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## Hynek Urges International UFO Study



On the 15th of October 1968 a group of scientists from various countries around the world met at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City to discuss the subjects of UFOs. The meeting was organized by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book, and head of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. This informal meeting of space specialists was held in conjunction with the congress of the International Astronautical Federation which was also headquartered at the Hotel.

Participants were urged to speak freely and they were promised that they would not be quoted by name without their specific consent. Representatives of eight countries besides the United States were in attendance.

In August, Mrs. Lorenzen sent a letter to all overseas APRO Representatives, asking that they send detailed reports of what they considered to be their most authentic UFO cases to be used in an important upcoming project. The project was the meeting held by Dr. Hynek. When he formulated plans for the round table discussion, Hynek requested reports from APRO, being cognizant of APRO's extensive coverage of global UFO information. The reports were forwarded to Dr. Hynek and he used them to refer to when discussing the subject with the scientists at the meeting. Here are some interesting sidelights of the conference:

Hynek stated that the purpose of the session was to explore the possibility of international cooperation in the study of the UFO problem. An Italian delegate urged the formation of an international center to deal not only with the UFOs but with their alleged occupants. This is the first serious reference to the UFO occupants to emerge from a scientific discussion on the subject.

A Yugoslavian scientist said that no reliable data on UFO occupants had been collected in his country. One of the delegates, an associate of the National Defense Research Institute in Sweden said the institute had undertaken a study of UFO reports in response to pressure from the public. We can assume that our Swedish

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### Pereira's Report On Recent Landing

Professor Flavio Pereira, APRO's Representative in Brazil, has submitted the final report on the landing of an object about 200 meters from a large hospital in the town of Botucatu, which is 248 kilometers northwest of Sao Paulo and 96 kilometers from the city of Bauru. After reading of the incident in the Brazil Herald, arrangements were made for a team to go to the town to investigate. They learned the following:

At about 12:30 p.m. on the afternoon of Monday, July 1, Fernandinho, Waltinho and Valcinho, 12, 11, and 8 years of age respectively, saw something land at the above-described site. The three were playing about 500 meters from the place where they saw the object on the ground, supported by a big tripod and with a ladder which extended from the object to the ground underneath. They began to yell to attract attention of any others in the vicinity, whereupon the object took off, retracting the tripod and ladder as it flew. After it rose a few meters off the ground in a ver-

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### Photo of Two Discs in Peru

The photo reproduced above is a color photograph taken in the Ancash Mountains of Peru, presumably during this summer's UFO activity. Richard Greenwell, APRO's Peruvian representative, is investigating the sighting and the photograph, and points out that if it is authenticated, it will not only be the first photo of TWO objects taken at one time, but probably one of the very few photos of a UFO which show a clearly defined outline and the typical disc-shape. Despite the fact that complete details are not available, it was felt that the members would like to see this photo as soon as possible.

### The Mendoza 'Contact'

One of the many detailed and perplexing accounts of UFO landings and contacts in South America took place early in the morning of August 31 when two casino cashiers were on their way home from work. The following details were furnished by member Daniel Molina of Buenos Aires:

As the men drove along, the engine

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### Scientific UFO Research Award

In accord with a suggestion made by our Mexican Representative, Mr.

Jesus H. Garibay, APRO is considering the establishment of a Research Award to be paid to the individual (or group of individuals) who accomplishes the most significant advance in scientific UFO research in a given period of time.

It is anticipated that this will stimulate interest and action among college students and graduate students around the world. Although it would by no means be limited to this group, we tentatively propose to set up a trusteeship outside APRO control. This would make APRO members, as individuals, eligible to compete for the award although the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Incorporated, as originator of the fund, would be ineligible.

The matter of raising the money for the initial fund will, of course, present somewhat of a problem but several possibilities have already been suggested:

(1) APRO members participated in a television documentary which will be shown on national TV in the next few months. A small percentage of the proceeds will go to APRO for its efforts. It is suggested that this money could be transferred to the award fund to get it under way.

(2) It has been suggested that this award be named the Olavo T. Fontes Scientific UFO Research Award in honor of the late Doctor Fontes who probably did more to bring scientific respectability to the subject than any other individual. The fund could be built by marketing a book containing the writings of Dr. Fontes on UFOs and related matters. We could also sell portraits of Dr. Fontes, as many requests have been made for them.

This office is open to any other worthwhile suggestions.



### Lorenzens Interviewed On Japanese TV

On the morning of May 6, Mr. Jun-ichi Takanashi, APRO's Japanese Representative called the Lorenzens by long distance telephone while being interviewed on the program, "Midnight" in Tokyo. As Mr. Takanashi

asked questions of the Lorenzens, their photos were shown on the television screen along with his. (See above). The show was well received in Japan and Mr. Takanashi, who is also Chairman of the Modern Space Flight Association in Osaka did a very good job of promoting APRO in the Far East. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen talked about the most recent reports at APRO Headquarters during the interview.

### URGENT NOTICE!

We would like to ask members NOT to use the membership blank on their Bulletin cover to renew their memberships! Those blanks are for the specific purpose of providing an extra blank for soliciting new members! Some members have been using those blanks in this manner, and it results in considerable confusion as there is a large number on the membership rolls and it is growing each day; when such a renewal is made, quite often it results in the membership secretary having to cross-check all incoming new members against the membership files to prevent duplications.

### The Straight Dope

Several members have relayed copies of a letter from the Air Force which refers to the death of Lt. Gorman during his chase of a flying saucer during the early years of the enigma. Knowing this was in error, Mr. Lorenzen checked with the Air Force and received the following information in a letter dated October 7, 1968: "Thank you for your letter of September 23, 1968, in which you called our attention to errors we had made in connection with UFO matters. Upon re-check, we found that Lt. Gorman was not, in fact, killed at the time of his encounter with a lighted weather balloon." Unquote. The letter is signed by James H. Aikman, Major, UAF, Chief, Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information, Department of the Air Force in Washington, D.C.

The fact that an error was made relative to one specific UFO incident (the Gorman chase) is ample indication that the Air Force could also be mistaken in their pronouncement that Gorman had encountered a weather balloon rather than a UFO.

"Midnight" magazine, published in Canada, has been carrying some rather sensational pieces on alleged UFO incidents. One recent article alluded to the alleged "first flying saucer murder" which allegedly took place in Australia. A letter to Mr. Peter Norris, APRO's representative there,

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representative, Mr. K. Gosta Rehn may have been responsible, in part, for this, as he has published a book on the subject in his country.

According to the Czechoslovakian delegates, a group of astronomers have gotten together in their country in an informal effort to look into the subject but have as yet found no evidence that any UFO flights have taken place over their territory.

As might be expected, considering the great amount of activity over that country, Brazil was represented and its delegate said that the Brazilian Air Force was recently instructed to organize an investigation of UFOs with the aid of civilian experts. We can logically expect, according to our information, that Professor Flavio Pereira, APRO's representative in Brazil, will be one of the civilian experts asked to participate.

Two of the recommendations made by the panel was a standarization of UFO report forms and total international cooperation in the study. It was reported at the meeting that the results of an inquiry dealing with the question of whether the UFOs represent a problem worthy of scientific attention, and undertaken by a committee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics might be made public at the institute's meeting in Philadelphia during the following week. The study was chaired by Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner of the Environmental Sciences Services Administration in Boulder, Colorado.

The meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria as well as the results should be adequate indication of Dr. Hynek's motivations where UFOs are concerned. He has been much maligned by fellow scientists and UFO organizations alike because he will not take a definite stand on the reality of UFOs and their possible origin. The October 15th meeting is, in our opinion, the most intelligent and objective step that has been taken so far toward solution of the UFO mystery. We might add that Dr. Hynek informs us that continued informal association for exchange of pertinent information will take place, but that no formal move will be made by the international group until the Condon Report is issued and thoroughly digested.

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tical climb, it flew off in the direction of Botucatu at high speed.

Attracted by the shouts, Dona Eloa, mother of Waltinho, went to the window to see what the excitement was

about, and saw the object which appeared to be completely enveloped in white smoke, flying off at high speed. Several people at the hospital, including a professor, saw the object also, but the most impressive testimony came from Dona Nair de Melo Rodrigues, a retired teacher living in Rubiao Junior (a section of Botucatu). Dona Rodrigues told investigators for IBACE that she had gone out of her house and had seen, flying at low altitude, an aircraft without wings which was circular, grey in color, with a dome on top, another underneath. It made no sound whatsoever, she said, and flew with its rim somewhat inclined toward the ground.

According to Dona Rodrigues' testimony, her sighting took place some 40 minutes prior to that of the boys, indicating that the object had been in the area for at least that long and perhaps on the ground for close to forty minutes.

Marks found in the area seemed to have been caused by great pressure, for they were deep and symmetrical and investigators did not feel they could have been made with manual instruments. These impressions were arranged to form an isosceles triangle, and the distance between the impressions were 6.80 meters by 7 meters by 5.45 meters.

The Administrator of the hospital is the father of Waltinho, and he and the father of Fernandinho said that the children were badly shaken by what they had seen. A local farmer told one of the Medical Faculty's staff that several days before the landing near the hospital he and his son had seen a silent, disc-shaped machine which appeared to descend beyond a nearby eucalyptus wood.

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of their car suddenly failed. The two got out to investigate the cause, and were almost immediately surrounded by four smallish men (less than four feet) who were entirely bald and who appeared to be rather stocky for their height. They seemed to talk to the two men without using their lips, and the men said they felt as though a transmitter inside their heads were generating the words: "Don't fear, don't fear." During the course of this "conversation" the little men allegedly said that the sun was "the reason for everything," and that mathematics is the universal language. They then produced something which resembled a television screen which showed first a scene like that of Niagara Falls, next a giant ascending cloud, and then what appeared to be Niagara Falls but without the water, and only the rocky background showing. Then, with some kind of instrument, one of the beings

made marks on the side and running board of the car.

The next part of the incident involved blood-taking which was accomplished by the little men who pricked the middle finger of each of the men's hands. The men, although frightened, could do nothing but stand there until their visitors were finished, whereupon the latter went to their ship which was a disc-shaped object hovering about 3 feet above the ground near the road. They estimated that the diameter of the object was about 18 feet and said that it gave off a powerful light which illuminated the ground underneath it.

As soon as the little men had left, the two got back into their car, which started with no difficulty, and drove to the Military Academy which was nearby. They made their report, and the man on duty there not only noted their agitation, the marks on their fingers, and the marks on the car, but volunteered that he had seen the object leaving the vicinity.

A Mrs. Maria Spinelli, a resident of the general area, later reported that she had seen a strange lighted object in the vicinity, and cross-checking indicated that her sighting coincided with the time that the two cashiers had their experience.

Another corroborating (but unpublished at the time) incident in the area took place about a week before the above-described incident. An oil company employee was engaged in sample gathering on top of some oil storage tanks and when he finished and descended to the ground he found a humanoid, whose appearance generally fits that of those described above, who showed him a TV screen in which he could see people walking very slowly on a floor which appeared to be tiled, but there was no background of any kind behind them except for a yellowish color. The "being" told the fear-paralyzed worker that "many of these (referring to the persons on the screen) were like you, many of you will be like them," and then vanished completely from the man's sight.

We cannot even attempt to analyze these sightings at this time, but it is certain that something strange has been taking place in three South American countries: Brazil, Argentina and Chile. If any information becomes available which will shed some light on these alleged incidents it will be presented at a later time.

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## Straight Dope—

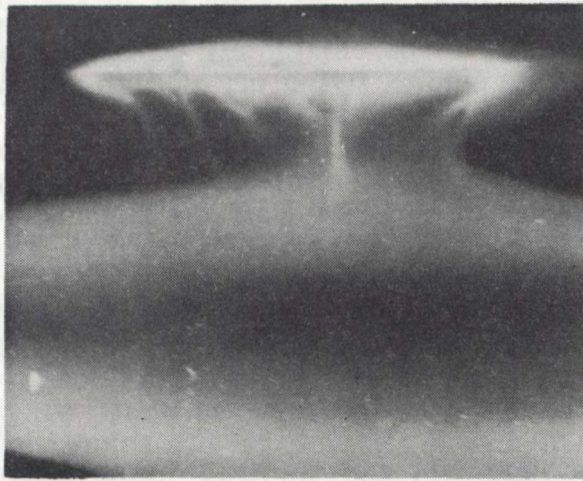
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yielded the following information which he received in answer to an inquiry to the Criminal Investigation Branch, Coolangatta, Northern Territory: "Please find enclosed a letter from my Mate in Darwin who is a Detective from the C.I.B. there. It more than explains anything I could write to you about and it is the genuine document. I hope that the story written by the author is exposed as a Blatant Fake as I consider that stories such as these do more harm to the UFO Researchers than enough and SHOULD BE EXPOSED as the Fake it is. I feel very strongly about this . . ." Unquote. The enclosed document speaks for itself in the following pertinent parts: "I personally believe in these saucers and as such went into the matter very thoroughly. The matter is unknown to our entire police force, even to a bloke called White and another called Owens. There is a Sgt. Owens in Katherine and White is at Kulgara. The author was close with names but otherwise wrong in every detail. Even the part about the sheep farms. These do not exist at Borooloola or anywhere else in the N. T. To cap matters off I had a mate of mine in the office of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages go through his entire files. Not only were the names given by the author unable to be traced to a death at Borooloola, they were not listed as ever having died anywhere in the N. T." The letter is signed by Neil Plumb of the Darwin, N.T. Police Station. We hope this clears up another matter involving an imaginative writer and a trumped-up "UFO incident."



### Triangle-Shaped Object Sighted Over Madrid

The third or fourth sighting of a triangle-shaped object moving through the skies over Madrid, Spain, took place on September 5th, during the evening rush hour, at 7:30 p. m.



### Photo Of UFO From Brazil

Professor Flavio Pereira, President of The Brazilian Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences as well as APRO's Representative, has submitted the photo shown above along with the following details:

At 1 a.m., on the morning of 5 July 1968, Ibrahim Rodrigues Fonseca, a professional photographer, was suffering from bronchitis, so he stayed awake reading until the attack subsided. While sitting beside an open window Fonseca saw a large light descending from the sky. The upper part of the object seemed to be spinning at a high rate of speed and gave off a brilliant yellowish light. Fonseca rushed away from the window, came back and took the photograph just before the object ascended out of sight. He estimated that a period of about 2 minutes elapsed from the time he sighted the object descending until it took off. The disc-shape in the upper part of the photo is the object, while the lighted area below is the lighted area on the ground.

Various individuals reported their impressions of the object, and several photos (see above) were taken, some through telescopic lenses. Although people on the ground who observed the object for approximately one hour generally described the object as triangular in shape, a pilot who attempted to intercept the thing claimed it was pyramid shaped and that there were three globes of bright light at its base. This pilot climbed to 50,000 feet but had to abandon the chase when his fuel ran low, and the object was still a great distance above him. F-104 jets were dispatched to investigate but could not get to the altitude of the object. An official statement from the Madrid Observatory said that they did not know what the object was but that they assumed it was a satellite. This explanation was not accepted by the general public, however, because of the length of time that the object was visible. Apparently in answer to the Madrid Observatory's statement, a U. S. space tracking facility at Robledo, Spain stated that the object was

definitely not an American satellite. The Spanish weather bureau added their denial that it was one of their meteorological balloons.

As various authorities vainly tried to account for the strange object, a "respectable government source" suggested that it might have been a meteorological balloon which had drifted in from France. This theory collapsed, however, when French technicians said they had constantly tracked the balloon in question and that it had not drifted over Madrid.

The Spanish Air Force announced during the furor over the "thing" that their modern, American-designed radar network had picked up the UFO, although only briefly, and this gave rise to much speculation about the reason why the vast U. S. Air Base at Torrejoon on the outskirts of Madrid did not register the object on their screens.

At any rate, official announcements to the contrary, the object was still unidentified 21 days later, on the 26th of September and at this writing no solution has been found to the puzzle. At the beginning of this article we mentioned other "triangles" over Madrid in the past. During a recent file search it was noted at APRO Headquarters that triangle-shaped objects had been observed at least two other times over Madrid, Spain.

### Boys Report UFO in River

Four boys, David Taylor, 14, David Smith, 15, Gregory Cavanaugh, 12, and Peter Blakeney, 11, were on the Cornwallis River dyke in Nova Scotia, Canada, at 4:30 p. m. on the afternoon of September 1 when they spotted a disc-shaped object, black in color, hovering about 100 feet above the river. They ran to a point which was as close as they could get, about 4 feet from the object and stood there and watched it for about 10 minutes until it moved toward the water, went in and moved along with the current. While airborne the object appeared to be oscillating like a spinning top, the boys said. No sound was heard while it was in the air and it did not splash when it entered the river, they said. They estimated its size to be about 15 feet in diameter and about 6 feet thick. This is the second report in APRO's files involving a UFO entering a river. The other was observed by a young girl and fishermen when a disc in flight, struck a palm tree and then tumbled into the Peropava River in Brazil. This sighting was never publicized in the states, was first documented in Mr. Lorenzen's first book in 1962, and picked up and used by several writers on the subject since.

## Two 1967 Brazilian Landing Cases

Two landings are alleged to have taken place at Kilometer 124 on the highway Anhanguera near Americana in November 1967. The following information is forwarded by Professor Flavio Pereira, and the investigators were Dr. Methodios Kalkasief and Dr. Max Berezavsky, acting for Professor Pereira and the Brazilian Commission for the Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

A Highway Patrolman, who has requested anonymity, was on duty at Km 124 when he saw what he first thought was an aircraft without lights descending from the sky. The patrolman ran across the road, "in order to go to the assistance of possible passengers who might have been injured in the disaster." On arriving at the other side he saw that the object had stopped in midair some 50 meters from the ground, was not a conventional aircraft, and was like nothing he had ever seen. It was immense, he said, "as high as a 15-story building and elongated." He said it appeared to be made of aluminum and had enormous rivets on the fuselage and the lower part seemed to have hatchways. It also seemed to be spinning.

Just as the patrolman had made up his mind to return to the Patrol Post powerful lights streamed from the object, lights which looked like those from electric welding torches "but millions of times brighter" and he was unable to look directly at them. At the same time a very loud humming sound was heard and he clamped his hands over his ears because his head was aching very badly. Then he ran to the police car, but when he tried to start it there was no reaction in the starter. At this same moment he saw that the lights in the police cabin and outside the gas station beside it, went out for several seconds while the object took off and climbed into the sky.

When the lights at the police building came back on the patrolman was able to start his car. He drove to the building and went in and reported what had happened to a man on duty. The two then drove to the location where the object had been seen, but it was gone and all that could be seen was a very bright light in the sky.

It was later learned that during the observation two fluorescent lamps in the mechanics workshop (100 meters from the Patrolman's position) burned out, and the TV screen in the mechanics home went out. Also, at the moment when the patrolman was vainly trying to start his car, the engine of a passing truck stopped also, and when the driver of the truck inquired of the patrolman what had

happened, he got no reply.

Two nights after this incident, at 2:30 a.m. on the 28th of November, the same patrolman had another experience. This time he was prepared, he said, and was watching the sky rather than the passing cars.

The object returned from the same direction as in the previous incident, looking like the first. The patrolman took out his revolver, ran across the road and hid himself in a depression of the terrain in such a way that he could not be seen, as it was filled with bushes. The object stopped some 30 meters from the ground at a distance of about 50 meters from the patrolman. He could not decide whether to fire or not and was extremely nervous. Then he saw that from the underside of the machine a sort of elevator came down, which had only a back, two sides and a floor. Inside the "elevator" he saw two figures, illuminated by dull light. The figures were dressed like two frogmen, in skin tight clothing. He could not make out the color, but noted that they were wearing belts more than "four fingers wide," and on which were "shining objects, or better, the belt emitted brilliant lights in various places."

The patrolman said that he then heard one of them—the one on the right. He was gesturing and speaking to him, telling him to put his gun away and not to be afraid, that he was an intelligent and fearless man, and that they would be coming back again. After hearing this the patrolman wanted to leave his hiding place but could not because "his legs would not obey his will." He said they felt very weak.

The object then immediately took off and disappeared. Later the Patrolman submitted an official report to the Commandant of the Highway Police in Sao Paulo.

Professor Pereira and his colleagues should be congratulated on the job they are doing in documenting the activity in Brazil. The two reports above are very important, and fill in some of the gaps in the late 1967 activity which were left open when Dr. Fontes became ill. They bolster our contention that South America will ultimately contribute much in the way of factual information about the UFOs, for that continent seems to be the recipient of far more close-up sightings and landings than any other comparable land mass in the world, or at least people are reporting sightings far more often than elsewhere.

### More Details Required

The APRO Headquarters staff is doing an indepth study of sightings involving the following: 1. Occupants. 2. Landings. 3. Sounds associated with UFOs. 4. UFO

residue. 5. Alleged contacts. 6. Observers claiming telepathic communication. 7. Observers claiming direct language contact with UFO occupants.

The foregoing categories do not necessarily imply belief of same by the staff, but it is felt that prejudice has too long exorcised these categories from UFO research. We will attempt to discern what part the disturbed personality plays in the generation of UFO reports, and in particular those which concern so-called communication. Therefore, it is important that ALL reports reach this office, no matter how bizarre they may seem. Flyovers are still welcome, as are all reports of strange and unusual occurrences.

## Around The World

Again we must apologize for not listing a large number of sightings of the current flap, which originated in South America again, and seems to be working its way north. There has been such a large number of sightings that we are not able to list more than a small fraction of the overall number received at Headquarters.

### Argentina

On the 5th of August, in Cordoba an 11-year-old girl asked help in getting back to her home on the opposite side of the city. She claimed that she passed out when she saw a great cloud near her house. The girl next found herself at Plaza Espana, in the center of the city and asked a young man and his lady companion to help her get her to her home.

Students at a school at Viedma, Bahia Blanca, were nearly panicked on the night of the 19th of August when they sighted a "fleet" of four black circular objects with luminous edges and a bulge on top and the bottom. The luminous edges gave off multi-colored light. The fleet at first looked as though the objects were flying at different levels, then all seemed to merge into one single mass, and went out of the south in the northwest. Among the witnesses were students, a physician, a chemist, several graduates in Economics as well as the President of the Astronomical Center there.

On the same night, the Director of a TV Station, the Head of the Work Section of the Province of Chubut, his assistant, one newsman and the former Mayor of Rawson, Argentina, all reported having seen a fleet of unidentified flying objects. A large object was in the lead, and an undeterminate number followed it across the sky. The group left a trail of multicolored light behind it.

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plane, flight 834, reported that on the night of 22 September, while enroute between Aeroparque and Mar del Plata he sighted a luminous object which gave off bright reddish, green and white light, while it maneuvered above a TV station tower in *Buenos Aires*. Both the pilot and the crew said they could not identify the object as an ordinary one.

Another "fleet" of UFOs which was described as luminous round objects, was sighted as it crossed over the sky above *Chascomus* on the 22nd of September. A blackout of electrical power in the area, which lasted 15 minutes, coincided with the passage of the discs, at about midnight. The objects disappeared over the lakes at very high speed.

### Canada

At *Oakville, Ontario*, on the 29th of August, a local policeman and a control tower operator at the Toronto International Airport sighted an object encircled with white lights and with green and orange flashing lights on top. It was about 1,000 feet above the surface of the water, and about 1 mile from the *Oakville* lake shore. Although the object did not register on radar, it was seen by flight observers at *Malton*. The Constable watched the object for 20 minutes, and the *Malton* flight observers watched it for about 45 minutes through high power binoculars, and it simply disappeared from sight at daybreak. Many local citizens also reported seeing the object.

### Cuba

Hundreds of telephone calls swamped newspaper offices and radio stations in the southern section of the province of *La Habana* on the 17th of August when a strange airborne object was seen in the area.

### Colombia

A strange, egg-shaped object crossed the sky one day in the first week of August over *Medellin*. A newsman, an engineer and a University instructor reported they had observed the thing, and when news of the sighting reached newspapers another University teacher reported that a flying disc had landed in his back yard where it stayed for about 30 seconds, then flew off into the west and out of sight, about a week before the *Medellin* incident.

### France

Radar screens at *Paris, France*, failed to register the passage of a UAO over that area on the night of the 17th of August. Some witnesses described the object as cigar-shaped with a slightly swollen or bulging underside and with "paddles" or "fins" attached. Others, who watched the

object in its west to east path, with the aid of binoculars, stated that it looked like a sphere or globe split into two sections.

### Peru

A case currently under investigation by Richard Greenwell and APRO Peru, involves three strange-looking beings who allegedly came out of the sea in the vicinity of *Naplo Beach*, which is 70 kilometers south of *Lima*, on the 25th of August. Twelve fishermen made the report to police, and said the beings were dressed in black suits and that their faces looked "cold and pale like marble." When they saw the fishermen they sank back below the surface of the water. A luminous unidentified flying object was seen over that same beach that night by one of the fishermen and he assumed the beings were from the UAO.

### Spain

*Malaga, Spain*. Ten luminous unidentified objects were spotted over this city flying in formation on the 23rd of September. Many observers saw the objects, which were ten in number, arranged as follows: Six of them, emitting, intermittently, red, green and white lights were strung out in a line, and the other three formed a triangle-shaped formation. The triangle was headed by a very large object, and the three also flashed bright red and green lights which were much brighter than those of the six.

### Uruguay

Two UFOs were seen spinning in midair in the area of *Salto* which is 500 kilometers northwest of *Montevideo*, on the 4th of August. One stayed in position while the other came down to the earth, and after a bit both of them took off again and disappeared into the sky. Witnesses included school teachers and all said that the objects gave off very bright white light and that engine-like noises were heard.

### United States

Surveyor Willy Barela, Jr. of *Las Cruces, New Mexico* was one of several witnesses to a UFO over that city on the night of 12 August. Barela's description was of a parachute-shaped object which he also described as "egg-shaped." A report to the sheriff's department alerted Deputy James Ramsey who said the thing he watched was "dome shaped with a flat bottom" and that it was orange and red in color. Barela's son, who first spotted the object in the north at 7 p.m., said he thought it was a satellite as it tumbled in flight, but his father said that movement was barely discernible with the naked eye and binoculars and that only while viewing it through his transit could he make out its movement. At about 8 p.m., the ob-

ject moved upward through the clouds and disappeared from sight. A later press release from Paul Massa out of *Cleveland, Ohio* to the effect that a re-entry physics vehicle which is disc-shaped could be responsible for some southwest sightings could not possibly be the answer to the *Las Cruces* sighting. The *White Sands*-launched object is carried into the sky aboard a rocket, then released and fired toward the ground, on the range, and it is unlikely that the motion described by Barela and Ramsey could be attributed to the test vehicle.

On the 21st of August two teenage boys reported to the *Independence, Missouri* police department that they had seen a UFO while westbound on Highway M-78 at 11 p.m. "Something," they said, had appeared behind their vehicle and followed them at about three car lengths behind. It had two white lights in a fixed position and erratically flashing yellow lights around them and they were unable to make out the shape of the object although they guessed it was about 60 feet across. At 11:15 p.m. as they approached the intersection of M-78 and *Holke Rd.*, the first lighted area on the highway since they first saw the object, the object disappeared from sight. The foregoing is the testimony of the driver, whereas his passenger had seen the object appear when it rose from behind the tree line on the south side of the highway, whereupon it descended to within a few feet of the highway and followed the car.

*Santa Rosa, California, 28 August* A group of residents reported they spotted a pair of very large, high and fast objects over the city at about 1:30 p. m. Ten persons at an outdoor gathering spotted the two moving from the west into the southeast, and they all described them as boomerang-shaped, pale yellow and silent. After they were sighted it took only five seconds for them to pass from view. Five minutes later, another group of people spotted a similar object moving in a south-to-north path.

### Venezuela

On the 6th of August a luminous object giving off red and amber lights was spotted by an *Avensa Airlines* Captain while flying the *Maiquetia-Barcelona-Cumana* route. The Captain called the *Barcelona* control tower and the staff there located the object at about 1200 feet altitude and watched it for 10 or 15 minutes until it moved out towards the sea and disappeared.

**RENEW NOW!**

## More From Colorado

UFOs have not deserted Colorado, despite the dearth of information on the national press wires. Pearl M. Nicholas of the Alamosa Valley Courier has been carefully gathering information as it is available and the following incidents are some which came to her attention and were relayed to APRO:

On Thursday, February 1, the K. P. Wilsons and Mrs. Nicholas sighted an oblong, bluish-white light not far above the horizon which appeared to be bouncing across a meadow. It was in sight for several minutes and when the car lights were turned on the object disappeared. Location: northeast of the King Ranch (where the Snippy carcass was found). Time: 9:45 p.m.

At 9:10 p.m. on the 24th of February the same party spotted a blue cigar-shaped light near a car. Witnesses were near the King ranch watching for UFOs. On the same night at 10:30 p.m., another blue light was seen near the same car, about ¼ mile from the observers.

On Monday, the 26th, shortly before 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Nicholas and the Wilsons had just turned off Highway 285 onto the Sand Dunes Road and were headed north when a silvery white light with a splotch of orange underneath appeared on the west side of the road. It moved slowly and when the car stopped and the lights were turned out the lights on the object went out also. Later, at about 8:15 a wide swath of light illuminated the east side of the field where the witnesses were parked. It was instantaneous and went out immediately. At 9:15 another blue light was seen in the east in almost the same place as the "ray" of light which was seen earlier. It moved at great speed and disappeared almost at once.

On the 16th of February the Wilsons and Mrs. Nicholas and an Episcopal priest and his wife sighted a large orange blob of light in the sky which appeared to be over the pasture where Snippy was found.

Two sightings reported to Mrs. Nicholas are the following: On Friday the 2nd of February, Harvey Smalley of Mosca, followed a blue light for about ten minutes for a distance of about five or six miles. Smalley was on the Great Sand Dunes National Monument Road east of Highway 17 and when he got to a point about a mile east he turned into a dirt road heading south. The blue light, appearing about the size of an automobile headlight appeared in the road ahead of him. Smalley at first thought the object was a reflection of some kind but shortly realized it was a mass of light and began to follow it. "It didn't seem to be in any hurry," he said, just drifted along in front of his car. When he slowed his automobile the object would slow and when he speeded up so did the light. He finally turned his car around and headed back in the direction from which he had come. Then he got out of the car to observe it and it disappeared. "I don't know how," he said, "It was just gone."

On the following night, Saturday, the Wilson-Nicholas incident of the first of February took place.

As a result of Mrs. Nicholas' publicizing the events of February, many other incidents which had occurred in that area were reported and she included them in the pages of the Courier. On the night of the 29th of March at about 8:30 p.m. Tom Martinez, a La Sauses high school senior, his sister Marvine, and her friend Becky Hendrickson, left La Sauses to drive to Sanford. It was 8:30 p.m. About 2 miles out of La Sauses where the highway cuts through the foothills they spotted a bright light on the north side of the road which appeared to be about 15 to 20 feet above the ground. They at first thought it was an aircraft but as it approached it became larger and larger, and was flashing red, blue and white. At its closest point it appeared to be about the size of a semi-truck, they reported. It crossed the road about 300 yards ahead of the car the youngsters were riding in and was headed toward the mountains. The witnesses thought it was going to strike the hills, but just as it seemed to be about to crash, it zoomed straight up into the air. They heard no sound of any kind and had shut off the engine of the car to watch it and listen.

Shortly after its swift ascension into the sky, the object's lights disappeared completely, then appeared again, headed for the car. At this point Martinez started the car and they headed back down the road toward home. The girls were screaming and crying and pushing to get into the house when they finally arrived there. Tom's father told Mrs. Nicholas that he was home when the group arrived and he was certain that something had badly frightened the young people and that Tom was telling the truth when he described their experience.

After the Martinez sighting was reported in the Valley Courier, several people came forward and told of their experiences in the San Luis Valley. On Easter Sunday (April 14) an unidentified (by request) man was driving from Grand Junction to Alamosa at about 10 a.m. At a point between Grand Junction and Delta he saw a shiny object which reflected light so bright that it hurt his eyes. He thought it was a helicopter and stopped to watch. It came toward the car and landed about a fourth of a mile away, beyond a hill, he said. It was round and spinning like a top and reflected the sun or gave off a brilliant light. He stopped to see if it would appear again but it did not. He estimated that it was about 80 feet in diameter and said that it appeared to strike the hill before disappearing behind it.

An Adams State College student, Rickey Bahr, reports that on Wednesday night, April 10 he was riding his motorcycle south on Highway 285 at between 11 and 11:30. When he was about 1½ miles from Estrella he saw bright red lights, one flashing and the other stationary. They came from an object about 50 to 60 feet

above the ground just off the highway to the east. Thinking it was an aircraft, Rickey stopped his cycle and watched for a few seconds, but realizing it was a very unusual aircraft, he became frightened. It started to move and he followed it as it headed toward Alamosa. It soon was out of sight, however.

## Further News On South America

There are so many sightings coming into Headquarters from the South American continent that it is impossible to even list them all, but for the record, we want to make the following comments about the "STOP PRESS" item in the last Bulletin: The couple involved in the alleged "kidnapping" on a highway in Argentina in the midst of a "green fog" was named in the press as Mr. and Mrs. Vidal—this is not their real name, but a pseudonym given by the press. APRO has the name of the couple and investigation is progressing. Our sources for this particular information are considered to be excellent, and despite their denials, the Argentine government is taking this incident very seriously. For new members who have not read the May-June issue, the basic information is the following: Around the first of June the Vidals were driving to Chascomas, which is south of Buenos Aires, following another couple in another car. The Vidals' car entered a patch of greenish fog on the highway and when they next knew what was going on, they found themselves on a deserted dirt road in Mexico. Through the Argentine Embassy in Mexico City they eventually got back to Buenos Aires, and they needed diplomatic help as their identification papers were gone. The car was impounded and sent to the U.S. (probably Detroit) for examination to determine the nature of the strange burns on the car. Mrs. Vidal was hospitalized for deep nervous shock.

Authorities in South America are in a dither. Despite discouraging announcements in the newspapers, strange reports continue to flow in. In one particular area in Chile on the lower slopes of the Andes, motorists are baffled by sudden, inexplicable car stoppages, warm winds which cause trees to flower prematurely, and in one instance a truck was halted, the driver got out to investigate, then the truck moved forward, turned off the road and stopped again.

Six residents of the village of Cauquenes have claimed that they saw a disc-shaped object taking off from the ground near them. The strange warm wind mentioned above brought the thermometer from a normal 32 degrees Fahrenheit to 73 degrees and there was no logical explanation for the change temperature.

The Chilean Air Force has begun investigations as has the Chilean Scientific Society.

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The latest out of Argentina (this time by word of mouth, not the newspapers) is a rumor that people are being discouraged from talking about UFOs and that people are loath to leave their homes at night.

## The Isla Mocha Case

Pablo Petrowitsh S., APRO's Chilean Representative, has forwarded the following details concerning a well-witnessed UAO on the Isla Mocha on the 20th of July 1968: A Judge (name known to APRO) and his wife had just talked with a civilian pilot about flying to Concepcion in a Piper aircraft when the wife heard a roar and the three went outside the building where they saw what they first thought was a plane in flames. It was northwest of the island at a distance of about 1 kilometer and went up and down slowly, then hovered over the landing field for about 10 to 15 minutes. Witnesses are not certain that the object was over the landing field or just beyond and over the sea, however. After hovering, the object took off in the direction that a Piper had taken just seconds before.

An architect and two airport workers, located some distance from the Judge and his wife, but also on the Island, also observed the object. It was described as round, the typical disc, like two saucers or plates put together rim-to-rim. The object was "brighter than the sun," according to the witnesses, with a white-orange light, similar to that of the setting sun. All said that it appeared to vibrate and was painful to observe. The time was 2:15 a.m.

## U. S. Reports

*Nassau County, New York, 12 March.* A woman and her daughter, two sons and a friend of the daughter were driving home to New York City from New Jersey at about 8:30 p.m. They were about halfway across Throgs Neck Bridge in Nassau County when one of the girls told her mother, who was driving, that she saw some flying saucers. The woman drove on across the bridge, then stopped, and for the next several minutes the five observers watched orange, glowing disc-shaped objects maneuvering at low altitude. No attempt was made to judge the distance from the witnesses. The description included in this lengthy report indicates that the things which were seen were nothing of a mundane nature.

*Rockville, Connecticut, 21 March.* This report comes from two adults and two teenagers who observed a hat-shaped object with two pole-like protrusions on the "brim" and flames issuing from the

bottom. The object was observed both with the naked eye and with 10x50 power binoculars. Trajectory was toward the northwest, then it appeared to reverse course, stopped again, the flame on the bottom became very bright, then the object went straight up into the sky at high speed, disappearing shortly.

*Niagara Falls, New York, 2 April 1968.* At approximately 2:15 a.m. several policemen in the area observed bright white lights which pulsed with red and blue colors, in the northern sector of the sky. One policeman, Thomas Shumway, drove to a dark area where he could observe without city lights to hinder him, and observed four separate lights, all of which were pulsating but with no apparent pattern. 7x35 glasses were used to observe, but it was not possible to discern a shape behind the lights. They were apparently not all on one object, as they moved independently of one another. The whole group was moving into the north and were out of sight by 3 a.m. A check with airport officials disclosed that there was no air traffic in the area at that time.

*Cochrane, Wisconsin, 3 or 4 April.* At about 8:12-8:20 a school teacher and her son (she is ex-AF) were driving along Highway 35 toward Cochrane when another car passed her going at a very high rate of speed (she estimated 65-75 mph). Just after it passed her car, an orangish-colored boomerang-shaped object which appeared to be enveloped in cloudy material, came from a dip in the hill at a high rate of speed, over the car, after which its lights went out. The woman pulled her car to the gravel shoulder, afraid that she was going to hit the other car. Thereafter, the object approached her car and her lights and engine went dead. Her lights had dimmed when the object was above the other car but she had paid no attention to it. She had opened the window when the other car's lights went out, and she heard no sound whatsoever. The object, after hovering over her car momentarily, took off again at high speed and disappeared by "simply going down." After it left she had difficulty getting her car started, but finally did and headed toward Cochrane driving as fast as she could, and asking her son to keep a watch for the object. An interesting thing about this sighting is the woman's description of how she felt afterwards (she reported to authorities immediately): "My feet burned for some time after . . . I felt as though I was light in weight and airy . . . I felt like the air and everything was light and weightless."

*Friday Harbor, Washington, 10 April.* A man and his wife observed a large, round, object with myriads of lights on it, at 4 a.m. The wife had gotten up to use the bathroom, glanced out the kitchen window toward the northwest and saw the object. The moon was plainly visible to the south. She called her husband, he got binoculars and looked at the thing. He estimated its size to be between 50 and 100 feet. As they watched, the object took off in a northerly direction at moderate speed, appeared to

turn and approach the observers, then it dived out of sight below the level of the trees and disappeared from sight. Total time of observation was about 10 minutes.

*New Kensington, Pa. 19 April.* About a dozen individuals reported observing a bright circular light which made a humming sound and flashed lights. The sighting, which lasted approximately 20 minutes, involved the object's course along the valley of the Allegheny River, a total of about 4 miles, until it went out of sight. One observer, Victor Babinsack, of Lower Buirrell, said he thought the object was about 300 feet in diameter and appeared to have a glass dome on top, flashing lights on the bottom and stationary lights on the side. The control tower at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, about 40 miles from the area of the sighting, said they had not received any reports.

*Wahoo, Nebraska, 25 April.* Kenneth Dailey, a pharmacist at Wahoo, his wife and son Dan (13) reported a sighting of a cone-shaped object with a rim around the bottom which they observed at 11:45 p.m. Mrs. Dailey spotted the object first, while preparing for bed, and called her husband. The object was hovering when first seen but was moving at high speed and away from the Dailey home when Mr. Dailey came to the window to view it. The "dome" area of the object was outlined with flashing red lights, and the object, after it moved away from the Dailey home, appeared to land behind a house nearby. Its lights were observed flashing, then they diminished until only one could be seen. Dan Dailey, hearing his parents, got up and came into their room and spotted the second object which appeared to be at a much higher altitude than the first but not traveling as fast. It had an orange glow, and disappeared to the north and east.

*St. Louis Park, Minn., 28 April.* A "harvest moon" colored (orange) object, which, when first seen was much larger than a harvest moon, was observed for three to four minutes at 8:45 p.m. by five individuals driving in a car. The object was generally described as a "huge harvest moon which had been squashed (flattened) and then circled with a rubber tube." It did not maneuver, merely rose and moved away from the observers.

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the membership for their response to our request for extended effort in getting new members. We will appreciate further efforts in this direction and would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous response in renewals. It is not too late to give the Bulletin for Christmas; orders will be taken until the 15th of December. Thanks again!

THE STAFF.