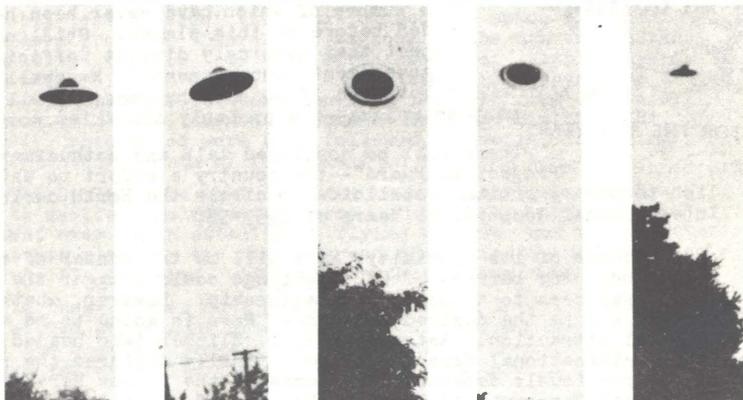


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EDITORIAL

WE ARE FACING A YEAR OF EXPECTATIONS.

1956...the year the planet Mars comes to within 36 million miles of the Earth—its closest approach in 15 to 17 years. And Venus will be in opposition and only 25 million miles distant.

Many have predicted mass flying saucer landings. Others have forecast sightings the number of which have never been heralded before on this planet. Still others expect that seemingly distant "official government announcement." We shall see. For even if nothing happens, it will solve many an enigma—and probably add a few more.

WITH BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR

There will be continued talk and enthusiasm over "Project Vanguard"—the country's effort to establish temporary orbital satelloids to circle the Earth during the International Geophysical Years of 1957-58.

Because of its proximity, Mars will be the center of much attention. Any barrage of UFO sightings could trigger the public's awareness to a possible relationship. However, whether or not UFO's make the desired headlines, Mars is going to be an international attraction. Astronomer E. C. Slipher (who headed the 1954 "International Mars Committee") finally declared the reality of the previously debatable existence of the famous Martian canals ("National Geographic:" Sept. 1955)—one of which, according to Dr. Slipher, "runs for 1,500 miles without a bend. Sometimes," he continued, "one canal will run right through another, something no sensible river will do."

WHAT WILL 1956 BRING?

If nothing else, heated political battles. We all remember the last leap-year presidential contest in 1952 when we observed the so-called "Washington Crises." Twice, in the month of July, JFO's buzzed the Nation's Capital causing a nationwide demand of the Air Force for an explanation—an "explanation" which materialized only in the form of a belittling "temperature inversion refraction" theory. As in the last presidential campaign, it is unlikely that any candidate will take a stand on this subject—at least not before the votes are counted.

Then there will be the repercussions to the recent Air Force pronouncement that flying saucers, in all probability, do not exist. Exist, that is, except for the "saucer-shaped" aircraft the Air Force hope to have flying for them someday. We wonder if Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles is familiar with the proverb: "Imitation is the sincerest of flattery" (—C. C. Colton, "Lacon").

Yes, 1956 shall be an interesting year; truly a year of expectations. We will all be a part of it. It is imperative that we all—with a sceptical but open mind—evaluate everything that comes to our attention.

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them."
—Revelation, 12:12.

FLYING SAUCERS IN THE BIBLE

By ROSE HACKETT

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Some months ago we learned that Rose Hackett was in the process of "trying to state the case for FLYING SAUCERS IN THE BIBLE in a forthcoming book." We asked her for an article on this phase of UFO research. She kindly consented with the following article and stating: "It is written by one who reads and believes the ample testimony of some three dozen books on saucers: that saucers are real, that their power is natural power, that their riders are real people, and that they are visiting earth from outer space for a very real purpose.")

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THE BIBLE IS FULL OF SAUCERS. In the beginning pages is an account of visitors from outer space, albeit men considerably less discreet than most of today's space visitors! Messengers from the "heaved up" regions of the universe often communicated face to face with earth dwellers. With documentary exactness as to dates, persons, places, witnesses, the Bible records hundreds of incidents wherein messages from God were received by dreams, trance, automatic writing, visions, ESP. Moreover, prophecies were duly followed by events, including the continuing events of fulfilment in this day and age.

The Bible tells that God used energy with love and purpose to manifest in material forms. Long before today's excitement over earth satellites, flying saucers, and visitors from other planets, the Creator used His invisible power to make visible creation, with orderly consistency throughout.

In these latter days man has once again been thinking some of God's thoughts after Him and has learned how to reverse the creative process and turn a bit of matter back into nuclear energy, while pushing back the frontiers of knowledge.

HISTORY PROVES THE BIBLE STORY. The record of nations follow prophecy. Today's Anno Domino calendar confirms Bible truth. So does archeology and every true science that has not been misinterpreted or perverted for evil purposes.

Men themselves prove the Bible is true, for those who actually live by Bible precepts (and not necessarily by church dogma) provide dramatic proof of its truth: their motives and habits are converted with convincing realism.

Christ's advent to earth from distant realms a few centuries ago was foretold years before he demonstrated in a physical earth body how to overcome fear, disease, gravity and death. He demonstrated the mystical "mat and demat" too, although then as now (by some queer twist of logic) most of those who saw these demonstrations with their own eyes refused to believe they were GOOD, — accusing Jesus of using some satanic power; so they rejected him and his way, putting him to death rather than change their own systems of living—and of making a living! (Alas, the Pharisees of 1955 are no different.)

Christ came from perfected regions above to rescue suffering men of earth from perverted, disobedient use of universal power. He came to show them their rights as ever-living sons of God. He was specifically sent down to liberate men from want and fear, from bondage to arbitrary force and hatred.

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Without in the least overthrowing man's inviolate right to free choice, he taught how to choose and use the readily available powers for GOOD and not for evil.

CHRIST WAS RECEIVED UP FROM EARTH in some kind of UFO. Witnesses were advised that he would come back someday the same way: in the air, on the clouds, visible to the natural eye. Isaiah said long ago that "the Lord will come with his chariots like a whirlwind." The Scriptures promise an earth government where willing and happy people shall, under God, do his will "on earth as it is in heaven." This grand consummation is the good news theme of chapter after chapter describing earth's restoration in plain language.

The fervent "Even so, come" that closes the Bible is a prayer echoed by thousands of folks who have learned that the Bible is true. They are not surprised over present day accounts of signs and wonders in the sky, for they have been expecting such things for lo, these many years.

Ezekiel's living creatures riding "wheels in the middle of a wheel" were certainly space creatures. Enoch and Elijah were taken up to heavenly places without first suffering death. Jacob saw heavenly messengers ascending and descending from heavenly places. Christ spoke matter-of-factly to his disciples when he told them he was going to prepare places for them in the heavens, where God has many mansions.

Careful study of the original root meanings and Bible connotations of such words as angels, chariot, cloud, wind, spirit, transfigured, heaven, glory, worlds, stars, and others, soon convinces the open-minded student that the Bible is talking about reality in progressive events,—not about legends merely.

SCIENCE IS NOW APPLYING some of the laws of the universe that are revealed in the Bible. One of the most encouraging turns of late is the definite trend to use of atomic power for peaceful, constructive purposes, for GOOD instead of EVIL.

Electronic experts have already indicated that human bodies may be transformed into waves and thus teleported elsewhere to be turned back into material bodies again.

Electromagnetic studies are getting at the whole truth of levitation, etc. Astronomers are seeking out the full truth regarding man-made canals and the like on sister planets. Para-psychologists are using trance hypnotism to change innate character, heal sick minds, and operate painlessly on the body.

All these things are straws in the wind that herald the New Age, or dispensation,—indications that God's power is being used for good purposes here and there, bringing to pass at long last the "utter salvation" that was promised to the earth and its inhabitants, the lost sheep of the universe.

THE GREAT DAY WILL COME when evil use of power will be completely overcome by good use of it. It is beginning to dawn on men that they may be the ones Christ meant when he said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you: he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father."

INTERPLANETARY VISITOR COMMUNICATIONS

By J O H N O T T O

THE MINDS OF MEN REACT rather unusually at times and the physical counterpart of this reaction takes interesting leaps. The "how-where-and-why" of these astounding leaps are not entirely known, but it was such a leap that must have spurred Archimedes about seventeen centuries ago to his mathematical calculus and his geometry that was rejected as a means of solving the problems of that era. The results of Archimedes' discoveries were a long time being recognized and, in resulting centuries, most of mankind has completely overlooked the fact that "calculus" and what we call "simple geometry" were past established discoveries. It took some learned gentlemen of our recent era to "discover" these facets of knowledge and in our acceptance of these learned gentlemen, we have accepted their discovery as the first attempt with success!

So it goes with the "ice breaking" mental and physical leaps that are being accomplished in "Saucer" or "Interplanetary" research. There will be many that scoff at the "celler" or "attack" or "teapot" chemist. From the puniest attempts from seemingly unskilled men and boys, a vast army of folk are delving into the phenomena of Spacecraft and related lore. Please be reminded that Archimedes and the efforts of many other recognized authorities had much less to work with than even the lowliest of "saucer researchers."

It is just such a leap in mental effort that has spurred communications efforts with relationship to the interplanetary arguments that are raging today. Without claiming "firsts" in any effort, for we find wherever we turn there is nothing new under the Sun; nevertheless, it was just after the sighting of a large (several thousand foot) cigar-shaped ship near Needles, California several years ago that spurred this writer into thinking of a radical new means of a communication attempt. Feeling rather stupid after shining a flashlight skyward while snuggled into a bedroll on the desert that night, the idea of Lite-Beam communication was born for interplanetary spacecraft use.

The readers of this bulletin are well aware of the attempts and the limited success that has been acquired through this writer's efforts. As has been stated in previous articles, there have been many attempts in the same or similar endeavors and radio frequencies have also been experimented with as a means of establishing mechanical communication with the elusive "visitors." It is the attempts with radio broadcasts that this article deals primarily with this time.



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-Photo by
Max B. Miller

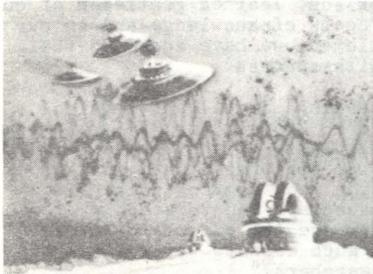
1954-55 WERE BUSY YEARS FOR THIS WRITER. I have appeared on a great number of public broadcasts of both TV and radio: some on interview and others and my own program. In November of 1954, I was appearing on Johnny Desmond's Saturday TV show

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and delivering "FLYING SAUCER REPORT"—an approximate 15 minute segment of Desmond's two hour show. Factual evaluations of past events and late news in "saucer" research. It was just after one of these shows that a prominent disc-jockey, Jim Mills (a free-lance artist working with several mid-western stations) called me and requested that I set up with him a specific broadcast to outer space and request that any "Saucer" pilots listening in should accept this means of arranging a landing at a suburban Chicago airport!

Realizing the many and various difficulties of such a landing, I induced Jim to revamp the request and deal primarily with a communications attempt as we had been experimenting in this manner for over a year and this could be a means of public knowledge of "their" existence. In short—first things first.



OSCILLOGRAPHED WAVE FORM of the "Space Message" received November 28th over radio station WGN of Chicago. This is a negative print from introduction to John Otto's Flying Saucer TV show.

No one knew of the broadcast date nor what was about to take place. Just prior to the broadcast time, approximately 5 minutes, I made a number of calls to local friends to be sure and tape record the broadcast as there was to be an interesting saucer program on WGN, 720 Kilocycle frequency, still not relaying the exact nature of the broadcast.

WE HAD A FIFTEEN SECOND listening period following the "Message to Outer Space" and during this silence period (720 KC. carrier still on but broadcast program silenced) an astounding high-speed coded message came in on the specified 15 second period to the second! This code has been played over the air and at my lectures. Many attempts have been made to "read" an intelligent message from it and, of course, first to establish its authenticity. This is a complete story in itself and some intriguing discoveries have been made to date. There will be a complete review of this and other data received at a later date.

Many requests have been made of me to attempt similar communications, but with the usual "hunch," the time has never seemed to be opportune. With few exceptions—such as an attempt on my TV program in Chicago—I have declined to assist others in this attempt again. Almost a year (within a month) later this same effort was made in the city of Los Angeles over radio station KFI.

ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES after a strenuous radio-TV-personal-engagement tour of Salt Lake, San Francisco and the Bay region, Max Miller discussed the possibilities of me at least going on the air while in the vicinity. Arranging with several TV and radio stations for a guest appearance (newspaper coverage was limited and extremely reserved), I had the good opportunity to meet with two of the finest free thinkers in the broadcast field.

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One, Gordon Sturgill of FM broadcast fame and the other, Ben Hunter of KFI (NBC), Los Angeles, California. From the FM station atop Flint Peak in Glendale, Gordon Sturgill and I discussed the saucer topic by telephone with Ben Hunter at which time it was requested, and I agreed, to come into the KFI station on the morning of Friday, October 28th (1 to 5:30 AM).

Lecturing date being on the very same night, I had accepted in the feeling that I would be on Ben Hunter's program for a short visit and get out of the studio by at least two o'clock and acquire some much needed sleep.

At the studio, I found Ben Hunter announcing my arrival and the expectancy of some noted physicists was mentioned; at least these men were to have called in and we were to have a broadcasted telephone conversation between us on the various facets of "saucers." I looked forward to the whole evening as one of extremely important significance, especially since the press had headlined denials by Air Force Secretary Quarles as to the existence of any vehicle and occupant that could have originated upon another planet. (Along with many other denials appearing as contradictory as any ever read in history.)

THE EARLY MORNING HOURS were filled with a Lite-Beam demonstration of communications. I transmitted a few words from outside Ben Hunter's sound-proofed studio and the receiver was coupled to the 'mike' and was, in turn, relayed out over the KFI transmitter. Being on radio, Hunter had to explain in some detail the mechanics of the event and in doing so he called in his audio engineer to discuss the equipment and general interplanetary uses for which it was used.

Discussion of the topic of saucers ranged then into many and varied evaluations. The reasons why we had developed communications devices other than those that were available, the validity as each and everyone of us considered the "saucers" to be, and even to point blank questions as to the possibilities of hoaxers and dreamers entering the field that could cause disbelief of even the valid facts pertaining to the research.

It is here that it was established that mechanical communications is one of the best means of clearing up the many problems so inherent in "saucer" research. Instead of millions of people demanding a meeting with the "visitors," authentic mechanical communications with them could and would have a profound meaning upon all people.



JOHN OTTO DEMONSTRATING Lite-Beam principle to Ben Hunter, newly elected "Honorary Mayor of Hollywood," who has the 1 to 5:30 A.M. "Night-Owl" program over KFI (NBC), Los Angeles.-Photo by G. S. Collings

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At about 1:30 A.M. on the 28th, Ben Hunter said: "Mr. Otto, as you may know and as many of you listening out there do assuredly know, I have many times said that if there were any 'visitors' travelling around out in space in 'saucers' and could hear my plea, to come on in and talk over the transmitter to me and the listening audience. To date, though, our friends haven't obliged."

It was at this point that I reached, inadvertently, into my pocket and pulled out the exact script we had used on the WGN broadcast. (I don't usually carry this with me and am unable to account for its presence.) I replied that if he was sincere and would like to attempt an experiment, we would read this script over the air at 2:00 A.M. sharp and that any Spacecraft monitoring the program should stand by for a message to them for, at 2:15 sharp, there would be a 15 second listening period of active, yet silent carrier on KFI for the saucer intelligences to reply on.

I asked the audience to hook up any recorders they may have available as the "Vis" may not come in on the KFI carrier but might feed into specific sets. The "Vis" carrier power has been known to "blow" transmitters, to which Ben jokingly stated: "Folks, if we suddenly go off the air—dead silence—you will know what has happened. The boys will have accidentally blown out our transmitter."

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE READ OVER KFI on the memorable morning of October 28th/1955 (almost a year to the day that my first attempt had been made over WGN):

"OUTER SPACE INHABITANTS—THIS IS JOHN OTTO, BEN HUNTER AND GORDON STURGILL IN THE STUDIOS OF KFI, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. WE INVITE YOU AND THOSE IN FLYING DISKS, LISTENING TO THIS PROGRAM—AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ENGLISH—TO STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF EARTH. WE DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU IF THIS IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF YOUR CURRENT OPERATIONAL PLANS. OUR SINCERITY, COUPLED WITH YOUR COOPERATION, WE FEEL SURE WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE FOR WE, THE PEOPLE OF EARTH.

"WE EARNESTLY DESIRE TO JOIN HANDS, NOW, TO SUCH A RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL BENEFIT MANKIND THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE PLANET. THEREFORE, AT EXACTLY 2:15 A.M. CALIFORNIA EARTH TIME, WE WILL HOLD A 15 SECOND PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR YOU TO CUT IN AND SPEAK TO US THROUGH THE KFI TRANSMITTER...GIVING LANDING INSTRUCTIONS IF POSSIBLE. NOW EARTH LISTENERS PLEASE, IF POSSIBLE, MAINTAIN COMPLETE SILENCE AND REPORT ANYTHING YOU SEE OR HEAR DURING THIS LISTENING PERIOD. CALL OR WRITE US HERE AT KFI, HOLLYWOOD—'THE BEN HUNTER SHOW.'"

The affect of this striking and memorable effort will live long in the memories of those who were listening in to the Ben Hunter show that morning! In all my saucer research efforts, with all the excitement that has prevailed at different times, I personally will never forget that hectic morning!

The telephones at KFI were on a rampage. The switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree. People were calling from far into Northern California and the Pacific North-West, east as far as Arizona and New Mexico. Many tape recordings were being reported of the many and various returns of an extra-terrestrial answer to our request!

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THE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR was befuddled. Desperately he called to us in the studio to come out and assist in sorting the reports and accepting the telephone numbers and the data that was being relayed by an excited and interested listening



BEN HUNTER and John Otto at KFI studio
-Photo by G. S. Collings.

audience! Almost without exception the callers were introducing themselves as the type that never called any type of program and, furthermore, they had always considered the "Saucer" topic too ridiculous to even think about—pure nonsense as far as they were concerned. And yet, the radio reception of that morning, as an answer to our request of a space message reply, was so dramatic and convincing that they were compelled to call and report to us what they had heard or recorded.

Any statements by any earthly power as to the fictional hallucinations of mankind in referring to interplanetary visitors, whether aboard "saucers," "cigars," or just plain walking our streets, is forever dispelled with this epochal morning over KFI! True, not everyone heard the message returns, but it was significant to those who did not, for they heard the people call in and the station's rebroadcasting of same right over the air. The excited statements of comment—the earnest business-man who threw caution to the winds in stating his place of business and then relaying the data he had heard—all made for an exciting and unforgettable experience.

BEN HUNTER WAS MAINTAINING his equilibrium very nicely throughout the melee, although anyone watching him could not suppress enthusiasm. After all, here was Ben: a reporter of events, a champion of doubting folk; the man in the middle. In the best incredulous and suspicious manner he could muster. He would question the callers as to their particular personality, name and address, occupation, and whether the caller was a regular listener. He tried to establish whether the callers were fakes and generally trying to stir up a faked return. Questioned as to why these regular listeners had not called on other controversial subjects, they would say that they never felt that they had anything to offer but in this case they felt the sincerity of the effort and what they had heard should be reported immediately. Urgency was the key note of the morning as over the 'mke' I pleaded with Ben that I had to break away and get some shut-eye as my lecture was that night.

I was thoroughly pleased with the returns and the ego of any earthling is satisfied when an honest attempt to anything as epochal as Interplanetary knowledge is carried through to a successful phase.

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The real importance to this attempt can best be evaluated at a later date when all reports are cleared and the facts sifted for possible gems of knowledge that many of us are assured will be contained therein.

I repeat again—puny as our attempts may appear to some, the subject of Interplanetary research, most particularly that which is designated as "saucers," IS a real and tangible work. A work that is just as valid as the lab that is developing the latest jet airliner or the University that is working with a substantial financial grant in an effort to eliminate disease in our society.

RECOGNITION IN THIS FIELD has been slow and may continue to be slow. The public is ready but the powers that be are not, and until the day that they are, we will have to thank God for such men as Ben Hunter and Gordon Sturgill as, without their assistance, this milestone in communications extra-terrestrialis would not have been made on October 28th. Let us not forget, also, Jim Mills of Chicago and the two fine girls that assisted us in acquiring the coded material of a year ago.

It was originally intended that we would relay to you some of the data received of the return message material. Please bear with us on this score until the material we have is thoroughly evaluated. Your patience is appreciated.

SIGNALS FROM JUPITER?

SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1954, radio noises, or "signals," have emanated from the planet Jupiter—reported Drs. B. F. Burke and K. L. Franklin of the Carnegie Institute of Washington at the 92nd meeting of the American Astronomical Society at Princeton, N. J., last April.

The noises were detected on 13.5 meters (22 megacycles), although simultaneous bursts have been "detected at 10 meters using a simple antenna." They are not detectable at or below 7.8 meters. During nine out of the 30 transits over the Institute's radio telescope antenna at Seneca, Maryland in early 1955, "very intense, irregular bursts were observed."

Although the nation's major news services declared the noises were "believed" to originate from gigantic electrical storms on the distant sphere, the June 1955 issue of "Sky and Telescope" (American Astronomers Report, p. 324) significantly reported:

"No satisfactory explanation of the radio noise from the largest planet has been advanced. Electrical discharges in the planet's atmosphere, producing radio 'static' as terrestrial lightning does, would have to be on an enormously greater scale than on earth to account for the observed intensity of the radio noise."

At the Jodrell Bank (England) Symposium on Radio Astronomy (August/1955), it was reported that Australian radio-astronomers confirmed the existence of the noises from Jupiter and stated the signals were restricted to times when one of the "spots" on the 12-mooned planet faced the Earth. Bart J. Bok, in the Nov. 1955 "Sky and Telescope" (p. 27), reports the signals from the Jovian planet are "at least a billion times as strong as radiation from lightning in terrestrial thunderstorms."

M I S C E L L A N Y

REGARDING THE AIR FORCE'S recent intimation that "flying saucers exist only in people's imagination," the highly-circulated, conservative and influential Los Angeles Times (Editorial: "Air Force Sees No Flying Saucers"—Nov. 5, 1955) summed the situation up rather adequately. We quote in part:

"The Air Force has now solemnly pronounced that there are no such things as flying saucers...but for some of those with stars—and saucers—in their eyes, the Air Force declaration may be a little hard to take. In all probability they will reject the Air Force contention entirely and will go right on seeing flying saucers whenever conditions are propitious . . . No dry, factual explanations from Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles...are going to convince saucer enthusiasts that they have been deluded by either their eyes or imagination. The fact that the Air Force worked eight years on its Project Blue Book dealing with saucer sightings is not likely to impress them, either. They have seen, and they know. Flying Saucers to them have taken away the restrictions and strait jackets of a humdrum world; the infinitesimally puny mind of man with all his official pronouncements will not restore these bonds . . . Nor are the saucer-seers going to be dismayed by the announcement that aircraft are being designed which will resemble flying saucers. They have been privileged to see the real thing, long before they got on any terrestrial drawing boards."

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DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND who shares your interest in flying saucers? Or do you know someone whom you would like to interest in the subject? If you do, may we recommend your giving this friend (or friends) a Christmas gift subscription to SAUCERS? There can be no better time than during the Holiday Season. And to appropriate this occasion, the following special rates apply to 4 issue (approximately one year) gift subscriptions: first subscription, \$1.00; second, 90¢; third, 80¢; and each additional subscription, 80¢.

An attractive parchment Christmas card will be sent to the recipient of the gift subscription with the donor's name printed inside. The card shall be sent so that it will reach its destination at the closest possible date to Christmas. If the donor would like "Do Not Open Until Christmas" written on the envelope, we shall be happy to comply. Please indicate whether you want the subscription to begin with the current or next issue of SAUCERS.

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ATTENTION FLYING SAUCER GROUPS: If the response warrants it, we plan to include a list of regularly scheduled flying saucer (club, or otherwise) meetings in the next issue of SAUCERS. Although we do not yet know just how much will be included, we need the following information: Name of group; president, chairman or secretary; mailing address; phone number; admission price (or state if donation); place where the meetings are held; time, and frequency of meetings (i.e., every Wednesday, or first and third Friday of month, or second Thursday, etc.). Tentative deadline for this information—for the next issue of SAUCERS—February 1st.

WANTED: Recent or long-ago UFO sightings for possible inclusion in the "UFO NEWS" section of a future issue of SAUCERS. As much information as possible should be given with the reports (SAUCERS: "UFO News," June 1955; "Questions & Answers," pp. 10-11, December 1954). Please advise if we may use your name, initials, or withhold altogether with your sighting report. Thank you.

CONTACT WITH A FLYING SAUCER:

THE NAMES RELEASED!

By RAY STANFORD

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1954, I contacted a Flying Saucer (space craft) on the south end of Padre Island, Texas. The contact was witnessed by ten others besides myself. The witnesses include a constable, a deputy constable, and a state highway patrolman. (See: SAUCERS, March 1955.)

Since then I have faced both believers and disbelievers. Whenever you face disbelief, there are always questions. (I am glad that people are not gullible, and therefore feel that if anyone feels enough evidence has not been offered, they should indeed ask for more.) The most prevalent questions of disbelief have been these: "Does it not seem a bit strange that most of them were wearing those long conspicuous overcoats which would attract the police to them?" and "It seems very strange that he could not name his 'star' witnesses." (Star witnesses being, of course, the three police officers.)

These were the questions of doubt; the time has come that I should answer them.

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WHY THE OVERCOATS? The only coat that I took to Brownsville was my suit coat. I certainly had not planned to go to Padre Island that night and, therefore, was not prepared. (Believe it or not: It gets cold even in South Texas!) As the time drew near for us to leave for the island, I asked John McCoy if he had an extra coat that I might wear. He said he had brought only one jacket along.

When the entire group was back at Charre Courts, I found that several were without jackets. When David Filler heard this he said he had the remedy. He opened the trunk of his car and withdrew a number of overcoats. At the time there was no reason for me to ask him why so many of the coats were in his car, and I therefore do not know why they were there. I suspect, however, that they had been used on some sort of a painting project, as I observed that the one I was wearing was splattered with paint. (I do not feel it is of much importance anyway.)

What about the names of the constable, the deputy constable, and state highway patrolman?

As was stated in my previous article, the constable told us that he would swear an affidavit stating that they saw the object and that it was intelligently controlled and of extra-terrestrial origin, if we ever really needed such an affidavit. He also asked us not to use his name in connection with it unless it was completely necessary. (A good many people, as you know, feel that way; they just do not care to have the public know that such things happen. There are, of course, various reasons for this.)

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THE NAMES RELEASED

WHEN I FIRST DECIDED TO RELEASE the story to Flying Saucers International for publication, I thought that I would release the three officers' names, but as I remembered that they had asked us not to do so, I hesitated. After discussing it with several others we concluded that if we released the names we might be sued for invasion of personal privacy, so, the names were withheld from publication. (Furthermore, at that time, I did not even have the names, but I knew I could get them.)

After the story was out, it began to get to us that there was some controversy because the names were not released. Desmond Leslie, co-author of Flying Saucers Have Landed, informed us that our story was somewhat difficult to believe and greatly weakened without the names.

I then decided that if I personally appeared on T.V. and told the story, it would convince some. I appeared on T.V. and there was excellent response, or, at least a somewhat good response. This, however, did not make up for my not releasing those names.

I was then informed that there was an article in a certain men's type magazine that I would be interested in. When I read this article (part of which stated that the story of the Padre contact was untrue because I had not given the names) I knew I MUST give out the names.

COMING TO THIS CONCLUSION, I am herewith giving the names of all the witnesses to the contact except that of the deputy constable, which I was not able to obtain.

The witnesses to the (November 6, 1954) contact are:

Non-officers: Ray Stanford and John McCoy of Corpus Christi, Texas; John Brand, David Piller, Jerry Lee Steele, Uvaldo Champion Jr., Robert Colberge and Jimmy Rutlege of Brownsville, Texas.

The officers: Don Hoyd (the Texas State Highway Patrolman of the Texas Department of Public Safety), Steve Woods (the constable) and the unnamed deputy constable.

SINCE THIS FIRST CONTACT, I have had another experience with ships from other worlds, but I feel that since this was a personal experience there is little reason why I should relate it, at least presently.

In the past month hundreds in this city of Corpus Christi alone have seen these ships from other worlds in our skies. We may be in for another big survey. Both Mars and Venus will make near sweeps to this planet in the coming year of 1956.

All that is required for you to see the ships of other worlds is that you watch the skies—who is to say what you might see in this coming year?

The world is now approaching the cross-roads. Will we keep going as we have been or will we turn to the truth and to the light? The answer is entirely up to us—our brothers of other worlds are now doing all they can to help. Let us now help ourselves!

"SONIC BLASTS" OR—?

AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER of quite noticeable so-called "sonic blasts" have been brought to the public's attention of late. Two similarities are prominent in all instances: a noise heard and a concussion felt.

Of the latest series, the first one occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area at 7:24 P.M. on September 29th, 1955. This one resulted in "two monumental traffic jams and a near panic in the Sunset district" (—Associated Press). As no other explanation was available, jet aircraft were immediately laid to blame. There were three jets in the air at the time from Moffett Field, but "authorities at the field said they doubted if the planes...were capable of breaking the sonic barrier, or whether they were even over San Francisco at the time" (—A.P.). The following day, a United Press dispatch stated: "Police decided today that a jet plane breaking the sonic barrier was responsible for causing a thunderous explosion that rocked San Francisco at the dinner hour last night."

THE SECOND OF THIS SERIES was felt in the West Los Angeles area at approximately 12:54 P.M. the day after, on September 30th. The "blast" was felt by this writer and was one of—if not the—strongest that I have ever felt. A friend living near the Bel Air district, about seven miles away, reported that he felt it, apparently, with equal severity.

Again, for lack of a better solution, it was written off as "apparently another sonic blast from a jet plane" (—Los Angeles Examiner). (Note the significant word, "apparently.")

The third and final incident in this series (as of this writing) was again centered in the Bay Area. This time, October 7th—

"A mysterious blast like the one that shook San Francisco eight days ago was felt in the Bay Area yesterday. The State Highway Patrol office at the Bay Bridge toll plaza reported a sharp explosion, preceded by a 'rumbling noise,' shook its windows at 9:45 a.m. The blast was felt on both sides of the Bay" (—San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 7, 1955).

At the time of the second Bay Area "blast," Hamilton Field's Filter Center reported the existence of aircraft overhead. They were not immediately identified, though the base "might find out in the future."

The cause of the shocks still remain a mystery. "Bay Area military airfields had jet planes in the air," the San Francisco Chronicle significantly reported, "but disclaimed responsibility for the shock wave just as they had in the previous blast . . . The University of California reported its seismographs showed no earthquake."

AND SO ANOTHER-ENIGMA is added to these puzzling times.

Shock blasts, however, are nothing new. In the comprehensive volume, "THE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT," the author recounts numerous such occurrences dating back as far as several centuries—long before we had such aerial contraptions as jet planes.

Fort purposefully or inadvertently (probably the former) added two other phenomena to the occurrences: observers reporting, in most cases, that the "blasts" originated from above them, and, many times, reported the shocks being preceded by strange luminous objects in the sky—sometimes in the form of a large single object (covering almost the whole sky), or a number of small objects often attributed to meteors, and at other times, just flashes in the heavens akin to lightning (Fort: pp. 391-).

HE LINKED SUCH PHENOMENA to Mars' nearest (15-17 year) oppositions.

—Max B. Miller

"THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY"

"Is there evidence of an actual conspiracy in Washington to suppress the facts concerning flying saucers?"—inquires a portion of the dust-jacket of Donald E. Keyhoe's forthcoming book, "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY." The volume is to be published December 5th (1955) by Henry Holt and Company. The price has been set at \$3.50. A coupon is printed below for the convenience of SAUCERS' readers who wish to order the publication through Flying Saucers International. The following material is continued from the dust-jacket of Major Keyhoe's book:

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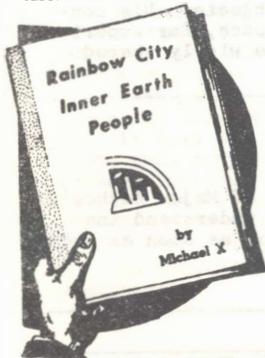
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