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### DOCTOR FONTES IS GONE

#### *The Redlands Case*

In the January-February issue of the Bulletin we mentioned a case which took place at Redlands, California on the 4th of February and stated that when further information was available we would print it. Dr. Philip Seff, who investigated the case, completed his investigation with the assistance of a professor of chemistry, a professor of mathematics and a professor of art who made a composite drawing of the descriptions and sketches given by the witnesses. The following is a condensation of the information gathered:

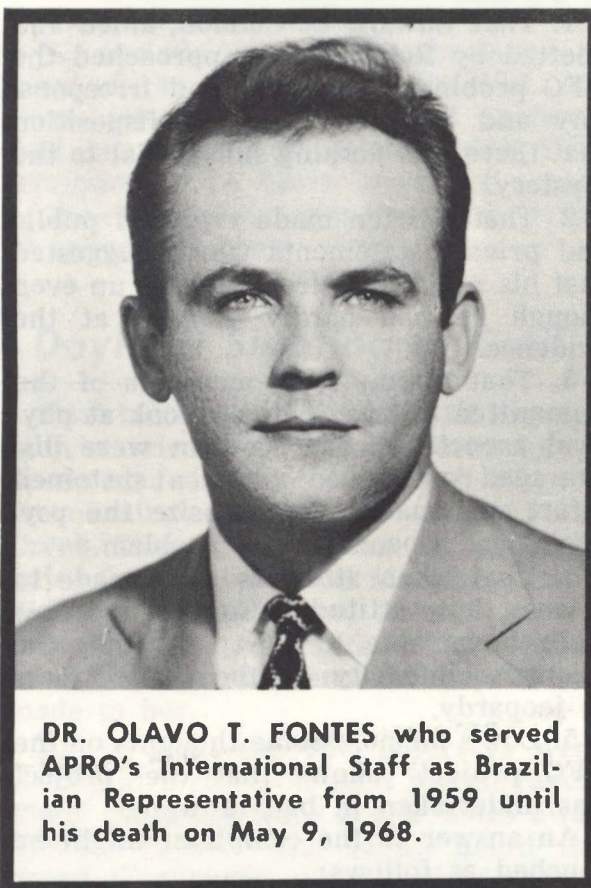
"The object apparently came down just west of Columbia Street and north of Colton Avenue; then proceeded slowly in a northeastern direction for about a mile or less at an altitude of about 300 feet. Coming to a stop, it hovered briefly, jerked forward, hovered again, then shot off in that direction with a burst of speed. Total time of sighting must be less than five minutes. Size and altitude were estimated by Dr. Sanderson. The object was at least 50 feet in diameter.

"The artist's conception was based on a series of interviews with witnesses by Professor Brownfield. His composite painting was verified by witnesses. The lights on the base appear to be jets and were seven in number. The lights on the top were alternating in color 8 to 10 in a row, giving the impression that the object was rotating, which it was not.

"In my discussion with the Air Force they informed me that the object was not detected on radar. However, since the installation is at March Air Force Base, a range of mountains stands between Redlands and the Air Base. Therefore, to quote them, they would be scanning above the object and it would be impossible to detect.

"The main controversy is in the sound which was reported by both visual ob-

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DR. OLAVO T. FONTES who served APRO's International Staff as Brazilian Representative from 1959 until his death on May 9, 1968.

#### *Ubatuba Case Mentioned In Trade Magazine*

An article entitled "Realistic Physical Testing," and dealing with the catastrophic failures in airliners, bridges, and automobiles, in the June 1968 issue of "Industrial Research" magazine, mentions the Ubatuba magnesium case from Mrs. Lorenzen's book, "Flying Saucers." . . . "these fragments were analyzed and found to be ultrapure magnesium — a reasonable selection when one considers the strength-to-weight ratio of magnesium and the structural requirements of a flying saucer," is one quote from the article. Those interested can obtain the issue from Industrial Research, Inc., Industrial Research Bldg., Beverly Shores, Indiana. 46301.

The case was documented by Dr. Fontes and American tests completed this spring verified his original findings.

It is with a sense of deep sorrow that we must inform the members of APRO and affiliated organizations of the death of Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, APRO's Brazilian representative on May 9, 1968 of cancer. Since 1957 when the Doctor requested membership in APRO he had represented the great South American republic of Brazil in UFO Research. His accomplishments have been many. Had it not been for his efforts many recent volumes dealing with UFOs would be slim indeed, for most of the books which enjoyed public consumption in the last two years drew heavily upon his material.

A kind and considerate man, Dr. Fontes was always mindful of the effect of ridicule on those individuals who dared to report UFO experiences. He put his own reputation (which was not a meager one by any means) on the line when he publicly declared his interest in UFOs and his convictions concerning them in 1954 when the first UFO wave hit Brazil. In later years he dared the vilification of other researchers (although they were a minority) when he began to document and write about "occupant" cases.

His first article in the Bulletin, "Shadow of the Unknown" documented some of the most detailed and interesting cases ever recorded in Brazil. This was followed by his careful investigation of the Itaipu Fortress incident and the Trindade Island incident and photos. In the last five years Dr. Fontes found a method by which he could accurately forecast UFO "flaps" and forecast the 1967 UFO activity and the extent of it to the exact month.

Dr. Fontes brought his lovely wife, Maria Teresa to the United States to visit the Lorenzens for the first time in June of 1961. A deep and lasting friendship began and grew between the Fontes and Lorenzen families and the Fontes' became Olavo and Teresa to all

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## A 'Fiasco' Has Two Sides

By L. J. Lorenzen

This is an attempt to answer many queries received at this office concerning an article in a recent issue of LOOK magazine regarding the UFO study at the University of Colorado which de-

scribed that study as a fiasco and a \$½ million trick.

To begin with, I wish to make it clear that I do not question the author's (John Fuller) integrity or accuracy of reporting. I do feel, however, a duty to point out that the piece is obviously slanted to support a particular viewpoint and that there is another side to the controversy. I will now proceed to play "The Devil's Advocate" in order to bring out this other side. My source of information consists of numerous conversations with principals involved in the fiasco including Condon, Low, Saunders, Levine, McDonald, and various members of the study—both before and after the blow-up.

Before going further, let me freely admit that I am indulging in Monday morning quarterbacking which is always easier than the Saturday afternoon variety.

The complaint can be stated generally as follows:

1. That Edward U. Condon, aided and abetted by Robert Low, approached the UFO problem facetiously and irresponsibly and with a strong predisposition that there was nothing substantial to the mystery.

2. That Condon made repeated public and private statements which suggested that his mind was already made up even though he had hardly glanced at the evidence.

3. That attempts by members of the Committee to take a firmer look at physical aspects of the problem were discouraged or vetoed while a sustained effort was made to emphasize the psychological aspects of the problem.

4. That when attempts were made to discuss these attitudes, Condon and Low were intractable to the point that the scientific integrity of the project was in jeopardy.

5. Low's memo, "Some thoughts on the UFO project" shows that the project was undertaken in bad faith.

An answer to the complaint might be couched as follows:

1. NICAP's offer to help was really an attempt to control the study. Keyhoe wanted the committee to endorse his own conclusions, adopted twenty years ago without the benefit of research.

2. Dick Hall's (then of NICAP) visits to Boulder for consultations and briefing at Committee expense were devoted partly to attempts to convince younger members of the team that Condon was the wrong man for the job. This led some members of the team to take a paranoid attitude whenever any of their suggestions were turned down for any reason.

3. It should be noted that Saunders and McDonald are also members of NICAP and were part of a sustained effort to undermine Condon. This distracting influence became intolerable and forced the dismissal of the chief offenders.

4. That there may be dissenting voices

in any research or study program is understandable, but the prerogative of the dissenter is to write a minority report with the items of dissent stated clearly and concisely for the record.

5. Low's memo was written chiefly for the purpose of convincing certain University staff members that the UFO study could be undertaken without the University's public image suffering as a consequence. Since most of these members were convinced that there was absolutely nothing substantial to the UFO mystery, Low felt it was necessary to approach them in that frame of reference. Nothing in the memo was binding on the study. It was merely the sort of "puffing" that goes along with any selling job.

6. There was no attempt to emphasize the psychological aspects — merely to deal with them. J. Allen Hynek has recommended a study of the people who report UFO—he feels that such a study would show that reports tend to come from normal reliable people.

So much for the two sides of the Fiasco.

APRO, of course, is in general agreement with NICAP as to what a truly objective study of the UFO problem will show. I am, however, in specific disagreement with NICAP's attempt to "take over" the Condon Study. To me it is inconsistent to advocate an unbiased scientific study while attempting to impose one's own bias on such a study.

It can be easily and effectively argued that bias already existed in another direction. I will not dispute this point but will merely point out that there are more effective ways to deal with such bias.

How much better it would have been had Levine and Saunders stayed with the study to its conclusion and stated their dissent clearly and concisely in a minority report (or possibly a majority report). Since Condon's office is physically removed from the Woodbury Hall offices of the study an excellent opportunity existed to compile "files protection" in the form of inter-office memos. Such a report would become part of the record and provide a stepping stone for future studies. As I understand it, Levine and Saunders would have gone along with the minority report idea (which had been discussed early in the game) but McDonald felt that an immediate confrontation was necessary and personally forced the issue through his letter writing.

It can be argued that time is of the essence of the problem and that we do not have time to wait for the current study to grind to a halt—for another one to get underway, etc., but I am afraid that this "Fiasco" has made the time when a truly, unbiased, unencumbered study is likely to get underway, more remote than ever.

Several years ago Dr. Olavo Fontes wrote that the UFO problem was primarily an emotional one and only incidentally a scientific problem. A problem which science could solve quite readily

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of us. Their second visit was in 1963 when they brought their two children, Luis and Teresa II. The third and last visit came in February 1966 when they spent 8 days with the Lorenzens and that time they added another member of their family to the excursion—Marcia. They became Uncle Olavo and Aunt Teresa to the Lorenzen youngsters and we became Tia (Aunt) Coral and Tio (Uncle) Jim to the Fontes children.

Our visit to Rio de Janeiro in August 1967 was a very happy one and many long conferences concerning the future of UFO research and APRO were undertaken. There was no indication that Dr. Fontes was ill except that he mentioned to Mr. Lorenzen that he had a peculiar discomfort which concerned him. His father was ill at the time, and it is suspected that, true to his tendency to think of others first, he ignored his own problem in order to spend time with his father. In December the elder Fontes passed away and Olavo was immediately hospitalized for surgery. The cancer was removed and all was thought well until March when he underwent another operation. He had even gone back to his office to see patients who were waiting for him.

After the March surgery Olavo's health declined slowly until April when another surgery was performed. It was at this time that Mrs. Fontes was notified that her husband's days were numbered. His death came at 6 p.m. on the 9th of May, just one month before his 44th birthday. Mrs. Fontes in a kind gesture, wrote us of his last days, noting that he had spoken kindly of us, during the last hours. "His mind—that marvelous mind of his," she said, was clear up until his last moment of life.

Dr. Fontes was born on June 9, 1924 in Bahia, Brazil. His father was a Senator in the Brazilian Senate.

A gastroenterologist, Dr. Fontes took his medical training in Rio de Janeiro, and at the age of 28 was chief of the Gastroenterological Section at the National School of Medicine of Brazil. Prior to his death he was a Professor of Medicine at the National School, a consultant at other hospitals and had established his own ultra-modern medical center in Rio.

In 1951 Dr. Fontes married Miss Maria Teresa da Silva, daughter of one of Brazil's leading industrialists. He is survived by his wife and seven children, Luis, Teresa, Marcia, Deborah, Cinthia, Arthur and Adriana.

Those members wishing to send messages of condolence to the widow and children may forward them to this office and they will be relayed to the family immediately. Merely send your message, sign your name and stipulate your membership in APRO. We are sure Mrs. Fontes will be greatly consoled to know he is so kindly remembered by so many.

Olavo Fontes was gravely aware of the job ahead of us; we should, at this time, rededicate ourselves to the solution of the mystery of the UFOs, ever mindful of his own selfless contribution.

Because many APRO members either met or knew Dr. Fontes, and many hundreds of others greatly admired him for the work he had done, we are including in this issue several photos of the Doctor which we felt would be of interest.

Shortly after the Lorenzen visit to Rio in August, 1967, Dr. Fontes was interviewed by the Voice of America, representing APRO and Brazilian UFO research. That tape is now in our files and a complete transcript will be published in the Bulletin in the near future, as we feel that it will be of great interest to APRO members and to the field of UFO research.

Dr. Fontes often called APRO the "United Nations of UFO Research" and felt that APRO, because of its open-minded attitude toward all the evidence, was the last white hope for the truth about the UFO enigma.

We miss this man very much. Please forgive our obvious grief.

Jim and Coral Lorenzen.

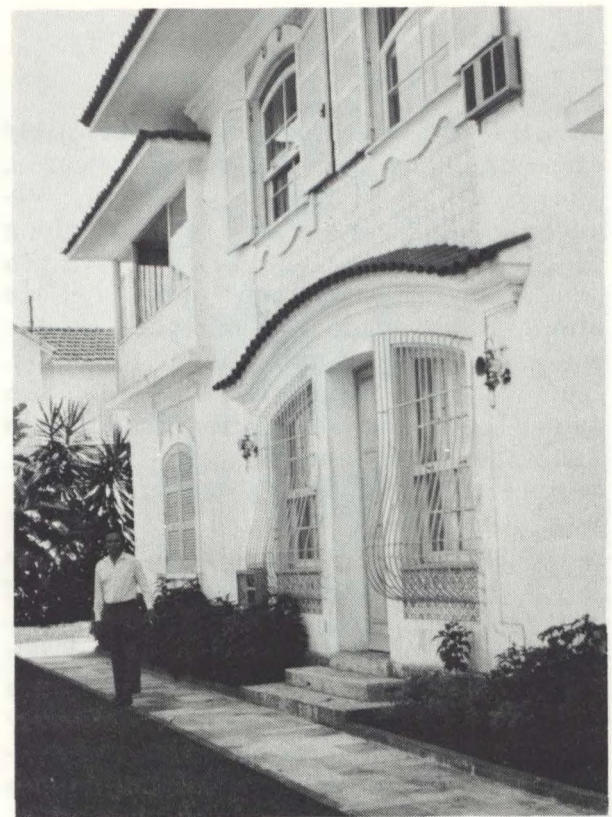
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if the emotional obstacles (in the form of bias, etc.) and political considerations could somehow be set aside. History serves to verify this observation.

It looks like we can now all go back to playing IWFAF, (If it weren't for the Air Force) that social transaction which provides busy work, diversion and various other emotional pay-offs and leads us not one whit closer to a solution of the real problem.

It is certain to be asked by some just what contribution APRO made to the Condon study. Without attempting to insinuate anything more than cooperation, we announced our support of the study at the beginning. When Mrs. Lorenzen and I made our tour of South America in August, 1967, we carried with us a letter from Mr. Low which was designed to help us gather more UFO information on an official and unofficial level. When we returned we went to Boulder and briefed the committee on the UFO problem in South America (there was a "flap" in progress during our presence there). We then furnished the committee the names of some 300 APRO members for their "early warning" network, and forwarded copies of APRO's best cases for their files. We still continue to cooperate with the committee in any way possible without attempting to influence the resulting report.

L. J. Lorenzen.

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Dr. Fontes strolls on the walk in front of his home in Rio de Janeiro.

**Argentinian Pilot Reports  
UAO**

Capt. U. Tiviroli, commander of an Argentine Airlines Avro, stated on the 12th of June that on the 6th of June he had sighted a UAO during a night landing at the Punta Arenas airport. Tiviroli, 54, a veteran pilot, reported that while flying between Rio Gallegos and the southernmost city in Chile, Punta Arenas, at 1200 feet altitude, getting ready to land, an unusually bright object, long and spindle-shaped, appeared above the plane. His co-pilot stated that he had observed it for one minute, before he had to take over for landing. The object, they said, moved in a course parallel to the plane and stopped suddenly in midair. Then it swerved in a right angle bank toward the plane, then turned back on its course. According to its movements, both Tiviroli and the co-pilot thought it was a controlled vehicle. It was also viewed by airport personnel on the ground.

**Report on Boulder Sighting,  
May 1968**

By Lee Trenholm

On Saturday night, May 25th, Boulder, Colorado, experienced intermittent heavy rain, with occasional clearing. It was a night of many proms and yearend activities by university and high school students. Mrs. Dorothy Conner, 29, had brought her 17-year-old brother and his date to a prom at the Harvest House Hotel at 28th and Arapahoe, and was waiting for them in her car in the parking lot, facing south. She had her 4-year-old daughter, Shawn, with her, a bright Chinese youngster whom she and her

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servers and many others. At precisely the same time that the object appeared, the Redlands Emergency Rescue Vehicle left its garage and traveled along Lugonia Avenue. The sound its siren emits is very weird and loud. I believe the sound it made was mistaken by the witnesses to be coming from the UFO. The original sound was recorded on tape. I had the ambulance drivers run the same route and retaped the sound. Witnesses agree it is the same. However, the time I recorded the sound it was very low. I was standing in the church where it was originally taped (by accident by a minister who was taping his sermon) and had to open the door so that our recorder could pick up the sound. This is a strong discrepancy and should be tested on the proper instruments to see if the original and the second do correspond. If they do not, the only other conclusion is that the sound came from the UFO. I have enclosed witness accounts of the sound to indicate the fright that it caused.

### "CONCLUSIONS:

"1. I can attribute the object sighted to no known type of aircraft. Since the atmosphere was clear and the object was low, witnesses obtained a clear view, also, no known aircraft was over Redlands at that time.

"2. To my knowledge and that of my colleagues, we can attribute the object to no known natural phenomenon.

"3. The sound heard was that of the emergency rescue vehicle. In the excitement of seeing a UFO, witnesses naturally assumed it was coming from the object overhead.

"4. The composite painting was obtained from witnesses seeing the object at different angles. Therefore the conclusion is probably a very accurate representation of the object.

"Classification: UFO."

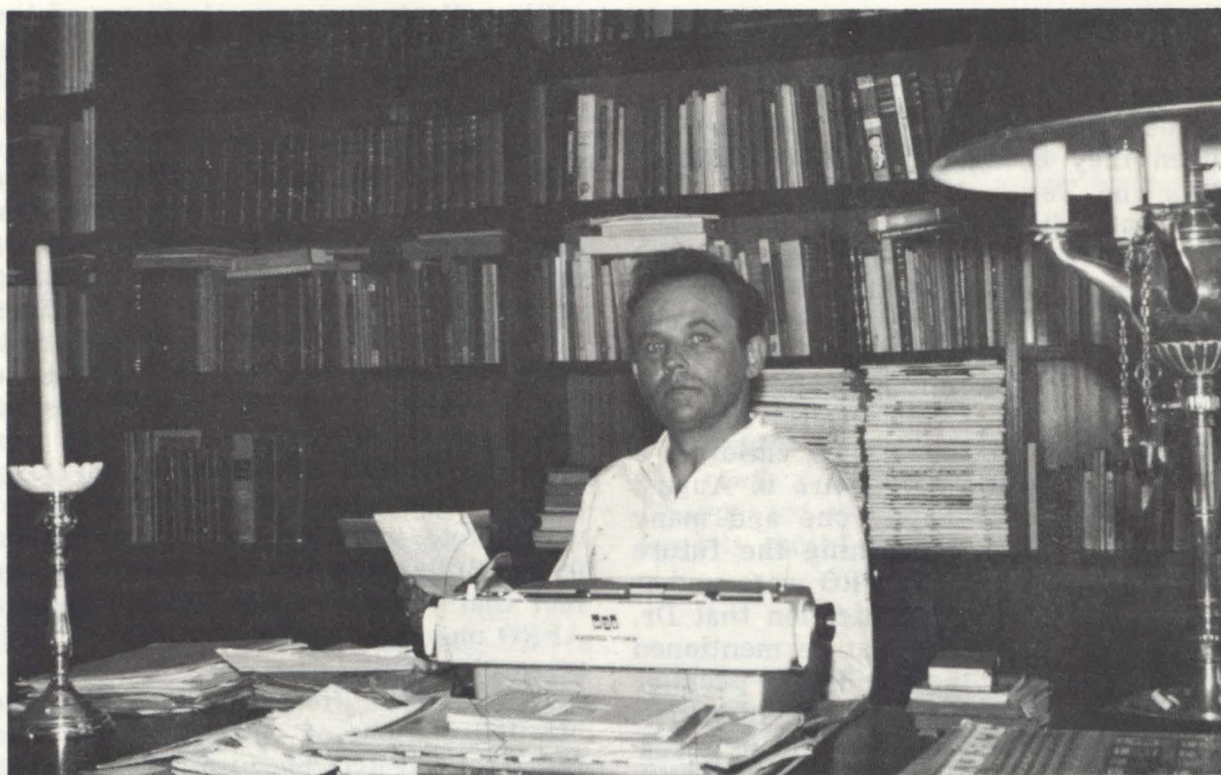
Philip Seff, Ph.D.

## Saucers As Traffic Snags Also In Sweden

by K. Gosta Rehn

On December 3, 1967, the paper Goteborgs-Tidningen printed a long story of an encounter with a flying saucer on a road. The observer had withheld it for about 9 months, beset by the usual fear of ridicule. I called him up and he confirmed the story with the exclusion of some exaggerated details. Moreover, a saucer enthusiast, by name of Henry Svensson, visited the man, took down his statements on a tape recorder and told me that the man's reliability was above reproach.

One day in March 1967, exact date forgotten, Gunnar Lundstrom, 39, a road worker, living in the little hamlet, Smalandsstenar in Middle Sweden, went to work, starting his car around 5 in the



Dr. Fontes is seen above at the desk in his study at his home in Rio de Janeiro.

morning. It was rather dark out. While driving along the road towards Reftele he noticed an object far away over the treetops. It was surrounded by a red-yellowish glow. It lowered itself quickly and seemed to rush straight toward him just a couple of meters above the road. It looked like an egg, the size of which was as wide as the road. "I applied the brakes in panic to avoid collision," Lundstrom said. "The car swerved and stopped, standing across the road. The craft rushed over the car and I thought it would land behind me on the road. However, as I jumped out of the car and looked back there was only empty darkness. Then I turned my eyes ahead and, lo, there it was hovering just above the ground, about 75 meters in front of me." Lundstrom later measured this distance. The craft was situated at a point in the distance between him and a turning pike that exactly measured 102 meters.

Lundstrom states: "The object was formed like an egg and I could distinguish dark spots on the sides. It was standing still in the air for a while. Then it was hurled away in an angle opposite its earlier trajectory. A humming sound like that from a bee-swarm was the only sound I could hear. Its bright glow then changed to a greenish-white blue color that I never have seen before. I could follow it for some minutes until it disappeared."

"I admit that I was very scared," Lundstrom adds. "It was very nasty. I have never believed in visits from far away planets and decided to forget about what happened. I have kept quiet about this, because I am afraid to be disbelieved and to be regarded as a liar. But I cannot disbelieve my own eyes. The space craft must have been steered in some way."

The saucers are getting quite insolent, placing themselves on roads. In March 1967, a construction worker in Svappa-vaara in the North of Sweden was stopp-

ed by two oval objects in front of his car. Just a couple of lines in a paper and no investigation. In England two cars coming from opposite directions were stopped by a saucer on the road. (See case of Karl Farlow, APRO Bulletin 1967). And we have the collision case of Richardson and Quay last summer together with the South Hill, Virginia, case where Mr. Crowder met a fiery saucer on the road. (See APRO Bulletins May-August 1967).

These cases lend confirmation to the above Swedish story.

## Formation Over Pennsylvania

At between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m., on 3 March residents in the area of McKeesport, Pennsylvania reported seeing a trio of objects generally described as three bright "streaks" of light in the sky. Radar did not register the objects and astronomers offered the explanation that the objects could have been meteors or parts of a burned-out rocket booster. Newspaper reports place the sightings between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. generally, but some reports indicated that it might have been as late as 10:30 p.m.

Two personally gathered reports included one from Pittsburgh, Pa., by a professional engineer, age 50, who wishes to remain anonymous. He at first thought the objects were jet engine flares but soon decided they were long for that, each subtending an angle of approximately half of that of the moon. The objects were in sight about 15 seconds and were viewed by the man's wife also.

Another report submitted by Michael Babb took place 3 miles east of Huntington, W. Va., at 9:45 p.m. and involved a radio announcer. The witness said he spotted red disc-shaped objects with yellow tails which he watched for a total of five minutes. No sound accompanied the sighting.

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husband have adopted. Sgt. Conner is presently stationed in Viet Nam. Mrs. Conner was engrossed in a magazine while Shawn was playing with her doll and listening to the dance music from the hotel. Shawn told her mother that there was a big moon in the sky (the moon had set that night at 7:05 p.m.). Mrs. Conner didn't look out until Shawn told her that the moon had started dancing up and down. Thinking it was probably a plane, she looked up and saw a brilliant white object in the east above the Harvest House, which hovered for a few seconds and then shot to the north at a high rate of speed, making a pattern of two square maneuvers in the sky. At each point of the squares, it hovered briefly. Mrs. Conner noted the time which was 11:05, and got out of her car to watch the object better. The intense light hurt her eyes and she had to look away from it several times. She described it as at least the size of a 50-cent piece at arm's length, like two saucers joined together by the rims, with a darker band around the rim, perhaps a foot wide, which was also brilliant, but not so bright as the rest of the object. She described the color as very white, one hundred times brighter than the landing lights on a jet, like the brilliance of the sun without any yellow tones. It was sharply defined with no surrounding glow, and did not light the clouds above it. She could hear no noise from it, but there was a good deal of noise coming from the dance in the hotel. After completing the second square movement, the object made a semi-circular movement upward, hovered for about 30 seconds, and then shot off to the north at a 45 degree angle. At no time did the intensity of the color change, and Mrs. Conner watched it until it was a small speck in the sky. She again checked the time, and it was then 11:12, the duration of the sighting being 7 minutes. One very unusual effect of this object was that when it moved sideways, it left an after-trail of bright, clearly defined light, tapering at the end, twice its length, and half the object's width. When the object stopped, the light "caught up with it" and merged. When it maneuvered upward, the aftertrail was the same width as the object, but acted in the same manner. She describes it as being rather similar to the behavior of spilled mercury when you are trying to sweep it up. Mrs. Conner drove to the police department and reported the sighting. She felt that when she originally saw the object that it was perhaps 2 to 3 miles to the east.

In checking all establishments in that direction, we met Mr. Walt Sneddon who works in the ticket office of the Motorena Drive-In theater, 2½ miles east of Harvest House. This theater is directly across the road from the Public Service Company and lake. Mr. Sneddon and

Dianne Aldrich, another employee, are unsure of the time, but after 9:30 that night they observed an object to the left and below the top of one of the chimneys at the Public Service Co. It was shaped like a football on end, or two plates lip to lip with no visible markings, a pale yellow, comparable to the neon lights running around the box office. The object was sharply defined, the size of a dime at arm's length. They were quite busy and Mr. Sneddon didn't see it move, coming to the conclusion that it must be an eclipse of the moon!

With the cooperation of our excellent police department and a notice in the newspaper, I received a call from Miss Jean McCarron, 21, a legal secretary, who was at another drive-in theater that night with her parents, about 3 miles north of the Motorena. She is not sure of the time, but saw a shooting star NE of the screen, and was looking in that direction at about a 45 degree angle when she saw a white object, the size of a tennis ball at arm's length, round with "jagged" edges like those of a star. It was of a uniform color and to the right and above the screen. The object moved down, then left (north), up, left, down, etc., making slow, jerky movements in a square-type pattern—straight lines and right angle turns. The sighting lasted 5 minutes.

Between 9:30 and 10:00 the same night, Mr. Frank Heffentrager, 29, an employee of ESSA working in the communications and forecasting department of solar events, came out of his apartment one mile south of the Harvest House and saw what at first appeared to be a shooting star heading northwest at about 60 degrees elevation. It was unusual because it was large, at least a dime at arm's length or more, extremely bright yellow, leaving no trail, with no noise, and moving in a fairly straight line. He estimated that it had to be going at thousands of miles per hour. There was no scattering of light and the object was round. He thinks it dimmed as it neared the mountains, and lost its light in the distance. This sighting lasted only a few seconds.

The following night, Sunday, May 26, Allen Wilbur, 18, and Dale Nelson, 16, were driving west on Chase Court at approximately 7:30 p.m., when Allen, who was on the passenger side of the car, noticed a silver-white oval object, slightly less than a pea at arm's length, to the west, over NCAR, moving rapidly back and forth from north to south behind the mountain tops. Mr. Wilbur is a student pilot and he feels this could not possibly have been an aircraft because of its great speed and direct back and forth maneuvering. They stopped the car and he got out to watch it. It was still light, but he said that the object had a glow about it that he did not feel could be reflected sunlight. Miss Nelson, who did not see the object the full time, described it as a silvery metallic object, the size of a nickel or dime at arm's



Dr. Fontes and Mrs. Lorenzen are seen above during one of their many discussions on UFOs in the study of the Fontes home in Rio de Janeiro.

length, and thought it was in front of the mountains. They watched it enter a cloud, go through it, and then shoot off toward the WNW at an incredibly fast speed until it was out of sight behind the mountains.

Two nights later, Tuesday, May 28, Mr. Harold Cambridge, 57, an employee at the water treatment plant in the mountains 3 miles west of Boulder, was outside the plant between 10 and 11 p.m., facing east, when he saw a large bright yellowish-white light which was flashing at first, which appeared to be over Boulder at 50 to 60 degrees elevation. It appeared to be about 6 inches across at arm's length, at least 3 to 4 times larger than aircraft landing lights. It came from the south, then stopped, circled slowly, making no noise at all. Eventually the object went straight NW with no change in speed or color. He watched it because of its size and sharply defined shape, and feels this could not possibly have been an aircraft. He reported this to the police the following morning.

(Mrs. Trenholm, with the able assistance of her husband Charles, heads up the Colorado State Section of APRO).

### Calendars Needed

Headquarters would welcome the receipt of out-dated calendars for use in pin-pointing exact dates on reports of past sightings which arrive in the office daily. If you have a calendar which pre-dates 1964 and would like to assist us, please forward same. If some of the members have ancient calendars, we will be happy to copy them and return them.

PLEASE SEND ADDRESS CHANGES

## Strange Incident in Washington

One of our Washington members relays the following information about an incident which occurred in the vicinity of Selah, Washington, between the dates of April 28 and May 6:

A woman who owns several hundred acres of orchards in the Selah-Yakima area, and who resides elsewhere except during the smudging season, related the following information to an APRO member, which involves members of her smudging crews. According to the informant, many members of the crew had seen strange objects in the air for eight days. These consisted of reddish and yellowish lights moving slowly or hovering near the orchards. On one occasion a very large object which disgorged five smaller objects was seen, and the smaller objects, upon taking to the air disappeared in different directions at very high speed.

On the same night that the large object was observed, a 16-year-old member of one of the crews was en route to another part of the orchard by car. He was just coming to work and was unaware of the sighting which had taken place earlier. As he passed through a wooded area his attention was arrested by a light off to his left. He stopped the car for a better look and was astonished to see three "beings" emerge from the trees. He estimated the distance from the beings to himself to be about 600 feet and they were coming toward him. The closer they got he realized that they were very small—4 feet tall or less. He described them as being dressed in orange-colored clothing of a shiny texture. He said they were human-like in appearance and he recalls seeing what he thought were ears but the other facial features were indistinct. There was no hair or other covering on the heads. The boy was badly frightened, and wondered why they were approaching and what they intended to do. He began to panic, and thinking of nothing else to do, he honked the horn of the car as loud and as long as he could. At this point two other similar beings of the same size emerged from the right side of the road and came toward the car.

At this juncture another young man, also a member of the smudging crew, heard the sounds of the car horn and ran up the road to investigate. He came up to the other's car and opened the door and found the young man virtually at the point of collapse. He thought the car's occupant was dying because he gave no response and seemed almost unconscious.

After being revived, the principal in this case was taken back to the ranch house and he stated that the beings had approached to within about 25 feet of the car when they suddenly turned around and walked back toward the left of his car where they disappeared among

the trees. They did not "glide" as is reported in some landing cases, nor did they run—they simply walked away. It was just as the men were walking away that the second fellow came running up to the car. The rescuer reasoned that he did not see the "men" because he was concentrating on the car which had been honking. And when he arrived at the car he was more concerned for the condition of the occupant than anything else.

On the morning after this incident the lady who owns the orchards went with the two boys to the area where the beings were seen. At the place where the "beings" turned back, a fence (a mesh "hog fence") was strung across that area. At this spot and surrounding it were six imprints in the soil which resembled footprints, but were 8 inches long, had a narrow heel, no instep and a "paddle-shaped" foot. There was also an area which appeared to have been dug up. The woman attempted to get someone from the local high school to come and take a cast of the imprints but no one arrived.

Also during the eight-day period during which many phenomena were seen, was the manifestation of an all-encompassing blue light which would suddenly illuminate a large area of several acres and just as suddenly disappear. Those who reported this phenomenon said that it was so bright they could see every twig and every detail of the landscape. Nothing was seen in the sky or on the ground to account for the light.

None of the foregoing was reported to authorities because the lady involved is very adverse to the ensuing publicity and feels responsible for the young man involved. She feels responsible for a young man who lost his job when she reported a UFO incident back in the mid-1950s and the young man involved was virtually ridiculed out of the country.

Investigation is under way and further details will be reported.

## Another Car-Buzzing Incident

Mrs. Robert Finley of Healdton, Oklahoma, has reported that she and her daughter were "escorted" by a UAO for a distance of about five miles during the first week of March. They were nearing the Healdton Y on U.S. 70 when a saucer-shaped object crossed over the highway traveling south. Then it circled around and started following the Finley car as she turned to go to Healdton. Mrs. Finley said that the object, which had blinking lights, stayed on the west side of the road, just above the treetops, and disappeared as she arrived at the Healdton city limits.

### Note

We occasionally receive complaints from members that they are not receiving their Bulletins. As you will note, the Bulletin is mailed at special non-profit organization postage rate. Because of this, it does not receive the same attention in the post office that first class mail does and for this reason we lose a Bulletin or two at each mailing. Also, some bulletins take 10 days to two weeks to reach their destination.

We urge members to keep this office advised of address changes; many times those who have not received a Bulletin have moved without forwarding their new addresses and the Bulletin is returned to APRO. Please help the office force to be more efficient, and save them the extra work of re-mailing by keeping us apprised of your current location.

### NOTICE!

Through an oversight, some of the early mail-outs of the Gerdes UAO Detector schematics were incomplete. The recipients of these incomplete copies may return them and receive complete copies by return mail.



Above, left to right: Miss Teresa Fontes, Luis Fontes, Mrs. Fontes, Marcia Fontes and Dr. Fontes. The boy at left behind Teresa is the Lorenzens' son Larry. This photo was taken during a visit to Southern Arizona in February, 1966.

## STOP PRESS!

Last minute information reaching us from South America includes the following report which is condensed in the interest of space:

At about the 1st of June, two couples who were on their way home at night to Chascomas which is located some 150 kilometers south of Buenos Aires, Argentina, had a peculiar experience. One couple, whom we will call Mr. and Mrs. Vidal, were following the car of the others. Suddenly their car was enveloped in heavy fog, and when they next recalled anything, they were in their car on a dusty, lonely road, and it was daylight. They soon realized something was greatly amiss, and before long found that they were in Mexico, and it was 48 hours later than it had been when they had been driving in Argentina. Shortly, they went to and were assisted by the Argentinian Consul in Mexico City and their car was sent to the U.S. for examination.

The couple whom the Vidals had been following, meanwhile had arrived in Chascomus, and had waited for their friends until the early hours of morning. They assumed that there had been some kind of accident. Two days after this, they received notification that friends of the Vidals had received a phone call from them in Mexico. Several days later the Vidals arrived in Buenos Aires and Mrs. Vidal was hospitalized with what appeared to be deep nervous shock. Vidal told close friends that the Argentinian Consul in Mexico had warned him to keep silent about the whole incident.

Investigation of this alleged incident is proceeding among APRO members in Argentina and the full story, when it is available, will be printed in the Bulletin.

## More of Those Mysterious Men

On Sunday, June 2nd, an APRO representative interviewed an elderly farm lady who lives alone outside of Towanda, New York, who had an interesting story to tell:

Her farm is on the other side of a hill upon which is located a rifle range. She said she has been observing "several" UFOs coming in a westerly direction from the rifle range in the early evening and she had contacted the officer-in-charge of the National Guard which uses the rifle range two days a month and told him of her sightings. She said he took down all the information she had and said he would check into it. This was several weeks prior to May 29, 1968, when three men arrived on the property and identified themselves as being from "the Department of Commerce." Mrs. X said they told her the government was interested in erecting an airplane beacon tower on an adjacent hilltop, owned by her, and were seeking permission for an access road. She also said they questioned her closely about air traffic over her

farm and casually asked her if she had seen anything "out of the ordinary."

She was told that surveys had been made and construction was ready to start and that they (the three men) would probably be in the area for two to three weeks to check on the air traffic. She was worried and contacted APRO's representative there (whom we are not naming until we receive specific information to do so). Through the staff of the Daily Review in Towanda, he made local inquiries and can find no one with information about proposed beacon construction. An inquiry has been sent to Washington, D.C., and when information is forthcoming, if pertinent, it will be published. The lady in question, although elderly, seems, to our representative, to be in complete possession of her faculties. She describes the objects she has seen as balloon-shaped and thinks they originate from the Sylvania Electronic Plant or the DuPont Company plant and are experimental models of something designed by our government.

We include this bit of information in view of the admission of the U.S. Air Force several months ago that unidentified men who were admonishing UFO witnesses to be quiet, were not a part of their service but that they were trying to apprehend them.

## Daylight Sighting in Calif.

Two ladies, both in their fifties, and both married to prominent businessmen, observed four objects while fishing on the morning of May 5 in the area of Piney Creek Chews Ridge Look-Out about 35 miles from Salinas and Monterey, Calif. Neither lady wishes her identity known, but one of the observers is a relative of an APRO member and the report was made to her.

At 10 a.m., the two observers were fishing at a reservoir on a private ranch. Their husbands were a few miles away herding cattle. The ladies heard the sound of a motor and thought the men were coming back in the pickup truck. Then they both spotted four metallic-appearing objects, oblong in shape and rather flat, with apparent size about that of the full moon. They were up Piney Creek Canyon and maneuvered in a manner that suggested that they could not possibly be conventional aircraft. The women estimated the distance of the objects to be about four or five miles away, and they seemed to bob up and down incessantly. At one point one of the four objects left the others and appeared to approach the observers a short way, then rejoined the others. No details such as protruberances or portholes were observed. Most of the time the objects were seen against the background of the canyon and occasionally they would gain sufficient altitude so that they were observed against the clear sky. Finally, two of the objects headed toward the west and disappeared from sight within a few

seconds. The observers did not see the other two leave. The area where the observation was made is very isolated with no houses for at least seven miles. The Chews Ridge Lookout is the only building in the area.

## Activity Still Extensive in Canada

Canada, which received a large portion of the sightings made during the fall 1967 flap, still continues to yield a good number of very detailed sightings. We are especially indebted to Dr. P. M. H. Edwards, W. K. Allan, Brian Cannon, R. G. Mazer, Barrie Thompson and W. R. Mellor for the information and detailed cases forwarded to APRO Headquarters. The following are some of the more interesting sightings:

*Fort Norman, North West Territory, 16 February.* A local native of the Slave tribe, out on a cutline about four miles from Fort Norman at about 5 in the afternoon was cutting wood and her dog team was resting nearby. Canadian National Telephone lines run along the cutline. The dogs began to show signs of extreme nervousness, were barking and whining and seemed to be very frightened. The woman left the bush to quiet them and was startled to see what appeared to be a huge very bright orange ball, moving near the telephone lines some distance from her. She claims that she cannot estimate distance and size and since she was badly frightened, she headed immediately for town with her team. Nearing town she looked back and saw nothing.

*Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, 2 March.* A farmer of this town was among the observers of a huge, rectangular object at 6:55 p.m. He was driving at the time, stopped his car about two miles south of Gilbert Plains to better observe the object which appeared to be only a few hundred feet above the ground a few miles west of him. He said he thought the object was much larger than a DC-8, was rectangular in shape and about "three stories" high, no window seen, and it emitted black smoke. By the time he made these observations, he said, two other cars had stopped nearby and the occupants turned off their engines to see if any noise was discernible but there was none. After it maneuvered a bit in a small area, the object took off at a 45 degree angle at about the speed of a jet. When it left it seemed to have a tail and emitted a red streak.

*Richmond, B.C. 9 April.* A hovering orange light was sighted by an 11-year-old girl and her father, Henry De Boer at night. The girl sighted it first, called her father, and they both watched it move slowly into the north.

Although many more sightings have been received from Canada, we have presented only a few in order to give an adequate coverage of the rest of the world activity.



Seen above is a scene in the "O.K. Corral" at Tombstone, Arizona, which is a ghost town. The three statues in the photo are of "Doc" Holliday, Marshall Wyatt Earp and an unidentified gunman. The center figure is "Doc" Fontes, about to "draw."

## Current South American Flap

The following is current available information on UFO activity taking place in South America:

*Guayos, Venezuela, April 26.* A spherical object with "uncanny" light flashes issuing from it was sighted by many residents of this town as it passed overhead at 8 p.m.

*Caracas, Venezuela, 28 April.* A strange cloud phenomenon was observed by Diego Angulo at 11 a.m. The sky was completely overcast and Angulo watched as the cloud cover was "rent" in two parts in a neat, perfect line as if slit by a giant, invisible knife. The slit was a wide one and proceeded slowly from the zenith all the way to the horizon in the west. The width of the slit was about that of three fingers held at arm's length. No object was seen, and the slit was slowly filled in at different points as the clouds eventually came together. Fifteen minutes after the rent was completed the sky was completely covered with clouds again. Personally investigated by Joe Rolas.

*Arrecifes, Venezuela, first week in May.* Five UAOs were observed diving into the ocean off the coast of this town in northern Venezuela.

*Valencia, Venezuela, 14 and 15 May.* On each of these nights a brilliant luminous object was observed by many as it crossed the sky at great speed, coming out of the south and disappearing into the west.

*Caracas, Venezuela, 20 May.* At 2:30 p.m. all the residents of eastern Caracas were panicked by an extremely loud and "hideous" rumbling noise that sounded as if roaring jets were passing over the area. Nothing was seen in the sky and no aircraft were in the area. The noise seemed to come from the mountains and

traverse the city toward the west when it faded out. Duration: two minutes.

*Lima, Peru, 2 June.* A group of people reported that they had seen six UAOs hovering over the highway to Chosica, about 40 kilometers east of Lima. Each had a red light and made a helicopter-like noise, though they moved much faster than helicopters are capable of flying. First, four stationary lights were seen which were joined by two other lights coming from the direction of the hills. After maneuvering for a few minutes, four of the objects moved swiftly out of sight while the remaining two dived toward the ground, leveled off and took to the air again. All were shaped like soup plates and were rounded on the bottom side.

*Santiago, Chile, 12 June.* Professor Gabriel Alvial, Director of the Cosmic Radiation Center at the University of Chile announced that on May 17th a UAO had been photographed three times by a crew of scientists in the Andean Range where the UAO hovered between two mountains for one hour. The object on the film appears as a bright, lens-shaped object with its sunderside in the shape of a cone. It was seen and photographed north of Valparaiso and the observatory. "We are sure it was giant in size," Professor Alvial stated, and "can't be scientifically explained away." The photograph shows the object on a moonless night between the profiles of two mountains and with the glare of the lights of the city of Valparaiso in the background. Attempts will be made by APRO representatives in Chile to obtain the photo for publication.

*Cordoba, Argentina, 15 June.* A young woman and her father informed the police that she had seen a strange being at about 1 a.m. this date. According to the father, he saw a strange object with two red lights about 50 meters from the

motel which he owns and where he and his daughter live. Upon approaching their quarters, he found his daughter lying unconscious on the ground. When revived the girl said that a six-foot-tall being encased in a blue helmet and suit which appeared to be made of shiny scales had approached her. He proceeded slowly and noiselessly, she said, smiling and whispering in a strange language, and from his feet and hands phosphorescent rays of light issued each time he lifted them. The girl lost consciousness out of fear.

*Boulogne, Argentina, 16 June.* The central portion of this city was disturbed and some residents panicked by a "hideous" rumble heard overhead. (See details of similar phenomenon in Venezuela above). This strange noise was accompanied by mysterious glaring lights which seemed to emanate from the sky. Dogs were panicked and took to the fields during this time, and the ceiling at the home of a farmer flaked off and collapsed.

## Brazil

*Leme, 8 December 1967:* Capt. Carlos Augusto Correau and Mario Grosso reported seeing a brilliant light over the ocean which blinked off and on, red and white alternately. Time: 11:30; heavy rain had stopped, low hanging clouds in evidence. Object circling over ocean. Military searchlights were turned on in the direction of the light whereupon the light flew off and disappeared toward Santos Dumont Airport behind Sugarloaf mountain. Two couples on the beach also saw the maneuvering light.

*Niteroi, Brazil, 4 June.* Passengers traveling on the outside decks of the Rio to Niteroi ferry "Paqueta," observed the flight of an unidentified object which was estimated to be at about 600 meters (2,000 feet) and crossing from the Morro do Estado at Niteroi toward the center of Rio de Janeiro. Draughtsman Raimundo Pucu saw the object and made a drawing of it which showed a football-shaped object with a protuberance on the top. Observers described it as intensely bright, round, and with a red lower side. The Brazilian Air Force Search and Rescue Department was queried about the object and a spokesman said that they had not sighted the object, but that this may have been due to its very swift flight.

## Utke Has New Project

Those members wishing to support Dr. Allen Utke in an expedition to a repeat sighting area in August are asked to mail checks made out to him at 1825 Oak St., Oshkosh, Wis., 54901. Results of the expedition will be reported in these pages. If trip is cancelled, all checks will be returned. Dr. Utke will also accept lecture engagements to help raise funds.

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