

# THE A.P.R.O. BULLETIN

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## WATER RECONNAISSANCE CONTINUES

### The Balwyn Photo

A complete photo analysis of the photograph of a bell-shaped UFO hovering over a residential section of Balwyn (Melbourne suburb), Australia, has arrived at headquarters. Along with the analysis which pronounces the photo authentic (see page 1, May-June issue) was the identity of the photographer, and the office was surprised to find that he is one of our many Australian members. Mr. X has an extremely important position in Melbourne and it is easy to see why he would hesitate to be identified with a UFO picture or incident, considering the controversial nature of the subject. The full story:

Mr. X was in the garden of his home when his attention was attracted by a brilliant flash, as if some huge mirror was reflecting light to the garden. He looked up and saw the object coming in his general direction. It appeared to be between 20 and 35 feet in diameter and about 150 ft. altitude. It resembled a big mushroom with its short stalk pointed earthward. Mr. X ran to get a carpenter who was working on the house, so that he could watch the object also.

The object spun through a 180 degree angle on its vertical axis, ending up with its rim pointing down. Mr. X, who had been using up film in his Polaroid color camera, snapped the photo, and waited for the timing process before pulling it out. The object then turned slowly through another 180 degrees on its horizontal axis, whereupon the "stalk" part was facing Mr. X.

From this almost stationary position, the object shot off to the north at great speed. Seconds after it took off the two men heard a boom "similar to the sound jets make when going through the sound barrier."

Peter Norris, APRO's Australian representative, interviewed both Mr. X and the carpenter (who also wished anonymity). The carpenter emphasized that he had Mr. X in sight when the photograph was taken and that Mr. X was alone all the time. The two stood shouldered-to-shoulder waiting for the photograph to process.

### Strange Deaths In Brazil

Dubbed the "Morro Do Vintem" case, an incident which took place on 20 August 1966 is still surrounded by mystery, and is complicated by the fact that a UFO was seen in the vicinity. The facts:

Two electronics technicians, Miguel Jose Viana and Manuel Pereira de Cruz, both in their thirties, were found dead at the summit of Morro do Vintem (Santa Rosa, Niteroi, Capital of the State of Rio) on the 20th. The police investigations yielded little to explain their presence there, and especially the strange circumstances.

Both of the bodies wore crudely made lead masks which covered the upper part of the face. A series of slips of papers, some of which were in code, were found near the bodies. One which was in Portuguese, read: "Meet at predetermined spot at 4:30 P.M. At 6:30 P.M. swallow pills with an orange. After effect is produced, protect half of face with lead masks. Await the fore-decided signal."

Rio newspapers headlined several stories about the strange deaths, and many theories. Both men were well known and respected in their community. Watchman Raulino de Matos saw the two men come to the mountain in a jeep accompanied by two other men. He saw them get off the jeep and climb the hill.

After examination by the coroner, a verdict of death from natural causes was made. While showing a UPI reporter Miguel and Manuel's belongings and handling them, Police Chief Jose Venancio Bittencourt was suddenly taken ill and came down with a skin eruption.

Many calls to the police told of a UFO being seen over the Morro do Vintem at the time of the alleged deaths. Mrs. Graçindo de Souza, wife of a member of the local stock exchange, Paulo Roberto de Souza, declared that she had seen a strange round object with a bright halo of light flying over the spot where the bodies were found. She was driving down Alameda Sao Boaventura with her daughter who called her attention to the object. This occurred on the 17th, which was the day the coroner established as the date of the deaths.

Viana and da Cruz were specialists in putting up TV relay towers and it was theorized that they may have been seek-

Three much-publicized sightings of unconventional aerial objects over water storage areas were recorded by the press since the issuance of our last Bulletin. Coincidentally they all took place on the same date:

At 8 p.m. CST, Kanabec, South Dakota rancher Roger Huston saw a bluish-colored light which appeared to be hanging over the Crow Creek Indian Reservation community of Fort Thompson. The sighting was corroborated by Motor Patrolman Patrick Gribbin, Sheriff Lee Roberts and Game Warden Floyd Gaarder of Presho, all of whom drove into the country to watch the light. The object slowly changed position from overhead to an easterly position and at 10 p.m. Fort Thompson police said it had brightened and was joined by another object which had the appearance of changing from red to green to yellow, while the original light changed from white to bluish-green to red.

Gribbin said the first object appeared at least 3 times as large as the brightest star in the sky, and was viewed by him and companions from a point 26 miles west of Fort Thompson. No aircraft were reported in the area at the time.

Reports came in to Fort Thompson police from people within a hundred-mile radius of the reservation, all of whom stated the objects were over the town.

Significant is the fact that authorities and the press made no mention of the location of Fort Thompson, which is on the shore of the Fort Randall Reservoir, which is one of two huge fresh water reservoirs which bisect South Dakota at about mid-portion. The other reservoir is the Oahe reservoir which has a beginning in North Dakota and extends to about the middle of South Dakota where it joins Fort Randall. The two reservoirs are the larger part of a reservoir system which collects the 20-odd inches per year of rainfall of South Dakota and portions it out to neighboring states, including Iowa, which is in the Heartland of America's food-producing area, the middlewest.

### Wanaque, N. J., Again

On the same night that the strange lights were seen over Fort Randall, Wanaque reservoir in New Jersey was also the site of weird sky objects' antics.

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## Hynek

The field of civilian UFO research is rife with rumors and the most current and curious one revolves around Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the AF's consulting astrophysicist for the past 19 years. Recent in newspapers and magazines (most recently Newsweek, at this writing) indicate a much less skeptical attitude about UFOs on Hynek's part than that generally attributed to the scientist.

The current rumor is that Hynek is a part of a plot to "cover up" the Air Force's censorship and duplicity during the aforementioned 19 years time.

As mentioned in her book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," Mrs. Lorenzen was cognizant as early as 1953 of Hynek's open-minded but scientifically cautious approach to the UFO problem. It is not unlikely that the ensuing years (after 1953) and the accompanying thousands of sightings coming into Wright-Patterson might have sharpened Hynek's interest. However, his position was unique and completely opposed to that of civilian researchers in that he had a scientific responsibility. Even if he had suspected that the UFOs might be extraterrestrial vehicles, it would have been unscientific to make such a statement for the simple reason THAT HE COULD NOT BACK UP SUCH A STATEMENT WITH A C C C E P T A B L E S C I E N T I F I C P R O O F.

Is Hynek "switching positions"? This does not seem likely, either. We propose that there is a good possibility that Hynek and Hynek alone may be responsible for the launching of the current AF-financed UFO investigation and analysis project headed up by Dr. Condon of Colorado State. It would have been difficult for him to attempt to bring about a study by civilian scientists while virtually the only scientific consultant in the Air Force effort. If there is a natural resistance to the idea of extraterrestrial travelers among military personnel as we have long suspected, then anyone attempting to "sell" such an idea or making public statements to that effect during the past 19 years, would have had a tough prospect for getting any support of such notions. The wise thing, then, would have been for Hynek or anyone else in his position to merely bide his time until an opportunity came to arouse the interest of other scientists.

The year 1965 brought that opportunity which literally thousands of sightings took place in the United States and the press obliged by publishing them. The growing acceptance of UAOs as a real problem was not brought about by campaigning civilian researchers who badgered press and governmental representatives (although they may have had a small effect) but rather by a spontaneous awakening of the general public—a psychic revolution, so to speak, and this psychic revolution may be a result of an inner need to concentrate on some

other problem besides Viet Nam, China, etc. This reaction could be entirely subconscious with the individual having little or no idea of its growth and the subconscious motivations which brought it about.

Dr. Hynek, then, is actually probably a part of a larger picture. It is certain that some, military, civilian and scientists alike, may try to make him the "goat," as it were, and blame him for the fact that 19 years have passed without a solution to the UFO problem having been found. Those who wish to put the blame on someone are just as guilty of a "head in the sand" attitude as anyone else. We suggest that anyone who attempts this be carefully examined for his own motivations. We have heard of one scientist who decries this "scientific scandal" (the lack of scientific scrutiny of the UFO problem) while all the time admitting his own interest for several years, DURING WHICH TIME HE HAD NOT THE FORTITUDE TO SPEAK UP. He, like others, waited until the subject was SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE.

## Another Unexplained Blackout

A complete study is being done on the many blackouts in the U.S. since the big one in the northeast U.S. in November of 1965. Some, of course, like those in Arizona, resulted from circuits shorting out during heavy rainstorms and electrical storms. However, there have been several which have occurred in strategic areas, such as the vicinity of Colorado Springs, etc., for which no satisfactory explanation was found.

The most interesting, of course, have been the blackouts which involved telephone communication blackouts, also.

In Bogota, Columbia, where UAOs were seen frequently in 1965, a total blackout occurred on 7 September 1966. This city of two million was left in total darkness for three hours, leaving the city partially isolated from the rest of the world. Newspapers called it the GRAVEST emergency of this type in the past 20 years.

Thousands of employees had begun to leave their offices (reminiscent of the New York blackout) and traffic was at its peak on the streets and thruways. The power failed at 6:50 P.M. and was restored at 9:55 P.M.

Police, firemen and army men were scrambled to prevent possible looting. More than 400 people were trapped in elevator cages. Communications were partially interrupted and only five of 28 radio stations remained in operation.

The Bogota Power Company was unable to determine the cause and stated that its lines stopped functioning, causing an overload in other lines and consequently the safety switches automatically clicked off the power in the overcharged circuits.

## Water . . .

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Patrolman William Pastro told the press that he saw a bright light over the reservoir while parked in a patrol car, and turned on the revolving red light, whereupon the object's lights immediately went out. Also reporting their observations were Sgt. Benjamin Thompson and Patrolman Edward Wester of the reservoir police who said they saw a bright object which appeared at 11 p.m., passed over the reservoir from Pompton Lakes to the south and went down beyond the dam.

Most reports of the strange objects at Wanaque described them as "saucer-shaped," the size of an automobile and glowing with a brilliant white light. Sgt. Ben Thompson of the reservoir police said the object went "straight over his head," stopped in mid-air and backed up. It then started zig-zagging from left to right, he told reporters.

Thompson said he got out of his car and watched the object for five minutes until the brilliance of the light nearly blinded him. Because of its brilliance he couldn't discern any features of the object. He estimated its altitude as 150 feet, said it stirred up brush and water as it hovered and maneuvered overhead.

Also on the 10th, Dr. William A. Kreutzer, professor of botany and plant pathology at Colorado State University (Dr. Salisbury, one of APRO's staff held a similar position there until this fall, when he accepted the position of Chief of the Botany division at Utah State U. at Logan) observed an unidentified object over Horsetooth reservoir near Fort Collins. At about 15 minutes after sunset he and several neighbors saw the strange light along the horizon above the reservoir, and it was the second such sighting made by Prof. Kreutzer within two weeks.

The first bright object disappeared to be replaced by two lights which glowed with varying intensity as "though connected to a rheostat," Prof. Kreutzer told the Press. After this manifestation, the first object reappeared slightly above the original position.

Kreutzer said he would not say that what he saw was swamp gas, and was not satisfied with prior explanations for aerial phenomena about which he had read. "They ought to get some decent instruments so they can get some decent data," he told the press. Amen.

## Second Sighting At Wanaque

On the 16th of October at 4:50 p.m., an engineering supervisor at Tungsol Corporation noticed some boys looking into the sky while he was at a shopping center in Pompton Lakes, N. J. Through the window of the car he spotted and watched the following object:

A flat-bottomed, round-topped metal-

lic object which resembled a balloon, was about one-third the size of the moon and had no noticeable motion, its color was like that of weathered aluminum, and it appeared to be about 700 feet altitude over Wanaque Dam, about one-half mile distant.

A light came on in the belly of the thing which resembled an airliner landing light, and then the object "disappeared." The witness said it looked as though it was reflecting sunshine.

Wanaque has been visited by strange sky objects several times, and at the particular area where the above-described object was seen, both radio towers and high tension power lines are located.

## Strange Deaths . . .

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ing new sites at the time of their deaths.

Contained in the reams of newspaper copy was the interesting note that Morro da Vintem is a strategic spot from which all of Niteroi and Rio can be seen. Also worthy of note is the fact that the towers and lines furnishing electrical power to Niteroi is located there. Security Secretary for the State of Rio, Colonel Eduardo do Couto Pfeil, held a 40 minute closed conference with Chief Bittencourt and an electronics technician after which it was announced that his office would lend any help necessary in the solving of the mystery.

One theory offered to explain the mystery was that the men had been duped by a witch doctor who promised to cure them. One suffered from asthma, the other had stomach trouble.

A second autopsy revealed nothing, according to newspaper reports. But it was learned that the police initially found the bodies while searching the hillside for an egg-shaped object reported to have been landed there.

It was learned from the dead men's friends that they had carried \$2200 when they left their homes at Campos, where both were electronics repairmen, and were going to Rio to buy electrical equipment. They met friends in Niteroi, shopped, bought a bottle of mineral water at a cafe and climbed the jungled hill. The bodies were found lying side by side, their arms at their sides. Blood was found nearby but it was determined that it did not come from them. The \$2200 was missing but each had \$75 in their pockets.

Further details of "messages": "Sunday: one capsule before meal; Monday: one capsule in the morning; Tuesday: one capsule before meal; Wednesday: one capsule lying down."

The masks were the kind used in electronics to protect the face and eyes from burns, and were found to have been made in da Cruz' shop. A newspaper at the scene of the bodies' discovery was opened to a page where there was a story about a smuggling operation near Rio. No one seemed to be able to find

out where the men had procured the \$2200 they initially had.

If and when more information is available on this item, it will be passed along. This information is presented here because of the reliability of witnesses reporting a UFO on the hill at the time the men were there.

## The Colorado Project

On the 7th of October the announcement concerning the naming of the University of Colorado as the lead University in the U. S. Air Force's new scientific program was carried by all press media. The basic facts:

The program was suggested early this year by the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. Two internationally prominent leaders of Colorado's scientific community were named: Dr. Franklin E. Roach, currently acting director of the aeronomy laboratories of the National Bureau of Standards' Environmental Science Services Administration, and Dr. Edward U. Condon, University of Colorado high energy physicist. The contract consists of a 15-month agreement and a \$300,000 monetary consideration for services rendered. The funds will come out of Air Force general science funds.

According to the press, the program is designed to provide a scientific explanation of the mysterious UFO phenomenon and to quiet public fears that the UFOs are either invaders from outer space or some secret military project.

Whether the latter is one of the real purposes of the project or not, will have to be determined in the future. It sounds strangely like the directive in the famous (or infamous) Roberttson report which sought to debunk UFOs.

Among the reams of printed material dealing with the project which flowed along the press wires in early October, were the qualifications of the scientific director of the project, Dr. Condon, who appears more than amply qualified and who seems to be open-minded on the subject of UFOs. Dr. Condon, former head of the National Bureau of Standards, served as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1953. Asked about his convictions on the subject of UFOs, Condon said that he is an "agnostic" and has an open mind.

To avoid any suspicion of a "white-wash," the Air Force told the press that the National Academy of Sciences had agreed to review the results of the University of Colorado study. Condon also told the press that the AF has pledged to tell University investigators all it knows on the subject of UFOs, but that where this knowledge involves the capabilities of military radar systems or aircraft, the university will be asked not to make the information public.

## Sightings in Midwest

In the early morning of the 24th of September, several strange objects were observed by officials and residents in the Wisconsin-Illinois-Indiana area of the U. S. At 5:20 A.M., on the 24th, Officer Richard Koffel of Lisbon, Ohio, claimed he watched a glowing, disc-shaped object which was round, flat on the bottom and with a "little peak" at the top, over the Lisbon area. Koffel said the object was much larger than the full moon. He notified the sheriff's office then watched as the object appeared to change shape to a long shaft, like an elongated teardrop. It remained in the east until sunrise, dimming as the sky brightened.

At Chicago, at 4:00 and 4:30 A.M., policemen in northwest and north shore suburbs were alerted to watch an object over Lake Michigan, northeast of Chicago. James Murray, a Chicago American reporter, saw the object between 4:20 and 4:25 A.M., while driving in Prospect Heights. He described a large, black object with a white ring encircling it, and estimated its altitude as about 4,000 feet. The object made no noise and was headed east.

Four airline pilots reported to control at O'Hare Airport that they saw a brilliant light at an estimated 4,000 feet altitude about 100 miles east-northeast of Chicago.

Policemen Al Largo and Clyde Fazendaker of Kenilworth spotted a "huge ball, black in the center and surrounded by a white smoke ring" at 4:20 A.M.

Terry Zool, police dispatcher near Benton Harbor, Michigan, reported that 8 persons claimed they saw a "red and green and blue flashing object" in the sky about 11:35 P.M., on the 23rd of September.

At Anderson, Indiana, at about 4 A.M. in the early morning of the 24th, a security officer at Anderson College reported seeing a round, light blue object hovering over the football field for about 18 minutes. Fox said he attempted to shine his flashlight on the thing but that it would not reflect light. Others in the Anderson area reported seeing an object about the size of a basketball, surrounded by a blue-white haze.

Other points at which a bluish-white object was observed were Charlestown, Columbus, Shelbyville, Franklin, Portland, Redkey, Richmond, Anderson and Indianapolis, Indiana.

At Wallops Island, Virginia, a space experiment which involved a huge, multi-colored cloud was offered as a possible explanation for many of the sightings. The time of the experiment was 5:13 A.M., EDT and the clouds, which remained visible at heights of 310 and 570 miles above the earth for 45 minutes COULD have been responsible for at least a good portion of the phenomena observed throughout the midwest. The objects seen in the middle west could have been the rocket and

payload as it was released during the early stages of the experiment, except in those instances in which the time element does not jibe.

The possible connection between the Wallops Island experiment and the sightings in the midwest does not become immediately apparent unless one is familiar with the strange appearances of clouds or contrails under certain atmospheric conditions. In 1958 several hundred qualified technical and scientific people at Holloman AFB, White Sands and Alamogordo, including Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, were fooled by an F-102 coming in for a landing at Holloman. The craft was pulling a short contrail and the rotating amber beacon on the top of the craft gave an eerie effect. Only after interviewing pilots who were on the runway awaiting the plane's arrival, was the mystery solved. It had appeared as an amber-colored cigar-shaped object in the western sky, replete with port-holes.

## Ravenna Ohio Sighting Labeled "Hoax"

The case in Ohio in which Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur and other law enforcement officers (April 17, 1966) chased a strange object at speeds up to 100 miles per hour, has been labelled a hoax by the Wooster, Ohio Daily Record. UPI circulated the story on the 13th of October that "a reliable source" had stated that the UFO was a device rigged by a "few science fiction fans and physics students at Kent State University" from an old weather balloon, a car radio antenna, a bicycle light and transistor batteries.

If any member has any further information on this, it would be helpful. Spaur commented that the winds aloft were not strong enough to have wafted the object at the high speed it attained.

It is to be hoped that some kind of regulation will be put into effect which will deter our "leaders of tomorrow" from such high jinks as the Daily Record claims took place last April 17th. The University of Colorado will have a rough enough time without having to contend with practical jokers.

See Page 40 of the 28 October 1966 issue of LIFE Magazine for an outstanding color photo of a top-shaped UAO snapped by an American executive while in Brazil.

## Lights Over Carolinas

The crew of the Charleston, S.C. harbor pilot boat and a harbor pilot reported seeing brilliant lights on the night of the 25th of July which they estimated to be traveling at 14,000 miles per hour.

The Air Force, police and coast guard received scores of calls about the lights shortly before 8 P.M. The Federal Aviation Agency announced that USAF jets

operating in the area may have been seen moving away from viewers, giving the effect described.

However, Captain John W. Gardner, a member of the Charleston Branch of the Pilot's Association, and Capt. Arthur Hogg, Master of the boat Charleston Pilot, and members of the crew, were in jetties on their way out to sea when they saw the lights.

Gardner said they watched the lights for 8 to 10 minutes. Using binoculars, he made a fix on the jetties and the object they were observing which he estimated to be 100 feet in diameter and hovering. "It was over the water between the jetties and Folly Beach," he told reporters, and said that the lights were so bright that he and his companions could make out the round shape of the object.

Hogg said the lights "twinkled," and when the object left it "took off, straight up," and "must have been doing 14,000 miles per hour." Both men declared the object could not have been a flare.

Objects which looked "almost like stars" but which were traveling too fast to be stars and changing colors from blue to red to white were reported by police at High Point, North Carolina. Other reports came from Asheboro, Ramsuer, Greensboro and Winston-Salem. Police in Asheboro and Ramsuer notified officials in other cities that the objects were headed in their direction and consequently many sightings of the fast-moving "lights" were made.

A spokesman at the Marine Corps Air Station at Beaufort, S. C., suggested on the 26th that flares used in Sidewinder missile firing practice by jet aircraft might account for the sightings. One military source told the Twin City Sentinel that it was unlikely that any of the flares would have been dropped that far inland. He refused to give his name.

## Wisconsin Officers Watch UAO

Officers in Chippewa and Pepin County and police in Drand, Wisconsin, reported observing an egg-shaped object at about 10 P.M. on the 7th of September. The first sighting took place in Pepin County and the information was relayed to Chippewa authorities. The Sheriff's office there called reserve officer Howard Gibbs who watched the object through binoculars and a 25-power telescope. The object was on the horizon above the tree tops and they watched it for about one half hour. The body of the object was white and it carried red and green lights which appeared much more brilliant than those of a normal airplane. It came from the southwest, moved across the sky to the northeast, turned west, then back to the southwest, thus making a looping maneuver over the area. This spectacle was watched from Pepin County by officers there and also by police officers in Durand.

## Other Erie Sightings

In addition to those incidents listed along with the Erie "monster" sighting, the following were reported following the initial press notices:

At 11:45 P.M., on Wednesday, 3 August, Clebert Steff, an Erie Times-News advertising department employee, saw a lighted object which, through binoculars, showed red and white lights. The object traveled from west to east at an estimated elevation of 30 degrees. The flight was very erratic and no shape could be seen but Steff said it didn't move like a conventional aircraft.

An Erie electrical engineer for a large plant reported he had seen unusual sky objects several times, but that on Wednesday, with the aid of binoculars, he watched an object "with a V-shaped bottom" which flew from south to north within 42 seconds. Through the glasses the object had an orange glow and left no trail.

## Supporting Cases

Witness who wishes name to be withheld, claims to have seen a 6-8 foot long silver object passing over Erie, Pennsylvania, at an estimated speed of 300 mph at 8:30 P.M. on the 28th or 29th. Witness not positive of the date.

On the 29th another witness claims to have found a series of three-toed footprints outside of Belle Vernon, Pa., which is approximately 120 miles south of Erie. Prints 6 inches long by 6 inches wide.

On the 30th, a photographer for the New Castle News photographed an angular flying object similar to the sketch made by Tibbets. New Castle is 75 miles south of Erie.

On the same night of the Tibbets-Klem sighting, a doctor reported seeing a "circular patch of orange light" about the size of a baseball" travelling southwest at a high rate of speed at 10:30 P.M. Estimated altitude 500-1000 feet. Witness about one mile south of Presque Isle, near the coast of Lake Erie.

At 1 A.M. on the morning of the 1st of August, witness observed a bright light over Lake Erie for 1½ hours.

## The Creature (?) Returns

Three days after the Presque Isle Incident, on August 3, 1966, an unusual creature was seen on the streets of Erie, Pa. The witness, who requests anonymity, but who was interviewed by Mr. Keel, claims that she was awakened at 5:30 A.M. by the barking of the neighborhood dogs. She looked out of a window and saw what she described as a "human-shaped" being about 5'6" tall. It was clothed in a yellow jacket and yellow trousers with no discernible pockets, belts or other features. The head, she said, was huge and moon-shaped and when seen from the side the back of its

head appeared to be flat. This head was covered with "straggly" brown hair of a muddy color. The creature had very big shoulders and a slender build. It moved with a stiff, jerky, mechanical motion, holding its arms close to its sides—they did not move at all. Its legs did not bend at the knees. "He moved," she said, "like a mechanical wind-up toy." Local dogs were barking at its heels but it ignored them. The sight of the creature frightened the witness and she woke up her husband. He looked out the window but since he was not wearing his glasses, saw nothing but "movement." The creature appeared across from the United Oil storage tanks on West 3rd St. in Erie and walked stiffly out of view.

The witness reported the incident to the police and when interviewed by Keel, was disturbed because no one seemed to believe her.

Another woman in the area reportedly saw a similar creature that same week while driving down Third St. late at night. She saw the creature and stopped the car. The "thing" came up to her and "pounded on the hood," then moved off into the darkness, she said.

## UAO Over Coahuila, Mexico

On the night of the 26th of September, a strange spherical body which emitted bright flashes, was greater than the apparent size of Venus with a redder color than that of Mars, was seen by many residents of Coahuila, Mexico. The object, which appeared to be an incandescent ball was a frightening spectacle for the inhabitants, as it passed over the city and out of sight.

## Congress, NASA Probe Satellite Failures

Despite the U.S.'s singular success in the field of space flight involving orbiting astronauts, the increasing tendency of the failure of scientific satellites to function correctly, has initiated a Congressional probe. Among others, all three OGO (Orbiting Geophysical Observatory) satellites developed problems in a system designed to keep the spacecraft lined up with the earth's horizon. Considering the numerous incidents of objects being seen while astronauts are orbiting, the possibility of intelligently controlled machines not of earth origin interfering with the function of the satellites should be considered. There have been many instances of the power systems in satellites turning off unexplainably and then turning on again, just as unexplainably, after an extended period of time. The OAO (Orbiting Astronomical Observatories) have suffered failures of an unexplainable nature also. After two days in orbit in April of 1966, the \$50 million satellite failed completely when its main battery overheated.

## Object Hovers Near Orchard

At about 8 P.M. on the evening of 7 September, Mrs. Ed A. Bruns of Durand, Wisconsin, and her sons Timothy, 14, and Barry, 6, watched a strange object hover within 3 or 4 feet off the ground between their home and an orchard 200 feet away.

When Mrs. Bruns' attention was first called to the object, Barry came into the house complaining about the "thing" outside that made a sound that "hurt his ears."

Mrs. Bruns went outside and immediately saw the object. Son Timothy, who was up in a tree, was watching the object also. When interviewed, Mrs. Bruns said that she could estimate the length of the object as approximately 30 feet because it was silhouetted against the trees of the orchard and hovering about 3 feet off the ground. Mr. Bruns is a builder and because of her close association with his business, Mrs. Bruns is adept at estimating distance and size.

The object appeared oblong, and Mrs. Bruns did not know if it was a flattened disc seen edge-on or a torpedo-shaped object. Lights of blue, green and white seemed to be revolving around the object and there was a bluish glow underneath but she couldn't recall if the lights revolved from left to right or right to left.

The Bruns family live 8 miles east of Durand and 2 miles off the main road. There is no installation of any kind which might be of technical or military interest in the area.

Mrs. Bruns said she and the two boys watched the strange object for about 30 seconds whereupon it tilted at a steep angle and departed at high speed.

Two types of sounds were reported by the Bruns family: Barry described a high-pitched sound, which Mrs. Bruns also detected, as well as a "bubbling sound" like "boiling water on a stove."

## Egg-Shapes in Utah

During the three weeks preceding the 28th of September, several residents of the Vernal, Utah area, including Garth Batty, 38, and Fred Brown, broadcaster, reported seeing glowing, egg-shaped objects over an arid area between the city of Vernal and a nearby large hill. Vernal is on the flyway between Hill AFB and the Salt Lake City municipal airport. Vernal residents who have seen the objects unanimously agree that the object was too fast and erratic to be an airplane.

Close-up observations described an object about 30 feet in diameter, oval-shaped with a flat section girding it, and making the humming sound of an electrical transformer. Up to the 28th of September, the object had been observed five times.

## The Truth About "Serious Business"

By Coral E. Lorenzen

Comments and inquiries from scores of APRO members and others concerning the reliability and authenticity of certain information contained in Frank Edwards' book, "Flying Saucers—Serious Business" (Lyle Stuart and Bantam paperbacks) has prompted the following rather than presenting a formal book review:

All in all, Edwards' presentation of the Socorro (24 April 1964) case contained at least 12 errors. Some of the things which did not happen but which Edwards presents as the truth: Zamora was not "milling around the streets" — he was chasing a speeder outside of town. He did not see a "shiny" thing — only a blue flame. Zamora saw the little men through dust from 450 feet, from the entrance to the third mesa—NOT FROM within 75 feet, as Edwards stated. They were not wearing "white or silvery" suits—Zamora said he could only make out that they were light-colored as seen from 450 feet through the dust apparently kicked up by the object as it landed. They did not "seem to be examining or repairing" the object—they were merely standing "on the side"—he at no time claimed the "men" were on the ground.

Zamora did not see them "scurry around the object"—he merely reported that one of them seemed to notice him and BY HIS MOTIONS, seemed startled.

The area was clear when Zamora looked down at the object—he did not turn toward his car—the object started to take off with an ear-splitting racket just as he approached the gully, and he then turned and ran in panic.

The landing-gear marks were not circular in shape—they were four 8x12 inch wedge-shaped impressions. The circular impressions (four) were something else—probably ladder foot marks.

White Sands Stallion Site was not notified—its commander was—and he was at home. Military men did not come on the "double quick"—only Captain Holder and an FBI agent who happened to be in Socorro at the time. "They" did not pile rocks around the marks the following morning—they did it that same evening.

Zamora was not subjected to "intensive grilling"—he was politely questioned for 45 minutes, during which time he went to the site of the landing with the AF investigators—Sgt. Moody and Major Connors. Zamora told Mr. Lorenzen and me that they did not ask as many questions as we had, nor as many as he thought they should have. Later conversations with Zamora indicated that Dr. Allen Hynek had treated him courteously also.

The latter insinuation about AF "grilling" is only another attempt by Edwards to perpetuate the NICAP (of which Mr. Edwards is a board member) theme about AF censorship and pressure which

is now beginning to look like a ridiculous accusation on the face of things.

It must be remembered that Mr. Edwards is a writer and radio announcer, and that his efforts are mainly entertainment-oriented and not research-oriented.

The above information is only a sample of the inaccuracies in Mr. Edwards' book, which is catastrophic to researchers who deal with facts. For a complete and accurate account of the Zamora and other incidents, see my book, "Flying Saucers"—SIGNET. For the first time I relate the complete story of that investigation.

## Officers Watch UAOs in Utah

On the evening of the 30th of September, several officers along the Wasatch Front from Weber Canyon to the Farmington area in Davis County, Utah, responded to calls from the citizenry concerning unusual lights in the area.

Highway patrolmen in that area reported that the bright objects appeared to be circular objects surrounded by red, green and white rapidly rotating bands, through binoculars. There seemed to be three of the objects arranged in the shape of an equilateral triangle in the sky. Hill AFB officials said that a meteorologist there said a possible explanation for the objects was that the people were seeing unusually bright stars. He did not explain how some residents could see revolving lights directly overhead.

Also on the 30th, Sheriff Charlie Childers of Montrose, Colorado, was one of many who observed a "blob of light" which appeared to rotate constantly, hover occasionally and dash about the sky. "It moved faster than any jet I've ever seen," he said. "It definitely was no star."

## East Experiences Flap

Various reports of strange objects were reported from New Jersey to Alabama on the night of the 1st of August and the morning of the second. At McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, computers were put into use in an attempt to make sense out of the information pouring in. Dozens of calls came in to police, newspapers, radio stations and the Base, about a bright red object which hovered noiselessly over towns in the area before disappearing. A white object described by one viewer as "nine times" larger than a star, appeared over Paterson.

G. E. Townsend, who watched a red "flaring object" over Midland Park and Ridgewood, on the night of the 1st said he saw it again between 3 and 5 A.M. on the 2nd. Using binoculars, he watched the object moving slowly from the east over his house toward the Waldwick area where it hovered. He said it looked "like a pinkish ball" but was soundless. He also reported that it looked as if there was a small parachute slightly above it—resembling a balloon.

Other observers said that at one point the object was silhouetted against the full moon and appeared to be rectangular in shape and in a vertical position.

At Erie, Pa., on the third, Dennis Buckel and Jerry Trembley of radio station WJET, reported they had seen and photographed a bright object in the sky near the location of the Klem-Tibbets sighting of the 31st of July. The first object, seen at 2 A.M., was like a bright star, they said, only moving faster, and that about two hours later they saw a strange cluster of flashing lights in the same area.

On the night of the 1st and the morning of the 2nd, numerous Mobile, Alabama residents reported a strange appearing bluish-white trail of light with a green and amber tail which was called a shooting star even though it lasted for several seconds longer than meteors usually are visible. On Monday night a large round object encircled by red lights making a whining noise and sporting two white searchlights, was observed over Grafmoor subdivision not far from Crichton, Alabama.

Hawthorne, New Jersey had a sighting on the 7th which consisted of a red light which, when it left, just disappeared. It was witnessed by dozens of people, including policemen from two different locations for about 30 minutes.

## UAO Activity In Oregon

Reports from Carrol D. Watson of Roseburg, Oregon, indicate considerable activity in that general area during late summer and early fall of 1966.

Two employees of a mining engineer observed a disc-shaped glowing object between 9 and 9:30 A.M., on the 16th of August while at the Old Rowley Mine near Shadey Cove, Oregon. The object, when first seen, was hovering in a horizontal position and the men at first thought the object was a weather balloon, because of its "glassy white" color, but then it started to tip over on its edge, with a "spinning effect." They both noted that at times it seemed to wobble as it darted back and forth in an erratic manner. At first they watched it for about 30 seconds before it began darting about, after which it began the erratic maneuvers. After about two minutes of this, it moved and quickly disappeared in the west.

About five minutes later an airliner came into view from the southwest heading into the northeast. The men spotted the UAO in the same spot where it had originally been seen, apparently above the airliner. During this time it executed a few "flips" as before, and when the plane disappeared, the object rose straight up and disappeared.

No surface details noted; object size of head of kitchen match held at arm's length, distinctly outlined, no sound. No clouds, no wind, temperature in low 60s,

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and the mining engineer's operations were investigations for copper ore.

On the 20th of August a woman and her son, sleeping outdoors at the location of a swimming meet at Lakeview, in southcentral Oregon, saw a crescent-shaped glowing object for six seconds as it moved across the sky.

Toward morning of the next day, the same witnesses watched a "squadron" of orange or reddish objects move across the sky, make a wide angle turn and disappear in the west.

On the 9th of August, residents of the Roseburg area and two Winston police officers observed a UAO traveling through the sky in a northeasterly direction. One of the officers described it as "round with lights at the rear—definitely not a plane." Another report at the same time described an object larger than a plane, oval in shape with white lights fore and aft, surrounded by small red lights and hovering over Dillard. Other residents reported similar sightings.

### More On The Valensole Case

In our July-August '65 issue, we printed a preliminary report of the landing at Valensole, France on 1 July 1965. Further information has reached this office which we now submit for the record:

Mr. Masse was in his lavender field as usual, had not started his tractor and it was hidden behind a heap of stones about two meters high. He was lighting a cigarette when he heard a whistling sound, but couldn't see the source, so he came out from behind the heap of stones and saw an oddly-shaped object standing in the field about 80 meters distant. At first he took it to be a helicopter, then realized it was not, for he was accustomed to seeing them land in his fields or those of neighbors. Also, he often chatted with the pilots.

This object looked like a large rugby ball, about the size of a Dauphine car, and was topped with a cupola, and standing on six extensions. Wondering if it could be a new experimental machine, he approached it. Upon getting closer to the object, he saw two small beings of human appearance bending over a lavender plant. He approached even closer, intending to converse with them. But when he was 5 to 6 meters from them, they suddenly noticed him and one of them pointed a kind of tube or "pistol" at him and he became paralyzed. It did not occur to him to try to call for help, so he didn't try,; but now feels that he would have been unable to call out. He remained immobile and watched

the beings. The "little men" were about the size of eight-year-old children, and had huge heads, about three times the size of a normal adult's head. He noticed they were bald and completely hairless, with white, smooth skin. Only their heads were visible, and the rest of their bodies were covered by an overall-like suit of a greenish-grey material.

The faces of the creatures had features similar in size and appearance to those of a normal human, except for the mouth, which was a lipless hole. The two conversed between themselves with sounds which didn't seem to be coming out of their mouths. They looked at Masse as though they were making fun of him, but their looks did not appear to be evil.

The appearance of the little men did not appear to be monstrous to Masse, and a few minutes later they entered their machine by way of a sliding door and took off westward at great speed. The object made a whistling sound as it left and gave off no steam or smoke. Mr. Masse then attempted to move, but could not, and it took him about a quarter of an hour to make even a slight move. He slowly recovered his ability to move.

After the incident, Masse went to the village to visit a friend who owns the Sports Cafe. He told him about the object he had seen. His friend noticed that he was very upset and did not doubt him. He also said there was more, but he would not talk about it as he didn't think anyone would believe him anyway.

Masse's friend advised him to tell the police, but Masse demurred, and then said nothing had happened and that he had been joking and made it all up. The cafe owner hurried to the field to check the marks Masse claimed the object had made and found them. He told others and the incident shortly became general knowledge. Newspaper and TV personnel were upon him almost immediately. Masse, however, told only what he had told his friend and no more. His friends began to notice that he was becoming moody and absent-minded. He began to doze or sleep for about 12 to 14 hours daily, in the days immediately following the incident.

The same morning after the object had left, a kind of liquid mud was found in the central hole. By evening, it had hardened to a kind of concrete. Masse compared the shape of the hole to a funnel held upside down with a hollow bowl at the bottom which amounted to a depth of about 30 to 40 inches from ground level.

The initial report mentioned only the presence of the "little men" and

gave no description of their features or the object which they used to paralyze Masse.

### Many Witness UAO Near Caracas

At 9:45 p.m., on the evening of 17 August, 1965, a strange object executed several maneuvers over the water reservoir near the Hills of Carrizal, about 20 miles from Caracas, Venezuela. The object was a glowing oval-shape; it stopped momentarily over the lake and after some wobbling, it flew away. Several workmen staying at a house under construction in the vicinity of the reservoir stated that they saw the object over the lake, and that it then flew toward the house where they were lodged and landed briefly on the grass. Drivers on the highway also saw the object; one of whom said that his car engine acted up during the presence of the object. The workers and the drivers saw the object as it slowed, then extended several long stilt-like protuberances to the ground. The workers said they expected something or someone to come out of the object, but then the "legs" were drawn up into the object again and it glowed intensely and took off, going out of sight in the distance.

In Pro-Patria, a residential sector, Mr. Jose del Pilar Salazar, stated that he spotted a strange round, bright object with a smokey trail which approached his home very fast, at about the altitude of a 16-story building. It glowed intermittently, at times appearing to be gray in color. It finally swerved and took off into the east out of sight.

### Saturn-Shaped UAO Over Peru

On November 7, 1965, in the afternoon, a saturn-shaped glowing object was seen by numerous people among whom were the Director and Editor of a Huanuco newspaper. The object showed up in the sky at 5 p.m. south of the city and appeared to be spinning as it hovered at an estimated 1200 feet above the people who watched it. It gave off colored lights and exhibited an aerial or antenna which rotated in various directions. Editor Samuel Cornejo, stated that when the observers attempted to approach the place over which the object hovered, they were dazzled by the glare, and that it shortly headed out of sight towards the north at high speed.

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## Dwarves Seen In Brazil

Brazil, which has been the scene of many landing incidents in the past eleven years, yielded another sighting of a landed UAO and occupants. The exact dates of the first sightings are not stipulated, but the last was on the 13th of November, 1965.

The sightings took place in October and November. In the first, Dario Anhaia Filho, a landowner and chemist, was getting into his jeep at 10 p.m., when he looked up and saw an orange-colored sparkling object above him at an estimated 100 meters. It was "floating like a leaf" or "swinging like a pendulum" over the farmhouse. He then noticed two more UAOs which switched off their lights and abruptly ascended vertically to a height of about 1000 meters.

Filho sent his grandson to wake his wife and she joined him and they watched the objects. After a few minutes of the "dead-leaf" maneuvers, all three objects disappeared over the treetops at such a low altitude that they nearly hit the trees.

The second sighting: Dario had gone to town (Mogi-Guassu) for business with the local mayor. There he met the managers of the band and store and he asked both of them to visit him at his farm some evening to watch and photograph the phenomenon. He also asked them to keep the matter confidential. On returning home, he found his wife in hysterics and after calming her, got the following information from her:

At 9 p.m., Mrs. Filho saw the "typical light" of a UFO. Followed by her grandson, she walked to the farm gate, from which location she saw the object sitting on the ground and by it were standing two little figures like dwarves. The one was walking to and fro along a furrow, picking up twigs, branches and leaves which he carried in his arms. The other figure was by the fence and was watching the mare on the other side of it. The mare, which is a quiet creature, did not move. The first dwarf went back and forth among the plants five times. In the meantime, a truck loaded with shouting and singing people, went by. The UFO then slowly moved away. Only one dwarf got into it up a green-colored tube that suddenly appeared at one side. The other dwarf was not seen getting into the object, so Mrs. Filho assumed it stayed on the ground.

The saucer returned, and the preceding sequence of events was repeated again. Another car passed, the object switched off its light and moved away again. During this performance Mrs.

Filho and her grandson claimed that two other objects were hovering in the sky, as if watching.

Suddenly one of the dwarves turned on a green light which issued from an object the size of a drinking glass, and rather like a rocket, according to the grandson. There followed a small explosion. (Later the glass lamp chimneys in the house were found to be shattered).

After the "torchlight" focused on the UAO standing in the field was turned off, the observers noticed that the beam sustaining the garage roof near the house had been turned into a mirror through which Mrs. Filho could now see the man in the larger UAO which was floating above, much farther way. (The meaning here is not clear—concerning the roof beam). Mrs. Filho became quite frightened by this. (No further information about how the objects left, etc.).

The third sighting took place at night on the 13th of November. The witnesses were Dario Filho and his wife and grandson and the local bank manager. Same locality. The UAO landed at night at about 100 meters from the observers, and focused a bright beam of light upward. At the same time the local sheriff and a police clerk were travelling by car to Catagua, Senator Auro Moura Andrade's farm, and were close to the farm when they also witnessed the same sight, seeing the UAO's bright light over Filho's farm.

The bank manager had brought along a camera to take a picture but was so upset that he fell down and dropped it. He had come to the farm completely unbelieving and was unnerved when he saw the object.

The beings seen in this incident were small, about the size of a seven-year-old child seen at 20 meters distance. One was wearing an overall, the other chocolate-colored pants and a gray collarless shirt. The third being seen in the mirror (?) had a square, flat head and was wearing a surgeon's apron.

Both the UAO and the beings shone brightly. The object which landed was as high as the garage. (Further description says the garage is "no higher than an ordinary cabin"—we assume, then, probably about 8 feet, and no more than 10 feet high).

Supplementary witnesses were Father Longino Vartbinden, parish priest at Mogi-Guassu, the mayor and the chief of police, as well as dozens of people living in the neighborhood of the farm. Both the light and movements of the beings were seen.

The foregoing case was investigated by Prof. Flavio Pereira and Drs. Leo

Godoi Otero and Renato Bacelar, of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Unfortunately the report is abbreviated and leaves much to be desired by way of detail. However, considering the number of witnesses, it is quite likely that this is an actual incident.

Following are two additional cases which took place on the same night in the same general area:

On October 30, 1965, a couple driving their Volkswagen car from Mogi-Mirim to Nova Lousan in the middle of the night, on the way back from a wake, saw a huge light blocking the road in front of them. They turned back. They then encountered a truck and warned the driver. While they were talking to him, another Volkswagen sped by them in the direction of the light, but soon returned. The three vehicles then made their way along the highway together, in a group, driving slowly, toward the source of light. As they approached the enormous light, it suddenly soared up above the approaching car and lighted up everything in the vicinity. Coming to the junction of highways at Pinhal, where there is a gasoline station, the drivers got out of their car just in time to watch the object soar up and away. This part of the incident was observed by dozens of other witnesses at the junction.

On the same night in the same locality, a night watchman working at the Ipe Ceramics factory noticed a light in the yard, so he went to examine it and saw a luminous disc floating slowly by the large chimney-towers and upon reaching the border of the field where the high-voltage wires were, it returned, and seemed to head straight for the witness. The man ran into the factory and locked himself in.

## Hunters See UAO On Ground In Venezuela

Euclides Bencomo, Jesus Zapata and Juan Ramos reported to authorities that on the 18th of August, while hunting in the Bum-Bum forests in Barinas, Venezuela, they observed a strange luminosity behind some bushes. They approached the bushes, and saw a huge egg-shaped object hovering some six feet off the ground. They said the strange object was giving off multi-colored lights which emanated from large round windows. The object made a whistling sound. The three men became frightened, dropped their guns and ran. A posse was formed by those to whom the hunters reported the incident, to investigate the area.