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IN THE ABOVE PHOTO we see Truman Betherum and his bride, the former Miss Alviria McRoberts, shortly after their wedding at the 1961 Saucer Convention at Giant Rock, California. The charming couple was married right on the speakers' platform at the Rock, by an elderly preacher called at random from the audience, and who unfortunately forgot most of his lines. Betherum took time out from hawking his wares (saucer books and pamphlets) just long enough for the brief ceremony, and then quickly returned to the pursuit of his first love - money. Saucer fans will recall that Betherum, who claims many contacts with the Space People, had his first marriage broken up some time ago by Aura Rhanes, a beautiful space woman from an invisible planet behind the Moon. (See Page 12 for more details about the Convention.)

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EDITORIAL

SAUCERS AND FASCISM

Only twice in the eight year history of SAUCER NEWS have we discussed politics editorially. We feel strongly that politics have no place in a saucer publication. Furthermore, since politics and religion are traditionally highly sensitive and emotional subjects, we have seen no reason to alienate any portion of our readers by expressing our own views.

However, of recent months the Fascist trend nationally as well as within the field of saucer research, has taken such an alarming turn for the worse that we cannot in good conscience remain silent any longer. A very recent report to the Ford-financed Fund for the Republic raises the question of whether the United States will "follow the pattern set by Germany and Italy in the 1930's." The possibility that we will indeed follow such a pattern is not nearly as remote as it may seem to some people. Last November 18th your Editor witnessed the sight of more than two thousand shouting right-wing extremists picketing the President of the United States during a speech he made at the Hollywood Palladium. The charge was that our Government is "soft on Communism." Meanwhile, in the same state of California (and elsewhere), self-appointed "minute-men" are storing food and weapons - including machine guns - out on the desert, and the authorities either can't or won't take any action! In the East, Lincoln Rockwell, who calls himself the Commander of the American Nazi Party, is still making rabble-rousing speeches to large audiences. The photo

at the right is taken from Rockwell's own literature, in which it is described as follows: "This picture was taken just after our 'Hate Bus' returned safely from a two and a half thousand mile battle-line to New Orleans and back."

In the saucer movement we have always had more than our share of hate mongers. Many fans recall William Dudley Pelley, who served seven and a half years in jail for sedition, from 1942 to 1950; Upon his release from prison, he set up his present organization called "Soulcraft," which is his own weird blend of spiritualism (with messages from Lincoln, Washington, etc.) and Fascist politics. One of Pelley's best-known proteges is George Hunt Williamson, who spent approximately a year working with Pelley at his headquarters in Noblesville, Indiana. Williamson later wrote several books, among them one called "UFOs Confidential," in



which he makes many strongly anti-Semitic remarks.

Many people can still laugh at Naziism. Roger Pierce, the young man pictured here, strikes a (to him) amusing pose outside a theatre at which a movie about Hitler's atrocities is being played. Pierce is the former editor of the saucer zine called "Cosmic News." Fortunately he kept his own right-wing views out of his magazine, but not all saucer editors show this discretion. We refer specifically to Norbert Gariety, editor of "S.P.A.C.E.," published in Miami, Florida. We used to think that "S.P.A.C.E." was the best UFO magazine currently being published. It covers an amazing variety of saucer sightings as well as related Fortean material, such as monsters, ghosts, and the like. But it seems that,



of recent months, either saucer material is scarce or else Mr. Gariety's pro-Fascist views are becoming stronger. We suspect that both these factors contribute to the fact that, with each issue, more and more pages are being devoted to diatribes in favor of the far-right John Birch Society and other such groups. Like all right-wing extremists, Gariety allows no middle ground between his own distorted views and Communism. In a recent issue he states (having received several letters protesting his politics): "For those who disagree (with me)...we respectfully suggest that you do not subscribe to this publication....but that you subscribe to either 'The Peoples World' or 'The Worker,' the two Communist publications in the U.S.A."

This editorial will probably bring protests from a certain percentage of our mailing list. Let us make one more thing clear. As far as we are concerned, you are welcome to subscribe to SAUCER NEWS and "The Worker," or Gariety's "S.P.A.C.E.," or Pelley's Soulcraft magazine, - or all three of them, or none of them, just as you see fit. SAUCER NEWS is not in the business of telling people how to think politically, and we certainly don't presume to tell our subscribers what other publications they should or should not read. We simply want to make our own views clear, and having done so, we do not expect to have anything further to say in SAUCER NEWS on the subject of politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES: We are very grateful to Mrs. Gladys Fusaro of Huntington, Long Island, for several of the news stories in this issue, and for many others that lack of space prevented us from printing....Don't forget that for only one dollar your name can be placed on our Special Confidential Newsletter mailing list. These Newsletters are non-scheduled, and are issued only as often as worthwhile material is available. Please send in your order as soon as possible, as this offer is likely to be withdrawn any year now.... The flying saucer clippings which we have been advertising for the past year or so, have finally been sold.....Our next issue will contain an article by Lonzo Dove entitled, "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle." We also have some other unusually interesting material lined up.....We still have quite a few copies on hand of our famous Adamski Expose Issue of SAUCER NEWS, printed back in 1957. It contains twenty pages of detailed, factual material, written by Irma Baker (the wife of one of Adamski's early associates), Lonzo Dove, and your SAUCER NEWS Editor. The price of this issue is one dollar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About 18 months ago you were kind enough to run a small notice in your magazine in regard to the books I had for sale. I had more results with this ad than with the ones I put in "Fate" and "Search," and I was wondering if you would run another ad for me. I still have for sale many hundreds of scarce out-of-print occult, archaeological, and flying saucer books. I also have many saucer bulletins and magazines....

FRANCIS D. BROWNLEY
1604 McArthur Drive, Jacksonville, Arkansas

Your review of Tacker's book in the March 1961 issue of SAUCER NEWS was quite startling. Whether you know it or not, by condemning this book, you are also condemning the Air Force's investigation into the UFO mystery. As you know, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" is allegedly the Air Force's official position in regard to saucers. I always had thought you were rather sympathetic to their cause, but maybe you have had a change of heart. You always struck me as an intelligent person, and I thought you would see the light sooner or later.

Non-Scheduled Newsletter #13 was very interesting. I found the inside story of Wayne Aho's commitment to a mental institution to be "food for thought."....Keep up the good work....

EUGENE STEINBERG
Brooklyn, New York

I think I have some important information in regard to David Wightman's expose (in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS) of A.P.R.O.'s Ubatuba magnesium fragments. I have a letter from Coral Lorenzen, the Director of A.P.R.O. The following is quoted directly from her letter: "Let me say that Mr. Wightman does not know all the facts. He says he knows people, whom he does not name, who claim that 100% pure magnesium can be produced. One of the foremost experts on magnesium, Dr. Busk, says that it cannot. Mr. Wightman makes quite a few assumptions which are ridiculous. We will answer his attack in a future issue of our magazine.....We had expected this attack, for when Mr. Wightman learned about our 'physical evidence,' he tried to pressure us into sending him some of the samples, and the report. I will tell you what I told him: 'The document is too lengthy and the reproduction of the various test plates too difficult to send the report halfway around the world to one individual who is not, ultimately, qualified to evaluate.'....I frankly think it is surprising that anyone would go to so much trouble to disprove a report about which they know very little.".... STEVE ERDMANN

St. Louis, Missouri

Wightman's review of A.P.R.O.'s "fragments" was UFO research at its best. I am one who does not believe that supposedly objective saucer research groups should be coddled....

MAX B. MILLER
Los Angeles, California

I am amazed at the hoax letters and other incidents which you describe in your Newsletter #14. While I do not like some of the slams and swipes that you take at fellow saucer researchers, the fact remains that you do a good job of reporting on saucer events. I would justly defend you from any onslaught which arose. These incidents which are happening to you now are downright destructive. When people stoop so low as to inform you that they

will close down your magazine, that is too much!....One thing which has always interested me is why so many people are worried about what kind of employment you are engaged in! They have fretted and pondered and worried about whether or not you are a government intelligence agent. Heaven only knows what the real crackpots will come up with! For my part, I believe you are merely a fellow saucer researcher who reports the data which you receive and which you feel is important enough to be printed....

LEE R. ELLIOTT
New Orleans, La.

After reading the article by Justin Case on Extrasensory Perception (June 1961 SAUCER NEWS), I utterly fail to see such a vast difference between the dismal picture he paints of man's future should ESP become prevalent, and the situation that exists throughout the world today. The fact that there is such a shroud of mystery cloaking the plans of the eminent world leaders right now, is a prime reason for the hate, fear, suspicion and bloodshed which is running rampant in every corner of the globe. Nowadays, one needs no ESP to foretell the gloomy future of mankind, directly springing from the fact that no one knows for certain just what the other fellow is up to.... Could anything make one "lose all hope and ambition and sink into despair" more than the situation in world affairs as it now stands?

Yes indeed, Mr. Justin Case, our present society will most surely "plunge into turmoil, confusion and bloodshed," and it is a frightening prospect. But you can rest assured that no help is needed from ESP to bring that about!.....You talk about how the general use of ESP would make us "revert to some form of barbarism akin to the animal world." Why, our so-called civilized society of today has barbaric practices and customs that would put the animal kingdom to shame! And not due to ESP either! So I'm not sure if it's such a great blessing to the human race that ESP is so rare and uncertain. You say that if it became widespread people would enslave and kill their fellow men to keep them under control or get them out of the way. Well, what are they doing now? Just exactly that! Why? Because people have the bad habit of hating and fearing those who would keep them in the dark as to what they're up to.

Why do you fear ESP, Justin Case? Why should we so bitterly resent others reading our minds if we could read theirs as well? If thoughts are loving and hearts are of good intent, there would be nothing to fear. Evil would have to flee, for it could find no hiding place...In all your dire predictions of our future if ESP spreads among us, you have not named one situation which does not already exist to some degree or other, the world over. In other words, you have not named one valid reason for banning research on ESP. If there are other inhabited worlds, and their people possess this power, I am sure they couldn't be unhappier and more miserable with it than we are with the lack of it! Show some tolerance, Mr. Justin Case. It might even benefit us to possess this power. It's a dead sure cinch it couldn't make things any worse!....

MRS. JIM JOINER
Houston, Texas

It has become increasingly apparent that many UFO groups have the tendency to withdraw into themselves. This may be a good thing in part, but on the whole it is a dangerous practice for a certain group to come to certain conclusions and then withhold the information they have gathered. During the past few years, many groups have ceased publication, while others loudly decry anyone who disagrees with their own pet theories. Thus, instead of presenting a united front, saucer researchers use too much of their energy in bickering among themselves.....I therefore suggest that anyone who wants to work out a

common policy in the UFO field should write to this office with their angle, theory, or viewpoint, in order that some kind of over-all policy can be worked out.....If a united front were presented, with a central office to which all strange reports, sightings, and theories could be sent, then perhaps the mystery surrounding Bender, Jerrold, Stuart, and the others who have been "silenced" in the past could be cleared up in a short time....

MARTIN S. ELSWORTHY

55, Donnington Bridge Road; Iffley Road,
Oxford, England

I have just read ibn A'haron's Oahspe bit in the September issue of your magazine. I have no quarrel with it except to correct an assumption he made. He says, "It was from Oahspe that.....Ray Palmer first conceived flying saucers....and (so did) Richard Shaver of Dero cave fame."

Actually, the reverse is true. Shaver and Palmer only learned of Oahspe from an Amazing Stories reader who had read the Shaver Mystery, and who sent Palmer a copy of Oahspe, pointing out the remarkable similarity. Also, the flying saucers were prior to Oahspe in our history. All this can be confirmed by checking the pages of Amazing Stories....

Ibn A'haron's pieces are okay, but he should refrain from pure supposition, because it makes me doubt his other material. I can't be sure now that all his stuff is not of the calibre of his conclusions about Oahspe, Palmer, and Shaver. Wrong one place, likely to be wrong another, eh?

Naturally he can say that I'd deny this order of things, if what he says is true. But why should I deny it at this late date? I have repeatedly said that I did not invent the flying saucers, although the Air Force has hinted it in the Maury Island affair. I do admit that I kept them alive when the July 9, 1947 censorship was clamped down. I did it by putting out Fate Magazine secretly after Mr. Ziff had been visited by Air Force officials and advised to kill a special flying saucer issue of Amazing that I had prepared (and foolishly forecast!) It was a real stunner to them when Fate appeared, totally unsuspected, with the complete story!....

Your magazine is one of the few I consider a must. My personal congratulations to you, no matter that I rarely agree with you. We need more like you and your magazine, even if Ogden sometimes thinks you are a CIA man! Ogden is quite a kid, but only that, I am sure.

As for me suing you or anybody, just call this letter a written promise not to do so. I sure want you to print what you feel you'd like to, regarding me. Call me anything you like, and I'll defend your right to say it.

RAY PALMER

Amherst, Wisconsin

(This is a fine letter, and no matter how rarely we may agree with him, we tip our CIA-manufactured homburg to Ray Palmer, one of the greats of the saucer field! - Editor.)

Congratulations on your September issue. It seems your magazine is improving while most of the others are going either down or out....I especially liked the picture on the cover depicting Y'hova, the God of Israel. I also enjoyed your satirical article "I Spoke With an Earth-Man." You should try to include more material of this type in the future....

CARLOS MENTIRA, New York, N.Y.

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C. W. Fitch of 6526 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio, is missing the October 1954 and January 1955 issues of "Nexus," and will pay to obtain same.

BOOK REVIEW

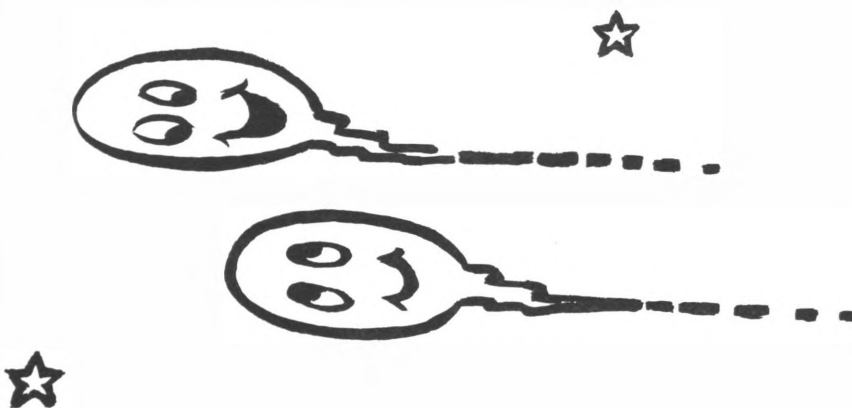
FLYING SAUCERS FAREWELL - by George Adamski (Published by Abelard-Schuman)
 - Reviewed by James W. Moseley (Cartoon by J. P. Bessor) -

As the title implies, "Flying Saucers Farewell" is intended to be George Adamski's final book on the subject of saucers. His two previous tomes, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and "Inside the Spaceships" have been discussed in detail in previous issues of SAUCER NEWS.

The new Adamski book is reasonably well written, and consists of two parts. The first discusses in vague general terms the various philosophical insights which the author has gained through his several years of alleged contacts with the Space Brothers. The second part is a fairly interesting account of Adamski's well-publicized 1959 world tour. The high point of the tour occurred when the author was permitted an audience with Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. This triumph was quickly followed by the low point of the tour, which occurred in Zurich, Switzerland, where a group of college students disrupted an Adamski lecture by clapping, stamping, shouting, singing, throwing fruit and beer bottles, and shining powerful lights so as to spoil the space movie he was trying to show. Adamski, with his usual illogic, attributes this college prank to the sinister fact that Zurich is allegedly the headquarters of the Silence Group, or the International Bankers, as they are usually called. The unproven assumption here is that this powerful international group is afraid of the Truth about saucers, and wants to suppress all knowledge about our Space Visitors. - After the "Zurich Incident," Adamski cancelled his remaining speaking engagements in Europe - supposedly because of ill health - and thus ended the world tour.

One of the few things worth commenting on in the first section of the book is Adamski's strange remarks about mathematics. He says, "Nature works on the principle of one and one adding up to three. The positive and negative, brought together in relationship, result in an effect, (which is) the third part of the equation, the offspring, in which a certain percentage of the original primal forces has been maintained....Were it not for the operation of this Law, there would be no food to eat, nor continuance of life of any kind...."

After these cryptic remarks, Adamski goes on to discuss the so-called System of Nines. He is concerned over the use of "zero" in our present mathematical system, and says that the "Cosmic Principle of Mathematics" does not include the concept of zero. He apparently does not realize that the use of "10" as the basis of our present system is purely arbitrary. A system based on 9 or 8 or any other number can easily be worked out, and this fact is well known to all Earth-bound people who have studied advanced mathematics - which Adamski obviously has not done. To make matters worse Adamski tries to prove his theory by



"Did ya read my latest book - "Adamski, Farewell"?"

reference to Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers," in which it was claimed that certain flying saucers that had crashed in the U.S. southwest were found to have measurements all of which were divisible by nine. The trouble here is that this is precisely the point which tends to disprove Scully's whole book. Scully talked about measurements such as "9 feet, 9 inches," and used this as an example of a System of Nines. Unfortunately, this could be true only if the Space People use the same barbaric measuring units found in the British Empire and the United States!

In spite of the fact that this is supposedly Adamski's last book, we fear that the public has not heard the last from this prolific author. A recent notice informs us that he has just written a pamphlet called "Cosmic Philosophy," and that he is going to issue a monthly newsletter. The newsletter, however, will be published by Adamski's associate and business manager, C. A. Honey, who by strange coincidence wrote a glowing introduction for "Flying Saucers Farewell." Adamski says he is going into "another field of service, teaching Cosmic Philosophy and Abstract Science." He wants to be free to travel, and can be contacted by Earthlings only through Mr. Honey, who lives in Anaheim, California. We wish Adamski well. His books appear to be harmless, and his philosophical ramblings are not nearly as bad as some of the other schools of thought that are around these days.

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RECENT NEWS STORIES

BENDER TALKS!: Albert K. Bender, the saucer researcher who was supposedly "silenced" by three men in black, back in 1953, has finally written a book about his experiences. Publication of the book has fallen into the hands of Gray Barker, author of "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" and editor of the Saucerian Bulletin.

In the February-March 1956 issue of SAUCER NEWS (now out of print), your Editor revealed the little we know about the so-called Bender Mystery, based on interviews with several people including Bender himself. At that time we assumed, as did everyone else, that Bender would never reveal the motives which led him to close down his International Flying Saucer Bureau in 1953. The publication of Barker's book in late 1956 only served to add more confusion to the picture.

Now, in Barker's current "Memo to All Colleagues in UFO Research," we are told that the Bender book, as yet untitled, will be published in February of 1962. Barker refuses to release any of its contents beforehand, but does give a few hints in his usual cryptic fashion: "I had misgivings about publishing the book, for I couldn't be certain at that time whether or not the information....should be published....(The manuscript) describes carefully the entire history of Bender's organization, and the steps leading up to the closing. The events which Bender says happened to him and which he describes, are most fantastic. But they do fit in, not only with other events which happened concurrently in the UFO field, but also with all the information I have collected on Bender, his organization, and his activities. Bender offers a solution to the flying saucer mystery, and to me the manuscript is a completely honest revelation of the things that happened to him...."

Is the book frightening? Barker hedges. He says, "I do not believe this book will be frightening to other researchers. It is disturbing but not frightening to me. To some people, who have not gone into such research thoroughly, it indeed could be most frightening. It has not made me feel that I

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A REPORTER'S REPORT - (Part One)
 Concerning the current status of Ufology, and of Saucer-
 ism, Neo-Blavatskyism, and other assorted Nonsense.

- by Ivan T. Sanderson -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Sanderson is an internationally known naturalist and explorer. He has made innumerable radio and television appearances, and is the author of several books. His most recent book, "The Abominable Snowman," contains several pages of material contributed by ibn A'haron, Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS.)

To the marvelously assorted galaxy of folk who are interested in one way or another in what good old Charlie Fort so appropriately called O-S-Fs, or "Objects seen floating" (in the sky; with the then somewhat dire implication that such objects were not authorized so to float), this is a pretty dismal year. A revived and greatly energetic A.P.R.A. in Seattle, having sloughed off an old skin, continues to issue vast, single-spaced, stenciled pages of serious reports of O-S-Fs from all over the world, and SAUCER NEWS continues to stump along with an admirable degree of solidity despite its editor's heteropterous life; but apart from these, we have only NICAP, - and the U. S. Air Force. On the other side of the fence, there has been nothing novel, or even worthwhile writing up, except some damned "pancake" from on high. "Pie in the Sky" went out with Herbert Hoover, and is now so far more than "square" that it may almost be described as cubical; and, bretheren and sisteren, it is, if Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York are to be believed!

A dull year indeed. The same old chaps are "mounting" conventions to sell other peoples' books and their own outmoded ideas. These Saucerers used to be pretty good promotion men, (though they always lacked capital or anybody who could get up and really "Sell" the public), but they still miss out on one thing. I could never understand why they didn't take a break from Space Blonds and Blondes, (and some of their hard-earned loot), and go attend one of the Miss Something-or-Other contests and get a line on how these promotions are really done. I once dropped by one of those western Space Conventions - under an assumed name, of course - and, apart from two old stand-bys, I didn't even so much as turn my head in three days. Back in Los Angeles, where very few people walk anyway (and especially nice-looking young ladies), I nearly broke my neck driving along Sunset!

No, the Saucer boys have missed a fine bet. They keep talking about the most gorgeous you-know-whats sitting on rocks, popping out of lenticular aeroforms, and bubbling around in telepathic escapades in Inner Space (please note), but they haven't the gumption even to dress up a few out-of-work Las Vegas cuties for their occasions. I may add also that until recently they even failed to provide such basics as hamburgers, hotdogs, and the chilled plastic euphemistically called "ice cream" in this country. I simply cannot see why anybody should shun hard cash. Surely concessions, even in a vile desert, ought to pay off if you can show a previous attendance of some thousand thirsty and weary enthusiasts! It beats me; but then I am a reporter, not a businessman.

Anyhow, the Saucerers haven't come up with anything worthwhile for some time now, though it has been bruited about that more than one New Jersey operator has some "fabulous stuff" to be released shortly. Actually, these epoch-making disclosures were promised early last spring, but nothing has come of them - as usual! The Space Pancake is a very neat thing, but profoundly amateurish compared to the efforts of the latter-day greats, like the grain-



buyer who is said to be (as the Hollanders so aptly put it) "under the law." Mr. Otis T. Carr is still earthbound, and our old stand-by Mr. Townsend Brown's device is, I understand, still hovering a few feet off the concrete floor of a magnificent laboratory, but still with one aggravating wire trailing to the ground. Meanwhile, a shop on the Avenue de Capuchin in Paris has again had a window full of dandy little "saucers" hovering in mid-air in air jets, supersonic beams, and simple magnetic repulsion devices. Also, of course, Hover-Craft have been blossoming all over.

Then there's another side to the coin - the Russians. I'm beginning to think that the best thing that ever happened to America is the Russians. Nothing - not even the Depression, World War II, or TV - seemed to have been able to jolt us out of our com-

placent lethargy until little Sputnik sailed aloft. To heck with so-called modern ideas in education! There's nothing better for getting a spoiled brat off its you-know-what than a swift kick in its you-know-what! In this case, the kick has launched us at least into the upper atmosphere if not (as almost all publications, official and otherwise, claim) into Inner, let alone, Outer Space. (The latter begins beyond the orbit of Pluto). And this has had a rather devastating effect on our Saucerer friends.

You can keep on saying that everybody in Indonesia has six toes per foot for a long time, and, while most people won't believe you, a heck of a lot of people will; and once they do - and especially if they want to believe you - you'll have one devil of a time convincing them otherwise. Of course, nobody thinks of going to Indonesia to take a look, or even ringing up the Indonesian Embassy and asking. If you did ask such a question of the Cultural Attache of said Embassy, I fancy he would be so stunned that you might well hang up the phone with the impression that he did have twelve toes!

The point I am trying to make is that all sorts of people have been assuring us that there are all sorts of bizarre and unauthorized things buzzing about in our upper atmosphere. But now that we, spurred on by the Russians, have gotten into said upper atmosphere, if only for a fleeting glimpse or two by human or electronic eyes, what have we seen there?

That is really a damned good question; but nobody, as far as I can make out, has yet asked it; and so nobody has attempted to answer it. This is fairly standard procedure on both counts, for nobody - and especially official bodies - answers questions they haven't been asked; and nobody asks questions they don't want answered. In fact, the only person who has continued to ask any questions at all has been the redoubtable Major Donald Keyhoe of NICAP. And, so persistent has he been, that he's finally gotten others to ask questions too, including our ultimate watchdoggery, the Congress. It is now announced that a subcommittee of that most august of all bodies is preparing to ask a heck of a lot of questions about just this, and of all kinds of people who should have something to say on the subject, most notably the Air Force. This I personally find to be most refreshing. (Continued in our March Issue.)

THE FOLLOWING BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: #1; 2; 3; 8 through 11; 13; 17 through 28; and 30 through 45. All are 3 for \$1.00 except #1 and #27 (the Special Adamski Expose Issue), which sell for \$1.00 each.

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should stop doing flying saucer research, and I hope it does not lead you to stop...."

It seems that the only way anyone can get to the bottom of this is to buy the book, which is obviously what Barker wants us to do. Interested parties can reach Barker at P. O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va. Although this information is not in the memo, he has revealed to us in strict confidence that the price of the book is \$3.95. Quite likely if you enclose that amount with your inquiry, your letter will receive more attention.

"ANGEL HAIR" IN NEBRASKA: A weird unidentified flying object streaked across the skies near Chadron, Nebraska, last November 15th, and deposited a strange substance on a farm owned by Theodore Goff. The seemingly metallic substance came off the flying object in thin fibers and settled to earth, draping itself like a finely-knit shroud over Goff's fields, trees, machinery, and power lines. Says Goff: "It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and I had been working in my shed. I came outside and happened to look up and see this strange ball flying through the air. It seemed to be rolling as it sped through the sky. It was going faster than any airplane I ever saw, and it just disappeared from sight when it got out of the sunlight. It made absolutely no noise. Big chunks of it broke off, and these fibers began settling down on everything." The oddest thing of all is that the fibers are so thin that they cannot be seen with the naked eye except when they are in direct sunlight. They can be felt on the skin like spider webs, but they are much smaller in diameter than a spider web. According to the report, a human hair seems like a rope in comparison. The fibers can not be picked up, as they are so fine that you can't tell when you have one; and they can't be broken apart, though they can be burned. Fibers used by the Air Force for radar-jamming are much thicker than these, it is said.

SPACE PANCAKE ANALYSIS IS NEGATIVE: We now have the results of the U.S. Air Force's analysis of one of the famous Eagle River space pancakes. In a personal interview with Major William Coleman, we were told that the pancake consisted of fat, starch, buckwheat hulls, soy bean hulls, wheat bran, and other common substances. The bacteriological and radiation readings were normal. The Air Force's conclusion, therefore, was that it is "an ordinary pancake of terrestrial origin." - Incidentally, Major Coleman is the new Pentagon spokesman on UFO's. Anyone meeting him or corresponding with him will agree with us that he is a far better public information officer than Lt. Col. Tacker, whom he recently replaced. Coleman seems to have a genuine desire to bring about the release of more detailed saucer information by the Government. We may have more to say about this in future issues of SAUCER NEWS.

New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence (C.S.I.) has also received the results of the pancake analysis made at their expense by Isotopes, Inc., of Westwood, New Jersey. This civilian analysis agrees with the Air Force's, in that nothing was found to confirm the notion that the pancake is of extra-terrestrial origin. Thus it appears that this bit of "physical evidence," about which we yelled so loudly in recent issues of SAUCER NEWS, is of no significance after all. However, the fact that the story now turns out to be a probable hoax, does not in the least excuse NICAP's a priori attitude in refusing to investigate it. Physical evidence in regard to UFO sightings is so extremely rare that each instance deserves a complete and unbiased investigation before any conclusions are reached.

It is interesting to note that Joe Simonton, the Eagle River man

who is responsible for the pancake story, has had another sighting. The second sighting is much less spectacular than the first one, and it is backed up by a neighbor who was a witness. Simonton is now giving lectures, and is still receiving a large amount of mail because of the publicity his landing story received.

WEIRD "SPACE MESSAGES" IN NEW YORK CITY: Last September, your Editor attended a strange pseudo-religious saucer meeting at the Great Northern Hotel in New York. A small group had gathered in a rented hall to hear tape recordings made by contactee Gloria Lee, who is the "telepathic instrument" through which various space entities communicate. Master of Ceremonies at the affair was Sterling Warren, who has a long history of association with "lunatic fringe" organizations. The program began with a Peace Poem of some sort, accompanied by strange music. There followed ten minutes of "silent meditation," after which six non-terrestrial beings were heard from - each speaking in the normal tape-recorded voice of Gloria Lee. First came an entity called Dr. Hamilton, whose spiel lasted for several minutes. Then, amazingly enough, Jesus Christ spoke - still in Gloria Lee's voice. There was a terrible buzzing and humming in the tape recorder just before Christ came on, and Mr. Warren glared menacingly at your Editor, apparently in the belief that we were sending out Negative Vibrations of some sort. Finally the recorded voice became audible again, and we heard Jesus admit, among other things, that there are other Masters who know more about certain things than He does. Further along, He indicated a vague knowledge of modern electricity, and then - incredibly! - Gloria Lee giggled briefly, and mumbled an unintelligible "aside," apparently to someone who was in the room with her while she was making the tape. The whole thing was ridiculous and sacrilegious from almost any viewpoint. Christ was followed by a lady called June of Jupiter. The program called for three other extraterrestrials to be heard from, but we had had enough, and walked out.

1961 GIANT ROCK CONVENTION IS DISAPPOINTING: Your Editor went to the saucer convention at Giant Rock, California, again this year, and found the crowd and enthusiasm much less than in 1960. Apparently the change of time (to October) and the lack of newspaper publicity had something to do with the small turn-out, though there is no doubt that, in general, most saucer clubs are definitely on the wane these days.

A few of the "old guard" contactees were present. Truman Betherum made a long, rambling speech some time after his publicity-conscious marriage described on the cover. Daniel Fry went into a long astronomical discourse, hardly touching upon his own alleged space contacts; and George Hunt Williamson (pictured here, at right of photo, with an unidentified follower and ex-saucerer Max Miller), assumed his usual role of the dignified scientist who just happens to believe in saucers. Williamson's speech leaned heavily on his recent



trip to Japan, where he was described in print by one leading Japanese researcher as "the baby-faced quasi-anthropologist who put the flying saucers on a paying basis."

Another speaker was Orfeo Angelucci, author of "The Secret of the Saucers" and "Son of the Sun." Unlike most contactees, Angelucci is an extremely likable fellow, and one almost wishes for a little more Faith so as to believe his stories. Best speaker was the Reverend Frank Stranges, author of "Flying Saucerama" and a forthcoming book as yet untitled. Stranges is a hardened professional at the art of crowd-pleasing, and as a result of this he was probably the only person at the Convention this year to do a really good job of Raking in the Green.

Which reminds us, - Gabriel Green, who turns out to be quite a pleasant sort, spent considerable time and effort explaining to your Editor the merits of his Prior Choice Economics, which, if ever adopted, would mean the end of our money economy. Saucer fans will recall that Green was the Space Age candidate for President of the United States last year ("Abe in 1860; Gabe in 1960"), but he withdrew at the last minute in favor of a "dark horse" named John F. Kennedy. Green asked us to be sure to tell SAUCER NEWS readers that our country must either go forward toward Prior Choice, or else we will go backwards. For further enlightenment, write to Gabe at 2004 N. Hoover St., Los Angeles 27, California.

As usual, our thanks go out to host George Van Tassel, who allowed your Editor to ascend the golden stairway to the speakers' platform again this year, and to say a few words to the crowd. It was a real pleasure to get into the act and make a brief pitch which resulted in the sale of a few SAUCER NEWS subscriptions. - Incidentally, we again missed the chance to go inside Van Tassel's Integretron. When completed, it will act as some sort of Fountain of Youth. We were dismayed to learn, however, that in spite of the expenditure of many thousands of dollars contributed by his Fans, there is still very little except hot desert air under the Integretron's giant dome. The Space Peoples' instructions for the building of this rejuvenation machine must indeed be coming through very slowly.

Although there were no sightings at the Convention this year - not even hoaxes - there was an interesting aerial act put on by one Cliff Winters, who is known as America's leading stunt flyer. Another act to which we had looked forward was unfortunately canceled. A certain Professor Ne-Leh, who bills himself as an "illusionist, mentalist, prestidigitatationist (sic) and hypnotismist (SIC)," was to have driven an automobile blindfolded across the nearby desert. Best of all, he agreed to allow your Editor to ride with him to make sure he didn't peak. We had pictured ourselves speeding across the desert with the good Professor Ne-Leh, and possibly begging him to please peak just once, as the car headed straight for an abyss. But alas, the act was canceled, leaving us both mumbling sadly to ourselves, "Wait till next year!"

SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED IN WEST VIRGINIA: While visiting our friendly rival in Clarksburg, W. Va. recently, we came across a very interesting sighting right in his home town which the intrepid saucer investigator had overlooked. A local teen-ager named Joe Gonzales claims that, some time in the spring of 1960, the object pictured at the top of Page 14 flew over his home. He was alone one morning, watching T.V., when he heard a shrill noise, causing his dog to start barking. He went outside, and saw a strange craft moving slowly over a nearby hill. Returning quickly into the house, Gonzales grabbed his camera and took several pictures, the best of which is the one he gave to us. Gonzales describes the object as saucer-shaped, about 40 feet in diameter. It had a giant rudder-like protrusion underneath, with portholes in it, and

some sort of gas was escaping from this area. As seen in the photo, there were two large antennae on top. The boy lives in a thinly-populated section on the outskirts of Clarksburg. He says that one of his neighbors was asleep and the other was away; so there are no confirming witnesses; and though Gonzales seems very sincere, one is tempted to wonder if the picture may not be of some more common object such as a garbage lid with protrusions added.



FORTEAN ITEMS: A very large amount of unidentified material fell on vacant land at White Oak Flats, Tennessee, last November 27th. The stuff fell "all end-over-end" and broke branches on the trees when it hit. The farmer who witnessed the fall called the sheriff's office. The material is some sort of transparent plastic - thousands of feet of it. A deputy sheriff cut off several red-colored pieces eight or ten feet long, and local farmers are gradually hauling away the rest of it to cover their crops....Indian astrologers predict Big Trouble for the world during the first days of February, 1962, when Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mercury, and the Moon will all crowd the sky at the same time. The disaster will begin with an atomic blast or a similar large-scale explosion. Earthquakes will follow in the Arabian peninsula, Afghanistan, Turkey, Pakistan, and northern India. Other misfortunes are predicted for South Africa and Europe.....A member of the British Parliament has asked the Health Ministry to investigate why Mrs. Mary Were's food turns red. Mrs. Were, a 53-year-old housewife who lives at Chalfont St. Peter in England, says that red fungus appears overnight on her cooked food. It is thought that a nearby atomic energy center may have something to do with the phenomenon.....

The Soviet News Agency TASS reported last October that a Russian scientific expedition had photographed the gigantic footprint of an unknown monster in the bed of the Indian Ocean at a depth of about 10,000 feet....Our thanks to Gene Duplantier of Toronto for this one: A "giant madman" who sometimes runs naked when a new moon is out, is terrorizing farmers near Malton, Ontario. He is credited with three barn fires that claimed the lives of 39 head of cattle. Apparently people living in the area are fairly sure who the culprit is, but the authorities have been unable to catch him in the act. A local police constable stated that the madman "twists iron stands of mail boxes as though they were bailing wire, and tears down farmers' fences." For some odd reason the farmers in the area are reluctant to talk about the situation....A monster seen and photographed last summer on Loch Oich, near famous Loch Ness, turns out to be a paper-mache affair concocted by a theatre group. The group claims that no hoax was intended. They planned to put the monster in Loch Ness with an advertisement for them on its back; but first they sent their monster on a trial run on Loch Oich, where he unfortunately sank soon after being photographed by a fisherman who was not in on the plot. Only the beast's head was salvaged....A 200-pound object, at first thought to be a meteorite, was found last September in East St. Louis, Illinois by a teen-aged boy, after a three-day search prompted by his having seen an object streaking from the sky one night. Later, a local expert examined the object and stated that it is definitely not a meteor. He believes it may be slag from a furnace.

REPORT ON SAUCERERS RECENTLY AND CURRENTLY IN CONFINEMENT: It's quite a job these days to keep track of which saucerers are in or out of jail. Since our last issue, contactee Reinholdt Schmidt has been sentenced to one to ten years in prison, on two counts of grand theft. At the trial, Schmidt was allowed to show his documentary movie "Edge of Tomorrow" (reviewed in our June issue), as evidence regarding his alleged space flights. Schmidt had claimed to have discovered deposits of "free energy crystals" while riding in a flying saucer. A widow named Mrs. Eva Newcomb invested \$5,000 with Schmidt, and it is said that he obtained investments from others totaling nearly \$50,000.

Meanwhile, Otis T. Carr of "Free Energy" fame is in an Oklahoma City jail, working off a \$5,000 fine at the rate of \$1 per day. Carr was convicted of selling unregistered stock in his OTC Enterprizes, Inc. He is believed to have collected some \$50,000 in this manner. Attorney General Lefkowitz of New York has issued an order preventing Carr's successors from selling any more stock in that state. However, Norman Colton, operating with a new company called "The Millenium Agency," is still carrying on where Carr left off. Colton, who is Carr's right-hand man, is currently operating in California and in New York, right under Lefkowitz's nose, so to speak. The stock scheme has been replaced by a legal dodge, whereby 50% cash orders are taken on "free energy" machines yet to be constructed. Colton's latest literature describes an invention which he solemnly states will "draw electricity from the atmosphere without the use of any fuel. The machine is operated entirely by environmental gravitic forces." One of the Colton inventions is, as of this writing, being demonstrated in New York City to interested friends and prospective investors.

Finally, we are happy to report that contactee Wayne Aho is enjoying comparatively good mental health, and is back on the lecture circuit again. Not long ago he spoke in New York City, where he was sponsored by Harry Hoffman of the "Interplanetary Embassy." SAUCER NEWS readers will recall that Aho spent several weeks confined in the Central Islip mental hospital last spring. Currently Aho seems to be on the anti-Bomb kick, and is promoting pre-fabricated "survival homes" which can be erected in out-of-the-way areas. Aho's literature states that he is against all testing of atomic weapons by any nation, and that the destruction of our cities, either by atomic bombs or natural disasters, is probably in store for the near future.

IS RICHARD OGDEN IN CONTACT WITH THE RUSSIANS? Richard Ogden, the notorious saucer researcher living in Seattle, Washington, made the following amazing statements in a letter to Steve Erdmann, dated August 29th, 1961: "I do not have your letters and (am) unable to return them, in that they were forwarded to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. It is impossible for me to get these letters back, in that they are using them for a study.....The source of my inside information on the secret discovery made by Project Ozma was a 'contact' in the Soviet Embassy. When you wrote me insisting that I prove my claims, I forwarded your letters to the Soviet Embassy asking them to read and study your letters and consider your plea for the truth on the matter (to) be revealed to you in a personal visit by their representatives. The Soviet Embassy is my source of information and they can provide you with the information you desire. If they desire to give you this information, you can expect 'visitors' in the near future...If called to testify, I would invoke the Fifth Amendment...."

A photostat of the above letter is in our files. - As noted in previous issues of SAUCER NEWS and in Newsletter #14, Richard Ogden has a long and sordid history in UFO research. The contradictory theories which he publishes in various zines are apparently a deliberate attempt to throw added

confusion into the already confused saucer mystery. In addition, Ogden's relationship with SAUCER NEWS over the years has included signed as well as unsigned threats of all types, as well as hoax letters and hoax phone calls. The latest was a call from Seattle, supposedly from the non-existent R. E. Straith of Straith Letter fame. In view of all this, we had no choice but to turn the entire matter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Ogden case is now in their hands.

SAUCER BRIEFS: A long feature article on saucers, called "Take Me to Your Leader," appeared in the October issue of Playboy Magazine. The article, which is quite detailed and well written, is generally anti-saucer in tone. The author is one Gerald Walker, which is apparently a pseudonym.....Dr. Leon Davidson, once a frequent contributor to SAUCER NEWS, has recently "gotten back into the game" with a long mimeographed article which he sent to all leading saucer researchers. In it he describes in detail his present theory that the whole saucer mystery is a psychological-warfare device invented and kept alive by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Dr. Davidson's observations are most interesting (though we don't agree with him), and we may print his material in whole or in part, in our next issue.....The November 1961 and the January 1962 issues of Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" magazine contain a fantastic contact story related by Gray Barker. The tale concerns an alleged meeting between Barker's friend Dominick Lucchesi and a beautiful space woman, aboard a flying saucer. Thus, Lucchesi (a former associate editor of SAUCER NEWS) joins the growing list of contactees.....Long John Nebel of Party Line fame, has just written a book entitled "Way Out World." We haven't seen it yet, but hope to have a review of it for you soon....Another new book is "The Challenge of Unidentified Objects," co-authored by Richard Hall (Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP) and Professor Charles A. Maney of Defiance College in Ohio.

NEWS BRIEFS: A saucer sighting by eight observers, including a veteran pilot, received wide publicity last October 4th. The hovering object was seen by pilot Waldo J. Harris of Salt Lake City, Utah, while he was taking off on a routine flight from the Utah Central Airport. Air Force investigators insisted that the UFO was either a balloon or the planet Venus....In late September three pilots spotted a doughnut-shaped UFO at high altitude between Japan and Midway Island. The object looked like a "large smoke ring," and the sky could be seen through the center of it....The most interesting sighting of recent months occurred in late October, in Fall River Mills, Calif. At dusk, a man and his wife saw a hovering oval-shaped object that seemed to be divided into three areas of flashing lights. It was seen to release two smaller objects, also oval and with the same light formations. These smaller UFOs each took off on its own and returned to the "mother ship" about an hour later! Finally the larger object departed at great speed. The same drama was watched on a different night by the same couple, and by two other people who made an independent report. (Researchers interested in more details should write for the Oct. 26th issue of the Fall River Mills, Calif. Inter Mountain News).....A mysterious light exploded almost noiselessly over Cincinnati on the night of August 30th and again on September 5th. No explanation could be found.....In Baltimore, a "metallic, circular, spinning, green-white lighted humming object" was seen by several residents on the night of Nov. 10th. One of the witnesses said that the white lights were shining brightly, as if through port-holes in the bottom of the craft, and there was a green light forward.....On the morning of Sept. 3rd, Mrs. Mae Harold of San Francisco saw a cylinder-shaped object hovering over the western edge of the city. It was visible for thirty minutes before disappearing toward the southeast.