

Lee R. Munsick, of Morristown, announced recently that the North Jersey U. F. O. Group will hold its next meeting Thursday evening, May 24. The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in the Griffith Foundation Auditorium, 605 Broad Street, Newark, at 8:15 p.m. Admission for members of the organization is 50¢, for non-members, (1) \$1.00.

"Certain researchers and investigators found out where the flying saucers come from, but were forced to keep the information secret," according to Gray Barker, who will speak at the meeting. Barker, a prominent businessman and educator, is the author of They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers, a new book which is to be released (2) to the public at the meeting.

According to advance reports, Barker relates in the book how one investigator was visited by three mysterious men in black suits and told to "shut up" about flying saucers. "Other investigators have also (3) been frightened into silence," Barker declares.

Mr. Barker first became interested in the saucer reports when he investigated the "Flatwoods Monster," which allegedly landed in a spaceship and terrorized seven witnesses on a dark West Virginia hillside in 1952, making headlines across the nation. Barker was convinced the stories told by the witnesses were true, and he launched a three year investigation. He has published The Saucerian for 3 years. This magazine circulated all over the world. He recently started publishing a newsletter called Saucerian Bulletin, and has also just published a 100 page book entitled Saucerian Review. The Bulletin is one of approximately 25 publications which concentrate largely or wholly on saucers.

Mr. Barker has been head of an English Department in a Maryland school system; an audio-visual education consultant for a large school supplier; a theatrical manager; and a motion picture technician. He now operates a large theatrical film buying and booking firm in (MORE)

Clarksburg, West Virginia. Begun as a hobby, flying saucer research has taken more and more of his time as he realized the stark reality behind the mystery.

Mr. Munsick, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the North Jersey U. F. O. (for Unidentified Flying Objects) Group, Box 606, Morristown, said "I expect the May 24th crowd in Newark to exceed 300, but there is plenty of room for more than that." The Group, which maintains correspondence throughout the world, in addition to local concentration, has members scattered over northern New Jersey, including this area.

The organization is composed of individuals who have been studying flying saucers up to six or seven years, and individual opinions in the Group cover all feelings, from acceptance of extra-terrestrial theories, to complete disbelief in the existence of 'UFOs'. The Group has just recently started publication of its own UFO Newsletter.

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TO THE EDITOR:

- (1) Press admitted without charge, with proper credentials.
- (2) A review copy of the book is available from: University Books
404 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Please refer to us when requesting your copy.

- (3) The dust cover of the book is particularly attractive and symbolic of the first case. Copies, with a photo of Mr. Barker, are available from University Books at the address above.
- (4) Names are available on request. Any further information regarding North Jersey U. F. O. (if not already in your files), Mr. Barker, or the saucer field, available from:
Thanks to all those who have given us so much help in the past, and who we hope will continue to cooperate with us.

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"The North Jersey U. F. O. Group intends to pursue its planned studies in the field of 'flying saucers'," said a spokesman today. Lee R. Munsick, of Morristown, said that the Air Force statement made Tuesday (25) does not seriously affect the Group's position. "We have known for some time," said Munsick, "that work in this field was being done at Avro Ltd. in Canada, and at Ryan Aeronautical Co. in California. It should be noticed," he said, "that the new saucer-shaped craft is jet-powered. But most of the sightings we have investigated, and the information with which we work, do not include jet- or even rocket-propelled bodies. We had hoped that the government would be successful in its work with electro-magnetic or anti-gravity propulsion, but it appears that this is not the case."

"The immediate effect of the release at this time is that our work will be harder in the future, with American saucers in the air," continued the spokesman. "Our screenings of sightings will be more difficult than before, but I feel that our work, though altered, will continue. It is interesting to note that the Air Force statement comes on the heels of recent statements by a cabinet-rank British official that the saucers are real but not of earthly origin. Also, publicity is due presently, regarding: a new book by Major Donald Keyhoe, USMC Ret., who has in the past worked with the Air Force on the subject; and a lecture series by Desmond Leslie, British pilot and author. Another author is lecturing in the U. S. at this time: Mr. M. K. Jessup, who wrote A CASE FOR THE U.F.O. is giving a talk before an associated group in New York, on Friday night."

Mr. Munsick went on, "As to the second part of Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles' release; this material continues in a series of confusing statements from the Air Force, issued over a period of several years. This is apparently part of an urgent program designed to quiet the growing interest in the subject. This series has been as contradictive as it has been uneven in timing. To illustrate, the report from a wire-service quoted a spokesman as saying that Project Bluebook (the Air Force saucer investigating agency) would be continued. Is there any need for this action now, when the Air Force says there is nothing to investigate? Is this not a waste of taxpayers' money? But the contradiction goes further, for the last word on Project Bluebook was that it had been abandoned and closed down completely. We have known, however, that this was not the case; this is another attempt to stifle the tremendous interest in U.F.O.S: our mail has been so heavy in the past month that we cannot keep up with it. And we cover only northern New Jersey."

"As to the 3% unexplained sightings, this is the lowest figure I've heard yet," he said, "but considering the large number of sightings appearing (larger than the Air Force admits) even 3% is quite a few." Mr. Munsick concluded his group's stand by saying "the North Jersey U.F.O. Group intends to pursue its activity in the field in an unprejudiced manner. We hope that the Air Force will cooperate, along with other governmental agencies, more than in the past. And we still want very much to hear from anyone interested in or knowing of any information about 'flying saucers'." Mr. Munsick also announced his group's next meeting, to be held at the Y.M.C.A., Ward Street, Paterson, on Thursday, November 10, at 8:30 p.m., to which all interested persons are invited. And the Group can be contacted by writing Box 606, Morristown, N. J.

To: General Mailing List

Subject: 2nd..General Meeting

The meeting was held 10 November 1955 at 9:00 p.m. at the Paterson YMCA 128 Ward St., Paterson. There were 18 present, the inclement weather apparently forcing down attendance. Mr. Munsick was chairman and first explained a balloting procedure which was used to solve several business questions. The results of the balloting is given herein:

A resolution that the 3-man Central Committee should be expanded to 5 by appointment passed with Comm. approval 7 to 1. To be done by Jan.1.

The question of membership cards was settled with a design picked by a hand vote. This card is being printed and is to be distributed to the dues-paying members shortly as a receipt for fees received.

A resolution that the fees for 1956 be set at \$2.00 passed 8 to 0.

A resolution regarding meeting admission fees was approved 8 to 0.

A resolution that Mr. Collen head a new Technical Research Committee, to be appointed by him, was approved with Committee approval 6 to 1.

Requests were made for a volunteer to take shorthand notes of public meetings in the future. We also need agents in the seven districts of our area to act as group representatives. No volunteers answered the call, which is still open.

The three members of the Central Committee each spoke on some phase of the Group activity. Mr. Munsick re-outlined the Group's aims and activities. Mr. Collen explained the coming work of the Research Committee, which is now in the process of reviewing the books in the library. Mr. Wilson explained some of the problems inherent in the Group's work with the public and other interested groups and individuals.

A delegation attended from Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, with whom your Central Committee works very closely. They took part in an active general discussion period, and were most helpful.

The question of press releases was raised and explained in some detail. A press release regarding the two Group Committees has been distributed to the press and radio for use 17 November 1955. We'd appreciate clippings. The meeting discussed several phases of activity and adjourned after 11:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICES: Contacts with CSI of NY are continuing. CSI is holding a public meeting 9 December 1955 at St. Nicholas Ballroom, 69 W. 66th. St., New York, at 8:15 p.m. to hear MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE. We are all invited....Your Central Committee took part in a RADIO PROGRAM on WMTR 1250 AM on the 19th. to air 6 December at 9:30 a.m. Try to listen. We also have a record of the program in our files....Major KEYHOE's new book is ready to hit the stands: THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY and also Mr. H. T. WILKINS' new book, FLYING SAUCERS UNCENSORED not out, are available at a 10% discount from our mailing address.... Contact has been established with Mr. James Moseley, of Fort Lee, publisher of SAUCER NEWS (formerly NEXUS)....A report on the 316 page USAF ATIC report on saucers is due shortly, and will be either sent to you or delivered orally at our next meeting.

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY MORNING

17 November 1955

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The members present at the meeting discussed the Group's activities and future aims, took up some business matters, and also established a new Technical Research Committee. A discussion period followed with many interesting questions raised.

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The meeting was held 19 January 1956 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Lee R. Munsick, of the Executive Committee*, at Beechwood Drive, Morristown. Approximately 40 persons were present. Mr. Munsick acted as chairman, and welcomed the people in the audience to the meeting. The minutes from the past meeting were approved. Mr. Munsick expressed regret that the bad weather warnings seemed to have cut down the number of persons in attendance. He said later he felt there probably would have been 60 present, judging from response to the newspaper releases.

Mr. Munsick introduced Chairman Ted Collen of the Technical Research Committee who gave a review of Major Keyhoe's "Flying Saucer Conspiracy." The Committee is now engaged in revising the Group's book list and reviews. The new list will be held up for publication until early Fall, for there are between 5 and 7 books due to be published before then!

Mr. Munsick gave a report of facts which came up during 1955 and again indicated some of the Group's present and intended activities. He cautioned the listeners that it appears some of the U.F.O.s are most probably man made objects, and pointed out that information leads us to think U. S. government agencies have experimented in the field since prior to Pearl Harbor. But he expressed several definite reasons why this explanation cannot be adapted as an entire one.

Lex Mebane, Secretary of Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, gave a brief review of the Air Force report, utilizing CSI's photostatic copies of the report which were on display along with a table of books and other related items of interest. Mr. Mebane gave illustrations of various sightings, and referred extensively to the newest UFO book, "Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" by Captain Edward Ruppelt, former head of Project Bluebook. The book was published last week in New York by Doubleday, and it sells for \$4.50. This and other books are available from the Group at a 10% discount.

Mr. Mebane then introduced the main speaker of the evening, Ted Bloecher, Research Director for C.S.I. of New York, who spoke for about thirty minutes, utilizing facts from Captain Ruppelt's book, and CSI's 2000 case file. The program was thrown open to questions which were finally cut off after 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, when refreshments were served.

NOTICES: *The Central Committee has been expanded to five members and has changed its name to the Executive Committee. It will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. A detailed report on its activities will be released shortly. PLEASE NOTE: This was the last meeting open free to the public. Future meetings will be (a) public and open with admission fee to non members, with speakers or like attractions, and (b) member-only meetings for discussion or business purposes, closed to the public. We stress again to those of you who have not officially, and do not have membership cards, that a drop in mailing will be observed after this announcement, and no future meetings will be available to you without charge. In order that you keep up on the subject, receive advance notice and membership admission to our meetings, and be advised of other groups' activities, and also be able to use the Group's book and magazine library and discount buying privileges, you MUST be a MEMBER. Dues for the calendar year 1956 are only \$2.00 a person. Membership forms are enclosed if you are not now a member; please fill out the forms completely and return with \$2.00 for dues. If there are any questions or suggestions write the Executive Committee at the Group address: NORTH JERSEY U. F. O. GROUP, Box 606, Morristown, N.J.