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MORE MIDWESTERN UFO ACTIVITY REPORTED Rick Hilberg

Many persons, including policemen, reported sighting UFOs in West-Central Illinois and Northwest Kansas early in the morning on March 9. One observer in Illinois reported he watched an object which made a hissing sound. A Goodland, Kansas policeman reported seeing an object brilliantly white on the front, with red and amber lights on the sides, roaring like a huge vacuum cleaner.

UFOs were sighted in Rawlins, Cheyenne, Wallace, Thomas and Sherman counties in Illinois. Frank Courson, a Knox County deputy sheriff who said he had been on the force 19 years and had been a pilot for three years said he watched an object, which he said was later joined by a second UFO for more than an hour over Galesburg, Illinois.

He said the object was "bluish white and pulsating red." It had a "rim that looked like it was about five feet thick" at the bottom of what looked like "an upside-down bowl." He said the UFO appeared to be about 35 feet in diameter and at an altitude of 2000 feet. The object emitted a hissing sound, said Courson, and at one point in the distance he saw the object release "a white beam of light that hit the ground with a kind of flash."

Later that afternoon two UFOs were spotted near Moline, Illinois by a local policeman. William Fisher said he spotted a UFO while patrolling on his motorcycle. He said the object, about the size of a boxcar, hovered for four or five minutes some 3000 feet above the ground. A second object appeared while he was watching, then both sped out of sight.

The objects also reportedly were sighted by a number of other persons, including a woman, two nuns and about forty students at the Sacred Heart Elementary School.

Fisher said he photographed the objects, using color motion picture film. He said the film was sent promptly to a lab for processing. As yet no word has been received as to whether the movies Fisher took have turned out or not. If some image is recorded on the film, UFO MAGAZINE will try to obtain a copy.

Another interesting, if somewhat older report, comes from Goddard, Kansas where Wes Herbert sighted some strange lights west of Goddard a few hours before dawn on February 9. Shortly before they disappeared, he said, a bolt of light flashed out and appeared to hit the ground north of him. This detail is strikingly similar to the flashing light reported by Frank Courson a month later in Illinois. In Herbert's report, however, the bolt of light caused a house to start on fire, and a fire truck to be summoned to put out the fire in the abandoned house.

Herbert noticed the lights while he was working at the 24-hour service station-cafe on U.S. 54. After he had noticed the lights in the sky west of him he pointed them out to a customer. "This lady customer saw it and called the McConnell Air Force Base (at Wichita)," Herbert said. "She told them about it and asked what it was. They said they would check on it and she left.

"We came up with nothing," said a McConnell spokesman. "We got the report but could get no visual or electronic indication from here of anything out there." No planes were in the vicinity which could be called by radio to see if they could run a visual check on the object. Herbert reported the lights were pinkish-yellow, changing to red, blue and blinding white.

Editorial:

We are always glad to hear of serious attempts being made to scientifically find out just what the elusive disks are, for we feel that far too little has been done in the twenty-year history of Ufology. Just recently we received some 2x2 slides from the Flying Saucer Investigating Committee of Akron, Ohio which are grids designed to break-down light into a spectrum. The accompanying instructions state: "All light, unless it is a pure color of one wavelength, is made up of a combination of several colors (wavelengths) dependent upon the type of atoms and their energy level within the light source. Thus; natural or incandescent white light will contain, when broken down into a color spectrum, all the visible colors from red to violet in a rainbowlike band. Light given off by a single energized chemical substance, e.g. sodium will have a yellow line, hydrogen red and blue, copper green, etc. depending again on the make-up of the source.... Applying the above knowledge to the subject of UFOs we (FSIC) hope to go beyond conventional investigating to the point of statistically analyzing many observations of UFO light spectra. This will be done by widely distributing pieces of defraction grating which can be quickly reached.... With knowledge of UFO color spectra it is possible to identify them as marsh gas, plasma cloud, or solid object. We may even discover that different shapes of flying saucers have different spectra thus giving us possible information on their respective propulsion systems."

FSIC reminds us that the natural color spectrum is: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, and also to remember the "rainbow man" ROY G. BIV, which is the easy way to remember the spectrum. All of the UFO MAGAZINE staff has their own defraction grid and all carry them in case a UFO is sighted. We suggest that you also obtain a grid and carry it at all times. UFO MAGAZINE has a limited number which we will distribute for 25¢ plus 5¢ (or a postage stamp) for mailing. Single slides or large numbers at a discount can be obtained from FSIC. Write to them at P.O. Box Drawer G Akron, Ohio 44305.

Now to a somewhat sour topic. Recently we received a newsletter from Allen Greenfield in Atlanta called ALLEN GREENFIELD'S SAUCERCOMMENTARY, which carried an article entitled "Con & Con Criticism: 1967 Congress is on the Way." In the article Greenfield has this to say about our January editorial: "What we seem to be dealing here with is no more no less than rank petty action. The Cleveland people are sore about the Congress being moved, and they are sore about the (well deserved) criticisms made of their own inept handling of the Congress for three years. There is also a difference of philosophy. But their weak voice will hardly effect the outcome of the convention. This is big-time stuff. But the editorialist (and those who agree with him) are being true to form, really, with their small-time thinking."

To answer: Now Mr. Greenfield, we really don't think we are "small-time" thinkers as you accuse. We don't think the well-being of Ufology is small-time, nor do we think sticking to our ideals is small-time either. We are not against the 1967 Congress, on the contrary, we have supported it and we will continue to support it. We happen to have a personal stake in the Congress as you do, for editor Hilberg is one of the founders of the current Congress organization.

In all honesty we can't see where you call the last three Congresses ineptly run. There were shortcomings, however, that is admitted and has always been admitted. Then too, you know well that the 1964 and 1965 Congress sessions were a virtual one-man affair with Hilberg doing most of the organization and paying for most of the expenses. Does that seem like he is uninterested in the Congress? At the same time, how can you call the 1966 Congress ineptly run? All went smoothly and according to plans which were drawn up months ahead. Quite a few luxuries were provided delegates: banquets, swimming, golf, a hospitality suite open twenty-four hours a day equipped with color tv, motor transportation for delegates around Cleveland, booths set up at
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the open session for delegates to sell material equipped with bulletin boards with the delegate's name lettered on top. Is that inept organization Mr. Greenfield? And speaking of the open session, we seem to remember that you refused to come until it was almost over because of "criticisms" on your part. Looking at this incident one might say it was petty action on your part. What's the matter Mr. G., don't we also have the right to criticize or are individuals like yourself setting up a "monolithic sphere of influence" which violates the Code of Ethics adopted at the 1965 Congress? We might also add that editor Hilberg is about to leave for a trip to New York to come up to date on Congress plans, and to see what he can do to better help the 1967 Congress.

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The Unanswered Question

by Karl Gawell

Reports of UFO sightings have been pouring into the various groups around the country and the government since the post war years. The objects land, come down within a few feet of cars, and hover over areas for extended periods of time in an increasing number of cases. Reports from reliable witnesses have come in of beings or humanoid figures near the crafts and general interest in "flying saucers" has increased a hundred-fold, but one question has not yet been sufficiently researched nor properly answered.

Most Ufologists believe that the first contact with UFOs came in the biblical or pre-biblical era, or at least there is a considerable amount of information supporting such an assertion; but-if so-why haven't they contacted us? If they have observed us for over two thousand years why don't they contact us? This basic and eluding question has been posed to me quite a number of times by people, and the only answer I can give is to a great extent only conjecture on my part. con't next page....

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The only way we have to look at the question is to apply it to ourselves and our experiences on earth, although there may be no basis for such applications due to the vastly different systems being compared. Using this we reverse the situation as it now stands; putting ourselves as a contacting race far behind our state. We basically follow historically in the way we would think best, but this is assuming a great similarity between our societies and morals but for the present we must allow it.

We follow the pattern they have (disregarding whether we actually would or not) and do not contact this race or intermingle with it in any form. We observe this race and attempt to understand and comprehend all systems of this race. We investigate the scientific aspects of basic sciences (biology, geology, chemistry) first to see what this race has to work with. As a second phase we analyze the psychological, sociological, and psychiatric aspects of this race, but we in no way intermingle with them for a number of reasons.

The decision not to contact or intermingle with this race is based on a number of facts seen through our history, sociology, and psychological theories. We have, ourselves, seen the harm which results when two races of different states of development mix. The lower usually becomes a slave factor or a dependent on the higher, and the higher demolishes any hope of the lower race. The jump of the lower state also leave most people, who found it hard enough to advance and accept life, without hope or incentive for a future. We see through these reasons and a multitude of technicalities and unseen faults the danger of contact, so we wait

We watch this race lightly to make sure they do not interfere with us and to maintain a check on any unseen dangers. We see they go into a scientific snowball, like to one which hits us after the Second World War. Overnight their scientific knowledge increases a hundredfold and philosophical thought advances without restraint. The people become much more capable of understanding and living in a peaceful and generally acceptable society. The people go into a complete rebirth of understanding and thought, they no longer just live - they now question and theorize.

The people have come to a state where contact is possible without harm to our societies, or at least a greatly decreased amount of harm. We also notice that if we don't contact them they will inevitable contact us. We see this race could possibly understand our race and we could co-exist to some extent, so there is but one inevitable decision - prepare for contact. We increase our surveillance and safeguards to check this race which still can not fully control itself (like a child learning what everything means in life).

This is the best and only feasible explanation I can give to a question which has often perplexed me. Maybe it is correct, maybe it isn't, no one can really be sure; but to myself it has satisfied the query to a great extent, although not fully. Maybe tomorrow you'll wake up to read headlines such as, "Alien Race Contacts Earth". Someday contact will come - the aliens will be prepared for it since it is their decision, but will we?

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Due to space limitations this month we were unable to print part two of Steve Erdmann's article. Part two will appear in our April issue.
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