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THE LEVELLAND CASE

We have received 150 different clippings pertaining to the incident which took place at Levelland, Texas on the night of 2 November, and also on Sunday morning during the early morning hours.

Probably one of the early sighters was Pedro Saucedo, 30, a farm worker and part-time barber who told officials that he was driving out to a farm near Pettit (west of Levelland) Saturday night with a friend, Joe Salaz, when he first saw the thing. He said they saw a flash of light in a field to the right, and didn't think much of it at first. When it got near, the truck lights went out and the motor died.

Saucedo jumped out of the truck and threw himself on the ground, and called to his friend, who stayed in the car. The thing passed directly over the truck with a "great sound and a rush of wind." Saucedo said he felt a lot of heat as it went over. He then got up and watched it go out of sight toward Levelland. He said it was torpedo shaped or like a "rocket" but much larger.

Ronald Martin, 18, a Levelland truck driver, said his truck engine died and the lights went out "when a big ball of fire dropped on the highway" east of Levelland early Sunday morning. Martin said the object changed to a bluish green color when it settled onto the highway, then changed to a "fireball" when it took off, rising straight into the air.

Newell Wright, a Texas Tech student from Levelland, reported a similar occurrence east of Levelland, also. Police Patrolman A. J. Fowler said Saucedo and 14 others called in reports, and many seemed very upset, and in some cases, terrified.

All seemed to agree that this something was about 200 feet long, shaped like an elongated egg or ellipsoid, and lit up like it was on fire. The glow, however, according to the description, seemed to resemble neon light. All observers agreed that the object seemed to be at about 200 feet altitude, and when it approached the observers, their car engines stopped, and headlights went out.

Sheriff Weir Clem and Highway Patrolmen Lee Hargrove and Floyd Cain reported seeing similar flashes in the sky about the same time in the same area. All were riding in separate cars.

CBS-TV GETS UAO FILM

On 3 November, 1957, at 7:30 p. m. CBS-TV News cameraman Russell B. Day filmed 35 or 40 feet of film of a UAO at Deming, New Mexico while perched atop the fire station in the G. O. C. tower. Day had spent six nights on watch for a UAO. With him were Bob Toby, owner of the local radio station, a G. O. C. observer and two teen-age boys. The object, a light described as larger than the bright planets, but smaller than the moon, came into sight, maneuvered about, changing from yellow to orange occasionally. There were no clouds, and visibility was good.

What is believed to have been the same object followed the automobile of Kenneth Clear with his wife and two sons for 15 miles on State Road 26 at 8 p. m. the same evening.

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Interesting Sidelights on UAO Reports in Tularosa Basin

On Tuesday, November 5th, interesting rumors and events began to color the UAO happenings and their possible meanings. When the UAO "flap" began, Terry Clarke, News Director for Radio Station KALG, called the Director and they worked together in gathering and checking reports. On Monday Mrs. Lorenzen made a taped interview at the Station, commenting on the Levelland, Texas, sighting; that night she interviewed Mr. Stokes and convinced him that what he had seen should be given out as public information, and the now famous taped interview between Mr. Clarke and Mr. Stokes was cut at 10:00 p. m. that night.

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Another who saw what seems to be the same object, was James D. Long, a truck driver from Waco, Texas. He was driving along a road about four miles west of Levelland when he approached a large, egg-shaped glowing mass parked in the road ahead. His motor quit, his truck lights went out and he fainted from fright. After the thing left, he was able to start his car with no difficulty, as was the case with others who encountered the weird object that night.

At exactly 8:55 p. m. November 4th, the telephone rang in the Director's home and the caller identified himself as Mr. James W. Stokes, a personal acquaintance of the Lorenzens. What he said started a series of events which kept the whole town of Alamogordo, the news agencies and A.P.R.O. headquarters in an unroar for several days.

The wire services have carried the stories along with others dealing with similar objects, but it is felt by local members that the following account is the most complete and accurate to date.

Stokes, 46, a retired Navy man, and currently working in high altitude research in the capacity of electrical engineer at Holloman Air Force Base, was driving south on U. S. Highway 54 on his way to El Paso. The trip was without incident until he reached a point some 10 miles south of Orogrande, a small desert coffee stop.

The first indication of anything unusual was the fading out of Stokes' car radio. He automatically reached out to turn up the volume, but the radio was dead. Then the engine began to falter, and finally died. Stokes had seen traffic up ahead, but hadn't realized they, too, were stopped, until he spotted people getting out of their cars and pointing toward the sky in the northeast. Stokes turned and saw a large, mother-of-pearl-colored egg-shaped object approaching from the direction of the Sacramento mountains. It was proceeding roughly toward the southwest, but suddenly made a sharp turn and made a pass toward the highway, passing from northwest to southeast above the highway, then another sharp turn back across the highway, ascending swiftly in the northwest and finally vanishing, not over the horizon, but into space.

When the object passed over, Stokes said he felt something like "pressure" and a wave of heat. He was standing outside of his car when this happened. After the thing was gone, he got back into his car, after talking with other motorists, and restarted his car, a late model Mercury, which started without difficulty and operated perfectly. He then proceeded to El Paso.

Sky conditions on November 4th were ideal for such a sighting, and play quite a part in the evaluation of this particular sighting. There were low-hanging scat-

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tered clouds at about 1500 feet altitude. The object was seen below the clouds, and among them, and the clouds appeared to dissipate as the object came into contact with them. Stokes says he feels the object got no lower than 1500 feet, and that during its observed flight, it was doing about 1500 miles per hour, judging by the time it took the object to cross the basin from the Sacramento Mountains to the San Andreas.

Other observers, a man named Duncan, and one Allan D. Baker have not been located. Baker took pictures, and local newsmen as well as APRO members feel that Baker and some of the others in the line of cars were employees at White Sands Proving Ground. A White Sands road giving access to Highway 54 from the Proving Ground, intersects not too far from the point where the sighting took place. It is also believed that these people made their report to their superiors first, and were cautioned not to come forth to corroborate the story. The pictures are probably in a file at Wright Air Development Center at Dayton, Ohio, by this time.

At 9:30, after relating his experience to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, Stokes and the Lorenzens went to Station KALG, where APRO member Terry Clarke works as News Director and Commercial Manager. Mrs. Lorenzen had called Clarke relative to the report, and Clarke suggested that in the light of a White Sands report which had just come in, plus the Levelland, Texas, report, Stokes' story would be very newsworthy. A recorded interview was made and a story on the sighting was written up for the press wires and dispatched that night.

Members might be interested to know that Mrs. Lorenzen did a taped interview at KALG Monday afternoon at the request of KALG officials, commenting on the Levelland sighting.

OBJECT SEEN OVER A-BOMB BUNKERS

And then the pieces began to fall into place. The White Sands report came in. A huge, oval object, nearly as bright as the sun was spotted by two different Army Range patrols, on Sunday, November 3rd, 17 hours apart. There had been no opportunity for the men involved to contact each other. One report had been made, and no one got concerned about it until a second report came in from another patrol. In both cases, the object was seen, hovering over the cement and earth bunkers used by scientists and technicians for cover while watching the first atomic blast in 1945. The actual explosion site, now levelled and filled in, is several miles from the scene of the sighting.

The first patrol sighted the object at about 3 a. m. Sunday morning, the second sighting was at 8 p. m. the same day. Men of both patrols estimated the object to be oblong or egg-shaped, nearly as bright as the sun, and at least 200 feet long. In the first instance, the object was seen hanging about 50 feet above the old A-bomb bunker, then it took off at a 45-degree angle and went up into the sky and started blinking off and on before it disappeared.

The second two-man jeep patrol observed the object at first in the sky, then it descended until it was about 50 yards above the A-bomb bunkers, when it went out. Lt. Miles F. Penney, C. O. of the Stallion Site Camp, accompanied some of the patrol to the area in an effort to find some physical evidence of the object's visit, but could find no burned or charred areas near the bunkers. None of the patrol had motor trouble with their jeeps as did motorists in Texas and the Stokes incident. Officers at White Sands Proving Ground disclaimed any connection between the objects and the work at the Base.

On Tuesday morning, November 5th, at 6 a. m., KALG Radio was deluged with calls from press wire services, radio and TV stations, and newspapers throughout the United States and Canada. Stokes was called in to talk to General L. I. Davis and Deputy Commander Colonel Judy at Holloman. After the briefing, an official release was sent out, and a copy reposes in APRO files with the Stokes report.

For the sake of space, we will omit the details, which were given above, and include only the comments made by Holloman Officials in their first release for the press wires after the interviews. They said they had no reason to doubt Stokes' story, and that he is a capable observer. It was also announced that Stokes was scheduled for a physical examination, due to the fact that he had a rather pronounced sunburn after the incident. While he was sitting in the Lorenzen living room Monday evening, he continually scratched or rubbed his neck and face, complaining of itching sensations. However, the discoloration and irritation were completely gone Tuesday morning. On Tuesday evening, Stokes was invited to the Lorenzens where local members met to talk over current events. He looked quite normal.

Tag-end stories began to come in Tuesday from reliable sources regarding other sightings in the area.

TEST PILOT SEES UAO

A test pilot left Big Spring, Texas, at 1:56 Sunday afternoon, on his way across country to the west coast. His check points were Wichita Falls, Texas, Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Texas, and Roswell, New Mexico. At 4:16 he landed at Holloman AFB to see an old friend from

Korean War days, now a Major in the AF at Holloman. While checking in Base Operations at Holloman, he was overheard discussing the UAO he had seen en route. He was travelling at 50 mph, in an east-west direction, when a large, oblong, glowing object passed over his aircraft, "going like a bat out of hell." He didn't know whether the trail the thing left was from the light, or actually a vapor trail. The exact geographical location of the sighting, the pilot's name or the name of his friend at Holloman were not obtained.

Terry Clarke, ever on the lookout for news, and at this particular time, UAO reports, was talking to a local woman, Miss Connie Carrillo, 27, and uncovered another report which, although not involving an object of the description given in the foregoing sightings, is nevertheless interesting because of the unusual description. She was returning to Alamogordo from Ruidoso, via Bent, New Mexico, with an anonymous girl friend. Near Bent, they noticed a sphere-shaped object "parked" near the edge of the road. They described it as between 3-feet in diameter, in the shape of a sphere and of a dark color which appeared to be wet, or "slick." The girls did not stop and went on by. Miss Carrillo said she felt the object to be odd in appearance and certainly out of place parked near the road. She said it resembled nothing she had ever seen before, had no visible protuberances, and seemed to be just a big, black, wet ball which appeared to have a "new paint" look to it.

HOLLOMAN EMPLOYEE SEES UAO

On Tuesday morning, November 5th, two Alamogordo people observed unusual things in the sky. At 4:35 a. m., a Land-Air Corporation electronics technician, Don Clarke, observed an orangish-red cigar-shaped object at about 15 degrees elevation in the western sky. Clarke, who lives in East Alamogordo, which has a higher elevation than other parts of town, said he was getting ready to go to work, and when he saw the object, he went inside to get the camera. When he came back outside, the thing was gone.

On that same morning, but at approximately 4:40, Lyman Brown, Jr., on his way to his job at the Dairy, observed a yellowish-orange light which, when he first spotted it, was at a 45 degree elevation in the North. It was proceeding across the sky, arcing toward the East, and "went out" at about 15 or twenty degrees elevation in the southeastern sky, above "Dog Canyon," a canyon in the Sacramento Mountains. After it went out, another phenomena was observed—what looked like a searchlight beam did a "looping" maneuver just above where the light disappeared. The whole episode

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RECENT SIGHTINGS

Wellington, New Zealand, June-Oct., 1957. International Geophysical Year scientists are receiving mysterious radar echoes from 70 miles up in the ionosphere. The echoes on radar screens at Bluff Hill are not very big and are visible for periods varying between a few minutes and an hour. Objects not believed to be caused by solar activity, or the Sputniks. The things have been observed on radar screens since June 20, rushing about in north, then south directions. Michael Gadsden, one of the scientists, theorized the objects might be small masses of ionized particles, but what caused them to travel was unknown. (Editor's note: ionization of air is mainly caused by solar activity, and the article, from the Aukland Star, stated that the objects were not thought to be caused by solar activity. ?????)

Katoomba, Australia, 16 July, 1957. Mr. J. Hickey, Sr. reported object he observed at 8:30 p. m. He said he heard a sound like an aeroplane overhead, dashed into the street and saw a vividly bright object with four distinct flames being ejected from it. It seemed to hover for about six minutes, Hickey said, and then 7 sounds came from it. Hickey's wife and son and Constable John Burke also saw the object.

Thermopolis, Wyoming, U. S., July or Aug. (no exact date). A dozen Thermopolis residents reported sighting a round, ice-blue object, as big as a garage, and with windows hovering about 10 feet off the ground. Six boys first sighted the object, told Mrs. Molly Wertz, mother of four of them, and she watched it apparently hovering over a tree about 100 feet from her home. It made no sound as it sped off and disappeared behind a hill, travelling at high speed. The police chief of Thermopolis said he questioned "quite a few people" who reported sighting the object and their descriptions of the object coincided with those of Mrs. Wertz and the young boys.

Las Cruces, New Mexico, U. S., 3 Oct. 1957. The recent November rash of UAO reports brought out the following: On 3 Oct. State Police Officer Robert Gilliland of Anthony, reported that he had seen flares followed by an extremely bright flash and a series of flares over a period of several minutes about 10 miles south of Las Cruces. Gilliland immediately got in radio contact with a patrolling Dona Ana County deputy sheriff about 12 miles north of Gilliland's observation point. At that time, another flare went up. The deputy asked Gilliland if

he saw a flare which had just then ranged skyward. The state officer observed it at the same moment. While they remained in radio contact with each other, they saw several other flares. Believing an airplane had crashed, Gilliland teamed up with an unnamed Texas police officer, secured a jeep and drove onto the trackless mesa. They searched all night and until 10 a. m. the next day and found nothing. The CAP plane from Las Cruces scoured the area in daylight the next morning, but nothing was found.

When Gilliland had gone to his home the night before to obtain sandwiches and coffee for the search, the flares were still visible from the house. He called his wife to the front porch and she observed them also. Two residents of El Paso reported during the recent UAO influx, that they had seen flares and lights on the same night and in the same vicinity. Mrs. Beranek, one of the El Paso observers, said an object "about the size of a washtub" rose into the air from the desert a few hundred yards from the highway. Mrs. Beranek was returning from a trip to Phoenix when she observed the object. She said that it went up with a moderate speed and then at a height of about 200 feet, it disintegrated with a huge glare. There was no noise, she said.

San Pedro, Calif. (No date) 1957. Unconventional object seen by a number of observers over the San Pedro area.

Cocoa, Florida, 8 October, 1957. A whitish oval-shaped object showed up near the Cape Canaveral guided missile test center two nights in a row--on Sunday, the 6th, and on Monday, the 7th. At least a dozen persons reported each sighting, and AF officials said they were investigating the reports. A check with Patrick AFB at Cocoa Beach, indicated there were no tests underway at the time that could have accounted for the sightings.

Denver, Colorado, 10 October. CAA officials announced that the huge fireball which flashed through the skies on this date, was "undoubtedly a meteor." Several pilots saw the object, reported it had crashed near the Utah border. They had described it as being green in color, then changing to white to orange before it crashed. The pilots also said the object seemed to be following a course parallel to the surface of the earth, and moving quite slowly. It came fairly close to a big Navy transport plane flying over Colorado with 20 people aboard.

Covington, Ind., U. S., 15 Oct. Mr. Robert Moudy said the engine of his combine conked out when a "flying object resembling a fried egg--sunny side down" flew over the field in which he was combining--in broad daylight. The object made a sound like "a tire squealing on a fast take off." Mrs. Moudy made public the sighting during the November 3-4 saucer publicity, said she hadn't reported it before because she was afraid she and her husband would be ridiculed. (Editor's Note: A similar object was seen on 2 May, 1952 by the Director and about 300 other people in Door County, Wisconsin.)

Chicago, Illinois, U. S., 20 Oct. Miss Therese Jolicœur sighted a strange large, dark shape with a greenish tinge "at the ends of the wings" as it passed over her home at 3:15 a. m. She and her escort, George Niebel, Chicago Daily News division circulation manager, observed it together. Niebel estimated the object to be at about 1,000 feet altitude

Hancock, Michigan, U. S., 18 Oct. 1957. A very brilliant light was observed as it descended slowly toward the earth. Scores saw the object, and reports of the phenomena came from Ontonagon, the Victoria Dam district near Rockland Baraga County, and Green Bay, Wisconsin. Ground observers trained their glasses on the object, described it as appearing like a slow-falling meteor traveling in an arc toward the earth. No one seemed to be able to furnish an explanation for the object.

Portales, New Mexico, U. S., 25 Oct. 1957. Cobweb-like strands up to 50 feet long fell from the sky festooning telephone lines. No explanation forthcoming from officials--but it was evident they were falling from a very great height.

London, England, 29 October, 1957. British Royal Air Force Intelligence began investigating the sighting of a UAO that doused its lights and sped away when spotted over one of Britain's atomic bomber bases. A Sunday Express writer said it was spotted by a night fighter pilot and picked up by radar crews on the ground. He said it was the first time a "UFO" had been detected over Britain both from the air and the ground. (Editor's note: We have at least two sightings in the APRO files which were visual and radar contact reports over England.)

Vienna, Austria, 28 Oct. 1957. Radio Prague said a falling object was seen over Prague shortly after 3 p. m. and that it exploded in the air. The broadcast said the object was not sputnik or the last stage of the rocket, and didn't

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speculate as to the object's identity. It urged listeners to phone the meteorological station if they had seen something similar. No further reports.

 Albuquerque, N. M., U. S., 5 Nov., 1957. Delbert Boyd of Kellyville, Oklahoma, a Bekin Vans Line truck, said he saw a mysterious light about five miles southwest of Albuquerque on this date. The light, which he observed at 7:45 p. m., alternated from bright to dim, and appeared to land southwest of the city.

 Albuquerque, N. M., U. S., 4 Nov., 1957. Mrs. Dale Van Fleet said she sighted an object which was larger than the full moon, and gold in color when she went outdoors to bring in clothing from the clothesline. A storm was coming and it was sprinkling at the time. She watched the object, which she spotted at about 7 p. m., for about five minutes. She then went indoors and when she returned, the object was gone. It had hung in one position, at about 45 degrees elevation in the west.

 Durango, Colorado, U. S., 5 Nov., 1957. A strange, silvery object was reported sighted near Durango. Richard Schaeffer, of the Thompson Park area, saw the object, and Mrs. Harold McCabe said the object looked "like a moon" except that it was traveling rapidly.

 Beaumont, Texas, U. S., 5 Nov., 1957. Six Beaumont city police officers and a newspaper reporter reported sighting an unidentified object in the southwestern skies at Beaumont. All described the object as appearing much the same as an "apple-sized" star, which grew brighter and dimmer as they watched. It disappeared within about 30 minutes from the time first seen. Police Sergeant H. W. Meek reported seeing the object as he was leaving the police station at supper time. A Beaumont Enterprise reporter, Paul Smith, also told of sighting the object. Five other officers including Capt. Clyde Smith, reported sighting the object.

 Tucumcari, N. M., U. S., 6 Nov., 1957. City Policeman Erwin de Oliviera quoted an unidentified tourist as reporting that at 6:15 a. m. he saw what he said was a large red object just outside of Vaughn, New Mexico, on U. S. Highway 54.

 Santa Fe, New Mexico, U. S., 6 Nov., 1957. Joe Martinez of Santa Fe, reported that he and Albert Gallegos, while driving home about 12:15 a. m. saw an object in the sky with "red and green and yellow lights." He said it gave a "great glow

AF APPEALS TO TAXPAYERS

A body blow was dealt to the current UAO influx when the AF recently issued a statement that it costs approximately \$10,000 to investigate each "major" sightings as the Schmidt "sighting" at Kearney, Nebraska. The Air Force, which has all the facts, was not alarmed by the Schmidt claims, and spotted the incident for what it was—a hoax. But their announcement regarding the cost of investigation will have served its purpose—in this day of high taxes, who is going to publicly report a sighting?

 all over." (Editor's note: The AF policy of ridicule has paid off in this instance. Neither man will elucidate any further regarding this sighting, although close friends have related the information that the object came down over the car in which the men were riding. Both have said publicly that they aren't talking because they don't want to be called crazy.)

 Santa Fe, New Mexico, U. S., 6 Nov., 1957. Two Santa Fe residents told city police they had seen something early on this date. Police Chief A. B. Martinez said Frank Mares told of spotting, with his wife, what he described as a huge ball of fire which seemed to be traveling SE as the couple drove in the southwestern section of Santa Fe.

 Manchester, New Hampshire, U. S., 7 Nov., 1957. An Air Defense center in Manchester says local ground observers have reported sighting what they called a strange blue-white object streaking across the sky at dusk. Descriptions ranged from a bright-colored sphere to a long, wide object. The Center indicates that the first report was received at 4:15 p. m. At 9:23 p. m., the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts sighted what apparently was a meteor in the SW sky.

 Portales, New Mexico, U. S., 8 Nov., 1957. A gleaming, round object that seemed to hover motionless over Cannon AFB in broad daylight and then disappear instantly, was reported by a Greyhound Bus driver who declined to be identified. When he saw the object, he turned and pointed it out to a sailor sitting near the front of the bus, and when he turned around again, it had disappeared. "It was nothing like I'd ever seen before," the driver said, and added that it was somewhat aluminum-colored, but not the same metallic color of airplanes. No evidence of smoke, flame, sound, or means of propulsion. He said he noticed several jet planes in the vicinity after the incident, and Cannon AFB spokesmen said the jets were up at

Three See UAO at Orogrande, New Mexico

At 9:20 a. m. on Thursday morning November 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Trent Lindsey and their son, Byron, 22, observed an "oblong, metallic object" while driving south on highway 54 about 10 miles north of Orogrande, New Mexico.

The Director interviewed Byron Lindsey Friday afternoon and learned that he received his Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Texas in June. According to him, the speedometer of their 1954 Mercury began weaving wildly between the 60 and 110 marks. They were travelling at a speed of 60 miles per hour. They commented on this and about 5 minutes later, the object was spotted ahead of them in a SE direction. Byron said it had sharply defined edges, no apparent glow, no trace or visible means of propulsion, and it looked like highly polished metal. It appeared to be taking an arcing course into the southwest, at high altitude.

The object appeared to be about the length of a dime held at arm's length with a thickness considerably less than that size. The Lindseys watched the object for about 3 minutes; it then disappeared over the Organ mountains to the southwest. When the speedometer was noticed again, it was operating normally and has ever since.

Mr. Lindsey is owner and manager of the Alamo Finance Company in Alamogordo, and a respected business man.

OFF BEAT

So much was carried on news wires regarding the outlandish claims of R. O. Schmidt, that we are not going to elucidate regarding that particular incident, except to summarize his claim. Schmidt, a grain buyer from Brawley, Calif., in Nebraska on a buying trip claimed he came upon a "space ship" manned by four men and two women. The men, according to Schmidt, wore ordinary business suits, and all of them spoke "high German."

We feel it is quite possible that Mr. Schmidt saw **something**—and let his imagination do the rest. If he had brought in regulation-sized normal-looking humans, speaking German, we might have considered his story a little further. As it is, it appears that Mr. Schmidt has been reading various books by occult fact claimants who have never been able to bolster their fantastic claim with anything but obviously manufactured "proof."

 that time, but not in connection with the UAO. He also said that there was no report of an UAO on their records for that time. The bus driver was sure the object was no conventional object, although he didn't know what it was.

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The next day, Tuesday, Stokes was called in from the range to be interviewed by Holloman AFMDC officials. Meanwhile, Radio Stations, wire services, newspapers and magazines called in for the big "scoop." Some fifty long-distance calls were handled for KALG alone that day, through the crowded lines of the local telephone company and Mr. Clarke had his breakfast at 11:30 a. m. — coffee brought to him by the Director.

On Tuesday evening, an impromptu meeting of available local A.P.R.O. members was held at the Lorenzen home. A physicist, a chemist and an electronics engineer (all anonymous by request and necessity) attended. Mr. Stokes showed up at their invitation, said he was scheduled for a physical examination on Wednesday morning, and began to show signs of having been coaxed to "water down" his report. He brought up the possibility that what he had seen might have been an atmospheric phenomena, again and again. We mean no disrespect for Mr. Stokes, and are merely stating our observations.

On Tuesday, Mr. Clarke had called the Public Information Officer at White Sands Proving Ground, on the tip of an informant that one of the men in one of the patrols which had sighted the UFO over the A-bomb bunkers, had suffered peculiar burns and had been hospitalized. In answer to the query the Officer said, "Oh, no,—he's on leave." Then the officer began to tell how the soldier's Commanding Officer had discovered the man had a lot of leave coming, and suggested that he had might as well take it.

When Mr. Clarke called Mrs. Lorenzen about this episode, she recalled the tip she had gotten regarding the supposedly injured soldier. On November 7th, Thursday, White Sands released a statement that Pvt. James Wilbanks, the soldier in question, was back on duty, and had backed up the stories of the other M.P.s regarding the object near the A-bomb bunkers. It also referred to the rumors that the man had been burned during the episode, and said that actually he had been feeling ill since last week, due to a "heavy cold."

The tips that were called in to Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Lorenzen came from two entirely different unconnected sources. We have one very interesting observation: It is difficult to understand why a sick man was allowed to go out on night patrol in the cold desert air; also it's odd that he suddenly went on leave; and finally the "cold" excuse was announced. We wonder if some sort of "brain-washing" might be taking place, as well as treatment for burns.

The Director has been alarmed since

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took only 6 or 7 seconds. Mrs. Lorenzen talked to Mr. Brown, found that he was familiar with astronomical objects, said the light was "considerably larger" than the apparent size of Venus, which is setting in the evening sky.

At this writing, the above is the sum and total of sightings in the Alamogordo-Tularosa Basin area. See "Interesting Sidelights," this issue for significant factors which have had a bearing on possible evaluations of these sightings.

the first "official explanations" were foisted on the public in the summer of 1947. A very insidious type of censorship has been utilized since.

Dr. Donald Menzel, New Mexico Senator Clinton Anderson, Dr. Hubertus Strughold, (chief of the Department of Space Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas) have all been allowed space by the American Press Wires within the last few days to label as "hallucinations or illusions" the sighting made by honest, sane American citizens. We would like to go on record as stating, in behalf of all Alamogordo APRO members, that only two types of professionals are qualified to judge as to whether these observers were having hallucinations: UAO experts or psychologists. Neither Strughold, Menzel or Anderson qualify, and for that matter, it is doubtful that Air Force spokesmen do, either. Air Force spokesmen are told what to say, and they say it, whether it agrees with their better judgement or not.

It is an established fact that the officers in charge of UAO investigation for the Air Force are not on the job for more than a two-year tenure. How can anyone of them become experts? A college degree in any one given subject does not make one automatically an expert on any subject which is currently newsworthy.

We have many experts in physics, astronomy, electronics, chemistry, photography, etc., within our organization who, although interested in UAO, and actively engaged in UAO research, do not consider themselves experts on the subject of UAO. How can a college professor who spends most of his time running research projects on mundane things, (and, incidentally, if UAOs are so easily explained by conventional means, why does he even bother to study them?) find sufficient spare time to do a thorough job of studying such a tremendously complicated subject as UAO?

How can the chief of the School of Space Medicine find time to do research on UAOs to such an extent that he is qualified to make statements as to their reality or unreality? If he's doing a good and thorough job at his space medicine

**Object Haunts
Chicago Suburb**

A glowing, red-orange object which seemed to change shape and also affected lights on a squad car was sighted 3:12 a. m. over Elmwood cemetery, 2906 N. Thatcher Ave., Elmwood Park on 4 November.

Patrolmen Joseph Lukasek, Cliff Schau and Daniel De Giovanni, Fireman Robert Volt, observed the object. Lukasek, Schau and Volt were in a patrol car in an alley near 7700 Belmont Ave., investigating what they thought was an open store window when they spotted the object about 250 feet in the air. They turned the patrol car's spotlight on the object as it hovered over the cemetery, and also radioed De Giovanni, who was on duty at the suburban police station.

Lukasek said that the object seemed to be folding up like a parachute before the spotlight hit it, but as the light beam made contact with it, it puffed out and sped into the west.

De Giovanni saw the object when stepped out of the police station. The patrolmen drove west following the object, but were stopped by a dead-end street in Franklin Park. They said the object finally seemed to "fold into it and disappear in the sky."

(Editor's note: APRO Files reveal a few incidents where UFO appeared to change shape. One took place two years ago in India. We have no ready explanation for this type of phenomena; the object made no noise, radiated no heat as in other sightings (Levelland, Texas; Orogrande, N. M., etc.) and the fact that it hovered over a cemetery might be indicative that it should be studied by those who specialize in paranormal happenings.)

research, his spare time should be consumed with further research.

And last, and probably most ridiculous is the fact that a politician feels he is qualified to call hundreds of people capable of describing what they have seen. We think perhaps Mr. Anderson lost quite a number of votes with unqualified and uncalled-for remarks about hallucinations.

One final word on this subject of "expert statements" is the fact that none of the aforementioned and described gentlemen saw the objects in question all of them were at least 200 miles away and yet they feel "qualified" to cast aspersions on the abilities of those people involved.

We do not intend to dignify the ridiculous statements of these gentlemen by printing them in this Bulletin.

DEADLINE

As we go to press this issue, we find we must cut out three features by Gaston Burridge and Dr. C. F. Krafft in order to accommodate another crop of sightings which have just arrived. These features and others will be used in succeeding issues of the bulletins. We are still trying to get more details on the "little men" sightings in Tennessee and elsewhere, and would appreciate any additional information that can be furnished.

Myersville, Maryland, U. S., 8-15 Sept. 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and family and friends observed a round, glowing golden mass each evening just above trees on the southern skyline. Apparently size was 1/4 that of the moon, and the object showed a large mass through 7x50 binoculars. The phenomena appeared at dusk on the dates above.

Caracas, Venezuela, 28 Sept., 1957. Julio Ramos and Dr. Mata de Gregorio observed a greenish-blue arrow-shaped glowing object which followed an east-to-west trajectory, finally going out of sight over the horizon.

Mobile, Alabama, U. S., Oct. (no exact date) '57. Veteran airline pilot Capt. W. J. Hull of Capital Airlines, former UAO skeptic, observed glowing object which he first thought was a meteor until it stopped in midair in front of the Viscou airliner which he was flying. Hull said the object came steeply downward as it approached, and when it left, it ascended at a steep angle. He ruled out the conventional explanations.

Roane, Knox County, Tenn., U. S., 8 Oct., '57. Many residents of this area, including former newsman James Myers, saw "V-shaped" object in sky about 7:10 p. m. "It was southwest and about 15 degrees above the horizon," Myers said. "I looked at it through 10-power binoculars. It had a red nose and was V-shaped and appeared to have a very wide tail. The tail was greenish, bluish-whitish." The object, to the naked eye, was brighter than any other celestial body in the sky, and made no sound. By 8 p. m. it had disappeared over the horizon.

Ciudad Bolivar, Coro and Trujillo, Venezuela, 12 Oct. 1957. Between 9:15 and 12 p. m., an oval-shaped luminous object leaving a luminous trail was spotted by observers in these three cities, which are miles apart and located in different states. Sighted at Ciudad Bolivar at 9:15, by several persons. In Coro, the object passed over at 9:25 p. m., its oval shape distinct to the naked eye. At Trujillo, the object passed east of the city, and was seen by about 50 people returning from a Centennial celebration at about 12 p. m. The object appeared to be going at a great rate of speed, and was in sight for about 30 seconds. (Editor's Note: Checking on the map shows that

the object travelled at least 600 miles in 3 hours.)

Bachquero, Venezuela, 21 Oct., 1957. A farmer in the vicinity observed two cylindrical-shaped objects at 2:30 p. m. while working on his farm with a companion. He first saw an airplane flying toward Maracaibo, then spotted the objects hovering at a high altitude. They made no sound, appeared to have a three-pointed tail and no wings.

Brownwood, Texas, U. S., 26 Oct., 1957. Game wardens Frank Hamer and Harold D. Penny and Deputy Sheriff George Calder, also Ed Lacey, Lampasas, Texas, game warden, observed a "flashing" object in the western sky while parked at an intersection about 11:30 p. m. The object was stationery above the tree-tops when first seen, then began flashing red, green and blue colors as it began to maneuver. It moved 10 degrees to the left, slowly, then moved back to the right to about its original position. All four men observed the object through 6x30 binoculars.

Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, 27 Oct., 1957. At 6:35 a. m., two police officers and others observed a luminous sphere moving in a south-north direction in the sky.

San Antonio, Texas, U. S., 28 Oct., 1957. San Antonio shaken by a huge "sky concussion." The "boom" consisted of one large concussion, then two smaller ones.

Barcelona, Venezuela 29 Oct. 1957. Gigantic ball of fire observed by many as it sped south through the sky, stopping for a few seconds before continuing on its way at high speed.

San Cristobal, Venezuela, 30 Oct., 1957. A strange rocket-like object seen hurtling in a west-east direction, followed by a long trail. Also seen in Rubio, San Antonio del Tachira, Tariba, Independencia, La Grita and other localities on the same date.

Brenham, Texas, U. S., 2 Nov., 1957. Newsman Tom Whitehead and Ed Fischer watched a large, glowing object in the sky west of Burton at about 5:50 p. m. Object was ellipsoid-shaped, appeared very large and bright until obscured by clouds. Object was slowly rising in sky, precluding "Venus" explanation.

Ciudad Trujillo, Venezuela, 3 Nov., 1957. Huge objects estimated to be about 5,000 feet in diameter hovered about 300 feet above a coffee factory in Barahona for about two minutes. Numerous individuals observed the objects, said that after hovering, they sped off to the east, making no noise.

Spooner, Wis., U. S., 4 Nov., 1957. Residents in Northwestern Wisconsin, including Spooner, observed a cigar-shaped object in the western sky about sunset. One of the observers was Rev. R. C. Warder, rector of the St. Albans church, who was driving 20 miles north of Spooner

when he saw the object. A woman called to the Spooner Advocate, the local newspaper, reported seeing the thing, and William Stewart, editor of the paper, said he used a pair of field glasses to observe the object but couldn't identify it. No further details.

Los Angeles, Calif., U. S., 6 Nov., 1957. One Richard Kehoe, of Long Beach, reported seeing an egg-shaped space-ship while traveling along the Vista del Mar at Playa del Rey. Kehoe said the motor of his car, plus two others "conked out" when they neared the object. Kehoe said two little men spoke to him and the other motorists in broken English, then the ship departed with a "whoosh" and went straight up. He also said the object looked to be solid metal, tan or cream in color with two metal rings around it on which it rested. The "little men" were described as about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, wearing leather pants, white belts and light colored jerseys. Their skin appeared to be yellowish-greenish in the early morning light, Kehoe said. (Editor's note: Kehoe's address is 1175 E. 19th St., Long Beach. We would like to know if J. Sanders can interview him as soon as possible.)

El Paso, Texas, U. S., 7 Nov., 1957. Marfa area residents reported seeing a mystery light traveling in the direction of El Paso. The object looked like a star, but flashed red, green and white; the red a very brilliant deep red. W. J. Carson watched it for about 20 minutes before it disappeared. Time: 8 p. m. At 10 p. m. Carson still watching the sky, saw the object a second time, with a brilliant flash, it came into sight, rising above Mt. Franklin. It stayed in sight for 20 minutes, then disappeared again.

Another report of what was apparently the same object came from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sommers and daughter Sally, who watched it through binoculars. "From what we could tell," Sally said, "it was flashing red, green and white. Through the binoculars, it seemed like there was an area in the middle that was half red and half white. This area was surrounded by green and each color was flashing separately." She said it was moving fast, would make its arc, then drop out of sight.

Brownwood, Texas U. S., 7 Nov., 1957. More than 50 Brownwood residents, including police officers, watched a brilliant UAO in the western and southwestern skies over the city. The object, which changed from brilliant white to orange to deep red, moved against the wind, in a direction which varied from west to southwest, and was viewed for about 30 minutes, also in Ballinger, Brady, Coleman and Waco, Texas. Policemen also said that three airplanes circled the object with landing and other lights on, but did not appear to get too close.

UAO Connected News

Since the recent rash of UAO reports, and after the initial excitement had subsided somewhat, various experts (in some instances, self-made) have come forth with theories and opinions. The Air Force, of course, has had its share of newspaper space, and if compared to statements issued during UAO influxes in the past, they are approximately the same, utilizing the same, old, worn-out and inapplicable explanations. On November 6, a release out of the ATIC at Wright-Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio, quoted a spokesman as saying that the service has found no evidence of flying saucers in the last ten years. The spokesman was identified as only "a top official" and declined to be identified. We can't blame him.

Another news release on the same date, quoted a Mr. Ed Francisco, propulsion engineer at White Sands Proving Ground, and a member of the American Rocket Society, as saying that he does not believe flying objects reports are necessarily true. He was clever in using the word, "necessarily," but he overstepped his bounds when he stated that he thought an element of hallucination must exist in most of the reports.

Mr. Francisco is not qualified to expound on UAO, because he has not made a thorough study; neither is he qualified to speak on hallucinations unless he has had at least a B. S. equivalent in psychology.

We are quite aware of the circumstances which lead up to such statements, and although Mr. Francisco is entitled to air his personal opinions, they should be qualified as such. News people should not attempt to qualify anyone as an expert in UAO by qualifying them as experts in a totally unconnected field.

A Dr. Dinsmore Alter, director of Griffith Observatory, calls the current influx a "hysteria," and caused by Sputnik. We feel that the UAOs are here because of Sputnik, and there is a certain amount of hysteria involved. It amounts to this: The American people have suffered a terrific blow to their nationalistic ego: they lost the race to launch a space satellite. When UAO began their appearance the day after the Russians announced the launching of Muttnik, a lot of Americans were glad to have something else to think about. We also feel the Air Force was glad, too, because it took them fully three days to get their old hallucination theory warmed up for public consumption. And those three days of UAO sightings and publicity also gave government officials time to think up some new, more plausible excuses for our lag in satellite research. When that had been accomplished, they lowered

the boom on the recent influx, knowing they would cut in half the reports being made, because people don't like to report something, and then have it insinuated that they're suffering from a nervous disorder or worse. The wire services, in turn, gave out the order to "soft-pedal" UAO news, and the lid was on. Not real censorship, in the sense that it was used by the Nazis and Fascists—more the insidious, creeping type that can't be openly fought, for it isn't openly applied.

There has been a considerable amount of irrelevant tripe in print during the first week in November, relating to various things such as how much we are ahead in other fields, which has been connected with UAO by very thin threads, but nevertheless, this association helps get the stuff into print.

A sign-painter named Harold J. Berney has been taken into custody by the F.B.I. on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses from a Washington secretary. Altogether, Miss Pauline E. Gobel, the complainant, has turned over \$40,000 over to Berney, for use in building a "magnetic flux modulator" which he learned to make while visiting the planet Venus. Ah, well, one down—but there are several to go.

Lincoln La Paz has added his name to the growing list of "so-called" experts who claim he doesn't know what the UAO are, but that they don't come from outer space. Now there's an intelligent remark, if we ever heard one. La Paz is probably outstanding in his field as an expert meteoriticist, but **he is not an expert on UAOs**. And we can see no connection between meteors and space-ships.

A Mr. Arthur Ticknor, Fort Worth, Texas, chemical engineer, is telling a lulu about stumbling onto an old abandoned (apparently) airstrip near Clovis, New Mexico in 1953, where he saw saucers taking off. He said he and his companion were looked over carefully by American soldiers guarding the cement area, and what we can't figure out is why the soldiers let them lie there and watch the whole operation, if the story is true. We happen to know what happens if someone inadvertently "stumbles" on to a classified area or runway at Holloman AFB and other places. And another thing—with aircraft like that, the Air Force is still building clumsy old jets? This whole story sounds like more propaganda.

Dr. Olavo Fontes will be featured again in up-coming issues of this Bulletin. We had planned to include a long feature which includes many outstanding reports from South America, in this issue, but the current UAO influx made it necessary to move it to another date.

Baffling New Radio Tones

New York, Nov. 1957. A mysterious radio signal apparently not emanating from either of the two Sputniks, has short wave listeners and government officials scrambling for an explanation. The signal is near the satellite's frequency, but of a different tonal pattern. An NBC broadcast said the FCC first said the information about the signal was classified, but a spokesman for the Federal Communications Commission later said, "It isn't classified. We just don't know yet what it is."

In October, shortly after Sputnik I was blasted aloft, several radio hams at Phoenix, Arizona, reported hearing a series of strange signals adjacent to the 20.005 frequency utilized by the Satellite. At the time, government officials, who declined to be identified, even as to agency involved, said they were "unable to discuss" the matter except to say the signals were not connected with Sputnik.

News items reporting the above puzzle intimate that some "highly hush-hush" military project may be involved. We would like to suggest that it is probably "hush-hush," but not a military project connected with any terrestrial government.

Dublin, Ireland, September, 1957. A scientist using a remote-control camera has photographed footprints of some kind of "abominable seaman" (to quote the Auckland New Zealand Star) three miles down on the sea floor of the Atlantic Ocean. The scientist is Dr. A. S. Laughton of the National Institute of Oceanography. He showed fellow researchers slides of the footprints at a session of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. So far, the creature which made the prints has not been discovered.

Dr. Laughton told the scientists that he is working on a new camera which will take photographs in three-dimensional color, and hopes to learn new facts about the prints by this method. The pictures were taken on an undersea mountain a few hundred miles off Gibraltar. In its foothills, 7,000 feet down, there were many tracks of sea creatures.

We must again ask members to be a little more specific about dates of clippings and reports. Try to attach a slip of paper to each report bearing the following information: Name of paper, date of same, and your name, if you want a credit line.

Credit lines were deliberately left off reports for this issue for the sake of space. We'll continue them in the future when the number of good sightings is not so high.

AIRMEN SEE UAO— OFFICIALS REACT

Holloman Air Force Base, N. Mex., U. S., 7 Nov., 1957. Airmen Bradford Ricketts, James Cole, Dennis Murphy, Wayne Hurlburt and Harry Uhlrich, sighted an unidentified flying light while on duty near a salvage yard at the north side of the base between Tularosa and Alamogordo. The object made a whistling sound, the men said, and turned from white to orange to red. The time: 1:45-1:55 a. m. In the OFFICIAL section of the 12 November (Tuesday) Holloman AFMDC Daily Bulletin the following item appeared: "7. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: On November 7, six airmen claimed they sighted an unidentified flying object and did not report this to proper base authorities. They did, however, give this information to the local press. Request that each member of the military and civilian, employed at this center, refrain from any public statement on political, diplomatic, legislative, or scientific matters or any controversial subjects, such as UFOs, without first contacting the Center Information Services Officer. This request is in accordance with AFR 190-6. Disciplinary action may be taken against offenders. (Lt Col McCurdy, HDN, Ext. 491.)"

A local APRO member employed at Holloman called the Information Services Office, talked to a Lt. Martin, for the specific purpose of finding out whether this order pertained to Contractor personnel (employed by contractors at Holloman). The question was not specifically answered, and the caller got the impression that the Center felt it was in a difficult position when such occurrences took place, as reporters then called for further information and the office had no information as to the incident.

Amarillo, Texas, U. S., 7 Nov., 1957. Police reported that two calls from local residents told them of a bright object in the sky between 6 and 7 p. m. One lady called and said the object appeared to be about 50 bright stars clustered together and hovering in one spot, and then it moved away.

White Oaks, N. M., U. S., 9 Nov., 1957. Three women and a teen-age college student, returning to Alamogordo from a hunting camp at 7:20 p. m., observed a large, brilliant rapidly-moving light which approached their car and apparently caused the lighting system to fail. The incident took place near the last foothill coming from White Oaks onto U. S. Highway 54. The object, first seen in the south, apparently traveling in a south-north direction, approached the car, then changed course and finally disappeared into the southwest. The lights went out on the approach, and all occupants left the car to get a better look, then the light sped off.

Mr. Lorenzen and the Director saw



The above picture was observed and photographed by Mr. Shinichi Takeda of Fujisawa City, Japan, near Enoshima Miami Beach at 11:28 a. m. on 20 August 1957. The object was also seen by Mr. Shinichi's sister, who called his attention to it. It was silvery in color, gave off a brilliant glow and at 3 or 4,000 feet altitude, traveling in a north to south direction. When directly overhead, the object made a 90-degree left turn and increased its speed from about 250 kmph to 500 kmph and disappeared into the clouds. A few minutes later, 15 bathers at Enoshima Miami Beach spotted a very similar object which passed over the beach at high speed. No sound accompanied the observations.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Alamogordo members would like to take this opportunity to wish the members at large a happy holiday season, and sincerely hope that everyone enjoys it to the fullest.

Many members have been inquiring about the Director's book, and although we don't like to promise too much too soon, let it suffice that work is progressing satisfactorily and it should be ready for the publishers before too long. The current UFO "flap" has kept Mrs. Lorenzen very busy, with little time to spend on the manuscript.

All sightings received were not published in this issue because sufficient time was not available for investigation of all information. However, the most important and detailed sightings, including the incident reported by hundreds of

what they feel was the same object when approaching Carrizozo on Highway 54 from Socorro, New Mexico, travelling about NW by W to W by SE. They observed a brilliant light, which approximated the brilliance of a street light at about 7:15 while coming across the north part of the White Sands Proving Ground Range where U. S. 54 cuts through. However, outside of the fact that the large light was viewed ESE, the hills kept them from viewing the object for any continued length of time.

SPUTNIK'S ERRATIC ORBIT

By C. F. Krafft

According to the theoretical physics of today, the plane of Sputnik's orbit should advance about three degrees per day, where as actually it has been advancing only about one degree per day. It has therefore been concluded that there must be some unknown force acting upon it transversely of its orbit.

A satellite is in this respect similar to a Foucault pendulum. In each case there is a freely moving body which continues to move in the same plane while the earth rotates independently thereof. It is usually assumed that this plane will keep its position relative to the fixed stars, but on page 24 of my 1955 book on "The Ether and its Vortices" I tried to explain that this plane will maintain its position, not relative to the fixed stars, but relative to the combined gravitational field of the earth and the sun so as to make one complete revolution a year. This will account for Sputnik's orbit within the limits of experimental error, and will not necessitate the assumption of any new and unknown force.

Coast Guard Cutter Sights UAO

At 5:21 a. m., on the morning of Tuesday, 5 November, a brilliant "mystery object" was sighted by the crew of a Coast Guard Cutter about 200 miles south of the Mississippi River Delta, in the Gulf of Mexico. Visual contact was made for only a space of 3 seconds, but the radar tracked the object for a period of 27 minutes, and during that period, the object flitted on and off the screen several times. A report from the ship, the Sebago, said the object resembled a brilliant planet, on visual contact, and traveled at a very high rate of speed.

In Northern Louisiana, four people reported to State Police that they had sighted a bright object about half the size of an automobile rising from the ground on Monday night, near Monroe. Troopers checking the report found nothing unusual at the spot where the sighting took place.

people and a Texas Ranger near Waco, Texas on November 7 will be fully covered in the January issue of the Bulletin.

A feature dealing with APRO may be on the press wires shortly, and has been okayed for the New Mexico press wire. Whether or not it is accepted for nationwide distribution will be contingent upon the extent of the "tongue-in-cheek" style in which it had to be written. If members will forward any and all news clippings on this feature, it will enable headquarters to determine the coverage it received. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.