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Saucer Men With Buckets !!

-By Coral Lorenzen

Two miners at Brush Creek, California (Butte County) came forward in June and told a story of saucer men with pails who had been annoying them at their diggings by landing their tri-landing geared, saucer-shaped craft and scooping buckets of water from the nearby creek.

The fact that this odd-shaped craft and odder-shaped occupants (broad-shouldered midgets) had apparently showed up at their mine-site on May 20 and June 20 consecutively seems to indicate, at least to them, that they will make another appearance on the 20th day of this month.

We can easily and correctly predict that a goodly number of the curious will be on hand on that supposedly fatal day and that the local general store will have a field day in the sale of pop and other refreshments. However, we seriously doubt that the little men will put in their scheduled appearance. It takes little to blow this one sky-high. What in deuce has the 20th day of the month got to do with when the duo puts in it's next appearance? Assuming that the lit-

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The following will in essence be an account of the N. D.'s meeting with two representatives of the Wright -Patterson Air Intelligence Command on the evening of June 12 At Milwaukee, Wis.

The prior weekend, a Miss Dorothy Madle of the Milwaukee Sentinel called the N.D.'s home in Sturgeon Bay and stated that Edward Halbach, Director of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society had suggested that her paper do a feature story on APRO. We consented, arranged to go to Milwaukee for the interview and pictures and also for a little rest. Two days later Mr. Halbach called and said that a Professor Hynek (J. Allen) of the Ohio State University (Astrophysicist) and a representative from Wright-Patterson were coming to town the following wednesday, stated their desire to talk to the Director, and after finding that she would be in Milwaukee that Friday, delayed their own trip to that part of the state so that their presence would coincide with hers.

On Friday, June 12, the N. D. went to Milwaukee, talked with APRO special investigator from Rockford, Illinois, interviewed the reporter and retired to her room until 6. P. M. when she was to have dinner with the Professor, Mr. Halbach and the officer from W-P. She was instructed during the dinner that she was not to give names to the newspaper, and complied. The Professor's name is given here because he also autographed a pamphlet written about aerial phenomena, therefore could not have been so guarded about his identity getting out as the officer was.

The Professor called the N.D.'s room at 5.50 and they arranged to

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Never in the life of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization has so repulsive a hoax been perpetrated as the deliberate butchering of a dumb animal to satisfy the inflated ego of the maniac who attempted to convince the public that he had run down a Man from Mars in Georgia recently. This jackass bet a friend \$10 that he could get his name in the papers, then proceeded to buy a monkey for the sum of \$40 above and kill it, and plant it on a highway in Georgia. His punishment in court did not dearly pay him for his deed, and the damage he has done to the credulity of hundreds of thousands of people curious about the saucers and their origin is inestimable. We have had those who claim to have contacted the 'saucers' and their occupants, and have even been deluged with reports falsely concocted, but this bores those ronegades all hollow. This man cannot even plead partial insanity--just a fun-loving boy who had his little laugh. Phooey !!!

THE EDITORIAL

We forsake our editorial mast for this issue to bring to APRO members several sightings which came to us via the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. Some of you may have already become acquainted with these sightings, but because we believe most have not, we are presenting a condensed version of same:

GEELONG, VICTORIA, Jan. 3, 1953. Staffs of Geelong newspaper and radio station watched bright yellow object which appeared over town at 10 p. m. Looked like bright star with illuminated halo. Kept disappearing and reappearing, brighter than before. at time to be seen, as large as ppm to observers. Left phosphorescent glow in sky, disappeared after heading in Southerly direction at great speed. Melbourne weather bureau officials could give no explanation for the phenomenon.

BULAWAYO, S. RHODESIA, AFRICA, JAN. 15, 1953. Professional photographer snapped 2 pictures of a silvery object larger than moon. Moving very fast across sky, and upon examination, meteorological officials baffled in attempts to explain. In pictures, object showed as series of pencilled lines of uniform thickness, all curving in same direction.

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, Jan. 21, '53 Alan and Arnold Schnitzerling followed by bright light about 3 feet across for 2 miles while driving in country. As truck approached, the object shot upward fast, then circled and came back. Kept level with truck (20 mph), when truck stopped, it slowed to 10 mph and landed 200 yards from them. Brothers did not investigate, believes it 'power-driven' and said it was 'terribly bright'. Small, dullish red light seen with it during first part of encounter. Similar object seen by Nursing Sister and another woman at Bonham on Jan. 28. Women said it appeared larger than dinner plate, seemed to move toward them. They watched for 15 minutes, awoke others of household. Object last seen, light making toward woolshed some distance away.

GEORGETOWN BAY near LAUNCETON, TASMANIA, Feb. 3, 1953. P. Freeman, former R.A.F. navigator and son saw silvery object, size of tennis ball over George Town Bay. Estimated at height of 8,000 ft., son described it as a 'dish spinning'.

SYDNEY, N.S.W. Eyewitness Mrs. A. M King of P. O. Box 2162, Nairobi, claims she saw, in 1947 at 11 p. m. a light which put out a searchlight beam which reached to ocean. Light like a bright, fast star. Beam shortened, light disappeared, and in its place was huge object like cigar chopped off at end, dark band around center, sitting about 20 feet off water, making same forward speed as Llandoverly Castle, liner on which

she was travelling. Looked like steel, no windows. Gaining in speed, it disappeared without sound, issuing fierce flames which shot out to about half length of object. Appeared something like huge furnace inside thing, but no sound. Also seen by one of ship's officers, and several other passengers. 'Object very large, about 4 times length of the Llandoverly Castle, and at rough guess about four times as high'. (Ed: Liners run from 600-1000 ft. in length, 100 ft. high from water line to highest point.) Mrs. King's sketch tallies in most respects with sketch of object seen by Captain Bicknell and others over Mt. Kilimanjaro in Feb. 1951 with exception of lack of rear fin and several bands on the Bicknell object.

IPSWICH, QUEENSLAND, Apr. 1, '53. Mr. W. Woods of Woodend reported seeing four flettish objects crossing sky at great speed. Woods family watched objects perform for half hour after which one flew off in direction of Brisbane and other three gradually disappeared.

With these sightings complete with most pertinent facts, we go back to a few words of editorial comment. The ATIC at W-P is going to attempt to keep sightings during this saucer season out of the papers. Some nonsense about finding out how much is psychological. Any small amount of thinking can unravel the supposed logic of this one. So---if you don't have your notice in your local papers, do it now!! Make the papers and the public aware of saucers and APRO and our purpose!

There's quite a bit of talk about the possibility of the saucers being interdimensional instead of interplanetary---or both. This is a fairly sound idea, with the exception that the only man who really knows anything about the 18 dimensions outside of our familiar three is Einstein, and he doesn't give a hoot about saucers.

People have been struggling against the very idea of interplanetary visitors---wonder what they would do if the objects were announced to be actually visitors from another dimension? They'd really panic.

In view of the statement made by General (The man who knows most about the flying saucers, they say) Samford, to the effect that the saucers are some kind of natural phenomena not familiar to us, and the Air Force must hasten the understanding of the public, the interdimensional theory would stack up pretty well. Also, Samford stated that the AF had no evidence that the objects are interplanetary penetration---but he didn't say they weren't either. So---we're right back where we started---with a great, big mystery to solve. Think we can do it? Here's hoping, and GOOD LUCK!-----N. D.

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GRAPEVINE

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In the Grapevine column this issue we will include a bit of reviewing as rumors are quite slow. First on the docket is the pamphlet which Professor J. Allen Hynek autographed and presented to the Director when she talked with him recently. The pamphlet proves in her mind at least, that here is one astronomer who does not laugh at the saucers, and at the same time does not take the 'light-inversion reflection' attitude.

Hynek does not attempt to give an answer to the recipients of his pamphlet, but rather stimulates thought indirectly plus giving a knothole view of his part in the Air Intelligence investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena. He infers that each intelligent report is entitled to a hearing without prejudice, or ridicule, but also, without fanfare, hysteria, and fan-

tastic newspaper hysteria. During her long conversation with Hynek, the Director lamented the fact that the press has contributed greatly to the confusion and general attitude of the public that the saucers are everything but real. She stated that in her six years she had never read a newspaper report of the sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomenon which presented facts in their virgin state, and in such a way that an investigator could learn the essential rudiments of the sighting without making a personal investigation. Hynek and the W-P man agreed 100% to this criticism, the officer adding that of course, the press writes stories that sell papers, and in the case of saucers are not particularly interested in gathering facts that may help in the eventual solution of the mystery.

The rumor of a saucer that supposedly crashed in Spitzbergen, Germany, last year, and that presumably had Russian lettering on it has turned out to be a hoax as we strongly suspected. Turned out the hoax was perpetrated by a man out to make a fast buck. It's a crying shame that the ignorance of the general public makes it so simple for an opportunist to work his wiles for profit.

It is rumored that the planned space station (artificial satellite) has been speeded up and that actual work on the project has been started. Source: Laimon A. Nitris of Rouyn, Quebec, Can. (I'll go

you one better, Laimon, although this is pure opinion and I cannot say whether it is backed by fact: The satellite is darn near launching readiness, and is the ace in the hole we have waiting for the Russians. I believe the forerunners (Collier's) have already been tested and may account for some of the weird sightings of speeding lights being seen in the night sky.

It is rumored that Des Vergers (burned by a 'saucer' last August in a palmetto thicket near West Palm Beach, Fla.) told his close friends that he saw three men in the disc which attacked him. Source: SAUCERS, put out by Flying Saucers International, edited by Max Miller of Los Angeles. The pamphlet, an 8 by 11 sheet folded once containing four printed pages and sporting one of Adamski's purported flying disc photos, contained nothing of any great value except this rumor which is not exactly new. Our comment on the rumor: We heartily doubt it! Also featured is an article which bears not real information, says nothing, really, and authored by Orfeo Angelucci.

Why is it that all those who have 'inside' information on the discs, who have made actual contact, etc., have no actual proof of what they have experienced? This is very puzzling. Or is it?

A detailed account sent us by Lloyd Booth indicates that here is one very good sighting which cannot be explained even by the experts. Booth contends that he did not see a blimp, as the ATIC at Wright-Patterson would have us believe. I believe Booth---how about you?

That is the extent of the review for this issue, and rumors as we stated before are scarce as hen's teeth. And so the remaining space on this, the Grapevine page will be devoted to listing the names of those members whose membership renewals have not come in:

Celia Block, Iowa; Leonard Bongle, Wis., Manuel Fernandez, Calif., Agnes and Marie Fellner, Wisc., Ross Graham, Calif., Walter Hagen, Wis., Richard Haislot, S. D., Ronald Larsen, Wis., Alex Saunders, Toronto, Can., Donald Sliter, Calif., Oscar Thelander, Wis., Hoyt Vroman, Wis., Keith Jennerjohn, Wis., Jack Moody, Wis. All are due on or before July 15 and many are past due several weeks. It takes money to put out a Bulletin and gather information, so get your renewal in now!

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N.D. MEETS W-P REPRESENTATIVES meet in the lobby at 6 p. m., and then to dinner. The discussion of saucers and astronomy in general was held during dinner and later at Mr. Halbach's home.

We can't go into detail because of lack of space, but the N.D. was encouraged to finish her book, and urged to include a good deal of scientific fact written simply so that it could be easily understood by the lay population. These conclusions were stated by the Air Force officer: That the 'Monster' of West Virginia was a meteor, that Booth shot a blimp, and with a few well-placed remarks gave the general impression that the Air Force does not consider the interplanetary theory a good one, but did not at any time deny that the theory is being considered. His personal opinion was that the interplanetary theory is all wrong.

The whole discussion was certainly encouraging to say the least and the N.D. will receive regulation blanks on which to record all the facts and figures of sightings in the Wisconsin area which she considers to be bona fide unidentified aerial phenomena. The Professor and the officer seemed to believe the N.D. qualified to discern between misconception of conventional or slightly unconventional objects (such as meteors) and actual sightings of unidentified aerial objects which is, of course, an honor as she considered both men experts in their respective fields.

The subject of crackpots and out-and-out hoaxers was discussed and several named. All members are familiar with the worst offenders in these fields so it will not be necessary to enlarge upon what was said. However, the officer stated that Wright-Patterson is glad that such organizations as our own exist, and that they encourage those groups which deal with facts and do not thrive on rumors which have no basis in fact.

The time has come, in our opinion, for each and every member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization to take an extremely conservative view of the mystery and to make every attempt to break down all sightings and reports so as to categorize them as meteors, birds, balloons, reflections, planes, Venus, etc. In this line of operation, all sightings which cannot be included in one of the above categories will be considered bona-fide unidentified aerial phenomena.

APRO has at last succeeded in getting some sort of recognition by the Wright-Patterson hierarchy,

and this may lead to a more active part in the eventual solution of the saucer enigma. Rationalization in regard to the many reports will not further our goals, but will merely tend to keep us in a dreamer's world. We all know that most organizations of our type hesitate to label as hoaxers those dreamers and egotists who pretend contact with the saucers and we have pioneered in the field of exposing. Now our project should be to narrow the field and with the use of every resource at hand, attempt to bring about a full explanation.

There are some among our numbers who may think the Director has sold out, so to speak, to the enemy camp. This is not so. She merely recognizes a superior force, and remembers the old adage, "If You Can't Beat 'Em---Join 'Em."

We would like to advise all members who do not already take an interest in the fundamentals of astronomy, properties of meteors, celestial phenomena and the like, do so in order to have a reliable source of information with which to work in disseminating reports of unidentified aerial phenomena.

Many individuals unconsciously misconstrue the appearance of various conventional objects in order to be able to say they have seen a 'saucer'. This is not done purposely in all cases, and those who do are not to be condemned as it is often the result of an overwhelming desire to actually observe a so-called 'flying saucer'.

Incidentally, the astronomer and the W-P man both believe that Henzel's theory is not the whole answer although in some cases it might apply.

In the future, we might all cast a jaundiced eye upon those who seem to desire to cause friction between saucer enthusiasts and any Intelligence group working on the mystery under the auspices of any government. Those who do are attempting, by underhanded methods, to create an air of animosity and at the same time elevate themselves as the 'high priests of saucerdom'. They have no proof of their evidence, as they call it. They only attempt to disqualify the one group which can give the 'official' verdict on the enigma. They are motivated by jealousy, frustration, and greed.

We can and will cooperate with Air Technical Intelligence but at the same time retain our identity as an independent group. As the Director clearly stated to the Investigator and the Astronomer, we can and will cooperate to the best of our ability but must retain our right to our own ideas.*****

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the men do come from another planet, does it logically follow that while here, they operate on our time and appear and reappear according to a schedule based on our days, months and years?

Frank Edwards, Mutual Broadcasting System newscaster intimated in a broadcast recently that he believes the whole affair to be a patent hoax perpetrated in order to pave the way for another saucer book which is forthcoming. (We must state here and now that it does not pertain to the book upon which the Director is currently working.)

Saucer news as we all very well know has been very scarce in the past four months, and any book about to appear on the bookstands would be published during a dry spell in saucer news. Therefore, what better way to promote a document dealing with the discs, than to dream up a Hollywood-type pipe dream about little men and three-point landing gear (vintage: Scully) with which to arouse the public's interest?

Maybe we're catching a little of Menzel's skepticism, but personally, it is doubtful that anything informative will come of this incident at all. If something does, we'll gladly assume the position and those interested may line up and aim a vindictive foot.

The SAUCER BANDWAGON
By Coral Lorenzen

We thought it might be a good idea to move the Bandwagon into the inner pages for this issue in order to put the more important stories on the front page. Incidentally, any comments on the new paper, and tri-color front-page? Let's have the orchids or onions, which ever may be your pleasure--we aim to please.

We have a criticism to make of the general membership, and that is that a good number of members outside Sturgeon Bay insist upon referring to APRO and the Bulletin as 'your' Bulletin, or 'your' organization, in letters to the Director. 'Our' would be more appropriate for there would be no organization, nor would there be a Bulletin were it not for the tenacity of each and every one of us. Since the birth of our organization we here at headquarters have become acquainted with some very nice people, and as we have stated to many 'outsiders' in the past, saucer fanciers who have joined APRO are an intelligent lot. In other words, to put it simply, we have no knuckleheads in our group. In

an organization such as ours it would not be surprising to find a good number of dissenters and disagreement---we have little.

Our thanks to Miss Dorothy Madle of the Milwaukee Sentinel who so graciously extended the hand of the press in a feature story about the Director and APRO in June. It did a lot for our prestige, and got a little truth about saucer fanciers to the public in this part of the country for the first time.

IS MARS TRYING TO CONTACT US? is an article featured in the July issue of a man's magazine. We fouled up and failed to note the name of the magazine which does not identify itself on every page as most mags do. It deals with the various unexplained radio signals received from space during the last 75 years. Peculiarly, we thought, it neglected to list the startling statement by Marconi in 1910 that he had received radio signals from another planet. Authored by Walter B. Reynolds.

The April issue of ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL featured an article titled "About The Moon" which puts before the lay-public a very few of the known facts about the moon and also discusses to some degree the possibility of travel to the Moon by rocket in the future. A rather unusual feature for such a periodical, we thought, inasmuch as it dealt with nothing which could be considered related to electronics. No by-line.

The Dept. of Astronomy, University of Iowa sent a letter to the Green Bay Press-Gazette in which was described the rising and setting time of Venus, and it's characteristics as far as color, apparent size, etc. A line or two was devoted to asking for saucer sightings which are not Venus. Date of publication of letter: July 8.

Another letter from the same source was published in the same paper as of July 10, asking for sightings of fireballs. Looks like the 'season' is here again.

The San Francisco Chronicle carried in it's June 8 issue a feature story on Lloyd Bergman and Baron Richard John de Touche Skadding (no kidding!) who have filed claim to all metal and mineral rights on the moon. (They MUST be kidding!)

SAUCER SEASON, with a sub-head reading: "Two Views of Flying Things" appeared in the June 21 issue of the Milwaukee Sentinel. It dealt with the views of the APRO regarding flying saucers as compared to those of Edward A. Halbach, Director of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society. Halbach's personal theory that the saucers

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RECENT SIGHTINGS

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We are at a disadvantage at this writing, for the saucer influx appears to have just started. We're holding open the last column until the last minute hoping to catch one or two of the latecomers.

STURGEON BAY, WIS. Charles Roberts, local radio announcer came forward in June and related how, for three successive weeks he had observed what he called an odd sky light in the sky north of the town at the same approximate location and time: 10:45 p. m. The first time he observed it, it appeared to be a ball of white light, as it was the second sighting, also. The third sighting was of a red, cigar-shaped object which appeared to drop into the woods as the two succeeding objects had also appeared to do. The first and third sightings were of an object going from NE to SW, and the second from N to S, and all three objects were proceeding quite slowly.

WESTBORO, WIS., May 13. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Surprise observed what they described as long, round, tubes which were going north. They said the objects gave off a roaring sound. The sun was setting and very bright, and they got a good look. They were confident the objects were not weather balloons, and the objects appeared to just hang in the sky at first, then in about 5 minutes, disappeared with a roaring sound.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA, week of May 17. A. N. A. pilot reported seeing strange object like 'lighted glass dome' traveling fast around his plane. He radioed airport control tower at Mackay, North Queensland. Time of sight was 6:08 p. m., and the object's behavior was described thusly: It crossed his path, disappeared, travelling fast to the west. Control tower said no other aircraft in sky in that area. Pilot was Capt. B. L. Jones of Greenslopes, Brisbane. Control-tower operator W. Overell said he saw the light climbing at terrific speed until it vanished. Started climbing at 4 or 5,000 ft., Overell said. Capt. Jones still had object in sight at time he reported it crossed his path S of Mackay and again near Freshwater point. At 3 a. m. next morning, radio operator Frank Hines who was flying in the area reported object seaward---no aircraft in area. He turned off lights to enable clearer sighting, object shot straight upwards at high speed, then vanished.

DARLINGTON, WIS. May 31. Trained aircraft spotters, policemen, a sheriff, and newspaper reporter saw what they described as an enormous blue-white light in sky from about 3:15 a. m. til about six a. m. It appeared to be as big and bright as the moon, came out of West and disappeared into Southeast toward Chicago. AF jets from Truax Field, Madison, were sent up, gave some evasive answers, W-P sent two investigators who concluded the object to be Venus. Object sighted at Monroe at later time of day was probably Venus, but it is doubtful that Darlington object was, because of the object's obvious path. Venus rises in East, sets in west---object in question came out of west, disappeared into Southeast. Rockford, Ill. APRO member said jets were out in that area during the time (3:15-11:30 a. m.) the object was seen in Wisconsin.

EPHRAIM, WIS. June 2. Hoyt Vrooman, Supervisor of Egg Harbor GOC Post reported seeing a brilliant blue ball travel across break in the clouds from E to W at about 8:30 p. m. May 30. He and family were attending the outdoor theater, and he watched the object through opened window of car. Did not light up clouds, so Vrooman assumed it was at high altitude. Visible for approximately three seconds.

GOTHAM, WIS., June 7. Ball of fire described as 2 to 3 feet in diameter with a glow seen by Mrs. Grace Holiman, RN, and son. No noise, the object hung very low, motionless, and emitted sparks. On stopping to investigate, the object took off at terrific speed and headed north. Object bearing same description seen East of Gotham by others June 11 and 12, and travelling very fast.

OTTAWA, CAN., (first part of June, no date). Thirty night shift workers at AVRO plant watched bright object cross sky overhead from East to west. Seemed as high as stars, shaped not unlike a star, but travelled in a straight line, not an arc.

GREENVILLE, MASS. June 11. Mrs. Geo. Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baller watched through telescope bright star-like object from 12:30 p. m. to 2:15. Appeared 45 degrees from horizon, moved through five degrees in five minutes in Southern sky. Through scope it appeared to be sphere, somewhat flattened at top and bottom.

MILLER'S FALLS, MASS. June 12.
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Mrs. Hervey Cole, Mrs. Russell Brockelsby, and Mr. Waldo Long and Mr. George Kenrick observed object which looked very much like World War I steel helmet when observed through 14 power binoculars.

It appeared only as a round, silver object to naked eye, like silver marble. Mrs. Cole watched it for about three hours, from 9:30 a. m. until about noon, said it made a sound like a jet. First seen about 60 degrees in the south.

TWO FIREBALLS, one brilliant enough to be seen in daytime very clearly were reported to the University of Iowa in June. One was seen at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, June 25, the other at 8 p.m. the next day.

AYLMER, QUE., CAN., June 25. Objects thought to be flying saucers found to be gas tanks accidentally released from RCAF T-33 jet trainer aircraft.

OTTAWA, CAN., June 27. AVRO, Canadian aircraft engineering company, still harping about it's project for building saucers. Ho-Hum!

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., May 31. Bright red light, larger than star, was seen over this city. According to eyewitness Harold Hubbs, "Then suddenly, it flashed some white lights, like a signal. Then there was a green light flash as the object moved to the west at about the speed of an airplane. A short time later it started to rise slowly, then exploded in a white flash." Object not seen when it made it's appearance, but was spotted while almost overhead. Authorities at McClellan Air Base who sent aircraft aloft were unable to determine what the object was.

SAN RAFAEL, CALIF. July 4. Hamilton AFB officials stated that search planes sent over the city on previous night had sighted no strange objects after city's Ground Observer Corps reported seeing a silvery flying saucer cruising north at an estimated 10,000 ft. George Allison, San Rafael observer on duty at city hall said he saw the object at 9:20 p. m. Described it as round, no exhaust, no sound, visible for a minute and a half.

WELL, FRIENDS, this brings us up to July 4th in sightings, and a rush job on this Bulletin.

Our assistant editor, Mr. Larsen would like comments on the new multi-color front page. Of course, this sort of work done with a mimeograph is painstaking and quite difficult. As all of us do, Mr. Larsen has his own regular job and the Bulletin is a gratis venture which he produces in his spare time. He has invested his own money in the new mimeograph machine which

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could be interplanetary spaceships. was not exploited, of course, and he was quoted as saying that he does not know, but wants to learn more about them. The case of two Harvard astronomers watching a 'strange object' pass in front of the moon, hesitate, change course and move out of range of the telescope through which this weird scene was viewed, was duly related. We quote one paragraph: "It was the first ---and only known incident in which the telescope of an accredited astronomical observatory has caught the kind of object laymen call 'flying saucer.'

"But happening as it did---long before aircraft, blimps and big spotlights began cluttering up the sky---the Harvard sighting 153 years ago is enough to give astronomers pause. They may not call these things 'flying saucers', but they have arrived at a compromise term, 'questionable object' or 'strange object'---for these discs or cigar-shaped objects whose reported behavior 'conforms to no known law of natural phenomenon.'"

Halbach is also-quoted as having seen a 'questionable' object which seemed to be a bright planet moving low in the east where no planet should be. He watched it with binoculars, having no fixed scope handy. The year of this sighting was about 1948.

Miss Madle gave APRO and the Director a very good showing, for which we should be deeply grateful. There was no tongue-in-the-check attitude, and the overall impression of the article was that Mr. Halbach and APRO are very close in their eventual opinions and theories regarding flying saucers.

This brings to an end the Bandwagon for this issue. We will end the column with this word: The Big Flap is one---we must redouble our efforts in gathering news of sightings. Those who have no inserted the recommended blurb in their local papers asking for information on sightings, should do so before August 1st. The peak may come at about that time.

he used for the last Bulletin and this issue also. We believe we should all be grateful for the hard work and constant efforts on his part in striving for a better APRO Bulletin. Taking stock of the last year, we believe we have the most up to date factual Bulletin put out by any organization of our type. Although we do not have a printed periodical as some do, we surpass them in quality of information, and timeliness. Happy APRO Anniversary, Everyone!***The Staff