

# THE A.P.R.O. BULLETIN

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## OHIO PILOT SEES LIGHTS

### Fontes Visits APRO

On June 29, Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, APRO's Brazilian representative stepped off a plane at Tucson Municipal Airport and was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen and Mr. Richard Hansing. It was a red-letter day for the Lorenzens who had become close acquaintances of the Doctor since his first inquiry concerning APRO in April 1957. Although fully cognizant of Fontes' ability as a physician as well as a UFO researcher, they were very interested in Fontes as a person. Everyone found Olavo charming, intelligent, and an excellent companion.

Dr. Fontes was accompanied by diminutive and pretty Theresa, his wife. In the days that followed, there was a flurry of meetings, luncheons, dinners, etc., during which everyone became well acquainted. Due to the fact that the Fontes' are very conversant with the English language, there was no difficulty with understanding each other. Mrs. Fontes thoroughly charmed the Lorenzen children who raptly followed each word she uttered. When the couple stepped aboard their jet, headed for Los Angeles three days later, the Lorenzens all felt a little sad.

Dr. Fontes' trip was a pleasure and business mission. He brought a patient to a Boston hospital for surgery in June and kept in touch with APRO via telephone until his patient was well enough so that he could leave. September 1961 is the Fontes' 10th wedding anniversary and therefore the trip was also a second honeymoon. From Tucson they visited Los Angeles (and Disneyland, of course) and then flew to San Francisco to see the sights and to visit the A. E. Browns (Mr. Brown is APRO's Research Director). Two days later they implaned for Honolulu and a couple of a days on the beaches there. After that, a non-stop jet flight found them in New York, and within a day, back in Rio via Varig Airlines.

The visit was all too short, but nevertheless, it was interesting, very pleasant and informative. We learned that member Joao Martins is now an Editor on

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### Jung Dead

By Coral Lorenzen

It was with a deep sense of shock and loss that the news of Dr. Carl G. Jung, eminent psychologist and APRO member, reached APRO headquarters. The announcement, first heard on Garro-way's TODAY show news program, did serve to lighten the blow of receiving the formal printed announcement from Dr. Jung's family.

Although most of us think of Dr. Jung in terms of the psychological side of UFO research, his death means that the world has lost one of the great talents of the 20th Century, and many of us have lost a friend.

Ours can be only a tiny and possibly insignificant tribute to Dr. Jung. Although his passing was duly noted by the press throughout the world, it is doubtful that his real worth will be really recognized for quite some time. Time is needed for lesser men to test his theories and contentions. It is with humility that we dedicate this issue to the great mind which has left us.

### "Smoke Ring" In Ohio

At 6:30 p. m. on June 12 this year, Mrs. Howard Carnes and Mrs. Richard Campbell of Waynesville, Ohio, observed an object "like a blue-black ring of smoke" which appeared to float above Waynesville for about five minutes before disappearing in the northeast. The only other information available was that the object looked like a ring of smoke with a ball of fire swinging around the outside of it. The women estimated the altitude as about 1,500 or 2,000 feet, or "at about the level that small planes fly."

MEMBERS! When forwarding clippings, please designate the town where the newspaper from which clipping is taken, is located. We have on hand one clipping concerning a sighting at Virginia Beach, taken from the Ledger-Dispatch and Star for Saturday, June 3, but do not know which state is involved. This is very important and we urge that more careful attention be paid to such details in the future.

Ernie Stadvec, owner of a small fleet of airplanes at Akron, reported seeing objects in the sky on the 4th and 5th of July which he could not identify. Stadvec, a former World War II bomber pilot, operates Stadvec Aviation, Inc., at Akron. He stated in press interviews that he and two other Akron men spotted a brilliant green and white light seemingly suspended in the air on his right, while on a flight in the Akron area. The light approached them, he said and then broke into a 180-degree turn into a layer of haze. Again, on Wednesday, the 5th, Stadvec said he spotted another similar light while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The light began climbing and sped off, he said.

At about that same time on Wednesday night, an object "that behaved like a falling star" showed up on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb. The object appeared to flare up on the screen and then it faded out in a matter of minutes he said. The following are Stadvec's words as reported by the Cleveland Plain Dealer:

"At first I thought it was some kids shooting off high-powered rockets," Stadvec said of the Wednesday night sighting. "Then I thought it might be a winglight on a jet. It came at us at a terrific speed, then veered off at a 180-degree angle and disappeared into a haze layer. I called the control tower at Hopkins. It was diving at a 1 o'clock position and I was afraid of a collision. I knew it wasn't a winglight because the way it was coming at us would have put it on the wrong side and it became too large for a winglight."

"It flattened out at about 10,000 feet. I would say it came within three-quarters or a half-mile of us." With Stadvec were Charles Richard Swain, an Akron truck driver, and Clyde Skelton, an employee of WAKR.

Later issues of Ohio papers contained the newspaper article dealing with the Air Force investigation of the object seen by Stadvec. Major Robert Friend

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## Editorial...

It is with pride that we announce the publication of the Director's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax." It will be out in November or early December.

256 pages more or less (plus illustrations), we feel that it is the most comprehensive and perceptive document to be published to date on the subject of UFO. We would like to ask all members to help get this book before the public. We suggest first of all that the members plan to give this book as a Christmas present and as an incentive we are making a pre-publication offer. After publication date, the book will be available from the distributor and APRO for \$4.45 but anyone ordering or reserving copies prior to the publication date, may do so at a price of \$3.95. Members may either send their check or money order with their order or simply request a specific number of copies to be sent to them after publication date. This offer applies only on copies ordered directly from APRO.

The distributor will be William Fred-

erick Press, Inc., 55 East 86th St., New York 28, New York. We request that you alert your local book dealer. Normal professional discounts will of course prevail where books are ordered in quantity for resale. Some of the material in the book will be familiar to APRO members of long standing; however, many revealing aspects of the mystery of the UAO will be presented for the first time. For example, the Physical Evidence case will be presented in full detail with reproductions of the spectrographic plates, opinions, of experts, etc.

Following is a run-down of Chapter titles:

1. The Beginning
2. No Other Answer
3. The Sturgeon Bay Flying Saucer
4. 1952—The First Landing
5. 1954—Europe and South America
6. The "Contacts"
7. Flying Saucers and Censorship
8. Test or Attack?
9. Physical Evidence
10. Aftermath
11. The Incidents at Trindade
12. More Keys to the Puzzle
13. The Pattern and Its Meaning
14. More Confirmation
15. Epilogue.

In closing this little sales talk, let it be pointed out that the Director has served APRO for TEN YEARS without salary. The culmination of 14 years work has gone into this book. Will you do all you can to help put it over?

A word is in order concerning Special Reports. The response has not been what we expected. As stated previously, the special reports would be printed when enough advance subscriptions were received to cover cost of printing.

As it appears now we can print Special Report No. 1 (Martins-Keffel pictures and complete documentation) with just a little more encouragement.

Special Report No. 2 (the Physical Evidence case) is a separate problem. It is quite long and therefore expensive to print. However, it will appear entire in the Director's book. We therefore offer those who have sent in advance orders for Special Report No. 2 the option of either having their \$1.50 returned or credited against the purchase of the Director's book.

We wish at this point to reassure those members who have written calling our attention to a criticism of APRO's physical evidence case which appears in the current issue of "Saucer News" authored by David Wightman.

Some of Mr. Wightman's remarks are quite astute, perceptive and appropriate. Unfortunately, they are interspersed

with material based more on naivete and imagination than on reality.

But whatever we say about the Author, we certainly cannot accuse him of any lack in self-esteem—and it is on this basis that his article can be best understood.

When the case was first published, Mr. Wightman contacted us proposing that we turn our material including metal samples over to him. When we declined his request, he applied various levers to attempt to get his way. Bitter experience, however, had taught us caution and we refused to be stampeded. We were (and are) perfectly willing to subject our few remaining samples to more definitive tests, if such exist, but just what Mr. Wightman (whose ignorance of the capabilities and limitations of the various spectrographic techniques is fairly obvious) could contribute in this respect was not made clear.

It seems to boil down to the simple fact that Wightman questions our capabilities as investigators, which he has a perfect right to do, and feels that he could have done better. He is to be complimented on his enthusiasm.

L. J. LORENZEN,  
Guest Editor.

## Fontes . . .

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O Cruzeiro's staff. In talks with Olavo about the UFO situation, we also learned that the press still echos public opinion and that military attempts to suppress information pertaining to UFO are unsuccessful.

Other ideas pertaining to the UFOs and their possible motives (based on correlations of sightings patterns, etc.) will be presented later.

We are presenting, in this Bulletin, several photos of Dr. Fontes, Mrs. Fontes and the Lorenzens. During their stay in Tucson, they and the Lorenzens visited the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and "Old Tucson," a duplicate of the original western town which preceded the present metropolis of 200,000 by about 100 years. The Fontes' watched, with some amusement, a mock "gun fight" between hired actors who put on the show for the multitude of visitors who stream through the movie set each day. Some of the photos were taken at the Museum and at Old Tucson.

We hope members enjoy this personal glimpse of our Brazilian Representative who has become almost a legend in UFO research annals within a few short years. It is gratifying to be able to state unequivocally that he is as nice a person as he is a capable investigator.

## Of General Interest

We have watched, with increasing interest and apprehension, the slow and seemingly inexorable captivity of the UFO field by pseudo-researchers, quasi-religious cults and plain rumor-mongers. Several "fanzines" exist solely through the support of individuals who are more interested in controversy than in research. APRO has recently been mentioned by one of these, as an "amateur research group." We have tried to ignore these childish diatribes and insinuations but in the interest of accuracy, can no longer countenance the situation. The crux of this particular pronouncement lies in the definition of "amateur" as applied to UFO research.

If there is a degree which qualifies an individual for UFO research, we are not aware of it. We are aware, however, of the fact that trained analysts in several fields are required for intelligent perusal and evaluation of the facts available. APRO embodies, among the 1500-plus individuals who depend on the organization for objective reporting of UFO facts, many qualified experts in the desirable fields: Chemical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineer, Electronic Engineering, Physics, Psychology, Astronomy, Law, Medicine, etc., etc., ad infinitum. There is hardly a field of scientific endeavor to which we have not turned for aid in the past ten years of UFO research. Enthusiasm certainly is not sufficient for sane evaluation of facts.

One of these "Zines" recently exploited the probable end of NICAP, the Washington, D.C. group headed by Donald E. Keyhoe, and the article sounded almost like a death-knell. The fan magazine in which the article appeared, has habitually made a policy of attacking any and all other U. S. UFO research groups. It would seem that the demise of NICAP would bring about no small amount of rejoicing in that camp.

The above-mentioned zine is only one of many, but certainly the most treacherous. Division among UFO groups and enthusiasts is the one way in which an accurate analysis of the facts can and will be avoided. Rumor-mongering and confusion-promotion prevails in certain quarters, and if we can credit certain people with the intellectual ability, it might even be possible that these diversionary tactics are purposeful. Divide and conquer—few of us are blind to the meaning of that philosophy. If certain groups persist in ignoring facts and continue to concentrate on publishing rumors, accusations, etc., etc., they will succeed in alienating the unbiased scien-

tific personnel who have been recruited to help in our efforts.

We do not by this mean that we feel that APRO will fail nor will we "quit." But—when the day comes that UFO researchers and enthusiasts put their weight of numbers behind the "fanzines" and groups such as APRO begin to lose support, the top notch researchers such as Fontes, Michel, Norris, Rehn, Maney, etc., will withdraw their support and availability for investigation and evaluation.

Men such as those named above have gathered together because a climate has been established, through APRO, in which they can present their evidence with impugny. They are interested in reporting and reports—the kind of objective reports which have been presented via the pages of this Bulletin for the past 10 years. APRO has an enviable record in the field of UFO research; we have been the leveling agent which has set a rational example for young people who become aware of the UFO problem. Ninety-five per cent of our periodical contains reports; little space is devoted to any other subject.

It is strongly suggested that members keep their eyes on the road ahead, and remember who and what has done the best service to the most. This is not a plea; it is an attempt to pull UFO enthusiasts back to reality and out of the clutches of glib trouble-makers who infest this field and make it appear ridiculous. Basic differences in the policy of various groups is expected and necessary. Out of this difference sometimes rises fact or truth. But there is no meeting ground for the fact-finders and the juvenile antics of the con-men and contactees, or the rumor-mongers. The fact-finders are bent on research and the gathering of accurate information. The latter three types are interested in one thing: getting attention. If a child who knows nothing of the requirements of acceptance finds that he can gain acceptance and/or attention by nefarious behavior, he will go to practically any extreme to be noticed. This is basically the problem we have in UFO research. Some cannot adhere to the strict rules of research because the efforts involved do not eventually gain the acceptance and attention they seek, so they seek other means. We must assume that we are dealing with a group of naughty children and ignore them.

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of the Foreign Technologies Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, said he believes Stadvec saw an atmospheric

refraction of the star Capella—a first magnitude star. Friend pointed out that everything in Stadvec's report indicated an atmospheric phenomenon.

In a complete statement issued by Stadvec, and signed by him, the pilot had this to say concerning the Capella explanation: "My first reaction upon hearing the statement made by a man with a rather sketchy knowledge of what actually happened was, 'Who are they trying to kid? Why didn't this Air Force man take the time to investigate further before making any statement at all?'"

"I have been flying since 1942 both day and night and currently own and operate a flying business that requires us to fly day or night in all types of weather. Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions as well. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomena. The object we saw dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the object was going to ram us. After the object came at us it reversed course and climbed rapidly into a clear night sky. This happened again the next night when the object flashed up from in front of us and again climbed into a clear sky. In both instances the object climbed at tremendous speeds, levelled off and disappeared to the Northwest." Unquote.

We will not attempt a defense of Stadvec's sighting, for he has very adequately defended himself. We do have this to say, however:

We have consulted an astronomer at Kitt Peak National Observatory concerning atmospheric refraction and found that atmospheric refraction does not exceed the order of one half degree, even at the horizon. According to his report, Stadvec's object exhibited itself over several degrees of the sky, at least.

In New Zealand a resident of Greerton reported seeing a bright speck in the sky. It was at an altitude of about 45 degrees, slightly below and about 15 degrees to the east of the sun. (The time was 11:50 a.m.). At 12:15 p.m. it suddenly moved northwest and in half a minute it had disappeared behind a cloud. It did not reappear. A meteorological official at Tauranga said that the movements of the object were not consistent with those of a weather balloon. The date—May 20, 1961.

In Regina, Canada, Wayne Stevenson saw a white light high in the sky which changed to blue, then green, then yellow, before disappearing at high speed.

## No Hearings This Fall

In a letter to Mrs. Priscilla Draffone, Vice President Lndon Johnson, once vocally in favor of Congressional hearings concerning UFO, stated: "When I was a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, we received a number of letters regarding unidentified objects. We checked with the best sources available, namely those charged with investigating all such reports, and the hard facts gave no support to the idea that manned saucers did exist. I know of no objection to open hearings on the subject, however, except the fact that there is such a paucity of evidence to challenge the findings of the Department of Defense."

APRO, being interested in the possibility of open hearings, forwarded a copy of the Special Briefing which had been prepared for President Kennedy, to Joseph E. Karth (Representative, Minnesota), who heads the special committee which will investigate UFOs. His answer (the main parts) follows:

"While it is true that some newspapers have reported that a special subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics would hold hearings on this matter, the plans and activation of this subcommittee have not yet materialized.

"Our full committee has been meeting almost daily to hear testimony covering the many aspects of our accelerated space program. As a result, it appears very unlikely that any subcommittee hearings will be held during this session of Congress on unidentified flying objects.

"However, whether hearings be conducted this session or after the first of the year, you may rest assured they will include some public hearings if I have any influence in this matter."

This, except for the usual pleasantries, is the sum total of information reaching this office pertaining to the proposed Congressional UFO hearings. We feel it our duty to caution readers that neither of these letters constitute a promise of any kind, and therefore we shouldn't count our chickens, so to speak. Several years ago, (about 1953, to be more exact) the Editor cautioned members that it is most important to learn to analyze "official" statements pertaining to UFO. In the case of Congressman Karth's letter, we refer the reader to the last sentence: "However, whether hearings be conducted this session or after the first of the year, you may rest assured they will include some public hearings IF I HAVE ANY IN-

FLUENCE IN THIS MATTER."

This latter sentence is a sentence which "qualifies" the rest of the letter. Any number of things could happen between now and the winter session of Congress which could have some bearing on Karth's influence.

We do not point this out to disillusion anyone, but merely to prepare them for the worst. For several years the UFO research field has been buzzing with rumors and promises of Congressional hearings—to date none of these have materialized, and for a very good reason. Does it not seem inequitable that a few thousand Americans could request and get hearings on a subject which, by and large, is of little or no interest to the rest of our 180,000,000 Americans?

Another matter which is indirectly related to the above information, is the supposition that there are 100,000 people interested and participating in UFO research in the United States. This is simply not true. This figure was obtained, of all places, from Lt. Col. Tacker's book. It is very surprising that those who point out inaccuracies and outright lies in the Colonel's book would accept as gospel truth his estimate of the number of UFOlogists in America. Even if that estimate is half accurate, the number of individuals who are sufficiently interested to join a group, pay dues, and/or write letters to Congress, is a pitifully small percentage of 100,000. This is not an attempt at discouragement—it is common sense and realism as opposed to wishful thinking.

## "Head" Fleats—Flies

On April 29, 1961 at about 4:00 P.M., John P. Gallagher, a Newport, R.I. contractor was working at a home adjacent to Bailey's Beach. He observed something that, at first impression, seemed to be the head of a very red-faced man out for an early season swim.

Closer scrutiny, however revealed it to be a spherical object, red in color, bobbing lazily on the waves. John went up to the second floor for a better look at the object which was now about 200 yards from shore and drifting slowly out to sea. Just as he was about to lose interest the object suddenly rose from the water to height of about 60 feet and moved out to sea at a speed which John estimated to be about 100 M.P.H. He also expressed the opinion that the object was definitely controlled for it seemed to rise abruptly to a chosen altitude and move out at high speed in an unwavering straight line.

(The editor notes a remarkable similarity between the object here described and one which was reportedly wrestled with in Ireland).

## Cigar Near Springfield, Mass.

At about 2:30 a.m. Mrs. Patricia Biczynski of Springfield was unable to sleep, went to her window to enjoy the moonlight. Almost immediately she noticed, in the East, a large, "fat," cigar-shaped object having blunt ends "like the end of a test tube." The cigar presented a broadside view, appeared to reflect the moonlight and was at an approximate elevation of 60 degrees, horizontal position.

Mrs. Biczynski, a former air line hostess on a trans-Atlantic run before her marriage, felt it her duty to report the incident, so she informed the Springfield police and Radio Station WSPR. The police were very cooperative, and offered to dispatch a detective to her home, but she declined as she felt that would be "silly." The radio station broadcast her report several times during the day of July 4th, but the sighting was not carried by any of the Springfield papers due to the fact that the July 4th edition of the morning paper had gone to press before the sighting and, being a holiday, no evening paper was published. Thanks to Al Fowler who investigated this report and interviewed the witness. Mrs. Biczynski did not, incidentally, see the object arrive or depart.

## Colorado Campers Sight Oval Object

Gunnison, Colorado, 27 June 1961. Dave Joranson, 19, of Appleton, Wisconsin, along with others, observed an unconventional aerial object in a mountainous area near Aspen.

Joranson, a counselor at Skyland Camp for Boys and Girls at Crested Butte, Colorado, said about 50 persons, two-thirds of them youngsters, also saw the object.

He spotted the object above a mountain pass about 20 miles from the spot from which he viewed the object, and established its point of disappearance and reappearance with a snow-capped peak. He said it was oval or rounded, silvery in color changing to a darker shade during the minute it was in view. It appeared above the mountainous area, traveled across in front of him and disappeared. Seconds later it appeared going in the opposite direction at a high rate of speed.

A four-engine Air Force cargo plane appeared in the area only minutes after the object was seen. Joranson said the area was clear and cloudless with only a slight haze.

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## Oval Object At Marion, New York

Mr. John Dingfelder and his daughter Mrs. Frank Priestly were among several people who observed a strange oval, silver-colored object in June from the Dingfelder farm on Ball Road. Mr. Dingfelder and Mrs. Priestly had seen it at fairly close range, described it as hovering just over a slight incline of wooded land, and it was sporting three apertures or window-like holes which divided the upper part from the lower part. Both stated that they had seen a blinking or flashing of red lights from the sides of the silvery object. After word of their sighting got around, many came to watch for the object in the early morning hours. At one time some twenty individuals viewed a ball-like object which glowed silver, appearing to hover. At one point it moved straight away from the viewers, then up, then hovered for another 30 minutes, before it moved slowly southeast. It disappeared at about 5:40 a. m.

A good deal more detail would help in the solution of this mystery, inasmuch as some suggested a weather balloon or the morning star. The latter is a possible answer, if one excludes the maneuvers and apparent size ( $\frac{1}{4}$  of the diameter of the sun). We would like very much to receive more information on this sighting. It was discussed in the June 12 issue of the Rochester New York Democrat and Chronicle.

Residents of the Seattle Area witnessed a spectacular "ball of fire" about 9:15 on the evening of May 19, 1961. It was said to resemble a huge ball of yellow fire which burned out before it reached the horizon. Some observers thought it fell near the city but it was learned through the facilities of Air Route Traffic Control Center that it was also seen to the west of Klamath Falls and northwest of Red Bluff, California.

About two hours later, a bright light was seen in the sky moving from west to east. It was similar in appearance to Echo I. It was speculated that this may have been the thing first seen earlier in the day at Jupiter, Florida, causing the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to send out a request that satellite tracking stations follow this suspected (and unpredicted) bright satellite.

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The Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs said it had received no report on the object.

## Object Dives On Highway Patrolman

From the pages of O Globo, for 6 June 1961 comes the following report of an outstanding Brazilian sighting: A glowing object maneuvered for 3 hours over the Anchieta Highway about 48 kilometers from Santos, Sao Paulo. The Highway Patrol was called and two policemen, Jaime de Miranda and Astrogildo de Medeiros came to the scene. The strange events started at about 2:30 a. m. and a call was put through to Patrol Headquarters in Santos and Cubatao. More than 20 cars were stopped and the occupants got out and observed the object.

After attempting to signal the object with a white light, with no results, a red light was used, whereupon the object suddenly approached the cars at high speed apparently bent upon a collision with the police car. This resulted in panic and the policeman and driver left the car and ran. Marshall Jose Otavia Leite from Cubatao got his Winchester 44 out and aimed at the object, but other police stopped him from shooting. After three hours, the object gradually lost its glow as it disappeared in the sky at 5:30 a. m. It was still visible through binoculars and was watched as it landed near a tree quite a distance from the road.

## Another Red Sphere

At Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Mr. Lee Jones, for many years a commercial pilot, witnessed a strange phenomena in the sky over that city. Mr. Jones, now owner of the Orah Sawmill, made the sighting in the presence of eight of his workers, all of whom verify his story.

They saw a dark red whirling sphere appear over the peak of the hill, El Berinche, then move rapidly over the center of town where it assumed a swaying motion. Here, in a period of about 15 seconds it changed from dark red to bright red and then from dull yellow to bright yellow. It then made an abrupt 90 degree turn moving to the west of the city where it took on the appearance of an "odd star." Jones estimated the speed of the object to have approached 2000 M.P.H. This was based on an assumption that its altitude was 5000 feet over the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen and family have had the pleasure of the company of Dr. Fontes during the summer, as well as Miss Josephine Myers, now a close friend. We would like the general membership to know that we are always happy to meet members and, if possible, entertain them in our home.

## The New Guinea Sightings

By Rev. N. Cruttwell

### INTRODUCTION

I do not wish to sail under false colours. I wish to state at the outset that I have not unmistakably seen a "flying saucer." That good fortune belongs to others. I have only been an investigator and reporter. But I have been in a very good position to report and investigate the Papuan sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, being in the midst of the area where most of them have been seen, and knowing the majority of the witnesses personally. I have made it my business wherever and whenever possible to interview the witnesses individually.

I have collected and checked many more reports than anyone in the Territory, and as far as I know, am the only person who has taken the trouble to annotate and examine them thoroughly. I am writing this account as I feel that the sightings are of great significance and importance in the elucidation of the great "flying saucer" mystery. I do not claim to know what they are or whence they come. That is a matter for the experts. All I can claim to know is that these people have told me these things, that they are all reasonably honest and intelligent folk, and that their evidence is in many cases corroborative. It bears the stamp of sincerity. I have faithfully recorded what they have told me without embellishment and the reader must judge the reliability of their statements.

Many people are put off by the comparatively fantastic nature of the Boianai sightings and the appearance of men. What they do not realize is that they were only three sightings out of a total of 79 so far reported. Many others were as fantastic as the Rev. W. B. Gill's. One cannot be isolated from the rest. They stand or fall together. No doubt some are explicable, but if only one is inexplicable, that one is significant. If these reports are to be rejected, they must all be proved erroneous, and many competent witnesses, such as the head of the Department of Civil Aviation, and the Manager of an Airline, not to mention a number of Clergy and Government officers, must be judged either liars or fools.

I have discussed the various possibilities of error or misinterpretation in each case, and have tried to assess the value of the report. I have recorded every detail that might be relevant to each case, but have not invented any. I have given the authority for every feature recorded.

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Finally I have analyzed the sightings under various headings, and tried to point out some general characteristics of the whole series, and have discussed some possibilities of their nature, origin and purpose. But the question is still open. Nothing is proved.

But this overwhelming accumulation of 70 reports in a little over a year in a limited area, by witnesses many of whom are people of the utmost integrity cannot be lightly ignored.

It is the purpose of this paper to present the reports and discuss them with a view to finding out what was in the skies over Papua in 1959.

### I SIGHTINGS BEFORE 1958

#### 1. The First Papuan Sightings

The story opens with Mr. Drury's sighting. Mr. T. P. Drury of the Department of Civil Aviation at Melbourne gave this information personally to me. At the time of the sighting he was Director of Civil Aviation in the Territory of Papua New Guinea, stationed at Port Moresby. He is a man of very high qualifications and has flown 32 types of aircraft himself. He has also made a speciality of meteorological phenomena. The sighting was also witnessed by his wife and children. This is his story:

"I was standing on the coast road overlooking the Flying Boat Base at Port Moresby with my wife and children. It was about 11 a. m. on the 23rd August 1953. The weather was perfectly clear and cloudless. Even the summits of the Owen Stanley Range were clear, which is unusual. My wife and children were with me. I was engaged in taking a movie photo of a native boy spearing a fish. I was not looking at the sky. My wife noticed a wisp of cloud suddenly appear in the blue sky from nowhere and start to build up rapidly into a white puff. She called out to draw my attention to it. I watched it rapidly build up into a thick white mass of cumulus. There were no other clouds in the sky and there seemed nothing to account for it. Being very interested in meteorological phenomena, I decided to take a film of it. So I rotated the turret of my French made movie camera to bring the telephoto lens into position, and started to film the cloud.

"The cloud was at an elevation of about 50 degrees above the horizon, in a roughly southwest direction, towards Napanapa. It was impossible to estimate the altitude, as there was nothing with which to compare it.

"Suddenly an object like a silver dart shot out of the cloud. It was elongated in shape like a bullet. It subtended

about one inch at arm's length. It was metallic and flashed in the sun. It was very clear-cut, sharp in front but apparently truncated behind, though the tail may have been hidden by the vapour trail. No wings or fins were visible. It shot out of the cloud upwards at an angle of about 45 degrees. It was traveling at an immense speed, at least five times as fast as a jet plane travelling at the speed of sound." (Not that Mr. Drury is an expert airman and accustomed to estimating the speed of planes)

"It never slackened speed or changed direction, but simply faded upwards into the blue and its vapour faded after it. It was gone in a few seconds. The vapour trail was very clear-cut, dense, white and billowing. It is visible in the remaining portion of the film still in my possession.

"In spite of the supersonic speed and the comparative nearness of the object, there was no sound whatever.

"I was greatly concerned about the appearance of such an extraordinary aircraft in the sky, and, without telling anyone, I drove straight to Jackson's Airport, and checked with the Air Traffic Control. There were no unusual aircraft out, only a D.C.3 and the usual D.D.4 expected from Australia, and possibly a small aircraft or two.

"I then reported the sighting to the R.A.A.F., but they were quite unable to account for it. Later I sent them the film, which was sent all round the world but no-one could explain the object and it was pronounced 'unknown.'

"I am absolutely certain of its reality. It was photographed. My wife and children saw it. If anyone in the Territory had the qualifications to identify an unknown aircraft, I had. It is my business to know what is in the air. I know all types of aircraft, and have flown 32 of them myself."

Such is Mr. Drury's remarkable report, which appears to be the first record of an unidentified flying object over the Territory of Papua New Guinea. It remains the only one to have been photographed. Mr. Drury claims that when the film was returned to him after being sent to America and other countries, the best frames had been cut out, and the remainder show only the cloud and the vapour trail. If this is true, it is very reprehensible on the part of the authorities. It is impossible to doubt the truth of Mr. Drury's sighting, described in such detail by so qualified a man. The question remains, what kind of craft did he see, and where had it come from?

It may be objected that it could have been a space rocket, gone astray. Certainly its appearance is reminiscent of

a rocket. But that does not explain the mysterious cloud, the appearance of the rocket suddenly out of the cloud, without having been there before, and the complete absence of sound. A rocket at such a distance would surely have made a sound like thunder: and in any case, how on earth could a rocket have got into such a position over Port Moresby at a comparatively low altitude, when the nearest rocket range is at Woomera? (many thousands of miles away). The rocket would have had to travel for thousands of miles horizontally—or in a very low orbit—and then suddenly decide to change direction just over Port Moresby and shoot up into space. In any case, if a large space rocket had been fired anywhere on that date, and which could conceivably have been the object seen over Port Moresby, the R.A.A.F. would have been the first to know about it. The object therefore remains, as far as we can tell, inexplicable.

This, incidentally is the only record known to me of a cylindrical or rocket-shaped object being seen over the Territory, if we except a very doubtful sighting over Port Moresby in 1959, which will be mentioned later.

#### 2. Objects Over The Papuan Gulf

Two rather similar objects were seen over the Gulf of Papua in 1955 and 1956. They bore no resemblance to aircraft, but were typical of many of the objects seen in 1959.

The first was seen by an Administration Doctor, Dr. E. Nespor, who at the time was at Yule Island in the Gulf of Papua, west of Port Moresby. One evening in May 1955 he was returning from a swim in the sea when he saw a large disc, about half the size of the moon, glowing with a greenish light, "similar to a Geissler or Crooks vacuum tube," moving slowly along, for about one minute, when it disappeared. When he returned to the hill residence where he lived, he found that his wife had also seen the object. This sighting was reported in a letter, and I have not yet had an opportunity of questioning the witness to elucidate further detail.

The second sighting over the Gulf was made by Mr. Clifford Jackson, Manager of Papuan Air Transport, one of the leading airlines in the Territory. He does not remember the date, but thinks it was in 1955 or 1956. He was fishing at night on Idia island in the Gulf of Papua, about 70 miles west of Port Moresby. It was early in the morning, one or two a.m., when he and his companion saw a very large round red light in the sky, about 15 degrees above the sea in a westerly direction. It was larger than the moon and much brighter,

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with a rather blurred outline. It did not move laterally, but appeared to increase and decrease in size as though it was approaching and receding in line with the observer. They watched it for half an hour, when it disappeared.

These two sightings are unsatisfactory in their lack of detail. This is partly due to the passage of time, and partly because I have not had opportunity to question the witnesses closely: but the witnesses are both highly qualified and intelligent men, and there can be little doubt that they saw the objects described. The similarity to subsequent sightings will be noticed, both in the colour and behaviour of the objects. Whereas the first appears to have been a disc, the second seems to have been a sphere. The size of the second is remarkable.

### 3. A Strange Light over the Ningo Islands

The following appeared in the South Pacific Post, the principal newspaper of the Territory, published in Port Moresby. The issue was dated 6th Nov. 1957.

"A Patrol Officer and four Europeans recently watched a strange unexplainable light hover near their ship for 20 minutes, the Acting Director of Native Affairs, Mr. J. K. McCarthy said yesterday.

"He said that the Patrol Officer, Mr. E. S. Esdale, was on the Government Trawler 'Eros' on August 24th in the Ningo Islands, when he and the others saw this light.

"Mr. Esdale reports that he was in the Ahu passage in the Ningo group, when a strange light appeared in the west," Mr. McCarthy said.

"It assumed the appearance of a large yellow star.

"It hovered in the one place for twenty minutes, but changed from yellow to red, then to green, and finally to crimson. It remained still for twenty minutes and then moved violently in a small area.

"It turned from crimson to green, then appeared to fall into the sea," Mr. McCarthy said.

This report, coming from such a reliable source, is certain to be factual. The appearance of falling into the sea may be due to the rapid disappearance of the object over the horizon. The hovering and sudden movement precludes either a star or a meteor. The most significant feature of this sighting is the change of colour, an effect noticed again and again in the reports.

This is the last of the pre 1958 Reports. It will be seen that sightings in the Territory are not new. There were

probably others not reported, or which have not come to my ears. I did not take the matter seriously until the latter part of 1958, when things began to happen on my doorstep.

## II. 1958—THE OVERTURE

### 1. A Red Light Over the Airport

Early in February 1958 (I forget the exact date, as I was not keeping a careful record in those days) we all heard over the radio on the local news the story of a mysterious red light which had appeared over Jackson's Airport, Port Moresby. It was seen by several of the Air Port personnel. It appeared as a bright red blob of light which came down from the direction of Sogeri, i.e. from the northeast, and descended to about 200 feet. It then made a traverse of the airstrip at that height and shot straight up into the sky and disappeared. It appeared to buzz the strip as if inspecting it.

The names of the witnesses were not given, and the matter was not reported in the press. The sighting was confirmed by Mr. C. Jackson, manager of Papuan Air Transport, but he was not a witness. So far I have not been able to trace the witnesses. However, the sighting would not have been put out over A.B.C. controlled Radio News unless it had been well authenticated.

### 2. A "Blue Moon" nears Samaria

So far all the sightings have been by officials of the Administration or Air Transport. Now the Missionaries start to see things. First of all it was the Roman Catholics at Sideia, an island close to Samarai, in the Milne Bay District. The reports from the Catholic Mission were sent in by no less an authority than the Right Rev. Bishop Doyle Vicar Apostolic of Samarai. He reports:

"In June 1958 there came from a southerly direction a round object about the size of the moon, pale blue in colour, emitting light brighter than sunlight. It seemed to hover in the sky over Mission property. After about 5 minutes it moved in a northerly direction and disappeared in mid sky. It was seen by five senior schoolboys at the same time," (the report does not mention the time of day or night).

It is a pity we have not more detail of this sighting, which is a remarkable one. The 'light brighter than sunlight' suggests it was seen in daylight, but in any case the object must have been startling in the extreme, and hardly to be explained by Venus, the favorite culprit for explaining away these phenomena.

### 3. Lights over Goodenough Bay

It was in the same month, June, that the first signs of activity began over Goodenough Bay, where I am stationed,

and which was to reach its climax in June 1959.

Somewhere above that time (unfortunately I did not record the date, not thinking of the significance of the sighting, though I realized afterwards that it must have been the beginning of the lights which were to appear so frequently in our skies), the children at my own Mission station saw a light crossing the sky. It was about 7.0 p. m., and my mother and I were having our evening meal. Suddenly there were shrieks and cries outside, and shouts of "Satellite, Satellite!" By now even the Papuan children were satellite conscious, though none of us had ever seen one. They raced past the house towards the front of the station overlooking the sea. We too ran out, but were too late, the object had gone. How often that was to be my lot! What the children had seen was only a white light, like a star, which had travelled horizontally from horizon to horizon in a northwest to a southeast direction. It could have been a satellite, or it could have been a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), we could not tell.

If this had been an isolated occurrence we should not have bothered about it, but when the happening began to repeat, we began to wonder. For towards the end of the year the lights started to appear again.

The next sighting was at Wamira on the opposite side of the Bay, about 25 miles across from my own station of Menapi. Here my brother-in-law, Dr. J. K. Houston was missionary-in-charge and also doctor to our base hospital at Dogura nearby. It was on October 18th that things began to happen.

Just as the Wamira people came out of their Evening Service, at about 6:30 p. m., the sun having just set, but the sky not yet dark, they all saw a moving white light, like a star, travelling fairly quickly across the sky from south to north, its light fluctuating regularly. Both the Doctor and I questioned the eyewitnesses and there is no doubt of the sighting.

Later on, the very same evening, the Doctor and his wife (my sister) were sitting in the house, when another moving light was sighted by the children over the sea. Some Papuan girls shouted out "Satellite." Dr. and Mrs. Houston rushed out to see it, but they could not pick it up. It had probably disappeared behind a tree.

### 4. A Green Fire-Ball

While the Doctor was continuing to gaze at the sky, there suddenly burst forth without warning a dazzling green flare, like a Verey light. It just appear-

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ed from nowhere at an elevation of about 60 degrees in the clear starlit sky. It moved across the sky from north to south at a fair speed, traversing about a quarter of the width of the sky, until it appeared to be above Cape Frere, to the S.E. of the Station, and about three miles away. It was dazzlingly bright, and of a clear brilliant apple green. It lit up the trees and the whole landscape with its green light. It then vanished without a sound.

At the same time the same object was seen by Mr. Brian Sweet at Dogura, our head Mission Station, about one and a half miles away and two hundred feet up. Dr. Houston and I got Mr. Sweet to indicate the approximate elevation of the object in relation to him. This was about 30 degrees. So knowing the elevation of Wamira and Dogura and their approximate distance apart, and the two angles, we were able to work out by parallax that the green fire-ball was at an altitude probably between 3,000 and 5,000 feet. This is corroborated by the fact that it appeared to be just above Cape Frere, which is probably about 3,500 feet high.

Many possible explanations have been suggested for this green light, but none of them fit. It could not have been an aircraft flare, because no aircraft fly over the Territory at night, and if there had been a plane they would have heard it. It could not have been a Verey light because there was no ship in the Bay, and because the light appeared high in the sky, left no trail and made no sound. A meteor has been suggested, but the size, colour, speed, absence of sound and lack of any remains precludes this. Besides what meteor would descend to 5,000 feet and just vanish? There would have been a tremendous explosion. Can it have been a stray observation balloon? Why should one be so low in such a remote place, and how could it suddenly produce such a violent flare, and why was no trace of it found next day? In any case its movement was too rapid.

Those who have read the account of the mysterious green fireballs in America will notice their almost exact similarity to the Wamira fireball. They were pronounced inexplicable at the time.

### 5. The 'Satellite that Changed Directions'

Now we come to the first of the only two occasions where I personally saw an object, though I cannot claim for certain it was an UFO.

The object was seen for three nights in succession at Menapi, and for five at Dogura. It was also seen at the Roman Catholic Mission at Sideia, and finally it

was seen at Port Moresby, on the other side of the Territory. If it was a satellite, its behaviour was odd, to say the least of it.

The children reported having seen it first on November 22nd. It was next seen at Menapi on the 29th, but missed by me, as I was in Church. However, on the 30th I was lucky and saw the object with my own eyes. It had been seen five days in succession at Dogura: so that in truth it had probably been passing overhead nightly for the best part of a week.

The object always came from the northwest and travelled southeast on an unvarying course, except that the Dogura witnesses maintain that its track shifted slightly N.E. wards each night, but always parallel to its track the night before.

On the night I saw it, exactly the same thing happened as before. The children started shouting "Satellite," and I ran out with my mother, carrying binoculars. The light was just passing overhead as I came out, though the children had seen it appear from behind the hill at the back of the Station, to the northwest. The time was just about 6:50 p.m. The light took about three minutes to cross the sky, fluctuating slowly as it went from bright to faint and bright again, taking approximately 15 seconds to complete each cycle. It was like a silvery white star of first magnitude, appearing through the glasses to have a slightly fuzzy edge. It was at a very great height, passing behind the few high cirro-stratus clouds.

On the following night, December 1st it failed to appear, nor did we ever see it again. But on the next evening, December 2nd, the following item was broadcast over the Radio News from 9 PA, Port Moresby, at 7 and 9 p.m.

"At approximately 6:45 p.m., on Monday night, the first of December, an unidentified flying object was seen by several residents of Boroko, a suburb of Port Moresby. It was like a star, bluish white in colour, and of about the same brightness as a bright star. It was travelling from east to west, and disappeared low over the western horizon. It tended to disappear every few seconds. It was visible for about three minutes, during which time it crossed the sky from horizon to horizon. One of the observers, who had seen an earth satellite, said that it was similar in appearance. Civil Aviation authorities said that no aircraft or weather balloons were in the area."

There can be little doubt that this is the same or a similar object to the ones seen on previous nights over Menapi, Dogura, Wamira and Sideia. Were these

objects satellites? Could they have been the same satellite appearing again and again? Presumably this could be checked if the movements of satellites at that time were known. In those days very few satellites were in orbit and it is doubtful whether they were visible to the naked eye.

But the remarkable feature is the change of direction. Even if a satellite could behave in the manner observed, fluctuating its light, and appearing so regularly at the same time, how could it conceivably change direction in 24 hours from a south-easterly to a westward course? Taking into account the previous sightings at Menapi and Wamira (where the object was moving from south to north) the profusion of satellites in the sky travelling in different directions is, to say the least, puzzling.

It was this sighting that prompted me to write to the 'Flying Saucer Review,' London, whose address I had found on the back of a book about Flying Saucers. I reported the Wamira fireball, and these satellite-like lights in the sky, asking for their opinion. The Editor was very interested, and asked me if I would act as their local observer and investigator for New Guinea in the International UFO Observer Corps. All it involved was reporting any further sightings to them, and trying, if possible, to interview the witnesses. Little realizing what I was letting myself in for, I accepted, and started an UFO file. I never imagined that within a year my file would be bursting with reports.

This paper is the result.

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Mrs. E. M. Church of Chaucer Road, Napier, New Zealand, reports as follows: "About 3:15 P.M. I was sitting in the doorway of my cottage enjoying the view when I saw a round silvery object in the sky. It was very large and shaped like one of those round rubber rafts or a flower bowl. It appeared from a northerly direction and moved very slowly in a straight line until it reached the Beacons Airdrome. Then it suddenly disappeared. I watched for a long time, but it did not reappear." This occurred on May 23, 1961.

A number of technical problems encountered in producing bulletins and Special Reports have delayed us considerably. We ask the members' forbearance a little longer, and we believe the waiting will be worth their while. See more of Rev. Cruttwell's report plus new information from Venezuela as well as the U.S. in the next issue.