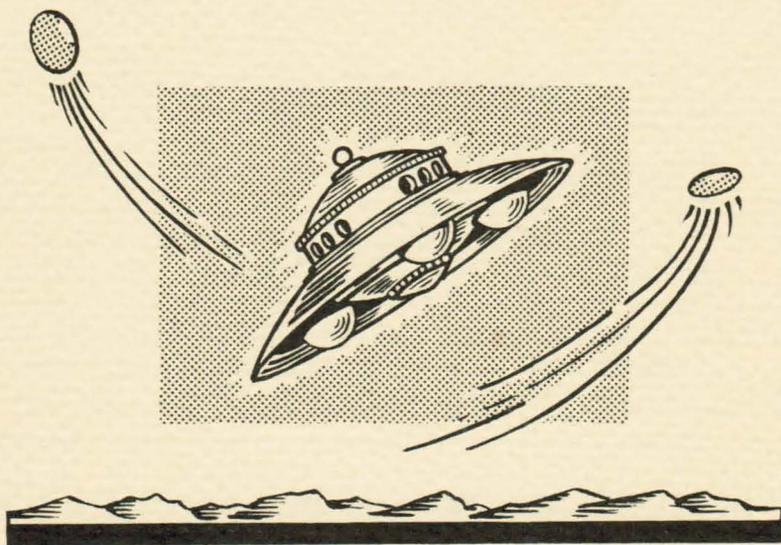


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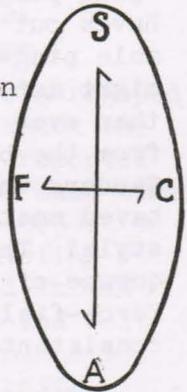
Officers take First Project on Road

Due to the success of the excellent Saucer film, "We've Seen the Saucers!" an Ande Vail Production enterprise, released to us for its world premiere before the DFSC on January 23rd at the Detroit Institute of Arts (and which turned over 200 persons away), Henry Maday, President of the DFSC and George Hunt Williamson, an honorary director, have teamed together to form possibly the newest of necessary U.F.O. movements: THE FLYING SAUCER COUNCIL OF AMERICA.

The purpose of the Council is educational throughout; in a word, to bring as much of the Saucer message as can be accepted, in gradual steps, to various communities of the country. The first project has been that of taking Mr. Vail's excellent picture on the road, for the Council has been granted prior rights for its distribution. Grand Rapids viewed the picture last Friday night, February 11th, in the massive Fountain Street Church Auditorium, where over 1000 persons expressed glowing appreciation. As we go to press, we are leaving in the morning to release the film for a Saginaw, Michigan showing on Wednesday, February 16th, in the Saginaw Auditorium, in cooperation with the SAUCER SENTINEL. David Opperman, Sentinel editor, and youthful dynamo, is Chairman.

Both Henry Maday and "Ric" Williamson feel that this film is tremendous introductory vehicle to advance the

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Saucer story, without prejudice or imaginative romancing. Its unfolding sequences have made the audiences everywhere marvel at the thoroughness and candor of the exponents illustrating the story; especially the Radar technicians, the Airline pilot from Western Airlines, the "clothesline" women in the beginning, and the forthright expression of Dr. John Arnold, minister. To end any dispute, Mr. Vail is now sending the Council a documentary letter on the complete authenticity of the Saucer shown at the beginning and at the film's close...the object which newspaper writers have described variously from a "sailor's hat" to a "ping-pong" ball. The fact, however, that the Saucer behaves out of customary flight pattern, just as an unpredictable ping-pong ball, and a Sailor's hat (on shore leave) might act, tends to authenticate the Saucer shots even more than ever to us. Did not Kenneth Arnold, "Saucer" coiner, from the beginning make clear that the immortal nine Saucers which he first espied in 1947 over Mt. Rainier behaved most erratically, like a Chinese kite, in zig-zag style? The very unprofessional touch of this closing sequence of the film, of the Saucer radiating its peculiar force-field over the San Fernando Valley, is again its consistent recommendation.

Other plans outlined by the Flying Saucer Council of America are the enlargement of the VIMANA, now co-edited by George Hunt Williamson, and a TV broadcast essaying to dramatize in unrehearsed fashion, the real Flying Saucer Story, from a human interest standpoint, with a prominent commentator as moderator. "Ric" and Henry are very happy over their future plans, and are even now shaping material for a second film, to follow in the wake of Vail's "We've Seen the Saucers!" That our Detroit Flying Saucer Club made national news coverage into over 150 newspapers with the showing of the world's first documentary film on Jan.

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Sightings!

THE BIG NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK:

by

George Hunt Williamson

Earl Nightingale, well-known TV personality reported from Chicago that a very famous American commentator had been riding from the West to East Coasts aboard a plane with 61 other passengers when they observed several Saucers trailing the ship on both sides! The pilot radioed ahead. When the plane landed, the passengers were approached by agents of the FBI and told that they couldn't tell what they had seen. "Security" you know! Of course, the commentator could say absolutely nothing. But Earl said, "I'm not reporting that security, so I'm reporting the incident. I know the man in question, but cannot repeat his name."

In New Zealand, thousands of people saw a silver, cigarshaped craft. A terrific force from a mystery explosion shook the west coast of New Zealand's South Island. People reported seeing a strange silver shape flash overhead at the same time. Observers at widely separated points described the object as cigar-shaped and emitting a dazzling light and traveling at high speed. They said it lost altitude as it moved inland toward the Southern Alps. The explosion was heard and felt over several hundred square miles. No official explanation has been given for the explosion or the dazzling craft.

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23rd could be the beginning. Right now the urgent mission is to get this picture into as many medium sized and large American cities as it is possible to reach. Both Mr. Maday and Mr. Williamson precede the film with explanatory remarks that heighten the interest in the UFO. The reaction in Grand Rapids, for example, was wonderful; talk is already expectant over a Grand Rapids Saucer Club, as it may naturally develop in all cities, which the Council, on a non-commercial basis, hopes to pioneer. Indianapolis, Waukegan, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Youngstown, Cleveland and Cincinnati have already written in about wanting the film.

Shall we end by stating that our Grand Rapids performance brought front-page attention in Tuesday's & Thursday's HERALD as well as a 5 column headline on page 1 of the Saturday edition, following the showing? Interest in Michigan's 2nd city was implemented, of course, by the recent statements Grand Rapids industrialist, William P. Lear, who reported that he had seen Saucers in Florida while flying with his pilot, and that he believed they were powered by "superior beings from another planet."

TV BROADCAST OVER WJBK WITH DFSC LEADERS
TO CONTINUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

Saucer devotee's and friends who listened to Bob Murphy's Breakfast Club Program at 9:30 A.M. over WJBK ten days ago, were surprisingly delighted to hear Baird Wallace and Henry Maday uphold the UFO picture as against two eminent Rocket Professors of the University of Michigan, who challenge the Saucer story. The first broadcast was compelling - yet only the surface of the matter was touched; interest was so great, however, that we were invited back to continue this program onto its second stage, which we shall be doing on MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18th, at 9:30 A.M., Station WJBK-TV. Messrs Wallace and Maday will again be at the Saucer helm, with their best evidential showing and between cups of coffee, hope to prove that the stratosphere still yields food not of this world.

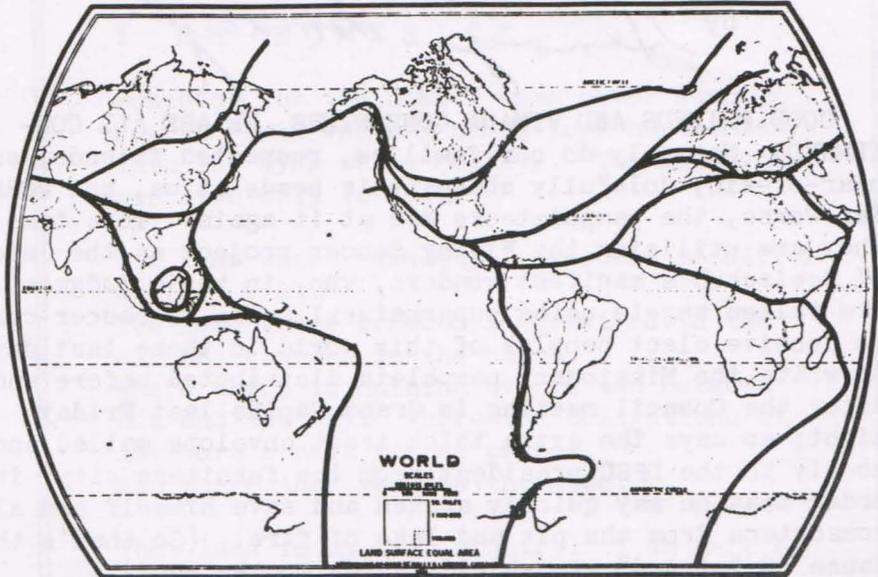
We are very much indebted to Mrs. Juliana Dobrash for telling us about Bob Murphy's interest in the Spacecraft subject, and she is one Neighborhood Group leader right on the job.

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Meet COL. JOHN D. CRAIG, gentleman!

As scholarly as they come, yet human in understanding, Colonel John D. Craig presents a realistic side of the Atomic program that leaves each audience grateful for its new scope of learning. His pictures are unbelievably real, and with the new 1,000,000 frame per second "smear camera" the February attendants of the DFSC will recognize herein interpretive material from Craig's wise observations which can wisely be put to use. Too much has been said about the disastrous aspects of atomic energy. Undoubtedly, it is very true; however, Colonel Craig reverses the process by highlighting it with the creative potential, and herein lies our great present hope. Deep-sea diver, Army photographer, World Adventurer, Johnnie Craig's program emblemizes a true accomplishment within our group, and whoever read his book: "Danger is My Business" realizes that we are most fortunate to have him with us tonight.

MAJOR FAULT LINES of the WORLD



THE ABOVE MAP SHOWS THE MAJOR FAULT LINES OF EARTH. There are many minor faults not shown. A fault line is a large crack in the surface of our planet and gives under certain stress and strain. Volcanoes and mountain ranges are found along these lines.

Because our earth is now entering a new area of the Universe, these lines are being subjected to great strain. According to space visitors, our atomic bomb experiments are accentuating an already weakened condition, but they are not the main cause of present disasters. If any pressure is applied to a crack in the Earth, it's bound to get bigger or cave in completely. When our government first experimented with atomic power, they chose an area of small population in the southwest part of the U.S.A. Unfortunately, these areas (New Mexico and Nevada) were dangerous fault line areas, and the bombs are set off directly over them! This does not help the world earthquake situation, to say the least.

Besides, everytime an atomic bomb goes off, astronomers notice strange sun spots on our sun! A drop in

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EDITORIAL

by

Henry Maday

GOOD FRIENDS AND VIMANA CONSORTERS, WE ARE ALL CON-
TEMNED! Not only do our families, respected friends, and
near-of-kin, dolefully shake their heads at us, but WORSE,
far worse, the pamphleteers are at it again. This time
they are utilizing the Flying Saucer project as the latest
of Beelzebub's manifest wonders, who, in their judgment
are fallen angels using supernatural means of saucer-craft
to deceive elect peoples of this world in these last days.
So write the Missionary pamphlets distributed before and
after the Council meeting in Grand Rapids last Friday
night; so says the extra thick tract envelope mailed anony-
mously to the DFSC president from the furniture city, in
order that he may quickly awaken and save himself and all
consorters from the pit and lake of fire. (So that's the
cause of "pitted" windshields a few months ago!)

Somewhat pathetic, isn't it? Personally speaking, we
love the Bible and the Universal Truths which it upholds,
with a passion. All the same, for every literal-minded,
fundamentalistic bibliomaniac we feel there are countless
millions of fine folk who actually live more in the Univer-
sal spirit of things, who practice the golden rule quietly
in their hearts, than many of the fanatics who hate the
evils they deplore more than they love the good which is to
be upheld.

It was the stodgy narrowism of pre-Darwinian days which
did much to shunt aside the natural religious well-springs
within the individual and by its tendency isolated man of
this 20th Century from the communal good of all. A separa-
tion of thought by too varied a stream, or to thwart
spiritual love in its cadenced flow, dogmatizes the inner
Church Universal into outer monotonous creedal secularism.
Man's very nature makes him worshipful; he is to be trusted
and in the main can experience God for himself if he is not
monopolized, "preached at" or pamphleteered over zealously.
As Dean Swift laconically wrote, over 300 years ago:

"We are God's Chosen few...
All others will be damned!
There is no room for you;
We can't have heaven crammed."

I A M H O M E S I C K .

Homesick for the home I have never seen.
For the land where I shall look horizontally
into the eyes of my fellows. The land where
men rise only to lift.

The land where equality leaves men to differ
as they will.

The land where freedom is breathed in the
air and courses in the blood.

Where there is nothing over a man between
him and the sky. Where the obligations of
love are sought for as prizes.

And where they vary as the moon.

That land is my true country. I am here by
some sad cosmic mistake and I am homesick.

---Ernest Crosby

Do you recall the wonderful statement made by Ralph Waldo Emerson, when he broke away even from the Unitarian Church the "heretic" church of his day, more than one-hundred years ago? Certain forms of worship Mr. Emerson could not conscientiously follow or believe in...in words to this effect, he told the Church elders, "What have I to do with thee, so long as I follow my conscience and inner guidance?" The Bishop waved a pontifical finger under Emerson's nose: "Ah, but how do you know but that which you are worshipping is of the devil?" Emerson replied quietly. "It does not seem to me to be so, but if it were, I would follow it gladly for all the joy it has brought to me."

weather and violent quakes are usually reported two or three days after a bomb has been set off.

Man on earth is only beginning to understand the forces of nature behind volcanic activity and what causes earthquakes. Space people say: "If you really knew the power of a volcano, you might be able to understand the power of our ships. The material spewed out of a volcano does not come from the 'bowels' of your earth...it is actually created within a vortex in the volcano's interior...a sub-vortex of the earth's magnetic field!"

Get out some map pins...make a fault map...and then start plotting strange weather happenings day by day. A very interesting pattern will begin to show up. Remember the Ionian Island disaster off Greece that killed hundreds? These Islands are directly over an area where three major fault lines converge. The Azores, where great shocks were felt, are also over a point where three lines converge. Remember the exploding light over Seattle, Washington a few years back that startled thousands of people in the night? Seattle is also over an area where three lines converge! And who can forget the Algerian quake that killed hundreds and hundreds of people recently? Algeria is also over a great fault zone.

One very significant fact emerges from this study of earth faults that was begun in the 1920's by Cmdr. John C. Soley of the U. S. Navy. Before many local disasters, either Saucers or "fireballs" are seen by many witnesses. Just before the Algerian disaster, a large orange light exploded "silently" in the sky...just before the Ionian catastrophe, a large light was seen in the sky all the way to Denmark and Germany ...before the hurricane reached it's peak on the east coast last year, lights were seen in the sky and exploded "silently." Just before the great Italian floods, a large cigar-ship was seen over Rome...before the recent French floods, Saucers were seen everywhere in LaBelle France.

What does this pattern mean? It means that the scanning devices of the Saucers or "fireballs" are checking dangerous fault areas before disaster to see if such a happening will be a major one. They may evacuate certain parts of a population to safer areas. They are here as friends and are constantly patrolling the faults. More Saucers are seen in fault areas, than anywhere else in the world.

Our world will NOT END! But we can expect changes on a physical level as well as mental and spiritual.

(Map and statements from the forthcoming book: "Other Tongues-Other Flesh") used by permission of George Hunt Williamson.)

UP in the AIR!

WHERE DO SAUCER ENTHUSIASTS COME FROM? More places than can be imagined! Twenty-four hours ago we were on the platform in Saginaw...now returned, and going over our cards of new names and addresses, who would think that our subject would bring people from BAD AXE, CHESANING, BRIDGEPORT, CASS CITY, BURT, ESSEXVILLE, FREELAND, MILLTON, AKRON (Michigan, not Ohio), MERRILL, MUNGER, LINWOOD, FOSTERS, NEW LOTHROP, GRAND RAPIDS, VASSAR, ST. CHARLES, and EVEN DETROIT and CHICAGO! Not to mention that MIDLAND, BAY CITY and CARO were prominently represented also. The Manager of the Civic Auditorium, in all politeness, finally had to flash the lights, for the fact that people just didn't want to leave, after nearly an hour of Questions and Answers.

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In our Grand Rapids presentation, the wonderful cooperation of Dr. and Mrs. ROBERT LUSTIG is deeply appreciated! They took care of arrangements almost entirely, and Mrs. R. B. BURGER also greatly assisted in calling her prominent friends. Today we received a card from Mrs. Burger, notifying us that one of the librarians in Grand Rapids talked with her for 1-1/2 hours, all about Saucers, and wants Saucer literature, VIMANA's, etc., from all aspects. She is most anxious to help start the Grand Rapids Flying Saucer Club.

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Among the persons continually assisting us in announcing our programs, has been ROSS MULHOLLAND, LEE SMITS, TOBY DAVID, and now, BOB MURPHY. Wouldn't it be a kind gesture to write each one sometime, thanking them for their generous participation? They are wonderful fellows, and Radio and TV channels seem more cognizant of Saucer subject than newspapers.

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Have you told your newly interested Saucer friends about the VIMANA? Five issues cost only \$1.00 and they will be receiving one of the finest Saucer publications available today.

A Statement and a Clarification:

During the past eight months, the Detroit Flying Saucer Club has been privileged to serve UFO enthusiasts and their friends in one of the strangest interests ever essayed by man: to interpret, as rightly as possible, a Universal picture in terms of interterrestrial spacecraft making apparent contact with the earth, for some good reason beyond our ken. In getting ourselves organized during this time, many vicissitudes have taken place; our Club grew faster than we realized, with many complexities which had to be ironed out. Conflicts of ideas and procedure could be no less apparent in this activity than in any other group, where the magnitude of such a project, by its demands and sincerity, often took a surprise turn ahead of the anticipated plan. Unfortunately, delays also have been inevitable. Even so, the President, Officers, and Directors of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club have attempted to erect a foundation within this city which seems wise to continue, because we feel that we are serving a worthwhile purpose, and that we cannot stop mid-way.

There is talk at the present time of reorganization with the Detroit Flying Saucer Club, and if such a step takes place, it will be for a right purpose, that more unitedly the Club can grow far beyond its present scope. We pray that this will be so! Neighborhood Group Discussions should continue, and there are so many wonderful people within the Club ranks who believe with us that perhaps we are being used as instruments to condition the consciousness of the unaware. Should our Space-friends land enmasse on our planet one day fairly soon, we then must be about our Cosmic Father's business and take the right initiative of helping to stabilize the unprepared, if there is need.

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WEST COAST SPACE CONVENTION MARCH 12TH

All the west-coast is buzzing about the Spacecraft Convention being held in California on March 12th, for two days, at Giant Rock, under the joint auspices of George Adamski and George Van Tassel. It promises to be a mighty interesting program, and our "Ric" Williamson will also be there at that time, to speak on behalf of Detroit and national activities now being launched. A regular featured writer in the VIMANA, watch for George Hunt Williamson's articles each month.

MEXICAN SAUCER LANDING of 1949 APPEARS
VERIFIABLE...from THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES...

PRIME EXAMPLE No. 1:

Ernest Grates, automobile dealer, is a substantial down-to-earth individual with an acute sense of what's going on in the world. Returning from the General Motors School in 1949, and leaving Flint, Michigan, on a Saturday afternoon, his car radio was suddenly interrupted by a special Newscast message emanating from Mexico City. The announcer then tuned to a remote control pick-up broadcast wherein an American lady reporter began describing the amazing fact that a Saucer had landed in the area not too long before, somewhere in the outskirts, and now the section had been roped off, and authorities were attempting somehow to get into the craft. This reporter went on to describe how difficult it was to penetrate the hard surface of the large Saucer which had landed; that blow-torches, acetylene flame, etc., were of little help. She continued by saying that it appeared that there were several "smallish" men slumped over, apparently unconscious or dead from our atmosphere. "Keep tuned to this station" the cut-in announcer said, "and we'll keep you notified as things progress." Ernie kept tuned in, but no other Saucer news cast developed.

EXAMPLE No. 2:

In an article in the Detroit Times of March 10, 1949, (INS) Ray L. Dimmick, Los Angeles businessman, is quoted as saying that he had seen the wreckage of a flying saucer which, he stated, crashed recently near Mexico City. Dimmick said that he inspected the wrecked saucer last week, at a secret military installation near Mexico City, escorted there by Mexican business associates, to this military base which was heavily guarded. Dimmick described the Saucer as being 46 feet in diameter. He said that Mexican officials and some scientists believed the Saucer was from Mars or some other planet. He said he was told by Mexican officials that the Saucer was piloted by a "strange type of man" who was only 23 inches tall. He said the pilot was killed in the crash in hilly country only a few miles from the Mexican capital. Dimmick added that military and government officials from the United States inspected the Saucers.

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--- Apocryphal insertions ---

Was this same Saucer thence carefully wrapped in tarpaulin, hoisted onto huge army conveyor trucks, and with heavy escort carted to Wright-Patterson Air base, in Dayton? Several excellent sources seem to believe so...stating that fields were crossed in the daytime and night, so the convoy would escape going thru large cities, along main traffic arteries.

EXAMPLE No. 3:

Wednesday night, Saginaw, Michigan, prior to the Flying Saucer Council program, "Ric" Williams and Henry Maday met a prominent photographer of Saginaw, very much interested in Saucers. He then tells us the amazing story that his son revealed to him, when he was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air base about this same period. According to his son, a huge semi-truck came into the Air Base, with heavily canopied material jutting out, of immense size. No one seemed to know anything about it, except that this young man told his father that it was shortly driven to a far hangar (was it No. 27?) where no windows or accessible doors could be discerned... The grapevine thought one thing - but no official statement was ever made.

This is all that we, of the DFSC and FSCA know about this subject, but it offers more than speculative evidential. Frank Scully related either this or a near episode in his "Behind the Flying Saucers," and George Adamski certifies that the above incident is more than likely factual.

What do you think? We are interested in further substantiation of this incident.

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Friend, Harry Brown, neighborhood group leader in Zone 38, writes us that he is planning a neighborhood meeting Friday, February 28th, for the purpose of playing the Daniel W. Fry tapes. We're right behind Harry and wish him the very best!