

The A. P. R. O. Bulletin

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Pungent UAO Crashes In N. C. *Jeff*

① UAO and PAA Plane In Near Collision

March 9 Forty - four passengers of a Pan-American World Airways plane were thrown out of their seats and to the floor when the pilot, Capt. Matthew A. Van Winkle, maneuvered the plane to avoid crashing into an unconventional Aerial Object over the Atlantic on 9 March. A spokesman at Patrick AFB in Cocoa said the object did not come from the guided missile base there, and a check with armed forces indicated there were no jet planes in the area.

According to Capt. Van Winkle, the plane was on a flight from New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was just off the Florida coast at the time of the near crash. Seven aircraft were in the area with a distance of 300 miles between the first of the aircraft and the last. Van Winkle's aircraft was in the middle. All of the pilots of the aircraft saw the glow of the object.

The object in question was described as a white glow with a "green core" but no configuration was given. Van Winkle stated to newsmen that he pulled his craft into a steep climb, rising 1,500 feet to avoid a collision. He said he thought at first the object was a jet but as it came closer he noticed that it was not shaped like any known jet aircraft. "I haven't the faintest idea what it was," he said.

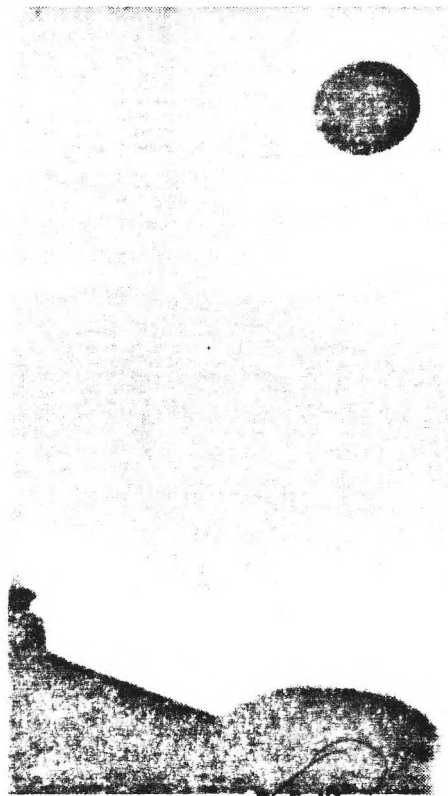
Although an unidentified pilot of a trans-caribbean plane said he saw the object and that it could have been a meteor, Van Winkle said it was "a burning greenish-white object, unrecognizable but definitely not a meteor. It should be remembered that Captain Van Winkle was closer to the UAO than any other plane. We astronomers, whether professional or amateur know that the point which disqualifies this report as that of a meteor, is the apparent speed of the object. Had that object actually been a meteor, the good Captain would not have had time to do much cogitating about what he observed, and certainly wouldn't have had time to "duck".

(Cr. A. M. Lynn)

(NOTE: Although some 40 members relayed the above report, we list Mr. Lynn as his full report arrived at headquarters on 11 March.)

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Our congratulations to Norbert F. Gariety, Editor of the S. P. A. C. E., (Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma) for a neat, timely job of UAO editing.



UAO Snapped in Yokohama

The above photograph was snapped by Yusuke J. Matsumura, Director of the Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan, just outside of his residence at 1687 Hama, Isogo-ku, Yokohama. At 10:47 a. m. Mr Matsumura was leaving his house, bound for Tokyo. He saw a metallic flash above, near his house, got his Primoflex Automat (Japanese Rollei-Automat) camera and snapped the above picture. He estimated the object was about 20-30 feet in diameter and it hovered in one place for from 1-2 minutes, altitude about 60-70 feet. Shortly the object took off at an estimated Mach 1.5-2, 70 degrees elevation and headed southeast in the general direction of Tokyo bay. Date: 17 Jan.

A print of this photo is available by writing to the Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan, Isogo P. O. Box 18, Yokohama, Japan. Air mail delivery will cost \$1.00, and sea mail will be 50 cents per picture.

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The UFO Critical Bulletin, listed under Recommended UAO Periodicals, is a good publication, and its editor, J. Escobar Faria, issues the Bulletin without benefit of subscription help. We suggest that those writing for copies offer a small sum in payment.

Another one of those inexplicable incidents involving an airborne object which crashed to earth, occurred near Charlotte, N. C. on 20 March. Air Force veteran W. B. Brown reported to the weather bureau that he and his wife spotted the "foam-like but clear" objects about 9 p. m.

Brown was traveling in an easterly direction and while he watched, one of the objects veered away from the other four and hit the ground about 60 feet away. "It looked like ice breaking up," Brown said, but it was liquid—"slimy" to the touch and "cooling or numbing to his fingers."

Brown said it beat anything he had ever seen. "I was in the Air Force during World War II and I've seen a lot of flying objects, but nothing like these," he said.

The objects seemed to float, and the one that struck the ground near him left a smell "like burned matches". We wonder about these things—it would be interesting to find out if Charlotte or surrounding areas suffered anything like virus epidemic immediately following the incident.

UAO Formations Seen In California

On February 2, four residents of Lakewood, California, observed three formations of unconventional aerial objects in flight across the sky. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCracken said the objects, about 20 to 25 of them, appeared to be about the size of a small car, but that he couldn't determine their exact shape. "Either they had flashing lights", he said, "or they were reflecting sunlight. They traveled at a rapid clip, much faster than aircraft."

McCracken and his wife, Ruth, said the objects were noiseless and that each group passed from view within 3 seconds. "The first two groups were fairly close together," McCracken related to the press. "You could see them at the same time. The third group appeared two minutes later. Some of the objects were lined up in single file. Others moved in clusters. Still others traveled in a Loose V formation.

Among others who viewed the UAO were Mrs. Cecil Hamilton and Albert Chew. "It was like a formation of lights," said Mrs. Hamilton. "One group of objects came in below and behind another group. There wasn't any noise. If they were airplanes we should have been able to hear them."

McCracken said he was unable to judge their altitude, "But I would call it low or

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AN EDITORIAL

There is an occasional request received by the Director asking that she comment on Howard Menger of New Jersey and his claims regarding UAO contacts. We had felt that our past policy should take care of all comers in the contact field, but apparently reassurance is occasionally needed. We do not believe Menger's claims, and have been informed that what appears to be brushwork appears on negatives and/or prints submitted by him, is very much in evidence.

We would like the membership to remember in the future that we print only facts, and that fraudulent claims or obvious hoaxes are worthwhile only because of their absence in these pages.

Because of the apparent flood of UAO books at present, members are reminded of a promise made by the Director in 1953, that she would produce her own public record of UAO incidents at some future time. In 1953 she hadn't envisioned the growth of A. P. R. O. nor the work connected with the organization. She has not completely discarded the idea, in fact is laying the groundwork for a UAO book with an entirely different slant as compared with other books in the field. When the actual work on the book begins it will be necessary to have some time off from regular organizational duties in order to execute the task. Following close on its heels will be a documentary-type book dealing with the UAO history over the past 10 years. Although the publication of a book with possible remunerative aspects is enticing, the Director feels she has a few more points to clarify. She would like very much to have *all* the answers, and if not, at least enough pertinent facts to make the book convincing and worthwhile reading to the general public as well as UAO enthusiasts. More about that later.

Recommended UAO Periodicals

- For the English-reading Enthusiasts:*
 UFOrum, Box 142, Rt. 1, Ada, Michigan, U. S. A.
 Flying Saucer Review, 1 Doughty St., London, W. C. 1, England
 Uranus, Markham House Press Ltd., 31 Kings Rd. 1, London, S. W. 3, England
 Space, 267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida, U. S. A.
 C. P. D. V., P. O. Box 8449, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 Saucer News, P. O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey, U. S. A.
 UFO Critical Bulletin, Rua 13 de Maio n. 1240, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 "Flying Saucers", (C. S. L.) P. O. Box 72, Onehunga, S. E. 5, Auckland, New Zealand
- For the Spanish-reading Enthusiast:*
 Lumbre, Hotel Santa Ana, Ibarra, Maturin, 34 Caracas, Venezuela
 C. O. D. O. V. N. L, Casilla de Correo 2560, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- For the French-reading Enthusiast:*
 LeCourier Interplanetaire, 25, Avenue du Denantou, Lausanne, Switzerland

Extracts from THE PLANETARY DOCTRINE

by A. Thomas

(Published in Shanghai, China in 1935)

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"Travellers and explorers often notice in the heights of the Himalayas strange *shiny objects* or creatures soaring high above the mountain crests which are an eternal puzzle to Europeans. Whether these mysterious objects are *vehicles* belonging to supermen we dare not assert, though such an explanation is quite plausible. Cannot the reader believe that by such means, *utilising unknown energies*, communication is maintained from planet to planet by the scientists of Agarta (cosmic base)?"

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"The masses must prepare themselves for first-hand cognition of these facts, so as to avoid mass insanity when confronted with the actual emergence of the denizens of the other world."

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"Be quick in your action if you wish not to see the ominous signs of the Cosmic Olympus blazing across the heavens."

NOTE: I repeat again this was in 1935!

IT ISN'T DONE
 A. L. G. Challis

Strange fact, but indisputable, that laws we thought immutable, are blown to bits by scientists, astronomers and others. They used to say the earth was flat, but someone soon disposed of that, and a round world is recognized. By land and sea and air we go, there is no end to what we know, our knowledge is immense. Into the earth we dig and delve, and stop for lunch at half-past twelve, which after all is common-sense. Now up into the blue space we peer, and wonder what is happening there. The moon becomes a target for weird space ships and rockets swift, as to its light our eyes we lift, and for our goal, we mark it. And now it seems that other worlds may even be exploring us, with interest and rapidity, but closed-up minds reject the thought and question its validity. And, after all, it's fair enough and not beyond conception, that flying-saucer crews may doubt the warmth of the reception, for minds in mental blindness born reject the mere idea with scorn, and say with indignation, "That though earth-men may soar in space, it certainly is not the place of denizens from other worlds to come and visit us. Such liberties we can't permit, and on our dignity we sit, and murmur very peevishly, 'It simply isn't done!'"

(From an English magazine on poetry)

QUOTES AND COMMENTS

Who was the Admiral who, after a briefing on UAO during the Korean war said, "God help us if they ever turn loose on us. ? . . . On the 23rd of February the Indianapolis Times carried a small article about recent reports around Zionsville, Indiana and in which the Iowa Marsnal, Maynard Moore, asked residents to help him help the Army identify the pesky things . . . Another one of those odd occurrences — logging camp foremen at a logging camp reported seeing an airplane blow up in the sky and crash near Orofino Idaho, but hours later there were no signs of wreckage and no reports of missing planes . . . Scientists are attempting to silence the sonic boom—if they do, what will they use for an excuse for those unexplained rumbles? . . . "Are Other Worlds Watching Us?" is a reprint currently in the March 1957 issue of Adventure Magazine, and interesting as well as thought-provoking. Too bad more popular and reputable magazines couldn't carry such items. The most interesting thing brought out by this article written by Thorp McClusky is the assertion that spectrographic study of the "moon bridge" shows that it is not rock or lava but metal . . . The new theory of a glass solar system blowing up and showering the earth with glass fragments, plus causing radar returns which could be interpreted as interplanetary vehicles is as crackpot as the claims that Venusians have long hair and leave coded foot-prints. Too bad our scientists deal so much with science-fiction rather than science . . . Yes, the Rev. Albert H. Baller who does so much for the UAO with his lectures in various Eastern points, is one of our members, and we're proud of him. Keep up the good work, Mr. Baller . . . The Spring 1957 issue of "SAUCERS" sports a front page photo of a UFO claimed to have been taken from the south slope of Twin Peaks, San Francisco on October 10. Looks rather phony to us . . . "Flying Saucers Brought up to Date" is the title of an article in the Fawcett booklet, "Secrets of Space Flight". The fraudulent character of the article is evident, considering that the lead-off illustration is definitely dishonest. There are no "secrets" in the rest of the book, either, just well-known theories and a sprinkling of facts. . . . We're still waiting for more news on the UAO pictures taken by a young college student in Venezuela. Horacio Gonzales, co-director of Lumbre, wrote in January that he had them, that a full report would follow, but no word as yet. . . . If you are a Frank Edwards enthusiast (and what UAO fan isn't?), send a card or letter to Marshall Lachner, Pres., Pabst Brewing Co., Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill., and tell him you are happy about the fact that Pabst will sponsor Frank, that you hope his broadcast will be extended to your community, and that when you drink beer you will drink Pabst. We thank Lyle Stuart for sending this welcome news. Frank is a fighting liberal and a friend of the UAO fan . . . here's hoping he'll broadcast.

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cast on a national network again soon. . . . "The Flying Saucers over New Zealand" titled an article in Australia's "People" magazine for last May 2, and featured a run-down on the Civilian Saucer Investigation of New Zealand group and its president, Harold H. Fulton. Fulton has been doing a tremendous job for years and we're glad to see this favorable report. . . . The Green Bay, Wisconsin Futler Center puts out a little paper which often includes reports on UAOs. Seems the powers that be in that particular center feel the observers, at least, should know what's going on. The Director well remembers her first talk on the subject of UAO, which took place at the Futler Center for personnel and AF, Navy and Army officers. The AF later sponsored her in a talk at the YMCA in Green Bay. Seems things have changed since 1952—in some respects, that is. . . . Probably a publicity stunt, that little incident in Hollywood back in January when actress Gloria Swanson trekked out into the hills to inspect a disc which reportedly crash-landed there. This one apparently died a sudden, and well-deserved death. Although it was insinuated that the object described was probably a military secret development (pictures were supposedly taken) no further word other than the initial news articles was forthcoming. . . . Another item which we must label as rumor, and which comes to us from a former Captain in the AF who was stationed at Godman Field, Kentucky when Capt. Mantell went on that fatal flight in 1948. This man says Mantell's body was not found. . . . Major David Simons, Chief of Holloman's Space Biology Laboratory, was quoted in the Holloman bulletin for the American Rocket Society of February, 1957, as saying that he refuses to rule out the possibility that life does exist on a myriad of other earths that presumably populate the Universe. Major Simons has held these views for some time and they are fairly representative of those held by the majority of our thinking scientists. Major Simons went on to say that it is not unreasonable to suppose that mankind can conquer the technical problems of extreme interstellar space travel in the coming centuries. But, Major, don't you think you should consider the possibilities that other intelligences may have already progressed to that point? . . . For those who are seriously concerned with the "two men in black" mentioned in our January issue, we would like to say that the Director is neither afraid or worried—only curious as to their identity: just as she is curious as to the identity of the individual who recently called in the middle of the night, misrepresented himself as an AF Colonel and attempted to obtain confidential information about A. P. R. O. and its members. It takes all kinds of people to make the world, according to the sages, but it seem there are too many in some categories.

RECAP ON NICAP

In our last issue, we printed a run-down on National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena which, in its entirety, was not too complimentary or favorable. Our summary was based on information available to us at the time. Just as the Bulletin was going to press we received word of the change in NICAP policies and personnel, and inserted the notice under the caption "DEAD-LINE" on page 2.

At the time the January Bulletin was made up, we had wanted to delay printing anything about NICAP, preferring to wait for a promised change in that group. Unfortunately, members were becoming impatient with our lack of comment, and so we printed what we knew.

Now for a review of our relations with NICAP and its personnel in the past: Our first communication with them was back in November, when we received a printed letter and circulars which contained little or no actual information on policy, etc. We waited—more circulars arrived with not one personal word from any of the principals, although interested individuals kept prompting us to be a little patient. We waited.

Our patience was rewarded in December, when we received the information set forth in the January Bulletin. Since then, a few major changes have been wrought, and letters from Major Donald E. Keyhoe, now Director of NICAP, have assured us the right element is now in control. We are now sure the UAO mystery and UAO enthusiasts will receive respectful treatment by NICAP and that neither will be "left out" of the overall picture as had been suspected would happen under the old regime. We had hoped all along that improvements in NICAP's policies and personnel would change due to the sterling quality of the men on the Board of Governors. Three of them we know quite well—Rev. Albert Baller, Prof. Charles Maney and Frank Edwards. Edwards' stand on UAO is well-known, as is his reputation for ethical dealing. Prof. Maney and Rev. Baller are long-standing members of A. P. R. O. and are faithful and conscientious workers. They will be a definite asset to Major Keyhoe and the organization as a whole.

We would like to quote here from latest communications from Major Keyhoe: "Our operating plan, not fully completed is this: (1) Membership campaign, for \$7.50 memberships. (2) Publication of 32-page monthly magazine, also special and/or confidential bulletins as needed. (3) Investigations: At first, we'll ask existing magazines and clubs for help—with full credit given. We are advising our members how to form local NICAP clubs and to seek specially trained members, such as pilots, meteorologists, astronomers, engineers, etc., for the first evaluation of reports. These local units will forward evaluated reports to us, or in case of big cases, will phone or wire bulletins; we'll have the NICAP Evaluation Panel take over next, and reach a conclusion if possible."

There was much, much more information and important details in Major Keyhoe's letter which added up to well

Senator Moss Replies On Saucer Inquiry

In a letter to Senator John E. Moss (Calif.), Chairman of the House Government Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, the Director informed the Senator of her possession of facts concerning suppression of information relating to unconventional aerial objects. The following is the sum and total of the Senator's reply:

"Thank you for your letter commenting on availability of flying saucer information.

"The House Government Information Subcommittee's interest was only in the question of whether or not the Air Force's Project Blue Book was made publicly available. When the Air Force agreed to make the information available, the Subcommittee took no further action.

"If you have specific details about censorship of Unidentified Aerial Objects information, the Subcommittee would be interested in studying possible restrictions of information." UNNOTE.

Detailed reports on three specific instances are being prepared for the Subcommittee, and it will be suggested that the Subcommittee look into the press censorship of UAO incidents in South America in late 1954 and early 1955.

thought out plans of action. As we wrote the Major in answer to his latest letter, we are behind NICAP 100% and recommend that A. P. R. O. members support them to the best of their ability.

Some members, well aware of our plan to cooperate with NICAP, ask, "What if A. P. R. O. members who join NICAP feel they can't afford or don't care to continue with A. P. R. O.? What if this is so widespread that A. P. R. O. dwindles to the point where it can't support itself?" Our answer is simply this: The Director has served in the UAO field for over five years as a Director, and feels she has done her best, under the circumstances. If such a situation presents itself, the Director will close A. P. R. O. and do everything possible to aid and abet the cause through NIAP. She now feels that there is a group capable of directing the efforts of all UAO groups, and would not feel too badly about bowing out.

However, we all feel that it will be sometime before such a situation arises, and until then the Director hopes that all members will support NIAP as well as A. P. R. O. and do a good job with both.

In closing, we'd like to extend our congratulations to Major Keyhoe and the Board of Governors of NICAP for the good job of rescuing that organization, and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

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The director has received notification that she has been elected a fellow in the International Lunar Society, and urges all amateur and professional astronomers in the membership to make inquiry to the Secretary of above-named organization at Diputacion 337, Barcelona, Spain.

Expert Denies UAO Existence; Keyhoe Challenges Statement

Close on the heels of a wire release announcing the probability that UAO are Nazi-engineered secret aircraft, came another announcement out of Washington, D. C. to the effect that there "is no such thing as a flying saucer." The expert in this case is Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and his statement was made at a closed door hearing by a House appropriations sub-committee.

Also snatching a little limelight was the revered Gen. James A. Doolittle, chairman of the NACA, who agreed with Dryden that the claims of a perfected Nazi saucer were merely advertising for a forthcoming book.

We feel that the above needs some editorial comment and will start by pointing out that Dr. Dryden is not an expert on UAO. An expert on aeronautics, perhaps, but not on the subject of UAO. We agree absolutely that flying saucers were not perfected in Germany, and also, categorically, that there are no such things as flying saucers (i. e., saucers that fly). However, we will also challenge Dr. Dryden to prove that *unconventional aerial objects*, commonly referred to as "flying saucers" which have been seen by reliable, capable observers, which have caused at least three aircraft accidents, and on several occasions have been seen *resting on the ground*, do not exist. We would like to suggest that this purported expert undertake an easier task. There is a far weightier group of facts and theories supporting the existence of UAO than there is to support the opposite argument. Keyhoe offered to disband the group if the scientist, Dr. Dryden, could prove that the saucers don't exist. We suggest NICAP will disband only when they feel they have found the truth about the UFO—not before.

LETTERS

... You have mentioned in the Bulletin that the organization has become a financial burden. There is but one solution. Raise the price of subscription. Let's say to five or ten dollars. You should have a surplus to operate properly. This thing of dipping into the family exchequer eventually must stop. . . . I think the bulk of the membership would gladly go along with a yearly increase. . . . I believe the Bulletin should carry on. Signed C. J. Pontius.

(Ed. Note: We would like to hear other opinions on this subject.)

... I have heard a great deal about you and your A. P. R. O. You are considered one of the best civilian UFO investigators. I know that you are a competent private astronomer, too, and have been informed that your husband is a good electronic expert. So, you have conditions and qualifications to try a scientific approach to the UFO problem. Unfortunately, very few among the saucer researchers tried the same approach, and as a result we have this disgusting pro-

ODDS 'N' ENDS

"They're Still Seeing Things" featured in the Australian magazine, "People" for Jan. 9, is a good write-up on the UAO, is principally concerned with The UFO investigation Centre, of which member Andrew Tomas is vice-president. Too bad American magazines aren't broad-minded enough to give some fair publicity to hard-working groups here. Trouble is, there are so many crackpots in the UAO field in the U. S., and American newspapers are not inclined to serious thought, that there will have to be a radical change on both fronts before any constructive writing will be done. . . . Personal friend C. D. Brower of Sturgeon Bay, (Old home town) Wisconsin forwarded the bit about the "mystery air raid siren blast" in Green Bay recently. On a Monday afternoon (no date included) the sirens above the Bellin building in Green Bay plus those in Preble, Hobart, Ashwaubenon and Duck Creek wailed ominously—and simultaneously. They blew intermittently for about a minute and then, just as suddenly and mysteriously, were silent. . . . Astronomer Robert S. Richardson of the Mt. Palomar observatory, has reported that on June 3 he observed a network of irregular blue lines running through the desert areas of the planet Mars, while using the 60-inch reflector. What took so long, Dr. Richardson? . . . Newspapers, news services and magazines are bursting forth with myriad articles on the coming of space travel—or should we say the hoped-for advent of space travel by man. After the runaway missiles such as the Snark and the recent Matador sojourn into Northwestern New Mexico, we just wonder how far into space man will travel? . . . Adm. Fahneny of NICAP should feel quite elated that his statement regarding UAO received such full and satisfying coverage in the press. We certainly were happy with the hundreds of clippings dealing with his press release which we received from all over the country. . . . Is it possible such news releases as those dealing with great new steps in space travel and missile development, are food for a doubting public which has become much disenchanting after the recent Matador and Snark fiascos? We wonder how many similar incidents have taken place but which never reached the attention of John Q. Public. . . .

liberation of individuals like , , , etc., and so many others of the same kind. I am tired of these people and the ridiculous stories and "discoveries" and "contacts with saucer people" . . . Congratulations for the good work you have done in the UFO research field. Hope to hear from you in the near future. Signed, Olavo Fontes, M. D., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

(Editor's comment: Thank you very much for your kind words, Dr. Fontes. We have heard of you and your excellent work also, and would appreciate hearing from you often. A letter in answer to yours of 15 March will be on the way as soon as this issue is in the mail. Glad to have you aboard, Sir!)

CRIFO and "ORBIT" Bow Out

The February issue of "ORBIT" magazine, publication of Civilian Research, Interplanetary Objects, (CRIFO) contained the rather sad news that Director Leonard Stringfield has felt the intrusion of UAO research into his personal life and is giving up research for the time being. Stringfield and CRIFO have been outstanding leaders in UAO research and the publication of UAO facts, one of the world's finest UAO fact sheets. We don't mean to sound as though we're sounding the requiem, and would like to quote a few words from Len's last letter: "I appreciated your very kind letter, and can well understand your situation, plus workload, plus your very wonderful idea of adopting Korean children. Such would entail much of your time deservingly, and I do not think anyone should be critical of any decision you should make on APRO. However, I for one, would like to see your bulletin hold out as long as possible. Until you give me the signal, I will recommend your paper. After a brief rest, I plan to start my first in a series of booklets—and of course, in doing so, will be glad to work cooperatively with you and APRO. . . . Here's wishing you and your husband the best of luck with APRO and your new endeavor with the little Koreans."

Please accept our sincere thanks, Len. Any moral support is welcome right now. As for our hoped-for new children, we do not feel we are grand and noble—because the Almighty blessed us with only two children when we have love enough for all the children in the world, we feel we have found a way to help fill our fondest desire—a house full of children. We are grateful for that.

We only hope that we can live up to the expectations and opinions of our members and continue with high quality UAO news.

Pilot's Frantic Call Broadcast On TV Set

A farm woman in the Clinton, Iowa, area, informed authorities on 20 December that she had heard a pilot state that he was lost in the fog and couldn't land, and the message came through the audio system on her TV set. She then stepped outside and could hear a plane overhead. Highway patrol officers followed the plane by its sound toward Clinton airport where an official said he tried unsuccessfully to contact the craft. The control tower there said the plane circled Clinton, an official said the plane appeared to have more than one engine judging by the sound. CAA in Moline, Cedar Rapids and Des Moines did not pick up a distress signal, a search plane was sent out but no contact made. No planes known to be missing or down in the area. (Cr: R. E. Otner)

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We include here some of those things which, although possibly not connected with UFO, are certainly of extreme interest to anyone who is entranced with stories of the Unusual.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Feb. Honolulu Star-Bulletin, 12 Feb., 1957. On 11 Feb. two housewives watched two glowing objects cavorting above St. Louis heights. First object seen diving straight toward earth about noon, described as a "half-ball dome" with shiny tail. The thing then disappeared into a cloud, a second, smaller one reappeared with it, apparently at a lower altitude. They then streaked off toward Koko Head at very high speed. One woman, Mrs. Winifred Anderson, said the objects were too fast for jets, too high for kites. The Honolulu Advertiser quoted an AF spokesman as saying that jets account for 99 per cent of UAO sightings, but didn't specify whether this particular sighting was of a jet. (Cr: Riley Crabb, Honolulu)

Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, on 15 March, were hosts to a blazing fireball, and the object was reported by pilots, radio operators and astronomers. Also seen as far north as Missouri. Observers near Marsh Island, Louisiana believed the object to have crashed near, and Coast Guard radar men tracked it to that area, but were unable to tell if it reached the ground or exploded in midair. A crash or explosion shook Marsh Island. An unidentified driver said "it was large and red and looked like it was heading for me, but it *pulled up and passed over* (underlining ours—the Ed.). (Cr: L. J. Johnson)

Jan. Salta, Argentina, 22 Jan. Oval-shaped, apparently metallic and very bright aerial object observed for a period of seven hours in vicinity of Mount Negro. One observer watched phenomenon with aid of binoculars, saw it swoop slowly over the slopes of Mount Negro. After remaining visible for 7 hours, the object went behind clouds and was not seen any more. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Last Feb. 20, 1956, a bright flaming object observed plowing across sky at great speed by observers over an area of more than 300 miles. Reported in the Scottish Daily Express, the object was seen from Oban to Liverpool. Observed at Prestwick where its glow lit up the Coast Guard station. (Cr: Bill Stephen)

Hawkes Bay, Australia, 1, Jan., 1957. Long, bright object in shape of rolled-up newspaper and with rays extending from it was observed by Mrs. D. McEwen of Rissington. Object described as enormous in size. Mrs. McEwen also reported seeing two "golden, twinkling" objects on preceding Sunday. (Cr: M. Sale)

Invercargill, Australia, 12, Jan., 1957. William West and Wallace Liddel of Balfour were standing in garage door on West's property when star-like object approached over a belt of trees, getting nearer and nearer the ground. The object looked to be roughly 12" by 18" long, seemed about to settle on the lawn near the house. Both men chased the object, which changed shape, apparently,

It finally floated up and over a fence, disappearing slowly across a paddock. (Cr: M. Sale)

Sioux Falls, S. D. area, February, 1957. Nebraska salesman Farnum Taylor, observed a flash in the sky "which resembled a half moon" and which burst into six separate balls of fire. The whole display lasted about four minutes, no exact date given. (Cr: J. Myers)

Valentine, Nebraska, Oct. 19, 1956. GOC Observer Mrs. Ellenor Brinda reported observing an object somewhat like a lighted yo-yo which jumped in the sky. This object also seen by a patrolman at same time. Cr: Marilyn Calver. (Note: Miss Calver is one of our more conscientious members, has sent in a steady flow of personally gathered reports as well as clippings. The area around her home in Ainsworth has, for a period of months, been frequently visited by "nocturnal meandering lights" which can't be identified. We hope to work out a pattern some day but attempts until now have not been gratifying. Also—a correction on Miss Calver's sighting, Page 6, Col. 2 of the January issue. Montevideo, Nebraska should read: "Montevideo, Minnesota".)

El Paso, Texas, 8 March, 1957. Three unidentified objects described as possibly one but carrying three bright lights, were observed over the E. P. area by Bruce Nusbaum and his mother Mrs. Maurine Seymour of Canutillo. Two of the lights seemed to blend, Nusbaum said, then they pulled apart. Nusbaum was driving from El Paso to Canutillo shortly after 6 p. m. when he spotted them, watched them until the sun went down, and gave no further thought until he read an AP report of two pilots sighting what seemed to be the same object while on a flight from Beaumont to Houston, and while over Pasadena, Texas. The pilots, Victor Hancock and Guy Miller, employed by the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company were flying a DC-3 at the time. Hancock said the object, obviously one flying three bright lights, "just messed around with us while we pursued it for ten minutes. I still don't know what it was but it knew we were following it," Hancock stated. "When it wanted to, it kept ahead of us easily. It would seem to stop, then when we caught up with it, it would be gone." The pilots' sighting was made at 9:45 p. m. (Cr: N. Romero, T. Gerbracht)

Spencer, Wisconsin, 4:06 a. m., 19 January. Columnist Dan Balzer of the Superior Evening Telegram, while driving near Spencer, observed a fat, light-blue, cigar-shaped object travelling a west to east course. When he sighted the object, which he figured would cross his path (he was driving south) he stopped his car to watch. The object continued on its straight, flat path, then suddenly changed its color from blue to an intense yel-

observation: 10 seconds, exact position: 5 miles north of Spencer, Wisconsin. Size judged to be the length of four full moons in a row. Mr. Balzar doesn't believe in "flying saucers", realizes it couldn't have been a meteor. (Cr: C. Hess)

February 7, 1957, Gilroy, Calif. A bright object which decreased and increased in brilliance and appeared to be at low altitude was observed by Vincent Le Paine and his wife. After a time the light changed to a brilliant red-orange and "went out". At about the same moment the object disappeared, two airliners went over the Le Paine home and after they had passed over a near range of mountains, the brilliantly glowing light again appeared. This time the object went off and on for 10 seconds, then a series of bright red flashes of light—then nothing. This specific instance is the second time the object was observed by Mr. Le Paine. (Ed. Note: This may or may not have been a brilliant star. Mr. Le Paine pinpointed the object as being in the northwest and at this time of the year there is a bright star setting in that general direction. Le Paine definitely stated his disbelief that it could have been a star.)

Glendora, Calif., Jan. 27. C. B. Chilver and family heard a loud noise which shook their house and when they went out to investigate, saw two bright amber discs directly above their home. "The objects hovered slowly for a while," Mr. Chilver said, "then they made a swishing kind of noise, took off toward the mountains and vanished." The report was forwarded to police. (Cr: J. Sanders)

On the same night, and for reasons unknown, parts of South Pasadena were in darkness as electric power failed suddenly. The lights died shortly before 10 p. m. and were restored about 10:30. No explanation was found. (Cr: J. Sanders)

Another of those mystery blasts shook Wilmington, San Pedro, Gardena, Hawthorne, Torrance, Lennox, Firestone Park, Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdas, Calif. on 4 February. The blast, feared by many to be an explosion of oil storage tanks, occurred shortly after 10 p. m. and rattled doors and windows over an area 15 miles in length. Experienced jet pilots who were questioned said the blast could not have been caused by a jet plane creating a sonic boom. (Cr: L. Johnson)

Burbank, Calif., 14 February, 1957. Police received numerous calls from residents who said they saw two UAO over the city. Officer Robert Wells, who went to investigate, confirmed the presence of the three bright discs. Objects first appeared on 13 February in the evening at what was guessed as 60,000 feet and traveled twice the speed of the average jet seen thereabouts. Officer Wells said the objects would dart across the sky for a time, stand still briefly, then whiz off again. One woman described the object as oval, and said it had beams of light shooting out as if it were searching

ANOTHER MYSTERY HOLE

Milan, Iowa, Sunday, 27 January. A staff writer for the Democrat-Times daily speculates about the origin of the mysterious hole which is located 150 feet west of Route 67 and about one block north of the Milan city water tank. It was discovered on Monday, 21 January by Bobby, Larry and Kim Lotquist, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Lotquist.

On Saturday, 26 January, Rock Island County Sheriff Joe Scneider received a call from a Davenport man, August Van DeHandy who was in a car traveling west on Highway 61 Tuesday night and saw a bright object in the vicinity of the crater.

"It was sometime between 9:30 and 10:00 p. m. when I noticed this bright light in the sky across the river," he said "I said to my wife, 'Sally, look at that, will you'. She said, 'My God, what was that?'"

"We were about two miles west of Davenport at the time and I watched this thing for about five seconds, I guess," Van DeHandy went on. "It looked to be about 2,000 feet high and it was coming down from the east, going toward the ground at about a 45 degree angle. When it was about 800 feet from the ground it went straight down."

Van DeHandy said the object was pear-shaped or egg-shaped, about the size of the full moon in the sky, but much brighter. He said the color resembled a flash from an electric arc—"real bright blue, almost purple."

"My wife thought it might have been a jet but we didn't hear a sound. It was a single object, didn't give off any sparks and it didn't flare. I watched it for a full five seconds, then lost sight of it when it went behind trees. I've seen shooting stars, but I couldn't tell you what this thing was. It baffled me," Van DeHandy said.

Van DeHandy estimated that the fireball had travelled about one-half mile during the five seconds he watched it. That would put the speed of the object at about 3,600 miles per hour.

(Cr: R. E. Ofner)

This report brings to mind the following article on Page 1 of the May, 1954 A. P. R. O. Bulletin. We quote:

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, world renowned expert on meteorites, labels as "fantastic" the crater left by an explosion near Logan, Utah on May 1. Cars traveling nearby were nearly upset, the concussion knocked open doors miles away and sent a jarring shock over an 8-mile area. "It's a hole made by some kind of explosive," Dr. La Paz decided, but added that there was no characteristic odor of explosives around the crater, nor were there any traces of wiring. La Paz also said it was definitely not a meteorite crater, as no meteor fragments were turned up in sifting the crater. Witnesses to the explosion described 'a brilliant red hemisphere of flame' when the explosion was heard, but Dr. La Paz stated that meteorites never flash on impact. He also said the crater was only 16 feet in diameter which is fairly small to have created such a strong shock wave unless an object from space

Unidentified Object Found In Andes

A strange unidentified object of large dimensions, made of transparent material, with a center of metal has been found in the Andean mountains, 500 kilometers northeast of the port of Antofagasta, Chile.

The object has caused a lot of speculation in South America, but from its description it can be logically conjectured that it is probably some type of high altitude weather detection equipment. Found on the slopes of the volcano Mino, the object is very light in weight, and was transported down from its location to Antofagasta by train under surveillance of National Guardsmen.

The France Press described the thing as a "strange plastic object with a small oval-shaped object in its insides of about 30 centimeters of circumference and 3 Kilograms of weight, and made of aluminum-like stuff. It carried a ring made of the same metal and on its underside it had the letter "T" carved upon it. The upper rim of the object has ribbons twenty to twenty-five centimeters wide made of "polystyrene". Where the object came from is not known but individuals examining it believe it is capable of flight.

This report was forwarded by member Joe Rolas and further information was to follow. We have had no further word, and until such information is forthcoming we must assume the object to be a weather sounding device. Date: 13 February 1957.

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NICAP and its impressive Board of Governors are really doing a superb job in the UAO press relations line. One writer, reporting on NICAP and its aims in the Chicago Daily News, said: "Head of the new committee is a retired rear admiral and one-time head of the Navy's guided missile program, Admiral Delmar S. Fahrney, who can scarcely be dismissed as a crackpot." The writer then proceeded to list Fahrney's contentions about UAOs, then the AF's, and ended up with this statement: "We have only one suggestion to offer in this puzzling state of affairs, to wit: "If there really is 'an intelligence' building the better saucer and scouting our planet, let's beat a path to its doorstep without delay. If there's anything we could use more of on this mixed-up earth, it's intelligence." UNQUOTE. We agree.

had smashed into the earth. The lack of meteorite fragments, however, rules out that possibility. UNQUOTE.

We are unable to find that issue which contains the account of a similar crater near the Las Cruces, New Mexico, Country Club, on the edge of that town. However, it was another mystery hole which yielded no answers when examined. What are these craters, and what caused them?

RECENT SIGHTINGS

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for something. "Then it went straight up and disappeared," she said. Finally the red and green objects shot off northeast toward the desert. (Cr: K. Axelson and Pat Henning)

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 20 March, 1957, 1 a. m. Louisiana State University freshmen Earl Cagle and Billy Reeves observed two white, apparently glowing objects from the University campus. The first object, which appeared to be solid, was observed for 30 seconds. It appeared to pulsate, did not move very fast, left no trail, and made no sound. Both objects had the apparent size of a large pea held at arm's length. The second object, with description approximating that of the first, appeared about one and a half minutes after the first object disappeared beyond opposite wing of the building in which both fellows were located. The second object observed for about 45 seconds, diminished to a point in the distance. No commercial aircraft in air at the time. (Cr: James E. Turner)

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On January 8, 1957, an explosion or blast shook Waupun, Wisconsin, and neighboring communities of Fox Lake, Burnett and Beaver Dam. Experts discounted the possibility that the blast was an earthquake or an icequake. Also, a Captain in the USAF-ROTC said a sonic boom caused by a plane crashing through the sound barrier would not be heard loudly enough to cause alarm at a distance of over about 10 miles when at an altitude of 25,000 feet, under which the plane would have no doubt been seen.

Reports of UAO at Burnett during the summer of 1956 have come to us, and the objects, explained by some as geese reflecting light, were seen over the marshy land of the Horicon wildlife preserve. An unconfirmed rumor that a farmer saw an unidentified aircraft land in the preserve also makes this whole situation in need of clarification. It is impossible for any aircraft except a helicopter to land on the preserve because of the nature of the terrain.

The last bit of strange information about the reported sightings and happenings in this area is the fact that number of ducks to pass through the refuge, which is a stopping point for migratory birds, was at an all time low. For some reason the waterfowl avoided the Horicon Wildlife Refuge this past year. (Cr: J. E. Turner. Ed. Note: This reminds us of the sighting of UAO in 1953 in Indiana when geese watched the objects and honked loudly. The presence of the objects was first made obvious when attention was drawn by the geese' strange behavior.)

Pungent UAO Crashes

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medium," he added. He said the objects disappeared before he could set up his camera. The objects were traveling approximately North to South. (Cr: J. Deterding)