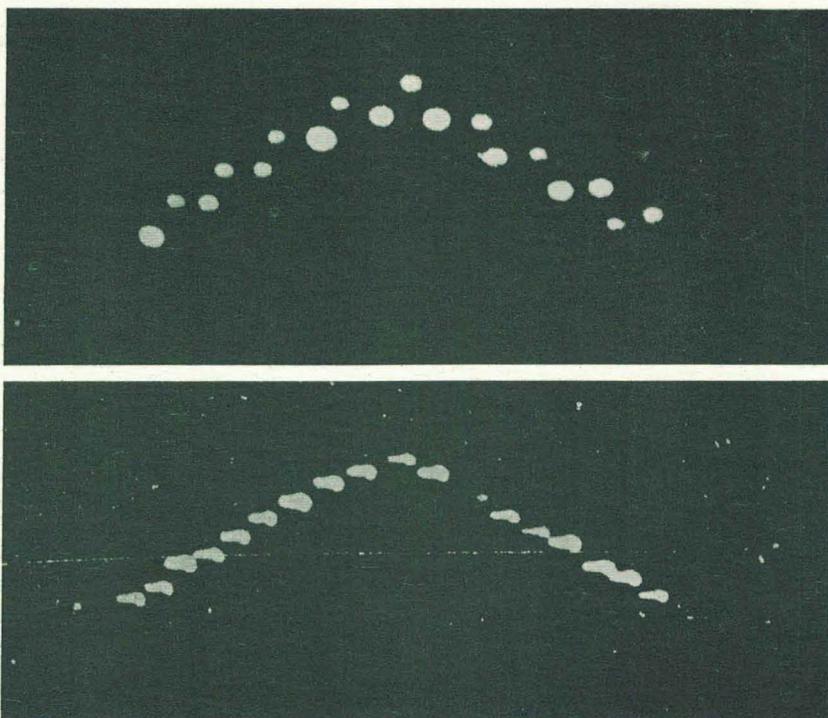


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Editorial

Once again it is time to report to you on a recent UFO Congress. In past years this was done with a bit of weary relief in the editors' bones, this year things are different because the Congress was not held in Cleveland. The weariness was due to the fact that editor Hilberg was a key factor in running the Congress sessions. However, this year he attended as only a delegate, and the only weariness he received was from staying up too late at many of the saucer "bull sessions" that invariably pop up at saucer gatherings.

This year the Congress was run by James W. Moseley of SAUCER NEWS, and the location was switched from Cleveland to New York. We must report with a great amount of awe that (we estimate) over six thousand people attended Jim's open sessions held June 23, 24 and 25. As far as we know this tops attendance figures from any other saucer convention ever held in this country. A host of speakers entertained the public ranging from the conservative John Keel to the somewhat weird "girl from Venus" that Long John Nebel brought with him to speak.

We must sadly report that the Closed sessions did not do as well as they did in Cleveland in previous years. We suppose this was due to the relative lack of interest shown in them by the New York group, who seemed to be more interested in luring the public to the open sessions. All-in-all nothing was accomplished at these closed sessions, but we do feel that the committee formed to run the 1968 Congress (Hilberg is a member) will give the closed "delegates only" sessions the importance they so strongly deserve.

We present the following clipping from the New York Daily News which clearly illustrates the unfortunate circus-like atmosphere of the '67 Congress. We understand that Jim had to resort to sensational come-ons to attract a large crowd, but the heavy atmosphere of contactees and their camp followers leave a bad taste in editor Hilberg's mouth.

By WILLIAM RICE

The Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society—Saucers for short—staged a press conference yesterday at the Hotel Commodore to publicize New York's first flying saucer convention, opening today.

Actually, Saucers Society publishes a news magazine which, in turn, is throwing the three-day Commodore bash. The magazine, its editor, James W. Moseley, admits "is a profit-seeking organization."

And it costs \$2 a head to attend the convention's lectures by the experts: Those who sell books about saucers, those who have seen saucers, and even those who have taken trips in saucers. Would you believe it?

About 35 members of the press attended the conference to hear Moseley explain that its purpose is to stimulate interest in the mysteries of outer space's visitors to our world.

There also was an interested but highly unofficial observer.

He was Joe Landman, 62, of Washington Heights, a former Israeli who claims to have seen an unidentified flying object 15 years ago in Tel Aviv.

Joe is sincere. His only know-

ledge of the convention came to him the night before via a TV night show.

Joe is a Hotel Commodore waiter.

Joe's interest perked up when Howard Menger—who claimed "20-20 eyesight and reasonably good health"—began telling about his contacts with men from outer space. Menger, it is claimed, has visited Venus.

It was here, we are sad to report, that the Saucers Society lost Joe.

His only comment was: "Noooooo!"

And he left bearing a tray of dirty cups.

Also on hand, but supposedly not invited, was Louis Abolafia, listed on the convention stationery as a "consultant." Louis is the Love Candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

A Look Back

by Karl Gawell
Associate Editor, UFO MAGAZINE

For the early men of time, their key was awareness to their surroundings: the awareness from which modern man evolves. Throughout the ages he turned skyward and was aware of the natural phenomenon, but he was also aware of the unnatural. From the dawns of history in all regions of the earth records can be found to show man also was aware of many unnatural "objects".

Early man was never truly aware of the nature of these objects, and usually held them as religious signs. The Book of Dyzan of India provides us with one such legend passed down through the ages.

"These beings lived to themselves and were revered by the human beings among who they had settled. But eventually differences arose among them and they divided their numbers, several of the men and women and some of the children settling in a different city, where they were promptly installed as rulers by the awe-stricken people.

"Separation did not bring peace to these people and finally their anger reached a point where the ruler of the original city took with him a small number of his warriors and they rose into the air in a huge shining metal vessel. While they were many leagues from the city of their enemies they launched a great shining lance that rode on a beam of light. It burst apart in the city of their enemies with a great ball of flame that shot up to the heavens-almost to the stars. All those in the city were horribly burned and even those who were not in the city, but nearby, were burned also. Those who looked upon the lance and the ball of fire were blinded forever afterward. Those who entered the city on foot became ill and died. Even the dust of the city was poisoned, as were the rivers that flowed through it. Men dared not go near it, and it gradually crumbled into dust and was forgotten by men.

"When the leader saw what he had done to his own people he retired to his palace and refused to see anyone. Then he gathered about him those of his warriors who remained, and their wives and their children, and they entered into their vessels and rose one by one into the sky and sailed away. Nor did they return."

This story, possibly of some type of colonization attempt by an alien race, is unparalleled among UFO records. Perhaps approaching it in scope is another "report" of aliens in "the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar" by the prophet Ezekiel. Again it is shown that early sightings were attributed to the spiritual and thought of as angels or dieties. The following is the St. James translation of Ezekiel's account.

"And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

"Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

"And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

"And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

"And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

"Their wings were jointed one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward....

"....Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

"The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel."

These two accounts are not the only two cases of early contacts, but due to space, I must limit my report to these two. Many of the sightings before the nineteenth century are very vague; many were "modernized" by authors of later date. Yet, many others exist which do have a fair degree of accuracy and detail. Some such sightings come from W.R. Drake in his comment:

"Agobard, Archbishop of Lyons, wrote in De Grandine et Tonitrua how in 840 AD he found the mob in Lyons lynching three men and a woman accused of landing from a cloudship from the aerial region of Magonia. The great German philologist Jacob Grimm, about 1820 described the legend of a ship from the clouds, and Montanus, an eighteenth century writer on German folklore, told of wizards flying in the clouds, who were shot down. The belief of beings from the skies who surveyed our Earth persisted in human consciousness throughout the Middle Ages."

As one enters into the nineteenth century the sightings become very numerous and well documented - mainly due to the increase in journalistic endeavors. Charles Fort recounts a letter printed in Knowledge December 28, 1883:

"Seeing so many meteorological phenomena in your excellent paper, Knowledge, I am tempted to ask for an explanation of the following, which I saw when on board the British India Company's steamer Panta, while on a voyage up the Persian Gulf. In May, 1880, on a dark night, about 11:30 PM, there suddenly appeared on each side of the ship an enormous luminous wheel, whirling around, the spokes of which seemed to brush the ship along. The spokes would be 200 or 300 yards long, and resembled the birch rods of the dames' schools. Each wheel contained about sixteen spokes, although the wheels must have been 500 or 600 yards in diameter, the spokes could be seen all the way around. The phosphorescent gleam seemed to glide along flat on the surface of the sea, no light being visible in the air above the water.

The appearance of the spokes could be almost exactly represented by standing in a boat and flashing a bull's eye lantern horizontally along the surface of the water, round and round. I may mention that the phenomenon was also seen by Captain Avern, of the Panta, and Mr. Manning, third officer.

Lee Fore Brace

P.S. The wheels advanced along with the ship for about twenty minutes-L.F.B.'"

The cases from the nineteenth century take on many shapes and types. Sir David Brewster is on record in the "Reports of the British Association" 1845-51 as having found a nail embedded in a rock from Kingoodie Quarry, in Northern Britian. The nail was easily definable, although badly oxidized. The origin of the geological formations of the region where this nail was found date back to the Paleocene Epoch-60,000,000 years ago that nail was formed.

Thus, the cases increase in number and differences. From cases of cattle being lifted by alien spacecraft to ancient legends of super-civilizations, the realm of UFO activity in the history of mankind gains in intensity and interest to modern man. These many accounts of unnatural phenomenon seem to prove that Dr. Carl Sagan was making a very basic and simple statement in saying we have been visited, most likely, in recorded history by alien civilizations. It seems that if we are being visited by aliens they are far more advanced than are generally thought to be, by at least 1,000 years.

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1947 SAUCER LANDING IN TEXAS ??????

The following account is from the Bryan (Texas) Daily Eagle of July 8, 1947, which we believe has never been published by a saucer publication.

"The mysterious case of the flying disks was still on trial today before a skeptical Texas jury. Entered as "evidence" besides "testimony" of at least 50 eyewitnesses, was the "remains" of two disks.

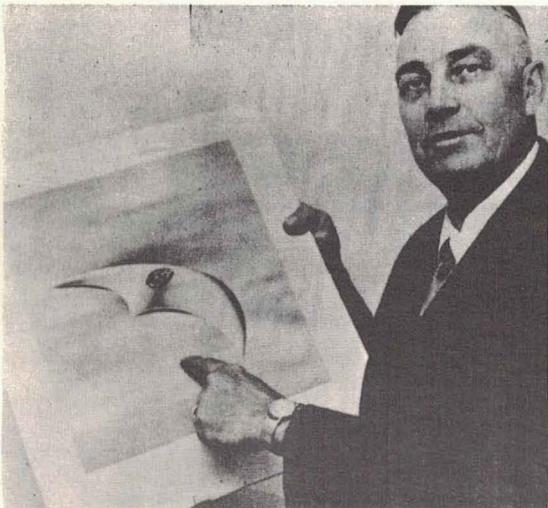
"One of the disks was reported found on a beach near Trinity Bay near Houston. It was found by Norman Hargrave, a jeweler. He said he found an aluminum disk Sunday floating near the beach. The Houston Chronicle said mystery surrounded the finding.

The paper said Hargrave first described the object minutely, even saying a message was inscribed on it indicating it had military significance. But later, Hargrave said "it was all a joke." Despite that, the Chronicle made an extensive check and stated: "There are some mysterious facts contained in Hargraves first report that lend credence to the tale." Hargrave first reported the disk was inscribed with the following information:

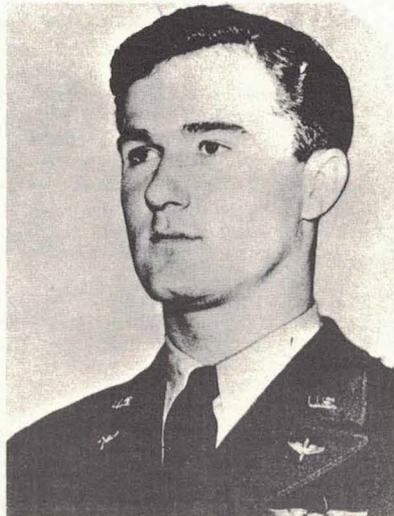
"Military secret of the United States of America, Army Air Forces M4339658. Anyone damaging or revealing description or whereabouts of this missile subject to prosecution by the U.S. Government. Call collect at once, LD 446, Army Air Forces Depot, Spokane, Wash."

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Twenty Years of Saucers: A Look Through the Camera



Kenneth Arnold, who spotted them



Captain Mantell who died chasing one in 1948



Pilot E.J. Smith describes what he saw



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Texas landings continued.....

"The Chronicle telephoned Spokane, but the commanding officer would neither confirm or deny the existence of such a missile.

"The second flying disk was reported found by Bob Scott, a farmer living two and a half miles east of Hillsboro. He said the disk fell on his place Friday. He said he was afraid people might believe he was "going to extremes in imagining things" and he told no one but his family until Sunday. Then he notified O.F. Kissick and Joe Gerick, Hillsboro, who went to the field and investigated. Meanwhile more and more Texans reported seeing the flying saucers. Over 50 Texans have reported seeing the mysterious objects during the last ten days."

We present these reports in the hope that one of our readers in Texas may have heard of them, or may decide to conduct an on the scene investigation of further newspaper files, or try to look up the witnesses.

Around and About the Saucer World by Rick Hilberg

It was early in the morning on June 24, the twentieth anniversary of the Arnold sighting, that I got up for breakfast at the Commodore Hotel in New York at the Congress. I was met in the lobby by Bob Easley saucer researcher from Defiance, Ohio who informed me that Frank Edwards had died the evening before in his home in Indiana. The shock that so filled me when I heard the tragic news still has me stunned almost a week later as I write this. It seems as if a part of myself has died, for Frank Edwards was so a part of the UFO world. In instances like these anyone so involved in the crusade to learn the truth of the saucers must stop a moment and mourn the passing of a colleague. But one must not let the death of a great researcher stop progress. For as Gray Barker said that Saturday evening at the open session of the Congress, visibly shaken by Frank's passing, when deciding to hold a minute of silence in his honor, "Frank would not want us to stop the search for truth-not one second." And so do I believe he would.

Readers please be informed that UFO MAGAZINE is now back on a quarterly printed schedule. We are happily able to do this because of the great response you, our readers, have shown to our recent publishing "comeback". Hopefully, future issues will be longer and of better quality.

I sincerely hope those serious saucer researchers reading this column will join us in Cleveland this July for our gathering. We hope to formulate concrete plans to further the quality and scope of UFO investigation in the Midwest.

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