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We gratefully dedicate this issue of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization's bi-monthly news bulletin to JOE ROLAS and HORACIO GONZALEZ our two hardworking members of Caracas, Venezuela. Because of their faithful reporting we are able to bring you the most significant sightings of unidentified flying objects and their unusual occupants for the year of 1954. We have received many hundreds of other reports but in the light of the spectacular and authentic nature of the following sightings, we offer them in this special issue dealing primarily with sightings on the continent South America. Our hearty thanks go to Mr. Rolas and Mr. Gonzales.

WORLDWIDE INCREASE IN UFO REPORTS

While the Pentagon super-secret contingent of the Air Force is engaged in a studied effort to blame flying saucers on anything but a logical source, the determined discs are making their appearances throughout the world, without a thought about official opinions. In Apple Valley, California, during the week of December 21, an oblong object hung over that town for at least 24 hours. The intrepid reporter of the Los Angeles Mirror tried to check the story, and despite the word of honest citizens that the thing had been there, that the Air Force had been notified, and jets had been sent up, the Air Force tried the old balloon run-around. It didn't work, Coates wrote a beautifully sarcastic note on the incident in his column, ---but it didn't rate press-wire coverage.

In Kassel, Germany, Prof. Hermann Oberth reiterated his belief that the discs are interplanetary vehicles, adding that the occupants are probably afraid of earthmen.

A grey-coloured disc hovering at about 500 feet and making a sound like an automobile engine descended over a Mica mine at Manbhum, Bihar, India. Seen by about 800 people, the thing hovered for a few minutes, the sides appeared to inflate, and smoke billowed from the two ends. The object then soared upward at high speed. The best is yet to come.....

IN VENEZUELA ——— HAIRY DWARVES!

On December 16, 1954, President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower told a press conference that flying saucers are not from outer space and exist only in the imagination of the viewers. On the night of that momentous announcement, a young man of San Carlos, Venezuela was set upon by a small hairy man-like creature and spent the night in a hospital under the care of physicians for treatment of shock.

Spore discs reported Jan 1, '55

The most believable part of the San Carlos incident is the reason for young Jesus Paz being where he was when the whole thing happened. Here are the details:

Paz and two friends had dined at a restaurant at San Carlos, then proceeded home. When the party neared the Exposition Park of the Ministry of Agriculture, Paz asked the driver of the car to stop while he went behind some bushes, apparently to relieve himself. His friends, still in the car, heard a piercing scream which literally raised the hair on their heads. They rushed toward the spot where Paz had entered the brush, came upon their friend unconscious on the ground, and were just in time to see a hairy dwarf running toward a flat, shiny craft which hovered a few feet from the ground. One of the men, Luis Mejia, a national guardsman, reached for his gun, but remembered it was back in his barracks at Guard headquarters. Mejia then picked up a stone and futilely threw it at the craft which had taken the dwarf in and was rising into the air with a deafening buzzing sound. At last report, Paz was under the care of doctors and all three men were telling a convincingly hair-raising story to the authorities. Paz is not only suffering from shock, but has several large, long, deep scratches on his right side and along the spine, as if clawed by a wild animal.

HUNTERS CLAWED AND BEATEN—

Just 6 days prior to Eisenhower's announcement that saucers do not exist, Lorenzo Flores and Jesus Gomez of Carora, Venezuela related their experience with four little hairy creatures near the Trans-Andian Highway between Chico and Cerro de las Tres Torres. The boys had been hunting, and when they sighted a bright object off the highway, they thought it was a car. Upon approaching, they saw an object which appeared like two wash bowls placed one on top of the other, and hovered about two and a half feet from the ground. They estimated the size as about 9 feet in diameter, and said it gave out fire from the bottom.

In the boys' own words: "Then we saw 4 little men coming out of it; they were approximately 3 feet tall. When they realized we were there, the four of them got Jesus and tried to drag him toward the object." "I could do nothing but take my shotgun, which was unloaded," says Flores, and thrust hard blows with the butt of the gun at one of them. The gun seemed to have struck rock or something harder, as the gun broke into two pieces."

Could they notice any features of the little men, they were asked by reporters. "No," said Flores, "we could see no details but what we did notice was the abundant hair which covered their bodies, and their great strength." Gomez could remember little of the incident for he had fainted from fright when the creatures grabbed him. When asked if they saw the saucer leave, the boys said no, that when they broke away they ran as fast as they could for the highway about 150 feet away. Exhibiting scratches and bruises, their shirts torn to shreds, the boys rushed to the nearest police precinct and told their story.

Investigation by authorities showed signs of the fight and where the saucer had rested. They were examined by psychiatrists, found to be sane, responsible young men. But the United States Air Force and the President say that saucers do not exist....

TEACHER FIRES AT PURSUING DISC!

An unnamed (by request) teacher and director of an important educational institution of Barquisimeto, Venezuela relates how he was pursued by a glowing, disc-shaped object while driving along the highway to Guanare.

Respected and well-liked, the individual involved in this incident states that while driving one evening, he noticed a bright object which, at a cursory glance, he thought was the moon. However, when approaching the town of Guanare, he noticed that the object was moving toward him, and huge in size. The Professor, seized with panic, took out his gun and fired twelve times at the object while it maneuvered around his car.

Thoroughly frightened, the man then pushed his accelerator to the floor, hoping to meet another car. He soon met another car which he managed to stop, and in which were a lawyer, the sheriff of a nearby town, and a policeman. The party of men then turned around and headed back to the spot where the disc was last seen. When they arrived, they were in time to see the disc disappearing to the south leaving a bluish trail behind. The professor has recently consulted a psychiatrist regarding his delicate mental condition since the incident.

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"Little Men" Fail in Kidnap Attempt!!

Yelling, without his shirt and with a terrified look on his face, Jose Parra, 18 year old jockey of Valencia, Venezuela, arrived at the offices of National Security in the early morning of December 19 and related his hair-raising tale of how a hairy little man tried to kidnap him.

Immediately upon his arrival, Parra was detained by Mr. Lopez Ayara, Commissioner of Criminology until his nerves could calm down. Detectives detailed to examine the place where the incident happened, found tracks which they were not able to identify as either those of a man or an animal. Parra, out doing road work to lose some extra poundage, stopped near a Cement Factory on the highway, where he was surprised to see six little men, all very hairy, who were engaged in pulling boulders from the side of the highway, and loading them aboard their disc-shaped craft which was hovering less than 9 feet from the ground. Parra, startled and frightened, started to run away to call someone else to watch the sight.

At this point, one of the little men spotted Parra, pointed a device at him, which gave off a violet light. Parra was unable to move, and stood by helplessly while the little creatures ran to their ship, and leaped aboard. The craft then disappeared into the sky.

One hour after Mr. Parra's experience, a brightly lighted disc was seen hovering a few feet from the ground near the Barbula Sanatorium for Tuberculars at Valencia. Two hospital employees saw the object at different times, one at about 12 midnight, and the other at about 3:15 a. m. The fellow who witnessed the earlier incident, notified no one for fear of disturbing the hospital patients. The man involved in the latter incident attempted to approach the craft for a better look but it moved away and ascended into the air.

DOCTOR SEES LITTLE MEN, DISC—

At 6:30 p. m., December 10, a well-known (and, by request, unnamed) physician of Caracas, Venezuela witnessed a strange sight while out driving with his father in the vicinity of La Floresta.

The Doctor in question has been interviewed by members of the press so his identity is known. His story rings true, and he had a witness. While driving between La Carlota Airdrome and Francisco de Miranda Avenue, his father suddenly pointed and exclaimed, "Look!"

Upon looking in the direction his father was pointing, the Doctor stopped the car in order to observe better. He watched who little men who were running into the brush. Shortly after they disappeared into the thickets, a luminous disc-shaped object emerged from in and with a sharp 'sizzling' sound, darted off into the sky at a rapid rate of speed. The Doctor, a former skeptic, isn't laughing anymore.

During the period in November and December in 1954 when many strange sights were seen in South America, including the foregoing incidents, the most reliable of people including a Bishop of the Catholic church, Professors, astronomers, physicists, law enforcement officers and members of the military, behold the strange goings on in the heavens and on the ground.

Stranger than the strange sightings themselves, perhaps, is the absolute absence of any mention of them on the wires of the international news agencies and in particular, the Free Press of the United States. Heretofore, the Director and close associates had begun to feel that perhaps press silence on saucers was due to their conviction that the saucers really don't exist. However, if (and it is a certainty that all news agencies throughout the world are aware of headlines which made front pages in Caracas for weeks on end) the news wire services don't think the foregoing items newsworthy, they need some new blood on their editorial staffs. If the reason for clamming up regarding those particular sightings is because they don't want to cause hysteria, then this is, to us, evidence of censorship and the authenticity of the sightings themselves. Let's all hark back to the European sightings--- some of them obvious hoaxes, others actual sightings embellished by imagination. But---they received pretty good coverage in national publications in the United States, although in a humorous vein. Somehow, we feel that the powers that be have decided that the South American sightings couldn't be publicized at all, for the evidence is all against any conventional explanation, and considerable bad feeling might result if the President insinuated that these hundreds of observers were suffering from overactive imaginations.

ENGINEER SNAPS PHOTO OF COVEY OF FLYING SAUCERS Barcelona, Venezuela. An engineer employed by a petroleum company in El Tigre turned over to the Prefect of the district, snapshots which he took of a flight of 5 flying saucers while driving to a pumping station at El Tigre in the late afternoon of Dec 10. The engineer, an American, said that the objects were flying in perfect formation, to the north. The snapshot showed the five objects which resembled 'turtles', with two beams of light showing at the front, and another at the rear. Although published, the photos were shown to law enforcement men and to the press.

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It would be physically impossible to list in detail all sightings received during the eight-week period between November 15 and the present time, so we have attempted to hit the high spots, devoting the bulk of this issue to outstanding sightings in South America and Venezuela in particular. However, the following are sightings a little less sensational in nature, but important, nevertheless, in the overall picture.

LA ESFERA, VENEZUELA, Dec 6, '54. Radio Operator for Pan American Airways intercepts messages that have been proven to be from some other source than earth. The Operator's superior, Carlos Alvarez, informed reporters that the message had been sent to Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A., to be deciphered, if possible. Mr. Gonzalez informed the press that other airlines crews had picked up similar messages, at first thinking them to be code communications of amateur radio operators.

ABRUZZIAN MTS., ITALY, Dec. 6, 1954. On Christmas night, many inhabitants of Sibilinian Mts. saw six glowing disc-like objects moving along mountain ridges, next day searching parties found foot prints of middle-size, apparently shoeless feet. Also, other footprints found in snow, appeared to be those of a person or creature suspended from something, as they did not leave a very distinct or deep impression.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 9, 1954, Mr. Cloris Hanel observes a group of unidentified objects crossing disc of the moon, while observing the lunar disc through 125 power telescope. Wife also watched phenomena, which moved from side to side on the moon's face.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, November, 1954. Residents of Caracas and surrounding areas witnessed a strange phenomena during the month of November, which manifested itself in the "Chair of Caracas" (a mountain) which overlooks the city. Mathematician Professor Boris Bessio was one of the hundreds who observed this phenomena at various times during the month, and described it as bright, immense in size, and throwing off beams of light at intervals. He intended to conduct an investigation, but no word as to the outcome is forthcoming as yet.

W-SHAPED MARK FOUND ON MARS--- The Carnegie Institute of Washington has announced that a W-shaped mark, not hitherto noticed or recorded, has been found on Mars, but is believed to be a more-or-less permanent cloud formation in the upper atmosphere. We remember that as short a time ago as 1953; Mars was believed to be almost devoid of atmosphere. Now---it has an atmosphere. It's interesting to speculate when the world of Science will reveal it's knowledge of a thermo-nuclear explosion on that planet a few years ago.

If the facts now available to determined saucer researchers could be made available to the general public via a popular communications media (i. e., newspapers or magazines) the Pentagon contingent of the U.S. Air Force would do some sudden talking. If the wind is blowing the way it appears to be, the Air Force might even state that the saucers are our own, in order to keep the big story under wraps for what they think would be the mutual benefit of all the people of the world. It is becoming increasingly evident that there is something big brewing, and it is very likely that the Air Force has finally realized that the saucers are here because our beloved earth is becoming increasingly unstable due to an ever-increasing amount of radiation in our atmosphere, that the earth's wobble is becoming more and more pronounced. That would be a mess, and we frankly can't see that any military agency should take it

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upon themselves to play God to anyone. If a fatal catastrophe is about to destroy Earth, we feel that the people should at least have a chance to make their peace with their respective deities in their own way.

It has been obvious to most members for some time now that APRO is definitely on the side of, and indorses the writings of Donald Keyhoe. For the first time we would like to state that of all the writers on the UFOs, Keyhoe is the most restrained, dedicated to facts, and worthy of the confidence put in him by so many people. Long association through correspondence with him has led us to believe that when and if the facts about the UFOs are finally ascertained by anyone outside of the military, Keyhoe will be the firstest with the mostest. Devoid of gimmicks, tall tales and 'psychic talents', Mr. Keyhoe is well-endowed with honesty, ethics and just plain guts. Our best to him in the coming year and we hope that any information that we can give him will be of some help to him in his work. Many people talk of UFOs, many people lecture on UFOs, but when Keyhoe talks, the former skeptics listen, and begin to believe.

Although plans had been laid to turn the APRO Bulletin over to the Los Angeles members, those plans have been altered for various reasons. First, a misunderstanding regarding the length of time which would be required, then the knowledge that it would be nearly impossible for a good-sized crew to get together because of the distances, traffic, conflicting hours involved. So---the Director decided that a change of page make-up would alleviate the time press to some extent, and with the recruiting of Mr. Lorenzen for a steady helper in the writing and stencil cutting departments, the APRO Bulletin could still be put together under her auspices and not suffer too noticeably. We hope the membership approves of this arrangement and the new style. Present conditions indicate that there will not be a let-up in saucer sightings in the year 1955 as expected (probably due to completion of moon bases) and therefore cannot promise to print in detail all sightings received. We have had a record collection of reports in the past 8 weeks---a few over 600 sightings, and a good share of them have been fairly well detailed. It is easy to see we could not possibly print even 1/6 of this number, so we have decided that as long as sightings roll in at this rate, we will deal with only the most interesting.

Another fine issue of CRIFO is on our desk, also the official organ of the New Zealand Civilian Saucer Investigations, is recently out. Both fine saucer news magazines with a wealth of interesting information.

Mr. Lorenzen joins us for the first time this month, with his "Commentary", beginning on Page Seven. We hope you will enjoy reading his ideas and conclusions regarding the recent incidents in Venezuela. We had hoped to be able to use an analysis of the Venezuelan sightings submitted by Mr. Gonzales of Caracas, who is feverishly working on that angle. However, it has not arrived to date, but if it should turn up before the stencils are put on the mimeograph machine we'll find room for the bulk of the analysis, somewhere, somehow.

Shortly before the close of the Truman Administration, Harry S. Truman told close associates that he would go down in history as one of the greatest American Presidents. Taking into consideration his extreme unpopularity at the close of his administration, he must have something BIG under his wig. We wonder---was he far-sighted enough to have authorized the necessary expenditures for the Space Satellite? (Con't Page 8)

ARE THE SAUCERS U.S. WEAPONS ?

Probably because the old, well-hashed theories about the origin of the saucers are now pretty well worn out, the theory which holds the least water by actual measure is now being revived. This theory has always laid dormant in the mind of the general public partly as a result of propaganda and/or the always existent fear of the nuclear weapons race going on between the two most powerful nations in the world. We will answer the question which heads this page in two short words and then go on to list the evidence to support our premise. The answer? YES---NO!

If anyone thinks we're indulging in leg-pulling, then hear this: At this time, and for some time past, Air Force Research and Development teams at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio have been experimenting with an aircraft utilizing the circular airfoil. And---how are they coming in this work? Fine---just fine. Really fine, since correlated facts regarding the flying-saucer type craft which have abounded in the skies throughout the world were made available for the research teams. Gleaned facts and physical evidence gathered from a very few specimens recovered after crashes.

But---the nagging question is this: Are they all Air Force research projects? The answer to that is NO! Russia, without a doubt is carrying out similar research---as are England, Canada, and Australia. But---are the saucers seen since 1947 made in one of those countries? NO---that is the real answer to the whole, involved question. Saucer-shaped objects now being developed by various countries are seldom seen, for they are not exactly the most dependable craft---in other words, the scientists don't have all the "bugs" out of them yet.

There are some very simple points of logic which some theorists just don't seem to be able to utilize in their thinking about the origin of the saucers and they are this: Despite the ingenuity of our scientists, they have not yet perfected automatic control systems which would be indispensable in craft of this sort. It is a well known fact that in missile research and development as well as future plans for space travel, it is the electronic control systems which are the big drawback. The problems of suitable propellants and metal utilized for high-speed travel have long been solved. However, the human brain is not capable of thought processes and reflex actions fast enough to cope with the various hazards involved in high speed air-travel. The robot must take over, in this case, and the reliability of electronic control equipment is very doubtful.

Our last and probably best leg as far as standing up for our convictions, is that if the Air Force of the United States or any other country in the world was the owner of the flying saucers, they wouldn't be monkeying around with the comparative first-grade style missile development. If it takes years of sweat and strain to perfect the NIKE, how long would it take to perfect the infallible saucers? If we had perfected the infallible saucers, would we still be building NIKES? It's as simple as that.

We challenge anyone to show us evidence that would stand up under scrutiny, indicating that the saucers of the past seven years belong to a world government. If this evidence is available, and is in the hands of anyone except C.I.A. or the Pentagon boys, we suggest that those hands go dig a hole somewhere and pull the hole in after them, for the fat's in the fire. You just don't go around gathering TOP SECRET documented evidence on any Air Force development---it's IMPOSSIBLE!!!

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If so, Mr. Truman will surely rank with Washington and Lincoln, for the nation which succeeds in building and manning the first satellite will force peace upon the world---and the Russians and all their little pink friends will have to like it or lump it!

NEWSWEEK for January 24 states in it's "Periscope" Section, that hidden in Air Force budget is a sizable hunk for the sole purpose of building a satellite.

We dislike having to puncture a pretty scoop like that, but it so happens that in the summer of 1952, an informant told the Director and APRO members about having seen a disc-shaped object on blueprint at Wright-Patterson in 1949. Plans for the Satellite? We think so!

SAUCERS BASED IN BRAZIL!?

LIMA, PERU, January 9, 1955. "La Cronica", Lima daily paper, created a sensation by announcing that an earth-base for the flying saucers is probably based in the zone of the Marañon River, in Brazil.

The article went on to say that North American (probably American and/or Canadian) investigators travel to the area in search of such a base. Also, the paper, goes on, the "La Cronica" correspondent for that area has reported these travelers taking trips into the jungle toward Brazil, and the frequent observation of saucers over the Trujillo area and Peru. The paper then goes on to recount the sighting of a saucer at close range last June by the crew of a B-29 Flying Fortress.

The most comprehensive and detailed report on the real facts of George Adamski's book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" was published in the January issue of NEXUS, and authored by James W. Moseley. Seems that Mr. Moseley has had his doubts about the authenticity of the Adamski revelations pertaining to long-haired space men and meetings with one of them on the desert in 1953. One of the points brought up was one of our best arguments against the factual nature of the story, and that was the possibility that such clear footprints as were claimed to be found, could be produced in dry desert sand.

A few things of which we were not aware (because we had not considered the whole thing worth wasting time on) were mentioned: (1) That Miss Lucy McGinnis, Adamski's secretary, had personally purchased the plaster of Paris which George Williamson had 'just happened to have along with him' at the time of that fateful meeting. (2) That one of the saucers in one of Adamski's purported photos appears to be inside the telescope. Mr. Arthur C. Clarke, in the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, March, 1954, brought out this point, and also stated that the perspective in the pictures of the "scout ships" is all wrong, and that the pictures appear to be photos of small things seen at close range, rather than large things photographed with the aid of the telescope.

If Mr. Moseley or Mr. Clarke would like a good project, they might try locating an old model of a surgical room lamp and note the startling resemblance between the 'scout ship' and the lamp. With a couple of split tennis balls to add drama, it would make a beautiful saucer.

COMMENTARY

BY *Jim Lotenzen*

Although it is not the policy, we feel obliged, in view of the unusual correlations which appear among many of the recent South American reports, to set forth a few comments and an hypothesis or two.

Concerning the authenticity of the most important reports (i.e., contacts with animal occupants of saucer-like air-borne vehicles) we would like to point out that (1) the majority of these sightings were made by groups of people, and that the eye-witness reports agree in all major aspects. (2) The nervous upset and/or prostration exhibited by many of these reporters could hardly be faked. (3) Although cross-examined by doctors, clergy, police and National Security (Venezuelan version of M.V.D.), no eye-witness has 'broken' to admit hoax or fraud of any kind. (4) Our Venezuelan representatives who screened, translated and forwarded these reports are men of sincerity and integrity beyond reproach.

What do these visitors look like? They are unanimously described as hairy dwarves about 3 feet in height. They were reported in at least one case to wear a small garment like a loincloth or diaper. They have two eyes (described as glowing in at least one case), a breathing aperture, but no nose as such. We don't know whether they have mouths or not. Their fingers are adorned with sharp claws. Since no one reported whether or not they have thumbs we assume they have, since the lack of thumbs would be likely to attract more attention than the presence of thumbs. These characteristics combined with a short, squat, hairy body completes the picture as we have it now. It's a little hard to accept this, isn't it?

The first and most prevalent objection we've heard runs something like this: "I can't believe that such animal-like beings could have attained the scientific know-how necessary to build space-craft." ---A little careful consideration will show that this is Emotion speaking---not Reason. We are, after all, animals (a very high type of animal, of course---Primates, yes---yes, indeed---but animals nonetheless) and what could be more animal-like than an animal?

Well, let's call them beast-like, then (ignoring the fact that some men have proven themselves to be more beastly than any real beast that ever lived) but no matter what we call them, what we really mean is simply that they are not human-like. This, then, reveals the real source of our objection---human vanity. We humans are so intelligent that we just naturally assume that any other intelligent being must look like us. We're afraid we'll have to face it---little hairy dwarves could be a little snarter than we.

Now let's apply balm to the ego with the following consideration: The hairy fellows may be only the servants or slaves or the brains behind the space-exploration project---after all, aren't they energetic, athletic boys---and don't we all know that brain and brawn don't go together? (Whatever that means!)

All of which leads right-into another phase of the mystery---namely the remarkable physical prowess of the little guys. They reportedly leave their saucers hovering anywhere from 2½ to 6 feet from the ground.

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and make their entry and exit by leaping. Now, a six-foot leap for a 3-foot animal is a pretty good average although several of our earth animals could match it. During the Petero incident, one of them threw a man 15 feet. This would be pretty good for a TV wrestler with rehearsals, yet. They not only can dish it out, they can take it, too. Gonzales, attempting to use a knife at Petero, felt it slide off a hard surface without penetrating. Flores, clubbing one with his shot gun, succeeding only in breaking it (the gun), and said it felt like he was hitting a rock or something.

We would like to suggest at this point that when confronted with objects or situations entirely new or strange to us, we tend to interpret them on the basis of or in relation to previous experiences. Thus a strange, 3 foot tall biped is promptly called a dwarf. And when he reveals himself to be stronger and more agile than we expect a dwarf to be, our imagination exaggerates this fact until his strength is remarkable, indeed.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that these creatures come from a planet where the force of gravity is considerably stronger. Their greater strength and jumping ability would be a logical result. Gonzales, who attempted to capture one, reports that he was surprisingly light in weight---this fits the pattern, too. And consider this: although the dwarf-man was aware of Gonzales' presence, Gonzales was able to approach and grapple with him (it?). Under conditions where a man (or any physical creature) was effectively carrying less than his usual amount of weight, he would likely tend to get off balance quite easily and find evasive maneuvers a little difficult. Bull's eye again! Maybe we should quit while we're winning.

What about the hard skin? An external skeleton maybe? The hairy surface apparently hid any muscle outline if there was any. One guess is as good as another on this point.

One reassuring aspect to the whole affair seems to be that here, at last, we have reports of space explorers acting almost exactly as we would act if positions were reversed. In the first place, they seem to be chiefly concerned with collecting botanical and geological specimens while attracting as little attention as possible. Note that their only attempts at hairy-carry (pun!) occurred when their souvenir-gathering was inadvertantly interrupted. These kidnapping attempts seem to be half-hearted and poorly organized to say the least---probably prompted more by hysteria than anything else. We propose that if our stronger gravity premise (accompanied by thicker atmosphere as it probably would be) is correct, the hairy fellows soon ran out of steam in our thinner atmosphere and were chiefly concerned with incapacitating or routing their intruders and making their get-away.

Note also that their one weapon (aside from those crazy fingernails) does not seem to be completely effective on human beings. Gonzales reported that the ray-gun caused him to lose consciousness but did not immobilize him and that he was later able to recall what occurred during his period of unconsciousness. This sounds a little odd at first; but essentially the same phenomenon can be produced through hypnotism. Joe Parra reports that it immobilized him but did not cause him to lose consciousness.

Little has been added to previous disc and sphere-craft reports except possible the burned mark left by the saucer encountered by the two young hunters.

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We still don't feel justified in assuming that all UFOs sighted in recent years were piloted by little hair-suited almost-men. The main reason being that these little guys show many indications of being rather new at the game. Somehow, it's hard to associate them with many of the larger craft of many shapes that have been around for years now; the disappearing type that cruised over Washington, D. C., the maneuvering lights, green fireballs, etc., etc.

Further details on the Petare incident: Gustavo Gonzales reports that the dwarves he encountered were attired in a sort of loincloth (he compared them to diapers). Such a skimpy garment adorning a hard, hairy body was obviously not worn for warmth or protection. Why, then? For reasons of modesty, of course! Another characteristic in common with us humble humans. Scriptural sources attribute the cause of human modesty to the original sin.

Do the hairy ones have an original sin of their own? Or did their ancestors drop by in days gone by and snatch a snack from that self-same tree?

We would like to thank the members for the many get-well cards and letters of encouragement which arrived here shortly after the November Bulletin was mailed. It might also interest some members to know that Mrs. Lorenzen is improving in health and feeling better and better each day. After the attempt to transfer Bulletin work to Los Angeles failed, she was faced with two alternatives---either give up the work entirely or struggle along. The latter, of course, was the final decision, and we sincerely hope that the new Bulletin format meets with the approval of each and every APRO member.

Letters have stacked up on the Director's desk since the big move to Alamogordo, but she hopes to eventually get time to answer each and every one. In the meantime, we hope no one will feel neglected, for each letter and each clipping is fully appreciated.

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