

# The A. P. R. O. Bulletin

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## Tombaugh - Satellites and Spaceships

### Member Relates UAO "Hushup"

A comparatively new member, whose qualifications and credentials are in order, related to the Director an account of his "hushup" by a Civil Service Board of Inquiry some time ago. His name, place of employment and the date must be kept confidential at his request. Mr. X, as we will call him, is a mechanical and industrial engineer who became interested in the UAO mystery at its onset in 1947. Several years later, at the request of his colleagues, he wrote a small dissertation on the subject. Later he enlarged upon his original writings, and the paper was so large that it was printed up in many copies. Shortly he was called before a Board of Inquiry and despite mention of high-ranking government and military people also interested in what Mr. X calls the great "truth", he was unequivocally told (and sworn) to keep his ideas to himself and write no more on any subject while in the employ of that organization.

Incidents such as this and the affair of Senator Russell's letter (page one) are indicative of a distrust of the Air Force among not only UAO enthusiasts but the general public. The Air Force has been strangely reluctant about statements regarding evaluations of sightings, meanwhile spreading insidious rumors about the witnesses and their integrity. We like Mr. Wiley Crabb's statement on this general condition: "The real power behind the Air Force Group, the National

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### Chop and Ruppelt May Face Sub-Committee Inquiry

Albert Chop, former civilian press specialist for "Project Bluebook" the UAO Project, and ex-Captain Edward J. Ruppelt of the Air Force, former "Project Bluebook" head at Wright Air Development Center, may face members of congressional sub-committee delving into Defense Public Information policies. This information was contained in the Aviation News column of the Los Angeles Examiner on the same day the Senator Russell letter was printed.

Sample copies of this edition of the bulletin are being forwarded to members of that subcommittee, along with a note regarding possible other witnesses, providing they can be given immunity from courts-martial and other punishment procedures. A. P. R. O. has in its files enough personal testimony to crack the saucer silence in Washington provided an unbiased hearing is held.

### The Senator Russell Letter Revealed

Mr. Tom Towers, in his January 20 column, "Aviation News" for the Los Angeles Examiner, printed the contents of a letter from Senator Russell (Richard B. Russell, Dem., Ga.) chairman of the Armed Services Committee, which was in response to a request for information about the sighting the Senator reportedly witnessed while on a European visit in late 1955. Mr. Towers had originally contacted Senator George's office by letter with the request that he be given permission to "break" the story. A previous letter from Towers was not answered. We quote: "Permit me to acknowledge your letters relative to reports that have come to you regarding aerial objects seen in Europe last year. I received your letter but I have discussed this matter with the affected agencies of the Government and they are of the opinion that it is not wise to publicize this matter at this time. I regret very much that I am unable to be of assistance to you." UNQUOTE. The letter was dated 17 January 1956.

Another letter, dated 23 November, 1956, from Leeman Anderson, administrative assistant to Senator Russell, stated in part: "I am not in a position, of course, to request that you do or do not publicize Senator Russell's letter of 17 January, 1956. I am sure, however, that if you should, your innate sense of fairness would cause you to print in toto." UNQUOTE. This has been done.

From Senator Russell's letter we, and, incidentally, Mr. Towers, gather that the Senator did see something, also that "affected agencies of the Government" are most anxious that the incident remain unpublicized. (Cr: J. Sanders)

### The Case of The Missing Y-33

On December 8 a Y-33 (generally known as a T-33 the "T" designating the jet as a Trainer) left Seattle, Washington for Westover, Massachusetts. It reported over Goshen, Indiana that night and was never heard from again. On the following Monday 18 Air Force planes and scores of civilian craft started searching. For nine disheartening days the search continued, no clues were found, and the plane was presumed to have gone in Lake Erie, according to the Akron, Ohio Beacon Journal. Informants report somewhat "mysterious" or "unusual" circumstances surrounding the loss of this aircraft, and if corroboration is forthcoming these circumstances will be carried in another issue of this bulletin. (Cr. P. A. Hanson)

We are wondering if the quotes from Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, in an AP release January 8, may have been another case of misinterpretation by the writer. In an article entitled "Flying Mountains" Roam Atmosphere Around Earth", and dealing with the apparent proximity of small earth satellites, the writer stated, "high speed cameras failed to turn up only a few 'suspects'. The suspects, tiny dots of light on photographic plates, will be checked out from an observatory at Quito, Ecuador," the article continued, "but it is likely that they will turn out not to be satellites."

On Sunday, January 27, while reading the Sunday Alamogordo Daily News, the Director came across an AP release titled, "Celestial Visitors May Be Invading Earth's Atmosphere." A hurried call to Mr. Tombaugh at his home in Las Cruces was a very interesting one, and the Director now feels that she has a better understanding of the scientist's stand on UAO in general and UAO research groups and writers in particular. She informed Mr. Tombaugh that she would not quote him, and primarily for the reason that accurate quotes of telephone conversations are difficult to accomplish.

Opening with "Strange objects in the skies may be visitors from the stars who have travelled trillions of miles to reach the Earth," the AP article went on to quote: "When we consider the extremely rapid tapping of vast sources of energy, very powerful forces of nature . . . which we have only begun to explore in the last 10 years, we can imagine what a head start a race would have which possessed our present point of progress a million years, or only a thousand years, before us," Tombaugh said.

The article went on, "Although our own solar system is believed to support no other life than on Earth, other stars in the galaxy may have hundreds of thousands of inhabitable worlds," Mr. Tombaugh said. "Races on these worlds may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars." Tombaugh said he has observed celestial phenomena which he could not explain, but has seen none personally since 1951 or 1952. "These things, which do appear to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed." Tombaugh said. "Their apparent lack of obedience to the ordinary laws of celestial motion gives credence. We have to admit we simply do not know about these things and we have to be careful about the tricks radar can play on us. No one so

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## An Editorial

It has come to our attention that the former Civilian Flying Saucer Investigations Group of Seattle, Washington, have revamped their name, their Bulletin and their format in such a way that their whole setup closely resembles that of A. P. R. O. Their new name: Aerial Phenomena Research Group. Their new paper: A. P. R. G. Reporter. The Bulletin format is very similar to that of the A. P. R. O. Bulletin before it began mimeographed letter-size bulletins. Legal-size mimeo bond is used, and the masthead of the front page is very similar to our old format.

There may be some advantage to the selection of the new name for CFSI, for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Alamogordo, New Mexico, is widely known, and is recognized for its factual reporting and scientific approach to the UAO mystery.

We would like our members to remind any prospective members that A. P. R. O. is unique among UAO research in the following respects: (1) The A. P. R. O. Bulletin is not a saucer "fanzine" available upon subscription, but rather the official organ of a research group; (2) A. P. R. O. is now in its sixth year of work on the UAO problem . . . no embryo unit, nor are we among the "latter-day" UAO converts. (3) Although our membership is large, in the past five years we have concentrated our efforts toward obtaining technically and scientifically qualified personnel so that the numbers of mis-identified conventional objects would be minimized. (4) We have in our membership top men in all fields of science, many of whom are frequent contributors to the Bulletin. Our one disadvantage in this respect is the fact that many of our scientists must remain anonymous because of the nature of their jobs or their employers. (5) The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization is the *oldest existing* UAO research group, having been preceded by one month by C. S. I. of Los Angeles which since ceased operations. (6) A. P. R. O. is the only UAO research group in the world which was founded and is headed by a woman.

The latter point brings up a point. The Director as well as the advisers have been aware of the cold-shoulder treatment allotted her by many researchers. Let's forget her sex—and take a look at her qualifications. She has been an amateur astronomer for over 17 years, was one of the first to smell a rat in the AF meteor explanations for 1947 UAO sightings. A one-time free-lance writer and newspaper feature-writer and reporter, Mrs. Lorenzen was one of the first individuals to recognize the faulty writing and reporting news technique which thwarted research in the early years (1947-1950). This has not yet been recognized by some researchers at this late date. Mrs. Lorenzen was also the first research director to lampoon the crackpots, visionaries and UAO "contacters"—in the second issue of the A. P. R. O. Bulletin for September, 1952. Other groups since then have been hesitant about blasting the screwballs for fear of

a drop in circulation. We haven't been particularly worried about this condition for the Bulletin is not, as stated before, a saucer "fan magazine". Our members are level-headed hard workers, all contribute something, whether it be clippings, theories or knowledge.

Mr. Lorenzen has been invaluable in this research work due to his knowledge of military procedure, aircraft and electronics. Although determined to remain in the background, he has been convinced by other members that he should accept his rightful place beside the Director. Now Supervisor of Electronic Maintenance at the data reduction facility at Holloman Air Force Base, he is a valued employee of the Company for which he works. His worth as a member and adviser was proven in November, 1956 when he analyzed the article on "contra-gravities" in "Interavia" for the A. P. R. O. Bulletin.

We would like to bring up one more point in this editorial, and that is the matter of finances. Most of you realize that since its inception in January, 1952, A. P. R. O. has operated on a shoestring, subsidized from time to time by Mr. Lorenzen and the Director. In November, when the new printed Bulletin was instituted, the ready cash hit an all-time low and it is felt that the time has come for all of us to make a definite effort to obtain new members — many of them. The time for subsidizing by the Lorenzen family is at an end this year, for at some time during the ensuing 12 months they hope to take into their home by adoption, two Korean orphans. This, as many of you will suspect, will increase the family financial burden tremendously. All available family funds will be used to provide air travel for the children from Seoul to Alamogordo, and it is expected to be a sizable chunk. We dislike airing family difficulties publicly, but felt that our family addition is important enough to be mentioned here in this light.

We are offering members one month's free membership for each one-year membership they bring to A. P. R. O. Other benefits, if this appeal is heeded and brings about the needed results, will include a monthly Bulletin.

With this Bulletin, A. P. R. O. begins its sixth year of UAO research. Let's all strive for a bigger and better organization, and a bigger and more effective Bulletin.

## DEADLINE:

Last minute word from Donald E. Keyhoe informs us that he has been installed as Director of NICAP by the Board of Governors. This is cause for considerable relief on our part, and we can feel that the group is now in competent hands. Three members of the Board of Governors (one of whom is Frank Edwards, who did not resign despite rumors to the contrary) are well known and respected by the A. P. R. O. staff and the Director and we feel they have done a good job in UAO research. Let's all wish Mr. Keyhoe and the other members all the good luck possible in this venture.

## TOMBAUGH — SATELLITES AND SPACESHIPS

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far has sure-fire, absolute proof." UNQUOTE

We predict that the UAO will continue to be seen in our skies through 1957, during well-defined periods, but that sightings will taper off toward the end of the year, to appear again in large numbers in 1958 during the Mars proximity, following the pattern established in past years.

We also expect that within the next few days scientist after scientist will jump on the "spaceship" bandwagon, thus spearheading an inroad into AF domination of the UAO field. When this is accomplished it will be an easy thing for military groups to transfer or re-assign any spokesmen who have recently made any mummings about hallucinations or secret weapons, and dig out those personnel who have maintained their stand on interplanetary or interstellar space vehicles.

We can't help but wonder what Mr. Tombaugh and others in his field would say or think if they were to examine the first-hand testimony on file at APRO headquarters. One day the Air Force may make their files available to responsible scientists who are capable of a sane and reasonable evaluation of same. The haphazard, oftentimes irresponsible, and actually sloppy way in which the UAO material and facts have been handled in the past is not only disgusting but regrettable.

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Security Council, is as intransigent as ever. As far as I know the only member of that body who answers directly to the voters is the President; and if he has sat on the UAO information for four years already without breaking it, why should we expect that he will change in the next four? His overwhelming victory in the recent election shows that the majority of the people voting approved of his past policies and behavior. We'll patiently gather information. We'll gradually increase our understanding of life and our true relationship to the universe around us, and we'll gradually pull away from the mass of people among whom we live, until the gulf of ignorance separating us will be unbridgable."

Men like Mr. X are getting sick of their silent role and are talking their heads off. We like that fine—we'll listen and print it.

## To Whom It May Concern:

If the two men dressed in dark clothing and driving a black Cadillac who attempted to see the Director on four occasions, will kindly call 1611 in Alamogordo and make an appointment for a time when Mr. Lorenzen is at home, they will be admitted.

## On The Scientific Front:

Willey Ley is in there pitching with an article "How The Flying Saucer Works" in the March, 1956 issue of *Mechanix Illustrated*, as usual insinuating they're secret weapons. Seems he isn't aware that there is another category designated by the Air Force as "UFO" which aren't secret weapons!

ON THE MOON — A Carlsbad, N. M. amateur astronomer, Ted R. Best, has sighted what he designates as a "pipeline" of 150 miles in length and two miles miles in diameter. Encouraged by a magazine report of a "bridge" which had been sighted near the "Sea of Serenity", he said it appears to be an unsupported linear object which disappeared into the large dark crater known to astronomers as the "Sea of Serenity." Best has followed astronomy as a hobby for 28 years, uses his 12-inch home-made reflector telescope in his observations . . . . Horatio Gonzales, APRO Representative and amateur astronomer and now publisher of the Venezuelan "Lumbre" UFO paper, informs us that during recent observations he observed a number of white, brilliant apparent "domes" in the south region of the moon.

MARS—The Director attended a public lecture at the Officer's Club, Holloman Air Force Base on December 18th. The guest speaker was Dr. Albert G. Wilson who gave a very interesting talk. After the planned lecture was closed a question and answer period was monitored by Dr. Milsap, a high official at Holloman. Many rather technical and routine questions were asked and answered, most of which were material which could be gleaned from newspaper articles. The Director was quite curious about two points —Dr. Tsuneo Saheki's observation of two tremendous explosions on the Mars disc in 1954 and the W-shaped cloud which showed in 1954 and again in 1956. Dr. Wilson, in his answer, furnished some valuable information: The cloud was generally believed to have been dust, made its appearance on 29 August, held sway for two weeks, and when it cleared the poles cleared first, but visibility was poor throughout that period of the opposition considered to be most valuable to astronomers. However, and Dr. Wilson pointed this out, if the cloud was dust, the poles should have been somewhat more dull, what with the deposit of dust which should have been left. But—the poles showed a clear and brilliant white as usual. When asked about the explosions Saheki reported, Dr. Wilson pointed out that they were seen from Japan, not corroborated here, also that they were considered to be nothing more than reflections of the sun off clouds. Dr. Wilson seemed oblivious to the fact that Saheki has been a specialist on Mars for over 20 years, knows what a cloud reflection looks like, the brilliant flash and ensuing huge cloud came out of perfectly clear atmospheric conditions. Dr. Wilson also seemed oblivious to the odds against the W-shaped cloud which appeared two oppositions in a row, being a mere coincidence.

ON THE MISSILE FRONT — Wags in Florida now refer to the Atlantic Ocean in that area as "Snark-Infested Waters" due to the large numbers of the Air Force Snark missiles which have gone out of control during test flights. Counter intelligence agents are speculating on the possibility that Russian submarines are using frequency-jamming devices to scuttle the big birds. Many more Snarks have gone out of control than the public is allowed to know, most cases have been traced to mechanical failures, but other "misfirings" have been so mysterious that they suspect electronic counter measures. We seriously suspect that the UAO may be playing a part in this little drama. If the theorists are correct in assuming that the UAO are manned by a technologically and culturally superior race, and that "they" are beyond the war stage, "they" may be taking this means of attempting to discourage our tendency toward mass suicide. (Cr. M. K. Jessup)

The armed services are racing one another to do bigger and better things with their guided missiles—Erick Bergaust of Missiles and Rockets magazines claims the Army Jupiter C three-stage rocket has flown a record distance of 3,400 miles, attained an altitude of 650 miles, and all at the speed of 15,000 mph. The Air Force is expected to attempt to best that performance. (Cr: G. Bloemker, M. Calver, D. Lansden, HLS)

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The Aviation News Column of the Los Angeles Examiner for 14 October reports that the Air Force has no record of the receipt of the Savage picture. After a dissertation on the circumstances surrounding the sighting, the writer of that column says, and we quote: "This is the sort of report that adds more fuel to the fire of "saucer" fans who firmly believe the Air Force is holding back information on "flying saucers". A. P. R. O. plans to do an unbiased study of the original negative of the Savage picture, if permission is received. We have sufficient experts among our membership, plan to have a disinterested photographic expert, who has contributed much to present-day optic techniques, do some extensive tests. When the results are in proper notification along with signed statements, etc., will be forwarded to all research groups as well as published in this bulletin.

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John T. Hopf of Newport, Rhode Island, has sent close-up and aerial views of the new \$3,000,000 Rogers High School, which includes a flying-saucer shaped auditorium. We quote Mr. Hopf: "I wonder if this will attract any UAO's who may think this is one of their fellows in distress? I expect to see a real one sitting alongside this any day!" The dome of the building is poised as if readying for flight.

## LETTERS

Again, thanks for your courtesy in keeping me supplied with copies of your publication, a breath of sanity in a tempere of nonsense! . . . . Frank Edwards, WTTV, Indianapolis, Indiana.

## Jessup Comments On Snark Losses

From M. K. Jessup Jessup we received the following comment on the loss of many snark missiles in the Atlantic: "This information needs but little comment from one UAO investigator to another. Readers of UAO books during the past few years will remember the remarkable and continuing disappearances of ships, boats, airplanes, etc., in the Florida-Puerto Rico triangle. The disappearance of guided missiles in that mysterious area *may* be due to Russian submarines—it *could* be—but why would the astute Red directors in Moscow risk equipment and possibly war just for the fun of diverting our missiles? And how would they know exactly where and when the missiles were going to track?"

"It is my opinion that the U. S. Military should take a long, hard look at the history of 'disappearances' in the regions of the Caribbean, the Bahamas and the Antilles. With an ever increasing number of plane crashes, both civil and military, these untoward 'accidents' to missiles S. E. of Florida does fit into a pattern—a pattern which may be sinister. This problem of disappearances in the Florida environs was fully discussed in THE CASE FOR THE UFO." Signed: M. K. Jessup.

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We received a request for comment on the closing of Telonic Research, but cannot honestly say that we feel it has any special significance in the UAO field. We were under the impression that TRC had not contributed anything particularly constructive in the field of UAO research.

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Jackie Saunders, APRO member in Los Angeles, ran across the following bit of information in "River of Life" by Rutherford Platt: "In 1948 Mt. Palomar's giant eye — 200 (hundred) inches in diameter-casting out there twice as far as the Mt. Wilson "eye"—instead of seeing another farthest star 2 billion light-years away it saw something incomprehensible that has been kept as a deep secret from all except a few insiders. Final proof may take generations and even more complicated arrangements than the 500 ton Palomar telescope . . . There is a hint of a new dimension as startling as the discovery that the earth was not flat but round. It appears to confirm Einstein, that there is no such thing as a straight line out into space, that two lines cannot be parallel on the scale of the cosmos, and that Euclid's geometry applies only on the smallscale of our planetary system. The evidence is strong that the cosmos—that is, all creation to us—is not infinite but may be measured. In fact, it is about 2 billion light-years across . . . For if the cosmos is an ellipse that contains all reality including interstellar space, what is beyond the cosmos? What is the cosmos suspended in?" You're so right, Jackie, that is a most interesting and somewhat perplexing dissertation.

## NICAP

There seems to be a feeling of ill will and apprehension among UAO enthusiasts toward the new National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena of Washington, D. C. In answer to the requests of scores of our members we will print here what we know about NICAP.

To date this group has accomplished two things — they have issued, through Admiral Delmar S. Fahrney (U. S. Navy, Ret.), a statement to the effect that "there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds", and have established an imposing financial plan. The former we have been aware of for years, the latter we will go into in some detail, for it is the most interesting and least publicized of all fact sheets on NICAP.

Eleven officers have been appointed by the "Executive Committee", nine of whom are named, with salaries ranging from \$15,750 to \$4,800 per year. It should be noted that these figures were taken from a notice sent to the Board of Governors of NICAP under date of 12-17-56. Here we will quote from a note sent by a Washington UAO fan: "So far as is known, none of these but the Office Manager has any appreciable knowledge or experience with UAO research. This payroll totals \$85,000 per year, does not cater to UAO research people and the executive committee refuses to hire such individuals on the grounds that they might be biased in favor of UAO. This cost plan does not provide for the rank and file workers to do the tabulating, filing, writing, investigation, correlation, evaluation, etc. Membership contributions of \$15.00 to \$1000 are being solicited by the "Executive Committee" almost exclusively among UAO people. It will require the annual contributions of nearly 6000 UAO fans at \$15 each to make this payroll, not counting the expensive offices, publication expense, etc." un quote.

The thing most impressing to those UAO enthusiasts who have worked for years on this problem without remuneration of any kind, is the high pay of the individuals in NICAP who have little or no knowledge of UAO background. Members have written to the Director asking if she is going to endorse NICAP, and if so, how can she justify throwing information or assistance to an outfit which has paid officials when APRO members give much time to the effort and receive no monetary consideration whatsoever. They make an excellent point, come to think of it.

There is one more thing to consider, and it is well stated in this excerpt from a letter to the Director. The writer is an intelligent man and a level-headed UAO researcher: because of his particular employment he must remain anonymous. QUOTE: "What he says — (referring to Adm. Fahrney — the Ed.) and much more — has been said many times, of course, but not by Admirals or Generals, at least not in public. And I'm constrained to wonder if this is one way through

which outfits like yours might one of these days be brought to heel? In any case, NICAP will bear watching. Just how much "tying together" do APRO and other organizations like it actually need? I have no doubt you would welcome a good deal if it were done for the right purpose. I do appreciate your willingness to leave — and myself in our cherished obscurity." UNQUOTE.

Although the Director has received assurances of the sincerity and integrity of the group, she has also received evidences of misgivings, the latter of which are in the majority. We bow to the will of the majority and add one little thought of our own. We do not feel the policy of doling out votes according to contribution size is equitable.

## The Biblical Theory For UAO

We have been corresponding for some time with a Mr. William C. Lamb whose address is, simply, Newcastle, Wyoming. Out of his own spare time and money he has furnished much information relating the UAO to the Bible. The main points to his theory are that some of the UAO are angels of God, others are representatives of Satan. Some of you may not agree with this theory, others may want to know more about it. We would have liked to go into the theory a little more extensively, but space won't permit, at least in this issue. For this reason we have listed Mr. Lamb's address. Please plan to submit some monetary consideration if writing to him for more information, as he does not belong to an organization, nor does he represent one. All his efforts represent his belief in the theory and he is not profiting by them. The most remarkable aspect of Mr. Lamb's claims is his sighting, in 1922 of a disc which disappeared before his eyes, after which a creature about 8 feet high, wearing luminous greenish covering like a gown, and leaving hoof tracks, appeared. It approached him, he "froze" in his tracks. He tracked the creature for 5 miles, saw it go through a hedge fence, and turn fence wires blue. In 1905 Mr. Lamb says he observed a luminous disc-shaped object, surrounded by a foggy cloud and making a sound like a swarm of bees. (The green-clothed being resembles the description of the "Green Monster" of Flatwoods, West Virginia, and the sound of a "swarm of bees" is common in UAO reports—the Ed.)

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From this time henceforth "flying saucers" or unidentified flying objects will be referred to as UAO (unconventional aerial objects) which we feel most nearly approximates a clear description of the whole. A little thought will clarify our reasoning, we believe.

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Get your "Saucerian Bulletin" published by Gray Barker, Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia. A thick booklet, it is issued once each year and is a conglomeration of UAO material and unusual happenings.

## International Lunar Society Formed

A letter from Dr. H. Percival Wilkins of Great Britain announces the formation of the International Lunar Society. Amateur astronomers and others interested in discoveries by qualified astronomers relating to the moon's surface, are urged to write to the Secretary, International Lunar Society, Prof. A. Paluzie, Diputacion 337, Barcelona, Spain. We gather that Dr. Wilkins favors a broad-minded view of "unorthodox" observations regarding the moon and has set out on his own, aided by Prof. W. H. Haas of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Prof. Paulzie. We must stress the fact that this organization deals exclusively with lunar observation and research and IS NOT a UFO organization!

## What Lit Up Mauna Loa?

On November 30, at midnight, a ranch employee thirty miles from the 13,680 ft. volcano on the island of Hawaii reported seeing a burst of light on the summit.

The next day, at 2 a. m., Dec. 1, to be exact, a resident of Hilo, Hawaii reported seeing a steady glow on the mountain top from 2 to 4 a. m. A U. S. Weather Bureau party ascended to the crater on the top of Mouna Loa and reported "No sign of recent volcanic activity". The last eruption in Mokuaweoweo crater was in June of 1950. A geophysicist stated that there was no seismographic evidence to substantiate anything happening on Mauna Loa. To quote the Aukualele Research Group Bulletin of December 22, "The \$64 question is, what did light up Mauna Loa on December 1st? You don't have to be a scientist to know that it takes a lot of energy to light up a mountain peak for two hours." At this point we'd like to congratulate Mr. Riley Crabb for his investigation of this incident. Mr. Crabb heads the Aukualele Research Group in Honolulu and seems to be doing an excellent job.

## The Savage Picture

We are asking those members who have orders in for copies of the Savage picture to be a little more patient. We here at headquarters only work in our spare time. The demand for copies of that photo completely exceeded our expectations and we were caught short when more orders began to roll in. Our photographer went on vacation in December, and after arriving home in January had to put off another session with the developer until completion of equipment modification.

## ODDITIES

Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 11 — An 8:25 a. m. blast rocked Indianapolis and an industrial firm spokesman in the 2300 block of Valley said he thought a truck had run into the firm's building at first. Buildings shook, windows rattled, but no explanation forthcoming. "Indianapolis News, 11 Sept., Cr: B. Greenway)

# Recent Sightings . . . Aug.

A physicist's widow in California relates the following experience which took place in about 1941. She and the Doctor were driving north on U. S. 99, pulled off the road north of Bakersfield to watch a long, slender, blazing object of red, green and yellow color about eight miles east of them. The object was travelling north and low (200-300 feet) at about 50 mph, on a course parallel to the ground, and was clearly outlined against the brown Sierra foothills. It seemed enormous, at least several times longer than the largest bombers of today. The Doctor stated he had no idea what the object could be.

The same lady (an APRO member) tells of her second experience while on duty as Air Craft warning observer early spring 1943, about 10 a. m. The day was bright and clear and visibility good. A great flashing like a giant sparkler occurred about every 30 seconds high in the sky slightly SW of Laguna and west of the lookout. Report went out to Santa Ana Army Air Base and a P-38 was dispatched. Before the P-38 came in sight the flashing stopped. Air Force personnel were very excited.

Another UAO, plotted by the above mentioned lady while a member of the Oakland, Calif., Filter Center. The object was tracked for 600 miles, being first relayed to Oakland by Portland, Oregon, and thence to Pasadena. The military working with the team said the object was travelling 1600 m.p.h. and observers along the coast and Mt. Tamalpais Radar estimated its altitude near 60,000 ft. This occurred in 1955, Air Force never told Filter Center workers what the object was, only that the "scrambles" sent up were unable to intercept it.

At 8:30 p. m. January 22, 1956, flight engineer Robert Mueller, on PAA flight from Houston to Miami, observed a bullet-shaped object, pale yellow in color, with spurts of yellow flame or light immediately behind it and followed by a pale blue luminescent trail. The object crossed to the southern horizon to beyond the front of the plane in six seconds. The flight path was SSW to NNE and 30 degrees up from level sight. Mr. Mueller was a complete skeptic regarding UAO, but when asked if he thought this object could originate on earth his answer was an emphatic "no". Co-pilot and pilot busy while sighting occurred, did not see object. (Cr: Wm. E. Nash)

July 14, 1956. Time: 0140 (1:40 a. m.)  
Place: The Holloman AFB-White Sands range area. A pale yellow ball of indistinct outline and approximately one fourth the diameter of the sun's image was seen to rapidly approach Holloman AFB from the direction of White Sands, approximately SW. The object was apparently following a flat trajectory when the yellow glow was replaced by two close-set red lights, which appeared to rise straight up and disappeared at a high rate of speed. (We cannot identify the observer, but his profession is Chemical Engineering—the Ed.)

Woodstock, Ont. Aug. 28, 1956. A 57-year old Hamilton man, William Corbett, stumbled exhausted into the OPP detachment office early and told the officer in charge he was chased by a flying saucer for six miles. Mr. Corbett said he was driving from Hamilton to Travistock when his truck broke down two miles south of Innerkip, eight miles from Woodstock. "I got out of the truck and noticed a strong white light emerging from a large hub 900 feet in the air. I got scared and started to run, and it followed me," Corbett said. Provincial police camped in the area that night, saw nothing. (Cr: G. Conway)

September, 1956, Butler, Pennsylvania. Charles W. McGrady of Butler relates his observation of a 2½-foot diameter grayish object shaped like an upside down dishpan with small pegs on top. The thing ran smoothly without sound, gave off a gray smoke which "floated" rather than being pressured from the object, off the rear section. The smoke appeared to have killed leaves on a tree in the vicinity. The object described an elliptical circular route in front of McGrady's porch and travelled the circular path 25 or 30 times, taking approximately 2 minutes for each trip. The object maintained an altitude of about 15 feet, passed under telephone wires and a tree near the porch. The circumference of the path it described was about 500 feet. Making no noise, the object seemed to be lost and hunting for a marker of some sort. The last time the object passed before the porch, it seemed to disappear in midair. The next day McGrady and his brother, who had also observed the object, examined the tree near the porch, found some of the leaves dying. McGrady said he had picked up a heavy bolt to throw at the object while observing it, but had decided against it. (Butler Eagle, Cr: SAM)

Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 18, 7:00 p. m., 1956. An orange-colored disc-shaped object, brightly illuminated, raced in an east-west direction across the sky. Twenty times apparent size of Mars, object seen by workmen and others near Fuerzas Armadas Avenue. Sighting lasted about 15 minutes, object changed course, began steep ascent into night sky until lost to sight. At about 8 p. m. on the same date in Caracas, a local workman observed a silver-colored disc in the sky seconds before it turned bright red and vanished. Object seen again about a half hour later when Jose Serra, the observer had arrived at home. Also observed by his sister.

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 24, 1956, 9:02 p. m. Five orange "bean-shaped" UAOs observed crossing sky from north to south, then veered, always keeping same distance for one another, and made a close, sharp turn. The objects described a 45 degree turn, then vanished as if going upwards swiftly. (Cr: J. Rolas)

November 3, 1956 a UAO of tremendous size and apparently the popular

"bar-bell" shape, was tracked for 20 minutes on Pan American Airways radar in Miami, Florida. The object appeared about 65 miles south-southwest of Miami at an altitude of between 7,000 and 8,000 feet. Speed was estimated at between 550-650 mph during observation, but at end of sighting the object flew out of range at 4,000 mph. The object vanished from range a couple of times, at one point remained stationary for from 2 to 3 minutes. Observer Donald Freestone said the radar "return" indicated the object was 4 or 5 times larger than any aircraft observed in the past. The blip remained on the screen for 20 minutes and was under observation by six people. Donald Freestone, radar expert, said the object had a definite shape, moved on a definite course, and was not believed to have been a freak return. (Bradenton Herald, Tampa Morning Tribune, Miami Herald, Cr: B. Hritsko, Rev. A. Baller, W. B. Nash, A. M. Lynn)

Yokohama, Japan, November 9, 1956, 10:36 a. m. Yusuke Matsumura and many others observed several round, silvery objects maneuver near a hill in the vicinity of the city. The objects hovered at times, changed formation. (Cr: Yusuke Matsumura)

Guilford, Maryland, about November 10, 1956. Mrs. Mary Blalock observed two moving lights above her house. The objects moved slowly together at first, then whirled about each other in a small oval. First seen at 12:35, Mrs. Blalock watched the UAOs until 1 a. m. when they disappeared. (Cr: R. D. Brierle)

Trenton, New Jersey, November 21, 1956. Harry J. Sturdivant, former night watchman applied for unemployment compensation for a disability which resulted from breathing the stench from a UAO on October 1. At the time the incident occurred Sturdivant was night watchman on a highway construction job, was frightened out of his sense of taste and smell when a glowing, smelly object zoomed low over the Delaware River and was visible for five minutes. He said it "hissed". Sturdivant described the object as between 60-100 feet long, the odor of which was so bad he couldn't drink his coffee later. (Cr: D. Lansden)

Aberdeen and Redfield, S. Dakota, Nov. 19, 1956. Huge red ball sighted about 2 a. m., first seen west of Aberdeen and also spotted by a couple of police cars. Minutes later two Redfield policemen saw the object which they said was flashing red and believed to be about four miles west of Redfield.

On the same date four persons from Glen Ullin, N. Dakota saw an oblong-shaped object disappear over a hill about 30 miles west of Bismarck, and moving in a horizontal direction. A very large object with a red center and blue-green tail was spotted by three people at Moberly, S. Dakota. A railroad telegrapher saw what he called a saucer-like ball of flame that changed colors, and swooped low over the railroad stockyards before racing away. Near Crookston, Minnesota, a heating firm operator saw what looked

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like a falling star stop about 500 feet above the ground and just hang there, then it sped off. He thought another car driver might have seen the object too.

Hopkins, Minnesota, Nov. 19, 1956. Large red revolving flame with silver inverted cone-shaped structure underneath seen by former UAO skeptic. In St. Paul Mrs. Tony Schmitt watched "big, blazing object with a center like a dark streak."

Cottonwood, Minnesota, Nov. 29, 1956. Harold Thompson reported seeing a bright object which, through binoculars, appeared to have a number of small windows. The object itself seemed to vary color from light red to cherry red, purple and green. After a short period it ascended and disappeared.

At Mitchell, S. Dakota, Nov. 27, 1956. *Nov* Former city councilman C. W. Klingman and six students saw silver-colored object like a balloon gondola but with no balloon above it. The observers said the object hovered at about 5,000 feet, then shot up at an angle leaving a vapor trail. The object climbed into the wind.

On the same date several young people saw a merry-go-round-shaped object near Mitchell. Time: 6:30 p. m. The object appeared to be very low, glided along slowly and eventually appeared to come to a complete stop. (Cr: M. C. Smith, M. Calver)

Bismarck, S. Dakota, Nov. 27, 1956. *Nov* High school students watched a "tiny flying object" for about 15 seconds from their classroom window. Described as round, white and shiny, the object appeared to be within 1,000 feet of the windows. (Cr: M. C. Smith)

About November 25, 1956, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Round, orange light about size of nickel held at arm's length observed in a stationary position over Pike's Peak. Object moved slowly to south from vision behind the mountain. Twice during month of November this observer and wife noted objects in same general direction—one at noon, a silvery round object, another an orange light seen at night south of Pike's Peak. (Cr: A. R. Greenwood)

Baltimore, Maryland, December 3, 1956. Two men reported seeing a flat, oval-shaped, bright object streak away from a large transport plane, after which the transport turned and followed it. The object appeared to be spinning counter-clockwise. (Cr: R. D. Briele. Ed. Note: Inasmuch as research plants are located in this area, it is quite possible this might be some AF experimental vehicle, although absence of a jet chase plane would seem to preclude such a theory.)

Oceanside, Calif., Dec. 5, 1956. Leucadia resident reported he and others observed a white glowing disc hovering over the coastline. Lee Clements, one of the observers, said the object flew toward San Clemente, then back and then

straight up into the sky where it vanished from sight. At suggestion of police, Clements reported the incident to March AFB, then noted a group of jet planes flying around the general vicinity where the disc had been sighted. (Cr: L. H. Johnson)

Forest Lake, Minn., Dec. 2, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Ford Moffett and house guests chased luminous object with one red and one green window. Object first appeared to be moving up and down at tree-top height, a few blocks east of their home. Object appeared to be oblong with halo or spray of color with points flaring in all directions, seemed foreign in appearance to all observers. The witnesses followed the object East on highway 97, traveling at a low rate of speed until the object moved toward the south, across the fields. They had chased it for about 45 minutes, never getting directly under it, always just a few hundred feet away. No sound. (Cr: E. O. Dahl)

December 10, Tsurumi, Japan. Three high-school students observed round, silvery object in sky over National Railway Station at 3:05 p. m. It hovered for a few moments, then ascended out of sight. Students said the object looked like football, made no sound. (Cr: Yusuke Matsumura)

Shinjuko, Tokyo, Japan, December 11, 1956. Thousands of people watched yellow-colored ball of fire travelling from north to southeast at low speed. Object observed for 15 minutes, no sound. (Cr: Yusuke Matsumura)

La Guaira, Venezuela, December 13, 1956. Radio message from Swedish ship "Dortheaersk" at 9:50 p. m. read: "We have just seen a strange craft descending from sky giving off strange flares. Shaped like a cone, very brilliant." The position given was north of The Orchila island. The details are as follows: "Karl Hars Dersson, while walking on deck, was first to see object, called it to attention of the crew who also observed it. On approaching the sea, the object became brighter, then there was a very loud concussion as it dived into the water. After the object submerged, the sea became bright with many colors, then there occurred a violent turbulence. (Cr: Joe Rolas from El Universal — Caracas)

Holloman AFB, about 15 December. Missile test firing at point in space, UAO tracked on radar, result: near miss on unconventional aerial object. (Anon.)

Montevideo, Nebraska, Jan. 6, 1956: E. M. Hoberg watched UAO for 15 minutes, described it as a red ball which rose slowly from the east horizon, turned blue, rose higher, turned white and passed in front of a cloud. Object continued to change colors, dipped close to ground again, passed behind same cloud, then turned brilliant white and sped southeast at high rate of speed and disappeared. Time: 5:45 a. m., no sound. (Cr: M. Calver)

Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 17, 1957. Mr. Art Johnson and wife, driving north on Decatur Blvd. at 5 a. m. observed huge

white ball which came straight down out of the sky, then headed toward Nellis AFB. "The object shot out a blast like at least 50 jet planes at once, Mr. Johnson said, "A flaming exhaust colored reddish, blue and orange." A similar object was seen at approximately the same location on January 3. (Las Vegas Sun, Cr: W. B. Nash)

Detroit, Michigan, December 22, 1956. Observers at widely scattered points saw brilliant blue-white flash of light which lighted up the area for 3 to 5 seconds. (Cr: Paul Magnificent)

Eureka, Calif., Dec. 26, 1956: Large brilliant object seen by many in Eureka area as it passed over on a generally southerly flight path. Object at low altitude, going much too slow for a meteor, described as a "large flaming mass of something" by one viewer. Coast Guard said object was a meteor, as no planes were missing and no ships had fired flares. (Anon contributor. Ed Note: We'd like to see a slow, soundless, low-traveling meteor like that—just once.)

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 19, 1956: Mr. and Mrs. Wermann of Willard Ave. watched fiery object that followed a leisurely course through sky for 40 minutes. It proceeded in an easterly direction until a plane flew above it, then it changed course to southeast until it appeared to bump into and rebound from an invisible wall. At the impact the object lost its incandescent quality and looked much like a house or bus with four windows and light shining from within. In a few seconds the object became brilliant again, set a northeasterly course and finally wandered off toward Elmwood. Time: 11:20 p. m., no sound heard. (Hartford Times, Cr: A. Derway)

Winfred, S. D., Nov. 25, 1956, 5 p. m. Mrs. Robert Wasanaar and her two sons observed a large, round, reddish-orange object which seemed suspended over Winfred and which finally moved north, then south, and disappeared. No sound. (Cr: M. C. Smith)

Hot Springs, S. Dakota, Nov. 26, 1956: A group of residents spotted an unconventional aerial object at Hot Springs at the same time that Ellsworth AFB reportedly registered an unidentified "blip" on radar. (Cr: J. Hopf, M. C. Smith, M. Calver)

Pierre, S. Dakota, Nov. 26, 1956: Two South Dakota state motor patrolmen reported seeing a "salad-bowl" shaped object swaying back and forth across a road near this town. They said the object was deep red in color and that it was between 50 and 100 feet off the ground. No sound heard. (Cr: P. M. Foster, E. Waetzig)

Napier, New Zealand, about Oct. 10—A woman motorist reported seeing the figure of an old man in the road ahead of her vehicle. When she slammed on the brakes after almost overtaking the figure, it vanished into thin air. The figure was wearing a hat, was hunched over and dragging its feet. The auto was driven by Miss Gwen Collins accompanied by Mr. J. Richardson. (New Zealand Herald, Cr: M. Sale)