

EDITORIALS

SIX THOUSAND SAUCER CLIPPINGS FOR SALE: Due to our inadequate staff and lack of spare time, we have had to abandon work on our huge private collection of saucer clippings here at SAUCER NEWS Headquarters. This collection consists of 40 scrapbooks, each containing an average of about 150 clippings, or 6,000 clippings in all, covering the years 1954-1959. We would like to sell the entire set of 40 volumes to some saucer researcher who would appreciate them, and who is able to pay cash. The price is somewhat high, due to the tremendous cost of the press clipping services from which we received the clippings. Anyone interested should contact us for details. - A 10% commission on the purchase price will be given to anyone who obtains a buyer for us, should we be unable to do so directly through SAUCER NEWS. - Incidentally, the fact that we are abandoning this one phase of our research should not be construed as a sign that SAUCER NEWS is intending to cease publication. On the contrary, we still intend to be around till "the last cup and saucer."

ANOTHER ATTACK BY GRAY BARKER: Mr. Barker, in the September issue of his Saucerian Bulletin, lashes out at Lonzo Dove and your Editor because of the facts brought forth in the June SAUCER NEWS, in which we showed that Barker himself was responsible for the mysterious "hush-up" of Al Bender in 1953. Now Barker quotes a letter from the Air Force in which an officer at the Pentagon implies that your Editor may be a certain Captain James W. Mosley (with one "e") who was discharged from the service in 1957. Barker's rumor-mongering is squelched, however, by the following letter now in our possession, written later by the same Pentagon officer: "Further information reveals that the James W. Moseley of New Jersey and Captain James W. Mosley.....are two different persons."

Dove's answer to Barker's Saucerian attack is printed on Page 5 of this issue. We have also printed, on Page 4, a letter from Barker's co-worker Richard Ogden, in which the absurd counter-charge is made that Dove himself hushed up Bender. As always, it is our intention to be fair and present both sides of all controversies, no matter how much we sympathize with Dove's position in this particular case.

MAJOR KEYHOE THREATENS LAWSUIT: As a result of Michael G. Mann's article in the September issue, Major Keyhoe has threatened to sue SAUCER NEWS if we do not print a full retraction. This we cannot do, as it would be unfair to Mann, to our readers, and to the several officials and scientists who wrote to Mann, thus supplying him with his information. These letters are right here in our files. Even though Mann may have erred in some of his conclusions and implications, the article as a whole is an honest and factual one, and in no way libelous. In our opinion it is just a shame that Keyhoe apparently feels himself to be above honest criticism. We will leave this case for our readers to judge. Those who have read our September issue will remember Mann's main points.

A long letter from Keyhoe - too long for the Letters to the Editor section - has been printed verbatim in the form of an article, beginning on Page 17 of this issue. A short letter from Mann can be found on Page 7. We believe our readers will conclude, as we did, that Keyhoe has not successfully refuted the two most important points in Mann's article, regarding "domes" on the Moon and a "moon bridge". No matter what they may or may not have said in the past, the two scientists quoted by Mann now contradict Keyhoe in regard to these strange lunar features described in his book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks for your letter in July, and also for the two copies of SAUCER NEWS that you sent. I can definitely say that without doubt your publication is the best I have read on the subject. There are those with glossy covers, and those connected with "big names", but yours still remains the best I have read so far.....I am hoping soon to produce a magazine in England, similar to your own. It will be called "U.F.O. Researcher". If it is as good, factual, and objective as yours, I will be satisfied....

ROY STEMMAN

President, London U.F.O. Research Organization
London, England

This is a challenge to any and all people who claim to have contacted a space ship from outer space, and to have communicated with outer space entities: I will prove that there are no space ships from outer space, and no outer space people. I will prove this through their own so-called outer space entities, if these claimants will agree to simple and sensible rules for a test. Anyone who wants to accept this challenge should get in touch with me.

JACOB I. APSEL

2438A North 1st St., Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin

The reason I have not written you recently is that I have been trying extremely hard to get some tangible proof for you, regarding my contacts. I regret to say it is more difficult than I ever realized....

I recently went on a strict sacrificial fast to please God and to prove that He would feed me with His Life-Force-Energy-of-the-Universe, which God did; but I was unable to persuade any doctors or hospitals to examine me and see proof in my body. I fasted for 42 days, eating and drinking absolutely nothing but plain unadulterated water. I went to two newspapers and offered to take a lie detector test and submit to any kind of thorough physical examination if they would arrange same, but they refused....Six days out of every week during this fast I averaged working ten hours a day and most of this time I had to stand on my feet. Even during my 2¹/₂ hours off in the afternoon I walked around and shopped like always, and rarely got to sleep before three or four o'clock in the morning, getting up around ten in the morning and only actually sleeping four to six hours per day. In fact I had much less sleep and rest than before starting my strict fast. I did not really start getting seriously weak until the last few days. Every time I felt weak, I would ask God for extra energy, and instantly I felt stronger....I claim that it is a miracle when anyone can fast 42 days and keep on working all this time. It can only be done with God's help. Everyone I ever read about or heard of who fasted for long periods, laid around in their beds most of the time, taking practically no exercise....

WILLIAM BATEMAN, Washington, D.C.

SAUCER NEWS still seems to improve with every issue. I just don't know how you do it. Yours is the only saucer magazine that has the courage to print both sides of every question. CLARK BRADFORD

Detroit, Michigan



MR. BATEMAN

Letters Concerning the June Issue

I am writing this letter in defence of my good friend Gray Barker, and against the ridiculous article by Lonzo Dove attacking Barker.

First I would like to say that this letter is being written to you on my own volition, without direction or request of Gray Barker.

Nobody except Bender himself knows the exact date of his visitation by the Three Men. Possibly it could have been that Bender was visited before he went on vacation, using that time to think out his dilemma. When he returned from vacation, or very soon thereafter, on Sept. 9, 1953, he called a meeting of the IFSB staff, ordering its disbandment.

Where Dove gets the idea that the epileptic in the Clarksburg hospital was the Norfolk man, and was one of the Three Men in Black, is beyond me, and seems to be one of Ufology's greatest examples of conclusion-jumping. One possible identity of the epileptic was the Norfolk man. I might add that it was not an IFSB membership card in question. It was one of Barker's business cards that the FBI agent presented. My personal theory as to the identity of the epileptic is that he was the serviceman who was the only stranger Barker remembered giving his card to.

Dove's sole basis for believing that Barker visited "Smallwood" in Canada, was the use of two Barkerese idioms: "we" and "very, very". Is Dove so naive as to believe that Gray Barker is the only person in the U.S. who uses that idiom?...Also, Barker is not the only tall person in the U.S. And where does Dove find reason to believe that Barker was in Quebec during December, 1954? Barker denies it, and how could Dove prove otherwise?

Dove quotes part of Bender's letter to Barker of Sept. 16, 1953. Only he leaves off several words which make his point valueless. His quote is: "I do not know if I advised you or not, but do not accept any more memberships." The real quote includes the above, but after "memberships" Dove leaves off the words "until after the October 1953 issue of Space Review is in your hands." This changes the meaning of the sentence entirely, leaving Dove looking ridiculous.... JAMES MANEY, Oklahoma City, Okla.

On page nine Dove claims that the paper Bender sent to some correspondent was none other than his own Mars Origin of Flying Saucers. It is here that Dove slips up again. If you check Barker's book on page 132 you will see that this claim by Dove is untrue. Bender himself developed the theory that was the answer to the saucer mystery, and he wrote about it to some correspondent. Then he was visited by the Three Men who had that paper. So since Bender developed the theory, it wasn't anything Dove sent him.

The record shows that Lonzo Dove was a former key figure in Bender's organization and was in charge of astronomical research. Now, just who was this correspondent that Bender sent that paper to? If Bender found out the secret of the saucers, he wouldn't have written it to someone outside of his organization to check on. No, he gave his paper to one of the key figures in the organization....The odds are that he gave it to the man who knew something about astronomy, since the answer to the saucer mystery would most likely lie within this field of study. In short, the paper went to the man in charge of astronomical research, Lonzo Dove.....Thus it was Dove himself who turned Al Bender in to the authorities....Dove twisted the facts in his article to confuse the reader....but gave himself away by claiming knowledge that Bender was visited by men supposedly from the CIA. Dove forgets that Al Bender never admitted the Three Men were from the government. Only the man who turned Bender in knew where they were from!....

RICHARD OGDEN, Seattle, Washington

I think space is due for at least this final rebuttal to Gray Barker's reply against my article in SAUCER NEWS. Barker wasted no time, and in fact got ahead of time, in that his reply was out before August 22nd, whereas my advance copy of SAUCER NEWS containing my own article came out on August 18th. Gray Barker therefore must be clairvoyant, or something!

It is true that I did not quote the whole "context" of Barker's book and writings - they are too much. But what I did quote into brief summary statements, gave precisely his own conjunctive meaning in his writing. This is true even in spite of some editorial alterations in my quotation marks - which were so convenient as an excuse for Gray Barker to ridicule something in my article.

Barker's answer in his Saucerian Bulletin is a great confession of having no real counter-argument, because his only complaint is these quotation marks - not what they said but their condition as he viewed them. Barker does not point out any misquotations; He just implies that I made some, evidently knowing better than to charge outright that I myself did any misquoting of him. And so, having no grounds at all for denial of my charges, Barker resorts to angry adjectives in name-calling to hide his emptiness and fill the air with camouflage of discredit to my personal character.

Barker went so far as to promote me falsely into the "candy trade," instead of my known thirty years of professional photography, in line with my hobby of optical study in astronomy. In one place he gladly acknowledged my true experience, when he pinned his own "big joke" fake photo onto me, but in another place Barker wants to show that only his own "photographic editor" (August C. Roberts) was able to fake a photo. Barker says, "Roberts....by some photographic magic superimposed the....monster" in the cover photograph of the Saucerian issue containing Barker's answer to my article.

And Barker falsifies just as blackly in saying that I expose his frauds because I am jealous of his name being above mine on the IFSB letterheads, and saying that before this happened I was "on the best of terms" with him. This is impossible, because I never uttered a word to Barker "personally" until Dec. 16, 1953, which was after the Bender Bureau was closed down and therefore long after Bender printed Barker's name once to mine twice on the letterhead of IFSB. If anything, Barker was the one who had basis for jealousy in this case, if we are going to act like little boys shifting the guilt.

Gray Barker did deny one thing, that he personally visited Quebec, but his mention of this shows all the more that he had inside knowledge that the visitor obtained the saucer fragment before the second visit....

My advice to Barker is that he think twice before speaking once, for every time he opens his mouth he gets his feet in it and stumbles in his argument!

LONZO DOVE

Broadway, Virginia

(Editor's Note: Dove implies above that your Editor purposely changed his article for the worse. Editorial changes were made, but only in an effort to make Dove's points clearer than they were in his original manuscript. - The reason Barker was able to reply to Dove's charges so quickly was that we felt at the time that it would be only fair to send Barker an advance copy of the charges in time for Barker's forthcoming issue of his Saucerian.)

Letters Concerning the September Issue

The front cover illustration on the September 1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS is the most interesting you have ever published....

DAVID COX

Los Angeles, Calif.

The cover of the September issue is the most disgusting thing I have ever seen. By what supreme egotism does your ibn A'haron think he can photograph God? Your magazine is obviously immoral and should not be allowed through the mails. Please cancel my subscription immediately....

CARLOS MENTIRA
Bronx, New York

The article by Bob Barry on pages 14 to 17 of the Sept. 1959 SAUCER NEWS, "The Case of the Mysterious Airplane Crash", presents facts concerning the fatal crash of an Air Force transport plane after hitting some object in the air at a time and place where U. S. military activities were taking place. The "silencing" of witnesses and local residents, including the local Chief of Police, is described in detail. Everything in the article is consistent with the premise that there was an accidental collision of a U. S. device (say a secret "foo fighter", rocket, parachute gadget, etc.) with the transport.

The official "censorship" which the A.P.R.G. investigators discovered is quite in keeping with this premise. The fear of exposure to embarrassment or disciplinary action would cause the Air Force officers to hush up the details of the case. Yet the article as written, and as it will be interpreted by most saucer fans, will be construed as indicating that the Air Force considers the incident to have been caused by an extraterrestrial saucer. (Item 8 on page 16 of the article apparently describes a phone call from a CIA "agent-provocateur" to get the APRG people involved in the case, on a UFO angle.)

It is unfortunate that the date of the crash was April 1st, since this date is not conducive to highest news credibility. Lest this seem too flippant a remark to the families of the four deceased airmen, I trust that the APRG investigators, having the names of the dead men now that the next of kin have been notified, will convey the sincere regrets of all saucer researchers that such accidents have to occur. As long as the public (and the military personnel who are not "in" on the secret) are kept uninformed, such accidents are bound to happen. The guilty parties should not be allowed to hide behind censorship, especially when the haze of "UFO" activity is purposely drawn over the picture.

DR. LEON DAVIDSON
White Plains, N.Y.

The article in the latest SAUCER NEWS by Michael G. Mann does saucer fans a service, I believe, in pointing out that Major Keyhoe is neither infallible nor above occasional distortions of fact, although Keyhoe certainly has not intended to deliberately deceive us. However, Mr. Mann is guilty of the same sort of errors for which he rightly takes Keyhoe to task. I note a few instances below:

(1) Mr. Mann's harping on the misspelling "Kimross" does not discredit, of itself, Major Keyhoe's account of the incident....

(2) If there had been a collision between a jet and some object, whether extraterrestrial or American or Soviet in origin, the replies to any inquiry would be just those which were given to Mr. Mann. The statements of the Air Force neither prove nor disprove Major Keyhoe's veracity.

(3) Keyhoe did not claim to have based his accounts on Air Force reports, but on interviews with information officers, Air Force statements to the press, and other news stories - with hints of scuttlebutt here and there. If Mr. Mann objects, as I do, to what is apparently misleading dramatization, then he should say so plainly....

A technical UFO journal would free Ufology from misleading dramatization and unconscious distortions. Major Keyhoe, for example, refers to any

UFO not shaped like a cigar or disk as merely a "machine" or "object", thus oversimplifying classification....By all reports neither NICAP nor anyone else is providing us with a technical publication....

FRANK J. REID, Chicago, Illinois

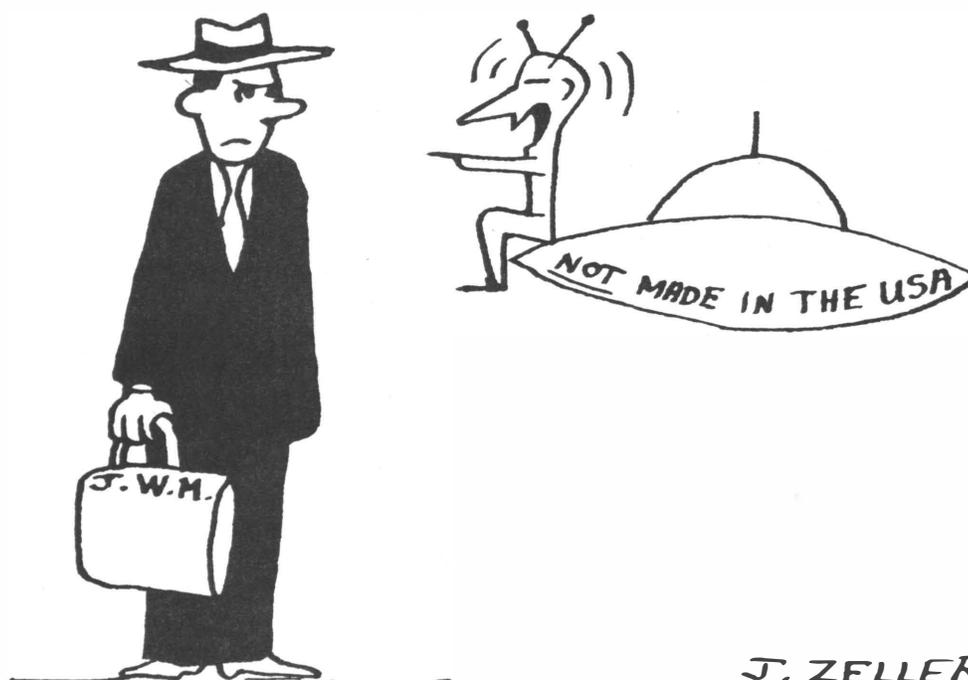
I want to congratulate you on how neatly SAUCER NEWS is arranged and printed - free from advertisements.

I sent for it for the express purpose of reading Mr. Michael Mann's reports. As the old saying goes, there is no beating around the bush. With his reports, everything is explicit. Not only that, but just a bit of humor; and humor is what this old world needs more of....

MRS. HARRY KAPREILIAN, Kingston, New York

Mr. Keyhoe's personal letter to me regarding my article was most ill-mannered.....I made no libelous remarks in the article but merely reviewed the Keyhoe book impartially and in good faith. Is it my fault that inquiries on my part showed many of his statements in the book to be in error? I certainly didn't have anything to do with the replies that I received from the many officials I contacted.....Can Keyhoe deny that Mt. Palomar denies his statement about a spectrum shot of the "moon bridge"?.....Keyhoe mentions that I contacted the wrong branch of the service in my inquiries. I was under the impression that it is the Air Force and not the Navy that handles saucer matters. Isn't Keyhoe the one who always states that if any of the data he comes forth with is untrue, he will give the Air Force permission to recall him to active duty and publicly court-martial him? I have heard him make this statement many times via T.V. It seems he forgets that, as he is a retired Marine Corps officer, the Air Force would have no jurisdiction to recall him...I have recently learned that my informant was wrong about the Utica crash. It did take place after all....MICHAEL G. MANN, Brooklyn, New York

GUESS WHO department...



J. ZELLER

BOOK REVIEW

SECRET PLACES OF THE LION - by George Hunt Williamson (Amherst Press, \$4.50)
 - Reviewed by Y. N. ibn A'haron, B.D., S.T.M. -

This is surely the most interesting book one could ever read, and among the most informative. The number of cheap novels the author read as research background for it would astound even the trigonometric Mayans.

It is unfortunate that we cannot limit this review to a discussion of the book's entertainment value. Williamson's books are always good for a laugh or two, especially when we first pick them up. After completing the first hundred pages, however, we invariably confront a host of hidden horrors which the publishers have buried deeply within the text, hoping that the reader will not notice them until after he has paid the purchase price.

In Mr. Williamson's last book, the "gaff" was anti-Semitic Fascism. Elaborate stories of an International Bankers' conspiracy were concocted, in which it was said that certain prominent Jewish families were secretly plotting to rule the world. In short, all the worst filth of the Hitler era was revived.

"Secret Places of the Lion", however, represents a new kind of revival: All the hallucinated and unsubstantiated treasure stories of the past ten thousand years are revived in a conglomerate history of the world, which rests for its authority on records deposited at the non-existent Abbey of the Seven Rays on Lake Titicaca, Peru. In the introduction, Mr. Williamson implies that he was initiated into these ancient mysteries by a certain Brother Philip of the Amethystine Order of the Seven Rays. Even those who would accept such credentials, however, will per force withdraw their support of Mr. Williamson's efforts when they learn that he has been disowned by the very Order of which Brother Philip is said to have been a member. An affidavit, signed by the public relations director of the real Order, has been printed in the Journal of Correlative Philosophy for December, 1958.

From this starting point, Mr. Williamson swings a broad arch into the realms of fantasy, with only occasional references to his "mystic records, golden tablets, and Abbey Scrolls." His system of commentary is an ancient and dishonorable one. He passes it off with the savoir faire and sleight of hand common to the profession of prestidigitators. As soon as he has been able to convince the unwary reader that any one aspect of an historical situation is open to question, he uses the alleged discrepancy as an excuse for pulling down the whole framework of historical fact upon which our understanding of Man's past is built.

As an added attraction, each of history's great names is made to shoulder more than the burden of his own name and reputation. An indispensable feature of the book is the Appendix entitled "Reincarnation Patterns of Identities." The author believes, for instance, that Pharoah Ankh-en-Aton, the great ruler who has received recent homage as the world's first monotheist, later reincarnated as Socrates, Epictetus, Simon Peter, and William Lloyd Garrison. Mr. Williamson makes no attempt to reconcile the disparate views of these several personalities, nor even to justify the sequence he has established. Many unanswered questions present themselves, each calling louder for solution than the one before. In the end, there can remain only a good-humored chuckle at the ludicrous farce which would result from Ankh-en-Aton occupying the bodies of a devout athiest, a fatalist, a polytheist, and a freethinker, each in their turn.

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 To return to Williamson's basic technique, it will serve to discuss

only one of the numerous tall stories which the author is said to have dreamed up toward the end of his stay in Peru. The most graphic and putrescently racist example is to be found in his handling of the life of King David.

Drawing only from outdated and unreliable works of reference (including the insupportable conjectures of Prof. Immanuel Velikovsky), Mr. Williamson tells his public that neither David nor Solomon were mentioned in public inscriptions of the period to which they are most generally assigned, 1,000 B.C. In Williamson's chronology, these monarchs are said to have lived in the days before Moses, or about 1,500 B.C.

This chronology is based solely on the alleged absence of monumental remains. The historical authenticity of the Bible is brushed aside with an impatient hand. The only real trouble with these manipulations is that they are untrue in every respect. Williamson's chronological data are drawn from the abyss of subconscious resentment against the Jewish people whose history he is maligning; and his biographical details are copied from the "true romance" magazines.

The facts are:

(1-A) While Williamson has been able to upset the history of Israel and of Egypt (at least to his own satisfaction), he has not been able to distort the facts relating to Assyria and the Hittites.

(1-B) Williamson admits the historical authenticity of Hiram of Tyre, King Solomon's illustrious contemporary.

(1-C) Hiram is prominently mentioned in the North Semitic annals, especially in those of Assyria, and his dates as given there are consistent with the Biblical account!

(2-A) In the days following World War II, many jealously guarded artifacts were brought to light during the relocation of the Bedouin population in the Jordan Valley. One of the most important finds during this era was a signet ring from the year 1,000 B.C. This date was unanimously agreed upon by scholars throughout the world because of the peculiar slant of the handwriting and the techniques employed in working the metal.

(2-B) This ring bore the name of a man who is mentioned in the Book of Kings as being one of David's chief lieutenants in the south of Palestine!

(3-A) Even were it true that no monuments bearing the names of David and his best-loved son have been recovered, it would prove nothing because the Jews did not generally erect plaques of durable metal or tablets of stone. The common writing materials in ancient Judea were closer to those in use today than to those employed in the neighboring countries to the north. The peoples of Palestine wrote with chalk on black-board, or else with ink on parchment. The Phoenician alphabet was not suitable for use on clay, or even very easily on pottery. For this reason, relatively few written evidences survive from those days. One Semitic people, the Carthaginians of Tunis, were so much accustomed to the use of perishable writing materials, that not one jot of their literature has survived. All that we know about their writings is that they were very extensive, and much admired by all the world of that day.

(3-B) It is not surprising that the only source of written Jewish history is the Bible. The word itself is an arbitrary term for all the works of history, biography, and philosophy that survived the Babalonian exile. King David is mentioned explicitly in three separate histories of the period, and his dates have been carefully computed and cross-checked by means of the genealogical tables given therein.

In the face of these facts, further evidence that King David lived in the tenth century B. C. would approach the superfluous. We trust that Mr. Williamson will soon have the good grace to withdraw his specious claims.

THE AERIAL PHENOMENA OF EARTHQUAKES

- by Frank Reid -

Those who have read Harold T. Wilkins' interesting, if chaotic, "Flying Saucers Uncensored," have probably passed over the following item without much interest:

"September 10, 1954: An Algerian road-sweeper said: 'I saw a sun in the sky at midnight, and the moon turned red, one hour before the great earthquake struck Orleansville, Algeria.' (N. B. The appalling earthquake at Orleansville, which began at 1 a.m., killed more than one thousand people.)"

Wilkins remarks that a similar incident occurred at Gloucester, England, in 1895, and that "this phenomenon has been seen before and since, but it remains a mystery."

Indeed, although they have been known since the Romans first recorded them in 89 B. C., such phenomena connected with earthquakes remain not only mysterious but pretty much unknown and forgotten - even for UFO researchers, who could benefit greatly from their study!

In 1910, Professor I. Galli of Italy made a study of 148 cases of luminous phenomena accompanying earthquakes, mostly Italian reports, and while he did not advance any explanation for the phenomena, he claimed that they were of four classes: (1) Flashes of light like lightning, luminous spots, and narrow bands of light; (2) Globes, columns, and beams of fire; (3) Flames, sparks, and luminous vapors; (4) Diffuse lights in the air and luminous clouds.

Aside from this, most scientists have ignored the phenomena, attempted lengthy Project Bluebook-type debunking, or simply agreed with Sieberg that such phenomena form "the darkest chapter in seismology" and left it at that. To make matters worse, Galli's four classes do not cover all phenomena associated with earthquakes.

Charles Fort's books list a great many phenomena which he associated with earthquakes, but a careful weeding out of natural phenomena leaves us with only about 28 good cases.

It can therefore be seen that this is a new and fertile field for UFO research, and one that can perhaps offer clues to the nature, behavior, and means of propulsion of UFOs. In order to introduce the researcher into this new field, I will describe the phenomena associated with four relatively recent earthquakes, and point out a few areas for speculation.

Case I - Idu, Japan, 1930.

"There can be little doubt that the destructive Idu (Japan) earthquake of Nov. 26, 1930, was closely associated with the lights seen shortly before, and for at least an hour after, the earthquake."

The above statement must have startled the readers of "Nature", the famous British science journal, when it appeared in 1931, but the evidence was too great for seismology to ignore. This case is the decisive argument in favor of the fact that aerial phenomena sometimes accompany earthquakes.

The Idu Peninsula runs southward along the west side of Sagami Bay, and is about 75 miles southwest of Tokyo. The quake of Nov. 26, 1930, which occurred at 4-30 a.m., had its epicenter near the northern end of the peninsula. (The epicenter is the area on the earth's surface vertically above the point of origin of an earthquake.) Two members of Japan's Earthquake Research Institute observed the lights accompanying the quake. One, Mr. K. Musya, was so impressed by the phenomena that he later made extensive inquiries in the quake area, and collected almost 1,500 accounts of the phenomena.

For a complete description of the lights, we turn to an article by Dr. Charles Davison in "Discovery":

"As to the appearance of the lights, nearly all the varieties classified by Galli were observed. In most of them, the sky was lit up as if by sheet-lightning, and nearly all the observers agree in estimating the duration of a single flash as decidedly longer than that of lightning. At one place on the east side of Tokyo Bay, the light resembled auroral streamers diverging from a point on the horizon. Beams and columns of light were seen in different places, and several observers compared the beams to those of searchlights. Others describe the lights as like that of fireballs. Some state that detached clouds were illuminated or that a ruddy glow was seen in the sky. At Hakonamati, close to the epicenter and to the northeast, a flash of light was seen, now in one spot, now in another, and, when the earthquake was at its height, a straight row of round masses of light appeared in the southwest. According to most of the observers, the color of the light was a pale blue or white or like that of lightning, but a large number state that it was of a reddish or orange color. The light is said to have been so bright on Tokyo that objects in a room could be seen. At another place, about 30 miles from the epicenter, it was brighter than that of moonlight.

"The places at which the lights were observed lie within an area including the coast of Surugu Bay, the Idu Peninsula, the coast of Sagami Bay, the valley of the Sagami River, and the coasts of the Bosco Peninsula and of Tokyo Bay. The lights were seen to a distance of 50 miles to the east of the epicenter, nearly 70 miles to the northeast, and more than 40 miles to the west. They were seen both before the earthquake and for some time after the quake, but were most conspicuous during the middle of the shock. The directions in which the lights were seen point as a rule to the neighborhood of the epicenter, that is, to the northern part of the Idu Peninsula. The light was, however, seen in other directions, sometimes in the direction of the sea.

"It is important to notice that, according to the Central Meteorological Office, there was no thunderstorm in the affected area at the time of the earthquake. The lights were also seen at places where there were no high voltage wires, nor has there been a single report that such wires were seen to emit considerable light. Thus, lightning and sparking from electric wires are excluded as causes of the luminous phenomena, and it is difficult not to accept the conclusion of Messrs. Musya and Terada that, while we cannot as yet offer any explanation of the mechanism of the phenomena, there can be little doubt as to their connection with the earthquake."

Case II - South Hyuga, Japan, 1931.

Mr. Musya, in the year following the Idu quake, studied four instances of luminous phenomena accompanying earthquakes. The most numerous reports concerned the South Hyuga earthquake of Nov. 2, 1931. The phenomena were lights like lightning or searchlight beams, of a bluish or sometimes yellowish color, which radiated from a point on the horizon. They were seen before, during, and after the quake. There were no storms, fires, or landslides. However, there were observations of what appeared to be meteors, on the evening of the quake.

Case III - Bucharest, Rumania, 1940.

On the afternoon of Nov. 8, 1940, a 30-minute series of earth shocks was felt in Bucharest, Rumania. At 3-39 a.m., on Nov. 10th, a tremendous earthquake, its epicenter 100 to 150 miles north of Bucharest, ravaged Rumania, killing between 1,000 and 2,000 people.

Said the New York Times: "Persons who were up at the time said the first sign of the disaster was a blinding flash of blue light. Then three minutes of violent shocks followed, accompanied by the ripping, crashing noises

of tumbling buildings."

The Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, Fordham University's seismographer, said that his instruments showed it to be a 9th grade quake - which could damage poorly constructed buildings. The "blinding flashes of blue light" reported by witnesses of the Rumanian quake, were described by Father Lynch as having resulted from the first wave of the earthquake as it reached ground surface. He explained that a quake comes in three distinct waves, with the first producing varied phenomena, which might likely produce the flashes of light. The second and third waves were the ones that did the real damage as they broke the surface.

It is worth noting that, Father Lynch to the contrary, this earthquake was of such violence that in some sections of Rumania, the populace hailed the invading German Army as their rescuers!

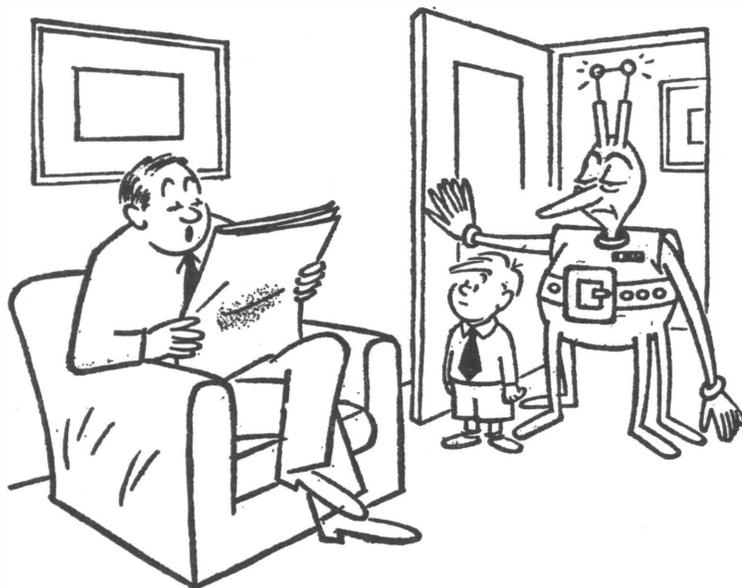
Case IV - Nicosia, Cyprus, 1941.

A severe earthquake, of an intensity of VII or VIII on the Forel-Mercalli scale, occurred in Cyprus, at about 5-35 a.m., on Jan. 20th, 1941. The epicenter was about 200 kilometers from the Syrian coast, near the southeast coast of Cyprus. The associated phenomena were described by Abdulazim Aziz, of the Department of Agriculture, in a letter published in "Nature":

"A bright flash associated with the earthquake was seen from the eastern and central parts of the island. A man named Nicosia Hodja, who was on the minaret for morning prayer, in describing the event, said that he first heard a deafening noise suggesting the impact of a gigantic projectile on the surface of the earth with a simultaneous rocking motion so severe that he feared the minaret would collapse. Afterwards he saw a brilliant reddish object like a huge globular lightning moving slowly toward the east. The tremors then changed into horizontal waves and gradually vanished. There is strong evidence that the direction of the flash was pointing to the epicentral area."

Now, in looking over these phenomena, which are almost certainly of the UFO type, we find that there are certain common characteristics: (1) The phenomena seem to be associated with, or interested in, the epicentral area, where the quake has its origin; (2) The earthquakes themselves are violent, sometimes very much so; and (3) The color of the phenomena is usually bluish - with the definite exception of the Nicosia case - suggesting that the UFOs themselves show reddish or yellowish colors, while blue is the color of searchlights, abnormal clouds, glows, and other displays which often accompany UFOs.

In all four cases, scientists recognized the connection between the phenomena and the earthquakes. In the Rumanian case, the blue flash preceded the quake, and the explanation was advanced that the phenomenon was



"I give up, Junior. What has four legs and flies?"

caused by the "first wave" of the quake. Just how this wave could produce luminosity is unclear, to say the least. Also, this explanation does not fit cases in which lights were seen some time before a quake, during the quake, and for some time afterwards! In the Rumanian case, unfortunately, there was a drizzling rain which followed the quake, and which casts a certain amount of doubt on the Ufological nature of the flash.

Just why UFOs are sometimes attracted to earthquakes is a complete mystery. They do not show up at all earthquakes, even though the quakes may be quite violent. I could not find the slightest hint of UFO activity in any of the accounts of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906.

It has been noted by a number of writers that animals are often agitated before an earthquake. Birds leave their nests, dogs fuss about, whining, etc. If, as some theorize, UFOs are actually some form of living aerial jellyfish, they might be prompted by curiosity to come down and "watch" an earthquake with whatever senses they possess, much as people come out of their houses to watch a meteor shower or an aurora.

A more likely explanation is that this UFO activity during earthquakes has something to do with the earth's gravitic field. Scientists know that mountains, sudden massive geological formations, and other features of the earth's crust, can cause tiny but measurable variations in the force of gravity, and they have named such variations "gravity anomalies." Such anomalies of the gravitic field undoubtedly may occur, or be shifted, during quakes. The Idu quake caused what "Nature" called "remarkable displacements" in the Tanna fault, shifting the entire western block 120 centimeters to the south, and 60 centimeters upwards. Minute as these gravitic changes are, they are nevertheless interesting to those studying gravity.

Presumably, if UFOs are using anti-gravity in the manner of Lieutenant Plantier's famous theory, they could measure such changes in the gravitic field, while they are taking place. Speculating further, one wonders if these craft use the "features" of the earth's gravitic field as navigation aids. And the unpleasant thought occurs that perhaps they do not merely observe some earthquakes, but cause them as well!

With this idly wild bit of speculation, I turn the problem over to those with more time, freedom, and inclination for UFO research than I. Long hours in libraries have only brought me more questions than answers. I therefore leave it to the reader to follow through on this line of research.

DO FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM SPACE? - PART I

- by Justin Case -

Our Sun is a bright star, a brightly burning body that shines much like most other stars seen in the night sky. In all directions beyond our Sun is so vast an emptiness that it is difficult to comprehend. The nearest star is so far away that its light, traveling at 186,000 miles per second, takes 4.3 years to reach us. This distance is 25,000,000,000,000 miles! Within a radius of 16 light years from our Sun, there are only 48 other stars. Beyond them are billions of stars, comprising our Milky Way Galaxy. This galaxy occupies a space shaped something like a pocket watch, and is estimated to be about 100,000 light years in diameter and about 8,000 light years thick. Our Sun is located about 30,000 light years out from the center, in a part of our galaxy that is relatively thinly populated by stars.

In all directions beyond our Milky Way Galaxy, there is again vast emptiness of space, in which there are other galaxies. Each galaxy is an island universe immersed in a sea of space, separated from its neighbor galaxies by about a million light years of distance. What lies beyond them, no one knows.

While our Sun is a star, not all stars are like our Sun. Some are "white dwarfs", some are "red giants", and some are double or tripple stars. Some are much larger, others much smaller than our Sun, and there are still other types of stars. Although our Sun is much like most other stars, there is no evidence that these other stars have planets like our Sun has. But it is now generally admitted by astronomers that some of these stars might have their own planets, on some of which life might exist. This admission is based only on probabilities, not on evidence. It is important to remember this.

Our Sun has nine planets, all rotating in the same direction around it but at various distances. All planets but one, - Pluto - are approximately in the same plane. The planets in turn have moons rotating around them. The Sun, its planets, and their moons comprise the Solar System, and this in turn is a part of our Milky Way Galaxy.

With this brief introduction to astronomy we can now proceed to the title question - do flying saucers come from space? But first let us agree to use "interplanetary space" to denote the space within our Solar System, "interstellar" to mean the space outside our Solar System and between the stars, and "intergalactic" to mean the space outside of our Milky Way Galaxy and between the other galaxies. The term "space" alone will be used to include everything outside our Earth's atmosphere which therefore includes interplanetary, interstellar, and intergalactic.

It is the contention of most saucer students that flying saucers do not look or act like conventional flying objects and that they are not secret U. S. or Russian inventions or any other Earth-made devices. Therefore, they say, what else could they be but some form of space vehicle? This is not scientific or logical thinking, but we will not question it here. Instead, we will admit the possibility that flying saucers are some form of intelligent life from space, and we will discuss where in space they might possibly come from.

Life is a chemical process. There is good scientific reason to believe that life can flourish only under two principal conditions, but of course there are other additional conditions. First, there must be sufficient quantities of the chemicals carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen readily available in the proper form. Secondly, there must be favorable temperatures, not warmer than about 140 degrees Fahrenheit or colder than about 40 degrees below zero. The temperatures must be well above the freezing point of water (32 degrees F. on Earth) for at least half the time. The interested reader will find reasons for this given in the book "Life on Other Worlds" by H. Spencer Jones. Only where we find these conditions can we say that life is possible, bearing in mind that life can exist without being intelligent, and intelligent life can exist without developing enough to achieve space flight in flying saucers. Where we do not find these conditions, we can safely say that flying saucers cannot originate from there.

We will start with interplanetary space and briefly review the data that our best scientists have accumulated over several hundred years of patient and careful observation, measurement, calculation, and experiment.

Our Sun is an incandescent mass with a surface temperature of about 10,000 degrees F., a temperature that can only be attained in nuclear fission or fusion, as in atomic or hydrogen bombs.

Moving outward from the Sun, the nearest planet is Mercury. One side of Mercury always faces the Sun, and its surface temperature is about 770 degrees, that of molten lead. The other side is perpetually dark and is near absolute zero in temperature, i.e., 460 degrees below zero. There is no atmosphere on Mercury. Thus no life can exist on Mercury and hence flying saucers cannot originate from there.

Venus is the second planet in distance from the Sun. It turns very slowly on its axis, one day on Venus being about as long as a month on Earth. Its surface is always covered with very thick clouds. The sunlit side of these clouds has a temperature of about 130 degrees F., and the dark side about minus 10. The most careful measurements have failed to detect any sign of oxygen or water vapor in the clouds of Venus. Instead, they indicate that the clouds are most probably carbon dioxide. Since this gas acts like a blanket, the temperatures on the surface underneath it are believed to be close to the boiling point of water, i.e., 212 degrees. Some astronomers think that Venus now is a planet like Earth was many millions of years ago before life appeared on it. Venus therefore does not provide the two conditions necessary for life, and hence cannot be the origin of flying saucers.

Earth is the third planet from the Sun. The advent of Russian Sputniks and our own Explorer satellites, plus the intensification of the cold war, clearly indicate that flying saucers are not Earth made, nor do the officials of the U.S. and Russia think they are interplanetary. If they did think so, they would immediately stop the cold war and unite for mutual defence against the common enemy. This matter was discussed in Reference #1.

Mars is a picture of what Earth will be like some millions of years in the future. It is a dying planet. There are no signs of water anywhere except the white frost caps in the polar regions, which are believed to be only a few inches thick. The atmosphere is very thin, and contains only 1/1000 as much oxygen as on Earth. Clouds are believed to be dust, and the surface is flat and arid like our desert regions. Seasonal changes in color are believed to be due to some very primitive and hardy form of vegetation. The climate is very cold, with 86 degrees F. highest, and well below zero lowest. The conditions do not favor any form of intelligent life. It is very unlikely that flying saucers originate from Mars. For further discussion on this, see Reference #2.

Beyond the orbit of Mars lies the Asteroid Belt, containing many thousands of tiny planets. Some of these are huge chunks of rock of irregular outline. At one time it was thought that these were fragments of an exploded planet. Present theory leans to the idea that these fragments never collected to form a planet. No life can exist on them, in any case.

Next we come to Jupiter, the giant of the planets. It has a very thick atmosphere, several thousands of miles deep, containing ammonia and methane, both of which are poisonous. This and its maximum surface temperature of about minus 216 degrees, make any form of life impossible.

Life is likewise impossible on all the remaining planets. They are farther away from the Sun and have lower surface temperatures. Saturn has about minus 240 degrees, Neptune about minus 330, and Pluto minus 350. Neptune's atmosphere contains methane and frozen ammonia, and Pluto is so cold that no atmosphere can exist on it, as it would be frozen solid.

All the planets



"Left, left, left, right, right, right, left, left, left . . ."

have moons. We know that our own moon is a lifeless world, devoid of atmosphere and with no water or vegetation on it. The moons of all other planets are likewise lifeless, principally because their small size does not permit them to retain any atmosphere, and because they are generally hotter on the sunlit sides and colder on their dark sides than their parent planets.

We have now briefly reviewed the best scientific information about our Solar System. We have found that the two principal conditions for life - ample supplies of carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen in proper form, and certain definite temperature limits - are lacking on every planet and moon except our own Earth and possibly Mars. In Reference #1 and #2 we eliminated both Earth and Mars as possible origins of flying saucers, and now we are forced by scientific evidence to eliminate all other places in interplanetary space. We therefore must conclude that flying saucers are not interplanetary because we can find no place from which they could possibly originate.

This should make it clear why scientists, the Air Force, and our government officials refuse to accept the popular belief that saucers are interplanetary. There is no evidence to support this belief, and all scientific data about interplanetary space shows that flying saucers cannot originate there.

The only basis left for the popular belief that saucers are interplanetary, is that this scientific data is wrong, and that there are interplanetary places where life has developed and achieved space flight. It is possible that science is wrong, but not probable. Our scientists are as right as it is humanly possible to be. They never tell us anything unless they can prove it. That is why we hold them in such high esteem. Anyone who says the scientists are wrong must prove it. This subject was discussed in Reference #3, where some samples were given of scientists being wrong for many years. But all odds favor the scientists being right.

In his book "The Case for the UFO", M. K. Jessup claimed that flying saucers were space ships that inhabit the area near the gravitational neutral of the Earth-Moon-Sun system. That spot is about 170,000 miles from Earth and about in line with the Sun. This book was written in 1954. Mr. Jessup has now had five years in which to achieve everlasting fame and glory for himself by actually locating these space ships, since he knows where to look for them. But neither he nor anyone else has done so. We are forced to conclude, therefore, that Mr. Jessup was not right.

In Part II of this article, we will discuss the possibilities that flying saucers are interstellar or intergalactic.

References in the above article are to other articles by Justin Case in previous issues of SAUCER NEWS, as follows:

Ref. #1 - Sputniks and Flying Saucers - Sept. 1959 issue.

Ref. #2 - Do Flying Saucers Come from Mars? - Feb.-March '59 issue

Ref. #3 - The Scientists Might be Wrong - June-July 1957 issue.

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A REPLY TO AN ATTACK BY JAMES W. MOSELEY AND MICHAEL G. MANN

- by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Ret. -

In the September 1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS, published by you, there appears an attack on me by Michael G. Mann. You stated you believed Mr. Mann's charges very reasonable; even without this, you are legally responsible for publishing an article which contains false, and, I believe, defamatory and libelous statements.

Since you avoided checking with me, on what were obvious untruths, I believe this was a malicious attack, a deliberate intent to destroy myself and NICAP, by inventing and circulating rumors about my book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy."

The most glaring untruth concerns my report of the 1945 disappearance of Navy planes after taking off from Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station. Mr. Mann, as endorsed by you, says the Ft. Lauderdale NAS never existed, thereby labeling this report fictional.

In any sincere investigation, a competent reporter would have written the Navy Dept. He would have found the facts exactly as I stated, with a Navy Board of Inquiry admitting it had no explanation. Also, he would have found detailed press accounts, especially in Florida, where an extensive air-sea search was made. The Associated Press had a round-up with all the facts. In addition, NICAP has had letters from Navy men then stationed at Ft. Lauderdale. The Navy Dept. will confirm that Ft. Lauderdale was then active, and now is carried as an inactive Naval Air Station.

The second worse error involved Mann's peculiar "investigation" of the November 22, 1953 loss of an AF F-89 two-man interceptor. As stated in my book, the F-89 chased an unknown object from the Soo Locks out over Lake Superior. Ground Control Intercept radarmen (AF) saw the blip of the F-89 merge with that of the unknown, and no trace of the plane or pilots ever was found.

If you, or Mann, had had the courtesy to write me I would have sent you the enclosed photostat of a clipping from the Chicago Tribune, an AP story appearing in an early edition November 23, 1953. As you will see, it confirms my report of the chase by Lt. Felix Moncla, Jr., pilot, with Lt. R.R. Wilson, radar officer. The AP was told, as the clip shows, that Traux AFB informed them the jet disappeared after it took off from Kinross AFB. The AP news story added: "Traux air field officials said the plane was followed by radar until it merged with an object 70 miles off Keweenaw Point in upper Michigan."

Besides this, I have letters from Moncla's mother and brother-in-law, thanking me for my efforts to learn the truth, which are available for inspection at NICAP. In addition, the Traux statement was confirmed to me by Lieut. Robert C. White, AF PIO handling UFO information at the Pentagon, though White explained the "merging" as an error by the radarmen (even though they were GCI experts.)

In trying to prove the F-89 case false, Mr. Mann plays up a typographical error I failed to catch on proofs - calling Kinross AFB "Kimross." He states: "After a week of extensive research, I came to the conclusion that Kimross AFB didn't exist. Then I realized that he (Keyhoe) was referring to Kinross AFB." As an editor, Mr. Moseley, shouldn't you have worried a little about an author who took a week of extensive research even to deduce this simple fact?

Perhaps it was this type of research which led Mr. Mann to accuse me of making up the story of the F-94 which had crashed on July 1, 1954, into Walesville, N.Y. The two-man jet had been scrambled to investigate a reported "unknown," when unexpected heat filled the cockpit. The two men bailed out,

and the jet's crash killed four people, two of them children. This crash story was on all the press-wires, was confirmed by the AF Press Desk. There was only one error in my account - Griffiss AFB was called "Griffith." But a check of newspaper files, or written query to the AF Press Desk, would have proved the crash story, exactly as I wrote it.

Regarding the burning road at Woodside, Calif., I quoted exactly from statements by Fire Chief John A. Bolpiano: A 270-foot section of Portola Road was ablaze; metal pellets causing it were still too hot to handle 30 minutes later. The "cast iron fragments" answer was rejected, as I stated. If Mr. Mann had queried Chief Bolpiano instead of a late arrival on the scene, he might have found the facts.

Mr. Mann quotes Dr. Gerald Kuiper as stating the bright spots he observed on the moon were apparently small craters made by meteors. This may be his present view, but in 1954, in a report to the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Kuiper said the white spots were apparently the tops of inverted cones. They looked, he said, as if they had been turned out on a lathe from blocks of white chalk. He added that though they were relatively recent, their nature and origin were a mystery. These were the quoted statements which Mr. Mann implies were made up.

Regarding Dr. Menzel's comments, quoted by Mr. Mann, I will say only this: In January, 1953, ATIC gave me official statements that they had examined Menzel's theories and did not accept them, in general, nor in the Mantell, Chiles-Whitted and Gorman cases he claimed to explain.

As to the "moon bridge" story, this was a verbatim transcript of a British Broadcasting Corporation interview with Sir H. Percy Wilkins, noted lunar authority. Dr. Wilkins has written me that he stands on his report of the structure's artificial appearance - "like an engineering job" - but that he thought it somehow must be natural. Other astronomers, including Dr. Jas. A. Bartlett, have sighted the "bridge." The information on the Palomar analysis came from a source I consider competent.

Mr. Mann claims the AF listed 7 of my cases (unspecified) as unknown to them. Under their policy, this is no surprise. If Mr. Mann will name them, I will prove the seven cases as factual as the preceding cases you have tried to discredit.

Further proving malicious intent, Mr. Moseley, you sent unsolicited copies of this attack to all NICAP members whose addresses had appeared in our publications. I hereby demand that you immediately send copies of my answer, in full, to all these NICAP members, to your own membership, and any others who received that issue. If accompanied by a full retraction, it may influence my decision, but I reserve the right to initiate legal action against both you and Mr. Mann.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: Our March issue, which may reach you a few weeks behind schedule, will include an article by ibn A'haron entitled "How to Build a Saucer", an article by Michael G. Mann exposing Prince Neasom (the most fantastic contactee of them all), and Part Two of Justin Case's current article. We feel sure this is an issue you won't want to miss....A beautifully bound set of SAUCER NEWS will be given free to our 2,500th subscriber. We'll be announcing the lucky winner soon....Those of you who want to learn the in-side story of the recent "hush-up" of the Long John radio show, will find all the facts in the latest issue of our Non-Scheduled Newsletter. For the price of one dollar you can be placed on the Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time....The following back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still available: #1, 2, 3, 8 through 11, 13, and 17 through 37. All sell for 3 for \$1.00, except #1 and #27, which cost \$1.00 each.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

MILITARY AUTHORITIES CHECK SCORCHED AREA LEFT BY UFO: At 2-30 a.m. on September 7th, a farmer named Walter Ogden (no relation to saucer researcher Richard Ogden) happened to be outside his farmhouse, near Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Suddenly he saw a balloon-like object suspended in the air, about 200 yards away and 50 feet above the ground. Shortly thereafter the object ascended rapidly, emitting a blast of fire which struck the earth beneath it. The saucer then disappeared in an easterly direction. Later Ogden and several friends formed a search party, and in their inspection of the farm, they came across a scorched area about 15 feet in diameter, at about the same spot where Ogden had seen the UFO. Military authorities were notified, and a few days later they arrived on the scene. The scorched area was fenced off, and soil samples were taken. One of the military men was quoted by the local sheriff as saying, "There's definitely a smell of fuel about these soil samples." However, as usual, we can assume that the results of the analysis will never be made public! (See photo below.)

PECULIAR INCIDENT ON LONG JOHN RADIO PROGRAM: On the night of August 24th, the Long John radio show was mysteriously cut off the air in the wee morning hours. The station later issued a news release which reads in part: "Long John Nebel was airing a stirring matter concerning flying saucers over WOR when a call purporting to be from the management of WOR ordered him to switch from interstellar discussion to earth-bound music. The interruption came at 4-30 a.m., and Long John discontinued the group discussion. A thorough investigation reveals that no such order was made by the management of WOR.



WHERE UFO 'BLASTED OFF' — Fleming County Sheriff R. S. Stokely, left, and Walter Ogden, Fleming County farmer of near Wallingford, inspect the scorched area above which Ogden reported seeing an unidentified flying object over his farm recently. Military officials put up the fence around the 15-foot-diameter area and took samples of the soil for further investigation. (Photo by Herald Correspondent).

Hundreds of phone calls and letters from early bird listeners expressed irritation at what appeared to be arbitrary management. WOR wishes to assure all that no censorship is being installed at the station. The four guests (Ben Isquith, James W. Moseley, Gray Barker, and Y.N. ibn A'haron) who were curtailed in their discussion have been invited to return and finish their ardent review of aerial phenomena in our skies. In the meanwhile, the switchboard has been ordered to use a special code when accepting calls from sources claiming to be WOR management executives....." The August 24th show was rebroadcast on the morning of Sept. 13th, on tape, and this time the music was replaced by a completion of the saucer discussion by the same four guests. - For the complete inside story of this "hush-up" incident, see SAUCER NEWS Confidential Newsletter #10.

MANY SEE SAUCER SPECTACLE IN MICHIGAN: Residents throughout the area near Pontiac, Michigan, reported that two UFO's were visible in the sky for 20 minutes on the night of August 18th. The most detailed report came from Wanda Bieri, who was at a local drive-in movie with her husband and children. Said she, "We were sitting in the car waiting for the show to begin. It wasn't quite dark yet. Suddenly my husband told me to look at two peculiar objects in the lower horizon. We saw the people in other cars watching too, and some got out of their cars to look. There were two yellow discs in the sky - not in the heavens, but in our own atmosphere. The two objects faced each other, and for about eight minutes they stood perfectly still. Then for the next three minutes, one moved higher than the other. All of a sudden the lower one took off in a straight upward movement and became a very thin disc with a long yellow tail with a bit of red in it, making it look like a fire streak. Then, 30 seconds later, the second one moved up and over and down in a perfect arc, leaving a yellow trail behind it. It disappeared completely while the first disc continued to go straight up, then leveled off and began flying perfectly straight for about three minutes, trailing to the right with a stream of yellowish vapor that faded to pink as it disappeared. As the first one faded, the second flying object came back into view and looked like it was coming directly at us, right under the other one, which had reappeared again. They both arched together, like they were making a big U-turn, and then streaked away for the last time."

NEWS BRIEFS: An unidentified object fell in the yard of a home at Midkiff, West Virginia, on the night of September 13th. Preliminary reports stated that the object was "pretty good sized" and was "quivering". Unfortunately our clipping service has not yet sent any follow-up report....Another saucer convention has been held, this time near San Francisco, California. It was called the Second Annual Northern California Spacecraft Convention, and took place on September 5th and 6th. It was attended by many of the same contacts who spoke at Van Tassel's convention at Giant Rock, and at the earlier convention in Los Angeles' Statler Hilton Hotel....During the evening of Sept. 22nd, crew members of a Pan-American flight from New York to Paris sighted a mysterious luminous object that appeared to be a high altitude rocket burning itself out above the atmosphere. The crew told reporters that they saw an object at extremely high altitude traveling "from south to north at right angles to a vertical shaft of light traversing it." The sighting took place over the east coast of Labrador.

WEIRD SIGHTING IN OREGON: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Evans told a wild saucer story to police in Medford, Oregon, during the early morning hours of July 21st. Shortly after midnight, the couple was about to visit a house in a

lonely area near town, when they heard footsteps and saw a blinding flash of light, followed by a piercing, whirring noise like helicopter blades. They left in a hurry, they said. Returning a half hour later, the couple said they saw lights come on, revealing a large, round object with octagon-shaped windows lighted in brilliant yellow. They then fled the area again, and encountered a car blocking an intersection in their route. They sped around it, but suddenly it was right behind them, with "enormous yellow lights" shining through the rear window of their car. The mystery car kept following them until suddenly it "vanished completely" at another intersection. - Other calmer saucer reports were received by police the same night.

SAUCERS OVER WASHINGTON TOWN FOR THREE HOURS: On the night of Aug. 24th, a number of winking and blinking bright lights were seen for more than three hours in the city of Bremerton, Washington. The lights kept changing color, from red to green to blue, and appeared to be attached to a single object that was hanging almost stationary in the sky. Local police were alerted, and several obtained a good view of the UFO, which was estimated to be at an altitude of 40,000 to 50,000 feet. A deputy sheriff gave a report to a nearby civil defense headquarters, which in turn was supposed to notify nearby McChord Air Base. However, due to some unaccountable mix-up, McChord did not receive the information until much later. - SAUCER NEWS readers will remember that McChord is the same field near which the mysterious air crash described in Bob Barry's article in our last issue took place. At that time a blanket of secrecy and censorship was placed over the crash, according to local saucer researchers who tried to investigate the incident.

SAUCER LANDS IN NEW YORK STATE: Three witnesses saw "a contraption that looked like a big boat" take off from an empty field in back of a boarding house in Gloversville, New York, last August 4th. This event occurred in broad daylight, at 10 a.m. One witness described the object as about four feet high and as big as a garage. It appeared to be covered with brownish-green canvas. A strip of limp, black rubber about a foot long and an inch wide was found later at the landing site, as well as a two-foot-long strip of aluminum. A close scrutiny of the area revealed that the grass was pressed down on the spot where the UFO had been seen to take off.

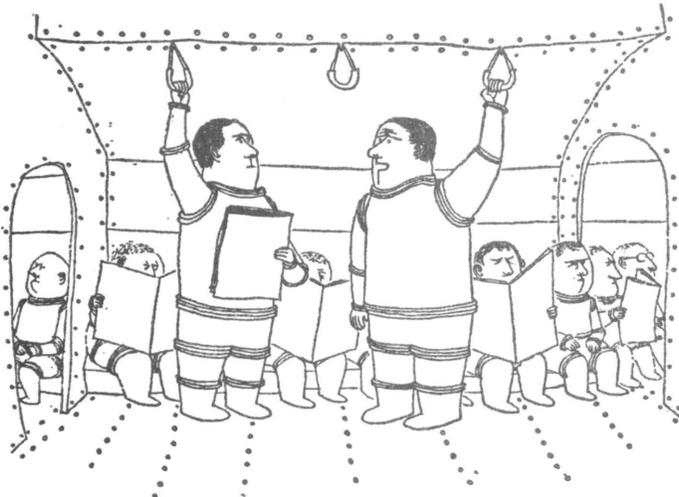
SAUCER BRIEFS: A news clipping dated August 17th informs us that Howard Menger has been freed from jail after payment of \$529 in back alimony to his first wife. Space fans will recall that Menger divorced his first wife in order to marry Marla Baxter, author of "My Saturnian Lover"...Otis T. Carr, notorious inventor of the OTC X-1 which never left the ground, was arraigned in an Oklahoma City district court on August 14th, after having waived a preliminary hearing. Carr, Wayne Aho, and another member of the Carr organization are now free on \$1,000 bail each.....Proving that SAUCER NEWS hasn't as much influence as we might wish for, a newspaper article announcing a George Williamson lecture in Phoenix, Arizona, on Aug. 17th, has the headline "College Professor Talks to Flying Saucer Group." If reputable newsmen can still believe that Williamson is a college professor or anything near it, then our several exposes of "Dr." Williamson have been largely in vain.

DETAILED SIGHTING IN PENNSYLVANIA: Mrs. Arlene Conley of Bellefonte, Pa., made a very unusual saucer sighting in the early afternoon of Aug. 17th, while doing household chores in the back yard of her home. She reported a large, square metallic object, "so shiny that it appeared to have light of its own," moving slowly between two layers of clouds. The object left no vapor

trail and made no noise. From its position between the two cloud layers, she estimated that it was three times as big as a large airplane would appear to be at the same height. The UFO was square, and moved along with one corner pointed toward the earth. The body of the thing was parallel to the ground and extended between opposite corners of the square. The sides which joined the upper and lower points seemed to be less solid than the body. "It was not of the same consistency all over; It was very strange," said Mrs. Conley. She was informed that the U.S. Space Agency had rocketed a huge sodium flare high into the air that morning, creating a spectacle visible throughout the entire area; but she insisted that this was not what she had seen. The flare had been launched at 5-18 a.m., and its trail was visible for half an hour. As Mrs. Conley's sighting was in the afternoon, she appears correct in her contention that she saw a different object.

SAUCER LANDING IN TEXAS: An event reminiscent of some of the November 1957 sightings occurred near Angelton, Texas, on the night of August 20th. A man named Randy Chandler and his girl friend were driving along a farm road near Angelton when they saw a "dirigible-shaped object" which had rows of lights from front to rear (presumably windows.) As the UFO passed over the car, the motor went dead and the headlights went out. Chandler said that the object was only about 400 feet above the car. Another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shanks, were driving along the same road, and stopped to watch. The foursome saw the object land in a pasture not far from the highway. They left and passed by the area again about 45 minutes later, at which time the UFO was still in the same spot where they had seen it land.

OUTSTANDING SIGHTING FROM THE YEAR 1881: This is hardly current news, but the following incident is so interesting that we feel it deserves your attention. The story you are about to read is from a Santa Fe, New Mexico newspaper from the year 1881. It was reprinted recently in several New Mexico papers: "Tonight soon after the arrival of the train from Santa Fe, as the operator at this point and two or three of his friends were taking a short walk before retiring for the night, they were startled by voices evidently coming from above them.....Upon looking upwards they were astonished to see a large balloon coming from the west. As it rapidly approached, the voices became more distinct, but were entirely unintelligible. Loud shouts in a language entirely unknown to any of the party were constantly given, evidently with a desire to attract attention. The construction of the balloon was entirely different to anything of the kind ever seen by any of the party, being in the shape of a fish; and at one time it was so low that fanciful characters on the outside of the car, which appeared to be very elegant, were plainly seen. The air machine appeared to be entirely under the control of the occupants, and appeared to be guided by a large fanlike apparatus.....The balloon was monstrous in size, and the car as nearly as could be judged contained eight or ten persons...."



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