly-scheduled issues of SAUCER NEWS, and represent our attempt to inform a selected "inner circle" of readers about the strange behind-the-scenes events in flying saucer research. If you send your dollar now, you will receive the four or five most recent Newsletters immediately by return mail.

IN THE PHOTO ABOVE, your Editor is pictured in the uniform of the Fort Lee Police Reserve, from which he recently resigned. He also held the post of Assistant Deputy Director of Civil Defense for Fort Lee (N. J.), until his resignation.

CHANGES IN THE SAUCER NEWS STAFF: We are pleased to announce that Peter Kor, who has written many fine articles for Ray Palmer's magazine and others, has recently joined our Staff. Beginning in the March issue, we will have a regular column called "Perspective," written by Mr. Kor. Most saucer researchers feel that they have already found many of the answers as to the origin and purpose of the UFOs. But in reality, many of these "answers" are mere assumptions which have been repeated so often that we finally believe them. "Perspective" will endeavor to define what we actually know about flying saucers in relation to the various arguments which have been invoked to explain them. The column will be an invitation to share a fresh look at the saucer mystery, and a challenge to discover the accuracy and worth of present saucer concepts. Only those researchers who have convinced themselves that there are no more questions to ask or problems to solve about flying saucers will be offended by Mr. Kor's analyses.

Richard E. Wallace, our book reviewer, has now officially joined

the Staff as an Associate Editor. Another addition is Gary Oxton, who is also a member of our Discussion and Lecture Committee.

The Staff regrets the loss of Melvyn Stiriss, who has resigned as an Associate Editor, due to deeply personal psychological reasons.

OUR ADVERTISING RATES ARE GOING UP, due to our increased circulation. As of the March issue, a half page will cost \$15, and a full page \$25. The present rate of 50 cents per line will remain, in regard to advertisements of ten lines or less. Ads for the March issue must reach us not later than January 10th.

OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL CONTAIN, in addition to the column by Peter Kor already mentioned, an excellent article called "Reconsidering the Mysterious 'Little Men,'" by Keith Roberts. Several other fine features are also planned. Our problem during the past few months is that so much good material comes in that we often do not have room to print all of it. This represents a nation-wide resurgence of interest in flying saucers, which is most gratifying.

Never before in our history have subscriptions come in as rapidly as they have this year. Nevertheless, there are many of you who are careless in responding to renewal requests. If a renewal notice has been sent to you at any time recently, please let us hear from you as soon as possible. Time no longer permits us to send reminder notices, and if you do not renew now, you are likely to miss the fine issues we have planned for next year.

Also, may we suggest that with Christmas coming up soon, a SAUCER NEWS gift subscription would be just the thing for any of your friends who are Ufologically inclined.

May we take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Our next issue will be reaching you about February 15th.

Book Review

- by Richard E. Wallace -

THE UFO EVIDENCE -by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena

Many long-forgotten months ago, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, known to the initiated as NICAP, made a most important announcement. Their vast and financially deficient sources would join together in a monumental task - the creation of a document that would enter the annals of history as a cornerstone in the advancement of UFO research. Moreover, it would become another opening wedge - and, alas, there have been many - in their arduous and highly unsuccessful campaign to persuade Congress to conduct public hearings on flying saucers.

Months passed, but this volume of staggering scientific worth was, as yet, an unfulfilled dream. Publication was described by NICAP officials as "imminent." "Imminent," that is, if their membership could be convinced to come up with sufficient funds to defray the enormous expenses involved in producing so massive a literary work. While we had not formerly concurred entirely with Mr. Moseley's persistent expressions of disagreement with various NICAP policies, the non-appearance of "The UFO Evidence" was more than a little suspicious. We did, nevertheless, concede the ambiguity of the term "imminent," under the unsupported belief that publication would eventually occur.

As we were about to issue a statement suggesting the likelihood of the volume never seeing print, an envelope bearing the NICAP label and containing the long-awaited book finally arrived at our office. "The UFO Evi-

dence" is even more impressive in its completed form than we could have expected even if we had stretched our fertile imagination to the limit. Within its covers are numerous illustrations contained on over 180 well-printed pages, accompanied by a text in excess of 200,000 words. Certainly, if one had serious doubts as to the scientific value of saucer research, a superficial glance at this book would go a long way towards dispelling those doubts. Now, say the staunch adherents of NICAP, they have implemented plans that will soon culminate in the long-delayed Congressional hearings. This non sequitur's absurd nature bears some comment.

Far be it from us to depreciate the value of "The UFO Evidence." While it is true that much of the material that appears therein constitutes a rehash of sightings long known to serious disciples of the UFO enigma, there is a large amount of new material that certainly succeeds in nourishing our thirst for knowledge. The matter which we must now confront is that, granted the book has lived up to its grandiose claims, will the result actually bring about the necessary interest on Capital Hill?

Two factors, unfortunately, compel us to reply in the negative. First of all, we all know that the entire House and about one third of the Senate are scheduled for re-election this year. Our esteemed legislators are not apt to profess their belief or even casual interest in flying saucers when their political necks are at stake. Furthermore, by its very nature, the book itself does not permit an appreciable amount of knowledge to be gleaned from a quick and perfunctory perusal.

Not only is the type exceedingly small, making the task of reading quite a chore even for those with perfect eyesight, but the style of writing, in order to preserve the scientific flavor, is quite tedious and wearisome. In fact, Webster provides us with a most appropriate term to describe the readability of "The UFO Evidence." The word is soporific, meaning "tending to produce sleep."

"The UFO Evidence" is indeed a document that not only preserves the most significant aspects of Ufology for posterity, but, in fact, goes a long way towards convincing even the most skeptical and dogmatic scientists that UFOs merit their consideration and study. It is really unfortunate that its format is too scientific to permit a busy legislator to digest its contents with celerity. Thus, even were they not up for re-election, it is highly unlikely that Congressmen would have either the time or inclination to peruse the contents of this book thoroughly. Congressional hearings are, at present, as imaginative a prospect as they have ever been.

"The UFO Evidence" may be secured by interested readers by sending \$4.95 to NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. We would appreciate your mentioning SAUCER NEWS when ordering.

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS: An article by your Editor, entitled "Classified Information from the Pentagon," appears in the current issue (#2) of a magazine called "The Objective Journal of UFO," published by John C. Ferguson, 939 Juanita Terrace, Prescott, Arizona. The price is 35 cents for a single copy, or \$2.00 for a six issue subscription. This article reveals for the first time the fact that in 1953 an officer at the Pentagon inadvertently gave your Editor classified information related to saucer sightings. Don't miss this "inside story"!

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Letters to the Editor

To protect my source of information, this letter is being written anonymously.

I have definite information that the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia, is in radio contact with two planets, by means of static reception. Such patterns cannot be sent from Green Bank since they have no transmitters there; but they are sent to California and beamed back to the planets from there.

ANONYMOUS

It has been quite a long time since we have corresponded, but I receive your SAUCER NEWS regularly, and am pleased to be able to keep in touch that way. It is gratifying to have one of the flying saucer magazines continuing through the years, which, in a manner, keeps the whole history of the subject before us. As you know, I withdrew from active research, and have not maintained my interest in books and publications; but SAUCER NEWS is in a class by itself, and I enjoy keeping in touch from the sidelines through your excellent work.... REV. LEON C. LE VAN, Pittsburg, Pa.

I read in the September SAUCER NEWS (Page 21) about the suicide of saucer researcher Douglas Hancock. Several years ago, I received a telephone call from him here in St. Louis. He stated he was on his way to visit me from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I told him it was all right for him to come and see me. I was cutting my grass, and before I was finished, he was there. I told him he must have used a flying saucer to come so fast!

I washed up and my wife asked him for dinner. He seemed like a nice fellow, and very interested in UFOs. He wanted all the information I could give him. I gave him some information and told him to be careful. He was so wrapped up in UFOs that he wouldn't even eat much.....He wrote me several letters after he left Fort Leonard Wood, and after that I never heard from him any more.....I was sorry to hear that he took his life....There have been many similar cases. When will earth people ever learn to be careful? They should know that not all UFOs are angels. Some of them, but not all, are dangerous! DR. GEORGE MARLO, St. Louis, Missouri

I enjoyed the September issue of SAUCER NEWS very much. I hope you will let me know before my subscription runs out, as I want to renew it....

VIRGINIA F. BRASINGTON, Asheville, N. C.
(Author of "Flying Saucers in the Bible")

I enjoyed your September issue very much.....but on Page 9 of that issue, you make a curious statement about NICAP again. This time, you say that NICAP as well as the Air Force ignored an account by a tourist regarding the Socorro UFO. What are you hinting at? That NICAP is again doing you "dirty"? That they are riding the "men in black" trail again? Did you ever care to check with NICAP about the tourist's account? Just what is meant by the ambiguous inference of your statement: that the Air Force and NICAP are in league against the public?.....What has Major Keyhoe done this time: forgot to sign one of his letters "with love"?

STEVE ERDMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

(Editor's Note: Mr. Erdmann is in a class all by himself in thinking that NICAP is above and beyond even the most legitimate criticism!)

Best wishes for your continued success. SAUCER NEWS is excellent from cover to cover.... MRS. M. LOUISE DONNERGAARD, Seattle, Wash.

THE THREE W's

- by Brinsley Le Poer Trench -

(Editor's Note: The author of this article is a contributor to London's "Flying Saucer Review," author of an important UFO book called "The Sky People," and a leading British flying saucer researcher. We are proud to welcome him to the pages of SAUCER NEWS.)

It is about seventeen years since Kenneth Arnold's sighting of nine huge, gleaming, crescent-shaped objects near Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington. This triggered off world publicity for the UFO; and his description of the motion of these craft as "skimming like saucers over water," caused the words "flying saucer" to be coined as a homely, though somewhat ridiculous, phrase for these mysterious sky ships.

What has happened during these seventeen years? Have we solved the enigma of the saucers? Have they been officially recognized as real spacecraft coming from some other world or worlds?

Many people think they have solved the mystery. However, there are such a lot of conflicting theories that most of us do not know what to make of it all. Certainly, flying saucers have not been officially recognized, despite the hundreds of thousands of recorded sightings from all over the world, and the large number of testimonies from pilots, police, ships' officers, as well as people in every walk of life. The denouement is still to come.

Objective investigators are bogged down with collecting and analyzing sighting reports. The mystics are busy obtaining "messages" from "masters." Both sides of the world-wide saucer movement are anathema to one another.

Let us steer a middle path and try to look at the whole thing from a broad perspective. There are three things regarding the UFO that most people want to know: (1) WHERE do they come from? (2) WHO crews them? (3) WHY are they coming? I call these three questions the Three W's. When we have the answer to all three questions, the flying saucer mystery will be one no longer. It is as simple as that.

Right. Let's get cracking.

Where do they come from? Well, we have had clues. However, often clues turn out to be red herrings, as every good detective is fully aware. Some investigators have worked out the idea that saucer sighting peaks have coincided with the periodic close approaches of Mars. Therefore, the saucers probably come from that planet.

Another candidate is Venus. We have never observed the surface of this mysterious planet, as it is perpetually shrouded from our view by what appears to be a cloud cover. Students of the occult point to legends of the Lords of the Shining Face coming from Venus to Earth 18 million years ago.

An early U.S. Air Force UFO project report suggested the star system Wolf 359 as a possible origin for the saucers. I recall that the reason was that there seemed to be a planetary system there comparable to our own. Professor Hermann Oberth, famed German rocket expert, also believes the UFO come from somewhere outside our solar system.

There is, also, a considerable school of thought that put their money on the Moon as the home of the saucers. Did not H. G. Wells write about Selenites, a race of intelligent entities who lived underground?

Incidentally, up until quite recently, the Moon was considered to be an absolutely dead body with no atmosphere. However, a Russian, Nicolai Kozrev, claimed to have photographed a volcanic eruption on the Moon. If his claim is authentic, (and it was supported by the late Dr. H. P. Wilkins, well-known British astronomer who observed the eruption through his telescope), the Moon may have some sort of atmosphere and may not be quite so dead after all.

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Other researchers speak in hushed voices about what may lie on the far side of the Moon. We know very little about that enigmatic backside, despite those Russian photographs. Also, it is suggested that races from other worlds may be using the Moon as a base from which to observe the strange goings-on here on this mudball in space.

Another theory is that there may be universes whose inhabitants would be invisible to us, but real and tangible to themselves, as we are to each other in our own frame of reference. Furthermore, it is suggested that the natives of these alien universes have found the means to break through to our own continuum.

Quite recently, scientists have discovered what they term "anti-matter." That is, the Anti-X1-Zero particle. It is now believed that for every atomic particle, like the neutron, electron, and proton, there exists another particle of the same mass but with an equal and opposite electric charge!

The idea of anti-particles gives rise to some fascinating possibilities. It is quite conceivable that there might exist a kind of looking-glass world (shades of Alice in Wonderland), in which all matter is made up from anti-matter. Life in such a world would be exactly the same as in ours. In short, there may be twin universes. This area, too, must surely be considered as a possibility for the origin of the UFO.

Even more fantastic is the Richard Shaver theory of two groups of people called Teros and Deros living deep down in the bowels of the earth. Life on the surface of this planet, Shaver contends, came to a sticky end after something akin to a radioactive catastrophe thousands of years ago. The surviving Teros were good types, and the Deros were depraved characters. Through their knowledge of the technology of the lost civilization, which they still have to some extent but use for evil purposes, the Deros are responsible for all kinds of skulduggery on the surface of this planet. Both the Teros and the Deros are supposed to have some form of spacecraft.

There are many more ideas, but if you look at the few enumerated here, you will see that the field is quite large. There is a bewildering choice.

Now frankly, I think the only possible way to put some daylight into this whole problem is to take a good look at the data we actually have in our possession. We have to start from somewhere. Why not use what we have and then think about it from every possible angle?

One thing stands out. It is something that every UFO researcher knows. Although flying saucers intensified their visitations after 1947 (the year of Arnold's sighting), our researches reveal that they have been visiting the earth all through recorded history, and, possibly, for even longer. The



evidence is there. Desmond Leslie, H. T. Wilkins, M. K. Jessup and other writers have drawn our attention to it. More recently, the articles of W. R. Drake in "Flying Saucer Review" have amplified this aspect. There are accounts of UFO in the legends, histories and scriptures of nearly all races and religions on earth.

If we accept most of the available data, what further deductions or possible lines of thought can we extrapolate from the fact that the UFO have pretty well always been with us? The first thing that occurs to me is that both you and I are still here. We have been on this planet for thousands of years. I mean, of course, not only you and I, but our ancestors. True, we have knocked each other about a bit, but no one from Out There has wiped us out.

Now, I want to ask a question. Who would go on visiting this earth for thousands of years without making actual contact with the natives? Some readers may argue that it is conceivable that the UFO cannot make contact because there is no possible means of communication between the two alien races and cultures. This point I might consider as possibly valid if the visitations had been over a short period of time. However, if there was no possibility of contact, then why go on visiting us for many thousands of years? If we ever get to the Moon, Mars, or Venus, surely we will not go on circling round these planets for millenia without landing and making contact with whatever life forms are present there. No, there must be a reason for so much patient persistence!

Let us think about this: Suppose we were put here originally? Now, how about that? Possibly, many worlds have been populated from a common source.

This, of course, would explain the consistent interest. Now, let's have a look at the question of contacts. A point which may have a bearing on this is the accepted scientific fact that our planet has been subject to many catastrophes, seismic and tidal. I would suggest that open contact may have been maintained in long-forgotten ages - epochs that have been obliterated almost completely from our present-day knowledge - and that, perhaps, after some big catastrophic event, those that survived on earth had to go back to the caves and eke out an almost animal-like existence for hundreds of years. Perhaps humanity has had to start over again. These Visitors from Outer or Other Spaces (whoever they may be), may have been waiting all this time for us to "grow up."

After thousands of years of plodding along with the horse and wheel, mankind has in the last two hundred years attained some kind of technology. If these space visitors have been visiting us for millenia and have been capable of traveling from their particular worlds or continuums to earth for all this long period of time, they must also be capable of performing marvels of which we can have hardly any conception!

Radio and television would have been unbelievable to us four or five hundred years ago. Similarly, feats of walking through walls and materializing from an invisible form to a visible one, equally unbelievable to most of us now, may be commonplace and not in the least supernatural to our visitors. To them, these accomplishments may be cold, sober scientific fact!

The answers to my original three questions are something that we must all think out for ourselves. Eventually we will all have the answer. But, it will make things easier for our own comfort and mental stability to use our own thought processes to figure it out. I very much go along with Charles Fort's adage that when humanity is ready for something it arrives. You will recall he mentioned that thousands of kettles had boiled on countless hearths before the steam engine arrived. When humanity is ready for Sky People and Sky Ships, these things will arrive and be accepted. The time is not far off.

In this day and age of general pandering to mass opinion and the lowest common denominator, I like to believe that the coming of the flying

saucers has, at least, made some people really try and think. One of the troubles with human thinking about the UFO is that it tends to put everything inside its own limited understanding and "ken." This is forgivable, but nevertheless, if the solution is to be found, we must widen our horizons. What is required is vision, imagination, and the courage to look at what is termed the "fantastic" - which may turn out to be very real!

It is in the fantastic that the answer is to be found. Albert K. Bender told us that. However, I think that Mr. Bender has since given us some nice red herrings for reasons of his own.

This whole subject tends to shake people who really think about it out of their preconceived ideas, their ruts, and their "normal" thought processes. However, they must at the same time know how to preserve a certain balance and not go overboard completely. Thus, we have to be real artists, and walk the tightrope with surefootedness. We must use our creative imagination and the analytical portion of our minds, and to some extent our feelings, but we must not let the latter dominate and cause us to get lost in the by-ways.

The coming of the UFO may one day be remembered as something which made a small remnant of humanity think; and, after all, that is our God-given heritage.

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK: CONSERVATIVE FOE OF THE UFO

- by George W. Earley -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Earley is an administrative engineer employed by a major aerospace firm. He is also president of NICAP's Connecticut affiliate, and a frequent lecturer on the subject of flying saucers. He is another new contributor whom we are proud to add to our ranks.)

In March of this year, I spoke on flying saucers at the Choate School, a college prep boarding school for high school age boys in Wallingford, Connecticut. As the meeting was an open one, the student attendees were heavily augmented by faculty members and townspeople - total attendance being about 350. The audience was an attentive group and in the 90 minute question and answer period following my 30 minute talk, a great number of questions were asked, each of which reflected a sincere and intelligent interest in UFO.

The interest generated by my talk resulted in immediate attempts by the sponsoring student groups to obtain a U.S. Air Force speaker - the hope being to arrange a debate on UFO. As I expected, it was not possible to obtain any USAF debater; but arrangements were made for an illustrated talk by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Hynek is better known in UFO circles as the USAF's top civilian UFO consultant (or debunker, if you prefer.) In a letter setting forth the "terms" of Dr. Hynek's appearance, the USAF ruled out any debate, on the grounds that the subject was not (in USAF eyes) a debatable one. Questions from the audience would be permitted, however.

In company with three other members of NICAP's Connecticut affiliate, I attended Dr. Hynek's talk. Several local NICAP members were also in the audience, as well as Choate students, faculty, townspeople, and several newsmen. Attendance totaled about 250.

Dr. Hynek came to Choate directly from his investigations at Socorro, New Mexico, and was obviously pretty tired when he began to speak. His interest in his subject soon banished fatigue, and he was pretty agile on his mental feet when the question period finally rolled around after some 45 minutes of slides and talk. The slides, for the most part, were a disappointment, consisting mainly of saucer cartoons, a few artists' conceptions of "spacemen," three or four "saucer-shaped" clouds, and one or two other examples of "misinterpretations of conventional phenomena." The finest slides were the final

ones - some very striking color pictures of various galaxies, nebulae, etc., taken at Mt. Palomar. These I would love to own.

Dr. Hynek began by acknowledging my earlier speech, saying, "I've been told that some of you believe or would like to believe in flying saucers. So would I." The Air Force, he said, called a sighting a UFO when "the description of the object and its maneuvers could not be fitted into the pattern of any known object or phenomenon." He went on to say that while UFO reports were still coming in steadily to the USAF at an average of one per day, the majority of such sightings were misrepresentations of such common terrestrial objects as birds, balloons, aircraft, comets, meteors, etc. Some sightings, he stated, seemed to be good descriptions of "ball lightning," while others, such as the famous Socorro, N. M. report of April 24th, remained as truly puzzling unknowns.

Dr. Hynek was careful to emphasize that he felt we are not being visited by extraterrestrial beings, and that leaving out such space objects as meteors, earth satellites, stars, etc., all UFO could be explained as having a terrestrial origin. He cited lenticular clouds and searchlights playing on high, thin haze layers as examples of this. The mystery of the famed Lubbock Lights (in Texas), he said, was later "solved" by one of the original sighters and found to be migrating birds (....and never mind that in the second edition of his book, Edward J. Ruppelt, former USAF Project Bluebook chief, said they were really moths!) A "mother ship with four scout ships" turned out to be Jupiter and four moons seen through a cheap telescope; while a UFO that "buzzed" a Pan American Airways plane off the Florida coast was really a large meteor some 200 miles away.

Dr. Hynek rated Policeman Zamora as a reliable witness and stated that he felt there was no hoax involved in the Socorro sighting, and that Zamora had actually seen some sort of machine. Dr. Hynek went on to say that he did not feel that any conventional aircraft or helicopter could be involved, nor did he think that any sort of secret device was the cause; but at the same time he strongly reiterated his disbelief that the object was a visiting spaceship. During the question and answer session, he stated that to him, one of the most puzzling aspects of the Socorro affair was the failure of several nearby radar installations to pick up the reported UFO. I lost no time in pointing out that our present-day SAC bombers are equipped with ECM (electronic counter-measure equipment) designed specifically to enable them to penetrate radar nets without being picked up. This has, in fact, been done many times already. A case in point was the penetration of the U.S. radar defenses by supersonic B-58 bombers during the SkyShield I aerial war games several years ago. Nobody, but nobody, laid a glove on those B-58's when they came through - even when the time and point of penetration was known in advance! It does not, therefore, call for 25th Century electronic wizardry to explain the failure of local radar to "see" the Socorro UFO.

A number of solved "unknowns" as well as unsolved cases which Dr. Hynek cited in his speech can be found in his article "Flying Saucers I Have Known," published in the April 1963 issue of the Yale Scientific Magazine.

Hynek admitted that the reports of UFO are international in scope, and said that the 1954 French landings, for example, are very hard to explain. He added that he is dubious of the "mass hallucination" explanations applied to many widespread sighting flaps.

Leaving the reports - and he always stressed that UFOs exist as "reports; Raw data needing careful study" - Dr. Hynek turned to their reporters. Belief in UFOs, he said, is a symptom of "wishful thinking," while saucer clubs are full of uncritical thinkers totally unfamiliar with proper scientific procedure. He said, "In science, there isn't much room for the word 'belief.' The accumulation of scientific knowledge depends on that which is publicly demonstrable." I challenged him during the discussion period, pointing

out NICAP's operating policy and identifying the various scientists and engineers who aid NICAP in a proper scientific evaluation of UFO reports. He professed total ignorance of NICAP operations and advisers, and requested further information, which has since been mailed to him.

Concluding his talk, Dr. Hynek made use of the astronomical slides to take us on a brief tour of interstellar space and show us the immense distances between the stars, galaxies and nebulae "out there." His case for disbelief in interplanetary visitors is founded on what he termed his "respect for the distances involved and the navigational problems involved in pinpointing a target that is merely one of several million stars in any given galaxy." He also mentioned the "limiting factor" of the speed of light, relating it to the distance involved and hence the overlong duration of such interstellar trips in terms of human life spans. Such reasoning, of course, ignores the nearer stars, - those within 10 to 15 light years from us, - as well as the possibility of there being intelligent creatures with life spans three or four times ours. To such creatures, a 22 year trip would mean little more than a three to four year Antarctic sojourn means to this planet's dedicated scientists. And if we also invoke the time contraction aspect of Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity at speeds of 99% that of light, the ship-time spent in travel, insofar as the occupants of the spaceship are concerned, is much less than 11 years each way.

In short, it appears that Dr. Hynek's main objections to UFOs rest on highly conservative astronomical thinking. In answering questions from some of the audience, he clearly demonstrated an unfamiliarity with the more advanced cosmological theories recently advanced by such men as Zwicky, Hoyle, and others.

Similar conservatism had been shown by Dr. Hynek in his professed lack of knowledge of NICAP and other rational, scientifically-oriented groups such as APR0. It appears that he has received such a continuing flood of mail from those whom he terms the "credulity boys" (i.e., the contactees), that he has convinced himself that the only rational UFO investigators are the USAF people and their civilian consultants such as himself. An understandable error, but an error nevertheless.

I'd like to close by summing up Dr. Hynek as I saw him. He appears to be about 50. He is of medium height and build, wears glasses, and his dark hair (including a mustache and goatee) is flecked with gray. His manner is pleasant. He is soft spoken, and enlivens a somewhat professional monotone with humorous side comments from time to time.

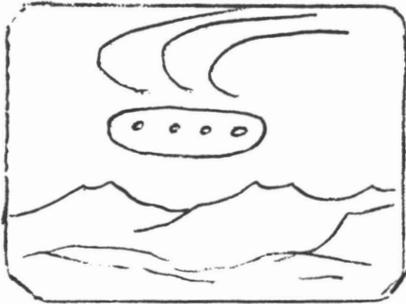
In all, Dr. Hynek is a very convincing and interesting speaker - particularly for a lay group relatively unfamiliar with the overall UFO picture. He never lost his temper, never raised his voice, and chose his answers with care to prevent any possible misunderstanding. I can readily understand why he rather than Dr. Menzel is the chief USAF UFO civilian consultant. I have never met Dr. Menzel, but I did hear him several months ago when he called into WBZ Radio (Boston) to argue with Jim Moseley who was discussing UFOs on the air. Menzel was, by turns, petulant, peevish, arrogant, and petty - anything but the paragon of scientific objectivity he claims to be. After hearing that performance, I don't think I'd trust Dr. Menzel to tell me the moon was up!

The evening with Dr. Hynek was an interesting one, if only in learning something about the mental processes and investigative approach used by the USAF's prime civilian UFO expert. It may be possible to convince him of the interplanetary origin of UFOs, but it will be an uphill fight against a mind that attacks all UFO problems with the initial assumption that the sighter has seen and misinterpreted a conventional terrestrial object, and that all that is required to solve the sighting is to determine what it is the sighter "really saw"! This approach is not as scientifically objective as Hynek claims.

- by Patricia A. Jones -

(This book is dedicated to the United States Air Force)

1.



I am a UFO. Nobody believes in me. I make Air Force Generals turn purple. Color me non-existent.

2.

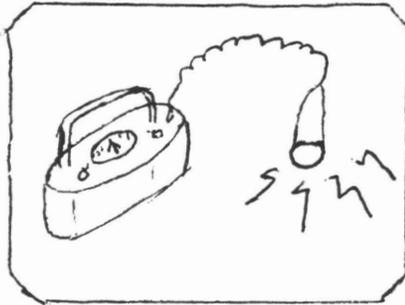


I am an Air Force General. I don't like UFOs. Too many people see them but they don't really exist. Color me purple.



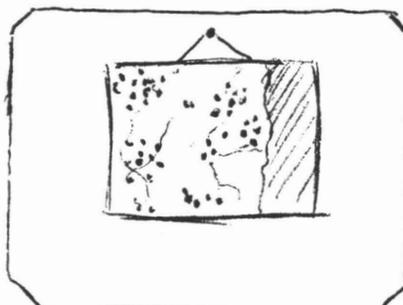
I am an Air Force pilot. I have just seen a UFO. It looked real but it isn't. Color me silenced.

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I am a geiger counter. A UFO has just passed over and I am counting. Color me clicking.

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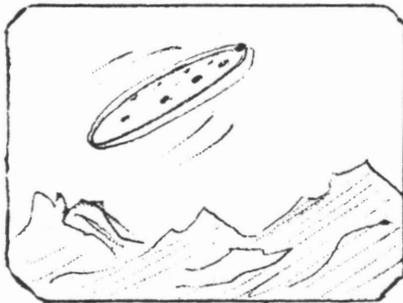
I am a map. Some people stick pins in me whenever somebody sees a UFO. Color me pinned.

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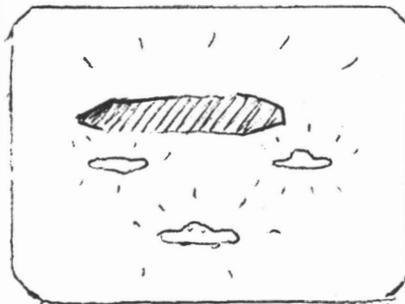
I am an expert. I have never read anything about UFOs but as an expert I can say they are not real. People who see them are unintelligent. People who do not see them are intelligent. Color me intelligent.

7.



I am a round UFO. Some people call me a flying saucer. I hover over interesting places like reservoirs and Top Secret Atomic Energy Plants. I like earth people but they don't like me. Color me round.

8.



I am a cigar-shaped UFO. Some people call me a mother ship. This is ridiculous because I am not a mother. Color me cigar-shaped.

9.



I am a contactee. Objective researchers do not like me because I have met the Space People. The Space People drive the UFOs. They are very nice. They give me rides. I like them. Color me contacted.

THE X-4 ELECTRO-CRAFT - CONTINUED

- by Howard Menger -

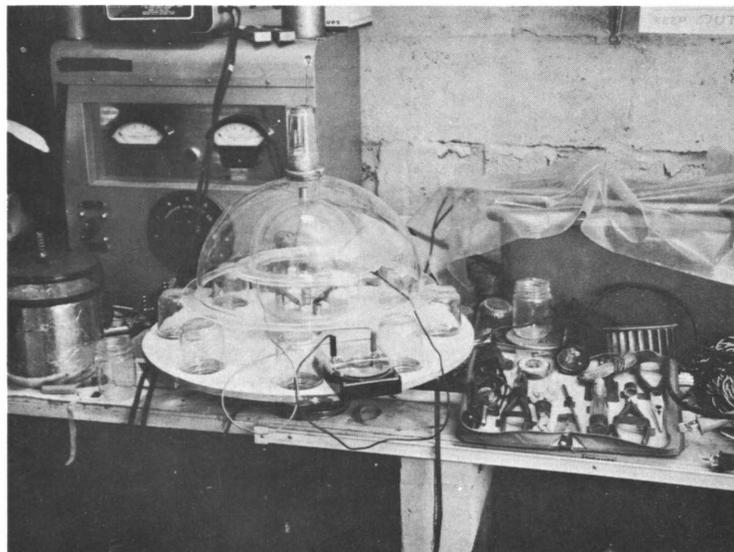
I have received a heart-warming response to my proposal (March SAUCER NEWS) to offer for sale a set of plans for the 4-foot radio-controlled flying model of the X-4 Electro-Craft. The wheels are starting to roll, and people all over the United States are really interested in building their own flying models of the X-4. Acknowledgments to the many orders have been sent out promptly, and here is the way I propose to handle this program so that it will be fair and equitable to everyone: Before the X-4 plans are sent out, I shall wait until sufficient orders are received to make it worthwhile for me to thus divulge a more or less major secret concerning the propulsion system of the X-4. In other words, to make these plans available to the general public at this time would not be in my best interests as an inventor.

Another reason for sending all the plans at one time is to give as many builders as possible an equal opportunity to complete their X-4 model in time to display it at the Second East Coast Space Convention, if they care to. This convention is planned for the spring or summer of 1965. Funds received for the plans will be used to resume work on and complete the larger 18-foot man-carrying version of the X-4 in time for the convention, the date of which will be announced in SAUCER NEWS.

I am currently checking various legal points with the F.C.C. and the F.A.A., and other pertinent information is being correlated to help me proceed with the building of the X-4 with the least amount of complications. It is, of course, up to the public as to whether or not I receive sufficient funds to complete the large man-carrying X-4 here in Florida, and produce the Second East Coast Space Convention, which will be held somewhere near the World's Fair. I invite everyone's participation. The convention will likely feature several radio-controlled models of the X-4, and the man-carrying version will be demonstrated. It will be the largest saucer convention held on the East Coast since my last one in 1958. There will be distinguished speakers, new electronic gadgets on display, and many other attractive features to make this a bang-up experience for all concerned. If you want to speak, to show your own invention, or contribute to the convention in any constructive way, please write to me, Howard Menger, at P.O. Box 1405, Vero Beach, Florida.

I welcome new ideas, but I am unable to receive visitors at this location unless it is absolutely necessary, in which case the arrangements can be made by mail. I am very busy earning a living, like everyone else, and





working on the X-4 when time and money permit. I am not interested in publicity seekers, odd-balls, or squatters. I am interested in doing what I propose to do, and not just talking about it. I believe that the design of the X-4 will eventually be adapted for outer space travel. The adaptation for outer space usage will be done by qualified, highly specialized engineers and scientists in their respective fields, who will re-design the ship on the basis of the basic X-4 blueprints.

The photos included with this article give you some idea of my work. At the left on Page 14 you see me with the top section and part of the bottom section of the X-4 model. In this picture the specially-wound electric motor has already been fastened securely. The dome which houses the receiver and the radio-controlled relay can be seen at the top. The aerial has not been added as yet. At the right on Page 14 you see me with a 500-watt "power pac" with pilot light glowing. In this case, a Wollensak recorder is being used in monitoring sounds through a sensitive disc on a three-foot tripod. At the time the picture was taken, the recorder was on play-back and the sounds had already been recorded. Although this type of equipment is not absolutely necessary in flying or testing an Electro-Craft, I found it very helpful when used in testing original models, so as to develop a trouble-free flying device.

The picture above shows some of the lab equipment used. The set-up shown was constructed by me to test various electrostatic pressures in motion under various temperatures, moistures, and environments. It is also used to determine the insulative qualities of the various thicknesses of the glasses used in specially-constructed capacitors, used in the center section of the X-2 and X-3. The latter flew successfully in August of 1961.

All first-hand information, photographs, etc., concerning my work here in Florida will continue to be sent to SAUCER NEWS exclusively.

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UFOs and GOVERNMENTAL SECRECY

- by C. W. Fitch -

Recently Frank Edwards, courageously outspoken radio and television commentator, was quoted as saying: "Orders of secrecy (re UFOs) come from the top. The Air Force is simply the 'fall guy.'"

Edwards, an outstanding pioneer in the field of Ufology, has long carried on a crusade to expose official censorship and the withholding of facts relating to UFOs from the public. As a friend and acquaintance of Edwards' for many years, I feel that he knows whereof he speaks; and I concur with the above-expressed opinion.

Recent revelations from various sources have served to substantially confirm his conclusion. It is with this thought in mind that the facts in this article have been brought together for the reader's information and consideration.

For years many UFO investigators have felt that the Air Force was in possession of facts relating to UFOs which they were withholding from the public for reasons known only to themselves. Various opinions to this effect have appeared in print in recent years. A few of the most authoritative are quoted below.

In 1958, Bulkley Griffin, of the New Bedford, Mass. Standard-Times Washington bureau, wrote an excellent series of articles for that paper, one of which was entitled: "Pentagon's Censorship on UFOs is Effective." The following is a quotation from that article:

It has been asked what right has a military organization to monopolize control of the UFO situation and seriously interfere with the public's knowledge regarding it.

To this the Air Force has its own answer. Regulation 200-2 starts: "The Air Force investigation and analysis of UFOs over the United States are directly related to its responsibility for the defense of the United States." Later (in 200-2) the UFOs are listed as a "possible threat to the security of the United States."

But why the broad and persistent Air Force secrecy on UFOs? This essential question lacks a definite answer. The CIA, to an unknown extent, and the FBI, in individual cases, have taken an interest in the situation. Neither outfit is famed for unloading facts upon the public. The National Security Council operates in like fashion.

But the commonly heard answer here in Washington is that the Air Force fears national panic if it tells all it knows about flying saucers. To one who knows something of the Washington official mind, this explanation, with its flagrant underestimation of the intelligence of our citizens, can't be dismissed.

The staff of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has done some study on the UFO-Air Force matter, and has decided not to investigate, and to hold no hearings open or closed. This is a victory for the Air Force, which is earnestly and discretely fighting any Congressional probe.

Late in 1958 another equally fine series of articles, by John Lester, appeared in the Newark Star Ledger. The following is a pertinent excerpt:

A news story revealing that government personnel are tracking mysterious objects was hailed yesterday as "one of the most important developments in the flying saucer problem."

Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Chairman of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said: "The newspaper's disclosures confirmed publicly what has been known to our investigations committee, i. e., that many highly

qualified observers know that flying saucers are real and under intelligent control."

Keyhoe, a retired Marine officer, added that "this revelation by the Star-Beacon should help to bring down official censorship, which is keeping the truth from the public."

Behind the scenes, the Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency are withholding the facts until they decide what to tell the American people.

One conclusion by a high Air Force intelligence agent is that the unidentified flying objects are interplanetary vehicles.

An item entitled "News Management" appeared in the January-February 1963 issue of Keyhoe's "UFO Investigator." In it, reference is made to a statement by Congressman John E. Moss, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Government Information. This statement appeared in the Washington-World, in which Moss said:

Tighter controls are being used for greater manipulation of information on the Department of Defense level....Information officers of the various services may be relegated to the status of a ventriloquist's dummy. The public does not have to prove its right to know.

Congressman Moss has told NICAP that his Committee is authorized to examine evidence showing the withholding of specific UFO reports or documents, though it is not empowered to investigate the general issue of UFO censorship.

Major Keyhoe, it may be added, has steadfastly adhered to the belief that flying saucers are real, prior to and following his first published article on the subject in the January 1950 issue of True Magazine.

Reference has been made to the CIA playing a role in the UFO secrecy picture. Further evidence of this fact is contained in a paragraph of the book "Inside Saucer Post 3-0 Blue," by Leonard H. Stringfield, formerly a well-known UFO investigator of Cincinnati, Ohio. On Page 42 of his book, Stringfield has this to say:

The statement itself came from Mr. A. D., of a certain top agency in Washington. Said A. D.: Yes, I did have a case for Federal Court. However, by use of the injunction, if necessary, he would prevent anyone from testifying in court concerning this book, because maximum security exists concerning the subject of the UFOs. My attorney therefore suggested we drop the case....

Air Force saucer files, therefore, are.....under the lock and key of "maximum security."

Several years after the publication of his book, Stringfield confirmed that the Mr. A. D. referred to was Allan Dulles, former director of the CIA. Stringfield's experience served to illustrate the serious interest which this agency has in the UFO matter.

At one time, along with many others, it was my opinion that it was the Air Force who were withholding the true facts about the UFOs. However, as a result of later developments, I no longer adhere to that conviction. One of the principal factors in my change of opinion was a conversation with the late Wilbert B. Smith, approximately two years before he passed away. During the course of this conversation, I asked Mr. Smith whether it was the Air Force or some other department of government that was keeping UFO information from the public. Mr. Smith replied that it was not the Air Force but "a small group very high up in the government." Upon further questioning, Mr. Smith refused

to identify the group to which he had reference, and quickly led the conversation into other channels.

It was not until publication of the book "The Invisible Government" in May, 1964, that the apparent key to this mystery was at last provided. The book states:

The Special Group was created early in the Eisenhower years under the secret order 54/12. It was known in the innermost circle of the Eisenhower Administration as the "54/12 Group" and is still so called by a few insiders. It has operated for a decade as the hidden power of the Invisible Government..... The Special Group has operated in an atmosphere of secrecy exceeding that of any other branch of the United States Government....CIA men generally have the Special Group in mind when they insist that their agency has never set policy, but has only acted on "higher authority."

Newsweek of June 22nd, 1964, carried a review of "The Invisible Government" which stated: "One of their major revelations is the existence of the Special Group '54/12,' a hitherto Classified adjunct of the National Security Council, specifically charged by the President with ruling on special operations. Practically speaking, there are no higher-level figures imaginable than the composition of '54/12.'" Names of members of the Group follow at this point.

Was the "54/12 Group" the "small group very high up in Government" to which Wilbert Smith had reference? In view of the preceding facts, it would seem that the logical answer to this question could very well be in the affirmative! And, if this assumption is correct, it could provide the answer as to why all attempts to date to obtain open hearings on the UFO matter have met with failure.

Whether the just-published volume "The UFO Evidence," - NICAP's Six Year Report on factual evidence, - can be the key that will unlock the door to open Congressional hearings on the UFO problem, remains an unanswerable question. One can only hope that it will, and that as a result, the public will eventually realize their inalienable right to know the truth about the UFOs. Or can a top-flight "Special Group" thwart their efforts? Only time will tell!

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RECENT NEWS

THE GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY INCIDENT: LANDING OR HOAX?: On the night of September 4th, a glowing object in the sky was seen over a wooded area near Glassboro, N. J., by a woman and two teen-aged girls, whose names we have not been able to obtain. The following day, Ward Campbell, Jr., aged 11, and his brother Don, aged 8, went fishing on a lake near Glassboro, and were approached by an unidentified man of about 20, who told them he had seen a flying saucer land near there the night before. The boys went to the landing spot and examined it. The site lies several hundred yards east of the lake, and contains various items of physical evidence that will be described further on.

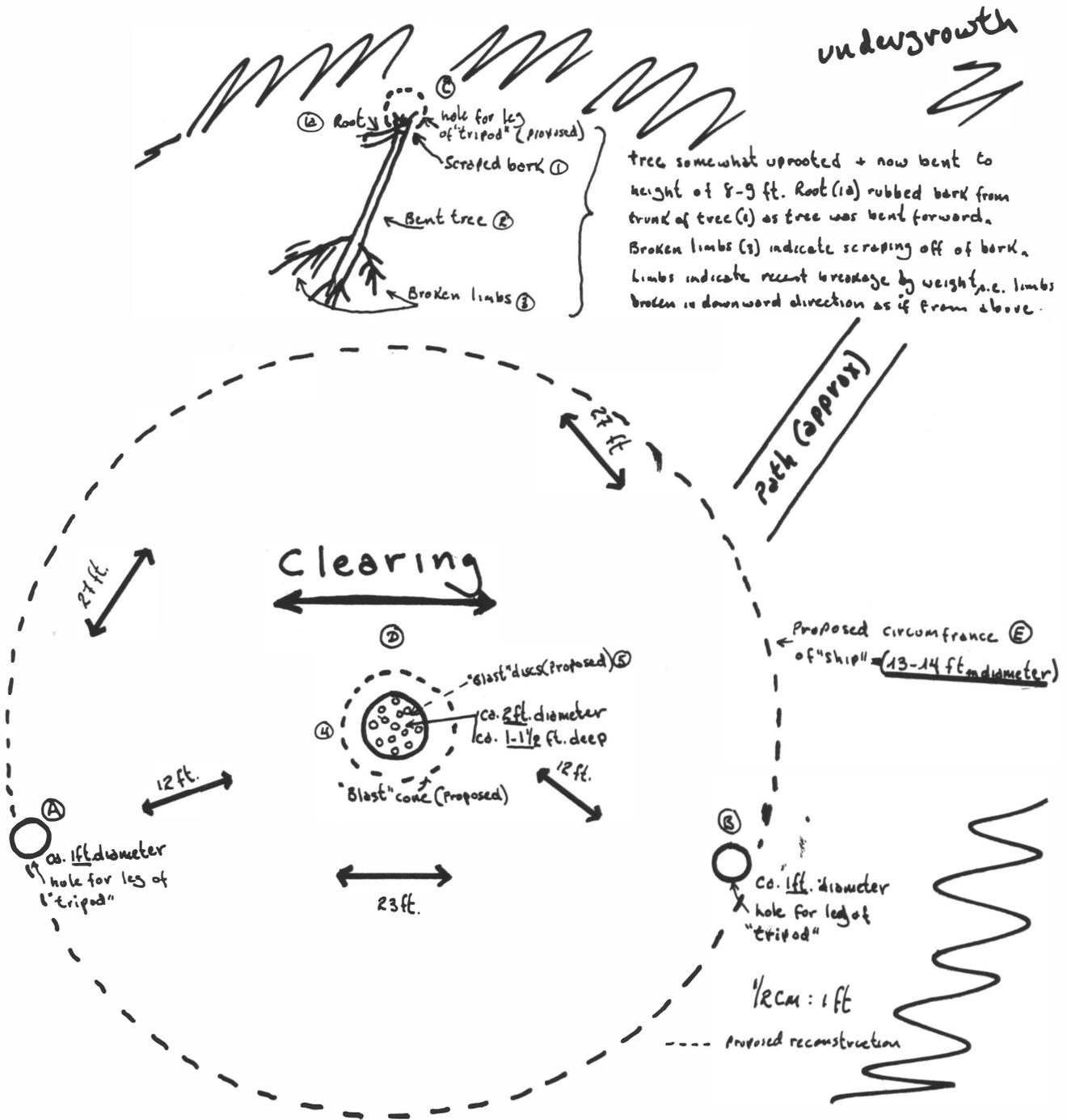
Ward and Don then told their father, who happens to be a member of NICAP. Ward Campbell, Sr. notified the local police, who in turn got in touch with nearby McGuire Air Force Base. Several investigators were sent from McGuire, and during the next few days, hundreds of curious people came to see the mysterious spot in the woods where the saucer had allegedly landed. Various versions of the Glassboro incident were printed in newspapers in New Jersey and New York, and the story was also carried by the Associated Press.

The most accurate description of the landing spot was supplied exclusively to SAUCER NEWS by subscriber Bruce Kraig, who personally visited the site three days later and took the cover picture for this issue. His diagram of the area appears on Page 20. The place in question is a small clearing approximately 30 feet across and 40 feet in length. Three distinct holes were observed - marked "A," "B," and "D" on the diagram. "D" is the central hole pictured on the cover, and is 1 to 1½ feet deep, with a diameter of 2½ feet. The smaller holes are approximately 1 foot in diameter and 8 inches deep. Another hole, marked "C," is supposed to be near the base of a nearby tree, three branches of which were broken by the saucer when it landed. This hole is barely visible, according to Mr. Kraig, but it is the basis of the report that three holes form a triangle around the central one, thus indicating three-point landing gear of some sort.

The tree in question has been partially uprooted, in addition to having its branches broken, and in Mr. Kraig's opinion this could not have happened except by means of a weight or force directly above it. The large dotted area in the diagram represents a charred circle described in the newspaper accounts; but no evidence of this charring was observed by Mr. Kraig. Earlier witnesses told Kraig that the trampled sand (small dotted circle) around the central hole was originally cone shaped, and within the hole were 13 small discs apparently composed of fused sand. These were taken away by police and Air Force investigators before Mr. Kraig arrived, and could have been caused by strong blasts from jets of some sort. Some phosphorescent material was also removed by the investigators.

Kraig speculates that, if the saucer were circular, it must have been 13 or 14 feet in diameter. Holes "A" and "B" were supports directly under the ship, and "C," at a slightly greater distance from the ship, extended out from the craft as a balancing device. The damaged tree indicates that these supports were 7 or more feet in height. The blast that created hole "D" directly under the saucer must have been exceedingly powerful and directional to have left 13 perfect fused discs in the ground. In spite of all the evidence, Kraig does not discount the possibility that the whole thing may have been a hoax.

On September 11th, the military affairs editor of the New York Journal American printed a story stating that the Air Force investigators found bubble gum wrappers, the remains of a cherry bomb, and the imprints of children's sneakers at the landing site. By means of "an elaborate-looking special camera set-up," they scanned the audience of curious children and



adults who arrived on the scene. They succeeded in identifying the hoaxers and getting them to confess. The culprits were "two well-frightened sub-teen devotees of science-fiction," whose names are being withheld because of their age. Obviously these were the two sons of Ward Campbell, Sr.

However, Mr. Campbell, in an exclusive telephone interview with SAUCER NEWS, denied that the Air Force investigators even spoke to either himself or his sons. He does not believe the incident was a hoax. A call by SAUCER NEWS to the Public Information Office at the Pentagon revealed that the Air Force did indeed conclude the incident to be a hoax, but they do not claim that anyone confessed. A telephone call was then made to the man who wrote the Journal American story. He admitted that his confession story was not from the Pentagon, but refused to state where he did obtain it, invoking a reporter's right not to reveal his sources.

Thus the Glassboro landing remains, as of this writing, in that uncomfortable limbo between fact and fiction - the same shadowy realm to which many important saucer stories have been relegated. Based on clues supplied by researcher Kraig, we are continuing our investigation, and we hope to have more information on this significant incident in our next issue.

FLYING SAUCER NEARLY HITS AUTOMOBILE: A country road in Oklahoma was the scene of a weird and frightening event which befell Mrs. Karen Campbell on the night of September 11th. She was driving by herself when a UFO at extremely low altitude swerved over her car and went by with a rushing noise. Mrs. Campbell was so scared that she pushed the accelerator to the floor and drove at 90 miles per hour all the way to town. She described the object as about four feet high, oval shaped, and dull copper in color. It had a bubble on top and "some kind of centerpiece" underneath. The incident occurred about one mile west of the town of Ulysses.

THE FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY LANDING: About July 30th, a resident of Flemington, N. J. named Jack Hall reported that, while driving home late one night, he saw a UFO land in the middle of a rural field. Hall parked his car in his driveway, nearby, and walked toward the object. When he got to within about 500 feet of it, the UFO started to move toward him, at which point Hall panicked and ran. He described the thing as white, egg-shaped, and at least 30 feet in circumference. It had a glow coming from underneath it, and this light was seen by Hall's wife and daughter who were inside his house. State police were called, but a tour of the neighborhood turned up nothing unusual.

ANOTHER LANDING IN NEW YORK: Some time in mid July, five children in the village of Conklin, near Binghamton, New York, claimed to have seen a "little man" wearing a helmet and plastic goggles, who came up to them making "strange clicking sounds." The creature then walked back to his nearby saucer and climbed in, as the children ran away in panic.

Mrs. Edmund Travis, mother of two of the youngsters, questioned them closely and threatened them with punishment if they were not telling the truth. She said that she also questioned them separately, and that their stories were "pretty much the same." Mrs. Travis showed a newspaper reporter the spot where the spaceship is supposed to have landed. The moss in the area appeared to be dead and matted.

It will be remembered that in nearby Newark Valley, N.Y., a farmer named Gary Wilcox claimed that two little men from a flying saucer talked with him in English on April 24th. The above incident tends to confirm his story, which was described in detail in our September issue. (The Flemington, N. J. and Conklin, N. Y. incidents have already been reported in our Non-Scheduled Newsletter #21, but are repeated here for the benefit of subscribers who are not on the Newsletter mailing list.)

MONSTERS AROUND THE WORLD: The past few months have produced more than the usual crop of monster stories. One of the strangest comes from Delia, Kansas, where a bread delivery man claimed he saw something about five feet tall, with an extremely hairy body, which walked upright like a gorilla. The sighting was made at 5 a.m. on July 20th, and was confirmed by a farmer's report that something killed sixteen of his eighteen 50-pound hogs by biting them around the neck. A careful search of the area was made, without results. Another report was made the same day by an 11-year-old boy at the Kansas River who says he saw "something with scales that looked like a fish, but had two legs and no arms." A search of the river bank by the boy and local police failed to turn up anything there either.

The monster of Sister Lakes, Michigan, described in our September

issue, was sighted again on July 13th by a married couple who watched it from their car for several minutes, on a backwoods road near Dowagiac Swamp. The couple contended that the creature made no attempt to approach them, seemed "rather shy," and eventually climbed a tree. They described it as taller than a bear and reddish-brown in color. Fire department personnel were sent to the scene, and found scratches and broken limbs on the tree.

In Joliet, Illinois, a man named Victor Gul stated that on the night of July 24th he was scratched on the arms, throat, and chest by a long-tailed beast that leaped at him from a stall in his barn. His description failed to tally with those given in a number of earlier monster sightings in the same area, some of which described the creature as being eight feet tall. As usual, the animal could not be found in spite of a search by sheriff's deputies using a bloodhound.

Finally, a wire service story from Moscow tells us that Soviet scientists have unearthed the bones of an "abominable snow woman" named Zana, who was tamed by villagers in a small Russian town more than a century ago. The remains were described as "the well-preserved bones of a human-like creature." Zana is said to have been caught by the inhabitants of the Caucasus mountain village of Tkhina. They tamed her and gave her a name, and she lived in the village until dying of natural causes. Similar creatures are thought to still exist in the Caucasus.

NEAR LANDING IN GEORGIA: A series of sensational sightings took place in Georgia last summer, the first of which, involving a man who was burned by a UFO while driving his car, was described on Page 21 of our September issue. The next major event in this flap occurred about July 1st, and had nine witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ivester were visiting relatives in Turner-ville, Georgia, one evening, when they noticed that the television set would not work. The family then went out on the porch, and saw a peculiar object moving slowly toward the earth, almost directly over the house!

The UFO had three lights on top of it - two red ones and a white one, all in a row and blinking on and off. The object moved slowly for awhile, then swooped down and hovered about five feet above a garden not far from the house. At this point the three top lights went off, and a brilliant green light on the bottom of the craft was turned on, apparently for the purpose of observing the nearby woods. For several seconds more, the UFO took turns hovering with the green light scanning the woods, and moving about with the light turned off. The object then moved away and suddenly disappeared. Its presence was accompanied by a strange odor, like brake fluid or embalming fluid, and this odor was smelled later that night by the local sheriff, who was called to the scene.

The object had no exhaust and moved silently, according to the nine witnesses. The green spotlight was so bright that it reflected back from the ground upon the object itself, leaving no doubt in the minds of the observers that they were looking at a solid, metal craft. The bottom of the UFO was shaped like a bowl, and had a ridge around the circumference. Two of the female witnesses to the near-landing reported a stinging or burning sensation after the object had flown out of sight, and one of them awoke the next day red-faced and with bloodshot eyes. She said that she had not been in the sun the day before.

MORE SAUCER LANDINGS IN MONTANA: According to a weird story in the Missoulian-Sentinel, in Missoula, Montana, flying saucers have been landing frequently at a farm near there ever since early last April. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lund, who live on the slopes of a mountain, say that the object has landed within a few hundred feet of their house and has aimed a searchlight through the windows, "in an apparent attempt to see what we look like." The

Lunds describe the object as "a large top-shaped ship with a row of lights around its circumference." It also has a single large light on its slightly rounded bottom surface.

There have been many side-effects of these frequent visitations. Before the landings began, wild game such as deer and bear used to visit their property, but not since then. Each landing frightens their dogs and horses, causing the latter to stampede. Every time the UFO is in the vicinity, their oil furnace lights itself, with no apparent explanation. But strangest of all is the fact that their son, only 3½ years old, has told his parents of a man with whom he talks alone in the barn! He has told them the man's name, but Mrs. Lund says it's almost unpronounceable. The child refuses to allow anyone else to be present on these occasions, and is sometimes away for hours at a time. Each time the boy goes "to see the man," the dogs run into the house and the oil furnace lights. Television interference has also been noticed during the saucer visitations, which have continued at almost regular intervals for several months!

SAUCER LANDING IN INDIANA: A sensational news report from Huntingburg, Indiana, dated June 14th, tells of a landing quite similar to the Glassboro, N.J. incident. On a farm two miles northwest of Dale, Indiana, a glowing object landed at about 9 p.m. one night, and then flew away, leaving behind the smell of sulphur. The UFO also left behind a burned spot, and three holes or indentations in the ground, approximately a half inch deep each. An Air Force investigator came to the scene and interviewed Charles Engelbrecht, the 18-year-old youth who witnessed the landing. The investigator retrieved a small piece of metal from the burned spot. When examined under a jeweler's glass, the metal appeared to be "grooved on the surface, like a walnut."

The same UFO was seen in daylight, several hours earlier, by two youths who were on a fishing trip southeast of Yankeetown, Indiana. The object was traveling at treetop level, and when it was within 200 yards of the young men, it veered away, going out of sight at the same level. The UFO made no sound, and appeared to be 10 or 15 yards in diameter. It was visible for about ten minutes. An unconfirmed report broadcast by a local radio station stated that the object hit a farmhouse in the vicinity, causing a television set to blow up.

NEW YORK LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES: On the night of August 21st our guest was Stewart Robb, noted psychic researcher, who gave a talk entitled "The Theory of the Universal Medium." On September 18th our speaker was George Earley, President of the Connecticut affiliate of NICAP, who gave NICAP's viewpoints concerning the flying saucer mystery. Both of these men gave fine speeches, which were well received by the audience, but the attendance at both meetings was somewhat disappointing.

As of this writing, we have not yet scheduled our lecturers for October and onwards. However, our meetings will continue to be held at 8:30 p.m. on the third Friday of every month at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., New York City. If you are interested in attending, drop us a note and we will put you on our special lecture notice mailing list.

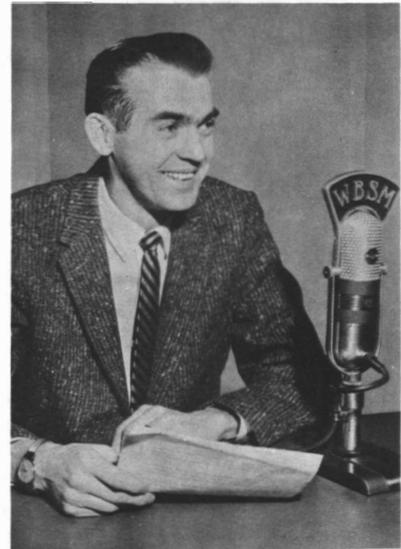
FORTEAN ITEMS: Much has been made of a picture which appeared in a recent issue of the National Enquirer, showing a little girl with an alleged 7-foot-tall spaceman or entity standing behind her. The girl's father was on a lonely moor in Westmorland, England, when he took the picture, which, upon being developed, turned out to show something weird that had not been seen visually. In fact, there was no one at all around except the family when the picture was taken. The photo is not worth reproducing here. Our best guess, if it is not a hoax, is that the faint "spaceman" barely visible behind the little

girl's head, is in reality part of a ribbon in her hair..... On August 21st, straw fell from the sky into a large swimming pool in Hemel Hempstead, near London, England, and continued falling for 45 minutes. It took swimmers and attendants 45 minutes more to clear it away....

In Bristol, England, a woman pushed a button to turn a traffic light red, so she could cross the street - and instead of the light changing, there was a totally different result: The pavement exploded, sending several paving stones into the air. Flames sputtered from the ground, a baby was tossed from its carriage, and the woman and four other persons were thrown to the ground. The Electricity Board said that this was "pure co-incidence," as a 11,000 volt cable had short-circuited at that moment; but the lady in question isn't so sure..... A 40-year-old carpenter in Amsterdam, Holland, was nearly killed by a coffin which he was hoisting with a pulley. He let loose of the rope, thinking a colleague had hold of the coffin; but instead, it plunged downward, hitting him on the head....And in an incredible coincidence, a tombstone marked "Miles N. Lucas" was toppled and thrown under the wheels of a car driven by Miles N. Lucas in Florence, New Jersey, last September 17th. Lucas was killed in the accident, which caused his car to careen into the cemetery. The inscription on the tombstone, belonging to one of his relatives, was "Death comes equally to all."

PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER:

- Aug. 13th - Interview on the Bob Kennedy Contact Show, WBZ, Boston, 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Major Keyhoe, interviewed by telephone while your Editor was in the studio, admitted belief in some of the "little men" stories. Another highlight was Bob Kennedy's invitation to the Space People to interrupt the broadcast. Fifteen seconds of radio silence followed his invitation, but nothing significant was heard during that time, either by us or by any of the listeners who wrote in.
- Aug. 14th - Interview on the Open Line Show, WBSM, New Bedford, Mass. (8-11 p.m.), conducted by Dave Williford, pictured at right.
- Aug. 26th - Panelist in a discussion about social security on the new Long John Show, on WNBC, New York. This will probably be your Editor's last appearance on that program, due to Long John's rule that anyone who appears on the new WOR night show (see below) can never again be on his show.
- Sept. 9th - Speech for the Cedar Grove, N. J. Rotary Club.
- Sept. 10th - Taped interview for WFMU with M. C. Bob Zanotti, featured guest Robert Gelfand, Dominick Lucchesi, and SAUCER NEWS Assistant Editor John J. Robinson.
- Sept. 17th - Interview on the new WOR night show, M.C.'ed by The Amazing Randi, with Robert Gelfand, John J. Robinson, and Eugene Steinberg.
- Sept. 20th - Panelist on a political discussion on Randi's show.



NEWS BRIEFS: Here are some interesting follow-ups on stories we have carried in the recent past: Saucer researcher Melvin Ginsberg, who disappeared mysteriously from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. on March 22nd, 1963, (as reported in Newsletter #17), returned home in early August of this year. He gave little account of the more than one year he had been missing, except to say that he had been attending to "personal business," and had visited with a

number of saucer personalities on the West Coast. Mr. Ginsberg was aware of the special non-scheduled Newsletter about him, and contacted us by phone soon after returning to Brooklyn...We have further information about the phone call received on June 8th by Boston radio station WBZ, supposedly from an Air Force pilot who had made a sensational saucer sighting. This incident is described on Page 20 of the September SAUCER NEWS. According to a transcript of the call made by saucer researcher Robert Forrest, the caller claimed to be Captain Roberts of the 319th Squadron of the Strategic Air Command, stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Homestead, Florida. A letter of inquiry written by SAUCER NEWS to that base revealed that no such person existed, and thus the incident can be written off as a hoax.....On Page 11 of our September issue we described the strange case of Sharon Stull, a 10-year-old Albuquerque, N. M. girl who received facial burns during a saucer sighting on April 28th. Now we learn that, according to her mother, little Sharon grew $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches and gained 25 pounds during the next month, and even underwent a very noticeable personality change. Whether or not this is a direct result of the UFO sighting has not been established yet.....Our latest information on the Canyon Ferry Lake, Montana landing (Page 13 of the September SAUCER NEWS) is that Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls has denied the published reports that the Air Force had concluded the incident was a hoax. This confusion is very similar to the contradictory reports the Air Force issued about the Glassboro, New Jersey landing, described earlier in this issue....

Among dozens of saucer sightings in upstate New York during late July, is that of a Norwich engineering executive who says he saw an elliptical object hovering near the ground on the night of July 27th. The engineer, named Louis Daubert, observed the UFO hovering about fifty feet over a field near the town of Sherburne. It made no sound..... An unidentified object about the size of a helicopter or a small plane plunged into the New River near Ranford, Virginia, in broad daylight on September 9th. The strange phenomenon was witnessed by several people, including Albert Tolley, who is a Ranford policeman and a former FBI agent. Tolley said that the object appeared to be disc shaped, and was spinning as it fell. Smoke and flames trailed behind it. No planes were reported missing, and no trace of the object could be found, in spite of a careful search....Another item from Missoula, Montana, dated August 5th (see also Page 22), tells of four frightened young men who saw a saucer at treetop level, which, when approached on foot at a distance of a couple of hundred yards, suddenly shot out three bright searchlight beams in different directions. A smaller object, about 10 feet in diameter, then came out of the UFO. This latter object was dome shaped with a row of square windows around its middle, and brightly colored lights on its top and bottom....

A large meteorite which flashed across the skies of Southern California in daylight last September 3rd was the object of an intense search by scientists, who were hopeful of finding in it fossils that would prove the existence of life on other worlds. Previous claims of fossil finds in meteorites have been doubted or discounted because the meteorites were found long after impact, allowing time for earth materials to contaminate the specimen. This one, seen by hundreds of people before it crashed in rugged mountain country, had not been located at last report.....Lack of space prevents us from giving details, but we have recently learned of two more incidents in which physical evidence was apparently left behind by a flying saucer, as in the Glassboro, N.J. case. The first incident occurred near Cannelton, Indiana, a few days after the sighting described in the middle of Page 23. No UFO was seen, but four mysterious burned circles were found in a hay field belonging to Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe. These were described as "acid type burns." Then, on July 20th, amid a local saucer flap, a ring about 16 feet in diameter appeared overnight in a lawn in Seneca, S.C. Again, no UFO was seen at that time. The ring seemed to consist of an oily substance, possibly from exhaust fumes.

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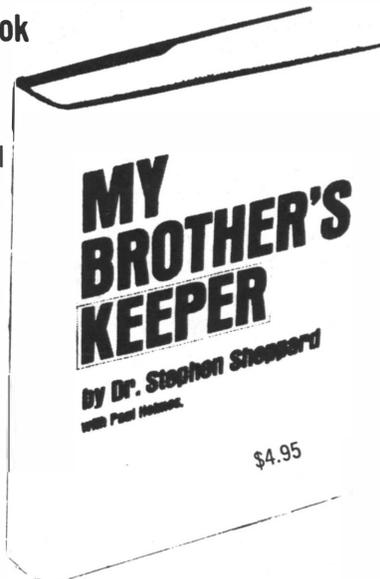
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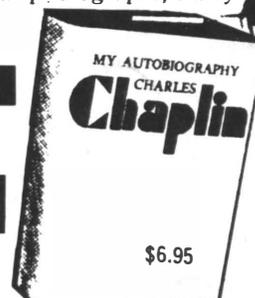
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