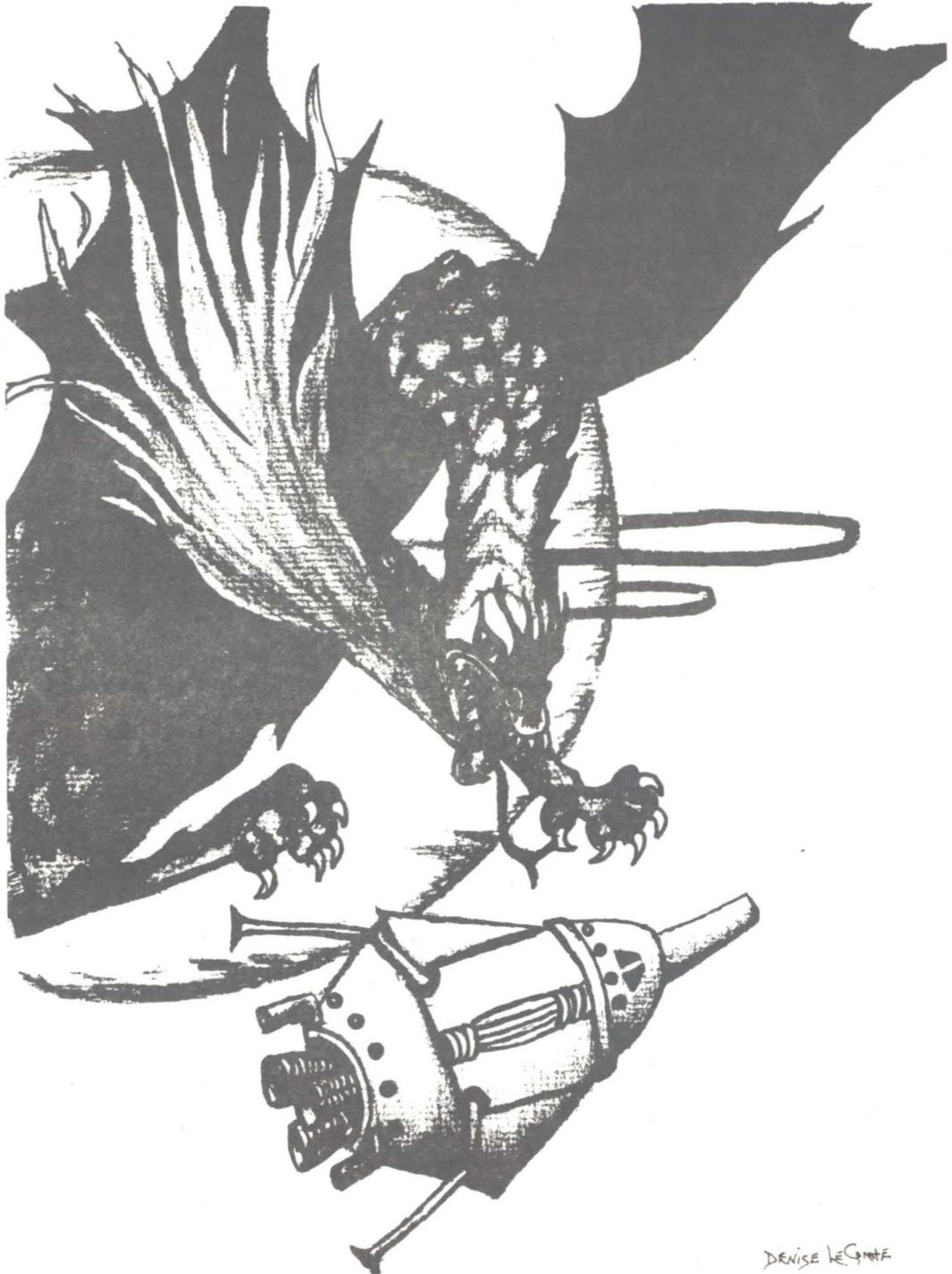


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by Robert S. Easley

Atlantis, that mysterious lost continent, is back in the news with three major books on the subject due out this spring. They are THE SECRET OF ATLANTIS by Otto Muck (Times Books, \$12.50); THE STONES OF ATLANTIS by David Zink (Prentice-Hall, \$9.50) and Edwin Ramage's ATLANTIS - FACT OR FICTION (Indiana University Press).

The "Editor's Page" in the 1 April 1978 issue of SATURDAY REVIEW deals with the question of whether or not the benefits obtained from the space program justify the money spent. Editor Norman Cousins has written a beautiful article in answering that question. His conclusion to his editorial, I think, will be of interest to all. He states "It is asked, then, what it is we get in return for our probes in space, the answer is that we get a chance to develop a proper appreciation for our station in the universe. It is also quite possible that such ventures might bring the world's peoples a little closer to one another. Americans can congratulate themselves that they are in a position to take giant steps beyond their planet - not just for themselves but for the astonishingly varied, gifted, frail and vulnerable species of which they are a part."

A rural Henry County, Ohio woman recently reported a UFO sighting to the Sheriff's Department from her bed in the Heller Memorial Hospital. According to the report, the lady suffered a heart attack immediately following the sighting. The object was described as being reddish-brown in color, soundless, with an elongated bullet shape. Two large spotlights were on the base of the object and two rows of blue and green lights were also visible. We are attempting to get further information on this report.

A strange object with red and white flashing lights was reported hovering above the Perry Monument on South Bass Island in Lake Erie, near Fremont, Ohio on 3 January 1978. A Coastguardsman from the Marblehead Coast Guard Station viewed the object with his naked eyes and through binoculars. The Federal Aviation Administration's Oberlin air traffic control tower reported that there were no airplanes in the area at the time of the sighting.

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On 1 March 1978 some thirty reports of UFO activity over Pittsburgh were received by the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Among the witnesses was Paul Oles, program director for the Buhl Planetarium, who reported seeing a stationary bright light in the sky. Robert Cowell, the UFO group's director, while still investigating the sightings, has stated that "it appears that something very large, low and bright" did appear in the sky between 10:15 and 11:00 P.M.

A huge cigar-shaped machine was reported seen by two company directors when the twenty foot long object crossed their path one hundred yards ahead of their car. According to Mr. Elvert Dyer, "it was flying so low it would have taken the top off a double decker bus. It had no wings, tail fins, cockpit or any protrusions. I do not know how it was flying at all."

The sighting occurred in the "Welsh Triangle", an area bordered by Broad Haven, Swansea and Mid-Wales, Wales, where over fifty sightings have recently been reported. The British UFO Research Association is investigating.

Sarasota County, Florida has been plagued in recent months by reports of a Bigfoot creature running around in the Everglades. An entire Greyhound Bus load of passengers reported seeing the creature, along with local construction crews. The creature has been placed on the endangered species list, and a bill has been placed in the Florida legislature to ban the hunting, trapping or harassing of Bigfoot. The U. S. Corps of Engineers, which supervises the canals and waterways in the area, has put out a memo to its people advising them of what measures to take if they encounter Bigfoot during their work.

Rumor has it that Universal's six to eight hour mini-series for ABC, "Galactica", is a rip-off of "Star Wars". The series has a budget of eight million dollars, with most of it going to special effects.

As of the end of July 1977, the Moon has been hit 1,700 times by meteorites. Also recorded by the Lunar Science Experiment Package's seismographic instruments were 32 shallow moonquakes, 2,775 deep quakes, and 7,500 still unclassified events. The instruments were shut down on 1 October 1977 after eight years of operation

The LSEP was left on the Moon during the Apollo landing program. NASA is still studying the results of eight years of lunar monitoring.

Recent books read by this writer includes WEREWOLVES and VAMPIRES, both by Nancy Garden (Bantam Books, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10019, \$1.75 each) and THE WEREWOLF IN LEGEND, FACT AND ART by Basil Copper (1977 by St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10010, \$8.95). While Copper's book was far more complete than Garden's, they were all very interesting and highly informative. Must reading for any monster buff.

INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE by John W. Macvey (Stein and Day, Scarborough House, Briarcliff Manor, New York 10501, \$9.95) is a fascinating dissertation on how we and alien beings may travel throughout the cosmos. This scholarly work by a distinguished astronomer is written in a manner that makes it easily understood by all. Highly recommended!

OFFICIAL UFO is still sticking to their claim that UFOs destroyed the town of Chester, Illinois. The prestigious WALL STREET JOURNAL sent a reporter to check it out, and found nothing wrong with the quaint little community. OFFICIAL UFO has since stated that the aliens rebuilt the town.

It is our opinion that the claims made by OFFICIAL UFO are false, and simply done as a publicity stunt to sell their magazine. The UFO field does not need this kind of garbage being published. It is blight to the serious investigation of the UFO phenomena.

Their latest issue contains the worst conglomeration of trash I have ever seen published! The various article titles alone are enough to make you sick: "Help Us Find Elvis' Clone (\$100,000 reward if you find Presley's living clone)"; "Alien Prisoner Held Secret Captive in Asylum"; "American City is Being Run by Space Alien"; "Worldwide Network of Underground Alien Tunnels Revealed", and "Deadly Insects From Outer Space."

Myron Fass, publisher of OFFICIAL UFO, and his staff should be drummed out of the magazine business. They are making money by taking advantage of the population's interest in the UFO controversy.

The field of ufology is finally gaining respect after thirty years of battle, and we don't need people like Fass or magazines like OFFICIAL UFO to degrade us. With the magazine being nothing more than pure sensationalism, it should only be used to line the bottom of bird cages.

We here at UFO MAGAZINE NEWS BULLETIN refuse to buy OFFICIAL UFO, and we suggest that all serious researchers boycott the magazine.

Steven Spielberg's movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", recently became the biggest money-making film in the history of Columbia Pictures when it topped \$100 million dollars at the box office.

Mark your calendar now to watch the 13 hour series entitled "Man and the Cosmos". Hosted by astronomer Carl Sagan, this Public Broadcasting Service special is currently due to be aired in the spring of 1980. According to Sagan the series "will explore the evolution of the stars, cosmology, the origin of life on earth and the future of the human species." Budget has been set at six million dollars, of which most will go for special effects. Sagan's accompanying book will be published by Random House.

Jack Webb's new TV series, "Project U.F.O.", has been getting better with each passing episode. I must admit that I am becoming impressed with their efforts. Most Americans must feel the same way, as a recent Nielson Rating survey had the show as the seventh most-watched show in the nation.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of a man who helped make flying saucers a household word. For many years the radio waves from midnight to 5:30 A.M. were filled with the voice of "Long John" Nebel and his many guests. His shows were always interesting and provocative.

We had the pleasure of talking with "Long John" very briefly at the 1967 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists conference in New York City, and found him to be genuinely intrigued by the UFO phenomena.

Some of his many guests over the years included such UFO personalities as Jim Moseley, George Adamski, Frank Edwards, Gray Barker and Tim Beckley. The claims of contactee Howard Menger were first aired over a "Long John" show.

Besides his radio and TV work, Nebel also wrote THE PSYCHIC WORLD AROUND US and WAY OUT WORLD. Excerpts from his UFO radio broadcasts were made into documentary LP record albums.

"Long John" will be missed; not only by the UFOlogist, but also by the late night radio listener.

NASA's Comet Science Working Group has proposed a dual mission for 1985 that would cost somewhere between \$400 and \$500 million dollars. According to Prof. Armand H. Delsemme of the Comet Group, a spacecraft would fly past Halley's Comet in November of 1985 and then continue on a three year journey to eventually land on Comet Tempel II in July 1988. Any volunteers?

It is now official: "Star Trek - The Motion Picture" is due for release in June of 1979 and is already being touted as the most

important film of that year. At a recent news conference at the Paramount Studios Capt. Kirk (William Shatner), Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy), "Bones" McCoy (DeForest Kelley), "Scotty" (James Doohan), Sulu (George Takei), and Uhura (Nichelle Nichols) all said they were anxious to get started on the \$15 million dollar movie.

Producer Gene Roddenberry and Director Robert Wise mentioned that the movie would cost more than the original 79 TV episodes put together.

Asked why a "Star Trek" movie, Michael Eisner, President of Paramount, stated: "Because it is playing 308 times a week in 134 cities in the United States today. It is playing in 131 world markets in 51 countries. It is 77 percent more popular now than it was in 1972. There are 371 "Star Trek" clubs which hold 30 conventions a year. It is the number one television event series of all time."

Veteran UFO researcher Ralph C. DeGraw is the editor of a new quarterly publication entitled THE UFO EXAMINER. This slick, well-done magazine consists of twenty pages of sightings, articles, drawings, photographs and other pertinent UFO information. It is indeed one of the better efforts put out by a UFO organization. Subscription rate is four dollars a year to Private UFO Investigations, Route One, Hazelton, Iowa 50641. Highly recommended!

The feature article (and cover story) of the 29 April 1978 issue of SATURDAY REVIEW is "A Consumer's Guide to Pseudoscience" by James S. Trefil. Although I disagree with many of his conclusions, I found the article to be very interesting and well worth the time taken to read it. Concerning UFOs, Trefil writes, "This old favorite is moving up in the rankings on the basis of new interest by a few scientists, but it could move down again just as fast."

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Around And About The Saucer World
by Rick R. Hilberg

We hope to see many of our readers, as well as other UFO investigators and group heads, at the 15th Annual National UFO Conference this August 12th here in the Cleveland area. Plans are now underway to assure that the 1978 edition of the con will be a lively experience for all who attend. Since the various members of the organization set no strict "party line" in regard to which theories the group embraces, everyone who attends will have an opportunity to express whatever he feels about the UFO enigma, or present whatever research reports that may be of interest to UFO investigators of diverse personal views regarding the field of ufology.

The "closed sessions" for delegates will be held at the Strongsville Community Library at 13213 Pearl Road Strongsville, Ohio from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. After a brief business meeting the floor will be open to one and all for discussion, presentation of papers or whatever is felt will be of interest to the delegates.

After a lunch break, there will be an open public meeting from 3:00 to 5:30 P.M. The organization is currently looking for persons who would like to speak at the public meeting. If you are interested, be sure to contact us quickly as there will be a limited time available.

Delegate housing is at the Holiday Inn of Strongsville, located at 15471 Royalton Road (at the intersection of Ohio Rte. 82 and I-71). We strongly suggest that reservations be made early by calling (216) 238-8800, or toll-free (800) 323-9050. The Holiday Inn is just one mile from the site of the convention sessions, and transportation will be provided for those delegates requesting it.

The sponsoring organization this year is the newly-formed Northern Ohio UFO Group, which was founded by many long time Cleveland area UFO investigators and writers. Those readers in the area are invited to attend the regular monthly meetings of the organization, held the first Monday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The location is the Strongsville Community Library, the address of which is given above. Persons may also call (216) 826-0225 for more details.

A recent newspaper story told of two areas of Britain which have a reputation for frequent UFO sightings, and are offering "UFO tours" and weekend vacations.

So many oddities have manifested themselves at Frome, Somerset, that is locally known as "Flying Saucerland" and promises "A real Somerset welcome awaits you in our town and its surrounding area - famous for its UFOs."

Even the local travel agency bills itself as "Space Age Travel." The three local hotels - the George, Portway and Mendip Lodge - don't guarantee that you'll see anything, but they say that a real West country welcome awaits visitors.

Prices range from about \$22 a night at the Portway to about \$30 a night at the Mendip Lodge.

If you'd rather visit a hotel which puts on formal UFO weekends write the Sir Benfro Hotel, Herbrandston, Milford Haven, Wales. It's about 100 miles due west of Frome, apparently on the local UFO flight-path. A three-day two-night sighting weekend costs about \$44, including meals. This certainly sounds like that unusual vacation that you've always wanted to take, doesn't it?

The PAGE RESEARCH LIBRARY NEWSLETTER has just come out with an interesting special report entitled "UFOs And Other Craft Adiatronic Field of Propulsion" by Richard Benson. This 28 page booklet is filled with technical speculations and diagrams, and frankly we had a rough time grasping some of the real mathematical stuff, but it really caused us to stop and think!

If you're interested in this and other material published by Page Research, be sure to drop editor Dennis Pilichis a line at P.O. Box 5012 Rome, Ohio 44085. Dennis has literally thousands of hard to find UFO and Fortean publications for sale, and really provides a needed service to researchers everywhere.

A small UFO flap was reported going on in the Syracuse, New York area after a sighting by a local area family first hit the news media. On April 4th the Dennis Kiteveles family of Baldwinsville reported spotting an oval-shaped object with red, blue, yellow and green lights on it.

At the same time of the sighting, power went out briefly in the area of the UFO report. Hancock Field radar reported that it had a mysterious blip on its screen at the same time.

In days to follow the local Sheriff's Department reported that scores of reports had come in from citizens in the area. "I'd say 90 percent of the sightings have been in the Route 48, Sorrell Hill Road area near Baldwinsville," noted Sgt. M. J. Tuohy. The objects sighted were of varied shapes and sizes, ranging from boat-shaped, rectangular to one report that described a diamond-shaped object.

A Gillett, Wisconsin couple reported that they sighted a UFO at 11:55 P.M. on March 3rd. Edward Erickson reported to the Oconto Sheriff's Office that he and his wife were returning from Underhill, when his wife spotted a stationary group of lights blinking at tree top level off to the side of the road.

According to Erickson, the lights were red and green. As they watched, he said, the red lights went out and the object took off in a wide circle. When the UFO rose to a height of about 2,000 feet, a rotating white light was observed on the object.

Erickson and his wife reported that they watched the object for more than an hour before it moved off to the southwest. David Cullen, a neighbor of the Erickson's, also reported observing the strange object from his home.

Mr and Mrs. Steve Patton, who live just north of Sparta, Illinois, reported sighting a strange object early February 13th.

Mrs. Patton said that the UFO emitted a huge orange light which was visible for miles in the early morning darkness. She said that the light would compare to a large, two-story house on fire. She also reported that the object seemed to pulsate at times.

The Pattons first noticed the object at about 5:00 A.M., and it remained in the area until about 6:30 A.M. The object was described as fairly large with big lights on each side which flashed alternately. Mrs. Patton reported that at one time they saw something red descend from the object to the ground, and at another time they saw three white lights descend. She also reported that the UFO hovered most of the time, but would move around the area on occasion.