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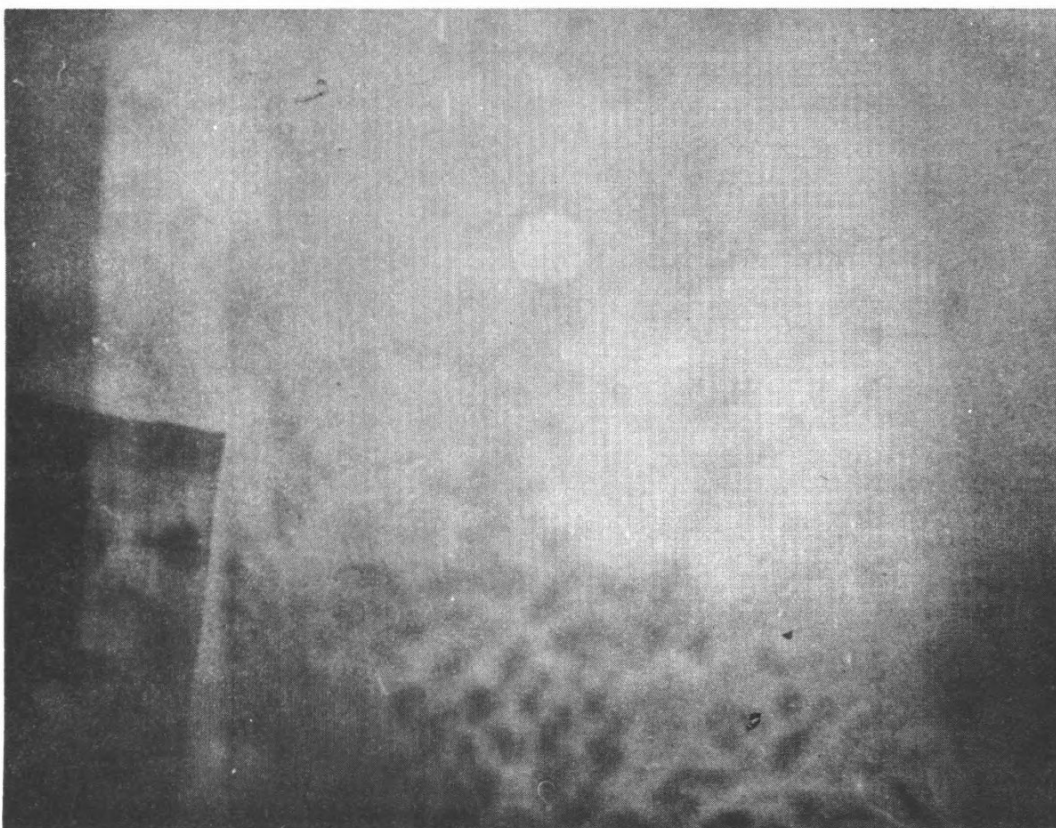
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The above photo was taken by a Jersey City youth named Michial Aurelio, on April 6th, 1956. Aurelio allegedly saw a saucer while looking out the window of his home, and was only able to take this one photo before the object passed from view. The dark square in the left part of the picture is the corner of a building. The photo is a poor one, because it was taken through the window, hurriedly, and with a very cheap camera. The saucer is the round object in the center of the picture. Analysis shows that if this round object were in reality the sun or moon, its apparent size would be much smaller. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIALS

We are glad to report that as yet no attempt has been made to close down SAUCER NEWS as a result of the important information we printed in the June-July issue. However, we have decided to postpone for the time being the additional information we promised to give in this issue.

EDITORIAL NOTES: The second issue of our confidential Newsletter is still available. These Newsletters are issued irregularly, and contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in SAUCER NEWS itself. You too can have your name placed on the Newsletter mailing list, if you are not already on it. Just send us your name and address together with one dollar. .... We also have a large number of copies left of the most recent Air Force "fact sheet". These will be sent free of charge to any subscriber who asks for one.... The following back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still available: February, March, April, May, August-September, and October-November of 1955; and April-May and June-July of 1956. These may be obtained for the price of 35 cents each, or four for \$1.00..... We still need good material for future issues of this magazine. We particularly want articles which deal with new and previously unpublished aspects of the saucer mystery, or which present new facts about old aspects. Views expressed in submitted articles need not coincide with those of the Editors.

- - - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - - -

In reference to your letter of May 13 concerning reproduction and sale by you of Project Blue Book Special Report #14, I have been instructed to inform you that the Air Force would most strenuously object to your selling copies of this Report.

Special Report #14 is an official Air Force report which carries the classification of "official use only". It is not the prerogative of any individual to reproduce and sell for profit any official Air Force material.

ANDREW J. WOOD, Major USAF

Executive Officer, Public Information Division  
Office of Information Services

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Thus, the full Report will not be published, by official request. However, the most interesting parts of it have already appeared in the December-January (1955-1956) issue of SAUCER NEWS.)

Letters Concerning the "Earth Theory" Article in the June-July Issue

The story on the pages of the June-July SAUCER NEWS was very interesting, but I believe that without some concrete proof, this theory will be rejected as an invention of your own....

LAIMON MITRIS, Rouyn, Quebec, Canada

Many thanks for the mighty interesting June-July issue. Moreover, Newsletter #2 offers a real and even better ration of confidential information than the first number. I hope that if and when the hush-up threat gets around to you, that you won't scare easily, and will publish the details of the threat....

EDWARD S. SCHULTZ, Buffalo, New York

Your article about the origin of saucers really sounds okay, if you are really giving us the facts and it is not just a dream. In a way I really hope that it is not the answer; but facts are facts, and if that

is the way it is, that's it. However, as you state, "The Organization" is probably only one of the sources, and there may still be interplanetary saucers... If you are on the right track with your explanation, I feel sure you will be "hushed". I hope not; but if you are, you may be sure that you will be "hushed" knowing that you did the greatest service to saucer investigation and to the country in general by releasing this news....

ADOLPH G. DITTMAR, Ausable Forks, N. Y.

Having seen none of your information, I therefore don't know how reliable it is, but I am inclined to believe you. I don't doubt that you do have information which says just what is in your article.

A great many things fit in. In the latest FATE there is an article on the "Hubbard energy transformer", a device that allegedly was able to convert radiation into electricity. I once had a clipping from the Dec., 1939, issue of "Mechanix Illustrated" that told of "Stapp natural power", another method of converting radiation into, I think, electricity. It was claimed that a discovery was made of sources of radiation more powerful than radium, making such a device practical. According to the magazine, English authorities were interested in its application to defense, as it could make cars, ships and planes run without gasoline. There were two photos with this item, one of which showed several light bulbs allegedly lit up through the use of the device.

People will write you and ask: What about earlier sightings of disk-shaped machines, such as Roerch's sighting of 1926 and the white disk over Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1935? The answer is simple: These are the real UFO's, the ones that have been around for centuries. It is my contention that whatever the "saucers" are, these other things are from Space. If I may judge by pre-1943 sightings, these UFO's make a trip through our atmosphere at an average of one every two weeks - a thing much more believable than the idea that the air is cluttered with them! And, of course, not all are sighted, much less recorded and reported.

And, of course, these true UFO's are much more interesting, to me at least, than any terrestrial saucers, and I intend to continue my research into past records of them. I think it must be admitted that space ships - even if they are a rare occurrence within the earth's atmosphere - are potentially just as important, if not more so, than the present radiation trouble. As for "The Organization", judging by your description, it is not only unconstitutional, but has usurped dictatorial powers in these United States, and is not likely to ever want to relinquish them. I hope that no one uses any of the methods- subtle or obvious - that a dictator or dictatorial group leans to, on you.

(An excellent letter, in my opinion - EDITOR.)

Too much has to be ignored to permit me to consider the possibility of "The Organization's" saucers.....I admire your courage in the face of what you think might be giving away a top secret, but I don't think you will hear from anyone in the Government regarding your article....

WILLIAM B. NASH, Miami, Florida

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## SAUCERS AND SCIENTISTS

- by Justin Case -

Flying saucers are a scientific mystery. The Air Force recognized this early in 1948. But the Air Force did not know to which particular scientific field the flying saucers belonged, so they enlisted the help of top men in several different fields of science. Among these fields were meteorology (dealing with weather and the atmosphere), physics, astronomy, psychology, and others. Therefore it is safe to say that flying saucers should be of interest to many different branches of science.

The strongest force that drives our scientists forever onward is their search for knowledge and their desire to know. This desire to know is stronger than the desire for fame or fortune. As proof of this, we know that most scientists shun publicity, and very few of them have ever been known to become rich. What they want most is freedom to pursue their chosen fields of research.

So here we have a baffling scientific mystery which has every reason to be of interest to scientists in many different fields, all of whom are strongly imbued with the desire to know. Yet there is no public evidence that scientists are interested in flying saucers. A careful search among many scientific journals and magazines and among the proceedings of the various scientific societies shows almost no literature on this subject. In fact, only three scientists have discussed it. Professor Menzel of Harvard wrote his well-known book "Flying Saucers", in which he claimed they were all conventional objects or natural phenomena. Professor Wylie of Iowa State University wrote a brief article agreeing with Professor Menzel. Herman Oberth, world-famous space travel scientist, wrote a very short article saying he thought flying saucers came from some distant world. This very small amount of literature is all that scientists have to offer to the serious student of flying saucers. If he wants any more, he has to search among the various sciences himself for information that might shed light on this mystery. This search is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

There are several reasons why scientists, almost to a man, have shunned the subject of flying saucers. Among these reasons are (1) The Air Force policy of ridiculing both the sightings and the observers; (2) The same attitude by the press, radio, and public; (3) The lack of reliable information, due to security restrictions imposed by the Air Force, and due to the elusiveness of the flying saucers. Our purpose is not to discuss these reasons but to point out several of their consequences.

The first consequence is that there has been no solution, or even good progress toward a solution of the mystery. No mystery has ever been solved by ignoring it, and if the men most qualified to solve it are not interested in it, the mystery will remain forever unsolved. So long as the Air Force refuses to enlist the aid of all scientists in a nation-wide effort, this deplorable situation will continue.

Second, the failure of the Air Force to find a solution, and the refusal of our scientists to discuss flying saucers in public, have left us with an unsatisfied demand for news and scientific information on that subject. The demand for this news and information is widespread. A host of quacks, hoaxsters and incompetents have taken advantage of this demand and have written a number of entirely misleading books on flying saucers. Thus we have "scientific" books by writers with little or no scientific knowledge, who cannot even distinguish between a good, reliable UFO report and one that is worthless. We have books by "distinguished" writers who have completely solved the flying saucer mystery with the aid of ancient writings, legends, and more

ignorance than knowledge. We have other writers to whom every unidentified object in the sky is a flying saucer, and who accept as true every UFO report, no matter how fantastic. These writers also have solved the mystery, but their solutions sound as though they come from mental institutions. Finally we have the "contact" stories, wherein each writer has seen or talked with the occupants of a flying saucer. That all these solutions to the mystery are different, that no two of these contact stories are alike, no two descriptions of the space visitors or their craft or their origin agree - these facts seem not to bother these writers in the least. These quacks, incompetents and hoaxters have put the flying saucers into greater disrepute than ever before. Even the very few good books - those by Menzel, Keyhoe and Ruppelt - have failed to restore much respectability to the subject.

The third consequence stems from the second. Partly as a result of the misleading books, a number of strange cults have adopted flying saucers as part of their beliefs. Other cults have sprung up solely because of flying saucers.

Thus, the lack of interest in flying saucers by scientists has delayed the solution to this mystery, and has aided charlatans to reap a rich harvest by writing misleading books to satisfy the public demand for information. These books, plus the activities of various cults, have brought flying saucers into such disrepute that the serious student of this phenomenon finds himself mostly in strange company from whom he can expect much more confusion than help in his study.

We cannot hold scientists entirely responsible for all this. Ours is a free country. We still have freedom of the press and of religion. No one can prevent quacks, incompetents and hoaxters from writing misleading books about flying saucers. No one can prevent people from buying and reading these books and believing whatever they wish about flying saucers.

Our best hope is for some development that will stimulate our scientists to take an interest in flying saucers, to discuss them extensively in public, and thereby give us information that might shed some light on this mystery. Meanwhile, let us continue our interest in flying saucers despite the stigma brought to them by some people.

- - - BOOK REVIEWS - - -

MY FIRST 10,000,000 SPONSORS by Frank Edwards (Ballantine)

- Reviewed by Frank Reid -

This is the autobiography of a man who is well known to saucer fans, due to the myth that saucer news reporting cost him his job.

The myth is exposed as such: Out of 158 broadcasts, only 17 even mentioned saucers. UFO's, says Edwards, were used as a cover-up, along with other things, for the real reason for the firing: censorship.

Most of the saucer information is found in only one chapter. This contains little that is not already generally known, except for a disk report that was picked up, and dropped, by wire services only the day before Kenneth Arnold's sighting!

Of peripheral interest to saucer fans is the story of Nathan Stubblefield, a Kentucky inventor who apparently was sending wireless messages and obtaining power through the Earth's magnetic field in 1885!

This book should be bought (35¢ paperback) not only for its good entertainment value, but also for knowledge of the background of a man that "saucerdom" may hear more of in the future.

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THE UFO ANNUAL by M. K. Jessup (Citadel Press; Price: \$4.95)  
- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

Jessup's "UFO Annual" represents the first really large-scale attempt to keep the public informed about saucer sightings on a yearly basis. Previous attempts in this direction consisted of Wilkins' books - so poorly edited that the value of the data contained therein is almost lost; and Barker's "Saucerian Review", which unfortunately does not enjoy a circulation comparable to that of a hard-cover book.

The "Annual" is organized into chapters according to the months of the year 1955. The bulk of the book consists of quotations from selected newspaper clippings, from periodical saucer magazines (including SAUCER NEWS), and from some of Mr. Jessup's large circle of personal correspondents. A number of photographs of saucers and other "Fortean" occurrences are also included. Jessup's editorial comments on this data are, on the whole, well put and well organized.

The only serious question that occurs to this reviewer is whether or not the frequency of saucer sightings and/or the level of public interest will justify the continuation of the "Annual" for more than one or two years, or at the most, a very few years.



THIS UNUSUAL PICTURE was taken directly from the television tube of a home set, during Gray Barker's appearance on the Herb Sheldon T. V. Show last May 28th. Barker was dressed in a space suit to advertise his current book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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## UFO'S AND UNNATURAL CLOUDS

- by Frank Reid -

On July 10, 1930, five business and professional men from Kansas City were flying from the coast of Texas on a fishing trip. That afternoon their plane crashed on the salt flats about five miles from Aransas Pass, Texas.

Witnesses said later that their attention was attracted by the sound of an explosion. Looking up, they saw the wings break away from the monoplane. The fuselage fell, with the five men trapped within it. The wings landed about 500 feet away.

There had been six men in the fishing party. The sixth man, Frederick H. Dierks, had decided to remain behind. He saw the plane take off at the airport. Stated Dierks:

"The plane made a perfect takeoff. I stood watching it until it was fully 4,000 feet up. The sky was clear. Ahead several miles, I could see an exceedingly dark cloud. (My italics in this quote.) I watched the plane until it disappeared into this dark cloud. A few minutes later I heard that there had been an accident.

"Farmers who had gathered at the scene of the accident told me the story of what happened. Some of them had noticed the plane disappear into the black cloud. All of a sudden the plane came crashing out of the cloud. One wing was off, or partly so. Before the ship was half way to the ground the gasoline tanks separated from the remainder of the plane.

"I don't suppose any one will ever know positively just what happened up there in that black cloud, but it seemed to be the impression of nearly all who saw the accident that the plane had been struck by lightning."

Those who saw the plane fall and inspected the wreckage thought that the plane had been struck by a bolt of lightning. Experienced pilots backed up the theory, pointing out that there had been scattered showers in the vicinity all day, and that squalls were noticeable in Corpus Christi Bay.

A Mr. W. C. Maus, manager of the Municipal Airport at Corpus Christi, said that he believed the plane was flying blind at high speed in a cloud, and that when it emerged the pilot pulled back on the "stick" so fast that the wings crumpled and fell off. Just why the pilot would do this was not explained. I doubt that even the sudden shock of emerging from blackness into bright light would cause such a violent reaction. The pilot was experienced. Those old-time planes were not so strong as to make such an accident impossible, but they were rugged enough so as to make such a thing impossible to bring about except by purposeful action by the pilot.

I would like to quote from the original A.P. item in the New York Times: "He discounted the lightning theory since there was no sign of an explosion or fire about the wreckage." (My italics.)

Eleven days after this air crash, on the afternoon of July 21, 1930, a German-made air-taxi crashed at Meopham, Kent, England, killing six persons, four of whom were of the aristocracy, and who had rented the plane. Once again there was a mysterious explosion in mid-air. Said a witness:

"The fuselage of the plane came down near the village green, and parts of the machine were scattered over the green. One wing landed about a mile away, the engine a quarter of a mile away, and the tail 300 yards away. As far as I could see, the plane came to pieces in mid-air.

"It fell out of a cloud (my italics), and I saw one wing and the tail floating clear. The fuselage crashed more heavily, directly

to the ground. There were dark objects in the air which turned over and over. They were the passengers. Some jumped and others fell out of the plane as it came to pieces."

The next day this accident was described as "one of the most mysterious crashes in the history of flying." There was no trace of fire or explosion. The sound heard by witnesses was said to have been the wings tearing off.

It was a new airplane. It had left the Junkers factory only seven months before, and had been flown only 100 hours. The following day the Junkers Company issued this statement: "Professor Junkers and his responsible technical co-workers declined to believe that the accident was caused through breakage of the wing, which is the same as in the Bremen type. Several hundred planes of the same type have been engaged for more than 10 years in air traffic under the most varied conditions, including transatlantic flights, without having given reason for complaint concerning the tensile strength."

Investigations found no evidence of faulty materials or workmanship, and no evidence of negligence by the airline from which the plane was rented. On August 13th, the problem of just what happened was given to an official board of inquiry. Next January they announced that the tailplane had folded on the elevators, due to buffeting by air currents, caused by the aerodynamic construction of the plane.

Now, is it a coincidence that in the same month of the same year two planes should go into a cloud, that there should be a sound like an explosion, and that the planes should both fall in fragments to the earth?

Harold Wilkins' latest book gives a similar incident, dated Nov. 2nd, 1954: "An inquest at Calne, England failed entirely to discover why the wings fell off a four-engined plane, which crashed from a cloud, killing all aboard. The plane did not catch fire, but disintegrated."

Here is another very unusual incident, involving a cloud: The following is part of a letter from John Zeleny, of Sloane Physics Laboratory, Yale University. The letter appeared in Vol. 75 of the new series of "Science". The date, I believe, is 1896:

"The other cloud I wish to describe was a solitary, brightly luminous, cumulus cloud which I saw on a clear summer night at Hutchinson, Minnesota, some 35 years ago. The cloud had a horizontal diameter of about a third of a mile, and a thickness of about one-fourth of that distance. It rose majestically from the eastern horizon, and shone with a uniform, steady, vivid, whitish light, and passed directly over the town. When the cloud was overhead, a great shower of insects descended to earth, covering the ground all around to the number of about 50 to 100 per square foot. These insects proved to be a species of hemiptera and were non-luminous. They had apparently been induced to take wing by the bright object in the sky. I have been at some loss to account for the luminosity of the cloud. It could not have been due to reflected light coming from the city. It might be postulated that the cloud consisted of a mass of organic vapor that was slowly oxidizing, being in fact a case of will-o'-the-wisp; but for several reasons this seems to be an unlikely hypothesis. At the time the cloud was observed, it was thought to be far too late in the evening for its light to be reflected sunlight. There is a possibility that a bright moon below the horizon might have been the source of the light, though I have no recollection of seeing the moon rise later."

Now, an average of 75 insects to a square foot is a lot of bugs. I think, myself, that it is not impossible that a great many insects would be attracted to a light in the sky. But - why were there no specimens of other bugs, or grasshoppers, or any other type of insect? And why would there be a "great shower" of them all at once?

Where did this cloud's light come from? If it had been sunlight from below the horizon, the cloud would have appeared red. If there were a bright moon below the horizon, why was the light uniform all the time, as the cloud passed over the town? Also, would a source of light shining on the eastern edge of a cloud a quarter of a mile wide cause it to shine uniformly?

The "explanations" just don't seem to set right. There are loose ends here and there; and we are left with a self-luminous, insect-dropping cloud. How can it be explained?

One possible answer is given in Michel's book, "The Truth About Flying Saucers". This book sets forth the theory of Plantier, according to which strange and unnatural clouds are explained as by-products of a saucer's force field. Such a force field would occasionally cause a cloud to form just above a hovering saucer, according to Plantier.

There are a number of reports of just that - a UFO with a cloud above it. One such report, from 1783, is given on Page 209 of Wilkins' "Flying Saucers on the Attack": "Northeast of the Terrace, in clear sky and warm weather, I saw appear suddenly an oblong cloud nearly parallel to the horizon. Below the cloud was seen a luminous body. It soon became a roundish body, brightly lit up and almost stationary. It was about 9-25 p.m. This strange ball at first appeared bluish and faint, but its light increased, and it soon began to move. At first it ascended above the horizon, obliquely toward the east. Then it changed its direction and moved parallel to the horizon. It vanished in the southeast. I saw it for half a minute, and the light it gave out was prodigious. It lit up every object on the face of the country. It changed shape to oblong, acquired a tail, and seemed to split up into two bodies of small size. About two minutes later came a rumble like an explosion."

Michel's book gives the case, from 1953, of a small cloud that suddenly shot upwards at a terrific speed, and then discharged a UFO.

In a similar incident, on Sept. 20th, 1952, an ex-pilot of the Swedish Air Force and his wife saw a "snow-plough-shaped cloud", emitting a trail of bubbling smoke from its rear, that moved at a "colossal speed" and dropped a thing like a "blue-green shimmering plate" which vanished at great speed in a direction opposite to the cloud's.

I wonder if it might be possible to create such a cloud around a UFO, rather than just above it. Might it be possible for a number, or a swarm, of craft to create such a cloud? Perhaps that was the strange shape-changing object seen from the BOAC airliner and also from the Navy ice-breaker Edisto, on June 30, 1954.

In March, 1952, a British pilot in Korea flew his jet into a cloud and never came out of it. In 1930 there occurred the two mysterious plane crashes already referred to.

Clouds - Clouds that have objects in them. Clouds that drop things. Clouds that give.

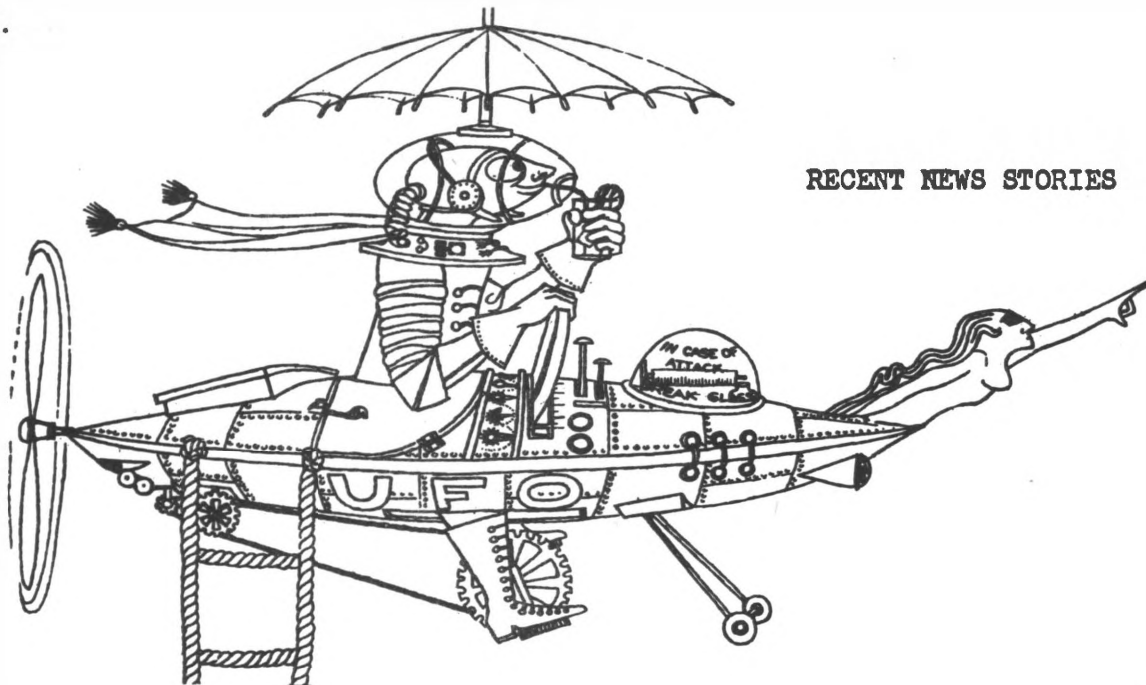
And, - Clouds that take?

How, in Heaven's name, can they be explained otherwise than as phenomena related to UFO's?

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#### "I BELIEVE IN FAIRIES" SAYS FORMER BRITISH AIR CHIEF!:

Saucer researchers who have been pleased by pro-saucer statements by Lord Dowding, former British Air Chief, may be considerably less pleased to hear about the old gentleman's latest pronouncements. Speaking at a spiritualist meeting at Canterbury, England, Dowding recently said: "There are fairies in everybody's garden. I have never seen them, but I believe implicitly in their existence." Lord Dowding read a message which he said had been sent to him by a group of fairies who live in a garden at Colchester. Then he went on to say that the fairies are very unhappy because humans do not believe in them. "They don't see why we should not accept their presence just as they accept ours," he said. Dowding added that the fairies have a very active sex life, which is an important part of their existence. These little people have been photographed, he claimed.

#### SAUCERS SEEN SIX NIGHTS IN A ROW IN PUEBLO, COLORADO:

From May 5th to May 9th, flying saucers were reported every night at a Ground Observer post in Pueblo, Colorado. Apparently the Air Force was not very excited about the sightings, as no attempt was made to investigate them with interceptor aircraft. However, a team of Intelligence officers from the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron was sent to Pueblo to look into the reports. Sergeant Gilbert Nelson, a member of this Intelligence squadron, saw six of the objects himself during the three hours he watched for them. He described them as "dull, more or less florescent glows, faint, but bright enough to see." He said that the objects were moving very fast through an arc of about 90 degrees. Five of these saucers were triangular in shape, whereas the sixth was round, and brighter than the others. All were moving very fast, and none were visible more than about five seconds, he said. It was Sergeant Nelson's opinion that the triangular objects could have been birds flying at night with lights from the city reflecting on them. The round one, however, could not be explained away so easily, and Nelson admitted that "it could have been that the source of light was the object itself, rather than a reflection."

#### NUMEROUS SAUCERS SEEN BY AMATEUR ASTRONOMER IN WISCONSIN:

On the night of May 4th, several flights of unidentified objects were observed by the Rev. Charles Burmeister, an amateur astronomer of Marinette,

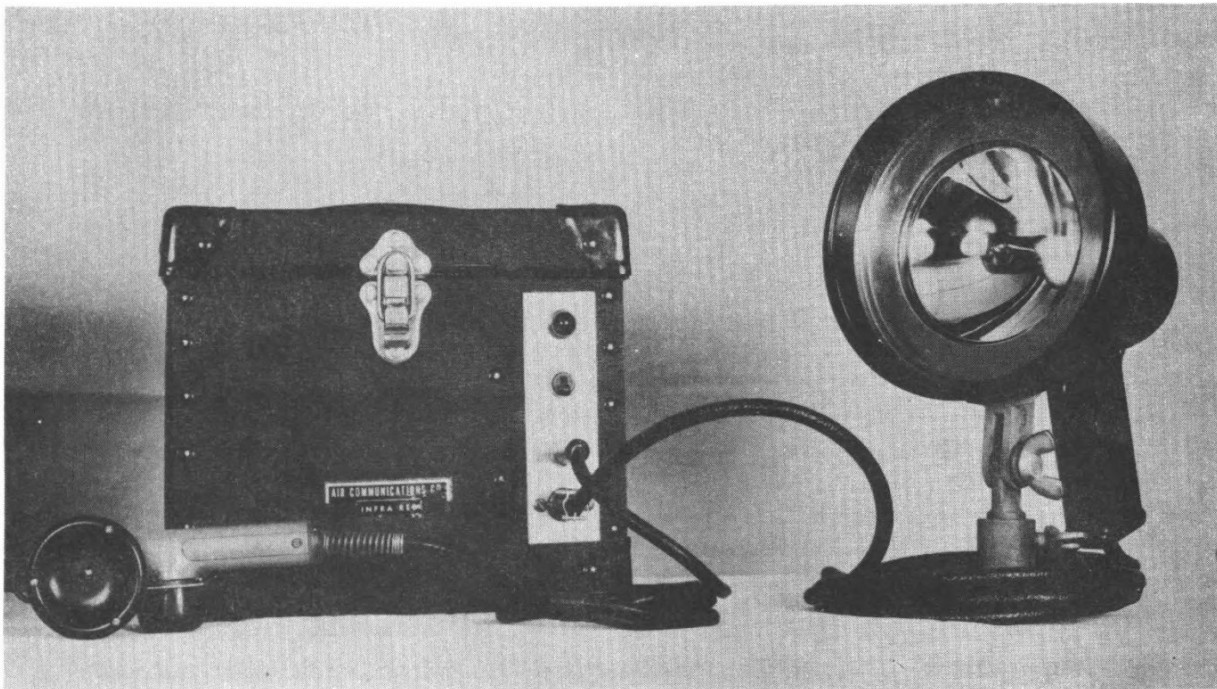
Wisconsin. Burmeister was at the rear of his parsonage, observing planets through a telescope and field glasses, when, at 8-30 p.m., he left his instruments to look up at the zenith. He observed a group of five orange blobs in a shallow U formation moving westward at a high rate of speed. They disappeared over the western horizon in about five seconds. Burmeister estimated their height to be about 30,000 to 40,000 feet. No noise accompanied their flight. About three minutes later two more flashed across the sky, and in another three minutes, nine more. All moved westward although the paths of the various groups varied somewhat. At this point Pastor Burmeister summoned his family; and a few moments later, with his son, he viewed first one more object and then five or six. Single objects were again seen at 9-30 and 9-55 p.m., making a minimum total of 24 for the night. All were viewed with the naked eye rather than with telescope or binoculars. Burmeister, who had previously been skeptical about flying saucers, said that the objects he saw that night cannot be placed in any known astronomical category such as shooting stars or meteors. Because the objects were seen several times, and because of the clarity of the sky during most of the appearances, he believes that the mirage effect of temperature inversion can be ruled out. With the exception of the last few appearances, all had a bright glow to them. Later on, an overcast caused the last few objects to appear duller.

**U.S. NAVY GETS RADIO SIGNALS FROM VENUS:** The Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C., stated last June 4th that it has been receiving radio signals from the planet Venus. The scientists who picked up the signals said that they are not yet ready to state whether or not the signals are artificially made. However, it is significant that when another group of scientists received similar signals from the planet Jupiter several months ago, the signals were immediately said to be natural - whereas this time, the door is left wide open as to whether they are natural or not. - These signals from Venus were received through the use of a 50-foot radio-telescope and specially designed electronic equipment, operating at a radio frequency of 10,000 megacycles. The 10,000 megacycle area of the radio broadcasting spectrum is assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to "ham" radio operators, radio navigation, and experimental broadcasting. The Navy disclosure said that "very weak" radio waves from Venus have been observed for the past several weeks by three radio astronomers, named Cornell H. Mayer, Russel M. Sloanaker, and Timothy P. McCullough. This was not the first instance of the Navy picking up radio waves from outer space, but it was the first time they have pinpointed the location of the source of such waves. The Naval Research Laboratory technicians expect measurements of these radio waves to provide new information about Venus, whose surface cannot be seen due to the thick covering of clouds which perpetually blankets the surface of the planet. (Note: Later newspaper accounts of this incident stated that these signals are believed to be natural rather than artificial after all, and that similar signals have been received from the Moon as well as from Jupiter.)

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Dick Miller, California saucer lecturer, claims to have been in the control tower at Scott Field, Illinois, at the time of Captain Mantell's famous chase with a saucer over Godman Field, Kentucky. Miller says that the conversation between Mantell and the Godman control tower was relayed to all air bases in the area, and that he heard Mantell say, "My God, I see people in this thing." Captain Edward Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", was told of Miller's claim, and denied that Mantell ever used those words. Ruppelt has read the uncensored reports of Mantell's last conversation with the tower, and says that Mantell never made

any reference to having seen people in the saucer he was following.....An unexpected feature at California's 1956 Flying Saucer Convention was the presentation of tape-recorded messages supposedly given by space people to the people of Earth, through the mediumship of Dick Miller. Miller and six others have formed a group called the Solar Cross, which is the sole distributor for these tapes. The group is selling the tapes for \$4.50 each!.....News from England: On June 2nd, at a saucer meeting organized by medium George King, a tape-recorded message from Jesus Christ was played for the audience. As a second feature the audience heard from a Martian, who was introduced by a being called "Aetherius". As if this wasn't enough for one evening, the "grand finale" of the program was a demonstration of Spiritual Healing by King himself. (No comment! - Editor)...On June 18th the mid-morning calm here at S.A.U.C.E. R.S. Headquarters was shattered by a hysterical and abusive phone call from the mother of Elliott Rockmore, a New York saucer researcher who used to publish a magazine called "Flying Saucer Review". As nearly as we could understand from Mrs. Rockmore's rantings, she was objecting to remarks about Elliott that appeared in the most recent issue of our Newsletter. She even warned us not to mention Elliott's name again in our publications without his permission. Well, here it is, Mrs. Rockmore, and what are you going to do about it?....

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THE LIGHT BEAM RECEIVER PICTURED ABOVE is apparently similar to receivers in use by John Otto and others in their alleged communications with space beings. The above model is manufactured by the Air Communications Co., an electronic firm in Hackensack, N.J. According to this firm's instruction sheet, the circuit used involves "a sensitive front end photo amplifier and a conventional resistance coupled audio amplifier which in turn operates a high or low impedance earphone.....The receiver can be hooked up with a telescope for the purpose of probing outer space and receiving various types of signals that are coming from our galaxy and perhaps from other systems far out in space. This involves experimenting to a great degree, which is strictly up to the operator of the receiver." (Photo courtesy of Taylor Photo Lab., Rochelle Park, N. J.)

**FORTEAN PHENOMENA IN ENGLAND:** The following items are a bit out of date, but nevertheless interesting: Last March 8th, two more car windshields were shattered on the London to Portsmouth road, which has been nicknamed "missile mile" because of the frequency of these strange occurrences along the road. One of the cars was driven by Mr. C. N. Booty, of Bexleyheath, and the other by Mr. Francis Rosati, who said, "There was a little pop, and then the windscreen frosted over." In the same area, a third car stopped after its driver heard a loud bang and felt a terrible shock; but the car was undamaged. A fourth driver said that his windshield had been shattered the previous Monday at the same spot.....April 20th: As he was lighting a cigarette in his apartment just after midnight, a Mr. Brian Clout of Weston-super-Mare was blown across the room by a mysterious explosion, but escaped injury. A window was broken, floor boards caught fire, and part of the ceiling of the room was blown down; but Mrs. Clout, asleep two rooms away, did not hear any noise. The cause of the explosion is unknown.....Another "mystery bang" shook London last April 30th. Streets were shaken and windows were rattled by the bang, throughout the London area. The cause is unknown. An Air Ministry spokesman said that it was not caused by any British supersonic aircraft. (Our thanks for this series of items go to correspondent Bryan Essenhigh of Kent, England.)

**AIR FORCE CONFIRMS SAUCER SIGHTINGS IN KANSAS TOWN:** On May 27th, the Air Force confirmed a number of flying saucer sightings that occurred two and a half weeks earlier in Pratt, Kansas. In the meanwhile, some two dozen witnesses had been interviewed by Air Force officials. The unidentified objects, described as resembling "two saucers back-to-back", were seen three times on the night of May 8th-9th. Four were flying in formation in the first incident, at 8-30 p.m. on May 8th. They were first seen by several persons at a drive-in theatre, who phoned the local Ground Observer Corps observation post. The objects were visible from the observation post too, as well as from several other points in the city. A single saucer was seen at 12-30 a.m. on May 9th, and a pair of them at 1-30 a.m. The objects were described as glowing pink, with shadings of orange and green. They reportedly all left Pratt heading northeast.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** The weight of the "Abominable Snowman" of the Himalayas has been calculated at about 3,000 pounds by British scientists. This figure is based upon the tracks of the hairy monster found on snow-hardened surfaces and measured by British explorers. The tracks were 12 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 11 inches deep. The track of a human being in the same snow was only an inch deep. Another recent news report of the Snowman states that the corpse of one of these creatures has been found preserved in the ice of a mountain crevasse in the Himalayas. Peter John Webster, a British explorer who has climbed several mountains in Tibet, plans to make an expedition next year to personally investigate the story, told by "superstitious mountaineers", that the corpse has been found.....A report to the New Zealand Parliament last April 14th by a commission of inquiry on the wreck of the 70-ton launch Joyita last year, said that the disappearance of all persons aboard the yacht is still inexplicable. The Joyita had set out for Apia in Western Samoa on Oct. 3rd, 1955, and was found wrecked and flooded on Nov. 10th, and with all 9 passengers and 16 crew members missing....

An Associated Press story of May 28th states that a study of deep ocean currents will be made during the International Geophysical Year to find out how much radioactive waste can safely be dumped at sea. The development of peaceful uses of atomic energy is expected to result in the production of huge quantities of radioactive substances, which somehow must be

disposed of safely. The ocean is a very large hole in the ground, and its currents might spread out radioactive substances to such an extent that they would be harmless. (Editor's Note: As we pointed out in the last issue of SAUCER NEWS, we believe that this dumping has already begun, quite a while ago.... An early edition of the May 21st Buffalo Courier-Express, in describing the air-dropped H-Bomb tested that day, mentioned mysterious and unexplained "points of light" that were seen a few seconds after the blast. The newspaper says, "There was speculation that they might have been some form of instrumentation dropped from the high-flying B52 bomber that dropped the Bomb, or possibly just stars." Significantly, later editions of the same paper dropped all mention of these "points of light" in describing the test. Why?....

There's a new sea monster loose in the North Atlantic, according to a June 7th Associated Press report from Nova Scotia, where a 45-foot, white-spotted sea turtle was seen by a Liberian freighter. The Coast Guard warned all ships in the area to be on the alert for the giant reptile, which is said to have 15-foot-long flippers, and to be able to raise itself eight feet above the surface of the water.....The Bridey Murphy mystery has been solved! A Chicago minister and a team of newspaper reporters have learned the truth about the Colorado housewife whose hypnotic trances and alleged previous incarnation in Ireland were the subject of the best-selling book "The Search for Bridey Murphy". It turns out that the housewife, whose real name is Mrs. Virginia Tighe, used to live in Chicago, where as a child she was greatly impressed by a flesh-and-blood Irish woman named Bridey Murphy. Under hypnosis, Mrs. Tighe confused events from her own life with other events that had been told her by the real Bridey Murphy.

SAUCER BRIEFS (Continued from Page 12): The latest newsletter from the North Jersey U.F.O. Group states that the May 24th meeting, at which Gray Barker was guest speaker, was a complete failure. Only 40 people were present, in a hall hired to contain 400. As a result, the North Jersey Group's treasury is in debt, and their newsletter and meetings will be suspended until further notice...In an exclusive interview in Toronto, Canada, your Editor received permission from Laimon Mitris of Rouyn, Quebec, to reveal to the public that he is the man called "Smallwood" in Barker's book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Readers of Barker's book will remember that "Smallwood" was threatened by a mysterious visitor in connection with the analysis of a saucer fragment. Mitris also wants it known that Barker's account of this incident was written without his permission....A fictional saucer play called "Flying Object at Three O'Clock High" appeared on the June 20th showing of the Kraft Television Theatre. The play was entertaining, but it bore little resemblance to the actual facts of the saucer mystery, nor was it intended to. ....Kenneth Arnold has been injured in a plane crash in New Mexico.

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