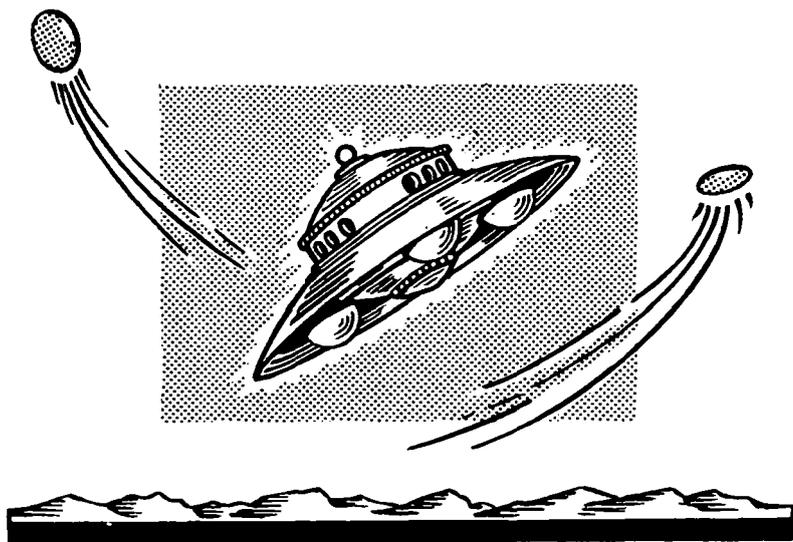


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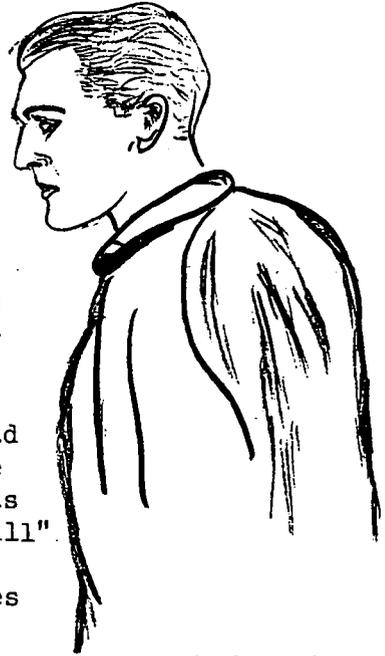
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## REVIVAL OF "DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL" AUGURS PUBLIC INCREASED INTEREST IN U.F.O.'S

The Twentieth Century-Fox film, "The Day the Earth Stood Still," which was first released in 1951, starring Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, Sam Jaffe and Hugh Marlowe, is now undergoing a revival in the East and just finished a flourishing week in New York City, according to Fox executives. The demands on this film have been very popular since it was first released and in order to obtain it again for this November meeting, the DFSC staff had to exert a lot of influence in more than one direction. Now it looks as though "The Day the Earth Stood Still" will officially be redistributed throughout leading American theatres in the early part of 1955.



The reason for this surge of popularity is obvious to see, especially among Saucer enthusiasts. The combination of story, production, drama, action and climax were so skillfully coordinated that a tremendous impact is left at the story's conclusion. The writer and producer created better than they knew, for truth is more sheerly disguised than fictionized in this film. The fact of our Spaceman having to escape this world, after nearly being trapped like a rat in a hole is almost too realistic, and reminds us of the

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## WHY WAS MAJOR KEYHOE'S APPEARANCE CANCELLED?

We wish we knew, for our membership deserves the right to know! Less than two weeks prior to the November 9th schedule, however, just as we were preparing to release stories to the newspapers and prepare our own Keyhoe announcements, word came to us from Clark H. Getts, Major Keyhoe's agent, that the Major had cancelled ALL his November and December bookings. This was a blow to us as well as several hundred people who had sincerely looked forward to a big night where the retired Air-Marine major was to reveal information that had come out of the Pentagon itself.

We certainly regret our oversight in being unaware, following notification to the Masonic Temple, Grinnell Brother's, our Switchboard, and sending out 1500 announcements thru the mail, that many persons yet would come down to the Masonic Temple Tuesday night and await the opening of the Box Office. Our apologies are deep felt and sincere. From now on we intend to verify every important out-of-town lecturer event (or its cancellation, should it occur) by taking FRONT PAGE LINER ADS one or two days prior to the program itself, in The DETROIT NEWS. Please remember this.

If you still hold a Keyhoe ticket that has been paid for yet not used, please mail it back to our Office and you will receive a refund.

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### "THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL" (Continued)

time that John Hoffman once told a fellow worker at Sparton Radio about his first sighting of a Saucer. "Boy, wish I'd seen one of those ships," he told Hoffman, "I'd reach for my gun and take a shot at it!"

Yet the unfortunate bedlam climaxing the end of this picture is not its outstanding fact. People creatively inclined and with stars in their eyes have appreciated the wonderful universality that permeates this plot, and as much of the enobling purpose that the story dared half reveal.

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## OTHER SAUCER GROUPS RECEIVE DFSC PETITION

Our petition to the government requesting that President Eisenhower release suppressed U.F.O. information is implemented by the fact that private citizens everywhere appear to be making the same request. The long awaited news should break soon. A friend of ours from Flint, Michigan, whose letter appeared in the Detroit Free Press Letter Box on November 5, cites the situation only too clearly, that too little notice is being given the UFO's in the newspapers, in view of the widespread series of sightings developing everywhere.

To date we have approximately 1000 names of conscientious men and women who believe, with us, that:

"...our government come forward and make honest and forthright acknowledgment of these phenomena, and inform the citizens of such pertinent facts as are now available"...that "this cooperation between the government and its citizenry would clear the atmosphere of fear and suspicion, would renew confidence in our public officials, and pave the way to a better understanding and evaluation of these great phenomena;" that "...such a clear acknowledgment might divert mankind's attention from the spectre of impending atomic war... that it could lift the consciousness of everyone on this earth to a Cosmic level, wherein a new set of Spiritual, scientific and social values would be within the reach of all."

Already several Saucer Clubs are following the Detroit outline in drafting petitions of their own. Mrs. Clara John, of THE LITTLE LISTENING POST, at Washington, D. C., commends our efforts, and believes that we should get our petition before the various education TV programmes over the country, while David Opperman, editor of the SAUCER SENTINEL copied our petition in full. Max Miller, of Saucer's International, (Los Angeles) mentioned that he wanted an article from us in his next edition of SAUCERS, and so the interest grows.

Before the next meeting we expect copies of this petition will have been received by national commentators such as Drew Pearson, Elmer Davis, Dorothy Kilgallen and various other Saucer sympathizers. Also that our Detroit newspapers will have given it serious consideration. BUT FIRST WE MUST HAVE MORE NAMES OF MEN AND WOMEN LIKE THOSE READING "The Vimana" who are willing to spend a little time and initiative in getting the names and addresses of like minded individuals who are convinced that the time for vocal action is at hand.

## COMING WORLD CHANGES

By George Hunt Williamson

(A Review of the talk presented before the DFSC)

During my lecture on October 15th at the Detroit Institute of Arts, I mentioned the fact that at the present time vast changes were taking place on Earth on physical, mental and spiritual levels. These changes are related to the new area of the Universe into which our entire Solar System is moving. The vibratory rate is causing strange weather phenomena and earthquakes, floods, etc. The atomic detonations are not the main cause of present world-wide disturbances but are only accentuating an early weakened condition.

Physical changes about us are obvious and we can expect more disaster in the future coupled with numerous Saucer sightings. More and more, the discs will be seen on the ground with their occupants. The Saucers are constantly patrolling the fault line areas of Earth and in the event of a major disaster they may evacuate certain individuals. However, this would only be to a place of safety, not another planet. The silent, exploding lights over Algeria and the Ionian Islands attest to the fact that "fireballs" were recording conditions there before the earthquakes came. Another exploding light was observed on the east coast of the U.S. just before the hurricane struck.

Mental changes are now very noticeable. Everywhere, people realize that mankind is at the crossroads. The new vibrations will affect man's spiritual nature and growth as well. Those refusing to accept the new lessons will automatically eliminate themselves from the New Age program. The world is not going to end! Only the good and beautiful shall be man's inheritance in the future. There will be local disasters, of course, but have they not always been with us? Look to these signs of nature as prophecy fulfilled...there should be joy in your hearts and a prayer on your lips, for the day of deliverance is nigh! Science and religion will be one. There is no religion higher than Truth...and if science has some of that Truth and religion has some of it...that Truth will NOT contradict itself! We must show the scientist the religion of science and the religionist the science of religion.

May our prayer at this crucial time of world change be: "Father of us all, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand!"

LAURA MARXER ACCEPTS OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD  
SAUCER MESSAGE THRU SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

Although many within the Club will miss her. Laura Marxer will be leaving the DFSC for a term to accept a wider opportunity in other Saucer fields. In association with Robert Chapek and Frank Clark, the Saucer Research Society was recently launched, for the purpose of taking Saucer research up throughout Michigan and into other state areas. It is a wonderful opportunity, and one that only a qualified person such as Laura could handle. It is also timely that they will be taking the film: "THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL" as basic lecture material, Laura bringing out the message within each town which this picture undeniably upholds.

Needless to state, we will miss Laura greatly, still she will never be far away from us! Her recent letter of resignation as Vice-President of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club was tabled, and the pioneering work which she has done in breaking the newspaper prejudice, in helping to get the neighborhood groups underway, coordinate sightings, acting as telephone counselor, et al have built strong fibres into our Foundation. We wish her all the good fortune in the world, for she is accepting a challenge which she knows is rightly intended for her.

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When DAVE GARROWAY recently commented upon the horrible misdemeanor of a man who apparently fired upon another person repairing his car (this first individual thinking the repairman in overalls to be "some Space intruder from another planet") he then turned to the audience and said, seriously: "You wouldn't do that, would you? If you ever saw a man from another planet land here, you would welcome him, greet him with love, and make him feel truly at home." Laura heard this broadcast, and forthrightly wrote to Garroway, thanking him for his wonderful words, also mentioning the DFSC in her letter. His reply is as follows:

Dear Mrs. Marxer:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter and the copy of the VIMANA. I was interested to read them and appreciate your sending them along to me. I am pleased that you feel my words were of value to you. Peace.

(Signed) Dave

# A Letter to the Editor -

Allen Park, Mich.  
October 21, 1954

Dear Mr. Maday:

I have been deeply moved by the last two lectures presented by the Detroit Flying Saucer Club. These two speakers, Desmond Leslie and Dr. Williamson, have served as a catalyst to fuse the normal backlog of general information descriptive of racial roots, with my technical training in electrical engineering, and the growing wealth of experience stemming from extra terrestrial contact.

I am impelled to write to you this day because the impact of the urgency of our situation as individuals, members of society, and citizens of the universe has imbedded itself very deeply into my consciousness. I hope that in some way I can assist in easing the pain and yet accelerate the understanding so necessary to this reunion with our brothers from "UNIVERSE." I feel that there must now be a frantic and possibly coordinated effort among certain of the enlightened space contacts and our club's activities. I hope things are advanced to this point and herein I offer my services, be they menial or intellectual, to this effort.

I think that most of us as 20th Century Citizens of the United States have felt a deep dissatisfaction in our souls with the inconsequential rush and feverish egotism of our age and our way of life. In spite of the harshness of great world disaster this is truly a glorious time to be alive. For many centuries man has existed in universal ignorance - yet in these years we have thoughts and answers more precious than any worldly kingdom. How can we be deserving of these things which finally quench the great thirst of intellect and soul?

May the spirit of all existence help you and all of us to do the right in this hour of desperate need.

Sincerely,

Baird Wallace

# HATE

By JAMES STEPHENS

My Enemy Came Nigh,

And I

Stared fiercely in his face.

My lips went writhing back in a grimace,

And stern I watched him with a narrow eye.

Then, as I turned away,

My enemy, that bitter heart and savage,

said to me:

"Someday when this is past,  
When all the arrows that we have are cast,  
We may ask one-another why we hate.  
And fail to find a story to relate.  
It may seem to us then a mystery  
That we could hate each other."

Thus said he

And did not turn away,

Waiting to hear what I might have to say.

But I fled quickly, fearing if I stayed,

I might have kissed him as I would a maid.

SEVERAL NOTED CELEBRITIES HEAR ABOUT  
DETROIT FLYING SAUCER CLUB ACTIVITIES

It was more than satisfying when the DFSC chairman caught the eye of his friend "Singapore" Joe Fisher, noted world-traveller and adventurer on the occasion of the recent Williamson lecture at the Art Institute. Joe's initiation to the Saucer story came entirely thru the DFSC via George Adamski last March, and there he was again, on October 15th, this time sitting up in the balcony with his nephew, Wing Commander David Babinau, striking RCAF officer who was travelling on leave with his uncle during "Singapore's" lecture tour throughout Michigan. What we didn't realize was that another distinguished gentleman sitting beside them, and who also braved the rain to make "Ric's" talk, was none less than Colonel John D. Craig, famous lecturer on the Caribbean, Baja California, and author of the out-of-print collector's item: "Danger is My Business."

That Colonel Craig, one of the busiest and most popular speakers on the platform today, would take an evening off to hear a Saucer talk, is certainly noteworthy. Not alone this, but Colonel Craig agreed with many of Ric's statements, going backstage to meet him following the lecture. The outcome was a very pleasant luncheon the following day at the Fort Shelby, with the eventful news that Colonel Craig will be our February speaker this coming year. His lecture "ATOMS AND ATOLLS--An Adventure Into Time" is priceless at this time, and spiced with Colonel Craig's inimitable humor, reveals the Spiritual side of science in this Atomic Era. Photographing the Eniwetok Atomic Tests, and featuring the new 1,000,000 frame per second "Smear Cameras," Johnnie Craig believes that the new knowledge which has sprung from the bomb blast can bring Utopia to mankind.

The Detroit Flying Saucer Club is indeed fortunate to get such a man on the only February night that he has open, which by the way, is Friday, February 25th. The Masonic Temple, large auditorium, has been reserved.

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It might also be the place to mention that the DFSC is given a two page feature article by Paul Chandler in the November DAC NEWS, official publication of the Detroit Athletic Club. The DAC NEWS is rated as one of the finest Club magazines in the nation and goes to approximately 5000 members and advertisers over the United States.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

As we go to Press, it is interesting to note that our Neighborhood Discussion Groups, formed for the purpose of discussing more individually the FLYING SAUCER STORY has increased by three more units. They are in the process of shortly announcing their first meeting, and are under the leadership of MRS. HELEN PARTRIDGE, HENRY WERNER and GUS STROMBOS, and VICTOR KUCHARAK.

Within the next two weeks the leaders of the Neighborhood Groups will be meeting with the officers of the DFSC to discuss a recommended procedure of discussion, and Mary Thompson will be contacting each leader as to the specific time and date. The Club is most desirous of passing onto qualified leaders a type of format which can encircle the broad purpose of our organization, with minimum conflict or personality difference, so that all may benefit.

### DETROIT GROUPS AND LEADERS

Mrs. Ann Biehl, 11764 Duchess, Detroit 24  
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Mr. Elia Goldenberg, 58 Massachusetts, Detroit 3  
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Mrs. Jean Myrus, 8848 Stoepel, Detroit 4  
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Mary and Dan Thompson, 2196 Calvert, Detroit 6  
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Henry Werner, Gus Strompos, 8227 Knodell, Det 13 (New)

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Mrs. Rosa Bunting-Olga Tague, 2834 Ferris Ave.,  
Berkley, Michigan  
Mr. Ed Andrews, 7323 Mayburn, Dearborn, Michigan  
Mr. Dominic Sody, 28040 Hollywood, Roseville  
Franz Laubert, 14545 Longtin, Wyandotte, Michigan  
Dianne Scott, 983 East Dallas, Royal Oak, Mich.  
Mr. Howard Ward, 43754 Cherry Hill Road, Plymouth  
Mr. Don Shiland, 4651 Lake Shore Road, Port Huron  
Vern Willard, 30761 Glenmuer Road, Farmington  
Mrs. Helen Partridge, 12005 Jim Daly Road, Romulus  
ASTRONOMICAL GROUP: Bill Witkosky, 17851 Swift, Det.12  
SCIENCE GROUP (in formation) Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Lemon,  
26939 Greenfield Rd., Southfield Township.

## DILEMMA'S OF A SAUCER CLUB....

The thrill and joy of sharing the wonderful news of the Saucer people coming to this planet and studying us for a multitude of reasons is possibly its own best reward, but the penalties of attempting to organize a Club are also definitely present. The Officers and Board members of the DFSC are each one dedicated to a purposeful dissemination of ACTUAL SAUCER FACTS AND TRUTHS and will go to tremendous lengths to verify or expose a claim. We dislike fakers and feel that anyone who tries to "phoney-up" the Saucer message should be chased by little red fire balls until his conscience catches up with him. Thus it is with diluted "radio" messages, photographs that are strictly fake throughout, and stories of mother ships traversing suburban communities almost "every hour on the hour."

All of these incidents have crossed our paths during the past few months, yet we are always willing to accept the good word of reliable people. But please...if you are a prankster, don't use the Saucer theme as a relief from worn-out world comedy situation. Apart from the fact that it desecrates the time of sincere people searching for truth is the ominous warning that one is playing with Forces that are not to be tinkered with any time he tries to take the Saucer theme for a ride.

"Who hath ears let him hear!"

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT to the DFSC MATERIAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, Leonard Davidson, of the Detroit Police Dept. (Detective Bureau) who now has the sample of Snowy White substance contributed by our Pontiac friends, in the Testing Laboratory of the Detroit Police Department. So far the material has evinced no traceable similarity to any known element, but we will reserve further judgment until the next meeting, when the actual findings of this stringy vaporous material will be announced.

THE COVER FOR OUR PUBLICATION "The Vimana" is by our friend and Director, Howard Kehl, professional artist, who has generously contributed this fine Saucer drawing as a permanent cover for our monthly herald.

## WHAT SHALL I READ AND RECOMMEND TO OTHERS?

IF YOU ARE A BEGINNER and want the plain facts about interstellar flying objects, you can do no better than read **FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE**, by Major Donald A. Keyhoe. The popular 25¢ edition sells out wherever seen, but keep trying.

IF YOU HAVE PASSED ONTO THE SECOND STAGE, and wish historical and contactual verification, no book is finer or more valid than "Flying Saucers Have Landed" by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski.

IF YOUR MIND IS OF A PHILOSOPHIC TURN and you appreciate the subtle prospects of this subject, then **THE SAUCERS SPEAK!** by Dr. George Hunt (Ric) Williamson and Al Bailey relates the fact that Flying Saucers have been contacted thru Radiotelegraphy. "Ric" is an anthropologist by profession. IF ENGINEERING, FLIGHT PROPULSION and the MECHANICAL SIDE appeal strongly to you, Dan Fry's book: "The White Sands Incident" is right up your private armchair. Excellently written, and by a man who may be our January speaker.

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SAUCER MAGAZINES THAT STAND OUT, and can be subscribed to:

"The LITTLE LISTENING POST," released every few weeks when the news to where it "boils over." A fine and reliable newsette, with four issues for \$1.00 - Edited by Clara John, 4811 Illinois Avenue, Washington 11, D. C.

C.R.I.F.O. NEWSLETTER (Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects) edited by a forthright man, Len H. Stringfield, P.O. Box 1855, Cincinnati, Ohio. This gazette teems with factual data, and is quite scientific. Subscription price not determined. Write above.

THE SAUCER SENTINEL, "the only Flying Saucer Newspaper." Edited by David W. Opperman, Saginaw, Michigan. Six issues for \$1.00. An interesting and reliably reported publication, now past its boring stage. Address - Saginaw, Michigan is sufficient.

(Of course, there is also The VIMANA, but extreme modesty..)

THE DETROIT FLYING SAUCER CLUB is an independent, democratic organization, operating on a non-profit basis, and dedicated to an intelligent and sincere investigation of Spacecraft subjects, from a rounded Spiritual, Scientific and Social point-of-view. Officers are as follows:

Henry Maday, President  
Laura Marxer, Vice President (inactive)  
Dolores M. Coyne, Secretary  
John C. Hoffman, Treasurer

Directors are Howard Kehl, Madeline Mende and Randall Cox.

Inquiries are invited, and our address is 6432 Cass Ave., Detroit 2, Michigan - Telephone TRinity 5-7300. If you are interested in helping to promote Flying Saucer development in some way, or have a special contribution to make, please let us know. COMMITTEES of Workers in Various Departments, Social, Scientific, Correspondence, etc., are now being formed, and as quickly as we can integrate our efforts in the light of rapidly changing daily events will our organization function more smoothly.

#### OUR NEXT PROGRAM--FASCINATING JURY PANEL!

During the past four months of organization, we have had enlightening speakers with information which had been most welcome. We feel, however, that we should better know one-another in more than a casual way, thereupon are planning a Social Get-together on Thursday, December 9th for the EAST SIDE members of the Club, and Tuesday, December 14th for the WEST SIDE membership, both events being scheduled at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 151 West Jefferson, in the large ballroom on the ground floor.

The program on those evenings will consist of a ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION by the leaders of both groups. The programs are divided this way in order to accommodate all the people throughout the city in a less crowded atmosphere than if we tried to bring everyone together on the same night.

The Panel will be most interesting, you may be sure, with ample opportunity for audience participation. Following the discussion, Refreshments will be served, with full opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the Club and its Officers.



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Mrs. Mary Judith Hyde,  
909 Beverly Drive,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Hyde:

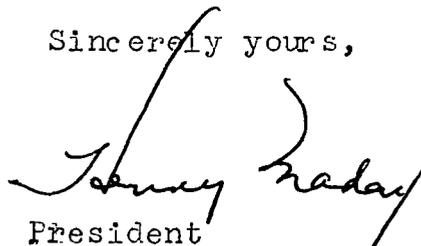
I am very sorry that your VIMANA of November did not reach you; apparently some oversight developed, but after this month we shall have a Circulation Editor who will be right on the job! Thank you for calling it to our attention, and let us know, please, how this November issue pleases you.

About the petition, I am enclosing a copy of it in our magazine, which I hope will prove interesting to you. Should any like minded "Saucerites" feel sympathetic toward our cause, perhaps they might wish to add their name to yours, if you feel such a petition is a worthy matter.

Our Club is growing week by week, and if our plans shape up satisfactorily, we shall be having Dan Fry, author of THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENT as our January 7th speaker.

Please be sure and visit our meetings if you are in Detroit during any of our programs, Mrs. Hyde. With every good wish to you, I am, thanking you again for your interest, and regretting your delayed subscription,

Sincerely yours,

  
President