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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows Ralph Horton, a farmer living near Atlanta, Georgia, holding a strange object that landed in his yard in July of 1952. The object was at first thought to be a flying saucer of some kind, but was eventually identified as a type of small weather balloon used by Air Force bases in the vicinity of Atlanta for the purpose of studying wind velocity. The object resembles a kite, and is covered with tinfoil to reflect radar beams easily. (Photo taken in 1953 by James W. Moseley.)

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EDITORIAL

## SAUCER MAGAZINES COME AND GO, BUT "SAUCER NEWS" IS HERE TO STAY!

Due to advance information, we were not surprised to read in the February issue of Leonard Stringfield's "C.R.I.F.O. Orbit" that the magazine will fold up after the March issue. However, this news must have come as a surprise and shock to the great majority of "Orbit" subscribers, particularly as Stringfield's magazine is considered by many people to be the most widely circulated and the most highly respected of all currently-published saucer periodicals.

Stringfield's reasons for throwing in the towel are given in detail in a long editorial in his February issue. Among other things, the "Orbit" editor has these rather bitter comments to make: "Another factor is that 'Orbit' - its format, policies, theories, etc., - seems to be out of character with the beliefs and principles of saucerdom's growing coterie of demagogues, extremists and sensation-hunters. It seems, too, that to prosper in civilian research one must show sympathy with all the astronauts who frequently slip off to Mars or Pluto and come back with wondrous tales of omniscient races who want to help us poor earthlings.....Then there are those who peddle only the sensational 'inside' stuff - or a vitriolic hate for the Air Force. Following none of these courses, 'Orbit' soon got the cold shoulder in some quarters, and in others became the target of smear and surreptitious sniping. For about a year the Editor ignored all the snubs and snipes, but when it began to appear that subscriptions were dropping off in the midst of a new era wherein personalities dominated research, it seemed high time for a change. It is now obvious that 'Orbit' is 'over the hill' in this new era- its usefulness and prestige gone!" Other reasons Stringfield gives for discontinuing his magazine, are sagging financial returns and inability to keep abreast of correspondence. He emphasizes that he has not been "closed down" or forced in any way to stop publishing.

Stringfield's organization, called "Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects" (C.R.I.F.O.) was begun in early 1954, and the first issue of "Orbit"(then called "Newsletter") was printed in April of 1954. Thus, when Stringfield's next and last issue is published, his magazine will have been in business exactly three years, which is a little above the average life-span of a saucer periodical. The Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.) was organized in June of 1954, and the first issue of our SAUCER NEWS (then called "Nexus") was dated July, 1954. Thus we too have now been in the publishing business almost three years.

In our October 1954 issue, we listed ten of the leading saucer clubs of that time, with which we were then in frequent communication for the purpose of exchanging information. Of these ten, three are now defunct - Flying Saucer Researchers, publishers of New York City's "Flying Saucer Review"; The Cup and Saucer Club, publishers of "The Roundhouse"; and C.R.I.F.O., publishers of "Orbit" - although technically, according to Stringfield, his research organization will continue to exist even after his magazine folds up. Many other saucer magazines have made their appearance and disappearance within the lifetime of the S.A.U.C.E.R.S. These include George Williamson's "Telonic Research Bulletin", James Rigberg's "Flying Saucer News", Thomas Comella's "Research Bulletin", D. W. Oppermann's "Saucer Sentinel", and "Flying Saucer News", published in England. Still other magazines bowed out before the S.A.U.C.E.R.S. began. Of these, probably the best known is Albert Bender's "Space Review". However, as some clubs leave the scene, new ones continue to appear, and the current total number of saucer clubs and periodicals is probably greater now than ever before.

There are many reasons why the saucer publication scene changes so fast. One reason seldom if ever mentioned is that, as saucers are such a young subject, they attract for the most part young followers and young self-styled magazine editors - and eventually the interest of the saucerzine readers as well as of the editor is apt to move on to other fields. Financial considerations as well as the necessity of sensationalism to hold readers' interest, are also important factors, as Stringfield's editorial points out.

Here at SAUCER NEWS we have had more than our share of problems, financial and otherwise. Not only have we continually lost readership for failing to go along with the planet-hoppers, but we have irked even more subscribers by our insistence on presenting the facts upon which to build a case that saucers are Earth-made rather than interplanetary. We do not fool ourselves into thinking that more than a very small percentage of our subscribers, either now or in the past, agrees with us in regard to our so-called "Earth Theory". However, as honest editors we have felt obliged to print the facts as we see them, rather than sacrifice truth for the sake of popularity. Stringfield was also an honest editor, and printed the facts as he saw them. He lost out for doing so, but we shall not. SAUCER NEWS will carry on, partly because we make up for our unpopular editorial policy by presenting articles from many differing points of view, and by giving our magazine what we believe to be an interesting and pleasing format, though we never purposely sensationalize. Also, we are apparently in a better position than most saucer clubs to sustain the financial losses involved in publication of a magazine. Stringfield, on the other hand, made his periodical unnecessarily dull by repeated long listings of dry, run-of-the-mill sightings, and he was unable to operate continually at a financial loss.

After less than three years of publication, SAUCER NEWS now emerges as one of the "old timers" in the saucer field. We plan to continue publication as long as there is any semblance of reader interest, whether complimentary or critical. We are taking this opportunity to reassure our friends and dismay our enemies with the flat statement that we are here to stay. The S.A.U.C.E.R.S. was organized to seek, and if possible find, the solution to the greatest mystery of our generation. We plan to continue that search. In our three brief years of existence we have collected a library of over 5,000 saucer clippings, probably the largest saucer library in existence for the years 1954-1957. We have also expanded our publishing activities to include a non-scheduled Newsletter, which is issued irregularly in addition to the regularly-scheduled issues of SAUCER NEWS. But much more important than any of this, we feel that we have come very close to a real solution to the saucer mystery.

We do not claim now, nor have we ever claimed, to have solved the entire mystery. We do say, however, that we have been able to bring into print extremely important facts that no other saucer magazine has published, and that these facts add up to a very strong case indeed that most, and possibly all, of the saucers are Earth-made rather than interplanetary. We believe further that these facts would be generally accepted by other researchers by now except for a natural prejudice on their part, based largely on wishful thinking, in favor of the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

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The June-July issue of SAUCER NEWS will reach you at least one month late, due to the fact that the Editor again has to be away from New Jersey on a long business trip. During the two months or so that the Editor is away, personal mail sent to S.A.U.C.E.R.S. Headquarters will have to go unanswered, although renewals, the supplying of back issues, and other routine matters will as usual be taken care of promptly and capably by John Mar-

ana, our Managing Editor. We sincerely hope that our temporary absence from the saucer scene will not, as in the past, give rise to irresponsible and unfounded rumors that SAUCER NEWS is "closing down". The editorial you have just read should make it clear that we intend to be around "till the last cup and saucer", as the saying goes.

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 The fourth issue of our non-scheduled Newsletter is just off the presses. These Newsletters are issued whenever worthwhile material is available, and contain information which we consider "too hot to handle" in our regular editions of SAUCER NEWS. The current number contains a sensational exclusive account of the inside story behind George Williamson's Peruvian colony. You can be placed on our special Newsletter mailing list by sending us your name and address together with one dollar. Those who send in right away will be sent issues #2 and #3, while they last, as well as issue #4.

Also available through SAUCER NEWS are the following:

Subscription renewal - \$2.00 for one year, \$3.50 for two years  
 Back issues - 25¢ each, 4 for \$1.00, 10 for \$2.00  
 Saucer News Fact Sheet - free  
 Air Force Fact Sheet - free  
 Project Blue Book Special Report #14 - send \$1.00 not to us, but to Box D-10,  
 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

##### Concerning Buck Nelson's Claims

Since it is known that various researchers are now discussing Buck Nelson's claimed Christmas Day "trip" in an interplanetary spaceship, and errors creep in, it is desirable to set the record straight. Whether or not it was the same ship in which Nelson claims to have been to Mars, Venus and the Moon in 1955, he does not say. But two of the crew were allegedly his former interplanetary companions - "Bucky" and "Bob Solomon" of Venus.

According to the information given by Mr. Nelson to several people, the following events took place: "Bucky of Venus" arrived at Nelson's Mountain View Ranch late Dec. 25, 1956. After a few minutes in the house, "Bucky" said, "Let's go down to the ship." Both went down to where the ship was waiting, and they entered it. There Nelson was greeted by "Bob Solomon", the commander of his alleged 1955 flight to Mars, Venus and the Moon. A third crew member was a "trainee", a stranger to Nelson.

After all was ready, the ship quickly took off, and, after a quick flight through space, it came down in Colorado, where Buck and his interplanetary companions were received and treated to a late Christmas dinner. They visited only a comparatively short time with their Colorado hosts before "Bucky" announced, "We must go." They walked back to the saucer and flew back to Mountain View, Missouri, where Buck was deposited at his home, and the ship and crew took off for the planet Venus.

I have asked Mr. Nelson for the necessary details, but for personal reasons he does not wish to answer me. Nevertheless, if his claims are true, the details should be known. If they are not true, the alleged details will make that clear also. If details are refused to honest seekers of truth, it will be evident that there is deliberate concealment.

Inasmuch as the newspapers have not given this "flight" any attention, it is important that you and your readers should not overlook a single intelligent question that needs answering concerning this Christmas day trip. It is all the more important to do this because what you find out will throw additional light on the character of the claimed 1955 "flight" to Mars, Venus and the Moon. Since Mr. Nelson has consistently maintained that he is a friend of truth and desires that the full truth be known, we have every right to expect that he will want to give all facts and details to those who deserve to have them.

LEON C. LE VAN, Pittsburg, Pa.

Open Letter to George Adamski's "C.L.J."

When cornered by convincing evidence, the evasive accessory to the crime turns to the accusing witnesses with an angry despairing cry of "Liar!" and "Wolf!" and "Skunk!", while posing himself or herself as the innocent "Snow White", in lieu of denial with counter evidence.

That is just what Clara L. John has done in her "Little Listening Post" of February-March 1957, summed up by her as "Adamski case now vindicated". This all came about as a result of the publication in URANUS (in England) of my exposure of the Adamski hoax, in which I used against Adamski the words of his own acknowledged ghost-writer, "C.L.J." - Out of courtesy I held back the identity of this person, waiting for the smoke to bring that out on its own accord. This has now been done; Clara John has clarified her name and identity as having "interests" somehow in the Adamski story, now after the evidence was printed in URANUS.

And now another editor, James W. Moseley, in his SAUCER NEWS of February-March 1957 unflinchingly names her and her post as the mysterious "C.L.J." referred to in URANUS and acknowledged in some but omitted from other editions of the Adamski book "Flying Saucers Have Landed". Furthermore, Moseley states that Clara John sent out an "angry open letter" about the URANUS disclosures - reserving her own publication for the above-mentioned wild accusations of "Liar", etc.

I quickly forgive her for accusing me of being a "Skunk" who raised this stink about her and Adamski, but I confess ignorance of her "Wolf" and her "Liar" charges, and seek justice from her for accusing me of "unethical" means such as quoting her "old letters" without her knowledge and consent. I will quote more from her letters to prove that I did request her permission and that she knew quite definitely what I was asking for, and for what purpose.

On Oct. 8, 1956, Clara John wrote me: "With reference to your letter of Oct. 2nd, I know you realize that you will be doing something that is absolutely in opposition to my interests and wishes, to publish quotations from any letters I have written you. Please do not identify my name with anything you publish!" And 20 days later she added: "You realize of course that no publisher will touch a thing like that.....Why don't you come over and have a talk with me and get things in the clear?"

My request to her had been clear enough. I had written her, "Surely you do not deliberately wish a hoax to be left uncovered...while innocent people unaware of these very facts are being placed into a position of embarrassing credulity...I would like to have your permission to quote only those statements directly bearing on the claims given in the Adamski book."

Clara John alone knows why her interests will not let her "turn state's evidence" in the case of Adamski, and tell what she knows. Many others have been fooled by the Adamski story. It is a mark of wise bravery to admit that we now know better.

LONZO DOVE, Broadway, Virginia

RECENT NEWS

**FAMOUS SCIENTIST BELIEVES SAUCERS MAY BE FROM A DISTANT STAR:** Clyde Tombaugh, internationally-known scientist and discoverer of the planet Pluto, stated recently that he believes flying saucers may be visitors from the stars, who have traveled trillions of miles to reach Earth. Said Tombaugh: "When we consider the extremely rapid tapping of vast sources of energy, which we have only begun to explore in the last ten years, we can imagine what a head start a race would have which passed our present point of progress a million years, or even a thousand years, before us. Although our solar system is believed to support no life other than that on Earth, other stars in the galaxy may have hundreds or thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races on these planets may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars."



**THE SAUCER BOYS**



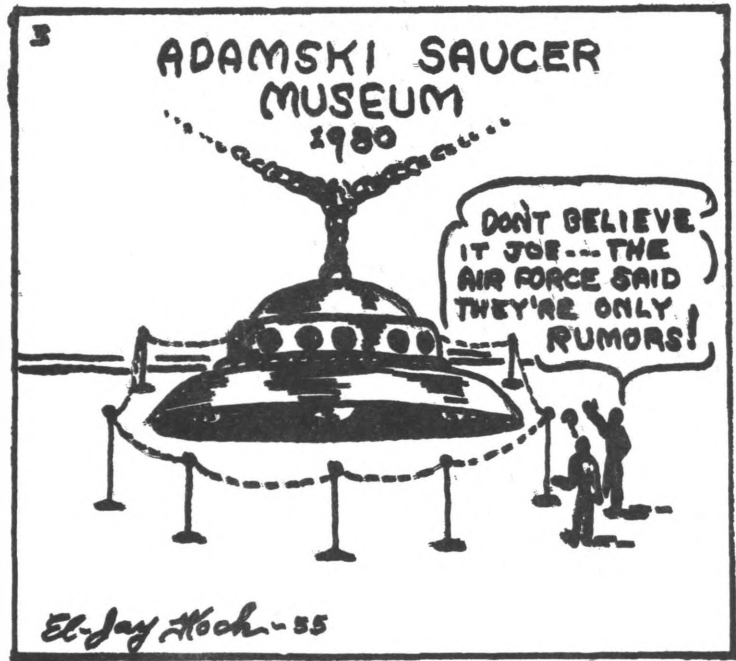
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**MISGUIDED GUIDED MISSILES CAUSE CONCERN IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES:** According to an official of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, a 10-ton rocket went out of control on England's Woomera range and was blown up by remote control; This statement was made last December 23rd, but the official did not state just when the incident occurred. The rocket, driven by Bristol Thor ramjets, flew southwards at 1000 miles per hour, and was exploded twenty seconds later and disintegrated without causing any damage. A week previous to this announcement, a United States missile broke contact over California, crashed, and blew up on the edge of Death Valley. And the week before that, an American Snark missile failed to return on a test flight from Florida. It is thought to have landed in the Brazilian jungles.

**WORLD TO END IN 1991?** The following should not really come under the heading of "Recent News", but it is nevertheless interesting: In the year 1488, Ursula Sonteil, better known as Old Mother Shipton, was born in an obscure little village in England. At her birth her limbs were found to be misshapen, and her parents immediately wanted to get rid of her. She grew up under the care of a parish nurse.

Upon reaching womanhood, she gained a reputation as a soothsayer, and people came from afar to listen to her prophecies. She lived to a ripe old age and died in the year 1571. During her lifetime she predicted, among other things, the Great Fire of London, which occurred long after her death. She further stated that someday men would sail around the world, that they would fly in the air, and that they would travel under and over rivers and oceans. This amazing woman even foretold that we would be taxed so that "blood and wars will come to every door." But her most terrifying prophecy is yet to come true; The fate of the world may lie in Old Mother Shipton's last prophetic verse: "The world then to an end will come, in nineteen hundred and ninety one." All her other predictions have come true. Perhaps this one will also! (Reprinted from the British magazine "Forecast")

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Latest saucer magazine to make its appearance is "S.P.A.C.E.", edited by Norbert Gariety of Coral Gables, Florida. The full title, "Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma," is very similar to that of a defunct Connecticut saucer organization.... Here in the New York area, the Long John radio program continues to interview leading saucer personalities from 1 a. m. on into the wee small hours of almost every weekday morning.... Swiss scientist Alfred Nahon, editor of the saucer journal "Le Courier Interplanetaire" and president of the Anti-Atomic League for the Protection of Life, has ended a 19-day fast in protest against the use of atomic power. He was joined in his fast by three other European scientists and a Catholic priest..... A fire was spotted in the rugged mountain country near Oneida, New York, last January 17th, after a mysterious flaming object had been reported to have dropped from the sky. Air Force jets and a helicopter were sent to the scene. Police said that all commercial planes scheduled over the area had been accounted for..... Rumor has it that George Williamson was secretly behind Truman Betherum's recent "Sanctuary of Thought" literature....

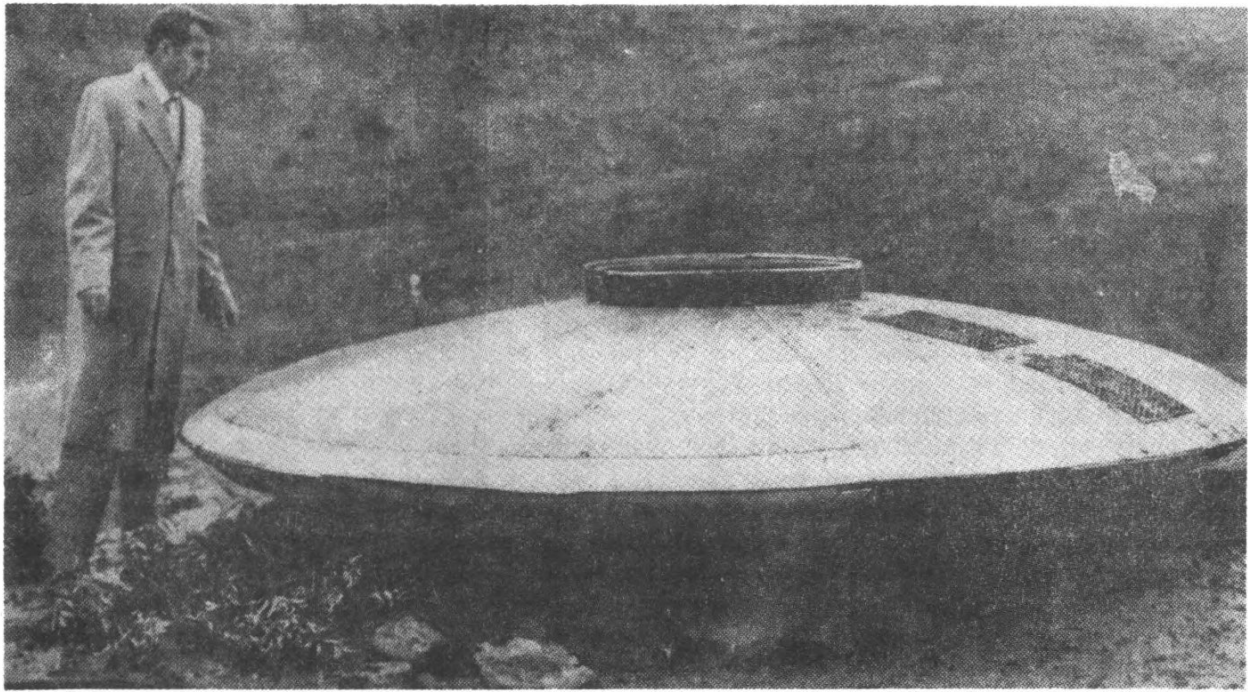


JUST ANOTHER RUMOR



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.....A group of boys with a passion for home-made balloons inadvertently caused a saucer scare near Clinton Tennessee last February 3rd. One of their balloons exploded in mid-air, burned, and crashed to the ground in ashes. The group had previously sent up five similar balloons without mishap.....Your Editor's most recent article for FATE Magazine is now definitely scheduled for the May issue. This article has nothing to do with saucers, but concerns treasure hunting in Peru...Our overseas press clipping service has expired. We would consider it a real favor if SAUCER NEWS subscribers in England and elsewhere overseas would mail us saucer clippings from their countries. In regard to domestic sightings, however, we are interested only in sightings that have not been printed in any newspaper....The SAUCER NEWS Staff Artist, El-Jay Koch, formerly of 329-A Langfield Drive, Buffalo, N.Y., is still among the missing. The last series of cartoons he drew for us appeared on the two pages you have just finished reading....

GLORIA SWANSON SEES GROUNDED SAUCER IN HOLLYWOOD AFTER APPEARING ON T. V. SHOW: (See photo at top of this page.) - No one watching "This Is Your Life" last Jan. 23rd would have guessed that Actress Gloria Swanson was excited about a flying saucer as she graciously accepted compliments on her colorful career during the program. Yet, not more than an hour later, she was walking through darkness and mud in Hollywood Hills, inspecting a 12-foot saucer that reportedly had crash-landed there;The saucer story had started that morning, when a close friend of Miss Swanson's told her a startling tale he had learned from a pilot he knew. According to the pilot, a little man had been seen getting out of the craft, and had disappeared after jerking out instruments from the cockpit. When Miss Swanson reached the scene, accompanied by several friends, the saucer was still where it was supposed to be. But as weird-looking as the object was, the more the group studied it, the more they became convinced that whatever it was, it could not be a space craft. Finally came the explanation, from a family living in a house a few yards away from the grounded saucer. "It's a movie prop for a small outfit making a documentary," they said. "Been here about 10 days.....Why, they've even been using our electricity!"

## FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH ON TRIAL

- by Thomas M. Comella -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Comella is the former editor of the Flying Saucer News Service Research Bulletin. He later stopped publication of his own bulletin in order to merge his organization with George Williamson's Telonic Research Center, which has recently folded up. Some of the opinions Mr. Comella expresses in this article for SAUCER NEWS are quite contrary to the opinions of your Editor; but in line with our policy of presenting all sides of the saucer controversy, we are printing the article in full and without major editing.)

Basically, you are reading this article in SAUCER NEWS because you are interested in flying saucers. Like thousands of other readers you are hoping that organized research will eventually make some method out of the madness that is the "saucer saga". But as you pause and reflect about the various UFO publications and organizations, you realize that sheer chaos exists among the ranks. You realize further that it has been roughly seven years since the advent of organized research and that we are no closer the solution now than we were then.

I have been stalking flying saucers for ten years. I know most of the famous (or infamous - depending on your point of view) figures in the field of UFO publication and investigation. It was my pleasure to publish a "saucerzine" of my own. In short, I know UFO research inside and out; I know what has been going on and what is now going on. And I'm convinced that in this article are the reasons that the "saucer saga" is becoming a confused issue. Call this treatise "The Confessions of a UFO Researcher", if you wish. But it's more than that, for all of UFO research is on trial.

### A. Writing Versus Reporting

People are funny in that they become bored unless their interest in a subject is kept at a peak. This applies to saucers too. Consequently UFO publishers have strayed from the accurate method of reporting and analysing to the sensational flare of the writer. To be able to perform like a writer, one must have a writer's material. This means startling statements and eye-catching articles. However, it seems to me that UFO research should be a co-ordinated effort to find the truth. Those interested in certain phases of the subject should pursue them. Go ahead, publish your results; but reading a "saucerzine" nowadays is like reading the gossip section of the daily newspapers. Who cares about opinions and controversy? We want facts!

### B. Hoaxes, Exposés, and Amateur Detectives

A few months ago a story came to me from my home town of Cleveland. It seemed that a Clevelander was visited one night by three men in black suits driving an Eldorado Cadillac. According to my information, one of them was Otto Von Mobile, head of the Interstellar Bankers. These men produced a list of names on which was my name - crossed out. This signified that I had been "shut up", (as in the cases Gray Barker describes in his book) whereas the other names on the list were future prospects. The story was phony of course, but I needed proof. I started to investigate as quickly as possible, realizing that the hoax might spread unless it were squelched. But before I could breathe, Cosmic News of Strongsville, Ohio, picked up the story and rushed it right into print. Naturally, like all sensational articles, the story got quite a response. I called Howard Neuberger, one of the editors of

Cosmic News, and asked him what he had found out about the story before he published it. He replied, "Oh, we checked and we're sure it's authentic." This startled me, for everything about the story labeled it as a hoax. I stepped up my probe and within a week I had an oral confession from the perpetrator of the hoax! As you can well imagine, my impression of Cosmic News and the investigations of its staff were not too favorable.

This story illustrates two points which I wish to make clear: In the above case, there did exist a hoax; it was thoroughly exposed by investigation and not by detective work, and believe me, there's a big difference between the two. Investigation is a search for truth. Detective work is the search for what you are looking. In other words, usually detectives are told what they are to find. They then proceed to find it. This method is a fallacious one if you have visions of capturing the truth. I can "expose" anyone by playing amateur detective. All I need is a lot of correspondents who can dig up incidents here and there about a particular person. With such correspondents plus a talent for "writing", I can have my "expose".

These amateur detectives now exist in UFO research, and they go to work when the reading is particularly dull in their "saucerzine". The work of these individuals usually shows up as a sensational expose, whereas actually it is only a neatly woven mass of insignificant details. But when put together by a good writer, the story does sound good. This type of "reporting" has given UFO Research a false sense of accomplishment. For an expose is a true expose only if one of two bits of evidence is on hand: (1) a written or verbal confession by the main figure in the incident; (2) a demonstration of how the hoax was committed, with the results of this demonstration, showing the exact "props" used in the hoax. In other words, the "weapon" must be found. If neither of the above two items is satisfied, then we shouldn't march ahead and mar a person's character on flimsy gossip and such. But then, we must provide our readers with sensational articles, and what better way is there to do this?

George Adamski was raked over the coals in this manner in this very magazine. Now, no one has spent more time reviewing this case or more time with Adamski himself than I have. No one has tried harder than I have to secure evidence of a hoax. But the gallant expose in this magazine was a farce, and in the long run it has hurt UFO Research. George Adamski has neither confessed nor has the "childlike lampshade saucer" turned up. And until one of these things happens, the question must remain open. All we do have against George Adamski is prejudice and the testimony of a "confessed liar". When you couple this with the fact that this "liar" thinks he has reason to dislike Adamski, it begins to look like a "grudge match", doesn't it! No, we haven't solved this matter yet, no matter how much I wish we had.

### C. Saucers, Little Men, and Contacts

UFO Research has developed a curious attitude. Investigators have made this so, and I'm as guilty as anyone. We have classified all "contact" reports as crackpot reports. We have done this mentally, and we have pushed these matters away from our consideration. Oh, we're interested in a sighting, and we really go wild over a hairy biped report, but let one of the saucers land and let a space man get out and talk to an earthling, and investigators everywhere shudder. This is a harmful attitude. We must evaluate all cases to the best of our ability, if not for the sake of being fair, then for the sake of the fact that one day a saucer might really land. And one of its occupants might indeed emerge and converse with an earthman. And we as the officials of Saucerdom would turn thumbs down on the incident. Truth will have

passed us by - if it hasn't already! But today it's scientific to be conservative, and most investigators like this dignified connotation. However, I say that it's more scientific to include all evidence in your investigation. To just ignore some saucer reports seems to be the surest way of ignoring truth in the long run. And I thought it was truth we are all after!

#### D. Hysteria - Our Worst Enemy

Before Gray Barker published "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", hardly anyone had heard of "hush-up" cases. Before Donald Keyhoe published "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" no one had heard of the Silence Group. And prior to George Williamson's Silence Group article in the Telonic Research Bulletin, no one had any knowledge of the International Bankers. Yet today we have experts in each or all of these fields. These people know all about the Bankers and their conspiracies, and more people than you can imagine are being "hushed-up". This is hysteria, the researcher's worst enemy! It is a subtle hysteria that builds up inside a person. He's put on edge, and he interprets ordinary events as tactics of the Bankers, etc. One person I know said that he was almost run down by the Bankers while crossing the street one day. He even went out and procured a gun for protection. It turned out that this fellow had just read Barker's book and Williamson's article in short order. He was extremely excited by it all.

This type of hysteria erupts during every "new" phase of research. These incidents are passed along the grapevine as "confidential" notes until one talented "investigator" puts them all together in a fascinating article. Even whole books have been written about practically nothing. Such hysterical stories manifest themselves over and over again in the gossip-like "saucerzines" these days. It's a shame, too, because someone, somewhere, is going to believe these reports, and it's likely to take him years to find out that they are nothing but tales from the lips of an over-excited person.

#### E. Confidential Collaboration

This tactic of famous UFO researchers is not known by many readers. I know about it because I've been part of such collaborations. It is a device designed to force reactions and information into the open. This is accomplished by two researchers agreeing beforehand to take issue with each other in print. One might drop subtle hints about the other, or it may take the appearance of an outright feud. Readers, noticing the controversy, will come forth with information pro and con. This is what the collaborators hope for. Right now such collaboration is going on in the hope of gaining information about the so-called Silence Group. In various books and "saucerzines" you will find hints that John Doe might be a member of the Silence Group. John Doe, whoever he may be, will play his part by denying the charges. Through the controversy, the collaborators hope, new information will come to light - perhaps a slip by the Silence Group itself. The persons who use this technique usually have reason to believe that the subject in question is a serious matter, and not just a play toy. As I have stated, this collaboration is going on at the present time, and famous investigators are involved.

#### F. The Undercover Investigator

Some researchers deliberately confuse their reading public. They accomplish this by ridiculing a particular saucer theory and supporting another one. By doing this, they put potential informants off guard as

to their real beliefs. In this way, the undercover investigator can pursue his actual ideas without drawing too much attention.

The first step in such a procedure is to write an eye-catching article so that everyone will know the investigator's position. One such article was written by James Moseley, entitled "The Solution to the Flying Saucer Mystery". In this article Mr. Moseley ridiculed the outer-space hypothesis and supported the earth-missile theory. But instead of easing his research because he had "solved" the mystery, Moseley intensified his study. He even offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could prove that saucers are coming from outer space. The reward announcement said: "Bets \$1,000 Against Space". This made it appear that Moseley was positive that saucers are not from space, whereas actually he hoped that someone might have that proof and come forward with it to claim his reward. And who wouldn't like to have actual proof that saucers are from space? I'd pay two thousand dollars. But Moseley's offer was in the form of a challenge, so that you would be convinced that he had the answer. And while you were wondering, Moseley was investigating further. Pin him down and he will admit that the Earth Theory "might" not account for all saucers. Nevertheless "The Solution to the Flying Saucer Mystery" was not a malicious hoax. Nor was it the "solution" we are all after. It was a theory with a spattering of facts here and there, and I doubt if Moseley himself knows where the source of the story is. But when he finds out, he'll be fit to be tied!

#### G. Commercialism - The Eternal Plague

No matter what phase of life you follow, somewhere along your course you will meet commercialism. It has forced its way into UFO Research too. An occasional book or magazine designed to make a fast buck wouldn't be too bad. But I have knowledge of an organization in Detroit whose "life blood" is selling things: books, pamphlets, and articles. This same group has very strong information that a famous UFO personality is a fake, yet they keep selling that personality's material. This, to me, is just plain commercialism. The persons involved don't really care if researchers are led astray by the published material; they don't care if the man they are promoting is a hoaxer. All they care about is how many dollars they can take in.

It's easy to spot the commercial type of individual. I have promoted lectures and have had dealings with many famous UFO personalities in a monetary way. I've watched many of them gaze at the audience before the talk and worry about the "take" for that particular performance. I've even been gyped a couple of times. But it is really refreshing to promote someone who worries about giving a good talk rather than worrying about how many dollars will come his way. I know you can't judge a person's claims by his attitude toward commercialism. But it's just too bad that some researchers can't use discretion when it comes to a subject that sincere people consider important. After all, if everyone thought the "saucer saga" was a hoax, there would be no sense in investigating saucers at all, would there? I maintain that accepting money in the normal course of publishing or lecturing is all right. So is selling books and pamphlets. But when the sale becomes more important than what you are selling, then it's time to quit investigating saucers, because you can't possibly get anywhere yourself, and you just might confuse a lot of other people.

#### H. The "Bashful Radical"

This type of investigator is very hard to recognize.

Openly he is a conservative UFO investigator shunning radicalism. He scoffs at theories dealing with religion, reincarnation, etc., etc. To you, the reader, he appears to be a dignified, scientific UFO researcher, as conservative as Einstein and as stable as the rock of Gibraltar. But this same researcher believes much more than he wants you to think. He gains the confidence of a fellow publisher in the field who is more adept at publishing radical theories and ideas. Through this fellow-publisher, our bashful radical prints his most profound ideas, which are really quite sensational and abstract. He never uses his real name; in fact the article usually appears under his friend's name. Outwardly it looks as though the radical piece of literature originated in the friend's bulletin, whereas actually it was composed by a well-known conservative. The bashful radical does this so that people will not think he has gone batty, as his actual views might indicate, and at the same time he gathers the public's reaction to his ideas. I know of at least two bashful radicals now operating in UFO research. Their names would startle you - and their beliefs would astound you!

#### I. The Honest Feud and the Underhanded Expose

This maneuver also requires collaboration between investigators, usually the same two who might be operating together in the way described in categories (E) or (H), or both. Sometimes, through correspondence and such, two famous personalities might come to serious differences. As the two write back and forth, the subtle difference of opinion between them might flower into an actual, honest-to-goodness feud. If this develops, naturally the "collaborating investigator" is in a very good position to show up his correspondent, and he usually does. He contacts his collaborator and explains the feud he is having with the other UFO researcher. The two then prepare a subtle expose aimed at the correspondent. This expose usually consists of some rumors with a few charges thrown in. Climaxing the episode, the collaborator publishes the expose, leaving the other researcher in the clear.

Here is a description of how such a maneuver would be viewed by the reader. First you would see the feud develop between the two researchers; it may be a dispute over certain claims or merely a personality clash. Then, without warning, another attack appears from an apparently independent source that supports one side and further attacks the other. To the reader it looks as though two "independent" attacks actually substantiate one another, when in reality both attacks were prepared by the same individual, but issued through different mediums. You might describe this maneuver as an underhanded way to "get even" with another researcher if you disagree with him and his claims. This tactic has been used many times by "big names" in UFO Research.

#### J. Orthodox Science Versus the Unknown

The foregoing categories illustrate the specific reasons why organized flying saucer research has become a chaotic venture. These are man-made problems resulting from personality clashes and a desire to be recognized and the like. But a "natural problem" already existed, that of reconciling unsolved problems with orthodox science. The flying saucers are an unknown and radically different quantity. Yet, there is overwhelming evidence that these elusive objects do exist. The problem now is to resolve an unknown quantity with known knowledge. This is very difficult, as you might guess, and the conclusions one reaches using this type of method can easily be erroneous.

For example, prior to the Wright Brothers' famous

flight, it was considered impossible that Man would ever fly. You may remember the epic statement by one of the top transportation officials of that time. He said, when he viewed the Wright Brothers' machine for the first time: "It will never leave the ground." But it did leave the ground, and that event launched a billion dollar aircraft industry. At that time science denied that Man could ever fly. Yet someone contested science, and Man did fly. We call this progress. But progress is only accomplished when men with open minds approach a subject objectively. Today, saucers are shunned by orthodox science for two basic reasons: First, they exhibit speeds and maneuvers which our physics laws forbid; and secondly, many people claim that these saucers are from outer space, whereas our astronomical concepts disagree. Here is the identical battle the Wright Brothers fought, staring at us face to face.

In trying to solve this problem, I think we should remember several things: Science, for sure, is not a Sacred Cow. We should not bow down to its accomplishments in such a way that we hinder progress. For science has much to learn too. Less than 150 years ago the following statements were facts: (1) By spectroscopic analysis the Martian atmosphere was found to be almost 100 percent oxygen. (2) Also by spectroscopic analysis, astronomers 150 years ago believed that the planet Jupiter was a glowing, hot ball just recently thrown into space by our mother sun. Today scientists can find hardly any oxygen in the atmosphere of Mars, and Jupiter is "known" to be an iceberg. The astronomer Simon Newcomb provided a timely statement in an attempt to explain the varied results astronomers were getting with the spectroscope. He said: "It seems that the results one gets with this instrument depend on what one thinks should be there." In other words, if you don't think there should be oxygen in Mars' atmosphere, chances are you won't find any. The spectroscope is that "touchy"!

I think we should take a tip from Simon Newcomb and tread lightly on science's playground. We can use the theorems and logic of science when the subject is something we are familiar with. But when we are dealing with unknowns we should be careful. We must have open and objective minds. And we must be liberal with new and fantastic claims and theories, for the saucers themselves are fantastic. What is even more important is that they are a mystery to us - they are unknowns. So we need to discover something new that will enable us to resolve these unknowns. What we know now obviously will not help us. For even with our complicated instruments and formulas, the saucers defy all explanation.

This will be a new role for science; it will have to be second-best for awhile. But merely because science has failed to explain saucers within its framework of reality, there is no reason to deny that those saucers exist. The evidence for them is too overwhelming. Obviously then, the explanation of the flying saucers lies outside of science's present realm. Now, either science must expand its realm or else Lady Truth will pass us by again.

#### K. Last But By No Means Least - The Flying Saucers Themselves

There is not much one can say about a subject that has received so much response by people everywhere. The subject of saucers now embraces these categories: unidentified flying objects; the Silence Group; the International Bankers; falling ice; self-digging hoses; windshield pitting; unidentified submarines, etc., etc. Actually the research involves all things that are unknown; Perhaps our mistake is in assuming that each phase or secondary subject fits into a whole. Perhaps these things are completely unrelated. But there is a bit of evidence linking flying saucers and the Silence Group;

or linking saucers with the International Bankers - depending on your beliefs.

As for the UFO's themselves, we know they operate at fantastic speeds, with equally fantastic maneuvers. We know they can operate silently or sound like a bunch of tin cans. They are as unpredictable as a child. In fact the whole "saucer saga" exhibits illogic to the nth degree. Perhaps that is the key: illogic. Maybe what we consider to be logic is sheer nonsense to "someone" else, and vica versa. Perhaps the solution is right in front of our noses but we cannot recognize it. Who knows! The aim of this article has been to expose the various tactics and methods employed by well-known researchers- tactics that are confusing the issue at hand as well as the reading public. At the same time, I have tried to "clear the air" of saucer research; to recognize what we have accomplished and what we have failed to do; to give perspective to those researchers who have lost sight of the goal; and to provide the beginning for a new plan of attack.

We have to work for answers to the saucer mystery, the Silence Group, or any other enigmatic problem. We can't just sit back and expect those answers to seek and find us. So let's get busy and do the job right. Maybe those answers are well worth the work and struggle. And don't give up - I know those answers exist.

#### TWO LIGHTS THAT FAILED - AND A THIRD?

- by Justin Case -

In 1951 a group of scientists and engineers in Los Angeles, California, formed the Civilian Saucer Investigation. They received wide publicity in April 1952 when Life Magazine photographed one of their meetings. CSI invited members and UFO reports, and promised to issue bulletins on their investigations and conclusions. Their last report was the Winter 1953 bulletin. In it they stated that after two years of active work they had decided that further investigation could only be carried on by a staff working full time. Therefore they were closing down and looking for some research organization to take over their files of some 1000 first-hand eye-witness reports, and to continue the investigation. The CSI president, Ed Sullivan, summarized their conclusions as follows: UFO's may be some form of unknown phenomena that probably do not originate here on Earth; if not, then the only alternative is that they are interplanetary; despite the many "contact stories", there is no evidence that flying saucers have ever landed; CSI does not know what saucers are, but thinks that the Air Force has done as good a job as possible in investigating the phenomena.

That is one light that failed - a small, competent group of scientists and engineers trying in their spare time, and with very limited means of investigation, to solve what is probably the world's greatest mystery. They admitted defeat, but hoped that some other group working full time would be able to do better. The research group they were looking for was Ohio Northern University, of Ada, Ohio.

In August 1952, Ohio Northern University announced that they were starting Project "A" - an investigation of flying saucers, and they requested all observers to send them first-hand sightings of UFO's as soon as possible. They felt the need for some private, independent organization to conduct this study and inform the public as to results. They wanted to submit all UFO reports to review by their various departments such as Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Religion, and Engineering.

Although the press and radio co-operated, Project "A"

received only 54 UFO reports in the first seven months. The summer of 1953 went by and public response was no better. The University did not have enough reports on which to make a scientific study. So they sent out requests to various saucer investigating organizations, asking to borrow their files of sightings. Among the groups asked was CSI. Their president, Ed Sullivan, felt that he had to get the approval of CSI officers before releasing the club's files. These officers were not readily available for a meeting to decide this question. A month went by, and a new academic year was fast approaching, for which the University had to plan and allocate the work of its faculty. Not having had a favorable response from CSI and the other saucer organizations, the University closed down Project "A" and announced this publicly.

When Ed Sullivan of CSI heard about this, he telegraphed the University and offered to send them the CSI files on his own responsibility. But it was too late for the University to change its plans. In March 1954 the University issued a final two-page report. They said that they had closed down Project "A" voluntarily, and solely because they had been unable to get enough UFO reports from the public or from the various saucer organizations. No one had forced them to close.

Ed Sullivan said that he subsequently sent the CSI files, containing about 1000 sightings, to a man in Tecumseh, Michigan, who was conducting an investigation similar to Project "A" of Ohio Northern University.

Thus a second light failed, and a golden opportunity was lost. Here was a University with a staff of competent scholars and scientists courageous enough to undertake a study of an important scientific mystery that had been shunned by most other scientists. But they got no help from the public. Most regrettable of all, the saucer organizations that were in the best position to help, refused to do so or delayed too long. By withholding help, the saucer clubs defeated their own purpose. They had set themselves up to investigate flying saucers because no scientists were doing so publicly. Then they refused to help an independent group of scientists who were willing and able to undertake this study. Why the clubs acted this way is best known to themselves. And so the saucer mystery remains unsolved.

Now comes the third light. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena was recently organized in Washington, D.C. It consists of some prominent people, among them several scientists and engineers who want to carry on the investigation of flying saucers and to inform the public of their results. There has been some criticism of NICAP as having too grandiose plans. Regardless of how we feel about this organization, and whether we join or not, the least all of us can do is co-operate with it by sending along any UFO reports and other data we might have. Only in that way can we help toward a solution of the greatest mystery of our time.

Whether this third light also fails, only time will tell. But our experience with Ohio Northern University should teach us not to let it fail by refusing to co-operate. We may not get any more opportunities to help in solving the saucer mystery. In any event, if we cannot help, let us not hinder.

(Editor's Note: The address of NICAP is 1336 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington D. C. - Readers of SAUCER NEWS who are interested in learning more about the work NICAP is doing, should write to this address.)

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