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The first item on the agenda for this issue of the Bulletin will be a rousing cheer for Major Donald Keyhoe for his good work on his current best-seller, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" which has dealt a telling blow to extremists on both ends of the flying saucer mystery. Both the Air Force with its 'misconception of convention phenomena' line and the advocates of present-day space travel with variously shaped and sexed saucer occupants of varying degrees of physical beauty, felt the sting of a few well-placed barbs. Indications are that the latter are swiftly losing in the saucer popularity polls because of their inability to produce tangible evidence, plus the fact that their claims have been so extravagant and sensational that they're having a difficult time thinking up new plots for the next episodes of their charming planetary operas.

It is our considered opinion that the U. S. press has again been influenced in its treatment and lack of treatment of Major Keyhoe's words and works. ALTHOUGH HUNDREDS OF APRO MEMBERS IN THE U. S. WERE KEEPING A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR ANY AND ALL REVIEWS OF HIS LATEST BOOK, Major Keyhoe's "Flying Saucer Conspiracy" GOT VERY LITTLE PRESS MENTION despite a well-rounded assortment of press representatives at his pre-publication conference in Washington last December. A long distance call to Mr. Keyhoe at the time was very fruitful in that we had a good idea of what should have resulted from the press conference, and is added evidence at this time that pressure has been brought to bear to dissuade any unwated publicity for the saucer problem. Actually, this is extremely good strategy on the part of the group behind the censorship for the summer of 1956 with the close proximity of the planet Mars and therefore the expected influx of saucers, could very well bring the whole situation to a climax which might end in complete enlightenment of the masses regarding the real nature of the UFO.

## KEYHOE LETTER REVEALS PENTAGON UNEASINESS

A recent letter from Major Keyhoe revealed the following bit of tasty information: An executive of a leading Baltimore radio station contacted the Air Force with a request that a wualified officer take part in a panel discussion on discs. The gentleman told AF Security and Review that he thought that the AF would want to have someone to defend their stand since Major Keyhoe charged a conspiracy of silence, etc. The Major contacted at AFSR at first said that he thought this could be arranged without any trouble, and then called two hours later and said that it was all off, that the Pentagon couldn't see its way clear. The announcer asked why and the Major said that "of course Keyhoe would like the publicity." The Baltimore executive then pointed out that it had been himself and not Keyhoe who had initiated the idea and that the radio station wasn't out to give away publicity to Keyhoe or anyone else. He then said that he'd offered the Air Force a chance to defend itself against the claims of a blackout, hiding the facts about UFO, and if they didn't choose to do so it was their own business. The Air Force Major then apologized for the remark about Keyhoe (regarding publicity) but the Pentagon stuck to its refusal to be represented on the panel show.

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SPECIAL REPORT #14 --- TRUE OR FALSE?

The Air Force's special report on Saucers which seems to have gone over big with some saucer enthusiasts is one of the most outrageous pieces of misinformation ever foisted onto the gullible American public. One big discrepancy which should be pointed out is the impression given by Special Report #14 and AF Secretary Donald Quarles that 91 but 3% of the sightings reports have been solved. However, Table A-1, buried in the back pages of the report, shows 21.5% of the analyzed reports unexplained.

At this point, in order to bolster our contentions that the Special Report was rigged, we would like to quote from "Inside The Flying Saucers", a condensation from Ruppelt's recent book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects": "Of the several thousand UFO reports that the Air Force has received since 1947, some 15 to 20 percent fall into this category called Unknown." Again, at the close of the article, these words were found to be most startling and revealing: "The UFO reports made by the two colonels and the two master sergeants are typical of hundreds of other good UFO reports which carry the verdict, "Conclusion Unknown."

Back to the Special Report. It mentions 12 cream of the crop cases and shows assorted shapes and sketches supposed to represent what the observers described or drew. There are three or four well-known airline cases, but most of the "cream of the crop" are from absolutely untrained witnesses and the circumstances show these are among the weakest in ATIC files. It is obvious they were chosen deliberately to create as many weird shapes as possible in order to create the impression that there is no correlation among sightings. Really important, verified official cases such as the B-29 Gulf of Mexico Case, December 6, 1952, the "rotating lights" cases in Japan, the White Sands Proving Ground radar-visual-photographic-theodolite confirmation, were deliberately omitted.

In his most recent letter to the Director, Major Keyhoe says, quote: "It's obvious that the IBM card analysis is erroneous, if not deliberately rigged. Some one in each case, had to select a code designation or rating for each sighting and this leaves it entirely up to the ATIC or their secret panel of consultants. Again, knowing how the Air Force has brushed off authentic reports with "could this have been a balloon" or "this evidence doesn't sound like a meteor but let's see if we can make it fit", I believe that similar methods were used to give an erroneous answer in many cases." Unquote.

Again we would like to quote Major Keyhoe in excerpts from his latest correspondence: "In one section, they say (and Secretary Quarles so stated in his release) that there is no evidence that flying saucers really exist. Later, in Special Report #14, they say that if they could get the kind of scientific evidence they'd like, it might be possible to prove the existence of flying saucers ---if they exist. But this double-talk did not appear in more than a dozen of the Nation's newspapers, because few newsmen have time to wade through a 316-page report.

"The report states that no UFO sightings prior to June 1947 were considered and implies that any reports before then were completely unreliable. This is a deliberate evasion of the 1944-45 "foo-fighters" reports by their own pilots and pilots of our Allies, not to mention the reports antedating World War II.

"In Secretary Quarles October 25 statement, he implied that we were on the

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verge of operating a saucer-shaped craft in fairly large numbers. This was planted, obviously, so that newsmen and others could speculate on the "secret weapon" explanation. Naturally, many who hadn't investigated the facts, swallowed the bait and suggested that perhaps the Air Force has been testing these mysterious machines over the past ten years. Secretary Quarles' statement was misleading, and in my opinion, deliberately intended to offset publication of my book and Ruppelt's, both of which contain evidence that the UFOs are real, and not made on this earth.

"The one glaring flaw in Special Report #14 and Quarles' statement is the deliberate omission of the hundreds of UFO sightings by the best-trained, best-qualified observers in the world---military and airline pilots, radar experts, guided-missile trackers and airport tower personnel. Special Report #14 in effect ridicules most observers, or at least makes them seem incompetent, which Quarles and the Air Force both know is absolutely untrue. If it were true, why would the Air Force let such pilots radar operators and guided missile trackers remain on duty?" UNQUOTE.

The foregoing has been Major Keyhoe's special brief analysis of Special Report #14 and the recent statements made by Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles, especially for the members of APRO. We would like to add the following:

One year ago, the Director mentioned in the bulletin the Air Force Saucer Building experiment, and although the remark was quite unwittingly dropped by a young Air Force officer stationed at Wright Air Development Center, it was evident then that the thing was for the most part in the "mock-up" and wind-tunnel stage and had not been power-flown.

It is such trickery as Special Report #14 that prevents reports such as the one made by a high-ranking civilian at Holloman Air Force Base, from ever reaching Air Force ears. This gentleman approached the Director and her husband with the following report. He has been working for the government for about 10 years, the past 3 of which have been spent at White Sands Proving Ground and Holloman. Previously, he served with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and is fully qualified, through his knowledge of Air Force planes and Army, Navy and Air Force guided missiles, to observe and report the object. He offered his opinion that the thing was nothing like anything currently under development by the US Government, to his knowledge:

February, 1956, observer heading due East on 10th street, observed the following described object taking a horizontal, NNW to SSE trajectory. A bright yellowish green ball surrounded by a halo which was predominantly blue. The halo extended in front of the object in a rounded manner, extended out at the sides behind the object, then tapered together at a point some distance behind where the color became a bluish green. No sound (there was street noises, however) and the object appeared much higher than the Sacramento Mountains which rise to the East of Alamogordo. Mr. ---- (anonymity requested) said the altitude would be difficult to estimate, due to no prospective for comparison, although the object appeared much higher than the mountains. Object noted just south of 10th avenue and was viewed about 4 seconds. It appeared to 'burn out' with no change in light intensity; size diminished from full size to zero in one second. No change in altitude noted. Object first noted through windshield, observer then shifted view to side window in order to check possibility of the object being a reflection.

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#### LA PAZ AND HOLLoman EMPLOYEE SIGHT 'FIREBALL' IN 1954

An object which description exactly tallies with the sighting made in February by a Holloman AFB employee, was seen in 1954 by Dr. Lincoln La Paz of the New Mexico Department of Meteoritics and a man employed at Holloman Air Force Base. Although not together at the time, the time element and trajectory and physical description of the object tallied exactly and led both men to believe they had observed the same phenomena.

The Holloman employee also relates his experience while tracking 5 silvery discs with the aid of an optical tracker on the Holloman Test Range. In all fairness to the observer we must withhold his name, but he did tell us that after reporting the incident to proper authorities, an Air Force Major from Wright-Patterson flew in and interviewed him and two other trackers, 'asking all kinds of odd questions', as he put it.

This man has seen several UFO while employed at Holloman, but because of the adverse newspaper comment has not bothered to report the last few. We have found that this is becoming a more and more common complaint among observers.

#### SAUCER SUNDRIES:

A house subcommittee investigating government information policies has turned up some unusual security labels to keep information from becoming public, but Chairman John E. Moss, Jr, (Dem, Calif.) of the House Government Operations Committee says he recently discovered one of the strangest of all. It was a document labeled and classified: "For Air Force Eyes Only". (Cr: Josephine Myers, Omaha, Nebraska)

This little gem fits right in with the foregoing, quoted from "The Right To Know" article from the November issue of the "BRIEF", a publication of the Illinois Division, American Civil Liberties Union. We quote: "When our forefathers wrote into the Constitution that the Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of the press, they did so because they knew that if the people were to act intelligently in governing themselves, they must have all the information available and that a free militant press would be the most potent instrument for providing the people with this information. In our democracy a free press is as vital to the functioning of our government as any of its branches." UNQUOTE. (Credit David Lansden, Atty, Cairo, Ill.) From the Director: Jefferson, Franklin and some of those highly idealistic founders of the United States would fairly spin in their graves and if within their power, come back to stalk the halls of the Pentagon if they were informed of the current muffling of the great United States "Free Press".

We'd like to comment, however briefly, on the rash of sensational-type saucer rags which have come out recently. Our road is rough and rocky as it is without the stumbling blocks created by the opportunists who conceive these monstrosities. Avoid religiously any papers or lecturers who claim sensational-type adventures (one hand out for your do-re-mi). We don't fear our members will be taken in, but feel that those fifty cent pieces shelled out here and there for the various rags, plus the \$1-\$2.50 fees charged by the lecturers, are the only means of survival for a peculiar-smelling breed of 'researchers'. To date, there are only three or four qualified lecturers whom APRO has felt it should endorse, and they deal

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primarily with widely accepted theories based on sound fact.

COMMENTS ON 'AF' TYPE SAUCER CLAIMS:

James, Mosely, in his recent AF Saucer Report Analysis (Saucer-News, Jan-Feb, 1956) made a few statements which should be corrected and others upon which comments certainly should be made. With all due respect to the many anonymous "Drs" who occasionally spring up with their equally anonymous statements that the Air Force has a working model of a saucer, the Director would like to refute such statements based upon much anonymous but nevertheless equally dependable information. Because of a policy of 'you tell me, me no talkee', the Director has gotten some very good UFO information from top scientists who are in the know.

The Director completely disagrees with Mr. Mosely on his premise that the AF has no proof that the saucers are interplanetary. This opinion is based on sound scientific fact as well as experience---not a perusal of a tripe AF statement, the publication date of which clearly indicates that it was issued to offset the effect of two books shortly to be printed.

Mr. Mosely briefly comments on one part of the report thusly: There were very few of the Unknowns that would have been identified as guided missiles or rockets, but that were not so identified because of the geographical location in which they were seen. Mosely says: "Does this not show that these particular sightings could have been solved except that the investigators did not know, or the public is not supposed to know, that guided missiles fly in many strange places?"

Our answer to Mr. Mosely's question: "Because of the public safety factor involved, missiles being test-flown (they are not in use operationally because we are at peace) are not flown outside of test ranges. There are sufficient test ranges of sufficient sizes to test-hop any missile without endangering the general public. A special contingent of electronics experts and physicists are maintained at all test ranges to take care of the possibility of a missile going astray. This comment of Mosely's is worth nothing, essentially, because he is just using his own assumption that missiles are tested any old place without any particular respect for the civilian population. Also--- investigators concentrating on a particular sighting need only ask the Research and Development Command if there was anything airborne at such and such a time and place which would answer such and such a description---they'd have gotten a truthful answer, because if it were a missile astray the Research and Development Branch would want to know in order to take more stringent precautionary measures against stray missiles in the future. In Alamogordo, New Mexico, 9 miles from Holloman Air Development Center and 35 miles from White Sands Proving Ground, there is only one incident where a missile went off range and impacted anywhere near a populated area.

In regard to the excerpt regarding flight plans which Mosely brings to our attention, the Director would like to say that the flight pattern of all military aircraft is available to any branch of the Air Force, Navy, Marines and the Army, if they need it in order to coordinate investigations. The only flight patterns not readily available are those of civilian aircraft which can be obtained, however, in good time. As for coordination of knowledge between services of the latest missiles and super-weapons, each branch of the military harbors a representative of each of the other service branches, as a 'liaison officer' who has access to all

firing schedules, etc, actually keeping much up to date, as is his job, on the newest innovations missile and aircraft-wise, in the other military research departments. Thus, the possibility that one service is building something completely different than anything built before, and that the other branches of the military are completely unaware of this tremendous development, is impossible. The old days of inter-service feuding is passe and all branches of the military are cooperating because of necessity.

#### VENEZUELAN VOICES RESENTMENT OF AF REPORT #14

We liked especially the following quoted choice words from Venezuelan Humberto Garcia Galindez, in a letter which he wrote to Time Magazine: (It wasn't published, of course).

"It was with great relief that I read (Time, November 7th, 1955) that the United States Air Force has explained in non-sensational ways, almost all the 'saucer sightings' to date. I was also more relieved when you quoted Secretary Donald A. Quarles as saying that the project Air Force saucer-shaped craft, 'if manned, will be manned by normal terrestrial airmen.'"

"If then we here happen to see AGAIN, any small, strange, dwarfish, humanoid, hairy bipeds emerging from grounded saucers to frighten the citizenry, examine the railway lines, or to pull the boulders and dirt off the highways and load it aboard their strange craft, we will now know that they are only United States Air Force pilots sent by Quarles to collect samples of Venezuelan dirt and rocks and, in the event of any complications arising, will know where to direct complaints."

We would also like to suggest that Mr. Galindez report these happenings to the United States Consulate, the government intelligence service, and create an international incident over such illegal entry by Air Force pilots. Stealing, conduct unbecoming officers, wearing of improper flight garb, are just three of the many accusations which could be brought to the public's attention which just might make the Air Force think twice, if they're capable.

#### UFO OBSERVED DURING TEST MISSION ON WHITE SANDS-HOLLOMAN TEST RANGE

The pilot of a helicopter and his observer watched a strange glowing light and a silvery disc-shaped object while participating in a test mission during the first part of December, 1955. The incident has not been report to authorities, because in the words of the people involved, "people will say we're cracking up." Other than the fact that both objects were apparently near the ground, were not AF test vehicles, and were watched for only a few seconds, we are not prepared to comment further.

#### RUPPELT'S REPORT ON THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The current talk in saucer circles leans a bit toward a confused discourse on the probable intent of Edward J. Ruppelt when he wrote "Report on the Unidentified Flying Objects". We would like to state, after reading the book and the many reviews, that Mr. Ruppelt had very good intentions and is bent upon disclosing as much as he can legally do without getting slapped with a "security violation". It is our contention that Ruppelt, after spending three years in UFO investigation for

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the Air Force, privately is convinced that the UFO are interplanetary. It is also obvious that before leaving the service, he very cleverly 'downgraded' or 'declassified' several very good reports in order that they could be used in his book, or has a cohort still in service who is furnishing such information to him.

Several things which Ruppelt states as fact stick out like sore thumbs, among which are: (1) The difference between his 15 to 20 percent UNKNOWNs as compared to AF Report #14's 3%. (2) Ruppelt's statement that "While at one time the official attitude was to sneer them out of existence, this is no longer true and never played too great a part in official thinking." We would be happy to debate with Mr. Ruppelt on this score, because it has become more and more evident in recent years that the UFO situation has become a subject of ridicule, at least among the lay public, because of the sneering attitude of the Air Force. Of course, censorship has proved to be a much more expedient way of handling touchy phases of the whole situation, such as the South American landings and incidents of 18 months ago when although AF and News Representatives rushed to Venezuela for first-hand accounts and investigations, any word of the happenings was prevented from seeping through the barrier of censorship.

The "Abnormal radiations" found in immediate areas where saucers were known to have been, have been rather well-known among scientific and technical personnel with the services. It is a common practice for service-employed civilians to get together and discuss those phases of research for which each individual is "cleared" and thus such discoveries become known in certain circles and eventually inadvertently leak out.

It was quite surprising and enlightening to note that Mr. Ruppelt's book received a good amount of favorable publicity as compared to the scant amount Mr. Keyhoe's book received, and this leads one to believe that possibly Mr. Ruppelt was "sponsored", shall we say, in his literary effort.

Some saucer enthusiasts are writing in and asking what could have happened to the head of an Asian Flying Saucer Research Organization which recently disbanded, the Director of which wrote Mrs. Lorenzen asking that all contact be broken and his name kept out of any future periodicals. This is neither surprising nor is it anything to become alarmed about. There are probably two good reasons why the fellow discontinued his work---it became too much of a burden, and/or after giving a great deal of thought to highly superstitious explanations of the saucer mystery, he decided to get out of the field. This is the general impression we received from his latest communication with us.

It seems that when members become too numerous and the prospect of ever solving the mystery and bringing known facts to light becomes ever dim, some organizations tend to become disenchanted with the whole deal and the head of the group figures the best way out is a sort of mysterious separation. This has already happened at least once and possibly twice, and it is unfair at the best, for these people to throw aside their responsibility and take the easiest way out.

#### ANOTHER GREEN FIREBALL OVER NEW MEXICO

Northern New Mexico again played host to one of the giant "green fireballs" on 9 April 1956 when one of the awesome objects blazed a green trail in the skies

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above Las Vegas and Albuquerque. Dr. Lincoln La Pax of the Institute of Meteoritics of the University of New Mexico has, of course, put forth his request for any and all reports on the object. The object, true to tradition, tore across the skies in a NNW direction, adopting, as usual, a horizontal trajectory.

CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE OF NEW YORK seems to be doing a bang-up job of promoting the saucer mystery as something of scientific value rather than mere curiosity. Their address is 138 W. 92nd St, New York 25, New York.

#### THE MARS SITUATION

When astronomers say 'there probably isn't any life other than lowly plants on Mars', the Director remembers back to her high school days in 1941 when she debated with science teachers about the possibility of Life on Mars. She contended (and the class laughed) that the 'canals' were something other than natural landmarks, and that seasonal changes of color was due to the progression and recession of vegetated areas. This was 16 years ago, when Mars was believed to be little more than desert. Today scientists admit that there is vegetable life on Mars, and the Director contends that there is not only vegetable life, but animal life as well.

In 1954 astronomers gathered enough evidence to warrant a weak conjecture regarding the probability of vegetation on the planet Mars. In 1956 this enigma of the night sky will be at its closest point in relation to the earth in 17 years and well in range (overhead) for the best use of the greatest telescopes of the world. The giant Hale reflector atop Mount Palomar, California, will doubtless be enlisted in the search for answers to the greatest enigmas of the astronomical world---what are the canals, and is there any indication that intelligent animals make their abode there? These answers are available now, and if it could be told the earthshaking answers might well stun the civilized world.

There has been a great increase in the green areas on Mars in the past decades and further probing in the future may unveil not only answers, but new questions. Particularly interesting and satisfying were the four listed observations made by Dr. E. C. Slipher during his work at the Lamont-Hussey Observatory in Bloemfontein, South Africa during the summer of 1954. They were, in brief: (1) Faint atmospheric 'belts' across the face of the planet. Previously, Mars' atmosphere had been considered too thin for such belts, similar to our 'weather fronts', (2) Blue-white cloud patches, seen first near the north pole and later elsewhere, (3) Opaque, yellow-tinged clouds---possible dust storms, and (4) Occasions when the Martian atmosphere became completely transparent.

Back in 1940 the Director, then a mere child of 15, stood up and told her Science class of her belief that Mars supported at least some plant life and possibly animal life. We wonder how much of her current beliefs will be substantiated 16 years hence?

#### OF MICE AND MEN:

In January Ted Bloecher of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, New York, wrote the Director suggesting that she write Jonathan Lennard of the New York Times regarding his review of the 1955 crop of UFO books. Mountains of mail as a result of

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Keyhoe's mention of APRO, plus the old bugaboo of routine living prevented her from carrying out Mr. Bloecher's wishes, but she would like to make clear her opinions on the much-discussed book review. Shall we tear it apart piece by piece?

The most shocking disclosure of Mr. Leonard's review is the intestinal fortitude of the man. He, like so many of his ilk, assumes that because of his reputation as a word technician, he is qualified to speak forth for and against any man, thing or subject, and that the public will throw good sense to the winds and lick his hands like faithful dogs. After years of reading Leonard's barbed re-

(it is suspected that he also sires the movie reviews for TIME) partees in the pages of Time, this last is no surprise. It is surprising, however, that a man could have the unmitigated gall to claim (or insinuate) sufficient knowledge of such a complicated subject to qualify him to challenge experts in said field. We assume that he reads the papers, and feels that the 100 or so reports which he has perused in the last 8 years automatically qualifies him as an expert. We have news for this boy---some of those who have investigated saucer reports for the past 9 years are still searching for answers, still conjecturing. Some of these men have a string of degrees that would make Leonard's education, in comparison, look like kindergarten and a smattering of elementary school. So---in summation, we do not feel that Mr. Leonard is qualified to lecture the American people on the ins and outs of UFO investigation any more than he is qualified to hold the post of Science Editor of Time Magazine. We feel that such a post and responsibility calls for a little more foresight and less hindsight.

#### ANOTHER AERIAL ICE CUBE

Ramon Leon Angulo of Los Angeles was watching television but the chiller that came through the air didn't show on the screen. It came crashing through the roof. Angelo told sheriff's deputies that he heard a rending noise in an adjacent room. Investigating, he found a hole in the ceiling about 18 inches in diameter. The floor was littered with chunks of smashed ice. Authorities said the home was beneath an airlines route and they deduced that ice had slipped from a plane in flight. (An air force pilot whom the Director knows well, upon reading this news article, said that planes just don't ice up that much---if they did, more than ice would fall---the plane would come along with it.)

Workmen at the Equitable Gas Company's Tape Measuring Station in Jefferson, Pennsylvania, saved pieces of a giant, basketball-sized and honeycombed ball of ice which fell at 8 p. m. 3 January, 1956. An airplane was blamed again, but the above rebuttal holds fast again---and we don't know of any way that airplane icing would produce a honeycomb effect.

#### OF SATELLITES AND SUPERMEN

This issue of the Bulletin would not be complete if there was no comment on the Newspapers' favorite darling of today---the guided missile and the men who will make it. True, there are other guided missiles, but somehow every phase of guided missile research fades into the mist of the forgotten when the subject of the great intercontinental guided missile is mentioned. Considering the delectable publicity and adulation being heaped upon those learned men who will design, build and test the monster, it is hardly logical that anything like space visitors will be allowed to snatch the glory from them. Therefore it will be more than ridiculous

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to surmise that much will be divulged regarding UFO (despite pressure or possible publicity) as long as the great missile is still news. Seems to us there is a terrific mixup regarding guided missiles, inasmuch as the more conventional tactical missiles are being developed in the face of the proposed 'big one'. This, however, brings up another question for those who are convinced that the Air Force sired the flying saucer: If we have flying saucers which do 18,500 miles an hour (this in 1950) why all the squawk and hullabaloo about a measly old intercontinental missile using conventional rocket engines and so forth? This is a good question, and we've not heard a good answer yet.

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PLEASE NOTE: APRO's new address is 1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, New Mexico. This is partly the reason for the long silence from Headquarters in the past few months. Moving a household is a big job, but moving the files and equipment of an international organization is considerably bigger.

We have Mr. Lorenzen to thank for a new limed-oak desk set and four drawer filing cabinet plus an attached locking compartment and three combination lock safe. APRO now has one whole room to itself and working on Organization problems will be considerably easier than it has been in the 18 months since the Director and family moved to Alamogordo.

Since December 1955 when Major Keyhoe's book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" was published, the Director has received some three-thousand-odd pieces of mail asking for resumes of APRO's accomplishments, theories, etc., inquiries regarding membership and bulletins for the general public. At first some attempt was made to keep up with the paperwork, but in January the overwork began to show on the Director, resulting in a bad attack of arthritis. In February (the 22nd, to be exact, the new house was ready for occupancy and the big job of moving started. This was accomplished in just a few days, but getting unpacked and ready to get back into UFO work took considerably more time. In March, the youngest member of the Lorenzen contingent of four, Larry, (aged 5½) became ill. Inasmuch as the Director also holds a job away from home, this new development was the straw that broke the camel's back, so to speak. At this writing plans are being made for a trip to Los Angeles to consult a rheumatoid specialist and also to garner a few days needed rest. If this bulletin can be mailed before the trip is made, all due excuses have been made, but if not, at least the Director feels she has made a good start at making amends. Inasmuch as the Directorship of APRO is a spare-time, non-profit venture, we are sure that members will not feel too indignant about the long gap of time between periodicals---also, inasmuch as she plans to give up private employment in July, and Bulletins will begin to come at regular intervals with bonus issues for lost time, perhaps all will be forgiven. We hope so, at least.

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Some of you readers are receiving the bulletin for the first time, and without the formality of carrying a membership card. We have tried to expedite delivery of bulletins to new members without further delaying the bulletins to all members by giving priority to membership register work. Hope this is agreeable to all.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Despite Air Force propaganda, sightings are definitely on the upswing and consequently only the most detailed and 'spectacular' will be mentioned in any detail here.

In December, 16-year-old Harold Cummins of Wednesfield near Wolverhampton, Canada, snapped a picture of a disc-shaped object outside his home. He didn't think anyone would believe what he had seen, so he waited until the whole roll of film had been used, and when it was, he had it developed, there was the object, dark against a light afternoon sky. He had, he said, been standing beside the window watching for the birds which usually showed up at that time of day to pick up the food left for them. It was then he spotted the object moving back and forth across the sky. He grabbed his camera and snapped a picture. He turned away for a moment and when he looked back where he had seen the thing, it was gone. The newspaper clipping showing the picture shows a rather large, disc-shaped object with the familiar cupola top silhouetted against the sky.

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Last August residents of Long Branch, Ontario, Canada, reported watching two silvery disc-shaped objects streaking toward Toronto at 5:25 a. m. The objects were traveling at high speed and left a streak of smoke behind them.

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In November, 1955, four Hunter jetfighters crashed during an acrobatics exhibition at Farnborough Air Base near London, England. The acrobatic team consisted of four Hunter fighters piloted by RAF aces and a Vampire jet carrying U. S. Air Force Capt. R. G. Immig and an older Meteor jet with the TV crew. A THICK BLACK CLOUD SUDDENLY CLAMPED DOWN ON THE SIX PLANES. One hunter jet exploded after its pilot bailed out, then there were five. The Vampire crashed in flames after Capt. Immig and his pilot parachuted, then there were four. A second Hunter buzzed down for a sheels-up crash landing, then there were three. The third and fourth Hunters, running out of fuel, made forced landings at Farnborough Air Base, and the Meteor landed safely. No explanation as to the cause of the smoke or the crashes. We wonder.

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On December 25th, 1955, Mrs. Mary Agnes Ferraro of Dallas, Texas, observed an object showing many different-colored lights over Dallas. The object attracted her attention at first because of the way it 'scotted' across the sky, then ascended almost straight up where it hovered at such an altitude that it appeared to be a very bright star, except that it kept flashing its lights. Mrs. Ferraro compared its brilliance while hovering at high altitude, with a streetlight  $1\frac{1}{2}$  blocks from her house. The same object was sighted again at about 8 p. m. on the 27th of December. By the drawing submitted by Mrs. Ferraro we gathered that it was torpedo-shaped, with a row of yellow-lighted windows, a band about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way toward its rear, and its size compared with a half-dollar held at arm's length. Mrs. Ferraro declared that she saw it clearly and it was nothing like any aircraft she has ever seen before.

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Bob Greenway, college graduate and school teacher at Yorktown, Texas made this unusual sighting: On December 4, 1955, while driving from Smiley to Yorktown, the observer watched an object which appeared as an oscillating light changing from red to reddish-white with a white center. Speed was not exceptional, movement of the object precluded the possibility that it might have been a star,

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planet, beacon or other fixed object. Lack of other lights which might suggest the patterns of military or commercial aircraft, the object was apparently quite brilliant and near the observer. It was observed from four to six minutes, at first travelling parallel with Greenway's car, then it swung across his path as its speed placed it ahead of the observer. As he drove into Yorktown, Greenway said, it had greatly diminished in intensity and lowered closer to the horizon.

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August 31, 1955, a pear-shaped small moon sometimes resembling a star was observed by viewers using field glasses in the New Hampton-Charles-City- Alta Vista area of Northeast Iowa.

Spirit Lake, Iowa, 30 November, 1955: Civil Defense officials and spotters in the Spirit Lake Iowa area are mystified by an unidentified object that had appeared in the sky there on four out of seven nights. Having no definite shape, the object was green at the top, red at the bottom and white at the center. Civil Defense workers were trying to work out a system of close observation on the strange thing in the sky as it moved always in the same direction from northeast to southwest and disappeared beyond the horizon in about 20 minutes. Army and other sources said they have no explanations. (This, in itself, stinks, for we have found from hard experience that the 'authorities' will explain anything they can't explain, but have no explanations for those things which they know of. This, including the Greenway sighting of Yorktown, Texas, sound very much like what a good-sized satellite at low altitude (300-600 miles) might look like. We can thank Marilyn Calver for this little gem.)

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Clearwater, Florida, 22 Jan, '56: Here is a classic example of the 'authorities' knowing what something is although they don't know anything about it. Residents of Upper Pinellas and Gulf Beaches reported seeing a bright white object streak from horizon to horizon (west to east) in ten seconds. One observer, Bill Nease of Clearwater, said the object appeared from over the Gulf at 7:25 p. m., headed toward earth at about a 30 degree angle, levelled off and streaked east. McDill AFB had no report on it, the PIO at that Base said the base radar picked up nothing 'answering this description'. However, Capt. Johnson, said, he had an AF report from Miami at that time which stated a comet was sighted going east. Nease, a former Air Force pilot, said if the object was similar in size to a modern bomber, he thought it must have been at about 5,000 feet altitude. Ten seconds is too slow for a meteor, comets don't change course, and we'll believe a former pilot who actually saw the thing, before we'll believe a Public Information Officer who takes orders from the Pentagon and didn't see the object himself.

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Dunoon, Scotland, 7 September, 1955: A schoolteacher and 10 pupils traveling by bus from Colintrave to Dunoon Grammar School, observed five flattened half-circled objects which were bright like aluminum and reflected the rays of the sun. The teacher, Mr. John Ferguson, said that because of the motion of the bus he could not discern whether or not the objects were moving or hovering.

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Although somewhat old, we report this one for its obvious merits: Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 12, 1955: A flame-colored ball with a long tail circled Toronto (downtown) and disappeared eastward at about 11:45 p. m. The object was below cloud level and when reported to the Dunlap Observatory by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayd, the man in charge said that 11 students of a local University had seen it and also called him. Many other observers called Malton airport to report and describe

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the object; an airport official (who had not seen the object) said it appeared from descriptions to be at cloud height---10,000 ft. He could give no meteorological explanation for it and said there were no aircraft reported in the vicinity at the time. (Apparently Canadian officials had not been given 'the word' as late as March 1955, anyway---Ed.)

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Rev. Albert Baller, one of our more astute members of Greenfield, Massachusetts relays this one: Ashfield, Mass., 6 Dec 1955: Strange, slow-moving, cigar-shaped craft spotted by many residents at 4:15 p. m. First thought to be an airplane on fire, the object sported long rows of brilliant reddish lights, apparently one row on each side. One viewer reported seeing a single light at each side of the 'fuselage', and two trails of smoke similar to those dispensed by jet aircraft, followed the object. No noise accompanied the object on its southward journey and its progress was extremely slow. Rev. Baller found later that a neighbor woman had seen the same, or similar object that same day. She described it as silver, cigar-shaped, with 'truncated' rear from which emerged four 'tails'.

Two and a half to three weeks prior to the above sightings, two men watching from positions about 2 miles apart observed a large, dim object with two bright lights, one red, the other green. It hovered for considerable time in one position. No exact date, but the time was 11 p. m.

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Saginaw, Michigan, 22 August, 1955: A flashing, luminous object sighted in the sky over Central and Western Michigan by Civil Defense Ground Observers.

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Turlock, Calif, February, 1955 (No exact date) GOC observers watched unidentifiable lights which appeared to move up (during which time they moved out of sight) and down (appearing again). A report was made to the Sacramento Filter Center, the Turlock police were contacted, but when the cops arrived, the lights were gone. However, during the time they were at the tower, the police observed an unusual light, blue in color, which, they concluded in their 'suspicious circumstance' report, was evidently 'something other than a star'. This report, forwarded by Mr. Lorenzen's sister, Mrs. Charles Wright, wife of a Deputy Sheriff, can be put down as a genuine UFO. In trying to check, Mrs. Wright was referred by the police to the GOC and vice versa. Typical buck-passing, we'd say.

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A dark gray object described as resembling a ship without superstructure, was seen by the Vice Chairman of the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets Committee, a Mr. James Garden and 5 boys of the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets while while cruising in the harbor on 7 August, 1955. The time was 8:40 p. m., the place, Scotland. The object was traveling at an 'amazing speed', and one of the boys said the object looked something like a 'space ship'.

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Wingless, white, round objects, (10-14 of them) seen zipping across the sky from west to East on 10 November last year, were 'identified' by Dr. I. M. Levitt of the Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia, as merely a formation of military planes. We'll take issue with the good Doctor---these things, first traveling in a V-formation, suddenly changed to an A-formation, and all within about 15 seconds, too. One observer, a former Air Force observer, said he figured their altitude as about 3000 feet, speed at about 200 miles per hour. They were described as about the size of a dime held at arm's length. A formation of military planes, whether jet or the conventional reciprocating type engine type, if so low that each appeared

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to be the size of a dime held at arm's length, would make so much racket they could be heard above the noise of the Los Angeles freeways---and that's loud! Also, we don't know of any military plane in mass production which could make the speed, despite the 200-m-p-h estimate.

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Spirit Lake, Iowa, Nov 23, 1955: GOC observers watched brilliant, unidentified object hovering in the area for about 20 minutes. First seen at 5:45 p. m., the object appeared to be about 1/2 mile from their observation post, and moving erratically in a southwesterly direction. Using binoculars, they said they then followed it as it alternately started forward, halted and went up and down, then hovered over Center Lake for about 10 minutes. During this time the object turned from white to bluish white, green and red, and it also moved against the wind.

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On Sept 17 last, Frank and Eileen Bordes, Bronx, New York, were fishing a reservoir near Bush Pine, N. Y. A loud splash and gurgling sound interrupted the rhythm of the lapping waves and attracted their attention. Mr. Bordes was disentangling fishing lines, did not see the iridescent pink mushroom-shaped object which rose two feet above the water and then disappeared beneath the surface. Frightened by the apparition, Mrs. Bordes asked to be rowed ashore. When on shore, they watched a gradually brightening light about 100 yards distant. Two long parallel lights became visible below the first light. They seemed to come from an elongated object some 15 ft. long that was partially submerged and around which there appeared to be a good deal of turbulence. Mr. and Mrs. Bordes (at his suggestion) rowed along the shore attempting to get a better look at the object, and had the impression that they were being watched. Whenever they headed in the direction of the object, it came toward them at a good clip. When they retreated, the object would gradually retreat, also. During this time the turbulence continued until the object moved off down the lake at high speed until its lights faded into the distance. Some observations of Mr. Bordes: The object reversed direction without turning, there was no light beam (obviating possibility that it was another boat), and it moved faster than any boat he had ever seen.

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Ontario, Calif., Jan 2, 1956: A pilot and an aerial cameraman sighted and attempted to track "three circular aircraft" over Pasadena, but their plane was outdistanced by the objects that were traveling at an estimated speed of 1,200 miles per hour. The men, Daniel L. Cramer and his cameraman, Allen B. White, were returning from Bakersfield when they sighted the objects flying near the mountains. All were a brilliant orange color and the lead aircraft had a white circle in the middle. They appeared to be 50 feet in diameter, and left no trails. Cramer immediately, upon spotting the objects, threw his plane into a tight circle in an attempt to keep the objects within view, while White tried to take the aerial camera out of its mount. The 3 aircraft made a complete circle around the plane at a distance of 4-5 miles and covering the distance in 30 seconds. They made another half circle and disappeared to the West. Objects were in sight 45 seconds, and clearly outlined against mountains during that time.

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Paris, France, 18 Feb 56: Officials at Orly Air Field at Paris report that their radar last night picked up an unidentified object traveling at about 1500 miles per hour. The object, twice as large as a commercial airliner, hovered over the Paris area for a few moments before disappearing at high speed. Air Air France

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pilot flying to London says he saw an object spitting intermittent red flame pass his plane and disappear into the clouds. Two days later, Paris observatory officials said that the object 'could have been' one of those American balloons carrying pro-Western literature behind the Iron Curtain, which are occasionally caught in easterly air currents and reach France instead. This, despite the fact that a jet was sent up to intercept, and the craft was outdistanced by the strange object. (The fastest jet streams known do not exceed 200 mph, balloons are not powered, and Boys!! Boys!! you sound just like the USAF!---Ed.)

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El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, 17 Feb 56: An unidentified airborne object dropped into Mexico just South of the Rio Grande. Although a lot of palaver hit the El Paso papers (not picked up on the wire services) saying the object could have been this, and could have been that (balloons, of course, got lots of space), the object is still unidentified. Living near Holloman Air Development Center, both the Director and Mr. Lorenzen have seen a lot of balloons and have never seen one lose enough gas to settle down into a valley, then pick up more gas (goodness knows where) and scuttle out of the area before an investigation is made. When first sighted by a busload of children and the driver, the object was motionless about 500 feet above the ground one mile east of Radio Station XELO on the Juarez-Zaragoza Road south of the Rio Grande. Reta, the driver, said he and the children watched the object about 5 minutes while driving along Harvard road, then stopped at the home of Mrs. Noel Stirman to notify Air Force authorities. Mrs. Stirman watched the object through a pair of binoculars and described it as being as big as a house and lying low on the ground. Engineers at the XELO transmitter said they had not seen it and police on both sides of the border declared they had had no reports on it. Major (now Lt. Col.) Orley Caudill of Holloman AFB said said no balloons of 'that type' had been released recently. To quote the El Paso Times: "The greatest mystery was how the object reached the position where it first was sighted without being seen from other areas of the valley." A bigger mystery, in our minds, is the utter lack of description (color, shape, etc.) in the newspaper story. The day after the account appeared in the Times, the El Toro Marine Station, Calif., offered, and we quote: "a possible solution to El Paso's flying object mystery, which developed late Friday when a number of residents reported a strange silvery object in the sky. The Marine station reported a cosmic ray balloon missing." Still quoting: "The balloon, described by Air Force officials (why Air Force?) as being "approximately the size and shape reported" is used for cosmic ray research." Unquote. What size and shape, may we ask? Balloon experts at Holloman, when asked about this meandering balloon, uttered along with other juicy phrases, a few words which meant, in essence: "Nonsense."

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Santa Ana, Calif., Feb 10, 1956: A pair of patrolling Costa Mesa policemen told of seeing 2 large flame-colored disks hovering over the blimp hangar at the Marine Air Facility early this morning. Officers first thought objects were results of explosion on the Base and radioed for verification of the sighting. "I first saw them above the red night lights of the hangar, 1 slightly lower than the other. The lower light was in a staggered position. They both disappeared quickly," Walker said. The officers said they heard an airplane flying over shortly after the disappearance of the disks. (Would like to give name credit to member Jackie Saunders who does an excellent job of covering the Los Angeles area---she has been invaluable in this capacity for years, now.---Ed.)

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Modesto, Calif., 27 March, 1956: Ground observer Corps members Byron Glover, Mrs. Glenn Cahill and Mrs. Ronald Hudson observed a brilliant white kite-shaped object over Modesto shortly after a jet bomber had passed. The object seemed to be lower than the jet when first seen, was observed for 3 minutes at 1:17 a. m. before it faded out. None of the observers could tell whether it moved away or just 'burned out'.

April, 1956 (no exact date)---Another case involving the competent reporting of commercial airline crews is the incident involving a veteran airlines pilot on a flight from New York to Buffalo. He spent 45 fantastic minutes pursuing something which, until somebody offers a better explanation can only be classified as a UFO. Capt. Raymond E. Ryan, 43, of 199 Lorfield Drive, Snyder, New York, left New York City at 9 p.m. Sunday at the controls of Flight 775 bound for Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo..

The flight was routine into Albany, where the big Convair landed at 10 p.m. Fifteen minutes later she was airborne again, heading into a starless sky which soon would unfold the strangest sight the captain and his crew had ever seen. "I was flying at the time we took off from Albany," Capt. Ryan said. "We made a left turn after clearing Albany and headed for Syracuse."

Almost instantly, as the plane turned westward, the captain saw "this bright light hovering over Schenectady." At first, he said, he thought it was another plane. "We started to try to by-pass it and I remarked to my first officer, William Neff: 'Oh, that's an awfully, bright light!' The stewardess, Miss Phyllis Reynolds, of Eggertsville, came into the cockpit and she too saw the light.

"Suddenly, as we came abreast of it," Capt. Ryan said, "it put on a burst of speed and darted off to the west." He said his plane was flying at about 240 mph and estimated the object then was traveling "about 800 or 900 mph. "We decided to call Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome and ask them if they had radar operating", the captain said. They didn't, and replied it would take 30 minutes to activate the equipment. But they requested the airliner, which had its power landing lights on in an attempt to identify the object, to douse all but the small navigational lights. The AF personnel then reported by radio to the airliner that they could see their plane plus an 'orange object' in the sky.

The AF alerted a scramble of two jets, and while they were being prepared for takeoff, the Base requested Capt. Ryan to follow the object which was now traveling at about 6000 feet or 1500 feet higher than the Convair.

Capt. Ryan then turned off his Syracuse-bound course and headed northwest, following the object. At no time, he said, did he ever get closer than three miles to it. He followed it to 'just beyond the shoreline of Lake Ontario near Oswego' and lost radio contact with Griffiss. Contacting the CAI tower in Syracuse he was told they had been monitoring his conversations with the AF. About 5 miles over the lake, Capt. Ryan decided to abandon the pursuit. "The object was heading northwest over the lake toward Canada. I knew I couldn't catch it or keep up with it," he said. The jets which took off from Griffiss could not locate the object, the AF told Capt. Ryan. But it had been seen by the CAI towers in Albany and Watertown as well as by naked-eye-observers at Griffiss AFB.

A veteran of 23 years of flying with 62 Atlantic crossings, Captain Ryan said he has seen meteors and other strange sky phenomena. The light he and his crew, and observers along the course saw, was none of these.

"This is real, brother," the Captain told the press, "This is absolutely real."

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He added: "I've read about fantastic flying saucers and I'm the type of fellow that---well, you've got to show me. But I'm convinced there was something fantastic up there."

Our thanks to member Charles R. Chalk for picking this one up, and we'd like to quote a couple of excerpts from his accompanying letter, which we feel might shed a little light on the sighting: "The lights (landing) were turned on and off at the request of Griffis AFB people to help identify the airliner. The pilot involved is a resident of Buffalo and I was able to interview him at an informal meeting with some other engineers. The clipping gives most of the details accurately. I can add that the pilot seems to be a perfectly sincere individual. Also of interest is the fact that the AF made a rapid and thorough investigation of the incident, including telephone calls to the pilot at 3:00 a. m. of the morning following the sighting.

The above is an example of the efficient type of reporting upon which we depend in obtaining the facts about UFO sightings.

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### TREMONTON, UTAH PICTURES BARED IN FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY FILM

The much-debated and debunked Tremonton, Utah saucer movies were first seen by the public in a sneak preview in Hollywood on Monday, 23 April. Although the film as a whole was not a great sensation, it was impressive enough, it seems, to warrant the dedication of the entire columns of two Los Angeles columnists, Dick Williams and Paul V. Coates, of the Mirror-News.

Coates, after making one of his sure-fire predictions (to wit: "I'll make you a side bet that we're in for another hysterical invasion of flying saucers") made a couple of other, for him, terse statements, one of which was: "I doubt that very many people who see the film will fail to be convinced that we have been receiving periodic visitations from outer space." Also: "The characters portraying the AF personnel in charge of investigating the reports of saucer sightings, lend an air of frightening credibility to this conclusion."

We dislike quoting out of context, but inasmuch as we are limited as to space, must cut the commentaries short---as short as possible. Although the Director was in Los Angeles up to three days prior to the showing, she could not attend but one AFRO representative had been issued an invitation by telegram which read thusly: "A press conference will be held Monday morning, April 23, at 10:30 a. m. Actual motion pictures of unidentified flying objects, commonly called flying saucers, will be shown for first time. These secret films have been held and analyzed by Navy and AF scientists and have never been revealed to the press by Pentagon. Films are part of full-length feature picture, which will be shown, based on official Air Force study of controversial flying saucer sightings. Urgently request contents of this wire be kept confidential until showing and conference at Academy Award Theater." Unquote.

Mr. Williams, after going into some detail on his former interest in saucers, gave the highlights of the film, then wound up saying that it was not conclusive, and that he is not as easily excited as he used to be.

It could be, in our opinion, that the producers, wanting to avoid a possible censorship, kept the showing confidential until the press had a chance at it. At any rate, the film is now out for general distribution, and will be showing at theaters throughout the United States within the next few months. We plan to see it.

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A REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR ON THE PAST 18 MONTHS

Since 11 September, 1954, the Director has had a great deal of difficulty in issuing the bulletin, answering correspondence and taking care of all the other small details associated with the job of running an organization of this type. Many have conjectured, either in letters to the Director, among themselves or merely silently and to themselves, as to the reason behind the drop-off in correspondence and Bulletin issues.

All of you know by now, we're sure, that the Director has held a job during these 18 months, but few of you have known the nature of the job, or the employer. On September 11, 1954, due to a financial crisis due to many mounting medical obligations, the Director went to work for the United States Government as a clerk at Holloman Air Development Center, in the capacity of clerk in the employ of the US Air Force. On May 8, upon advice of her physician, and after finding it no longer possible to work without physically 'paying the piper', so to speak, she signed out of her job.

She would like to make it clear that at no time was she ever approached to discontinue her private hobby as UFO researcher and organizational Director of APRO. Some, no doubt, will wonder if she is now 'working under orders' or something similar. To the contrary, she is now even more determined to somehow break the deadlock of censorship which denies American citizens their constitutional right to information which does not have a direct bearing on national defense. This censorship of information regarding UFOs also sends many pilots into the sky to vector in on objects which they don't believe in, and couldn't defend themselves against if it were necessary to do so.

During her tenure as an Air Force employee, the Director met and discussed the flying saucer mystery with a Lieutenant Colonel who claimed to have been Project Officer on Project Grudge at the Pentagon. Although this officer would discuss the situation and he among many others were always willing to 'fish for information', he was always very guarded in any sort of discussion of the Air Force's part in the UFO investigation. This is to be expected, of course.

Quite a number of Air Force personnel with whom the Director became well-acquainted openly admitted their belief that the UFO are interplanetary ships of some sort. Several came to the Director and gave her details of their personal sightings of the UFO which they had not reported to the proper authorities because of the stigma of ridicule which still clings to anyone, military or civilian, who admits to having seen the things.

After the Director had given notice that she would soon terminate her employment with the Air Force, a custodian of classified documents offered to show her some classified reports of UFO sightings in and near Holloman AFB. The Director declined, being fully cognizant of the pre-requisites for possessing or reading classified material. She had no official business with the reports, and true to regulations, refused. She is inclined to believe that the offer was prompted by an Air Force official who might have felt it would be convenient to have a possible security violation hanging over Mrs. Lorenzen's head in the event it was needed as al'lever' in the future.

In summation, it was a profitable 18 months, in that the Director learned the ins-and-outs of a bureaucratic military organization, the fallibility of the men who make up that organization, the lack of coordination in the Air Force which has played so great a part in the flying saucer flapdoodle. Needless to say, the Director cannot, and certainly will not at any time discuss those things which were entrusted to her while an employee of the Air Force.

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Just a small comment on the Recent Saucerian Bulletin labeled for release 1 May, 1956: In an article Mr. Barker, editor of the magazine, speculates on the possibility that the Scully contentions of 1950 may have been true. Just so we aren't scooped, and in order to take our place in the ranks regarding the Scully controversy, we'd like to recall our 1952 front-page article in which we ridiculed Cahn (who attempted to debunk Scully and his informants in the pages of TRUE Magazine) for the obvious use of yellow journalism in that supposed expose'. Also---in 1955, just after the APRO scooped the saucer field with the first accounts of the Venezuelan hairy bipeds and little men, we suggested that there might have been more to the Scully story than the Air Force wanted the public to know. Inasmuch as residents of New Mexico, we are checking into the rumor printed in the Saucerian to the effect that a Catholic Priest, Father Lux, by name, administered last rites over the bodies of the little men Scully claimed crashed in New Mexico, and was reprimanded by the Pope on the grounds that 'beings born on another planet are outside the jurisdiction of the Pope.'

We are also sending out feelers for the names of the 'electronic specialists' who are employed by the Atomic Energy Commission at Sandia, N. M., and who are claimed to have built, designed and put into operation the telescopic/electronic devices used by George Williamson in his endeavors. This will be done through members and friends employed by Sandia Corporation.

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"THEY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT SAUCERS"---

A complimentary copy of the above named book arrived just a few days before this writing, and the Bulletin wouldn't be complete without at least a few words about it. Not a large book, it can be read in a couple of hours and should be obtained by all who are interested in all phases of saucer investigation. Inasmuch as the Director and APRO are mentioned once, we feel that we should reassert our contentions regarding the quiting of two leading UFO researchers, both Directors of organizations, and one researcher who belonged to several organizations. Mr. Gray Barker, author of the book, "They Knew Too Much About Saucers" implied that the possession of a piece of metal and the attempted analysis may have been one of the causes of the Bender squash. This argument does not hold up, however, for a piece of the metal was sent to the APRO Director by one of the men first at the scene of the UFO incident, after his own attempts at obtaining an analysis were stymied. Although the whole incident was at first kept from public scrutiny through an obvious press-wire 'fix', the Director managed an interview with a UP writer and the story of the incident and the analysis of the metal became a matter of public record. No one attempted to stop the Director from making progress in the investigation.

Mr. Jarrold, Director of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, who mysteriously dropped out of saucer investigation in 1954, was a close confidant and correspondent of the Director's. About all that is really known about Jarrold's somewhat abrupt exit from saucer investigation is that just prior to that exit, he had been taken into the confidence of the Royal Australian Air Force in reference to UFO sightings and theories.

We don't like to take to task an old friend and fellow researcher like Mr. Barker, but we don't feel that the book lives up to its advance publicity. It was intimated that the book contained an 'inside story' gathered from the files of the Australian Bureau. The Director was in a little of a sweat about this one, for a good deal of her own correspondence dealing with various aspects of the saucer mys-

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tery would have been included. Perhaps our disappointment is due to the fact that nothing new (at least to us) was brought out in the book. The idea that UFO researchers are treading on dangerous ground is fairly obvious considering that the path has led some to rapid retirement, violent illness and insanity.

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We highly recommend Frank Edwards' "My Last Ten Million Sponsors", a racy well-told story of Edwards life in radio business, which also includes a very excellent chapter on his contact with the saucer mystery and consequent censorship of same.

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Also of interest to UFO enthusiasts who have a taste for scientific fact relating to space travel, is "The Science Book of Space Travel" by Harold Leland Goodwin. A former flyer, engineer and physicist, he is well qualified to write on this subject, and we were particularly intrigued by Chapter 18 dealing with the UFO mystery which he has significantly labeled, "I Think We're Property"----shades of Charles Forte!

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There seems to be an increasing tendency among UFO researchers to attempt to attach particular significance to disagreeing press notices of UFO sightings or incidences. Having had past experience with newspaper writing, and writers, the Director would like to point out that various factors such as a writer's interest, attitude toward a particular subject, lack of detail immediately available (sometimes leading to a little impromptu amplification or extrapolation of the facts), deadlines and delays lead to discrepancies into which meanings may be read. As an example we would like to relate the story which was broadcast from the KJLG radio station at Alamogordo some 4 months ago.

Mr. Lorenzen, then working the evening shift at the Base, happened to catch a radio news broadcast flash which stated that an 'unidentified flying object' had landed in a canyon. Consequently Mr. Lorenzen headed for the vicinity named in the broadcast and had the undeniable thrill of seeing a grounded Air Force high altitude research balloon. He then asked the radio reporter (who by then had arrived on the scene to check) why he had referred to the object as unidentified. The announcer told him that he felt it was a balloon when the object was reported, but wasn't sure, so decided to say 'unidentified' in order to liven up the program a bit.

Now---imagine the assumptions that could have been made by a listener who could not personally investigate. The follow-up broadcast called the object a balloon. Here's a chance to holler 'Cover-up' if there ever was one. Actually, it was a case of irresponsible reporting, pure and simple.

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William B. Nash, APRO member and conscientious researcher, has called to our attention a 'photograph of a UFO' appearing on page 104 of the April issue of Pageant Magazine. He points out that it is the same spindle-type UFO that appears on Page 183 of "The Coming of the Saucers" by Ken Arnold and Ray Palmer. In spite of the caption under the picture in the book, the girl who took the pictures did NOT see the object until after the photo was taken and printed. The same type object appeared (after printing) on some film taken by a friend of Mr. Nash. He did not see the object before printing either. This film was checked by a lens expert who identified the objects as light refractions. In all cases the camera was pointed in the general direction of a bright light source. To quote Mr. Nash's

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letter, "As honest researchers we should all be constant on the lookout for real facts. There is always an avalanche of evidence left that UFOs are real and that they will be here watching our progress toward projecting our as yet uncivilized culture out into their domain. I'm just sending this along for your interest in setting at the real truth and eliminating the doubtful." UNQUOTE.

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The similarity between the "Green Monster" of West Virginia (circa 1952), the little men of Hopkinsville, Kentucky (1955) and the hairy bipeds of Venezuela (1954) leads us to believe that the "Green Monster" may not have been as large as formerly believed. In all three instances, the creatures seen were in the vicinity of or seen getting out of sphere or ball-shaped objects. If the "Green Monster" had been uphill from the witnesses and perched in a tree, it might have very well appeared that he was 10 feet tall even though he might have only been a stubby 4 feet in height. There seems to be a definite tie-up between the descriptions of the creatures involved in these three sightings.

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A recent article in the St. Louis-Post-Dispatch about the Mars clouds is most interesting. Dr. Dean B. McLaughlin of the University of Michigan is still sticking to his 'the Martian dark areas are not vegetation, but volcanic ash' guns, now says clouds seen periodically for the past 25 years over one particular area are due to volcanic activity. In the next paragraph Dr. McLaughlin says there are no large mountain ranges. (We did not know Mars could have volcanoes without any substantial mountain ranges.) This is all an effort to account for clouds on the surface of Mars which are unaccountable because Mars isn't supposed to have an atmosphere. Dr. McLaughlin had better catch up on his reading---even 'reputable' astronomers are admitting that Mars does have an atmosphere of sorts.

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The biggest mistake Clyde Tombaugh (discoverer of Pluto) ever made was admitting that he sighted an unidentified flying object in 1948. Seems the 'degreed' astronomers (Tombaugh, not having a degree is considered of amateur status) have come to the conclusion that because of Pluto's slow rotation of about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  days, it is not in reality a planet but merely a run-away planet, probably originally belonging to Neptune. We contend that any celestial body should be catalogued according to its present behavior. Pluto maintains an independent orbit around the sun and therefore is a planet---no matter what it was a couple of billion years ago. Incidentally, Mr. Tombaugh is intelligent and capable enough to be head of the optics department at White Sands Proving Ground---that's real qualification.

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Our CONGRATULATIONS to Gray Barker for the fine job of reporting and editing done on the Saucerian Review, a 99-page review of the Saucer-events of 1955. Good work, Gray, and keep it up!

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A conclusion that living things with some kind of mentality exist in other worlds in the Universe is 'inevitable', says Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard University. He also said that there is nothing new about theorizing that life exists elsewhere, he added. The new thing, he said, is that mankind now must accept it as a fact---that sentient or thinking earthlings are not unique in the universe. In the vernacular, it might be said that Dr. Shapley 'said a mouthful'---one of the few intelligent utterings heard of late regarding the possibility of life elsewhere.

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DEADLINE (CONT'D)

Thanks to new member J. Herbert Breuning, we have a more detailed account of the happenings at Ocala and Williston, Florida last 3 Nov and 31 Oct respectively.

Williston: Policeman C. F. Bell reported that at 10:15 on the evening of 31 October, he observed 6 lighted objects approaching from the south in formation. He observed the objects as they proceeded to the north, said one of the objects would be left behind occasionally but would put on a burst of speed to catch up. After the objects had passed over Williston, one of them turned in a gradual bank and began losing altitude. Bell rode about a mile and a half north of the heart of the city where the object appeared to be heading. He got out of his car and the object, moving very slowly and on a southerly course, passed directly over him. The light was so bright it lit up an area 50 to 75 feet in diameter, brighter than the sun. He watched it for about 7 or 8 minutes; it was steady and so bright that it could not be observed directly at that range. No sound, no odor, but Bell said he felt the heat of the object and a stinging sensation as it passed above him. The object then moved off to the east and disappeared from view.

On Monday night, 1 Nov, Williston cafe owner Sam Verones, 64, returned from closing his place at 9:30 and as he approached his porch under a large, heavily mossed oak tree, the ground suddenly lit up as if from a spotlight brighter than any he had ever heard of. It moved across the railroad tracks, and the light from the object lit up every detail of the steps leading to a house 250 feet to the west. Levy County Deputy Sheriff H. A. Perkins, 48, also of Williston, reported seeing objects at a distance both 31 Oct and 1 Nov in the evening. The descriptions fit those of Bell and Verones. Bell also observed three more objects 1 Nov and the sighting was confirmed by two other men.

The "Florida Alligator", college weekly of the University of Florida, Gainesville, told of the lights seen by many college students and others of the citizenry on 1 November between 9:30 and 10 p. m. Appearing first as stars, they became larger and brighter as they approached the observers, 'displaying a remarkable variety of lights that changed constantly in their movements.'

Significantly, these objects were not reported to the rest of the nation by two press wire services.

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