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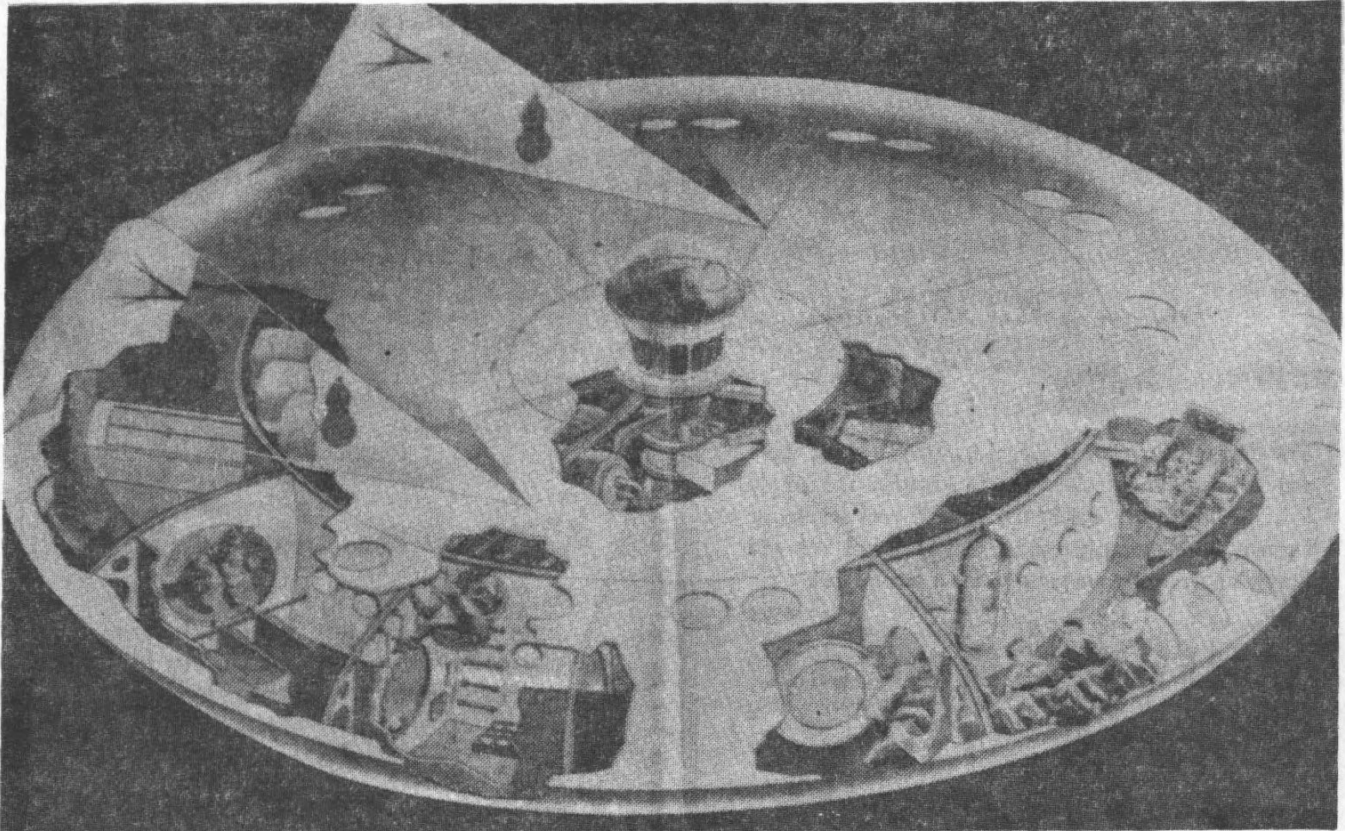
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Crysler Corporation engineer Lowell Lawrence Jr. says that this is what a flying saucer of the future may look like. Lawrence says that the ship is designed to fly about 25,000 miles per hour. It would be 50 feet in diameter and contain an atomic reactor for power or use high energy gas. The ship would whirl slowly to create a gravitational pull within the saucer. A trip to Mars would require nine to twelve weeks. (Photo courtesy of the Associated Press.)

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### EDITORIAL NOTES

Issue #5 of our non-scheduled Confidential Newsletter is being mailed out with this issue of SAUCER NEWS to subscribers who are still on the special Newsletter mailing list. Those of you who were formerly on the Newsletter mailing list and who are not receiving #5 with this issue, can be placed on the Newsletter list again by sending in one dollar to S.A.U.C.E.R.S. Headquarters, as was requested in issue #4.

Old-time readers of "Nexus" (former name for SAUCER NEWS) will remember a story by your Editor in the April 1955 issue entitled "Mystery on the Peruvian Desert", which later appeared in Fate Magazine. The article concerned huge mysterious lines in Peru which can be seen clearly only from the air, thus giving rise to speculation that some ancient race in that country had the secret of flight. Your Editor's article was taken from a booklet by Maria Reiche, an archeologist living in Peru. At the time of our 1955 article, a few of Miss Reiche's booklets explaining this mystery were available through S.A.U.C.E.R.S. Headquarters, but the demand greatly exceeded the supply. Recently additional copies of the same booklet have been acquired. They are available at a cost of \$2.50 each. Address your correspondence on this matter to Dept. P, care of this magazine. Please remember that our supply of these books is very limited.

No renewal notices are being mailed out with this issue of SAUCER NEWS. Those of you who find a star (\*) following your name on the envelope will receive this as your last issue unless you renew.

### BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

SAUCER DIARY, by Israel Norkin (Pageant Press, Inc., \$3.00)

"Saucer Diary" is just what the name implies - the author's diary of his various correspondence and experiences related to flying saucers. The book contains extracts from a number of letters written between the author and such saucer "greats" as George Williamson, Daniel Fry, Dr. Charles Laughead, and Truman Betherum. Also included is a rather pathetic series of letters between Norkin and a New York publisher, in which the publishing house clearly indicates that it does not want to print the saucer book Norkin intends to write. Norkin went ahead and wrote the book anyhow, and apparently published it finally at his own expense. He should have saved himself the trouble and expense, as "Saucer Diary" contributes nothing whatsoever even to the "lunatic fringe" branch of Saucerology.

THE COMING OF THE SPACE SHIPS, by Gavin Gibbons (Central Press, England)

This book, published in England and not yet available in this country, is on a somewhat higher plane than the book reviewed above, although not much. Even though Mr. Gibbons is apparently a highly educated man, his contribution to the saucer picture is not particularly noteworthy. Other than the listing of a fairly large number of British sightings that will be new to American readers, "The Coming of the Space Ships" is largely a re-hash of material that has already appeared in other saucer books. The author has made several personal sightings which he describes, and he believes that the saucers

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## DIAGNOSIS: A CASE OF CHRONIC FRIGHT

- by Y. N. Ibn Aharon -

"According to some reports, Williamson wants to 'scare people to death' in order to encourage them to join the Peruvian colony."

So quipped James Moseley in his Newsletter dated March 1st, 1957, in reference to the tactics of George Hunt Williamson in recruiting people for his latest utopian venture. Now, some will say that it is impolite to make such unpleasant imputations against a fellow saucer researcher, and I am the first to agree that such goings-on are to be avoided at all cost, under ordinary circumstances, for they can lead to nothing but a futile round of unpleasantries among the belligerent parties.

This, it is then established, must hold true among the confraternity of saucer researchers. It is in the definition of the term "saucer researcher" that we arrive at the heart of our problem. There is at the moment no nationally recognized association or agency to act as a stabilizing influence in our field; but it must be recognized that, even in the absence of authority from above, we have the evidence of a given individual's own actions upon which to base our evaluation. In Mr. Williamson's case, the facts would tend to indicate that he is mainly interested in fabricating informational sources of every sort, which he can use as objects for engendering fear in the hearts of those among whom he operates, thus allowing him to gain the selfish ends of his own personality. In saying this, I do not seek to impugn Mr. Williamson's sincerity; I only wish to state the facts, and to suggest that Mr. Williamson take account of them in order that he may avoid further harm both to himself and to others.

This technique of instilling one's fellow man with "the fear of God" is not new; neither is it a novelty that the prophet of doom whose function it is to arouse this righteous foreboding should use the piety aroused to improve his own worldly condition. George Williamson has been predicting horrendous doom for a long time, and this doom has been of many sorts and degrees, and has originated from many sources, most of them unearthly. His predictions have only one thing in common, and this is their lack of adequate foundation. There has never been a single solitary shred of evidence which could conceivably substantiate any of his ranting statements.

Mr. Williamson has not, however, allowed this lack of objective support to phase him, and when evidence has not been forthcoming of its own volition, he has not been adverse to helping it along. It is through this sort of deception (and I am not alleging it to be willful) that Williamson has managed to hurt so many people. Every so often, however, he decides that his own efforts are not enough for the task; it is then that he calls in his cohorts. Just what wondrous techniques he uses to hook his "fish" has never been made clear up till now. His hand has now been betrayed, however, by the fortunate recovery of a packet of letters which he sent off to one such prospect. In these letters, which by their own witness ended in an unsuccessful attempt at indoctrination, we have evidence of another alliance, the infamy of which is now contrasted with deserved force against the background of honesty and integrity which both participants sought to build up around it. I refer to the working arrangement instituted between Williamson and "Professor" George Adamski in mid-1952.

On October 16, 1952, George Williamson wrote a letter to a friend in Guatemala City. This friend was an American, and an electrical engineer, who is known on the local scene as a missionary of the Oahspe faith. The text of these letters, from which I quote below, can leave no doubt that it was this man in Guatemala City, whose initials are W.W., from whom William-

son first learned about Oahspe. Williamson writes with the zeal of the newly-converted, and with an obvious desire to fit his former beliefs to the needs of his newly-acquired religion.

Extracts from Letter #1

Prescott, Arizona  
Oct. 16, 1952

Dear W-----:

.....We have discovered that Oahspe has a lot of the answers. However, the scientific part is as outdated as would be expected, for there is always everlasting change.....But the rest of the book is definitely on the ball and is what it claims to be. Our Space Friends are aware of it too! I could tell you much more about all of the above, but letters are inadequate, and besides, the time is very, very short!

They told us they want you up here, not in Guatemala. However, I would suggest that you use your own impressions in this matter. Do not use reason or logic....Do not wear rubber-soled shoes at any time.

We have been in constant radio contact with them. However, we advanced to the stage where we didn't have to send any messages except by telepathy, and they answered us by radio! Sounds incredible, and I wouldn't believe it unless it had happened to me. What wonderful things of the Universe have been revealed to me in the past few weeks! Things I thought impossible or non-existent.

Now I can tell you this much definitely: Our radio contact has been stopped and we have been told that a man will contact us soon, when all is in readiness! And there will be a landing in this vicinity by special ship direct from Mars within two or three weeks from now!(The infamous Adamski-Williamson "desert contact" occurred on Nov. 20th- Editor.) Since you are a part of Circle Seven, I feel you should be here. But again I say.....I would be the last to tell a man what he should or should not do. I'll tell you one thing: I've been impressed very strongly to quit my job here at once. If you will come and be with us, I will give you a room in our new home.....Disaster will come before Dec. 1st, this year! So only a few weeks remain! They are now trying to prevent this catastrophe, but I believe it is hopeless. Read the last chapter of Joel, Isaiah 5, and Ezekiel 1.

The landing will be near here. Professor George Adamski is in on this too! He is a very great man, indeed. I spent a week with him in conference a few days ago. I feel we are racing against time....

You are part of our group. Please come and be with us and take part in the landing to meet our space brother. They tell us not all people will be destroyed, but that this time Earthmen must be brought up in the principles of Universal Truth, etc. They have told us: "We cannot stand by and see another waste."

I pray that you will be led and impressed, for it is certain that only a few weeks remain! There is much more that I could tell you my brother, but that must wait until we can meet!

As ever,  
George

Extracts from Letter #2

The sordid tale of this first epistle is carried forth in the two that were to follow. They tell their own story best:

Prescott, Arizona  
Oct. 22, 1952

Dear Brother W-----:

Just received your last letter. Please forgive me for not answering your letters, but I have been waiting until I had more news to give you. I have been busy moving into my new home, and I have also been making frequent trips to Palomar.

I have been working with Professor Adamski, formerly at Palomar. He is a great astronomer and philosopher. When you said "our work," you were very correct, for as Oahspe says, "I have not come to one man alone."

I believe that there are other groups all over the world in contact with space men as I am, but of course we don't hear much about them. I know my phone has been tapped and perhaps my mail. Therefore, I must get this information to you before it is too late!

Our problem is a delicate one, but believe me, my friend, you did not displease me in any way by your letters. In fact, the reverse is true. I do enjoy your letters so much, and you, more than any other except perhaps Prof. Adamski, understand the universal problem and goals! I find that the two latest pages you sent me on Oahspe contain exactly the same thing we've been getting on radio.

The idea to talk over ham radio was excellent. Why didn't we think of it before? However, there should be a direct landing contact just after the Nov. 4th elections. Then it will probably be only a few weeks (Dec. 1st) before the catastrophe strikes. Now, this can be averted, if our world will wake up. But I don't believe the Saucerians will be able to prevent it. They could, of course, by force, but they shall not use force of any kind....

It is true that they now intend to make themselves known to Earth peoples. This will be soon, now, and I am in the middle of it here. I wish you were here. The greatest thing since the Creation is taking place. If here, you too would be in the middle of it all! Can you possibly get here for the landing period?

The words of the Chief as you wrote them are almost identical with the philosophy we have been getting. If our space friends are not Oahspeans, then it is a very, very big coincidence indeed! For the philosophy and even some of the wording is identical. I haven't been this definite before because I wanted to be sure before letting you know. We have even had some references to Oahspe. Also references to other books that go with Oahspe but that are not on the Earth at present....

We know that after this catastrophe the world civilizations will be gone! As before, at the time of the Deluge, the world will be destroyed, but not the globe itself as such. The Saucerians will then help our people to begin again in the right way this time!...After the destruction, we will be prepared to teach our people on Earth! Some of us will undoubtedly take trips to other planets and systems! I believe this will be shortly - NOW! We have been in contact with people of other solar systems besides our own, also. The scope of this thing is tremendous! The very words as put in Oahspe apply exactly! Why in Heaven's name don't you follow your impressions and get up here?.... I fear that if you delay you may be cut off from us because of the catastrophes that are bound to come shortly. I can only say that Oahspe has proven to us to be other-world in origin. I believe you and I should now work together, telling other faithists of what the recent researches have unfolded and discovered....

As ever, I remain, your brother,

George

Extracts from Letter #3

Dec. 27, 1952

Dear W-----:

.....My friend, you are right that we do have "competition" - but you also must realize that only those of the "right minds" (not bragging) will be contacted.....Their plan is to make better men in a better world. I'm certain they have a definite plan (and have had for centuries) but I'm not too clear on all phases of it yet. Nationalism must go. They say that God provided - Man divided. The saucers will be fully revealed to the world soon (perhaps before you receive this letter.) When the time is right we will be able to speak and need not fear jail, etc., or being suspected of being "traitors", etc.....Now that we accept the fact that we have space visitors, the people will crave the facts, and we who know a little can give a lot!

You are wrong about the Saucerians not having spoken or being heard; A landing was made in Alaska some time ago at which time Government heads heard what the space visitors had to say; Our Government believes them to be space visitors, alright, but our leaders think they are crazy! (The nuts always think the sane are crazy!)....

I do believe that catastrophe is on its way! I do not see how it can be avoided. With the great nations, industries, etc. completely destroyed and civilization thrown back over 5,000 years, Man (the survivors) will have a better chance of learning right. I think they will then welcome the space men with open arms as big brothers that can help. I think the space men are here more for what will be after the catastrophe than they are here to prevent the catastrophe....

I can only guess as to what is in store for us in 1953! I would say, however, that there will be world-wide acceptance of saucer people. There very likely will be major catastrophe; there will undoubtedly be great signs and wonders....

Well, joyous holiday wishes from all of our group to you and yours, as always.

Your good friend,

George

Conclusion

George Adamski in his first book, "Pioneers of Space", styles himself as the leader of a group engaged in exploring the celestial reaches by means of their imaginations. The book made dull reading, and did not sell well. Several years later, a very similar book made its appearance, this time under the title "Inside the Space Ships". This time the book was more successful, thanks both to the efforts of Abelard-Schuman, Inc., the publisher, and to the skillful ghost-writing of the mysterious "C.L.J." But there was another and more essential ingredient which Adamski owed to neither of these sources. This was the "Space Brother" element, supplied to him by George Williamson! Adamski had enough sense to take out the "prophet of doom" element from the philosophy he borrowed from Williamson, but he has yet to withdraw his support, formally and officially, from George Williamson's lunacy!

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RECENT NEWS STORIES

**FORMATION OF SAUCERS OVER KANSAS CITY:** On May 23rd, two painters living in Kansas City, Kansas, saw four silvery saucers flying in formation. While the men watched, the formation split into two pairs. One pair flew to the southwest and disappeared in a few seconds. Then it swung back into sight and rejoined the other pair of discs. At that point, the four objects started northward and disappeared at a high rate of speed. The sighting lasted about two minutes altogether, according to the witnesses. The Air Force has reportedly investigated this sighting.

**GROUNDING SAUCER FOUND ON INDIANA FARM:** This item goes all the way back to Feb. 22nd, but it's so interesting that we want to include it. On that date a saucer-shaped contraption with a shiny metal hull, a tiny window made of shatter-proof glass, and a diameter of 19½ inches, was found by Keuth Brown on his farm near Waverly, Indiana. Brown and his son Wayne were driving their tractors when they spotted the saucer. They stopped their work and walked over to the machine to examine it. The strange object had buried itself part way into the ground from the force of impact. Local police later pried open the saucer and found inside it a nest of wires, tubes, resistors, coils, and other gadgets. There was no indication of the saucer's source of power, and according to the information we have, no one was able to ascertain when the object fell to the ground, or why.

**SPACE CONTACT FIZZLES OUT:** One evening in late April about fifty saucerites, mainly from the Chicago area, made an unsuccessful attempt to contact space men. The group rented two fishing boats, and went three miles out on Lake Michigan, where they attempted space contact by means of a "light beam receiver" and by other methods. The group was headed by John Otto, well-known saucer lecturer; Henry Maday of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club; and Courtland Hastings, who was vice-president of New York's C.S.I. Group until asked to resign several months ago.

**STRANGE ROCKET-TYPE OBJECT SEEN IN TEXAS:** In late February, an object described by one person as similar to the "buzz bomb" rockets used by Germany in World War II, was sighted over Houston and later over the town of San Angelo, also in Texas. The first sighting was made by F. J. Cornell, a ground observer corpsman in Houston. He said that the object looked white and seemed to have fire coming out of its tail. The radar crew at Ellington Air Force Base also saw the UFO, but it disappeared before they could pick it up on their radar scopes. It appeared to be at 40,000 to 50,000 feet, and was going an estimated 2,000 mph. The same object was later seen by other observers in San Angelo, including a newsman for radio station WPEP, who estimated that it was moving at 600 to 700 mph at that time.

**HIGH-FLYING GHOSTS IN KENTUCKY (?):** Here's the weirdest story we've heard in all our four years in this weird flying saucer business: According to the Lebanon, Ky. Enterprise of July 12th, a local woman named Lizzie Clements claims to have seen a drama enacted by strange sky ghosts of some sort, while she was lying in bed unable to sleep on the previous night. In the moonlit western sky, in a wide area between two layers of clouds, there suddenly appeared the figure of a man. In his outstretched arms he held a baby. A little later a woman entered this strange tableau, "a fine lady wearing a ruffled gown and riding in a great carriage". The airborne carriage drew alongside the man and the baby. The man handed the infant to the woman

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and she placed it on her lap. Then the scene grew hazy as a cloud partly obscured the figures, and by the time the cloud had drifted clear of the scene, the actors in this ghostly drama had vanished entirely. Mrs. Clements says that she is certain of just one thing: She was not dreaming. "I saw those people as plain as day," she declares, "and it was the awfulest sight I have ever seen."

**LOCAL NEW JERSEY SIGHTING:** Last July 3rd a woman and two boys living in Teaneck, N. J. reported seeing an object they described as "round and shaped something like a kettle drum", and traveling at high speed. The lady, Mrs. Leone Marcus, said that the sun shone brilliantly on the object until it passed from the sun's rays. It then flew on until it disappeared from view.

Teaneck is located only a few miles from our S.A.U.C. E.R.S. Headquarters. This is the first local, or almost local, sighting that has come to our attention in quite awhile. Last year one of the associate editors of SAUCER NEWS phoned your Editor one night from his home not far away from us, to say that there was a saucer circling over Fort Lee. We went outdoors, and sure enough there was a bright white star-like object circling lazily and silently through the night sky. On another occasion last summer a friend of your Editor phoned to say that three saucers were racing back and forth across the sky. We rushed outside, and soon realized that the "saucers" were only the searchlights from nearby Palisades Amusement Park that we are accustomed to seeing on summer nights. A heavy overcast made only the ends of the beams visible on that particular evening, thus causing the confusion. Moral: Summer saucers and some are not.



**ANNUAL CALIFORNIA SPACE CONVENTION HELD:** A crowd variously estimated at from 3,000 to 7,000 people were present last May at George Van Tassel's Fourth Annual Interplanetary Space Craft Convention, held as usual at Giant Rock Airport, California. Among the speakers were George Adamski, Howard Menger, Frank Scully, Daniel Fry, and Mrs. Dana Howard. Of these all but Menger are authors of "saucer contact" books, and we understand that Menger is now working on a book too. Van Tassel took the opportunity to announce that he will be a candidate for President of the United States in 1960. He says he decided to run at the request of the Space People. Now, if Martians were allowed to vote in American elections, he might have a chance of winning!

**AIR FORCE MAJOR WITNESSES STRANGE SKY PHENOMENON:** On April 22nd an unidentified object was seen to fall from the heavens and disintegrate before the startled eyes of the witnesses. Air Force Major Thomas W. Turbiville and Clerk Messenger Jerry Pigorsh of Civil Defense headquarters,

Thomasville, Ga., were driving near Thomasville at about 11-30 p.m. when suddenly they noticed a terrifically brilliant light to their left. It was skimming over the treetops at the time. Said Pigorsh, "We thought at first that it was a plane making a landing approach. We stopped the car and watched as it slowly disintegrated, shooting off hundreds of brilliantly-lighted parts in every direction. The colors were green, blue and white." The ball appeared to be about three or four feet in diameter. Pigorsh said that he and the major did not hear any noise from the strange object either while it was flying or while it was falling. They could not tell for sure whether the object plunged into the earth, disintegrated completely in mid-air, or just went out of sight.

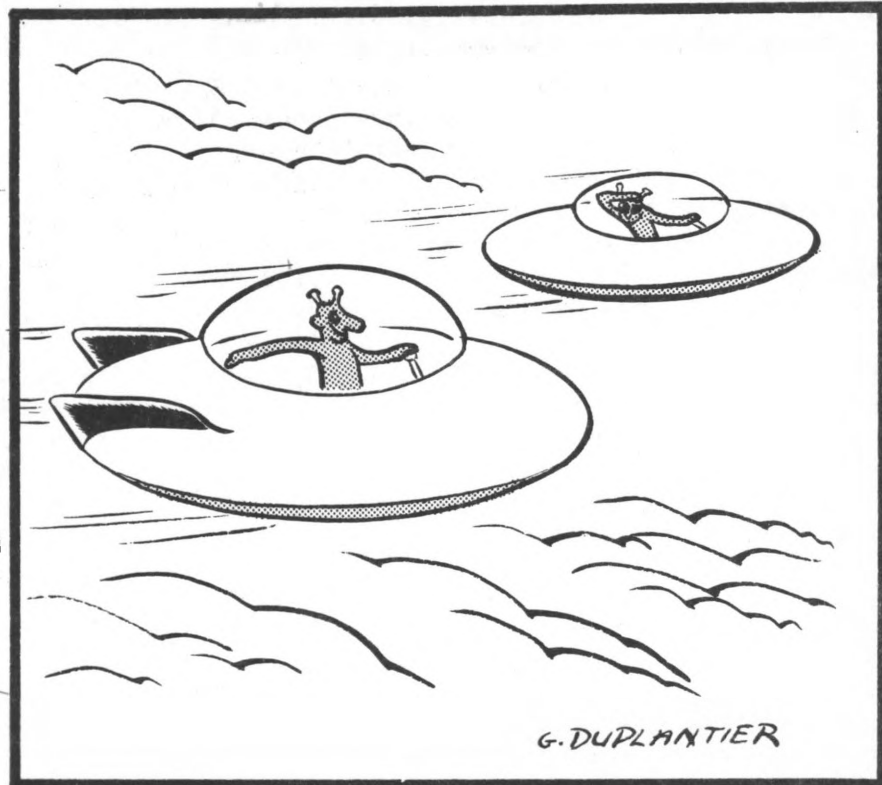
**CRANK LETTER DEPARTMENT:** The following letter was written to the New York Enquirer recently, as reported in the April 21st edition of the Enquirer: "We hear a lot about flying saucers and UFO's, and many people are asking why the beings who fly them have made no attempt to communicate with us. I think I have the answer in a letter I received from a friend who is a forest ranger in Colorado. He returned to his station one day and found it had been broken into. A record player he had recently bought and a number of records by Elvis Presley were broken. The rest of the records were untouched. A few books on anatomy and another on electronics and radio had been taken. Outside the station was a burned patch of ground about 15 feet in diameter. All this convinced my friend that the people who pilot the saucers must in some way be affected by radio waves or music - and that the Presley music must be poison to them. I think that if this rock n' roll music died down all over the country for some time, we would probably be directly approached by the space people." The letter is signed by Steve Roscoe of Philadelphia.

**SAUCERS SIGHTED BY SHIP AT SEA:** Several crewmen of the freighter Hawaiian Fisherman, on its way to San Francisco, Calif., saw a formation of flying saucers last June 19th. The astral visitors were first spotted at about 8 p.m., when the freighter was 150 miles off the San Francisco coast. At that time Roy Melton and Virge Dixon Jr., two of the crewmen, spotted two brightly-lighted objects just off the port beam. A third object joined the other two about 15 minutes later. Melton estimated the height of the objects as about 10,000 feet. He said that they appeared like small moons, "diffusing a cold, white, unchanging light." After the third object appeared, all three moved slowly off in a "V" formation and paced the freighter for awhile. Melton and Dixon took a number of photos of the UFO's, but unfortunately none of the pictures turned out. Among the others who saw the objects was Captain C. G. Wertz, skipper of the ship. The Captain asserted that he had never seen anything like this in all his sea-going experience.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** A whistling, whining unidentified object broke up a meeting of a women's club in North Seminole Heights, Florida, last June 28th. The seventeen ladies of the club were just about to partake of late refreshments when there was a terrific explosion in the back yard. The following morning bits of paper and a small hole were found in the yard. The paper they found had instructions on it, written in English, so the possibility of an attack by Martians was eliminated. However, the exact nature of the device that caused the explosion still remains a mystery.....London England's George King, who claims to be "earth agent number one" for the Space People, predicted "wave after wave" of saucers to be seen in July. This prediction, like many of his others, has failed to come true...Back in March, a 13-year-old boy from Albany, New York, claimed to have seen a "silvery disc-like object", of which he was able to take four photographs. The boy was in a wooded area with his brother at



THE U.S. AIR FORCE RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF ONE REPORT PER DAY ON FLYING SAUCERS DURING 1953.



*I got the idea from those new '57 cars the Earthmen have!*

the time, trying to photograph bird life. A local Air Force officer examined the pictures, and found them to be of nothing more extraterrestrial than an ash can cover. The boy later admitted the hoax.....Also in March, a sailor in Port Hueneme, California, complained to the local sheriff that a low-flying UFO swished down over his car as he was driving back to his base at 2-45 in the morning. He said that the brightly-lighted object sped along in front of him, darted around behind him, and did not abandon the chase until he reached the gate of the naval station....

Air Force researchers believe that they have laboratory evidence that germs living in the Earth's soil could also live on Mars. They gave the bacteria an artificial atmosphere of nitrogen only, an almost total absence of moisture, and daily temperatures ranging all the way down to 95 degrees below zero. A portion of the bacteria survived....A Government radar set tracked four unidentified objects traveling up to 3,600 miles per hour over California last spring, according to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), headed by Major Keyhoe. The incident was reported to NICAP by C.A.A. control tower operators in the Los Angeles area.....It's just over ten years now since Kenneth Arnold's historic sighting over Mt. Rainier, Washington, which gave birth to the flying saucer era....As most readers probably already know, a strange luminous object almost collided with a Pan-American Airways plane en route from New York to San Juan last March 9th. The pilot pulled back on the controls when the object suddenly appeared, and shot his plane upwards at an angle of almost 90 degrees. A stewardess and a woman passenger standing in the aisle at the time were injured and hospitalized. A New York couple on board the plane reported that the passengers began to scream and pray when the plane went into its sudden maneuver. One passenger described the UFO as "a big fire ball advancing with tremendous speed and a roaring noise!"

.....Bill McDulin, a staff writer for the Hamilton, Ohio Journal-News and amateur saucer investigator, took it in his stride last June when someone (obviously a "Non-Believer") dropped a red and white rocket on his front lawn one night. It was about 10-45 p.m. when McDulin and his family heard a shrill piercing noise outdoors. Upon investigating, they found a large toy space ship with flames shooting into the air from between its fins. McDulin attributes the practical joke to articles on saucers that he had recently written for his newspaper...Does anyone remember the rumors a few years ago over the alleged disappearance of Ray Overstreet, the man who took a motion picture of a saucer near Mt. Killimanjaro (Africa) in 1953? In an early issue of SAUCER NEWS we reported that we discovered Mr. Overstreet and his saucer film still safely on the planet Earth - in fact, living in Dover, Florida; but no one paid much attention to us. Now comes a recent news item saying that the film has been shown publicly to science students in Sarasota, Florida. The film was shown by Roger Early, a brother-in-law of Mr. Overstreet....A new saucer book which has not yet reached your Editor's desk is "The Inexplicable Sky", by Arthur Constance of England. We hope to have a review on it for our next issue....

A very strange item from the Cincinnati, Ohio Post of July 12th: "A flying saucer 'with little men scampering around it' was reported by hundreds of Chicago residents. Military and Weather Bureau officials identified it as a runaway balloon drifting at an altitude of about 60,000 feet.".....Last March W. B. Brown, an Air Force veteran living in Charlotte, N.C. described a group of five "strange floating objects" he saw, one of which struck the ground near him and left a smell "like burned matches". While he was watching, one of the objects veered away from the other four and hit the ground 60 feet away from where he was standing. The grounded object looked like "ice breaking up", he said, and was slimy and numbing to the touch....For the "It Should Happen Here" Department: Ten and twenty dollar bills floated mysteriously from the sky in a residential section of Los Angeles during the late afternoon of April 15th. When a reporter arrived, one man was gleefully clutching \$90 that he had picked up. No one knew where the flying money came from....In March a man named Harold J. Berney of Washington, D.C. was arrested in Alabama for having swindled a Washington secretary out of \$58,000 on a space hoax. Berney claimed that top men on Venus had asked him to develop a communication system between their planet and ours. The money was taken as an investment in this communication system, which of course never got off the ground. Berney even went so far as to write an Adamski-type book about his alleged experiences on Venus....

Officers at Edwards Air Force Base (Calif.) were reported last May to be studying films made of a UFO seen over the Base. The object was photographed by two civilian technicians who used special equipment to track and record it. Unofficial sources said the object appeared circular and glinted brightly in the sun. Spokesmen at the Base, however, refused to say anything further about any aspect of the incident.....Ruppelt's book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" recalls that in 1896-97 a mysterious cigar-shaped aircraft was sighted by people all over the United States, arousing as much public curiosity as present-day flying saucers. Thomas Edison, interviewed at the time by New York reporters, disclaimed any knowledge of the mystery craft. "I prefer to devote my time," he said, "to objects of commercial value. At best airships would only be toys." Well, no one can be right all the time!.....Flying discs with flaming tails have been seen in Northern Rhodesia in Central Africa. Copper miners in six camps in that region say that they have seen them. Some suspect that nosy visitors from space are looking in on uranium refining operations, begun in Rhodesia only recently....

A man in Alabama has written the Air Force that flying saucers are real and that they are "heavenly taxicabs" sent down to rescue the "select" of this Planet. They are segregated, of course. Caucasians come first, then Orientals, then American Indians, and finally, the colored races.... Still another flying saucer design has been patented by an Earthman, this time by Constantin P. Lent, a mechanical engineer, inventor, and rocket enthusiast of New York City. Lent's design consists of a flat circular wing with a cabin on top and a hole in the middle, doughnut style. Air is forced down through the hole and then out against the inside edge of the wing. The divided air stream creates a vacuum above the wing and pressure below, combining to give a vertical lift. Lent says that a prototype of his saucer can be built for about \$1,000,000.... An Indiana doctor named J. E. Schmidt is trying to have the Long John radio show, famous for its interviews with saucer personalities, removed from the air. The good doctor says that the program is presenting "rubbish" and that its nightly audience is composed of "95% neurotics". The doctor is seeking the help of the F.C.C. and of New York radio and T. V. writers to accomplish his aim. There is no indication that Dr. Schmidt, obviously a member of the Silence Group, will be successful.... Several persons in Manitowoc, Wisconsin saw saucers on the night of July 31st. The objects resembled toothpicks with prongs on the ends. According to one witness they were like thin cigars, and would appear to float horizontally and then stand on end and dive. The objects were surrounded by a luminous white light.

**SAUCER LANDING IN CANADA:** The first landing report in North America in quite some time was reported on July 31st by Jack Stevens, a 15-year-old boy living on a farm near Galt, Ontario, Canada. According to Stevens, he was alone except for his dog when a bright light and a noise made him look up. He saw a saucer only about 300 yards away from him, making a queer kind of humming sound. It hovered for about 40 minutes and then landed, according to the boy. He said that the object was 40 feet in diameter, had a turret with port holes, and was silver in color; "When it hit the ground I got scared and ran home. My dog Tex was right behind me," said Stevens. The following day he returned to the spot with a friend and found a burned circle and two three-toed footprints in a corn stubble field. The footprints are 10 inches wide at the toes, about 18 inches long, and taper to a point in the rear. Newsmen who came to the scene said that the marks must have been made by a heavy object in order to force the corn stubble so deeply into the ground. G. S. Knapp, owner of the farm, was quoted as saying, "If it's a hoax, I don't know how it could be done." Knapp showed newsmen six or eight patches which appeared to have been burned. "If they were caused by a field fire, the whole area would have been destroyed," he said. At last report the boy is still sticking to his story.



Harold Milroy examines a mystery "footprint" at "flying saucer" site.

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are piloted by benevolent space men who will soon make public landings in or near the town of Stattsford, England. He has chosen the town of Stattsford because of what he feels to be a high concentration of sightings in that particular area. Whether or not the space men agree with Mr. Gibbons' analysis of the situation still remains to be seen.