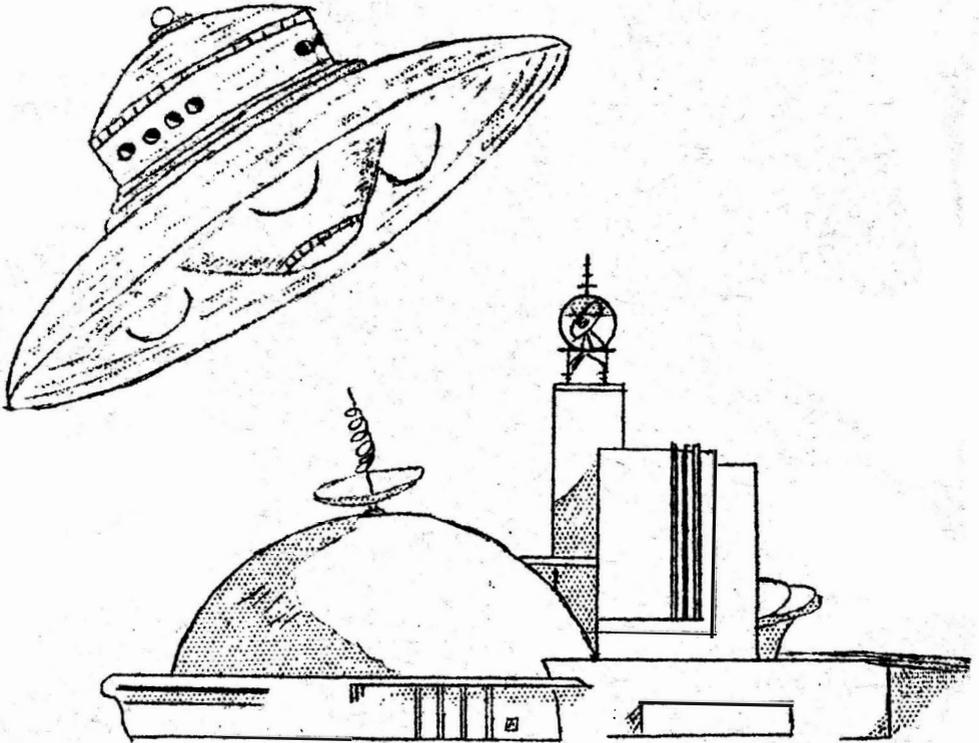


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**HOWARD MENGER TELLS G.R. OF SAUCER CONTACTS**

Howard Menger, who on May 27, 1957 made the pages of LIFE magazine, told a group of 80 Grand Rapids Saucer investigators of his experiences with people from other planets. The lecture took place at Garfield Park lodge on April 30, 1957.

Menger, who hails from High Bridge, N.J., said that when he was only 8 or 9 years old, he had flashbacks or mental pictures of an earlier life and also as a child had seen discs, although at the time he had no idea what they really were. As a child he had also met a beautiful blonde woman near High Bridge who wore a ski-suit type outfit.

Fourteen years later after serving in the armed forces in the far east, he saw a green fireball speed through the skies over High Bridge. The fireball suddenly turned a metallic color and a porthole appeared. The object came near the ground and a hatch, which operated like the iris lens of a camera, opened. Out stepped two men and a beautiful blonde woman. It was the same woman he had seen when he was only 9 years of age! She hadn't aged a bit in those 14 years and on questioning her Menger found that she was a mere 500 years old although she appeared to be about 25.

That meeting (in 1947) lasted about fifteen minutes. He was told that many people were undergoing a trial period and that he was to keep all of his experiences and pictures secret until the summer of 1957. He was also told that people were chosen by means of aural analysis. The space ships would make an aural recording of a person and the operator could tell the nature of that person just by reading the spectrum of that aura.

In 1956 a large fire-ball landed at High Bridge and 10 minutes after setting foot in the ship he was near the planet Venus. He was shown pictures of the planet and saw that Venus has many forests and streams, but no streets.

Instead of automobiles the Venusians use a craft similar to the bell-shaped space craft, which whisks then over the ground without touching it.

Menger discovered that Venusians live by the laws of the creator. They have no wars, no conquest, and there are no monsters. They told him that awareness to truth is rewarded by a better life on a better planet. Everyone has had previous lives.

Inside the spaceship there was no sensation of moving. The space people work with natural forces and have copied the principle of the solar system.

The craft meet with no friction. There is a force field around the ship which deflects meteors and molecules of air.

The Venusians, who are very telepathic and read minds, stated that there would be no mass landings due to the possibility of panic here on earth.

Menger was told that priests and ministers have been contacted and that the government has a very good reason for subduing saucer information.

The Venusians told him that man will never leave this planet with hostility on his mind. As long as we maintain an Army and Navy, the force of Love cannot predominate. On Venus no force is used ....only Understanding.

Menger said that no one can contact the space people but that they contact you if you are ready.

"God is All...and each of us is a part of that All...When we realize that, we can perform miracles..."

The spacemen said the story of Jesus actually occurred just as it appears in the Bible.

The Venusians can speed up the frequency of their ships to make them invisible. In our atmosphere the ships are operated manually, but in outer space they are operated remotely or automatically.

The craft vary in size from small recorders only 8 inches in diameter to huge ships miles long. After the lecture Menger headed for the west coast.

## A FANTASTIC STORY FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD

The following story is one of the most amazing that your editor has seen in ten years of saucer investigation. It was printed in the New Zealand Civilian Saucer Investigation Journal "Flying Saucers". We wish to thank "Flying Saucers" for the use of this article. "Flying Saucers" may be obtained by sending an international money order for \$1.40 to Civilian Saucer Investigation, PO Box 1914, Auckland, NZ

This story is so fantastic that I hesitate to give it to the world. I am only doing so because I pledged my word to Harry Garvin that I would. This story is not mine, but his. I can vouch however that Harry was perfectly sane and well-balanced during all the years that I knew him, and that's more than I care to remember.

His disappearance caused quite a sensation last year...but that was natural...as he was the most eminent scientist in the country. Harry was a leading authority in nuclear fission and one of the original team responsible for the atomic bombs which brought Japan to her knees and ended the war in the East.

It was first assumed by some of the more irresponsible newspapers, after his disappearance that he had either turned Communist and fled behind the iron curtain' or had been kidnapped by some unfriendly powers. When however, the full story of Harry's last days on earth were told at the inquest (which, incidently, was adjourned sine die) even the most sensational journals conceded that they had done him a disservice in presuming that he had sold out to the Communists.

The police theory that has been generally accepted is that Harry was drowned in Lake Waikaremoana. I, however, do not subscribe to that. For I knew Harry's weakness--he was afraid of water and never swam, fished or boated. He loved to sit by the water

for it soothed him and helped him to think. But nothing would induce him to leave the shore.

I think it would be in order for me to give a brief sketch of Harry Garvin's life and work so that you may know what kind of a man he was. Harry was born in Auckland 37 years ago. His father was the manager of one of the less important branches of a leading bank in the city, and his mother was a school teacher. He was the only child of the marriage, and inclined to be spoilt by both parents.

As a youngster, he gave no indication of the genius he later displayed. He was above average in intelligence and usually stood either first or second in class, though on one occasion he dropped to fifth. In his final year at school he made up his mind that he would be a scientist, and it was then that he showed his brilliance, for he stood first in the Dominion.

He took his master's degree at the age of 20. His thesis was considered such a masterpiece of original research and thinking that he was offered a lectureship and accepted. During the war his services were put at the disposal of the British government. The British government thought so highly of his work that he was sent to the States as one of the team of British scientists then working on the atomic bomb.

In 1947 he returned to this country loaded with decorations from the various Allied governments. On his return he was engaged in some hush-hush work connected with nuclear research. In 1949 the American government asked for the loan of his services-- I later learned that it was in connection with the Flying Saucer scare that swept the States. When he returned in October, I noticed a distinct, tho intangible, change in him. He smiled less often, was inclined to be taciturn, whereas before he had been loquacious. His step also lacked the spring I always associated with his walk.

Since we were good friends, I spoke to him and

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suggested that he take a vacation, otherwise he would crack up. "There is nothing wrong with me John", he replied, "and I am not heading for a nervous breakdown through overwork, if that is what you fear. I have, however, had an experience that has rather shaken me, but should I get through June, then I will be myself once more."

I saw quite a lot of Harry that summer, for we usually dined together at least once a week, either in his flat or mine. Both of us preferred to dine at home for then we could sit far into the night smoking and talking. Being bachelors and comfortably well-off we could afford to indulge our tastes, and our respective housekeepers never objected to the hours we kept or to the state of the carpets--bachelorhood has its compensations,

In April Harry said that he was going to his cottage at Lake Waikaremoana as he wanted to check certain calculations and catch up on his reading. He asked me to accompany him. I refused as I was very busy at the time, due to a serious outbreak of influenza. I, however, promised that should I find the time I would drop in for a long weekend.

It was not until May that I was able to get away. When I arrived I found Harry looking very tired and worn. He appeared to have been overworking. I spoke to him pretty seriously and suggested that he have a thorough check-up. He denied that he had been doing too much but reluctantly agreed to an examination. I found nothing organically wrong with him, but for the 3 days I was with him I saw that he did no work and made him take things easy.

On the day I was leaving, Harry remarked, "I think I mentioned to you that I had an experience in the States that rather shook me up. I intended to tell you about it but I have decided to write it down instead and leave it in this bureau for you in case anything should happen to me. I want you to promise that, should anything happen, you will publish it

one year after I am gone, but not before.

"You will probably doubt my sanity when you read it. Personally, I am not quite sure at times whether or not it was a dream and not something I actually experienced. If it were not for certain irrefutable evidence I would dismiss it as a dream. Will you give me your word, that no matter what you think, you will publish it--for if I go it will be of vital importance to the world."

I gave Harry my word that I would do what he wanted. The following Saturday morning Ralph Hadow, secretary to the Prime Minister, and a good friend of both Harry's and mine, rang me. "What's wrong with Harry?" was his opening remark. "I wired him that the Prime Minister wanted to see him urgently, and he has replied that he cannot leave at present but would be pleased to see the P.M. at his place. He said he would give him a shakedown for the night, should he care to stay. We have a 'Very Important Person' from the States here on a mission in connexion with the utilization of the so-called Uranium sands, and the P.M. wanted him to see Harry."

"It is as well that the P.M. is in a good humor. He laughed when he read the reply, and suggested that the Minister of Lands and Mines take the V.I.P. to Harry. Would you like to join us?"

It was so unlike Harry, who was exceedingly punctilious where his work was concerned, that I decided to cut my other engagements and accompany Ralph and his party. I was pleasantly surprised when we arrived to find Harry fit and exceedingly cheerful. He apologized to the Minister and the VIP for not being able to come to Wellington, thus saving them the fatigue of the journey. He however advanced no reason as to why he could not leave. That night at dinner he was the perfect host. There was no doubt that the Minister and VIP fell under his charm and forgave him any inconvenience he may have caused them.

After dinner Ralph and I left for Rotorua, where we were to spend the night, leaving the Minister and the VIP to discuss the business that had brought them out. They were spending the night with Harry & we were to call for them after breakfast. When we arrived the next morning we found the Minister, the VIP and Harry's housekeeper very perturbed. I would even go so far as to describe their behavior as agitated, for Harry had disappeared.

When Harry did not answer the housekeeper's call when she took him his morning tea, she entered his room to find that the bed had not been slept in. She thought that he had spent the night in his study-cum-laboratory, went in there, only to find the place empty. She then awoke the two guests and gave them their tea and asked them if they knew whether Harry had been called away during the night. When he did not show up for breakfast, the 3 of them searched the grounds, which led down to the lake. The boat he owned but never used himself, was in its usual place. There were, however, signs of something having been dragged onto the shore and the marks appeared quite recent. The Minister decided that the police should be informed and the search left in their hands. We drove to Rotorua where the Minister called on the Inspector in Charge, gave him the facts and asked him to avoid publicity. We then returned to Wellington. Ralph kept me in touch, tho actually there was nothing to report but failure to trace Harry. On the 3rd day he informed me that the police had decided to drag that part of the lake near Harry's home, his disappearance would become public. He suggested that we look thru Harry's private papers just in case we got a clue to his movements or projected movements.

Harry's affairs appeared to be in order and there was nothing to show that he had contemplated leaving or that he had any engagements or entanglements... (The story of Harry Garvin will be concluded in the next issue of UForum.)

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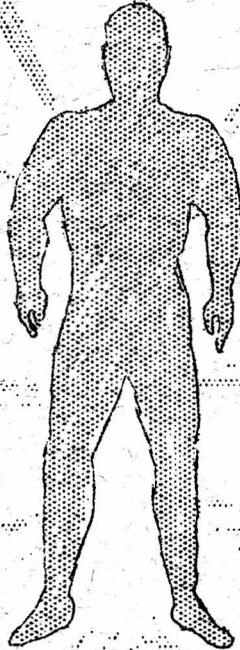
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MICHIGAN FLYING SAUCER FEDERATION CONVENTION SET  
GEORGE ADAMSKI TO TALK TO CLOSED GROUP

The Michigan Flying Saucer Federation has set up a convention for Saturday, June 29, 1957 in Detroit. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. with an open house social sponsored jointly by the Interplanetary Relations group and the Interplanetary Foundation. It will be held at the Women's Federation Bldg. at 2nd Avenue and Hancock in the upstairs auditorium. The afternoon social will be open to all people interested in UFO's. It is planned that there will be a number of well-known Saucer Researchers and men who have had saucer contacts there to speak with all interested persons.

Then at 8:00 PM Saturday, the Interplanetary Foundation will present Mr. George Adamski, who will lecture on Universal Law, and will present his plans for a school on Universal Law. Mr. Adamski has moving pictures of saucers which he has taken at different times in Mexico and California which he hopes to have spliced together into one reel in time to present at the lecture. This evening session of the Convention WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Only members of various Michigan Saucer Groups, guests from out-of-state Saucer Groups and those who have been active in Saucer Work are invited. (Note: Readers of UFOrum are invited...this is the only notice that will be given of the meeting...Ed.) The purpose in limiting the type of group is to give Mr. Adamski the opportunity to go immediately into an advanced discussion of the Visitors' plan, which he couldn't do if he had to spend time in a basic explanation of Saucers to a skeptical or curiosity-seeking audience. The price of admission will be \$1.50 (inc. tax). All proceeds will go towards the School for Universal Law. Tickets will be sold at the door. Persons in the Grand Rapids area may order tickets through UFOrum, Box 142, Route 1, Ada, Michigan.

## G R A V I T A T I O N.... first of a series!

When man begins to think of space travel, he is always confronted with a seemingly insurmountable obstacle... Gravitation !!!

Up to now every method which we have used in attempting flight has been to overcome gravitation by means of sheer power. In other words man has been working against gravity instead of with it.

We know what gravitation does, but we know very little about what gravity is or what causes it.

We know that the attraction or gravitational pull of the earth toward an object gives the property of "weight" to that object.

Gravitation is the force that holds the Universe together...or the attraction that masses of matter have for each other. Newton stated the "Law of Gravitation" as a force of attraction which is in direct proportion to the product of their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the two centers of mass. (Two 100 pound cannon balls only a foot apart would attract each other with 5/1,000,000,000 ounces of force.)

In 1860 the noted English Physicist James Clerk Maxwell developed the "Electromagnetic Theory" of light which stated that light waves were electrical in nature instead of being mechanical as sound waves are.

Later, in 1900 Max Planck stated the idea that light consists of definite little packages of energy known as "quanta". The amount of energy in each individual package depends upon the length of the light wave or the number of times it vibrates in a second.

Planck's studies brought about the "Quantum Theory" which established that light is corpuscular in nature but apparently travels in waves.

The Electromagnetic Waves or Light includes alternating electric current, long radio waves, short radio waves, television, radar, sparks, heat,

infra red rays, visible light (which is the only part that we can observe with our eyes, except the T.V. picture and which is less than 10% of the entire electromagnetic spectrum), ultraviolet rays, x-rays, gamma, alpha and beta rays and cosmic rays. Gravity may have a place in the spectrum but we have not as yet discovered where it lies.

Einstein in his "Theory of Relativity" stated that space is warped or curved near matter and that this curvature is greatest near heavy bodies.

Einstein said that bodies do not attract each other at a distance. They merely follow the line of least resistance through the hills and valleys of curved space.

Neither Newton nor Einstein could say what caused gravitation. In 1929 Einstein said that he thought gravitation and electromagnetism might be related.

Finally, just before his death, Einstein succeeded in placing the "Quantum Theory" and his own theories of General and Special Relativity under one all inclusive theory which tied together the macrocosm and the microcosm. This theory he called the "Unified Field Theory"

The Unified Field Theory showed that gravitation and electromagnetic forces are not independent of each other but are actually undergirded by a basic universal field within which gravitational and electromagnetic fields are merely ephemeral forms or conditions of state.

We assume too readily that gravitation as a force manifests itself only as an attraction. If this were true gravitation would be the "black sheep" of the electromagnetic family. It would be the only force field that cannot produce a repulsion as well as an attraction. Einstein who some thought to be an atheist, did not fear the word God. "That deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power, which is revealed in the incomprehensible universe, forms my idea of God", said Einstein.

UForum has obtained back issues of C.R.I.F.O. ORBIT, and so we are going to publish condensations of all the cases we have on hand. ORBIT ceased publication as of March 1st, 1957, but Leonard Stringfield, its publisher, plans a booklet on UFO and we will print an announcement when it is available. (Ed.)

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#### SAUCER SIGHTING ROUNDUP

Case 81-Cordoba, Argentina-(11-25-54)-Brig. General Saturnino G. Armentanzas, Argentine Air Attache in Washington reports two strange phenomena which were seen at the Cordoba Airport. Dr. Marco Guerci, Chief Meteorologist was in the control tower at 5:25 when he was attracted by a "strange body" which gave off a "white, gray or bluish light". It had a lengthened form, "like a half moon". Guerci and the tower operator, Carlos Bassoli using "common lenses" were able to see the object in greater detail, which showed "an intensely luminous nucleus and a less brilliant halo which surrounded it". Five others witnessed the object, which they judged by the clouds to be 3,000 meters high. As they watched it, another object, this one circular and luminous, approached from an easterly direction. It was about the size of a football and neither object could be confused with the stars because of the brilliancy of their light. The second object which was first seen at 5:45, was observed along with the first object until 6:15 when they both disappeared, mainly because of the appearance of the sun.

Case 82-Rockford, Ill.-(4-8-55)-Three Air Force jets fired on a UFO (reported to have been a weather balloon by one witness) GOC reported that a smaller round object, described as 'brilliant white', shot out of the side of the UFO and passed the jets going at a high speed in a northwesterly direction. When the jets, which were from O'Hare field fired on the "balloon" it was seen to explode.

Case 83-Bernardston, Mass. (March, '46)- Rev. Albert Baller (now on advisory staff of NICAP) reported that a Fred Stange sent him a photograph of **UFO's** and the following explanation. "The photograph was taken on a dark cloudy day about 4 in the afternoon...I saw first the 3 discs in a group hanging in the sky...thought it strange and hoping they would not fade out, I ran inside to get a camera. When I returned, I looked up and saw another to the right moving slowly and stop; then far to the right a flash caught my eye and another speck of light grew larger and also stopped. Shortly after I took the picture, the discs which were in the east traveled rapidly to the west and disappeared."

Case 84-Lafayette, N.X.-(May, '46)- Richard R. Hill and Stan Ogdrzyiak were driving in an open convertible, about noon on a clear day on the Lafayette Country Club road. Suddenly they were both attracted by a curious gleaming object in the sky. It was... "cigarshaped, horizontal to the ground, long axis north and south...metallic appearance...sun reflected from it...tapered to a sharp point at each end... perfectly smooth;no protrusions, fins, baskets, or markings...motionless at 5-10,000 feet...estimated size, 300-400 feet long, 100-125 feet wide...disappeared instantaneously."

Case 85-La Grange, Fla.-(May 1946)- Andrew Titcomb writes..."I was picking oranges in the forenoon...when a distinct,wavering, whistling noise of a fast moving body thru the air-made me look up... Directly overhead I saw a dark'flying football' flying from west to east at about 1,000 foot elevation, at a speed of a light plane (125 mph)...clouds at 1500 feet...no blue sky...no sound...no wings,no prop, no trail of smoke...it appeared about 15-20 ft. long, perhaps less...it curved smoothly in an arc to the SE and vanished in a cloudbank...didn't emit any light...my wife caught a glimpse as it vanished."

Case 86-(1926)- From the book Altai-Himalaya written by Nicholas Roerich, we quote..."August 5, 1926...something remarkable! We were in our camp in Kukunor district not far from the Humboldt chain. In the morning about 9:30 some of our caravaneers noticed a remarkably big black eagle flying above us. 7 of us began to watch this unusual bird. At this same moment (someone said) 'There is something far above the bird.' And he shouted in his astonishment. We all saw, in a direction from north to south, something big and shiny reflecting the sun, like a huge oval moving at great speed. Crossing our camp this thing changed its direction from south to southwest and we saw how it disappeared in the intense blue sky. We even had time to take our field glasses and saw quite distinctly an oval form with shiny surface, one side of which was brilliant from the sun." (Maybe it was a Sky-hook balloon, a jet-plane or an intercontinental ballistic missile...!...Ed.)

Case 87-Central U.S.A. (1897)-Reported by Reader's Digest of July 1952-"In April 1897, U.S. newspapers from coast to coast gave front page space to a huge cigar-shaped 'airship' cruising around Chicago. Late in March dispatches from the West had described a cigar-shaped object, with no motive power, certainly not steam, near Sacramento and then Denver. On March 29, according to the New York Herald, it was seen by a majority of the residents of Omaha. It was in the shape of a bright light, too big for a balloon. The New York Sun stated that Kansas City trolley cars stopped and soon the whole population was watching it from the streets and rooftops. The light was as big as that produced by 20 stars. Stories poured into the Chicago Tribune. Reputable citizens of Eldora, Iowa say they observed the gigantic airship. One man said it resembled a immense bird of polished silver. In Milwaukee thousands of people saw it. It floated over the City Hall where it stopped for 15 minutes.

## ODDS AND ENDS

- \* Henry J. Taylor, former radio commentator, and President Eisenhower's nominee for Ambassador to Switzerland states that 10% of Flying Saucer reports are 'very disturbing' and must be taken seriously. Cecil Brown, ABC commentator thinks Taylor's only claim to fame is a belief in Flying Saucers. Who in the heck is Cecil Brown ???
- \* The Atomic and Hydrogen bomb menace is finally getting a thoro investigation in the United States Congress. President Eisenhower, who was rather unconcerned in November is now talking in terms of 'clean' and 'unclean' bombs...and the radioactive Strontium 90 already in our atmosphere will take more than 10 years to sift down to earth, where it lodges in the bones of our growing children.
- \* TIME reports the case of a man who stood too close to a powerful radar transmitter for less than a minute, died within a fortnight. There were no marks on the victim's body but his insides were incinerated.
- \* If you don't want to lose sleep, don't start listening to Long John, WOR, 710 on your dial, midnite to 5:30 AM every morning but Sunday...an old fashioned bull session on off-beat topics, e.g. SAUCERS.
- \* Ric Williamson writes from Peru... "East of the Peruvian Andes lies an unexplored territory that according to Incan legend contains lost cities of great size. UFO's have been reported recently by priests in the fringe areas...it is rumored that there is a large saucer base in the interior... Are these ancient cities and the reported "Towers of Ever-Burning Light" connected with the UFO's?"

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## A SAUCER SESSION FOR SPACESHIP SIGHTERS

"In a gaunt desert setting that appropriately, looked like a lunar landscape, 1,200 earthlings convened to reaffirm their unshakable belief in the existence of flying saucers. Members of the Interplanetary Spacecraft Convention, they could afford to ignore the dearth of official evidence on flying saucers because many of the group have seen spaceships with their own eyes. At least that is what they kept telling each other. Even more, some of them say they have talked with the passengers on flying saucers and a number of lucky ones have been taken for rides in them."

"The site of the convention was Giant Rock Airport near Yucca Valley, Calif. where during past conventions members have made several saucer sightings. Last year a conventioner not only saw a saucer but heard a sighed 'O, dear me' coming from the inside. Conventioners spent their days reporting spaceship experiences...and spent their nights hopefully watching the skies for saucers. But the only one they saw was a fake saucer crash...staged by Caltech students, with dynamite...and nothing they ever wanted recorded in the annals of the proceedings of the Fifth Interplanetary Spacecraft Convention!"  
(Quoted from LIFE magazine of May 27, 1957)

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The Los Angeles Examiner in an article dated Sunday, May 12th and entitled, "Somebody Up There Likes Us" poked fun at the Fifth Annual Spacecraft Convention which took place at Giant Rock, California. The two-day convention on May 10th and 11th attracted 5,000 spacecraft enthusiasts. George Van Tassel acted as host to the convention and Truman Betherum delivered the opening speech.

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Reported by Dave Garroway and also Little Listening Post...In North Carolina, AF veteran and wife saw 5 strange floating, foam-like objects...One struck the ground nearby and left an odor like burnt matches.

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