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Editorial

First, our apologies to all of you for the fact that this issue is reaching you more than a month behind our usual schedule. The vast amount of preparation which went into the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists in New York, plus the necessity of moving our office to larger quarters, are mainly responsible for this delay. Another factor was a robbery which occurred in the new office over Labor Day weekend. Our postage meter and other important items were stolen, including valuable material from our files.

This leads us to the main topic of this editorial. It is very clear, as of this writing, that the long-standing UFO mystery has quite suddenly entered a new and apparently more dangerous phase. We use the word "dangerous" advisedly, not wanting to sound like alarmists.

However, information reaching us during the past few months, from several reliable sources, indicates that leading researchers as well as ordinary saucer sighters throughout the country are being subjected to an unbelievably complex and extensive series of frightening events. Among them: Attempted as well as successful "hush-ups" by mysterious strangers usually dressed in dark clothing; Weird or threatening phone calls and letters; The appearance of cars with meaningless license plates or no plates at all, which have followed certain UFO investigators in the course of their work; and other events which are so utterly fantastic that we hesitate to put them into print.

Please do not think that we have lost our equilibrium or are merely trying to "jazz up" the UFO investigation. We are merely reporting the evidence which we have uncovered.

It is difficult to pinpoint just when and where these events began. Our first attempt to bring the truth to our readers regarding this new phase of the mystery was in our recent Summer issue (Page 38), where we reported that the Air Force admits to having checked out a number of cases in which mysterious imposters, bearing impressive but completely phony official credentials, have visited and frightened saucer sighters in various parts of the United States. This report from John Keel was later substantiated by an official Air Force letter, dated March 1st of this year, which we would reproduce here except that it is presently on loan to REAL Magazine, where your editor writes a monthly column. The letter, intended for distribution to all commands, is signed by an Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

At the recent UFO Convention in New York, several delegates claim to have been watched and followed, while walking on the lower levels of the vast Hotel Commodore, by individuals who looked and acted like official military or civilian investigators, but who (as we later learned by checking with the manager), had no connection whatsoever with the Commodore. These men were apparently working out of a room near the hotel's coffee shop, to which there is access both from the lower-level hall and from nearby Grand Central Station. There is even reason to suppose they had wire-tapping equipment set up temporarily in this room - though by the time anyone thought to check this out, it was too late. The Convention was over and the men, whoever they were, had departed.

It was also during the Convention period that your Editor and several of his associates met and conversed at length with an individual who would qualify as one of the "silent contactees" described in John Keel's article in this issue. This person, whom we do not wish to name here, claims to be in fairly regular contact with a small group made up of selected earth people as well as space people, who apparently are able to pass unnoticed among us. The purpose of the group is supposedly to enlighten mankind in various ways. We do not



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necessarily "buy" this story, especially as no proof whatsoever was offered; but all who heard the full story were impressed with the sincerity and conviction with which it was told.

In general, the rash of peculiar events which have plagued Ufologists of late have by-passed your Editor and his staff, except for the above-mentioned robbery, a few strange phone calls, and the odd photograph reproduced on this page. This picture was received at our Headquarters on August 12th, without any kind of accompanying explanation. The postmark, also reproduced here, shows that it was mailed from the vicinity of Grand Central Station. Whether this has any connection with the official-looking men who seemingly infiltrated the Commodore from Grand Central during the Convention, we do not know.

On August 19th, we were shocked to learn of the "hush-up" of one of America's leading UFO researchers, who had been one of our featured speakers at the Convention. Please do not write to ask us to further identify this person. Insiders may jump to the conclusion that we are referring to Gray Barker, whose on-again-off-again record in the saucer field in recent years, plus his frequent use of the "hush-up" theme, make him the logical suspect. Let us assure you that we are not referring to Barker.

The unnamed person to whom we are referring has suddenly ceased all communication with trusted friends; and although he is definitely "not talking," he apparently has now reached the conclusion that the UFO mystery involves a classic struggle between good and evil forces, such as that described in the Bible. Whether his sudden, drastic change of attitude and opinion results from his having had a UFO contact of some sort, is another intriguing question to which we have no answer at this time.

As you read the "Recent News" section of this issue, you will learn the "hush-up" type stories told recently by Robert Easley of Ohio, a well-known UFO researcher; Joseph Henslik of Long Island, New York, who had the good or bad fortune to take close-up photos of a UFO; and several others who are not named. Since no actual proof is on hand regarding any one of these cases, we do not accept them on face value, and we do not expect you to do so.

One thing should be made clear, however: Our belief in the "old" saucer mystery, involving things seen in the sky, was not based on any single proven case (of which there are none, unfortunately), but on the overwhelming weight of evidence accumulated over a long period of time. Similarly, our belief in the "new" saucer mystery, involving strange events on the ground, is based on the accumulation of many accounts, all similar in certain respects, accumulated over a much shorter period of time. If there is something real behind the "old" mystery - and we firmly believe that there is - then there must surely be something real behind the "new" one.

We hereby commit ourselves to finding out what that "something" is. If we succeed, we will make every effort to bring this information to our readers. On the other hand, in the unlikely event that SAUCER NEWS should suddenly cease publication, you will know automatically that we found the answer and were prevented from publishing it by circumstances beyond our control.

Editorial Notes

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CHANGES IN OUR STAFF: The new Managing Editor of SAUCER NEWS is Michael Cleveland, who comes to us from the Hudson Dispatch, one of northern New Jersey's leading newspapers. Timothy Green Beckley remains as Assistant Managing Editor and Advertising Manager; and Pamela Spelman remains as Research Assistant to the office staff.

John J. Robinson has resigned as Assistant Editor of the magazine, and remains as Research Director.

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND US your newspaper clippings, articles, personal UFO sightings, comments about the magazine, etc. All information is sincerely appreciated. Credit is given in SAUCER NEWS for material used, and we still try to acknowledge every item received at our office, whether or not we use it. An average week now brings us several hundred pieces of mail; so, quite obviously, the Editor cannot personally answer all letters addressed to him.

OUR NEW OFFICE is Suite 816, at 303 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. Our mailing address remains the same - P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey.



ABOVE: Roy Thinnis, star of the popular television series, "The Invaders", addresses the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists in New York. (Photo courtesy of Timothy Green Beckley.)

FEATURE ARTICLES

THE UFO SECRET: ANSWERS ARE ON THE WAY

- by John A. Keel -

After almost twenty years of total confusion and meandering journeys down blind alleys, hard-core Ufologists around the world are finally closing in on the real "secret" of the flying saucer puzzle. The extensive world-wide flaps of 1964-67 have provided a wealth of new clues to the mystery, and now all the pieces are being fitted together.

Already thousands of people in the United States know the full "secret," believe it or not, and thousands more will have the answer before this year ends. These people comprise a select group which we now call "silent contactees," and they have been playing a small but important role in the numerous flaps of the past three years. In my travels throughout the country in the last year, I have uncovered and interviewed dozens of these "silent contactees." They all have the same story to tell, and more important, most of them have been given identical artifacts as proof of their experience.

The "silent contactees" differ from the over-publicized "contactees" of the past in several important ways. First of all, they are afraid to speak up and reveal what they know. They find themselves in the midst of a complex conspiracy which poses personal threats to them, and they have been involuntarily enlisted to participate in a series of experiments and adventures which go far beyond anything ever dreamed up by hack science-fiction writers.

Extensive "contacts" have actually been going on since 1939, but many have been handled in such a manner that the "contactee" often did not realize what was happening to him, and frequently rejected the whole situation as some kind of hoax, or, in some cases, a hallucination or experience with "ghosts." In many instances, once the "contactee's" role in the phenomenon was finished, they were somehow "brainwashed" and all conscious memory of their experiences was wiped away. I have learned of other cases in which the "silent contactees" either went insane or committed suicide. Still others changed their names and fled to new areas, or even new countries, in an effort to escape their strange fate.

A number of very well-known UFO researchers have been "silent contactees" for years and have cautiously sprinkled genuine clues in their books and articles, but have never dared to reveal the whole story. Other prominent Ufologists have been contacted briefly and given specific information to be deliberately passed on to their readers. Ironically, the real "truth" is so bizarre that sensible researchers usually reject it outright until they themselves have first-hand experience. Many of them find it impossible to cope with emotionally and they quietly abandon UFO research in the interests of self-preservation.

Nearly all of the speculations and wandering "scientific" conclusions of the last two decades are totally false. The celebrated "scientific method" can not, in fact, be successfully applied to this situation. Astronomers and scientists are the people least equipped to understand the phenomenon, thanks to their rigid disciplines and preconceived notions of the Universe. Metaphysicians, on the other hand, are too gullible and too quick to apply any pseudo-scientific explanation.

There is no simple answer to the mystery. All of the current theories ranging from "extraterrestrial" to "fourth dimensional" can not actually be applied. Such erroneous concepts mislead researchers and blind them to the actual truth buried in the available data. The only effective way to cope with

the situation is to apply the underground methods of research employed by top-secret Intelligence agencies. This is a matter for spy-like Intelligence techniques, not for "science."

Once the researcher has learned to revise his approach to the subject and discovers the keys to look for in the new cases, he can uncover the secret in a matter of weeks. Many have already done so, and they are all keeping their mouths shut!

The secret has been under our noses all along. Side issues of no importance, such as endless attacks against the Air Force and other government agencies, have tended to divert us from the real issues and have provided us with tangible targets when the UFOs themselves seemed so elusive. The Air Force and the government have been carefully following a well-organized plan which was very successful until 1965. Despite the endless campaigns by amateur UFO groups to "expose" the Air Force and get them to "reveal all they know," the boys in blue managed to ignore all such harassment and maintain their anti-UFO policies. The upper echelons of government and Congress never paid any real attention to the anguished howls of NICAP and other UFO organizations. In short, the UFO buffs wasted twenty precious years with these attacks.

Why is it that even butterfly collectors can win the attention of Congress and get legislation passed to protect butterflies, but UFO researchers with trunks filled with documentation, photos, and tape recordings, can not really make any kind of impression in the halls of Washington?

A large part of the "mystery" attached to UFOs has actually been manufactured by the UFO buffs themselves as they floundered about in bewildering half-truths and tried to apply their own notions of "science" to the incoming data. They have dedicated themselves mainly to endless investigations of the reliability of witnesses, and have stubbornly devoted themselves to proving that UFOs exist. These, like the attacks against the Air Force, are side issues. The main problem is, and always has been, why do they exist at all, and what are they doing here?

Such issues were important in 1947, but this is 1967, and it is astonishing - even humiliating - that so little progress has been made in understanding the phenomenon. The side issues have side-tracked us from the real problem.

Before this article is printed thousands more will learn the real truth behind the flying saucers. Like all the others, they will keep quiet.....not even their neighbors will know. The UFO truth is something like psychiatry; the psychiatrist can not tell you what's wrong; he can only guide you to learning the truth about yourself. So it is with the UFOs; it takes personal experience to convince you of the truth. You have been told the truth many times in many books and publications but you have rejected it. Once you learn the "key" to the problem you will find that the Bible actually lays the whole thing out in minute detail. The key will help you to interpret the truth.

This elusive "truth" can not be summed up in a few words or a few pages so that it will seem credible. Some "contactees" have tried. Unfortunately, very few people are strong enough or emotionally stable enough to cope with the whole "secret." And the average UFO researcher does not fully realize the great personal risks involved until they have enmeshed themselves in the situation. Then it is too late!

At a closed session of the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists, held this year in New York City under the sponsorship of SAUCER NEWS, I explained that this subject is not really a matter for teen-aged hobbyists. And I warned that we could expect a new wave of "silencings." Now, in recent months, these silencings have begun on a large scale from Canada to Florida. Mail is being tampered with, telephones are being tapped, and some innocent researchers who have stumbled upon important cases which they don't quite understand are now being threatened and harassed.

Old-timers are also being sucked into this new wave of conspiracies. An elaborate plot was recently launched to "frame" Gray Barker on a phony black-mail charge. An attempt was even made to frame me for murder! Someone even broke into an apartment where tapes of the Convention speeches were being kept, and carefully cut out certain sections of those tapes and removed them.

Obviously, flying saucers are very serious business. Paranoia is rearing its ugly head everywhere. Thousands of "silent contactees" are living in constant fear, too terrified and confused to turn to any authorities. But slowly the answers are spreading and more articles will soon appear which will give you new clues to the Answer. The final solution, however, will never come from the Air Force or the government but will be delivered by the UFOs themselves.

That day may not be far off!

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THE NATURE OF THE UFO AND NICAP

- by Steve Erdmann -

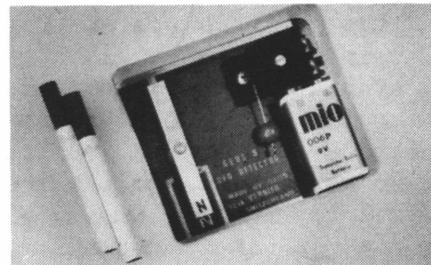
(The following article is written by the editor of a thought-provoking new magazine called "Disinter/Dissenter," published at 524-A Holly Hills, St. Louis, Missouri 63111. A trial subscription costs \$3.00 per year.)

This writer has, for a long time, faithfully sided with the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington, D.C. I have regularly criticized the sensationalists - perhaps as much as NICAP has. But the Jan.-Feb. 1967 issue of "The UFO Investigator," NICAP's official publication, contains a review of their "policy" stating several things which no serious investigator could endorse.

NICAP has continually narrowed its line of investigation. Whereas at one time Major Keyhoe published accounts of "humanoids" and saucer contacts (in his book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy"), one will seldom find mention of same in the NICAP organization which he heads - unless the mention is duly accompanied by ridicule and warning.

Another point is the questionable nature of the concept that all UFOs are purely materialistic in nature. Constantly seeking individuals who would adhere to the material-machine concept, NICAP has recruited a long list of physical scientists - chemists, geologists, naturalists, mechanical engineers, etc., who do well in expressing their a priori viewpoints. Tritely preaching the near-certainty (in their opinion) of the interplanetary nature of UFOs, NICAP has never looked into well-established theories such as that of the late psychologist C.G. Jung, who promulgated the concept of the "collective unconscious" and its accompanying "physical patterns." NICAP has also deliberately ignored evidence in the files of parapsychologists, psychiatrists, anthropologists, and historians, as to the long history of UFOs as psychic apparitions. It has ridiculed and ignored patterns and clues in the aforementioned fields, which have been published by

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The reason is simple: It is a matter of hypocrisy. At one time the idea of UFOs from space was generally considered a dirty, ridiculous idea, expounded only by crackpots and fools. Major Keyhoe and Richard Hall took the tiger by the tail, realizing that a certain "status" had to be met, and that this could only be possible by making the spaceship idea "clean." At that time, no dogmatic, closed-minded scientist or specialist would even consider UFOs; it was a taboo subject that might mean death to his career. But if he were to even entertain the possibility of UFOs, the Keyhoes and the Halls would have to come up to a certain level. The scientist wasn't about to dirty his hands with an unpredictable unknown. He wanted to know what he was getting into, and he wanted it a certain respectable way. The UFO data must not indicate anything but a craft similar to those that are predicted by our own best minds. It must be a simple case of a space program from another world, in machines that are not beyond something the scientist himself could have thought of. No ghosts; no psychic phenomena; no unpredictable telepathy or psychological problems. It was bad enough to be interested in UFOs in the first place, let alone to think that psychic data and the paranormal may be connected!

Whereas the UFO subject itself was once ridiculed, scorned, hated, and considered to be without status, today the more established research groups, such as NICAP, are selling their consciences in the name of "respect." Members are discouraged from associating with smaller groups for fear of contaminating NICAP's singular viewpoint. UFO witnesses are questioned in a certain light in order to distill only the singular aspects the group leadership is interested in (shades of the Air Force UFO program and the Warren Commission investigation of John F. Kennedy's assassination!). The UFO witnesses are even warned against speaking to other investigators, for fear of a rival group using the data. Concerned people who want NICAP to be as democratic and objective as possible are told to mind their own business. But - such attitudes are not in the spirit of the U.S. constitution, where totalitarian tendencies are supposedly checked. Neither does free intellectual investigation depend on monolithic-type establishments such as I am speaking of here!

In the aforementioned NICAP bulletin, it is stated that the organization is not interested in the occult, in telepathy, in other fields of ESP, in prophecy, or any other non-aerial mysteries. Charles Fort would certainly be one to disagree with NICAP, because this statement contains several erroneous assumptions. It is not even really proven that parapsychology is a "non-aerial" mystery. Jung proved pretty conclusively that the psychic mind sees UFO-type phenomena in the heavens; that this has been symbolically recorded throughout history, in art and literature; that a certain synchronism occurs between the psychic manifestation and the accompanying "physical" pattern; and that this synchronism may appear to be an "intelligence" (meaningful coincidence) of a subconscious realm. This would lead one to believe that the nature of the UFOs, as such researchers as Thomas Comella have expounded, is connected with more than a material-science viewpoint.

The Aug.-Sept. 1966 "UFO Investigator" contained a review of the Barney and Betty Hill UFO contact. John Fuller's book ("Interrupted Journey") centers around this couple's episode of being telepathically possessed and then taken aboard a UFO, where laboratory experiments were performed. The amazing thing about this documented case is that the subconscious truth was later brought out in controlled hypnosis. It is interesting to find that NICAP quickly administers skepticism by "having to comment on it (the book) without...having read it." (See Page 8 of that issue.) NICAP's fears of even a documented contact case seem neurotic. NICAP expresses the wish that the case be proven mundane, as it might otherwise "be misused both by the 'contactees' and by UFO debunkers, resulting in bad publicity which would set back the current movement for a scientific investigation." Again, the status quo must be kept at

all costs. A similar philosophy is adhered to in the Air Force's UFO investigation, which NICAP so decries!

Neither can NICAP's assumption be legitimate in regard to there being no religious or political overtones to the UFO mystery. If the works of many historians and anthropologists are correct, Ufonauts intervened socially into the lives of ancient man more than once, bringing religious and political beliefs. By excluding, a priori, all this data, NICAP doesn't really hope to find any pattern. In fact, it would appear that NICAP has excluded everything from its attention that would really enable it to "discover, ultimately, the full nature and meaning of the UFOs." (Jan.-Feb. '67 "Investigator.")

Unlike APRO and London's "Flying Saucer Review," which investigate humanoid contact cases without fear, and which (in the case of the "Review") try to find a pattern in all existing data, Richard Hall's attitude has taken a turn for the worse. While most of Ufology is following the rule "to think of everything and to believe nothing" (Aime Michel), and "to do one's damndest with one's mind, no holds barred" (Prof. Bridgman of Harvard U.), Hall and NICAP have narrowed down their investigation so as to cause no unpredictable complications, in order to maintain the status quo. But the UFO phenomenon does not care about their status quo, and is as elusive as ever!

This does not mean that magazines such as Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" or Moseley's SAUCER NEWS are without fault. Both read like sensational men's magazines that you can find on any newsstand, and they contain just as much (or just as little) real evidence. Any time a magazine pretends to "search for the truth," there must be some attempt to present controlled and demonstrable experiments. This is the honest definition of "scientific." Palmer, who often brags of his "scientific" search, actually is not scientific at all. Such editors would do well to at least try to prove what they say. As it is, much of what they print is barely distinguishable from fiction.

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"MYSTERY MAN" NABBED ON LONG ISLAND: (Special to SAUCER NEWS from John Keel.) Those elusive "Men in Black" were reportedly busy again throughout the Country this summer, and at least two of them fell into unexpected traps in the New York area. One is supposed to have been killed in the streets of the city, while the other was suddenly taken into custody by unidentified legal authorities.

Several teams of men in black turtleneck sweaters visited eight separate communities in the state of Washington in April, allegedly warning UFO witnesses not to discuss what they had seen. They told some people that they represented Civil Defense and were trying to prevent a panic, but since most Civil Defense operations were disbanded two years ago, this seems unlikely.

Citizens in Canada, Maine, New Jersey, California, and Long Island, N.Y. also told of being visited by "government men" this spring. One of these witnesses says he was ordered to turn over some flying saucer pictures "for the sake of yourself, your family, and your world." (See story on Page 14.)

In West Virginia, Mr. Tad Jones, who witnessed a hovering sphere on a major highway on January 19th, received two threatening notes warning him not to tell anyone what he had seen. These notes were crudely printed on cheap paper and cardboard and slipped under his door in Dunbar, W. Va. One of the notes was somehow set afire after being shoved under the door, and the edges were badly burned.

The printing on these "prank" warnings was identical to the printing on a note placed under the door of a UFO sighter in Middleport, Ohio. This girl, who had allegedly seen West Virginia's famous "Moth Man", later escaped from a would-be kidnapper - a tanned young man who was driving an old car "that looked like new." Police in Middleport were baffled. There was no one in the area who resembled the girl's description of her assailant.

On Long Island, two men in Air Force uniforms harassed UFO witnesses. One of these men identified himself as "Lt. Frank Davis" and threatened two different people with a revolver, warning them to "watch out who you talk to." A "Colonel John Dalton" interviewed at least three Long Island residents and asked them to fill out complicated forms which contained involved questions about the witnesses' personal history. Through officials on Long Island, John Keel had a check run on both men. The Air Force denied that it knew anything about either one, or that men with those names were assigned anywhere on the Island.

"Lt. Davis" later turned up in a postman's uniform and was followed by Keel. "Davis" and another man were engaged in taking photographs of the homes of UFO sighters. While involved in this investigation, Keel had two encounters with a large black Cadillac in an isolated section of Long Island. In one of these encounters, the Cadillac, which contained two dark-skinned men, was parked and laying in wait on a deserted road. In the other incident, Keel did a turnabout and followed the Caddie for several miles.

On August 4th, a black Cadillac made a deliberate attempt to run over a UFO witness on the main street of a small Long Island town.

One of the "mystery men" known to be involved in the Long Island capers was reportedly killed in New York City by unknown assailants on July 28th. "Lt. Davis" was apprehended on August 5th by agents from an unidentified law agency. "Davis" was in a public place when two well-dressed men approached him and forcibly removed him. All three men then drove away in a large black car, either a Cadillac or a Lincoln, according to the many witnesses. "Colonel Dalton" is believed to be still at large.

Strange hoax calls continued throughout the summer, involving UFO researchers in many states. Some Ufologists received as many as three or four calls daily, and at all hours. The hoaxsters were able, somehow, to get unlisted phone numbers. None of the calls could be traced. These calls were received in West Virginia; Connecticut; Washington, D.C; Massachusetts; Ontario, Canada; Long Island, N.Y; and many other places. Some were threats delivered in accented voices. Others consisted only of eerie electronic sounds.

All in all, it was a hectic summer, and quite possibly only a taste of even stranger events yet to come.

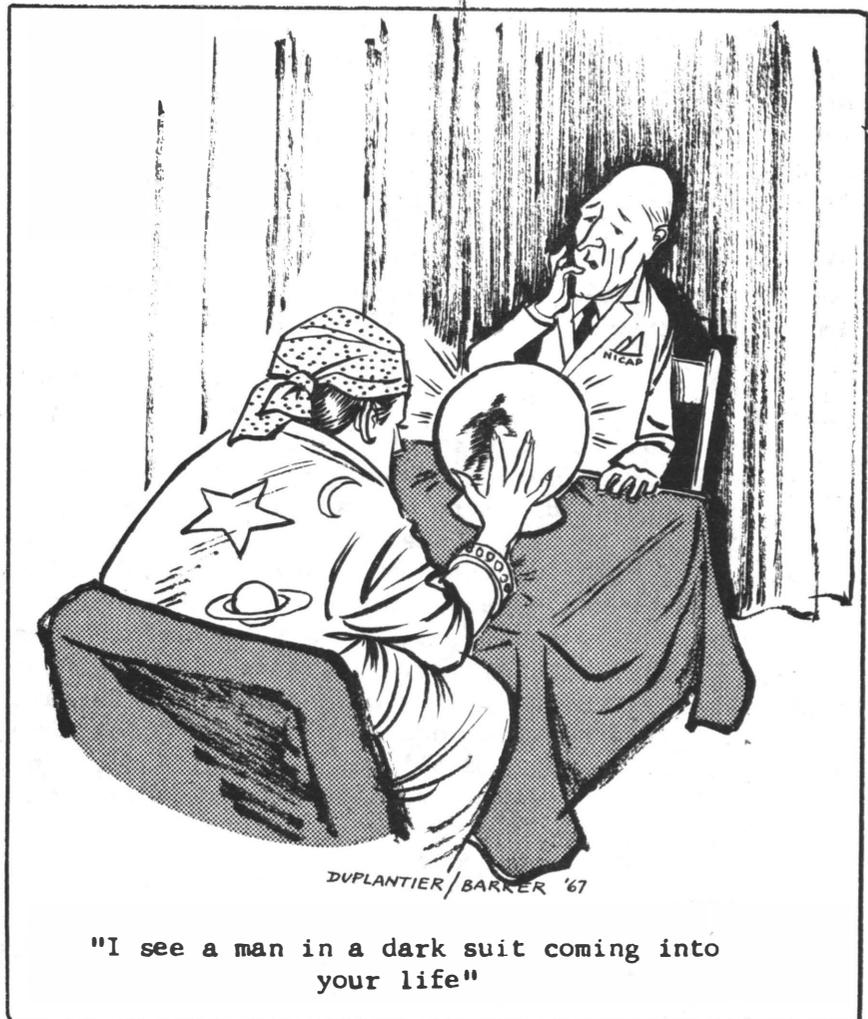
"MAN IN BLACK" CASE IN OHIO: Following a pattern which has become fairly commonplace during the past few months,

weird events began happening to Robert Easley soon after he returned to his home in Defiance, Ohio, after attending the UFO Convention in New York City. Easley, incidentally, is a respected saucer researcher, holding positions of importance in several UFO organizations, including that of Ohio Director of the Interplanetary News Service.

In the wee hours of July 11th, Mr. Easley was awakened by a phone call from a lady who told him that she and seven others were observing two bright, fast-moving UFOs. After she hung up, he immediately got dressed and went to the scene. While checking out this report, he noticed that he was being followed by a man in a black sedan with no license plates. The driver - a complete stranger to Easley - was dressed in black shoes, black dress pants, and a dark blue pullover shirt.

On July 15th, he was again followed by the same man in the same car as he was driving his girl friend home. When he pulled into her driveway the unknown car sped off. Later that evening, as the two sat talking on the front porch, the car came down the road and stopped right in front of the house, as soon as the topic of UFOs entered the conversation. Easley could feel the man staring at them. When they got off the subject of UFOs the car left, but when they got back on it about an hour later, the same car came back again. It was as if the mysterious driver could hear what they were saying or read their minds!

On July 17th, as Mr. Easley was checking out another rather routine UFO report, the man reappeared and followed him to and from the scene of the sighting, dressed in apparently the same clothes as before.



Between the 11th and 17th of July, Easley received a total of twelve strange phone calls. In each case, the only sound on the other end of the line was a strange "beeping" noise. Each call lasted for about fifteen seconds, followed by complete silence. The beeps sounded far away and as if coming from a machine - possibly a tape recorder. No explanation could be offered by the telephone operators.

Easley tends to connect these unusual events with plans he had, during that period, to check out a possible flying saucer landing site in southern Ohio. After the area was finally checked in early August and found to have no importance after all, the succession of "persecutions" ceased. Even though it sounds something like a plot from the TV series "The Invaders," Easley believes that the Aliens, whoever they are, apparently knew about his plans to explore the site, and rested easy after nothing was found there.

Mr. Easley now echoes the warning given out many years ago by Albert K. Bender, one of the first to be "silenced" by the notorious "Three men in Black." Bender said, as many of our readers will remember, that extreme caution should be exercised by all UFO investigators. (Credit: Robert Easley, via Timothy Green Beckley.)

RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR: (Note: Many people have written us asking why we publish these appearances after they occur, rather than before. The reason is that we seldom know about an appearance more than a few days ahead of time, whereas it now takes well over a month from the time we "close" an issue till the time you receive it.)

- April 2nd - Taped interview on WBAB, Babylon, N.Y.
- April 4th - Lecture at Florida Junior College, Jacksonville, Florida.
- April 5th - Lecture at Texas Western College, El Paso, Texas.
- April 6th - Lecture at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.
- April 7th - Lecture at Oachita University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.
- April 11th - Lecture at the University of Missouri, Rolla, Missouri.
- April 12th - Lecture at Kansas State College, Fort Hays Kansas.
- April 17th - Lecture at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- April 17th - Carol Cotter Show on WTMJ, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- April 17th - News interview on WTMJ-TV and WISN-TV, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- April 19th - Lecture at Northern State College, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- April 19th - Interview with Don Briscoe, KSDN, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- April 25th - Lecture at Mt. Vernon Community College, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
- April 25th - Interview with John Davey, WMLX, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
- April 27th - Taped interview for Long John's Addio Show, WNBC, New York.
- May 4th - Lecture at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.
- May 10th - Lecture at Grand Rapids Jr. College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- June 5th - Jack McKinney's Show on WCAU, Philadelphia, with John Keel and Timothy Green Beckley.
- June 9th - "Long John Versus" Show, WNBC, New York.
- June 15th - KOKA-TV, Pittsburg, Pa. "Contact" Show.
- June 21st - Joe Franklin Show, WOR and WOR-TV, New York.
- June 22nd - Long John Show, WNBC, with Howard Menger and others.
- June 23rd - WCBS radio interview, plus various taped and filmed radio and TV interviews in behalf of the Convention.
- July 10th - WJZ-TV, Baltimore, Maryland, "Contact" Show.
- July 14th - Bob Kennedy's "Contact" Show, WBZ, Boxtton, Massachusetts.
- July 16th - Guest on a special Bob Kennedy show on WBZ-TV in Boston, showing film from the Convention.
- August 1st - Lecture at Dean Junior College, Franklin, Massachusetts.
- August 11th - Lecture at Hiram Scott College, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.
- August 17th - Interview with Dick Davis, WPAZ, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.
- August 17th - Interview on Bob Barry's show on WXUR in Media, Pa.

ANOTHER "MAN IN BLACK" CASE: (Special to SAUCER NEWS from John Keel, via Gray Barker and James Moseley.) A barking dog was responsible for transporting a modest young man on Long Island into the eerie world of flying saucers, strange men in black garmets, and threatening phone calls, - the dark world of fear and frustration that is swallowing up hundreds of innocent people every week, while governments look the other way and pretend that nothing is happening.

The dog's howling wakened Joseph Henslik of Greenlawn, Long Island, N.Y. on a morning in October, 1966 (he does not remember the exact date.) He looked outside and was excited to see a strange circular object hovering directly over the post office building not far from his home. He grabbed his camera and took a whole roll of film, shooting a sequence of pictures of a luminous metallic disk with a windowed dome on top. Since the object was very low, he was certain that he had obtained some sensational pictures; and when he received the finished prints back from a local commercial processer a week later, he saw that he was right. At least, this is what he claims, for no one else ever saw those pictures!

Two days after the negatives and prints were returned to him, Henslik was visited by a pair of strange men. He was returning home late, about 3 a.m., when he found them waiting for him. They were both of medium height with deeply tanned complexions and dark hair. Both were dressed in baggy black trousers, with black turtleneck sweaters and loose black jackets which he described as looking like "black smoking jackets or pajama tops."

"We want to talk to you about your sighting," one of the men said, in a voice with a slight accent which sounded Scandinavian. "We're from the Government."

Mr. Henslik asked them for credentials, he says, but they told him that they were from a secret agency which they were not allowed to name. They went on to tell him certain facts about himself which astounded him - facts that not even his closest friends knew.

"We know that you have taken some photographs," the men continued, "and we want you to turn them over to us, for the sake of yourself, your family, and your world, and as a good American."

The flabbergasted young man decided to stall, and told them he had not gotten the pictures back yet. He was told that they would be back in exactly twenty-four hours, and that he had better have the pictures available for them at that time.

Henslik remembered that one man had a slight scar on his left cheek, while the other had an identical scar on his right cheek.

The next day Henslik studied the pictures carefully with a lens. He says that there was definitely some markings on the object, but they were too fuzzy to read. "If I could have blown the pictures up, I probably could have made out what they said," he claims. He also says that he noticed some kind of large shadow moving up and across the windows of the craft in the final frames of film.

At 3 a.m. the following morning, three men appeared, all dressed identically. Again they threatened him vaguely when he appeared reluctant to turn over the pictures. He finally gave them both the negatives and the prints. They checked the negatives carefully with a flashlight and then warned him sternly to keep quiet about his sighting and the photos "for the sake of your family and your world." When they left, he did not see any vehicle, although he lives on the outskirts of town and a vehicle would be necessary to visit him.

In the months that followed, Henslik learned of Gray Barker, and claims that he wrote Gray six letters. Barker never received any of them. Finally, after coming across Barker's book, "They Knew too Much about Flying Saucers," in June of this year, Henslik decided to call Barker long distance.

The day after he spoke to Barker on the phone, he received a threatening phone call from an accented voice which warned him never to speak to Barker again. He also started receiving the standard "hoax" calls regularly - with electronic sounds or nothing at all on the other end.

Henslik spoke to Barker again in late July, and again got a threatening call. In the meanwhile, he had sent Barker two more letters. One envelope contained a letter and the other, which he sent by certified mail, contained a detailed drawing of the UFO as he remembered it. Barker received only the letter; but it had apparently been opened by someone and then resealed with Scotch tape. The other envelope - the one which had been certified - has not reached Barker as of this writing.

NEW YORK FLYING SAUCER CONVENTION IS RATED AS HUGE SUCCESS: The Fourth Annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists is now history. For those of you who were unable to attend, we will give a brief summary here:

The Convention was preceded, on June 22nd, by a press conference in the West Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore. This was attended by more than fifty representatives of the press, including Time, Look, the Associated Press, the United Nations, Radio Free Europe, the Library of Congress, and several other national organizations. In addition, publicity was received during the Convention period from two of New York City's three newspapers, the local news departments of four of the City's six major television channels, and numerous radio stations, including WNBC, WOR, and WCBS. Notably, our thanks go out to the Long John Nebel Show on WNBC, which carried several programs, just before the Convention, featuring almost all of our major scheduled guests.

The result was an attendance between 1,500 and 2,000 at each of the four public sessions. Due to unavoidable last-minute changes, the final schedule (as distinct from that given on Page 52 of our Summer issue) was as follows: Friday evening (June 23rd): Joe Franklin, of WOR radio & TV; Gordon Evans, and Art Ford. Saturday afternoon: Frank Stranges, John Keel, and Stewart Robb. Saturday evening: Gray Barker, Richard Basile, Paris Flammonde (former producer of the Long John Show), and James Randi. Sunday afternoon: Long John Nebel, Vi-Venus (a new contactee in the New York area), Howard Menger, Ivan Sanderson, and contactee Alexander McNeill. Roy Thinnes, star of the ABC television series "The Invaders," who came all the way from Hollywood to speak at the Convention, was present at the Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening sessions and was duly mobbed by autograph seekers. Roy Thinnes was unable to attend the Sunday session as scheduled, but McNeill ably came on as a last-minute substitute.

Of those originally scheduled to speak, only the following did not make it: Daniel Fry, who



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"I'll never believe that crazy Outer Earth Theory."

had given only a vague oral promise; Bob Barry of radio station WXUR in Media, Pa., who was seriously ill at the time; Kenneth Arnold, whose monetary demands became excessive (See Non-Scheduled Newsletter #28 for details); and Arnold's close friend Ray Palmer, who backed out at the last minute because of weird motivations best known to himself.

The "Closed Sessions," patterned after the conventions held in Cleveland, Ohio, the three previous years, were also quite successful. Each of the three such sessions held in New York was attended by over one hundred delegates, including representatives registered from seventeen states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Great Britain. Our able Chairman for these sessions was Allen Greenfield of Atlanta, Georgia, and a complete tape recording was made by SAUCER NEWS' Research Director, John J. Robinson.

Among the more important accomplishments: The setting up of a five-man committee to study the location of next year's Congress. (As of this writing, Atlanta, Boston, and Cleveland are being considered. The idea of two consecutive conventions in New York is out of the question, as far as we are concerned.) A motion, not sponsored or officially endorsed by SAUCER NEWS, to reinstate James Moseley as a member of NICAP, was passed at the Closed Sessions; and a motion to condemn the Condon Committee was (quite rightly, in our opinion), defeated.

Certain purists in the saucer field, notably the autocratic leadership of the NICAP organization, condemned our Convention out of hand simply because a few contactees were included on the program. Whereas our treatment by the news media in general ranged from favorable to the usual sort of mild sarcasm and ridicule, the "review" of the Convention published by NICAP's bulletin before the affair had yet taken place, was perhaps our most unfavorable comment of all. Whereas Major Keyhoe personally promised in his bulletin dated Jan.-Feb. 1966, that "I do not intend to waste the Investigator columns on you (Moseley) again," his sheet dated May-June 1967 has a long pre-Convention write-



Above:
UFO researcher
John Keel addressing a
nearly full house at the
New York Congress of Scientific Ufologists.
See centerfold for more pictures.

up ending with the following remarks: "NICAP members who see publicity about the Convention are asked to remember that NICAP is not participating because we do not consider that this 'scientific congress' represents either the scientific or the conservative approach to UFO research or UFO publicity. We know that several NICAP members will be present, however, in order to challenge and rebut charges or false statements made about NICAP - when and if they are given the opportunity to do so."

Unfortunately for NICAP, many members of that organization were in attendance (some of them trying to come in free because of their NICAP membership), and their reaction, generally, seems to have been the same as that of the vast majority of the general public - that, although there is always room for improvement, a genuine effort was made here, and the results were generally good, in regard to accomplishment (at the Closed Sessions), entertainment and publicity. We are most thankful, incidentally, to George Earley of NICAP for the Convention photos in the centerfold of this issue.

In closing, let us also thank the many kind people who helped out during those hectic days, and without whose assistance an event of this magnitude could never have taken place. In addition to those already mentioned, there was Don Cook of Atlanta, whose zeal was unbelievable; plus the working staff of SAUCER NEWS: Timothy Green Beckley, Pamela Spelman, and Robert Tigrett. Last but by no means least, there was Gist Talmist, who almost single-handedly put together the dozens of displays which filled the huge foyer in front of the Convention hall. It was these displays rather than the speakers themselves which primarily attracted the television cameras, and made possible the amazing amount of local TV coverage given to the Convention during the vital 48-hour period before the doors opened to the first public session.

As the vast overhead caused the Convention to merely break even financially in spite of the huge crowds in attendance, no one received adequate compensation for the work put into this affair. We are therefore doubly grateful to everyone who contributed in whatever way.

NEWS BRIEFS: Daniel Cohen, one of the most persistent but friendliest critics of flying saucers, will soon be teaching a short course on what he calls the "fringe" areas of science today, at the New School for Social Research, at 66 West 12th St. in New York City. The course will begin on September 26th and run for eight weeks. Although Cohen will lean heavily on flying saucers, he will also discuss ESP, lost worlds, monsters, and other off-beat topics. Those interested can register either for the entire course or for single sessions. Details can be obtained from the fall catalogue of the New School. Incidentally, Cohen is the author of a brand-new book entitled "Myths of the Space Age," to be reviewed in our next issue....

A recent article in the Denver Post informs us that the University of Colorado is asking the Air Force for an additional \$200,000 in funds and eight additional months in order to properly complete their UFO investigation contract with the Government. This would come on top of the original \$313,000 18-month grant. If the increase in time and money is approved, it will be September 30th, 1968, before the public can expect any report from the Colorado committee, which is headed, as most of our readers know, by the renowned physicist Dr. Edward U. Condon. Robert J. Low, Dr. Condon's full-time assistant, told the press that fifteen on-the-spot UFO investigations have already been made by members of the committee. A few of these are detailed elsewhere in this issue....

We are reliably informed that Richard Hall has resigned as Assistant Director of NICAP. There are some who will mourn his passing from the Ufological scene, and many who will not....We also note that the latest in NICAP's endless pleas for financial assistance is dated August 14th, and states that the organization will have to suspend operations unless help is immediately forth-

coming. The main cause is said to be "an unexpected dwindling of new memberships and renewals."....

The skeleton of a sea monster was found by a fisherman off the coast of Biddleford, Mass. recently, giving rise to the possibility that the beast is a reptile called the Ichthyosaur - believed to be extinct for some 70 million years. The ancient reptile reached a length of 25 feet. This one, if the skeleton were complete, would be 23 feet long, and has a head shaped like the head of a snake, with eye sockets bigger than the head itself. (Boston Herald Traveler, 8/9/67. Credit: Ronald Tarr.)....

Just before the recent war in the Middle East, U.N. Secretary General U. Thant invited Dr. James E. McDonald, a firm believer in UFOs, to speak before the U.N.'s Outer Space Committee. Thant is said to have confided to friends that he considers UFOs to be the most important problem facing the United Nations, next to the war in Vietnam....

Saucer researchers were shocked to hear of the untimely death, on June 23rd or 24th, of author and lecturer Frank Edwards, whose recent book, "Flying Saucers: Serious Business" was on the best-seller list for quite some time. Edwards, who also had a syndicated radio show, was at the height of his career when the end came....

The latest in a long line of "cash-in-while-the-subject-is-hot" UFO books is one called "The Terror Above Us," published by Tower, by an author writing under a pseudonym. We are reliably informed that this is a work of pure fiction disguised as fact, and as such, it does not deserve a review in these columns. The book concerns a contact story of the type told by Betty and Barney Hill, as related in John G. Fuller's "Interrupted Journey."....

Unneeded confusion was added to the UFO scene this past summer by a mystery woman who appeared on Long Island, calling herself "Princess Moon Owl from the asteroid Ceres." She was interviewed twice by broadcaster Jaye P. Paro on radio station WBAB, and caused a small uproar with her inane messages from outer space. Miss Paro described the "Princess" as being "a Negro lady, heavy-set and over six feet tall." The "Princess" systematically telephoned many UFO buffs on Long Island and in New York City, and even visited the final session of the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists. Later, however, she tipped her hand when she joined a picket line of welfare recipients in front of City Hall. The television newsreel cameras caught her in the act of being herself, and she proved to be an unemployed main named Diane Washington. While she had boasted about her "flying saucer" which was "parked somewhere on Long Island," the "Princess" depended on a beat-up Chevy of ancient vintage for transportation during her visit with Earthlings. On her last visit to WBAB in

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July, several people in shabby clothes - apparently friends of hers - arrived at the radio station, ordered her to stop making a fool of herself, and hauled her bodily away. (Credit: John Keel.)....

Philadelphia saucer contactee Ted Owens has urged us to explain that his prediction of a massive northeastern power failure (Page 9 of our Summer issue) was written well before the June power failure that blacked out much of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Owens claims that he contacted the Space People and asked for this blackout, to call attention to the New York UFO Convention.

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: On Friday, April 21st, our monthly lecture featured contactee Alexander McNeill, who told of his sighting on Long Island back in the early 1950's. McNeill, who has talked many times on radio and T.V. about this and about his subsequent mental contacts, seems to have an enthusiastic following. He was well received by our audience.

Another relatively small crowd listened, spellbound, on May 19th, when the Assistant Chairman of our Discussion and Lecture Committee, John J. Robinson, told the story of a man he knew, many years ago, who claimed to have been held captive in a Dero cave. Mr. Robinson also discussed several of the more scientific aspects of Ufology.

In June there was no monthly lecture at the Hotel Woodstock, because of the UFO Convention which we sponsored at the Commodore.

On Friday, July 21st, science writer Dan Cohen gave an excellent presentation of the evidence favoring the existence of the legendary Loch Ness Monster. Unfortunately, some sort of "post-Convention let-down" caused the audience to be unusually small. Perhaps the fact that Cohen admits to being a "friendly critic" of UFOs rather than a Believer, also had something to do with the size of the crowd.

On August 18th, our guest was Vi-Venus, the new face in the UFO field who made her "debut" on the Long John Show shortly before the Convention. A relatively large audience, heavily sprinkled with skeptics, heard Vi-Venus tell about the philosophical attitudes of the Venusians toward religion, education, marriage, and a host of other topics. Whether or not we choose to believe her story, we can now boast of being the only saucer organization to have had a speaker who actually claims to be physically from another planet.

The August 18th meeting was rounded out by a brief talk by Rabbi Yonah ibn Aharon, who gave a preview of his topic for our September meeting.

Remember that if you live in the New York metropolitan area and wish to be informed a week or so in advance concerning each of these monthly meetings, simply send us a card or letter requesting to be put on our special lecture mailing list. These meetings are usually held on the third Friday of each month, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd st., New York City.

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TOP LEFT: Fun seekers, saucer buffs, and bargain hunters throng the foyer of the Hotel Commodore between sessions of the 1967 Saucer Convention in New York.



CENTER LEFT: John Keel (right) receives a plaque from Convention Chairman James Moseley just before Keel's speech to the audience.



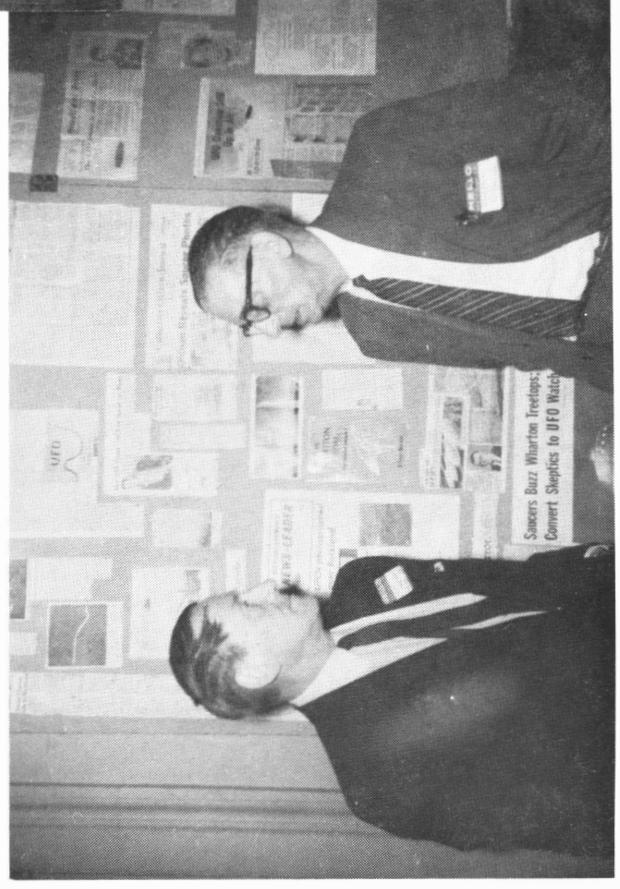
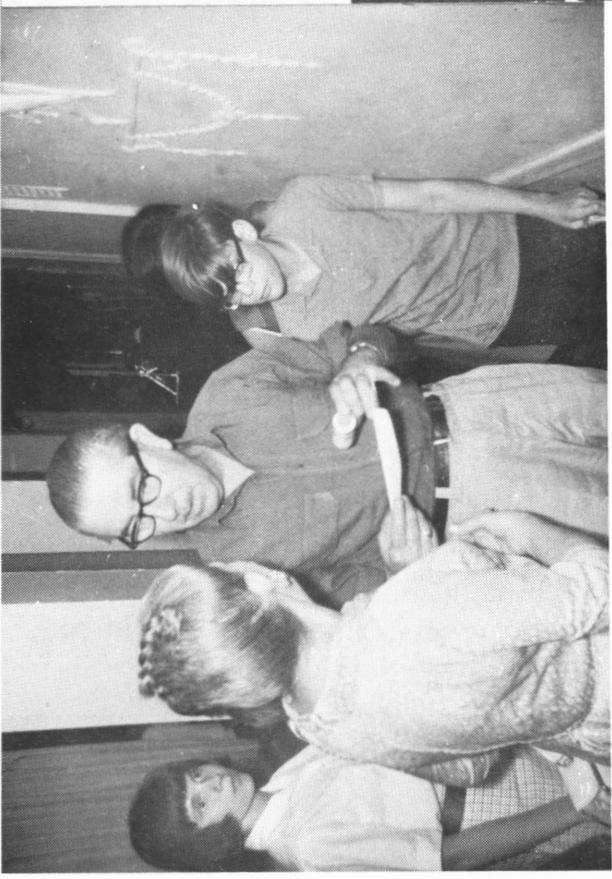
BOTTOM LEFT: In the Convention foyer, Colman von Keviczky, head of the Intercontinental UFO and Analytic Research Network, explains how his organization's global saucer surveillance program will help solve the UFO mystery.

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Photos courtesy of George W. Earley, who covered the Convention for the Hartford (Conn) COURANT. Although a member of NICAP, Mr. Earley has been in regular correspondence with your Editor for many years. Readers interested in his views on UFOs are directed to his advertisement elsewhere in this issue.



TOP LEFT: Zoologist Ivan Sanderson and autograph seekers following his crowd-pleasing speech at the concluding session of the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists. BOTTOM LEFT: Neville Armstrong (left), head of the British book publishing firm of Neville Spearman, Ltd., discusses recent UFO reports with John J. Robinson, Assistant Chairman of the Convention. (Credit: George Earley.) ABOVE: Max B. Miller, Editor of REAL Magazine, poses at a pre-convention party with our life-sized representation of a humanoid creature from Outer Space. This statue soon became the unofficial "mascot" of the Convention, and was the most frequently photographed of all our exhibits. It was carefully made to scale by a New York artist, from descriptions given by witnesses to UFO landings. (Credit: August C. Roberts.)



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Letters to the Editor

I want to correct the billing of Ray Palmer (on your Convention blurbs) as "founder of FATE Magazine." There has been a general misunderstanding that Ray did found FATE, perhaps because his name appeared on early issues whereas mine did not.

In actual fact, we were co-founders, and each began owning the identical amounts of stock. The difference was that Ray quit the Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. to work for the corporation we founded - Clark Publishing Co. - but his interests were primarily concerned with a science fiction magazine that Clark also published.

I think it could be said that Ray contributed the basic concept of "off-beat material," and that I contributed the name FATE; and despite the original Kenneth Arnold material, I contributed much of the early flying saucer material, because as Editor of Flying Magazine at that time I kept encountering it.

I do not wish to take away from any credit to Ray for his considerable contribution, but I think it's time we put the record straight.

In any event, he has had nothing to do with the magazine since Mary and I purchased his interest nine years ago.

CURTIS G. FULLER

Editor, FATE Magazine, Highland Park, Illinois

I read your SAUCER NEWS for Summer, 1967, and on Page 24 there is an article about Narciso Genovese and his photograph....I had occasion to know him first by letter in 1964, and then in person at the UFO Congress in Wiesbaden, West Germany, in July 1965, where I had the opportunity to translate the speech of Mr. Genovese from Spanish to German before about 170 specially-invited guests from many different countries....

As Mr. Genovese had promised to bring to that Congress proofs regarding his alleged trip to Mars, naturally the expectations of the persons present was very great. But during his speech he declared that the proofs had been left at the airport in New York, when he was on his flight to Germany from Tijuana, Mexico. He then promised that he would come back to Germany "in a few months," and would bring the proofs with him at that time.

He never came back, and of course no "proofs" ever appeared. To me he had made promises that I would take part as an engineer in the work of the group of "scientists and engineers" which allegedly works, he said, somewhere in the Andes Mountains of South America. This group is also mentioned in his book "I Have Been to Mars," which was published in Mexico, in Spanish, several years ago....

ALFONSO D'AUBERT, Oakville, Ontario, Canada

(Editor's Note: The remainder of Mr. d'Aubert's letter, too long to reproduce here, tells of how he went all the way to Tijuana, Mexico in an attempt to track Genovese down and learn the truth from him. The result of his long and expensive trip was disillusionment.)

It gives me great pleasure to write these few lines to congratulate you and your staff for the wonderfully interesting and educational flying saucer Convention you put on at the Hotel Commodore. My only regret is that it is over!....

Of the many wonderful guest speakers, we would like to say that Richard Basile stood out, with his splendid philosophy and powerful delivery - a truly inspired personality! We thought Art Ford was fascinating also, with his story of the mysterious disappearance of those planes off the Florida coast, and we do hope he will be successful in getting the full story from the lone survivor....What a story that will be!

Of course, we loved Long John Nebel, but agreed with him regarding Vi-

venus - we did not "buy" her story. Her getting rattled so easily was a dead giveaway. Last but not least, I might add that it was indeed a pleasure to see and hear Roy Thinnes in person, whom I always watch in "The Invaders." He is an excellent actor, besides being very personable.

Since you will be getting letters of appreciation from many of those who attended the Convention, I will not take up any more of your time now. Thanking you in behalf of all of us for the time and effort that went into putting on such an unusual and timely Convention, I am, Sincerely,

MRS. VICTORIA RYDGREN, West Englewood, N.J.

Last Saturday, I attended your "1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists" along with my wife, who is also a psychologist; and we were sufficiently disconcerted about two aspects of the Convention to feel compelled to write to you at this time.

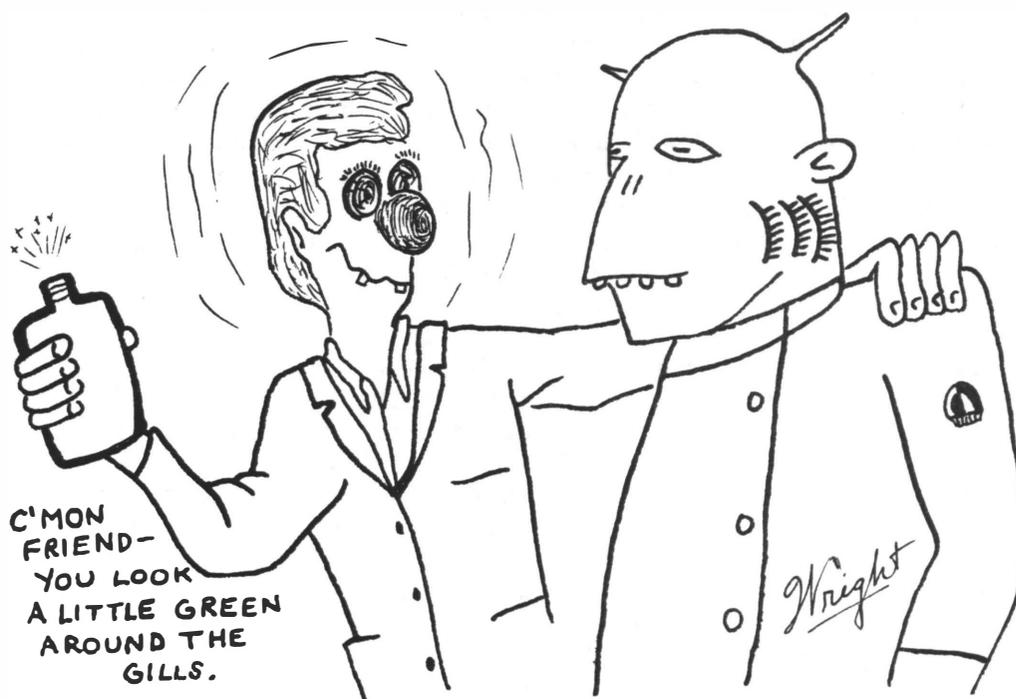
(1.) Nowhere was it made clear at the Convention that the \$2.00 admission charge would not be applicable to all sessions. Scientific conventions, as a rule, charge one registration fee which then permits the visitor to attend any and all sessions, meetings, exhibits, etc. Your group chose, instead, to charge as though one were being admitted to an entertainment.

(2.) Without going into the irrelevency of some of the exhibits, we were under the impression that we were going to attend a Convention of some reasonable objectivity and scientific attitude. We were hardly prepared for an evangelical call to God! This was quite an insult to your audience.

We did enjoy other speakers and other aspects of the meetings, and continue our interest in Ufology. Please understand that these criticisms are being offered because we support your efforts and look forward to reports of further research in this field.

DANIEL BROWER, Ph.D. (Clinical Psychologist)
Upper Montclair, N.J.

I recently had the opportunity of attending the flying saucer Convention in New York, at both the Friday and Sunday sessions. I must say that the entire exhibit, in addition to all the speakers, was most enjoyable and informative. However, there is one point that I would like to raise, for I was deep-



ly upset by it: During the Sunday session, Howard Menger was given the opportunity to speak and show his film. My objection is that you did not give Mr. Menger enough time to speak of his contacts or to fully describe his excellent film. I do hope that the rude audience did not discourage Mr. Menger from returning to the Ufological "front line," for we need more sincere and dedicated men like him in this field.

RICHARD W. PANSY, Tuckahoe, N.Y.

Congratulations on your recent Convention. Unfortunately, I was only able to attend the afternoon sessions, but I found them quite informative, especially John Keel, and my favorite UFO researcher, Ivan Sanderson. I hope that this will not be the last such Convention on the East Coast.

Although Major Keyhoe seems to have had a very low opinion of your Convention, (did he attend?), I notice that NICAP has not managed to put on any kind of public convention on this subject. Of course, the public probably wouldn't attend, simply because I suspect it might be a bit dreary, considering how NICAP almost fanatically avoids sightings of any interest. One gets rather tired of reading page after page about lights in the sky, fireballs, etc. All these sightings seem too far away to make out any detail. I am a subscriber to NICAP's publication, but I doubt if I will renew, since I barely read it, compared to the way I read SAUCER NEWS....

PAUL C. MILLER, Worcester, Mass.

I greeted your Summer issue with mixed emotions. The foremost emotion is dismay. My original subscription has run out, so enclosed is \$2.00 for another year.

I also feel dismay because of the changes you have made. I would certainly like a glossy cover, but not at the sacrifice of a reasonable price. The main change is the attempt to reach for the mass market circulation. No, please, no! This can only mean the sacrifice of your high standards of reporting. Granted, SAUCER NEWS would be far and away the best of the mass-circulation UFO periodicals, too many of which have been popping up recently. But this is not what we, the S.A.U.C.E.R.S. members and other subscribers, want. We do not want a magazine which has to constantly fill in common-knowledge background for novices.

I will continue to read SAUCER NEWS, because it is my best and largest source of UFO news; but I may have to align the bulk of my activity in the field to another organization, regretfully. It is not too late to turn back. Think about it. It may be the most logical move financially, but it is undeniably worse for Ufology. PETER ALAN RODMAN, Canton, Mass.

(Editor's Note: We have "turned back," to a degree, as you will note from the contents of this issue and the absence of the 3-color cover which we used last time, for the Special Convention Issue.)

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Book Reviews

- by Timothy Green Beckley -

UFO TOP SECRET - by Mort Young (Essandess Special Edition, \$1.00)

Based upon shrewd and scientific investigation, Mort Young, a former journalist for the famed New York Journal American, has placed in the hands of every dedicated UFO investigator a volume worthy of careful study. Going to great lengths to document his sources, the author has provided what amounts to a handbook of the most important cases in Ufological circles during the past eighteen months.

Spending much of his time working on an in-depth study of the famed Michigan flap of March 1966, Young has managed to prove conclusively that the sightings were in no way related to the oft-discussed appearance of marsh gas.

A major portion of this handsome paperback reproduces in full formerly classified material that is clearly stamped "for official use only." These pages consist of reports on the well-known Heflin photographs, along with clear blow-ups of the mysterious object which, although accepted as totally genuine by most saucer buffs, is apparently thought by the Air Force to be nothing more than a four-foot model tossed in the air!

"UFO Top Secret" also contains various other photographs and illustrations, some of which have never been published before in a mass-circulation saucer book. We are treated to views of similar saucers caught by the eye of the camera in France and Oregon four years apart. We are also shown the famed Lubbock Lights (including the rarely seen second photograph) and the Salem, Mass. coast guard UFO, all of which are thought to be true pictures of alien craft.

The author is in favor of open Congressional hearings "with bright television lights; with radio microphones; with reporters and the public present; with cross-examination of witnesses; and with the entire UFO investigation argued loudly and openly." Although we cannot agree with Mr. Young 100% on this point (for reasons stated in past issues of SAUCER NEWS), we must compliment him for having done an A-1 job of researching "UFO Top Secret."

THE STRANGER AT THE PENTAGON - by Frank E. Stranges, PhD. (I.E.C., Inc. \$4.00)

We predict that this book will rank among the top ten "contactee" saucer tomes of the past twenty years - not because of its actual contents but because of the way in which the author, a craftsman at the art of crowd pleasing, presents his story.

The first 37 pages of "The Stranger at the Pentagon" are really unique, in that they purport to have actually been written by Val Thor, a spaceman from the planet Venus whom Dr. Stranges claims to have first met in an otherwise carefully guarded room in the Pentagon, late in 1959. Had it not been for famed UFO photographer August C. Roberts, who managed to take several candid shots of the "spaceman" at a saucer convention some time later, Rev. Stranges' story would go without any corroboration whatsoever. As it stands now, he presents his account in a frankly commercial style that may turn some of the more serious researchers away from the book altogether. However, for the general public, Stranges apparently has what it takes, and we forecast that his latest book will become a best seller in no time at all - at least as privately-published books go.

One aspect of this book in which we are frankly disappointed is its presentation of some 350 photographs, information on which appears rather sketchy.

For the most part, no detail is given as to where they were taken or by whom. In addition, many are the old "stock" series which most UFO fans have long ago tired of seeing again and again.

Among the more pleasing aspects of the book is a lengthy biographical section, devoted to some of the leaders of the saucer field including SAUCER NEWS Editor James W. Moseley. This section is topped off with an interesting array of pictures of the various personalities, carefully selected from the private collection of August C. Roberts.

A challenging conclusion to this volume is the epilogue, paying tribute to "those brave men who lost their lives in America's space race." The author correctly concludes: "As we stand on the Brink of Tomorrow, we strangely experience an unusual, unexplainable desire to become as one....with the Universe. Perhaps, in time, this will also come to pass. The Creator will not be as far off in space as many would have us believe.....As long as Man believes, there is still hope!"

THE SCORITON MYSTERY (DID ADAMSKI RETURN?) - by Eileen Buckle and Norman Oliver. (Neville Spearman, \$5.95.)

Even though controversial contactee George Adamski passed away on April 23rd, 1965, the debate surrounding his purported contacts has by no means ceased. In fact, with the publication of this book, we strongly suspect that arguments will spring anew regarding the validity of his claims. For, only hours after his death in a Washington, D.C. hospital, Adamski is said to have returned in the body of a young man and made contact with Ernest Arthur Bryant, a self-educated gardener living in the small English hamlet of Scoriton.

Bryant, who is considered to be of reliable and strong character, claims to have met three members of a Venusian crew and to have been taken aboard their spaceship. Two of the men on board appeared to have rather large foreheads, while the third crew member was quite normal looking, except that he appeared much younger than the others. This third party told Bryant that his name was "Yamski," and that Karma (the process of returning in another body after death to make up for former sins) "really works." He also informed the English contactee that he wanted to give "Des" or "Les" a message concerning "Sanskrit."

Long-time readers of SAUCER NEWS will recall that Adamski's colleague in the early 1950's was English playwright Desmond Leslie, who in the book he co-authored with Adamski, titled "Flying Saucers Have Landed," delved into ancient appearances of UFOs, as translated from Sanscrit and other archaic languages.

On the way out of the spaceship, Ernest Bryant was told that the craft would return in a month and "bring proof of Mantell." Keeping his word, "Yamski" reappeared exactly a month later, to the day, and dropped from a hovering spacecraft strange pieces of metal which analysis showed could have been from an aircraft flown at the time of Captain Mantell's tragic death in Kentucky.

"The Scoriton Mystery" contains a full investigation of the alleged return of Adamski, and goes into the many absolutely fantastic incidents which the authors followed up during their research for a London saucer group known as BUFORA. Included among the many bizarre aspects of their research is a weird series of voices which appeared on otherwise blank rolls of recording tape - voices which asked them to drive to desolate spots for face-to-face contacts. The dedicated twosome described the voices as being "weird....slow and deep, speaking in a virtual monotone."

One of the tapes contained a message which stated, "You believe we are playing, my friends. We will play with you more..." This led Norman and Eileen to the conclusion that some of the space entities may be toying with various contactees - a hypothesis which is gaining considerable support recently, both

in England and the United States.

The next message which appeared on the tape was in the form of Morse Code, which took five hours to decipher. One part of the transcript even includes a threat that if the two British researchers made the wrong move in their investigations, the "aliens" might kill them!

While he was deciphering the code, the voice on the tape apparently had the power to put mental impressions into Norman Oliver's mind, and to paralyze his arm temporarily - preventing him from writing any further. The two dedicated investigators thus concluded that the reason for the messages was "perhaps.....to give us big hopes, capture our minds, and thereby induce us to actions against our normal, reasonable judgment."

Even "Yamski" had warned in his conversation with Bryant that there are two different groups of space beings currently involved in watching the Earth. "Yamski" claimed that his group "was going to bring proof of a wonderful existence and life beyond our understanding," while another group consisted of "forces from another planet which are taking people from this world for...procreation purposes."

All in all, "The Scoriton Mystery" seems to follow the same basic pattern of events occurring throughout this country. Witnesses are being threatened into silence, mysterious voices and sounds are appearing on phones and tapes; and imposters pretending to be either famed saucer investigators or governmental authorities are visiting "contactees" as well as those claiming to have observed at close range a landed craft of unknown origin.

The incidents which followed the purported return of George Adamski will undoubtedly make this book unique in the annals of flying saucer literature. For, as the publisher so rightly points out in an advertising blurb, "The authors have written both as investigators and participants" in what is probably the most "offbeat" saucer contact in history!

Incidentally, last-minute news received at our office indicates that Ernest Arthur Bryant passed away on June 24th, 1967, which was the twentieth anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sighting and the date of the main session of SAUCER NEWS' giant UFO Convention in New York City. This runs parallel to the strange and untimely death of famed UFO writer Frank Edwards on the same date!

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SAUCER LANDING IN VIRGINIA INVESTIGATED BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR: Due to our heavy work load here at Headquarters, it is not often that we are able to personally investigate even the more important UFO cases; but the sensational South Hill, Va. landing - which has been widely quoted in the UFO and national press - was a happy exception to this rule.

The landing occurred at about 9 p.m. on April 21st, and the principal witness was a very stable, middle-aged long-time resident of South Hill named Cliff Crowder, who is manager of a chemical company just outside of town.

Crowder was driving his car, alone, from the premises of the chemical firm to the nearby community, when he came upon a large, unexplainable object sitting right in the middle of the road. The object had the appearance of a metal storage tank about 12 feet in diameter, similar to those at the plant where he works. It appeared to be made of aluminum, and was standing on four legs which he estimated as being 3 to 3½ feet high. Although he saw it for only a few seconds, Mr. Crowder feels he got "a perfect look" at it, and is able to describe it in full detail.

As the startled driver turned his bright lights on the mysterious road-block, a tremendous burst of white-looking fire came from beneath it, and the thing went straight up into the air like a bullet. Crowder stopped his car, and saw that the road had caught fire where the object had been sitting. Although panic-stricken, he skirted the flames by driving off the pavement onto the dirt shoulder, and went on to the local police station to tell his story.

The incident was confirmed by another local resident named Norman Martin, who was driving his car, heading in the opposite direction on the same road, and saw the brilliant flash of light when the object took off. He was not near enough to see the other details, however.

The landing site was visited by local police, numerous people from the community - and later, after it achieved wide publicity, by curiosity-seekers and UFO researchers from various parts of the country. One carload of visitors came the very next day in a black Cadillac bearing Idaho license plates. The occupants were supposedly an Air Force colonel and his wife, driven by a sergeant; but according to inside information we have received, the Air Force insists that these people were imposters.



It was not until late May that your Editor arrived on the scene. The photo at the left is a daylight shot of the largest burned spot, which is surrounded by 4 smaller burned spots (one of which appears in upper portion of photo). These make a perfect rectangle about 11 feet on a side, which obviously corresponds to the 4 legs Mr. Crowder saw the UFO standing on. According to Crowder, the burning caused by the mystery object reached a

depth of several inches, and efforts to duplicate this effect by conventional means have failed - tending to prove that a truly unconventional object caused the original damage to the road.

However, Mr. Crowder, who does not believe in interplanetary visitors, feels that the craft he saw was a U.S. experiment of some sort - possibly an example of "psychological warfare" designed to convince people, wrongly, that we have succeeded in building a highly advanced craft of some sort.

Crowder also told us that on the night following the landing there were many UFOs seen in the vicinity, but these were later explained away as flares sent up from a nearby military base. Crowder, who has lived for many years in South Hill, states that he has never seen such flares before; and this adds to his feeling that the whole thing is a Government plot of some kind. Saucer researchers would be more likely to conclude that the flares, if that is what they were, had been sent up as a "cover up" for the real landing the previous night.

In any case, Mr. Crowder's integrity, regarding the actual incident he observed, is beyond question. Not only does the South Hill police chief vouch for his truthfulness, but a spot check by your Editor in the town of South Hill brought out the fact that nearly everyone had heard of the landing, and nearly everyone accepted it as being authentic. Yet, there must have been some dissenters to this view: By the time we arrived, someone had written in chalk on the pavement at the landing site the letters "PV" or "RV," followed by "67" and the word "HOAX." Part of this writing is shown in our photo.

It is interesting to note that the South Hill incident is one of the relatively few cases that the Air Force still carries in their files as "unknown." These are cases which admittedly contain enough data with which to reach a conclusion, and which, nevertheless, include details which cannot be explained in terms of any known object or phenomenon. So, we are dealing here with a landing which the Air Force admits to be a genuine mystery! (The Richmond, Va. News Leader, 4/22/67; The Richmond, Va. Times-Dispatch, 5/17/67. Credit: James Moseley, John Keel, and others.)

CLOSE SIGHTING IN CHESTER, PA: On August 1st, a UFO described as the size of a two-motor airplane came in at tree-top level over the Village Green area of Chester, Pa. and hovered for five minutes. The incident, which occurred at about 9 p.m., was witnessed by a pastor's wife and their daughter. The startled witnesses first sighted two red glowing objects in the northern sky, followed by a third red object which approached from the west and eventually hovered at extremely low altitude only half a block from them. The hovering UFO was described as metallic, saucer-shaped, and having a dome and portholes. Eventually the craft climbed rapidly into the northwestern sky and vanished. (Credit: Bob Barry of radio station WXUR in Media, Pa.)

CONDON COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES EASTERN UFO REPORTS: On July 5th, a UFO incident occurred in Coventry, Connecticut, which was considered of such importance that it was investigated soon afterwards by representatives of the University of Colorado. A motorist driving on Route 31 at 4:15 a.m. observed a bright orange object for a period of about ten minutes. The object appeared to be hovering at very low altitude over a nearby house. Later, grass in a roughly circular area near the house in question was found to be flattened and swirled in a counter-clockwise direction, leading to the tentative conclusion that the object had landed there. A Geiger counter reading disclosed no trace of radioactivity, however. A power failure immediately following the reported sighting may or may not have been connected with the incident.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which has been the focal point of numerous sightings and near-landings during July, was visited personally by Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the Colorado team. Later other investigators from Colorado

were dispatched to the area to spend a month interviewing witnesses and attempting to take pictures of the oft-recurring phenomenon. The camera used in these attempts was a large Schmidt camera which had been loaned to the project by the Air Force.

Another flap in early August, although publicized only locally, somehow reached the attention of the Colorado team. Dr. Norman E. Levine and Dr. Roy Craig arrived in Gloucester, Massachusetts on August 9th, in an effort to learn the cause of persistent reports of a low-flying object with six to eight yellow or orange lights, spaced in a somewhat irregular design. One of the reports gave the size of the UFO as 20 to 30 feet in diameter, and stated that a "round thing" was seen on its top and bottom. Ronald Tarr, a S.A.U.C.E.R.S. member in nearby Rockport, Mass., has sent us a detailed study of these sightings. He concludes that they involve genuine unidentified objects which cannot be explained away. As for the scientists' conclusions, we will have to wait many months. (Hartford, Conn. Corrant, 7/12/67; Hartford, Conn. Times, 7/12; Gloucester, Mass. Daily Times, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/10, and 8/12. Credit: David Martin, John Keel, and Ronald Tarr.)

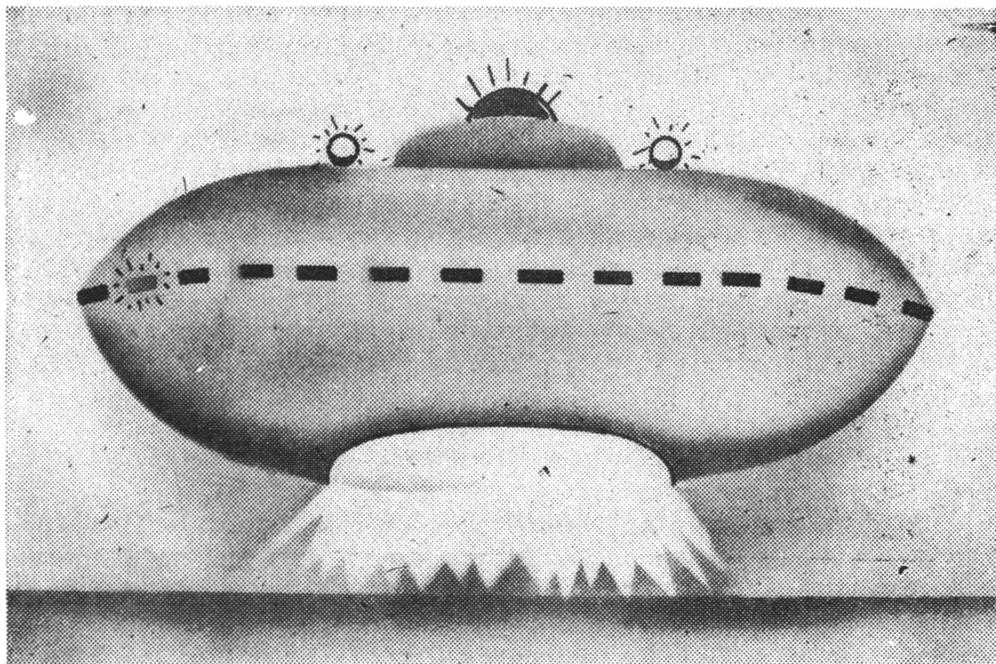
SAUCER FLAP IN IDAHO: A UFO flap of some proportions, which occurred this past Spring in and near Shelley, Idaho, is described in great detail in the July 12th edition of the Idaho Falls Post-Register, and we urge sufficiently interested readers to send for a copy. Limitations of space allow us to deal here with only the most detailed of the several events described:

On April 28th, at 9:30 p.m., about fifty people viewed an object at low altitude directly over the Shelley High School. The object emitted a large pale orange light, according to the witnesses. One of the many viewers, being a private pilot, happened to have a pair of binoculars with him in his panel truck. He described the UFO, which was only 400 to 500 feet away, as being a flat ellipse with a definite dome or superstructure, which stood approximately one third as high as the main object was wide. The lower area was clearly defined and internally lighted. The UFO was also lighted on the top, and two light streaks connected the upper light to the lower one. The object was later seen by a whole neighborhood alerted to its approach, including a group of 20 to 30 high school students - all of whom saw it depart to the north, gaining altitude and speed as it traveled, but remaining as silent as before. Eventually two fireballs fell away from the UFO, and it either blinked out or disappeared into a cloud.

NEAR LANDING IN VIRGINIA: One of the most detailed sightings of recent months occurred on the evening of April 26th near Richmond, Virginia, but was not recorded in any newspaper till several weeks later. The sighters were two teen-agers - Beverly and Bruce Bussells, who were in their room at the time. They were attracted to the window by a weird whine, like a generator or turbine, coming from somewhere outside. This noise was heard by their mother also, though she did not have time to see the object before it left.

The UFO, seen hovering only a foot or two above the street, is shown in the drawing on the next page. It was aluminum colored, shaped like a flattened-out water tank with somewhat pointed ends, and was about the size of a Volkswagen, according to Bruce Bussells. Around its perimeter was a row of green lights which blinked in progression, plus a steady red light shining from atop a slightly rounded dome, and twin green lights on either side of the red one. A steady "beep" sound accompanied the green blinking, and this sound was separate from the whining noise made by the object itself. In addition, a white light was emitted from a source underneath the UFO, lighting up the roadway. A nearby street lamp could be seen reflecting off the object's surface.

Amid the screams of the children and the barking of neighborhood dogs,



the lights started blinking faster, the object rose slowly, and then disappeared into the night sky at high speed. The sketch above was made later, from the children's descriptions and drawings. (The Richmond, Va. News Leader, 5/19. Credit: J.H. Creecy.)

SOUTH AMERICAN ROUND-UP: Although not as frequently as in past months, flying saucers continue to be seen in widely scattered sections of South America, according to information supplied by Henning Von Hippel, our correspondent in Argentina.

On the night of June 24th, UFOs were seen in Asuncion, Paraguay, accompanied by mysterious interruptions in local telephones during the several minutes that the objects were in view. This information was confirmed by the control tower at Asuncion's international airport. Also in Villa Curuguaty, about 100 miles northeast of the city, a saucer-shaped object was seen flying at very low altitude, causing a terrible explosion. Efforts to find the remains of the object, presumed to have blown up in mid-air, were in vain.

A report from Mexico City dated July 3rd tells of an unidentified object which hung motionless over the city for ten minutes before disappearing from view at high speed. The UFO, seen at night, had greenish and reddish lights on it, and made various unorthodox maneuvers in the sky, which were observed by hundreds of people.

A mystery object operating underwater startled crew members on an Argentine ship named Naviero, according to reports that made headlines in Buenos Aires last August 2nd. Captain Julian Andanza, commander of the ship, stated that he was cruising in waters off the coast of Brazil when the underwater object passed beneath his ship at high speed and then dived at a sharp angle toward the ocean floor. The velocity of the object was higher than that of any known type of submarine.

On August 7th, a UFO followed a Brazilian aircraft for fifteen minutes between Pisco and Lima, in Peru. The incident occurred at an altitude of 14,000 feet, and involved a playful UFO which changed color several times while making various wild maneuvers in the night sky. The object was also seen on radar at a military base near Pisco.

A few days later, a close sighting of a flying saucer was made in Talara, at the opposite end of the long Peruvian coastline. There, two customs offi-

cialists told the press that the close approach of an unidentified object caused strong winds and a sudden intense cold wave, in that tropically hot locality. The UFO, seen at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, was on a north to south course, and carried one blue light, surrounded by an intense red glow. The eerie night spectacle was witnessed by many residents of that port city.

During the second week of August, a doctor in Caracas, Venezuela, suffered a heart attack as the result of a visit from a peculiar-looking humanoid who entered his consulting room unnoticed and proceeded to tell him in perfect Spanish about life on his home planet. The being called itself "Atrum," and claimed that its saucer was parked in the vicinity. The doctor, named Luis Vegas Sanchez, is now hospitalized; but in spite of this fact, many people have greeted his story with outright scorn and ridicule. (Credit: Henning Von Hippel.)

SAUCER BRIEFS: On the evening of June 6th, the photo below was taken by a 16-year-old resident of Huron, Ohio, who claims to have seen a group of about ten UFOs hovering over an ore dock near his waterfront home. Of eight exposures made, this was the only picture that came out well enough to see anything clearly. The youth, named John Ritter, ran inside to get his Polaroid camera, and took the photos as the string of objects started moving out slowly across the lake. (Sandusky, Ohio Register, 6/7/67. Credit: Dona Sowell.)

The Air Force is said to be investigating numerous reports than an unidentified flying object was sighted on June 10th northwest of our big military base at Da Nang, in South Viet Nam. Although the Air Force has made no report of the incident or of its findings, informed sources say that many of our servicemen at and near the base claim to have seen the object, which was described as cylindrical and silver colored. Two F102 jets were sent up after the UFO, but were unable to make contact with it. This is apparently one of the very few UFO sightings to come out of the Vietnam war. (AP, 6/17/67.)

On the night of June 13th, a man named Charles Fletcher of Henrico County, Virginia, was sitting in his yard when suddenly a brightly-lit object appeared from above, close enough to be reflected on the newspaper he was reading. A mysterious purple substance then dropped onto his left arm, apparently from the UFO, which he could see disappearing over the trees beyond the yard. The liquid, which baffled police, caused a very mild burn. (Richmond, Va. Times-Dispatch, 6/14/67.)

In late June, there was a rash of mysterious horseshoe-shaped markings on a tar road in Lunenburg County, Virginia, accompanied by strange aerial noises and interference with TV reception....In nearby Augusta County, 25 people were arrested in a church cemetery for trespassing late at night, after repeated warnings from the sheriff's department. The group had assembled to glimpse a light reported emanating, off and on for several weeks, from one of the tombstones. (Richmond, Va. Times-Dispatch, 6/23/67.)

A UPI story datelined San Francisco tells of three "mysterious explosive balls" found near Golden Gate Park on June 25th. An off-duty policeman found them on a footpath, 7 blocks from an ocean beach where several others had been found the



previous week. A spokesman claimed that military authorities said the objects were "classified" devices dropped by Navy planes. Two boys who picked up some of the objects and threw them into the ocean, reported they exploded on contact with the water. Army ordnance experts, to whom some of the balls were turned over by the sheriff's office, described them as "extremely dangerous." (N.Y. Daily News, 6/25/67. Credit: Gladys Fusaro.)

From July 17th to 19th, numerous sightings were made in widely-scattered parts of France. The most spectacular incident involved a 15-year-old boy named Joel Ravier, living in the vicinity of Doubs, who claimed to have seen four mysterious beings in a wooded area through which he was walking with three other children. One of the children had wandered off a bit from the others, and suddenly ran back to the group, terrified and crying. Joel advanced into the bushes to investigate, and spotted the four creatures - all about 3½ feet tall and completely black in color. They were further described as having heads "shaped like a potato" and protruding abdomens. As soon as they knew they were being watched, the weird visitors fled at great speed, speaking among themselves in an unknown musical-sounding language. Apparently, the craft from which they had presumably emerged was not seen by the children. (Credit: Henning Von Hippel.)

On July 17th, Harold Trudel of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, took his fourth series of UFO pictures while saucer-watching alone near Blackstone. According to Trudel, the object drifted down to a height of only 200 feet above the ground, "with the same motion as a boat at anchor." Five photographs were obtained before the UFO zoomed off over his head in a northerly direction. Trudel, who works closely with Joseph Ferriere of "Probe" Magazine, believes (as do many others) that there is a connection between UFOs and high-tension power lines. It was near such lines that this sighting and several of his previous ones took place. (The Woonsocket, R.I. Call, 7/26/67.)

On the night of July 17th, a woman driving on Route 22 near Millerton, New York, had a frightening experience when an object the size of a softball came from overhead, hit her windshield, and then bounced away. Simultaneously, the headlights went out, the car stalled, and a bright light flared for a split second within the automobile. The woman, who was thoroughly dazed by the incident, finally got her car started and continued on her way, though she has no memory of having re-started the engine. A policeman investigating the inci-

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dent later found the windshield was cracked, but could not determine the cause of the damage. This incident occurred in the midst of a persistent UFO flap in the same general area. (Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Journal, 7/19/67. Credit: Bill Winans.)

According to the August 27th edition of the National Enquirer (a none too reliable source), a man named Michael Campeadore fired eight bullets at a flying saucer which approached his car one night recently as he was driving down a lonely stretch of highway in the state of Utah. The object, which approached to within 30 yards of his car and 30 yards of the ground, appeared to be shaped like a round hat, with a brim about 50 feet in circumference and a dome on top that occupied about half the area of the saucer-shaped bottom. There were no windows, no antennas, no exhaust, and nothing to show how it was propelled. The eight pistol shots, fired by the panic-stricken driver, could be heard bouncing off the craft. Shortly afterwards, the object departed at very high speed, as in previous cases of the same kind. (Credit: George Smyth)

We have recently acquired new information on the weird saucer murder mystery which occurred near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August of 1966. (See P. 29 of our Winter 1966-67 issue for details.) This unique incident, also known as the "lead mask murder case," became one of the most peculiar unsolved crimes ever to enter the files of the Brazilian police. Now, in August of 1967, the bodies of the two dead men have been dug up for re-examination, in a new attempt to learn the cause of their deaths. Reportedly, a civil pilot named Elcio Correio Gomes is being questioned. Gomes is said to conduct experiments in communication with various planets, including Mars, and is believed to have included the two dead men among his disciples. Amid a blackout of news from the police department, a woman known to have been seen with the victims just before their deaths is also being questioned. (Credit: Henning Von Hippel.)

PRESS-TIME NOTE: A number of unusually good sightings which reached our desk in late September and early October have had to be omitted from this issue because of lack of space. These will appear, in full detail, in our Winter 1967-68 issue, which we expect to mail out to you not later than January 15th.

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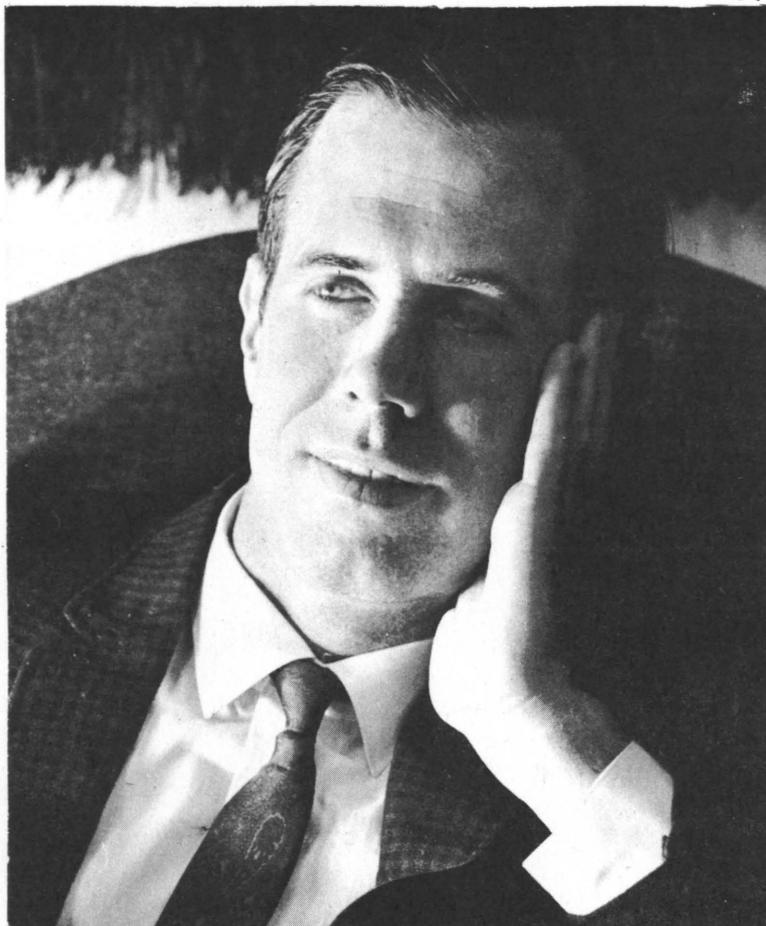
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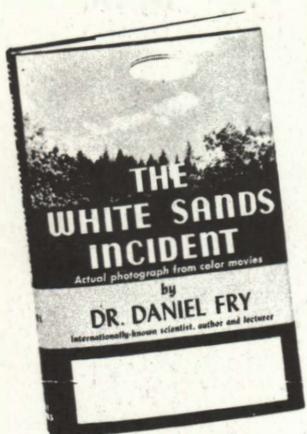
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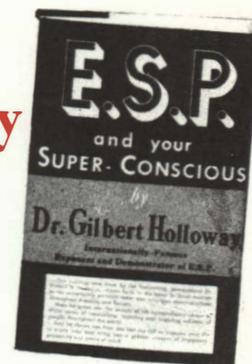


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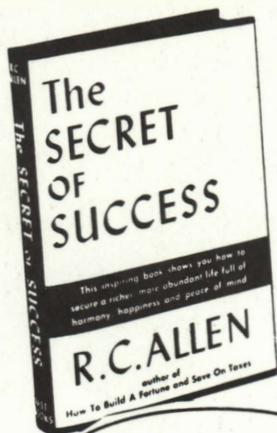
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