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The Saucer Bandwagon
By Coral Lorenzen

Although the first four weeks following the July 15th issue of the APRO Bulletin was devoid of saucer news or features, things suddenly began to break, and we are happy to have the following items of interest to report:

MALE, Sept., 1953. The story of Lloyd Booth and his encounter with a flying saucer last January is covered with much detail in an article authored by Glenn D. Kittler. As far as we can see, there has been no window-dressing nor unnecessary dramatization of this account of one of the most dramatic of all flying saucer reports. After reading this, the Air Force boys look pretty sad with their mumblings about blimps and such.

SIR, Sept., 1953. Another article of conjecture about what the Martians probably look like and why. Very interesting reading, and Prof. Norbert-Hall, the author, makes some good points.

MAN'S DAY, Sept., '53. There's so much being said about travel to the moon nowadays that no matter how it may disagree, an article such as "Return From The Moon" by Frederick C. Durant, President of the American Rocket Society is a re-
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W. HAVEN OBJECT

PERCES STEEL

What seems to be the first material evidence of the solidity and reality of 'flying saucers' was left at West Haven, Conn. when an unidentified flaming object was seen soaring skyward after a mysterious blast believed to be connected with a 12-inch hole in a metal billboard.

On the evening of Wednesday, August 20, shortly after 9 p. m., a loud blast was heard at Middletown avenue and Front street. Many people in the immediate area rushed to their windows to locate the nature of the blast. A gaping hole, of approximately one foot in diameter, was found in a metal sign constructed of 20-gauge galvanized steel. Officers at the scene soon after the blast was heard, stated that the 'object or projectile' must have passed through the sign with great force for it made shreds of the sign arch through which it passed.

Many citizens in the area reported seeing a flashing object tear through tree tops seconds after the blast, and disappear in the direction of Eagle Rock.

Police are baffled by the source of the explosion, and a check of the area including a filling station brought no solution. Ground observers reported two aircraft logged at 9:02 p. m. but no 'unusual flashes or other unfamiliar sightings' at the time of the explosion.

(Ed. Note: We have on good authority the information that a qualitative analysis of the metal
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FRANK EDWARDS of Mutual Broadcasting System announced the three following items of interest on his August 31 broadcast: Mt. Wilson scientists have announced that they will photograph Mars next summer using both colored and black and white movie cameras. Edwards speculated that use of moving cameras was most likely for the purpose of detecting anything moving on the surface of the planet. Give this a thought. Dr. Strughold of Randolph Field School of Space Medicine in Texas announced that he did not think there was life on any of the other planets in our Solar System although 'It would be rash to think life comparable to ours could not exist on planets about which we know nothing. Navy plane which went to 85,000 feet alt. a few weeks ago was primarily taking the big leap in order to test a suit built for 'beyond our atmosphere.' Edwards believes Space Travel closer than commonly believed. We've been thinking along that line, too, Frank. *****

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THE EDITORIAL

No news from the announced big saucer convention supposed to have taken place at the Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California the latter part of August.

Personally, we can't think of how such a meeting would be beneficial in any way to saucer fanciers or saucer research groups. We have been accused directly and indirectly of being too conservative, too skeptical, and aliens among the sincere. If viewing all saucer news with an analytical eye focusing our attention particularly upon those sightings which are distinguishable by the peculiar odor usually associated with a hoax, then we are conservative, skeptical and yes, alien.

Looking back to 1947 and the big outbreak of saucer sightings, we wonder what has actually been accomplished by us or any of the other groups dedicated to the same principle. We do know this much: A good many reports which would have in 1947 constituted proof that the flying saucers are real, are piloted by intelligent beings, and are extra-terrestrial, have been so lacking in corroboration as to indicate that they are the product of an overactive imagination.

Although we do not know the answer, we are more familiar with the underhanded methods of the Air Force, we do know that it is possible for the American Press and others to be controlled by a Force without. In regard to the latter, it is only necessary for the interested party to contact three groups and they are INS, UP and AP. Sightings such as the Booth incident, the flaming object at West Haven, Connecticut, which pierced a metal signboard, and most sightings now

listed in this issue. For instance, the Milwaukee incident of September 1st went out on what is called a 'regional split' on the UP wire, and not on the nationwide news coverage. It is very easy to deduce, therefore, that many sightings have escaped us because they were not brought to the attention of the world as a whole by International News Service or the national news split of United or Associated Press. This is especially disgusting to a reporter who was weaned on the promise that the press is free, and that the press will print anything ---if it is the truth.

Despite the pro-AF editorial and news of the July issue of this paper, we believe we have been taken for a ride by our venerable betters but that it is our privilege to change our minds. And so, until the ATIC at Wright-Patterson comes through with their promised cooperation we will view them with an extremely suspicious eye and go back to our old policy of believing 5% of what they say, and question that amount as to sincerity, authenticity and what have you.

In 1947, the AF, pressed with a problem about which they knew next to nothing, issued statements right and left, not bothering to cogitate about the believability of said explanations. In 1947 it was misconceptions of conventional objects, hallucinations and mass hysteria. In 1950 someone got the bright idea that the saucers could be explained away as high-altitude cosmic-ray research balloons. There then followed a bevy of explanations which the public was expected to swallow despite the believability of them. There were, besides balloons, ionized air particles and light-inversion reflections. On August 21st of this year, a startling revelation was again made by the Air Force boys. This statement asserted that '90% of the saucer sightings coincided with logged ascents and charted courses.' The article listed a couple of instances in which balloons were mistaken for saucers, (not the Green Monster, the Booth incident, etc.) gave the properties of the balloons and that was that.

In 1947 they were misconceptions of conventional objects, hallucinations, and mass hysteria. In 1950 it was balloons, and in order, then ionized airparticles and light inversion reflections. Now we're back to balloons. An open invitation to ATIC: Shall we dance?

We've a late bulletin again this time---canning and school again, as was the bottleneck last year. Our apologies to all of our members and our promise to be on time in November.

We should be especially alert for now sightings at this time of the year. So---keep your eyes peeled, and Adios for now-----The Editor

The CHAPEL HILL

No rumors have come this way for some time so we take this opportunity to talk over something that has been sticking in our craw for some time now. That is the much discussed book, "Behind The Flying Saucers" by Frank Scully.

Readers will recall the incident listed in this column in one of our first issues dealing with a fellow who claimed to have seen the diagram of a flying saucer at Wright-Patterson in 1948, and also the various-sized space-suits supposedly taken from the bodies of space-men who crashed in the New Mexican desert.

We now believe we have put together the pieces of a rather complex puzzle, and the completed work indicates that Scully wrote a book about something which he sincerely believed in. However, if viewed in a different light, the overall picture is a most interesting one and indicates that the United States has neared completion of her project to send men and ships out into space if that has not taken place already.

We believe that if a saucer-shaped object did crash in the desert it was only a small scale model of the round, doughnut-shaped artificial satellite which crashed during testing.

The suits referred to by the man who related to APRO members in Sturgeon Bay his story of seeing green suits of various sizes at a building at Wright-Patterson, were evidently test models of the real thing. The smallest was no doubt used on a monkey, and the next two sizes in experiments involving men at the testing ranges. This man said he saw the diagrams of a round affair which had compartments marked 'oxygen.' It is reasonable to assume that the space satellite would provide oxygen tanks and we believe that is what he was shown. His buddy who showed him the experimental models evidently was under the impression that the things he had viewed were really linked with the flying saucers which had had so much publicity in that year.

Now---if Scully was in the position to gather this much or even more information of the same sort, it is logical to assume that he was misled (possibly purposely) into believing that these odd things were related to flying saucers.

Many have been speculating as to the possibility of space travel

being just around the corner. We are of the same opinion. There has been a lot of information and publicity released pertaining to the proposed space satellite program in the past two or three years. Everything except the actual propellant has been divulged, and if the ATIC releases that much, they are withholding a terrific reserve of information which is necessarily labeled top secret or classified and therefore can't be told.

When your humble servant related this opinion to the Loot in Milwaukee last June, he was somewhat taken aback and he and Professor Hynek were quick to stress their belief that the Director was very wrong. Too eager, we should say.

Now on to other things. Last spring we predicted (the only ones to do so) that there would not be a large number of sightings around the latter part of July and the first part of August---rather, that the saucers would again appear in noticeable numbers after August 15th. The sighting section of this issue will bear that out.

We have been aware for some time that the sighting influxes seem to follow a definite pattern. While a few are seen during the latter part of August and the first part of September, the large influx should, according to our calculations, begin in the latter part of December, dribbling through January. Seems that one year the fall (July, August) has the largest number immediately followed by a light flurry in December and January. Another large number is seen in April and then the following year the large influx is in the winter again, preceded by a moderate number in the fall.

This summer saucers were scarce, and as soon as Mars came peeking out ahead of the Sun, more reports came in. Mars will be much closer in December and January and at it's closest point again next July when we are expecting another large number of sightings. There will be a slight flurry again in December-January of 1954-55, a light influx in August of '55, a large number in the winter of '55 and '56 and then the big coup in July and August of 1956 when Mars will be closer to the Earth than it has been since the advent of the big 'scope at Palomar. We expect that observatories will be very busy during the summer of 1956. So will we! *****

SAUCER MAN'S TALK (Con't from Page One, Col. 1)

freshing pit. Durant contends that although space travel is near, it is not as close as most people like to think, and that the American public has been terribly oversold. Time will tell.

SIR, Sept., 1953. THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN SEEN AGAIN, by Gordon Grady rated a cover illustration on this magazine, and although the article is interesting, we must seriously doubt the authenticity of the information in this article. Mostly made up of already known facts of former sightings of the mysterious giants, the article cites the reports of native guides who, on their way to inform the world of the conquest of Everest, sighted a male, female, and two believed to be children, attempted to follow them, cut lost them. One guide started to shoot, but others stopped him because they did not believe in killing the creature. We should state now that it would not have been necessary to kill the snowman (and a bullet would hardly have killed one of such giant proportions as described) and that a couple of well-placed bullets would have injured him sufficiently to have stopped him long enough for a more detailed examination. We wonder, too, why the names of the men who saw the snowmen were not listed.

SIR, Oct., 1953. "HOW SOON WILL WE GET TO THE MOON?" By Wilbur Dean Biddle begins with the following statement: "Within less than ten years, a trip to the Moon will be as common as a junket to New York, Chicago or Los Angeles." The usual talk of fuel, training necessary, etc. It would be interesting to listen to this individual and Durant on a debating platform.

MAN TO MAN, Oct., 1953. "ARE THE FLYING SAUCERS KIDNAPPING HUMANS?" is an eye-catcher in this magazine, and most interesting even to the uninitiated in saucer lore. Le Roy Thorpe does a good job combining suspense and speculation in this one, but again we wonder about the lack of details on these various incidents of people being literally 'sucked' up into the sky by an invisible force. For instance, the case of Albert and James Greer of Zanesville, Ohio is referred to as having happened 'not too long ago.' Not specific enough for us. What year and even what month would not be too much to ask. Another query: Why wasn't the names of the Brooklyn mother and her daughter listed in the account of the near abduction of the child? No approximate date---just the 'facts'---if that is what they were.

Edine, Missouri was mentioned as the location of one of these odd disappearances, along with Schaffers, N. Germany, a mountain in Vermont, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and others. No names, time, or exact place, however. When one is unable to check details because of lack of same, it seems to us that it is high time to doubt the authenticity of the material used. Very interesting, however, as we said before.

We now close again our Bandwagon for this issue. There's been a dry spell in magazine features on our flying friends, but let's hope that the advent of the latest flurry of reports will bring on another rash of articles.

OBJECT STRIKES STEEL SIGNBOARD (Con't from page one, Col. two) around the hole left by the object was refused by several institutions in the East. An interested party went to the sign company which owned the big sign and was given a large piece of the metal including the hole. His attempts to have qualified metallurgists analyze the piece in order to ascertain the identity of the bits of gold-colored material imbedded in the odd pits around the hole met with shrugged shoulders and complete disinterest. Another odd connotation regarding this unusual sighting is the fact that this incident did not go out on the press service wires. Looks like that AF Loot wasn't kidding when he said an effort would be made to suppress saucer sighting reports this summer and fall. (Unamerican, we call it, though, and if only McCarthy could be interested in such shenanigans maybe we'd get a little action on this particular bit of skulduggery.)

NEW SAUCER BOOK

The book dealing with flying saucers which has long been promised to all who have been in touch with George Adamski of Valley Center, California is finally coming out. The headquarters group will buy one for the files, but will not advise the purchase of said volume until it has been thoroughly read. Some very conflicting incidents, shall we say, pertaining to Mr. Adamski have us wondering if his book will be as authentic as it is touted to be.

Adamski formerly called himself Professor, and we have in our possession two different clippings in which he is represented as being affiliated with Mount Palomar. Along with articles about his 'research' on saucers and the purported pictures of 'spacecraft' which he hawked at 75¢ per print, he was usually referred to as Professor Adamski of Mount Palomar. (Con't on Page Five)

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 One clipping in the Phoenix, Arizona Gazette quotes George Williams as saying, he had corresponded with Prof. George Adamski, formerly of Palomar Observatory near San Diego. Shortly after Adamski had supposedly talked to a spaceman in Eisenhower jacket and Dutch drawers on the desert.

Another clipping, from the Columbus, Ohio STAR says that Adamski was taught to use the Schmidt scope by scientists at the Palomar Observatory. We have a letter from Palomar Observatory stating emphatically that Mr. Adamski is not connected with Palomar in any way and that no one there ever taught him to use the Schmidt telescope.

The foregoing are our reasons for seriously doubting the authenticity of Adamski's book, although we are totally unfamiliar with the co-author Mr. Desmond Leslie who is represented as having done a great deal of research into Indian legends and myths about sky machines resembling flying saucers.

As we said, we will obtain a book, read it thoroughly and present a detailed review in the November issue of this Bulletin. We are asking members to hesitate long enough to give us a chance to peruse carefully the information contained therein.

If this sounds to come of our members as though we are being a bit too conservative, let us remind ourselves that the way to truth is not through dreams.

FRANK EDWARDS, in his September 3 broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System announced that Palomar scientists had admitted sighting two unknown objects of great interest, in the big 200 inch. Mr. Edwards is a very reliable reporter, but despite his tenacity, he evidently was unable to gather any pertinent details. One worthy thing to remember is that scientists are wont to refer to flying saucers as 'strange' or 'unknown' objects. Hoop-de-de!

SAUCERS, a periodical issued four times yearly by Flying Saucers International reached us and the following is a review of the contents thereof:

A neat looking little job, this bulletin is more impressive appearing than informative. However, there has been a great degree of improvement over the last issue which was reviewed some time ago in this Bulletin. A whetstone of the Lubbock Lights, various theories pertaining to saucers, and an account of a supposed adventure inside a flying saucer told by Truman Bethrun were the main features this time. The latter was surpris-

ing in that the spacemen who talked to Bethrun while he was in the saucer spoke American slang quite fluently according to the account. Other parts of the conversation of the saucer men sounded very old-English.

This account, to say the least, does not jibe with other accounts of purported contacts with saucer pilots. That is one of the reasons why we look with disbelief on such stories, because flying saucers are not likely to have so many diverse designs and inhabitants. On one hand we have midgets wearing parkas, on the other, tall, beautiful men wearing sandals and long hair or green, glow robots. The people who relate such tales of contact get very hurt when they are met with skepticism, but taking into consideration the many very different detailed accounts of meetings between earth citizens and these 'Men from Mars', something smells in Denmark.

Other articles in SAUCERS are: "How To Photograph Flying Saucers," (not particularly informative), "Astronomer Sees Saucers" (an old incident not fully detailed as to time, etc.), and "Short Shots", a column dedicated, evidently, to the latest and best in saucer sightings.

At the risk of being called overly critical, we must state that this little zine, "SAUCERS" does not live up to the advance publicity. So many saucer fans keep harping on the fact that they want the truth about saucers, then calmly go about supporting a publication which includes any kind of a blurb to fill it's pages. FACTS--- they are the only things that will be of any real help to us in our quest for the big answer. We believe the answer will come eventually, but also realize that we cannot force it, and also that wishful thinking will not bring about a climax to the saucer problem any sooner.

This edition of the APRO Bulletin is late because the Editor was forced to undertake the task with no assistance whatsoever. This was due to the fact that the assistant editor has moved from the vicinity and at this time was unable to lend any help at all. Also, the Director has received a writing assignment which will take some little groundwork and research, and which took a little of her time which ordinarily is devoted to the Bulletin. The Director contributes quite a little of her own cash to APRO, and is forced at times to delay APRO duties just a little in order to keep the wherewithal rolling in. Barring some other untoward events, the November issue will be out as per required.*****

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SUDBURY, ONTARIO, CAN. April 12. Six Coniston men watched shining cigar-shaped object glowing above Frood-Strobie mine for more than 20 minutes, maintaining height and changing color but not moving in any direction. Time: 10 p. m. Men driving when one spotted object. They stopped and watched for 10 minutes, then drove on. Driving through Coniston, they spotted it again just west of the smelter town. When first sighted, object was pinkish-red, irregular in shape and vaguely resembling pencil or cigar. As they watched, it changed color and shape, glowing whitely and decreasing in size until it appeared like a dime. After ten minutes or so it again turned reddish and elongated into cigar-shape again. Weather bureau announced wind at 5 mph from north, reaching 20 mph at 3,000 feet. Sky half covered with high cloud. This is the first sighting since rash of reports last February when silvery, torpedo-shaped objects reported in area of Frood-Strobie and others reported over city and district. At that time RCAF officer Flt. D. W. Souchen dispatched to Sudbury to investigate reports but Air Force's findings never released.

SWEDEN (No date, report not detailed). Small cigar-shaped object seen and chased by jets over Central Sweden.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF., About July 21. Two shining discs came in sight at high speed and made right angle turn over boat of two fishermen. Reported by same. (No detail, no exact date).

COLUMBUS OHIO (No date----- Please, Members, date your clipping!) Columbus and Phenix City residents reported flying saucer-shaped objects. 20 persons called newspaper to report objects at about 6:45 p. m. Descriptions ranged from football to saucer-shaped with red and blue shooting out of the tails. One observer said it looked like blue-silver ball with fire in the tail. All agreed object only visible momentarily, some thought it might have been a meteor. Weatherman said hot weather could be responsible for manifestations.

SUDBURY, ONTARIO, CAN. July 11. After absence of 3 months, the 'thing' back in sky. Sighted just after midnight by Joseph Read of Cinotti's Corners west of Copper Cliff. Read said he heard a deep humming noise, then saw streak of blue light traveling very fast at high altitude. No sparks, smoke or vapor, although sky was clear.

Object heading northwest toward Chelmsford at what Read guessed to be 2000 mph. Going much too fast for a plane, didn't make same sound said Read, who is familiar with jets and conventional aircraft. Heard noise at 10 p. m. but did not see light because of overcast sky. Sound was heard long after light disappeared. Sighting came long after a thunder and lightning storm which hit the district between 7:30 and 8 that evening.

BRUSH CREEK, CALIF., July 20. As per prediction in July 15 issue, of APRO Bulletin, a lot of soda pop and hot dogs were sold at the general store in Brush Creek, but no little parka-clad midgets showed up as was expected. Sever hundred people showed up, including Milwaukee businessman with 3-D motion-picture equipment. Frank Holton, San Francisco district enforcement officer for Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco made the assinine statement that Brush Creek was not a port of entry and that it would be against the rules for them to land there. How silly can one get?

DENNISON, TEX. July 25-26. For 15 minutes residents swamped radio stations with reports of red lights which rose from the ground, hovered for some time. Plane seen circling the lights. No comment from AF whether radar picked up the objects.

SEQUOIA KINGS NATIONAL PARKS, Calif. Weird flashes of bright yellow lights along middle fork of Kaweah River near Moro Rock has created mystery which has park officials and residents baffled. Park Supt. E. T. Scoyen said phenomena occurred four nights in previous week and reported by more than a dozen persons, some as far away as Visalia. Scoyen's account of one he saw: "Sitting on terrace of home at Ash Mountain Saturday (July 24) when yellow streak of light lit up canyon near Moro Rock. Light appeared traveling N to S at great speed. About 10 seconds later big yellow ball about 1,000 ft. in diameter rose from that point." Other persons reported seeing similar flashes Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Nights. (July 20, 21, and 23). Some said lights appeared to have ball on leading end, all agreed on bright yellow color and N to S direction. Scoyen said ball he saw sped over his house at high speed and at low altitude. Fern Gray, telephone operator at park headquarters at Ash Mountain, (Con't. Page Seven)

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reported all drops of her switchboard were mysteriously knocked down during the Friday night flash. No sound accompanying the flash. Scoyen ruled out explosions and meteors partly because of regularity of the appearances.

NORTHERN IDAHO, August 9. AF jets chased glowing disc estimated as 200 feet in diameter. AF said thing was reflection of locomotive headlight. People who watched said the thing made a terrific noise, asked since when did headlights make a noise, and why did the AF go around wasting fuel and taxpayers' money chasing headlights in the sky?

PEORIA, ILL., Aug. 21. Object described as brilliant orange oval light with tail tapered to a point observed over Peoria by Kenneth Kincheloe, director of the school of music, Bradley U. He said thing appeared to be 1/3 to 1/2 size of the moon, was in sight about 10 seconds. Object 45 degrees to the southwest, approximately halfway between straight up and the horizon in relation to Kincheloe's yard. Robert N. Barger, 15, and Stephen McDuff, 14, saw object from corner of Knoxville and McClure Ave.s, said it had 'light-bulb shape with tail three times the size of object, tapering to a point.' Boys saw object at 10:30 p. m. This report coincided in time and description with Kincheloe's report. Another object seen preceding Monday (August 17) described as white, and assumed a shiny appearance when it moved. One person watched it for an hour. According to reports, Monday object remained still for a while, then moved fast and gained altitude. Both incidents reported no sound. Ground Observer Corps Officials reported viewing strange light in northeast sky Monday night, definitely not landing light or star.

EAST BOLTON, QUE., CAN. August 22. Silver, cigar-shaped object 'dropped out of clouds' over this town. Seen by Mr. and Mrs. Will Juby, stream of smoke trailing from back of object and it made a peculiar noise. Object dropped from cloud fast, looked as though it was going to land when it levelled off not far from Juby home, but suddenly zoomed back up into the clouds. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper of Lake Memphremagog also reported seeing object, said it definitely wasn't jet or ordinary plane and was making funny noise.

ALBANY, GA. Aug. 19. Glowing object maneuvered over airport, one year from day Albany newspaper invited saucers to land after a sighting was made there.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. August 19

Glowing object pierces metal signboard. (See Front Page for full story).

MILWAUKEE, WIS. August 31.

Mysterious varied-colored object seen floating in the sky over a Milwaukee suburb (Glendale). Fire Captain Bernard Goeck said object he saw 'wavered in one location, but not steady, with varied-colored lights that kept going on and off.' Goeck, Police Sergeant Rudy Messer and other police and firemen viewed object for about an hour and a half between 9:30 and 11 p. m. First notified by civil defense block warden who spotted it. Messer watched with binoculars, said it was disc-shaped, with red, green, blue, yellow and white lights flashing. Goeck: "Saw it for 45 minutes to an hour in one location. It moved farther northwest, stood stationary for 15 to 20 minutes and disappeared behind tree to NW." Goeck says he doesn't believe it was a flying saucer. Weather balloon released at same time blown north and east by Southwest wind, then moved farther east over Lake Michigan before disappearing at 9,000 feet. Alex Kish, weather man at Mitchell Field said object was not the balloon. Object also reported from Wauwatosa.

GREEN BAY, WIS. Sept. 1

Rev. George C. Westphal, pastor of West Side Moravian Church sent to the Director the following account of what he saw on the night of Sept. 1, this year. "I was on our back porch watching for meteors when I noticed star which appeared to be moving. Went in, got low-power binoculars, continued to watch as it traveled towards the east and out of sight. When first seen, it was toward west, between Vega and some fairly bright stars below Vega, followed a steady Eastern direction with perhaps tendency toward the north. Not as bright as first magnitude had rather reddish tinge, and appeared round although somewhat distorted through glasses. Viewed for five minutes from 9:10 to 9:15. No blinking lights, the object just glowed, kept same rate of speed during course. (Ed. Note: Not a meteor---too slow. Not a balloon---course too steady. Not a plane for obvious reasons. Could this be one of 'unknown objects' discovered by Palomar?)

GREENFIELD, MASS. Sept. 6.

6:05 p. m. Sky clear. Silver-grey 'clam-shaped' object flying N to S at what seemed 200 mph. Object more long than round, in sight about one minute. Seen by Maynard Tirrell and wife Shirley, also Mrs. Tirrell's mother Elizabeth Pierce. No further details available.

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BRISBANE, N. Queensland, Australia, May 18, 1953. Civil Aviation Department's Security Officer in Melbourne sighted 'shooting moon' over Essendon airport at 3 a. m. Companion on duty at other end of airport saw same thing, 'a bright object about the size of full moon traveling at terrific speed.' Meteorlike object seen around Williamston and Moorabbin an hour later. No sound. Austin Smith of Air Traffic Control and several pilots reported seeing 'small silvery object' high up in cloud to the N. No sound, no aircraft in area. Last sighting in full daylight. At 8:34 a. m. that same morning at Rockhampton, N. Queensland, strange glittering object viewed for ten minutes through theodolite, at Conner Park Aerodrome. Moving in slow southerly direction. Still visible in afternoon when suggested it was Venus.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. Surrey Hills people reported long, silver, rocketlike shape hurtling across sky around midday. Est. by one witness to be 100 ft. long, sun shown brilliantly along sides as it flashed by. Long silver jet streamed beside it. Shape long and pencil-like, very high. In view four minutes, darting overhead, into a cloud, and then shooting back in opposite direction again. One plane in air at the time, one witness said he saw the plane just before the rocket was sighted. May 23.

MELVILLE ISLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA. May 26. Natives report unidentified object in level flight trailing smoke and flames. Traveling at terrific speed and seen in daylight. Natives reported sighted to Brother G. Clark supt. of Mission Station on the island and he saw it also. Clark reported object to Australian Naval Intelligence and said natives who saw and reported saucer had never heard of flying saucers.

BAY OF PLENTY, TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND, May 23, 1953. At 5:53 p. m. a bright object, traveling fast appeared over Papmoa. Traveling E to W, it appeared to be at an altitude of about 8-10,000 feet but had no vapor trail and moved soundlessly. Another Tauranga resident reported simultaneously seeing a beautiful example of shooting star.

PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND, May 30. Amateur astronomer reported seeing small bright blue object which dived suddenly, rose again and moved off rapidly with an irregular motion unlike that of any aircraft. Later saw large number of filaments of substance resembling spiderwebs floating down to

earth, some of which he secured and examined under microscope. White in color, ashy in texture. Staff reporter of Manawatu Evening Standard newspaper confirmed filaments which he brushed into on way back after lunch.

WAITKAT, NEW ZEALAND, June 1. At 5:45 p. m. unusual object seen by motorist. Definitely not star, he said, it traveled across eastern sky at terrific speed. Two women saw similar object at 6 p. m. in same section of sky. Head of it larger than Venus and it was long and pencil-shaped though it appeared to have a slight curve. Soundless, it traveled very fast. Three 'top-dressing' pilots returning by plane to Rotorua from Edgecumbe also reported seeing strange object. Many other witnesses.

NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND, June 3. Hastings Boy Scouts saw object which resembled a chair at 6:30 p. m. They estimated the height at between 5-8,000 ft. Said it glowed in white and yellow colors, and was traveling in a northerly direction.

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, June 5. Witnesses to WAITAT incident say it was low-flying plane looking eerie in unusual evening sky. One woman described it as a 'bright one, with a smokey tail.'

KINGAROY, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA, June 25. Strange object sighted a number of times over preceding three weeks in the vicinity of the Kingaroy airstrip. Some of Kingaroy's most respected citizens sighted it and all agreed object not optical illusion or a bird. Object always seen early in morning, soon after sunrise. Only actual description given of it's appearance was that it was silvery in color. Once a pilot flew his plane towards it, but object flew toward mountains at high speed.

CHICAGO, ILL, Sept. 17, 9 p. m. Ed Kelly, Green Bay, Wis. saw blue fire ball pass over W to E while driving from Milwaukee to Plano, Illinois. Still in Wis. when object seen. Few minutes later heard Chicago station report blue fireball landed in Lake Michigan close to the Yacht Club, still in water and seen by many. Announcer cut off, replaced by music. (We are checking this. Source is reliable, if thing checks out, suppression of saucer news is evident.)

CSI IS QUITTING. AF says financial trouble, Sullivan's sec. says too little time. Heard has resigned. Neither explanation rings true. We have little money, very little time. Wonder who will be next to throw in the towel?*****

SPECIAL ISSUE

The APRO BULLETIN

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Donations Needed For Metal Analysis

This special issue of the APRO Bulletin is being published in order to solicit contributions for payment of unexpected expense. We are now in possession of samples of metal from the billboard through which a saucer is believed to have gone on August 19th. The pitted places and the yellow metal contained in the pits are very evident. One of the pieces is in the hands of a qualified laboratory and the other is in safekeeping. One dollar or 50¢ will help defray the cost of the qualitative analysis to determine the alloy of that mysterious metal. If you can at all see your way clear to help, do so at once. Until donations are received, the cost of the analysis will have to be paid for by the headquarters group. The APRO budget does not allow for this.*****

KEYHOE SCORES ANOTHER HIT !!

Keyhoe has done it again. By now all of you must be aware of the stir caused in the saucer world by Keyhoe's new book, the LOOK preview of same and statements by Keyhoe charging the AF with duplicity and holding out news from the public.

Mr. Keyhoe's press conference was held on September 29th, but although radio and TV carried quite a bit of information, none reached the newspapers. We don't wonder why anymore. The facts contained in his book was carried by LOOK and a few dailies throughout the country, but usually accompanied by editorial notes tending to disqualify the statements made by Keyhoe except in the eyes of those who are schooled in analytical reading.

Keyhoe has charged that the AF believes the saucers to be interplanetary and that investigators are split into two groups: those who believe the public should know and those who do not. He also accused the AF of withholding information regarding recent sightings. He invited intelligence officers to attend the conference and confirm or deny his accusations, but they did not show up. Later, an AF spokesman announced that Keyhoe was misrepresenting the facts and misquoting the AF. Keyhoe then issued a dramatic challenge to the AF to court-martial him, for being a retired marine officer he is still under military jurisdiction and if he's been violating military

code, is subject to court-martial. They didn't accept his offer, of course, for if they did put him before a military tribunal to answer for his supposed misdeeds, the truth would come out. And they believe their exclusive knowledge must be protected even at a loss of face. However, inasmuch as they now control the press, they can say and do as they please and will not lose much face as far as the general public is concerned.

We urge each and every member to write to Senator McCarthy and their individual state governmental representatives, lamenting and protesting this disgusting state of affairs in which one of our Constitutional rights as American citizens is being trampled underfoot by the military.

We have been watching this by-play with increasing alarm and apprehension and feel that now is the time to act to bring about the truth.

The man who was kind enough to give us samples of the New Haven billboard has stated that he believes that his attempts to have an analysis made were deliberately hampered. From his testimony about the whole affair, we gather that the AF got the rest of the metal surrounding the hole and that he was deliberately framed in an attempt to get him into trouble with the local gendarmes. This will be interesting reading in our next issue.

UP WANTS FEATURE ON A.P.R.O. WORK

The United Press has contacted the local paper here in Sturgeon Bay, asking that they send a feature article on the Director and APRO. After much thought we have decided to submit a small amount of material with the suggestion that they do not quote out of context, nor alter the material in such a way as to disqualify or ridicule this organization and it's efforts. If this suggestion is taken seriously, we may be reading about ourselves in the press soon, and hearing a few comments via radio and TV news and feature broadcasts. We believe that good publicity is to be desired, but if such a feature is to be done with a tongue-in-cheek attitude, we are better off with no notice whatsoever from the press. We have accomplished a good deal without publicity so far and do not depend upon it for our survival or efficiency.*****

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