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UFO Spotter Taken to Washington



‘Sworn to
Secrecy’

Moore
Says of Trip

THE ABOVE PHOTO (not related to the Moore story, which begins on Page 10), was sent to us by a correspondent in Albany, N.Y., who wishes to remain anonymous. He states that at about 2:30 p.m. on the afternoon of March 12th, 1963, he was sitting on the back porch of his home when a UFO flew into sight at low altitude and hovered for several seconds. Our correspondent rushed into the house for his camera, and took three pictures in quick succession as the object moved away slowly toward the east. It made no sound.

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EDITORIAL:
SAUCER NEWS COMBINES WITH "THE SAUCERIAN BULLETIN"

Readers of SAUCER NEWS will recall the long-standing feud between your Editor and Gray Barker, editor of "The Saucerian Bulletin." Recently, we had occasion to drop by the office of Mr. Barker in Clarksburg, West Virginia. A serious conversation was entered into between the two editors, and we became convinced of the reality of some of the persecutions which Mr. Barker has, for many months, been loudly proclaiming in his zine and elsewhere (including in his article for the June 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print.)

Taking cognizance of the situation existing in Clarksburg, we made to Mr. Barker a most generous offer, whereby we would combine his magazine with ours. Barker agreed to our terms, and the merger was formalized in a legal document dated February 24th, 1963.

All subscribers to "The Saucerian Bulletin" will have their subscriptions completed in full with issues of SAUCER NEWS. "Saucerian Bulletin" subscribers already on our own mailing list will have their SAUCER NEWS subscriptions extended according to the number of "Saucerian Bulletins" owed to them. Anyone dissatisfied with this arrangement may apply to us for a refund on the unused portion of his "Saucerian Bulletin" subscription; but we are confident that most people will be pleased with the new combined publication, and will want to continue receiving it.

As of now, SAUCER NEWS becomes the second oldest saucer periodical in the world - second only to "The A.P.R.O. Bulletin," published in Tucson, Arizona by Coral Lorenzen. We are also the periodical of largest circulation - slightly under 4,000. This confirms our determination, long expressed, to continue till "the last cup and saucer."

Ours is a regularly-scheduled magazine, published quarterly, in March, June, September and December of each year. Former readers of "The Saucerian Bulletin" can feel assured that they will be receiving four of our issues every year, and that all matters regarding subscriptions, renewals, etc., will be handled promptly by us.

In spite of the merger, our policy will remain the same as stated in our June 1962 issue. We believe that the flying saucer mystery is still unsolved. We believe that the interplanetary explanation is the most likely, but that absolute proof is still lacking regarding the interplanetary theory or any other theory of saucer origin. Contributors to our magazine are free to express any viewpoint they wish, in their signed articles, whether or not these opinions agree with those of the editors. We do not endorse anyone's unproven claims or beliefs, but we are willing to air all sides of every question and every controversy related to the flying saucer mystery.

Mr. Barker has not retired from the saucer field. He will continue to publish saucer and occult books of various types from Clarksburg, and readers interested in these books should write directly to him - at P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va., - rather than to us. Barker's services will also be used by SAUCER NEWS, as he has joined our Staff as an Associate Editor. An article by Mr. Barker appears on Page 18 of this issue, and he will continue to contribute to our magazine in the future, insofar as his time allows.

Gray Barker began publishing his "Saucerian" back in 1953, - almost a full year before the first issue of our magazine, then called "Nexus." In spite of our differences throughout the years, we cannot help admiring Mr. Barker and the other pioneers who braved scorn and ridicule to bring saucer information to the public in those early days. We are grateful to Mr. Barker for joining our SAUCER NEWS Staff, and we feel that his efforts will help to make our magazine more interesting in the future than it has been in the past.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have just received your December and March issues of SAUCER NEWS and found them to be very interesting. The review of Albert K. Bender's book "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" was extremely well written. Keep up the good work.

GERALD BAMMANN
Brooklyn, New York

I have your two latest issues and enjoyed them very much. I admire you for printing the pro and the con from your mailbag, even though I disagree with your comparatively materialistic point of view on UFO's....

RILEY CRABB
Director, Borderland Sciences Research Associates
P.O. Box 548, Vista, California

Many thanks for sending the December and March issues of your magazine. I think it is certainly one of the few unbiased publications in this field today....

Congratulations on your wedding. She looks like a wonderful lady.
DR. FRANK E. STRANGES
Hollywood, California

It takes level-headed people like you to run a magazine such as SAUCER NEWS. In a subject where there is so much confusing evidence to sort out, a scientific approach is necessary. And I believe you have what it takes.

....You are pretty broad-minded and tolerant to print a letter by such a mystic as Richard Ogden. There are some minds that will accept an illusion as readily as a scientific fact. Ogden has such a mind...and it is such minds that become bemused by the nonsense about the Jews. Fortunately, these ideas about the Jews cancel each other out. For instance: All capitalists, or the ruling majority, are Jews. But it is the Jews who are promoting Communism! Does that make sense?

....If you have so much influence with Air Force Intelligence, it is because they regard you as a sensible person. I wouldn't expect them to let Ogden into their base (at Wright-Patterson Field.)

ROGER FROHN
St. Paul, Minnesota

I received the December 1962 and March 1963 issues of SAUCER NEWS this week, in which were the two parts of my article entitled "A New Inquiry Into the Flying Saucer Mystery". Although your editing was not extensive, some of the changes you made were crucial and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify them. In Part One (the Dec. issue, Page 10), the edited sentence reads: "We are therefore at a crossroads in flying saucer research, and we must ask and answer this crucial question: Is the core of the saucer problem a real, external problem?" My original statement read: "Is the core of the saucer problem a real, external phenomena?" By changing "phenomena" to "problem" the sense of the statement has been made to imply that we are dealing solely with a psychological disorder on a collective scale, or some such thing. Actually, it was meant to convey the idea that the phenomena, although objective, transcends our three-dimensional world as the psychic component of experience demonstrates.

In Part Two (the March issue, Page 12), you published this statement: "The lesson to be learned in all of this is that the saucer phenomena have a reality independent of them. And the fact that saucers exhibit a psy-

chic component cannot be rationalized away." My actual statement read: "And the fact that it (i. e., the saucer phenomena) exhibits a psychic component cannot be rationalized away." Here you changed "saucer phenomena" to "saucers"; which appears to indicate that the usual idea of what saucers are (i. e., aircraft of sorts) have psychic phenomena associated with them. In truth, I leave what the saucers actually are, open, as the physio-psychic phenomenon which is experienced is not, in my view, the same as the reality behind the phenomenon.

Outside of these mis-statements, your presentation was fine....

THOMAS M. COMELLA

Mr. Comella has written an objective analysis of the flying saucer mystery as it has developed within the past sixteen years.....I think that he is familiar rather adequately with the situation, for I happen to be inclined to go along with him to a large extent....

ROBERT D. NULL

Maiden, North Carolina

It is perhaps true enough that conclusion jumping on the basis of insufficient evidence is a common practice in the UFO field, considering that apparently none of the UFO researchers active in the field are qualified for this type of work. But you are very wrong in thinking that no one really has the answer, or any real proof....There is an abundance of evidence in civilian channels, even allowing for a goodly margin of error, for any competent researcher to figure the whole thing out with reasonable accuracy.

As for Tom Comella, all he has in effect said in his two articles in the Dec. and March issues of SAUCER NEWS, is that he doesn't have the answer, and is unable to figure it out. Mr. Comella has no qualifications to speak on the subject of which he writes, and his statements are therefore merely his personal opinions, and nothing else....

PAUL W. HAMMER

Chicago, Illinois

I didn't have to go far into Comella's articles to realize he would soon invoke the psychic. That's his privilege, of course, just as it's mine not to buy it. But he seems to go psychic for a pretty poor reason - apparent lack of saucer crackups during the past 16 years. "...for surely," he says, "such infallibility and perfection does not reside with mere humanity." Nonsense!.....In over 15 years of close association with aircraft and aviation, I have witnessed but two crashes. All others I've heard about and/or seen via news media. And I dare say that less than 1% of our entire population has ever seen an aircrash. Take away all their news sources and the public would doubtless believe that passing planes are mechanically perfect. But their opinions wouldn't make it so, would it?....

GEORGE W. EARLEY

Bloomfield, Connecticut

I have read your December and March issues with much interest. I can give your "Letters to the Editor" section much praise. You have done a good job, particularly in the December issue, of presenting equally both sides of the controversy regarding NICAP. After looking at my letter which you published, I still believe that those things should have been said. However, you made the letter sound more "hateful" and "spiteful" than I actually felt toward you at the time. You know quite well that we aren't opposed to each other that much. Perhaps you could tell your readers this....

STEVE ERDMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

As a NICAP member, I am indeed surprised and quite disturbed to see so much friction between NICAP and SAUCER NEWS.....NICAP has done more for civilian research than any other UFO group. Its director, Major Keyhoe, has done more to fight censorship and bring the truth to the public than any other person....

Regarding Timothy Green Beckley's letter in the March SAUCER NEWS, what does it matter if NICAP does file its reports in cardboard boxes? I throw my correspondence into a little drawer. Does this make me incompetent?....As for his claim that NICAP is abusing the privilege of using his material, I can say two things: First, NICAP has been extremely busy lately, and perhaps they have not had time to answer his letter, or perhaps they are not through using his material. Secondly, SAUCER NEWS is not the place to shed tears about this. Nobody is interested in Beckley's personal problems.

NICAP has been criticized for taking an extreme position. Well, if you are a contactee-lover and NICAP doesn't accept your favorite contactee claims, then they are extremists. NICAP has found nothing to substantiate the claims of the many contactees, but it has heard these people out....

LOUIS TRIFON
Plainview, New York

Regarding the Hart and Coleman letters in your December issue, Major Hart angrily denounces Keyhoe for attributing "a completely false heading to the Air Force news release of 6 February 1962" and then goes on to say "it was a D.O.D. release..." This may be, but the AP dispatches reaching this area attributed the release to the Air Force and didn't list its official title, each newspaper providing its own. I rather imagine that it was a newspaper heading that NICAP quoted. Hart seems to be nit-picking here. As for the Coleman letter, the NICAP story clearly said that the quoted reference from AFM 190-4 "was contained in a letter to NICAP member Kurt Zeissig, after Zeissig's persistent queries about 'Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force...'" I cannot see how this squares with Coleman's assertion that "the quote from the manual has now been lifted out of context completely...." But then Major Coleman has a public record of deviousness. He "answered" a letter of mine published in "Flying" Magazine by talking all around the lot while neatly sidestepping the main issue I had raised....

Regarding Mr. Gribble's plaintive howl (in your Dec. issue) of "false charges and inaccurate reporting," nowhere in it do I see him offering any explanation for deliberately setting up and widely publicizing an "organization" which could be readily confused with NICAP. Mr. Gribble's "organization" has virtually the same title (he merely substituted "Commission" for "Committee"), and can be abbreviated to "NICAP!" I can see no other conclusion than that this was done to deliberately confuse people. Furthermore, in the Oct. 14th, 1962 issue of the Seattle Times, Gribble's "organization" is described as listing "retired admirals, airline pilots, college professors and a former Air Force UFO investigating officer on its board of directors or on its panel of special investigators." The similarity to NICAP's advisors is striking, no? But unlike the men on NICAP's Board and Panel who freely identify themselves, Mr. Gribble's associates, to quote an AP dispatch of Dec. 7th, 1962, "are reluctant to be identified!" I rather suspect that this same AP dispatch was more accurate than it realized when it described Mr. Gribble as "a one-man data processing center" (emphasis added.)

GEORGE W. EARLEY, Bloomfield, Connecticut

Congratulations. You picked a very fine, intelligent lady for your companion in life. May you be happy through the end of time. Best wishes to

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both of you. I hope to see you sometime in the future again, when I am up your way....

Regarding the fact that someone sent you a voodoo doll, I would not send you such a thing. I would not be that stupid, nor that low. My work is not to tear people down, but to uplift even the lowest creatures, if possible. Ogden is the one who alerted me first about this, and the way he stated it in his letter to me, I thought you were claiming I had sent that doll to you. Then I received your SAUCER NEWS and found that you are not making any such claim.....I would not be a fit human being if I did something like that, but I too have recently received letters threatening my life. Who is doing all this dirty work? I would like to know, wouldn't you? Someone must be thinking that you and I are getting together, for I have been accused of selling out to your side, and you know as well as I do that neither one of us has sold out to the other.

I wish there were more people like you, who come out into the open instead of hiding behind the written word. I believe that the debate you and I had on Long John's radio program was the finest get-together that anyone could have. We let the public be the judge. But there are some people who wouldn't do anything like that, even if they were given the privilege....I respect you far more than you perhaps realize....

GEORGE ADAMSKI
Vista, California

Here is the information you requested (March SAUCER NEWS, Page 14) concerning the moons of Mars, as given by Jonathan Swift in 1737 and as now known:

	<u>Swift</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Number of Mars' Moons:	2	2
Distance from Mars' center, in terms of Mars' diameter:		
Phobos:	3	1.4
Deimos:	5	3.5
Time for one revolution around Mars:		
Phobos:	10 hours	7 hrs., 39 min.
Deimos:	21.5 hrs.	30 hrs., 18 min.

Swift was remarkably accurate in all three predictions regarding the moons of Mars, which he made 150 years before these moons were actually discovered by means of the telescope. He guessed the number exactly, he was close in guessing the periods, and, when you consider how far away these moons are from the Earth, he was quite close in his estimate of their distances from Mars. How he guessed so accurately, no one knows. One accurate guess can be passed off as coincidence, but to make three good guesses in a row is fantastic!

JUSTIN CASE
Bridgeton, New Jersey

You suggested in your book review (March SAUCER NEWS, Page 7) that anyone who knows what John Manas of the Pythagorean Society was talking about in his book "Flying Saucers and Space Men" should write to you and explain. This is exactly what I'm going to do here. When he speaks of "a spiritualized substance which is permeated with the consciousness of the Creator of our Solar System,".....he means exactly the same thing as the Bible means when it states that "in Him we live and move and have our Being." "In Him" of course means in God, for all ether is filled with God Substance. We live in Him and He lives in us. There is no such thing as empty space.....

MRS. EVA MAHLE, Connersville, Indiana

EDITORIAL NOTES

CONCERNING RENEWALS: A great amount of bookkeeping has become necessary due to our merger with "The Saucerian Bulletin." In addition, a fairly large cash sum had to be paid out to Mr. Barker (pictured at left) to convince him to sell out. You can help us in regard to both these problems by renewing promptly. If a renewal notice has been sent to you with this issue of SAUCER



NEWS, please return it to us with your cash, check or money order as soon as you can, so that we may place your name immediately on our permanent mailing list. If you have received no notice with this issue, but find the number "7" following your name on the envelope, this means that your subscription expires with the next issue. People in this latter category can help us by renewing now rather than waiting to be formally notified.

CONCERNING OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS: Public meetings of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society are held frequently, usually on the third Friday of each month. These meetings are under the auspices of our Discussion and Lecture Committee, of which SAUCER NEWS' Assistant Editor John J. Robinson is Chairman. On January 18th, Mr. Robinson gave a lecture on recent events

in the flying saucer field, and on February 15th Daniel Soderlund gave a talk on "free energy."

As of March 1st, the untimely death of one of our associates caused our lecture hall to be moved from 303 Fifth Ave. to our present location, which is on the third floor of 108 West 56th St., New York City. On March 22nd, our first meeting at the new location was held, featuring a lecture on the Moon by Sandy Moseley. Our next lecture, on April 19th, is expected to be by Eugene Steinberg. The topic will be electromagnetic effects of flying saucers. - The editorial offices of SAUCER NEWS remain at 303 5th Ave., Room 1615.

SAUCER NEWS readers in the New York area who wish to be put on our special mailing list for lecture notices should write directly to John J. Robinson, 209 New York Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey.

CONCERNING OUR NEXT ISSUE: In all due modesty we feel that the issue of SAUCER NEWS which you are now reading is one of the most interesting we have ever produced; and with similar "modesty," we believe that the next one will be even better. On Page 19 you will find a complete account of a fascinating trip your Editor plans to make to an alleged Dero cave in New Mexico. This expedition, scheduled for early June, will be reported in full - with pictures - in our next issue, dated September, which you will be receiving exactly three months from now. In addition, there will be our usual complete round-up of outstanding saucer reports and "Fortean" events from all over the world, sent to us by our many correspondents and our world-wide press clipping service facilities. Don't take a chance of getting onto our inactive list, in which case you might miss this issue. Due to the high costs involved, only enough copies will be printed to take care of the combined active mailing lists of SAUCER NEWS and "The Saucerian Bulletin." So please renew now if your subscription has expired.

CONCERNING BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS: You are now reading Issue

#52 of our publication. Extra copies of most of our back issues are still available. These are listed below with a partial description of the contents of each. These issues contain, in addition to the contents listed below, current book reviews as well as full coverage of current saucer sightings and "Fortean" events such as ghosts, monsters, etc. The price is 35 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, unless otherwise stated. Please order by number. In case any number you order is sold out, we will make a substitution. A special price of only \$10.00 will be given to readers who wish to order all available back issues. This represents a saving of \$5.00, as there is a total of 39 issues at 3 for \$1.00, plus two which cost \$1.00 each.

- #1 (July, 1954) - Rare first edition, selling for \$1.00. Contains articles by James Moseley and saucer pioneers August C. Roberts and Dominick Lucchesi.
- #2 (Aug., 1954) - Contains interesting accounts of a little-known saucer film taken in Africa, and of the activities of the now defunct club called Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York.
- #3 (Sept., 1954) - Contains one of the most important articles we have ever published, concerning a lady in Miami who claims to have seen official government photographs of a crashed flying saucer from outer space.
- #8 (Feb., 1955) - Contains a fascinating account of the strange events which have occurred in recent years in the vicinity of Mount Shasta, California.
- #9 (March, 1955) - Contains an interesting article by FRANK SCULLY, author of "Behind the Flying Saucers."
- #10 (April, 1955) - Contains an important article by the late DR. MORRIS K. JESSUP, author of several saucer books, whose mysterious death is still a subject of controversy.
- #11 (May, 1955) - Contains an article by DESMOND LESLIE, co-author with George Adamski of "Flying Saucers Have Landed." Also contains the results of experiments in extrasensory perception conducted by the SAUCER NEWS Staff. Also in this issue are articles by DR. MORRIS K. JESSUP and FRANK SCULLY.
- #13 (Aug.-Sept., 1955) - Contains outstanding articles by DR. M. K. JESSUP and DESMOND LESLIE, as well as a report on UFOs and levitation by John Bessor.
- #17 (April-May, 1956) - Contains an interesting account of pre-World War II sightings by saucer researcher Frank Reid.
- #18 (June-July, 1956) - A most important issue, containing James Moseley's now discredited "earth theory" solution to the flying saucer mystery.
- #19 (Aug.-Sept., 1956) - Contains an interesting article entitled "UFO's and Unnatural Clouds," by Frank Reid.
- #20 (Oct.-Nov., 1956) - Contains another documented account of pre-World War II sightings, by Frank Reid, and an article by the noted French saucer author Aime Michel.
- #21 (Dec.-Jan., 1956-57) - Contains an article entitled "How to Separate Facts from Fiction," by Justin Case, a noted mechanical engineer and saucer researcher.
- #22 (Feb.-March, 1957) - Contains an important report on attempts to build flying saucers here on earth, and also a report on the early problems of NICAP, written by DR. M. K. JESSUP.
- #23 (April-May, 1957) - Contains an article entitled "Flying Saucer Research on Trial," by saucer researcher Tom Comella.
- #24 (June-July, 1957) - Contains interesting articles by Justin Case and Dr. Leon Davidson, an atomic physicist who is also a noted saucer researcher.
- #25 (Aug.-Sept., 1957) - Contains an expose of contactee George Hunt Williamson, written by Y. N. ibn Aharon, an expert on ancient history.
- #26 (Oct.-Nov., 1957) - Contains interesting articles by Justin Case and Richard Hall, Major Donald Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP.

- #27 (October, 1957) - The SPECIAL ADAMSKI EXPOSE ISSUE, selling for one dollar. It contains a collection of several articles showing the fallacies in George Adamski's first two books, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and "Inside the Spaceships." This is one of the most important issues we have ever published. Only a few copies are now left.
- #28 (Dec.-Jan., 1957-58) - Contains the first in a series of articles by Y. N. ibn Aharon entitled "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine." This series purports to prove that Jehova, the God of the Old Testament, was in reality a being from another planet.
- #30 (April-May, 1958) - Contains two of the most important articles we have ever published: The first, by Ulbricht Von Rittner, gives the inside story of research on saucer-shaped craft in Germany during World War II; the second, by James Moseley, gives a complete account of the mysterious disappearance in 1953 of saucer researchers Karl Hunrath and Jack Wilkinson.
- #31 (June-July, 1958) - Contains an outstanding article "Saucers and the International Geophysical Year," by John Corman, an article called "Rationalism in Ufology" by Richard Hall, and another of Y. N. ibn Aharon's series on Extraterrestrialism.
- #32 (Aug.-Sept., 1958) - Contains important articles by Dr. Leon Davidson and Y. N. ibn Aharon. There is also an article about NICAP by James Moseley.
- #33 (Oct.-Nov., 1958) - Contains an outstanding article by Major Lawrence J. Tacker of the U.S. Air Force, plus a fascinating account of a crashed UFO, written by noted saucer researcher Bob Barry.
- #34 (Dec.-Jan., 1958-59) - Contains an expose of Otis T. Carr, written by NICAP member Robert Durant, plus another of Y. N. ibn Aharon's series on Extraterrestrialism.
- #35 (Feb.-March, 1959) - Contains outstanding articles by Tom Comella and Dr. Leon Davidson, plus an expose of George Hunt Williamson written by noted saucer researcher Michael Mann, together with James Moseley.
- #36 (June, 1959) - This most important issue contains a detailed expose of Gray Barker, written by the noted amateur astronomer Lonzo Dove.
- #37 (Sept., 1959) - Contains an article by Bob Barry called "The Case of the Mysterious Airplane Crash," plus outstanding articles by Michael Mann, Y. N. ibn Aharon, and Justin Case.
- #38 (Dec., 1959) - Contains an important article by MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE, and an article by Frank Reid entitled "The Aerial Phenomena of Earthquakes."
- #39 (March, 1960) - Contains interesting articles by Michael Mann and Justin Case, plus an article by Y. N. ibn Aharon entitled "How to Build a Saucer!"
- #40 (June, 1960) - Contains an important article by noted saucer researcher Lee Munsick, plus a review of one of George Williamson's books, by Y. N. ibn Aharon.
- #41 (Sept., 1960) - This outstanding issue contains a long report on the 1960 Giant Rock saucer convention by James Moseley, with many photographs.
- #42 (Dec., 1960) - Contains an important article by Y. N. ibn Aharon and an article by Justin Case entitled "Proof by Ignorance."
- #43 (March, 1961) - Contains an important scientific UFO article by David Wightman, editor of the outstanding British saucer magazine "Uranus."
- #44 (June, 1961) - Contains an interesting article on extrasensory perception by Justin Case, plus an article by our Associate Editor Melvyn Stiriss.
- #45 (Sept., 1961) - Contains a very interesting account of an unexplained plane crash by saucer researcher Max Miller, former editor of "Saucers." There is also an article on Extraterrestrialism by Y. N. ibn Aharon.
- #46 (Dec., 1961) - Contains the first half of an unusually interesting article by the famous naturalist and saucer researcher IVAN SANDERSON.
- #47 (March, 1962) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by

IVAN SANDERSON, and a well-documented article by Lonzo Dove entitled "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle."

#49 (Sept., 1962) - Contains a long and very important article by James Moseley concerning his exclusive interview with the head of the Air Force UFO project at Wright-Patterson Field, in Dayton, Ohio.

#50 (Dec., 1962) - Contains the first half of an interesting article by Tom Comella, called "A New Inquiry Into the Flying Saucer Mystery." Also included is a long exclusive report on the recent saucer "flap" in South America.

#51 (March, 1963) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by Tom Comella, plus a wealth of recent saucer sightings from around the world.

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THE OLDEN MOORE STORY

- by C. W. Fitch -

In the September 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, Mr. Moseley gave a long account of his interview with Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, chief of the Air Force's UFO investigation center at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

In this article, on Page 13, Mr. Moseley stated: "The conversation came around, at one point, to 'hush ups,' and I was told the story of a gentleman (name known to me) who made an important and apparently truthful sighting during the 1957 'flap.' Later he began claiming that, as a result of his sighting, he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had 'snowballed' from there...."

It is my purpose in this article to set the record straight. As Mr. Moseley and I both know, the name of the gentleman in question is Olden Moore. As recounted in many newspapers at the time (and in the February-March 1958 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print), Moore made a very close sighting of a flying saucer. The date was November 6th, 1957 - right at the height of the well-remembered 1957 "flap." Moore, then living in Lake County, Ohio, was driving his car along Route 86, near Montville, when he noticed what he at first took to be a bright shooting star or meteor moving rapidly across the sky from right to left in front of him.

Said Moore (as quoted in one of the local newspapers): "The object stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part of it went upward. The part that remained then seemed brighter than ever. As I kept watching this 'star,' it kept getting brighter and bigger. I decided to pull my car off the road onto a side road, and I got out to take a look. The thing seemed to be headed straight at the car. As it approached, its color changed from a bright white to a green haze, and then to a blue-green color, as it stopped about 200 feet in the air above a nearby field. I didn't hear any sound from it at all until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like the electric meter on the side of my house, only a little deeper in tone. I stood by the car watching the thing for some fifteen minutes before I decided to walk toward it. The object was about 500 feet away from me."

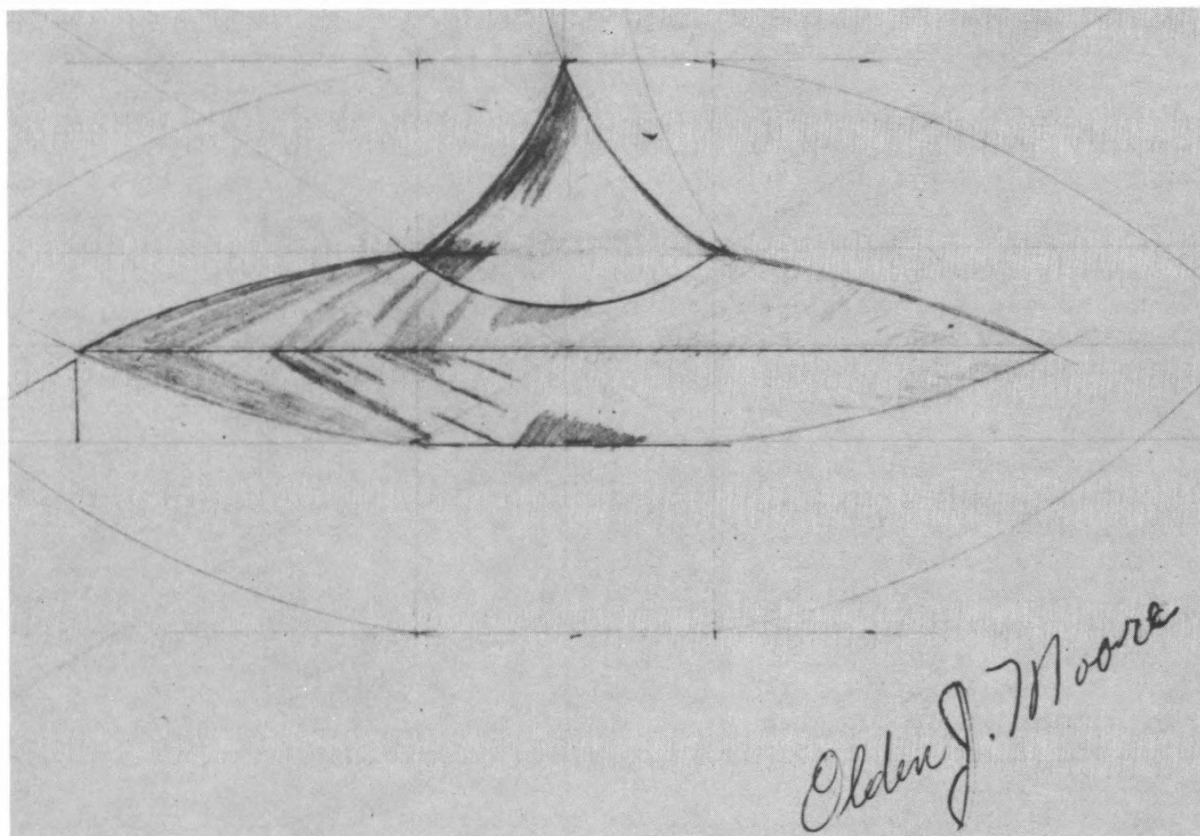
Moore had walked about half the distance between the road and the landed UFO when he stopped and decided that he would go back to his car and

return to the spot with witnesses, as no one would believe him otherwise. He could find no one else on the highway at the time, however. He went home to get his wife, and returned to the spot with her; but by that time the object was gone.

Moore said that the UFO was about 50 feet in diameter, disc-shaped, and about 15 feet thick, with a cone on the top, making its over-all height between 20 and 30 feet. It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, and the color pulsed slowly, alternating between bright and dim. The moon was unusually bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible for him to distinguish the object itself from the haze. The UFO had a surface like mirrored sunglasses, but no windows or portholes of any kind.

County officials were notified of the sighting the following day, and Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke rushed to the scene. Said he, as quoted in a local newspaper at the time: "There were prints in the field one and a half inches deep and holes in the ground like those made by spiked shoes!" He said that there were six prints in all, "coming from nowhere and going nowhere." He and Lt. Reineck, assistant to the head of the Ohio 5th Area Civil Defense, returned to headquarters to get a geiger counter. "When we came back," said Mr. Locke, "we got a reading of approximately 150 roentgens in the center of the area, tapering off to about 20 or 30 roentgens at the perimeter!" Waiting a few hours, Locke and Reineck took another reading in the same area. This time the meter showed only 20 or 25 roentgens in the center and no reading at all at the perimeter. Locke concluded: "Something must have been here, since this indicated that the reaction on the geiger counter was not caused by minerals in the ground."

Drawings of the UFO were made from Moore's description, and were widely published at the time. The sketch below, however, is Moore's own original drawing, which he gave to me, and is published here for the first time.



The saucer is the darkened area within the geometric construction lines Moore used to draw it. Moore's signature is at the bottom.

Moore moved from Ohio to New York in the Fall of 1962, and has resumed his trade as a plasterer. I have lost contact with him since then, but I was among the first to interview him after his sighting in November 1957, and after the initial excitement died down, I visited him many times during the period from 1957 to mid-1962. He had never believed in nor been interested in matters pertaining to UFO's before his sighting; but from that time on, he was very much interested. On numerous occasions I sat with him in his kitchen and discussed the details of his sighting, and I acquainted him with sightings made by others. I used to bring him articles and magazines on the saucer subject, and we became good friends. I can definitely state that I got to know Olden well enough to form a respect for him as a religious and truthful man. He just wasn't the kind to make up or fabricate stories of any sort. He was very active in church work and spent many of his evenings in that manner.

A few months after his sighting, Moore confided in me about having been flown to Washington and interviewed there for two days and returned home on the third. He said then that I was the first person he had told about it. Three men in particular figured in the picture. He recalled their last names and gave them to me. Naturally, these could have been assumed names. In any case, I later passed this information on to NICAP to see if they could identify or locate any of the three. NICAP was not successful, so I had to abandon this particular approach in my efforts to authenticate Moore's story.

However, Moore did identify certain buildings in Washington - one in particular, which he said was a block-long Esso station, where several stops for gas were made by the Air Force car in which he was being driven around the city. About two years ago, while in Washington myself, I had a friend of mine take pictures of this particular gas station and other adjoining buildings. When I showed the pictures to Olden later, he quickly identified the Esso station and the building opposite it as two of those he had been in while there. Moore had never been to Washington before in his life, but he remembered stopping in this exceptionally large gas station. I learned that it was the only one of its kind in the city, so he wasn't mistaken in that. The building opposite the Esso station turns out to be the United States Court House, which faces on Constitution Ave., and extends between 3rd and 4th Streets. It is shown in the picture below, which is one of the photos taken by my friend. The Esso station in question is right across the street.

Moore said that one of the military officers stayed with him every minute he was in Washington - even sleeping in the same room with him at night. They never let him out of their sight. They dined with him in a private restaurant in the same building where he was housed. He was well treated and afforded every courtesy, and he had no complaint on that score.

The military officers, after questioning him about his sighting at considerable length on several occasions, showed him some slides, projected on a screen. These



slides were of various UFO still photographs. They even ran off a UFO movie film, which had apparently been taken from inside a military plane. Moore said he was told that about 30% of the UFO's on which they had information, were of the type with a pointed dome, such as the one he had seen.

After being shown these slides and motion pictures, Moore was asked to sign papers (with witnesses' signatures attached to them) to the effect that he would not reveal the fact that he had been shown this evidence of the existence of UFO's. Moore told me that he asked where these objects are from. He was told by the military officials that they are not ours or Russia's, and that they must therefore be from another planet, coming into our atmosphere from outer space. He was also told that the public has not been informed about this because the Military themselves do not yet have all the answers.

At my request, Moore even told me exactly how he was taken to Washington. But in order to give you the whole story correctly in sequence, I must explain the heretofore unpublished fact that he was taken on another trip first. Here is exactly what happened:

On Sunday evening, November 10th, 1957, Geauga County Sheriff Louis Robusky, accompanied by a deputy and an Air Force lieutenant who stated he was from Youngstown (Ohio), called on Moore at his home. Sheriff Robusky told Moore that the Air Force representatives wished to question him about his sighting and wanted to have him accompany them to Youngstown for that purpose. He added that he felt it was Moore's duty as a citizen to do as they requested. Moore agreed to go, and asked how long he would be away. They informed him he would be back home later that same evening. Moore got in the car with them, and they drove him to the very same field where he had seen the UFO land! The whole experience was so unusual that he became frightened. When they arrived at the field there was an Army or Air Force helicopter waiting for them. Moore said that two Air Force men accompanied him to Youngstown. On arrival at the airfield there, he was escorted to a nearby building and questioned at some length about his sighting. Then he was flown in the same helicopter back to the field from which he had been taken, and he arrived home about 11 p.m. that evening, as had been promised.

On the following Sunday, November 17th, at about 6 p.m., an Air Force car with two officers in it came to Moore's home. This time he was informed by one of the officers that they wanted him to go to Washington for two or three days of questioning, and he was asked to pack a grip. They said they would return for him in an hour, and promptly at 7 p.m. they did return. The car drove to a waiting plane in which the pilot was already at the controls. The plane touched down at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, and dropped off one of the officers. It picked up another Air Force officer at the same time, and then took off for Washington, arriving there at an unidentified (to Moore) airport later that night. An official car then drove him to the downtown building where he was housed throughout his stay there. Two or three days later, Moore was flown back home via Youngstown.

Olden said that after it was all over, he lay in bed many times before going to sleep at night, and wondered why the Government had selected him to take to Washington for questioning. I told him that I felt sure the same sort of thing had happened to others, and that they too had been sworn to secrecy.

It was not Olden who first "leaked" the information about his having gone to Washington. While he was away, his wife told a friend on the telephone that her husband was in the Capital being questioned about his UFO experience. This friend told others, and the newspapers and other news media picked the story up. Moore later admitted having gone to Washington, but according to what he told me, he always stopped questioning at that point by



"They've gone to so much trouble digging up the stuff, I didn't have the heart to tell them they'd landed right in the middle of the town dump!"

simply stating that he had been sworn to secrecy as to what had happened there.

In March of 1959, Mrs. Moore sent me a postcard, saying that they had recently had another visit - this time by two men from Wright-Patterson Field, and that she would tell me more about it if I cared to come over. I went to see the Moores, and on that occasion Olden told me that a saucer researcher named Dan Haber had come to him and had convinced him to make a tape recording about his saucer experience. Moore had made the tape to please Haber, and the latter had apparently proceeded to circulate the tape and even sent a copy of it to the Air Force. It was because of this tape that the two officers from Wright-Patterson visited Moore. This official visit, rather

than the earlier ones, is probably the one which entered into the discussion between Mr. Moseley and Col. Friend.

In any case, these officers from Wright Field told Olden that what he had undoubtedly seen, back in November 1957, was a giant fireball. They said that on rare occasions these huge fireballs were seen for periods of very short duration before disappearing or vanishing from sight. Moore's wife was convinced from this conversation that what her husband had seen was indeed a fireball, but Olden told me that while he let the officers think they had convinced him, they didn't change his mind one bit. He told me: "I know I saw a solid object that night, because I was close enough to it to see the reflection of the moonlight on the object's mirror-like surface. It wasn't any fireball. I know what I saw and nothing they said changed my mind on that score."

It is entirely possible that Col. Friend is unaware of the events that took place at the time of Moore's sighting. If this is the case, then, - smugly thinking he knew all the answers, - he accurately told Mr. Moseley what little he did know about the matter. Or, perhaps an inaccurate version of the case had been given to him by someone else. From my personal knowledge of Olden Moore, one thing is certain: Either Col. Friend was ignorant of Moore's visit to Washington or else he withheld the real facts from Moseley. There is no doubt in my mind that Olden Moore is telling the truth!

THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING PLANES

- by Sandy Moseley -

Readers of Major Donald Keyhoe's book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" will recall his description of the amazing case of the disappearance of five Navy planes off the coast of Florida on December 5th, 1945. This disappearance has been called one of the greatest and most incredible mysteries in the history of manned flight. Recently the story has been told in more detail in a fascinating article appearing in the April 1962 issue of "The American Legion Magazine." It is from the latter source that the following article has been condensed.

On December 5th, 1945, a flight of five TBM Avenger bombers took off on a routine patrol flight from the U.S. Naval Air Station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The weather was clear, and flying conditions were almost ideal. The flight leader's plane carried a crew of two, while the remaining four carried three men each. All of these fourteen men had flight and navigation experience ranging from as little as thirteen months to as much as six years. The planes were expected to make a triangular patrol, flying east for about 160 miles, north for 40 miles, and then back to Fort Lauderdale.

The flight took off at 2 p.m. At 3:45 they were expected to call the tower for landing instructions, but the message received at that time was anything but a routine one. "This is an emergency," it said in part; and even with radio distortion, there was an unnerving fear noticeable in the flight leader's voice. When asked for his position, he radioed: "We are not sure of our position....We can't be sure where we are.....We don't know." Told to assume a bearing of due west, the flight leader replied, "We cannot be sure which way is west. We cannot be sure of any direction....Everything is wrong.strange....The ocean doesn't look as it should...."

By that time the sun was nearing the western horizon, and it was incredible that these five planes could not find west, even if they had been depending only on visual observation. For the next forty minutes the tower heard the planes talking by radio to each other. Apparently none of the five had any idea of their position. The overheard conversations showed increasing signs of fear and hysteria growing among the five pilots. Then, with no prior warning, the flight leader abruptly turned over the flight command to another plane. This in itself was a most unusual act, and showed a desperately grave emergency of some sort.

At about 4:15, the control tower received its last message from the flight. It said, "We are not certain where we are.....Must be about 225 miles northeast of base...Looks like we are...." The message broke off at that point.

Immediately thereafter, a Martin flying boat with full rescue equipment and a crew of thirteen men was dispatched to search for the missing flight. It gave several routine radio reports, and then lapsed into silence. Neither this plane nor the original five Avenger bombers were ever heard from again, nor was any sign of them ever found, in spite of one of the largest air and sea rescue searches in American history! The aircraft carrier Solomons was sent to the area, and by mid-afternoon of the next day, many ships and over 300 planes had joined the operation. Not a single item of wreckage or debris from any of the six lost planes was seen!



"You think I'm abominable? You should see my wife."

The Navy, after an exhaustive investigation of the incident, in which a total of 27 lives had been lost, was unable to come up with any solution. Their report stated: "We are not even able to make a good guess as to what happened."

A little over two years later, on January 29th, 1948, a similar incident occurred in the same area, involving a four-engined commercial airliner belonging to the British South American Airways Company. 34

passengers and six crew members were on board this flight, en route to Kingston, Jamaica. The weather was clear and mild. At 10:30 p.m., a routine report was made to the control tower at Bermuda. This was the last message ever received from the huge airliner. No trace was ever found indicating a crash into the sea or elsewhere; and no wreckage, oil slick or debris of any kind was ever located. The big plane with its 40 occupants had simply vanished!

About a year later, on January 17th, 1949, an eighth plane, also belonging to the British South American Airways Company, was added to the mystery list. This too was a four-engined airliner, en route to Jamaica, carrying seven crew members and 13 passengers. The plane took off at 7:30 a.m. from Bermuda, in excellent weather. At 8:15 there was a routine radio report, and then silence. As in the other cases, the aircraft disappeared completely from the face of the earth.

The British Ministry of Aviation made a thorough investigation of these two incidents, similar to the investigation that the U.S. Navy had made regarding our six military aircraft. The conclusion drawn by the board of inquiry was that the planes were presumed lost at sea, although no actual substantiation of this could be found.

Many people have speculated as to the nature of the strange phenomenon which occasionally envelopes aircraft flying in the semitropical area off the Florida coast. Commercial pilots are reluctant to discuss the matter with outsiders, and even more unwilling to have their names used in regard to whatever opinions they might express. To admit that something may be going on beyond the range of present human knowledge, is to be branded a crackpot and perhaps lose one's license. But many pilots agree, in private, that there may be an unstable aberration in the atmosphere, - some sort of hole in the sky that planes fly into and can't get out of. Perhaps the missing aircraft are somehow shoved into the past, or into the future, or into another dimension, through some means as yet totally unknown to science.

The most chilling story of all, in support of the above theory, concerns a private pilot in Ohio who recently had an almost incredible experience. According to "The American Legion Magazine," this pilot was flying through clouds one day when he suddenly came upon another aircraft and almost collided with it. He banked hard to avoid the collision, but his wing-tip nevertheless scraped the other plane, which was a strange-looking canvas-and-wood job obviously of pre-World War I vintage. The pilot of the ancient airplane was wearing a leather flying hat and goggles, as was the custom in those early days. His aircraft flew on, not seriously damaged, and disappeared again into the clouds. The Ohio pilot flew home and made a report of the incident. But there was no record that any such aircraft was in the vicinity at the time, or even that such a plane was licensed. In other words, the near-disaster occurred with a plane that apparently didn't exist!

Then, according to the story, an old plane just like the one described by the modern pilot, was found a month or so later under a stack of hay in a barn where it had apparently been sitting abandoned for many years. Inside the pilot's pouch was a log book, and one of the last entries in the log was a description of a near-disaster with a weird silver airplane. The log book was turned over to a government agency, which found it to be authentic and over 40 years old. The old airplane was also checked, and sure enough, there was a long scrape along one side of it, just where the log's narrative said the plane had been hit. There were traces of paint and aluminum in the scrape, and when these were analyzed, they matched perfectly with the modern plane!

The whole incident has been investigated by the Civil Aeronautics Board. The CAB thinks it's a hoax, but they can't find any way to explain it

or negate the evidence. The pilot in question is known to be of good character, and thus far the investigation has upheld his version of the story.

Here, then, is a possible clue to the disappearance of the six American and two British airplanes. Many people have long believed that time is not the simple, constant-flowing quantity we assume it to be. If the past and present somehow met in this strange collision in Ohio, perhaps similar events happen occasionally for reasons as yet unknown to us. Perhaps too, the flying saucers so often seen during the past several years are our own descendants coming back to take a look at their ancestors. Fantastic? Of course; but fantastic events need bold theories to explain them. Presumably, we will know all the answers some day. Till then, we can only sit back and speculate, and wonder at the frightening gaps that still exist in human knowledge.

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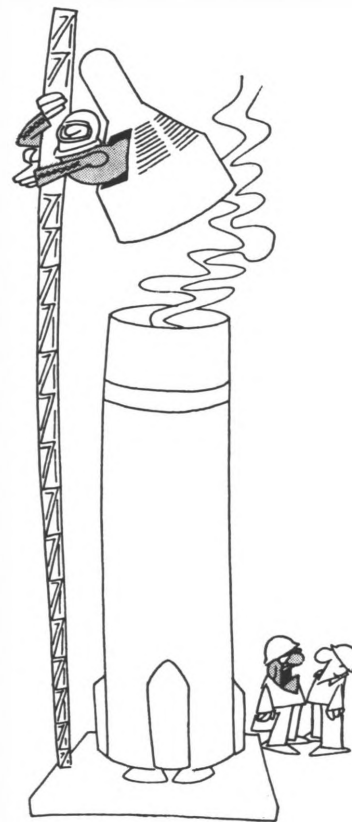
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THE END OF AN ERA
- by Gray Barker -

In September, 1953, a new type of publication appeared. It presumed to report on sightings of flying saucers, and was called "The Saucerian!"

"The Saucerian" was a labor of love. The first three issues were cranked out on a hand ditto machine by the editor. Since the ditto process will print only about 200 copies clearly, that was the limit of our circulation. Soon people, by some way or another, heard of the publication and subscribed to it. The subscription list soon grew so that we were forced to have offset printed editions made, at great expense. Circulation continued to grow until the present total of around 1,500 was reached.

"The Saucerian" (later called "The Saucerian Bulletin") always operated at a great financial loss. In the early days these losses were made up by putting in funds from my theatre film booking business. Later, when I gave up most of my theatre accounts in order to spend more time at "saucering," "The Saucerian" was supported by the sale of books about flying saucers.

In the past three years a great new interest has almost obsessed me - that of bringing out hard cover and paper cover books which tell the saucer story far more completely than can brief articles in small magazines.

For some time, "The Saucerian" has been published most irregularly. Although subscriptions were sold with the full understanding to the subscriber that it was an irregularly published magazine, the lack of frequency of publication did annoy a great many subscribers, with good reason. With my increasing interest in the publication of New Age books, I had very little time to publish just sightings and to get together the elaborate magazine. Due to ever-increasing costs, I knew I could not always afford to publish the money-losing venture and still be able to bring out the more important Works. Lately a number of happenings which may have been persecutions (although I certainly cannot prove it), have led me to feel that I should concentrate on book publication.

Some time ago, James W. Moseley, hearing of some of my difficulties, offered to combine "The Saucerian Bulletin" with his SAUCER NEWS, and to fill all of our subscriptions with this combined publication. He also assured me that SAUCER NEWS would continue, even though a great many other saucer zines were suspending publication. He also invited me to become an associate editor with active participation in the supplying of material to the magazine, although we agreed that I would not have the responsibility of forming policy.

Although Moseley and I had had a great many differences of opinion and a "feud" in our publications, I respected him as a capable editor, especially since, in the past two years, his editorial policy has become more sensible and liberal. I had thought of combining my publication with some other in order to give "The Saucerian Bulletin" greater strength and the guarantee of perpetuation, but frankly SAUCER NEWS was the only regularly published saucer magazine I felt could continue indefinitely. Mr. Moseley is apparently financially able to continue his publishing at great losses, and intends to do so.

Recently when Mr. Moseley dropped by Clarksburg, we talked this matter over further, and when I was assured, both by belief and by legal documents that the combination of the two magazines would be advantageous to my subscribers, I decided, finally, to cease publishing "The Saucerian Bulletin" as a separate magazine. I believe that you will find SAUCER NEWS combined with "The Saucerian Bulletin" the best flying saucer magazine available today. I shall attempt to help Mr. Moseley continue to make it so.

With the cessation of "The Saucerian Bulletin" as a separate enti-

ty, we have reached the end of an era. It has been a decade of great satisfaction.

But I feel that a new era has begun. I feel it is my mission in the saucer field to publish full-length books about the subject. Books are naturally more complete than periodicals, and carry a respect that mere magazines cannot.

Since we began our publishing activities in the book field, we have brought you "From Outer Space to You," by Howard Menger; "Doctor from Lhasa," by T. Lobsang Rampa; "My Contact with Flying Saucers" by Dino Kraspedon; and "The Sky People" by Brinsley le Poer Trench.

Now that the responsibility of producing "The Saucerian Bulletin" rests on other very capable shoulders, a great weight has been lifted from me, and I can go ahead at deeper and more meaningful UFO publishing. Mr. Moseley has consented to insert a list of my various books into each issue of his magazine so that you will be familiar constantly with my work.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

SAUCER NEWS EDITOR JOINS EXPEDITION TO NEW MEXICO CAVE: Not long ago we received a letter from Mr. R. L. Dobbins, a resident of Magdalena, New Mexico. In it he describes a most unusual expedition he has planned for early June. He has invited your Editor to become a member. The letter from Mr. Dobbins reads in part:

"There is a strange cave somewhere near this locale. Two discs the size of car headlights have been seen coming from the cave each night, and going upward out of sight. Two unusual small doors have also been seen, back a few feet, in the mouth of the cave. At the cave entrance, there is a hole about twenty feet in diameter and two hundred feet deep. When the members of the last expedition descended to a depth of twenty feet, there was such an effect upon the spine that no one was able to go down any further. Each individual's hair stood straight up and stayed that way until out of the cave. There is something down there in the way of life. I have never seen a Dero, but I would not be shocked if I were to see one....."

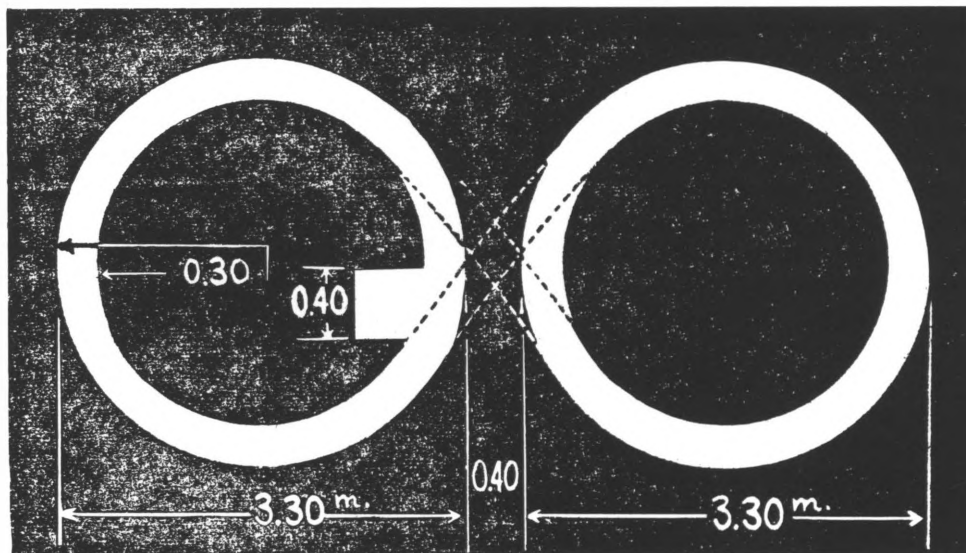
Mr. Dobbins goes on to explain that members of the expedition will be restricted to six. A five-day hike is anticipated. We have been assured that we will be allowed to take photographs of whatever is seen, and to write up the story fully for SAUCER NEWS afterwards. The whole story of this fascinating trip will be told in the forthcoming September issue of our magazine. Don't miss it!

EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON SOUTH AMERICAN SAUCER "FLAP": As announced in our two previous issues, a continuing saucer "flap" seems to be taking place in South America, while things here in the United States are relatively quiet. Due to our exclusive South American press clipping service, we are able to keep you up to date, even though practically no mention of the South American sightings has been made in U.S. papers. Here are the latest reports, translated by our Staff from Spanish-language newspapers:

On the night of January 30th, more than a dozen people in Ica, Peru, saw a bright-white luminous object traverse the sky. It was visible for a period of five to ten minutes. Other sightings were made during January in San Juan and other parts of Peru.

Flying saucers seen near Paranas, Argentina, in January, are said to have caused a shower of glass-like particles, which fell from the sky like rain. Some of these strange particles were kept for analysis, and were found to contain calcium, magnesium, and several other minerals.

In Asuncion, Paraguay, a sighting was made in early February by a student named Anastacio Lenva, who saw a UFO land in the sports field of a local school. Saucer sightings were also made by several other residents, including a high official of the Ministry of the Interior, who saw a UFO go by at high velocity.



On the 4th of February, five photos of a UFO were taken in quick succession by Adolfo del Valle Rivero, an engineering student living in Tucuman, Argentina. Two of the pictures (too poor in quality to reproduce here) were published in the February 15th edition of "La Gaceta," a Tucuman newspaper. The pictures were developed right in the newspaper's own laboratory, and do not appear to be faked. They show what Rivero described as a saucer flying at relatively low speed at a distance of a half mile or so from the camera.

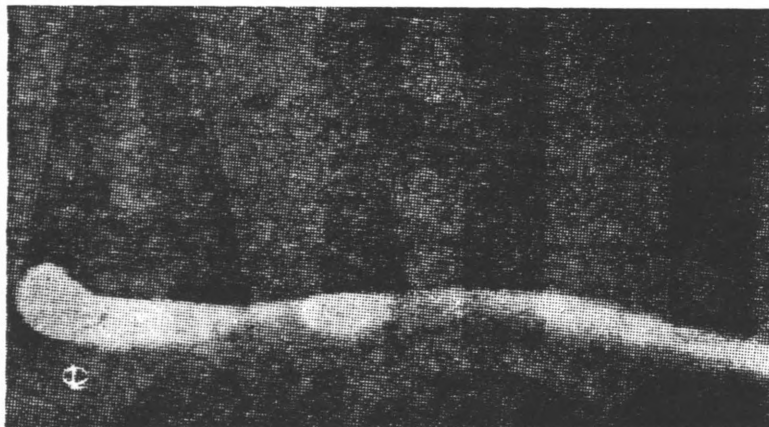
A very strange occurrence is reported in the February 5th edition of the same newspaper. A farmer named Ricardo Lopez, who lives a few miles from Tucuman, reported having found on his property two circles about ten feet in diameter. These are shown in the illustration above. (The dimensions are in meters. One meter is about equal to one yard.) Lopez took reporters to the scene, and it was found that the grass had been pressed down and subjected to intense heat in the white areas shown in the diagram, - as if some giant iron had been placed on top of it. It was calculated that a temperature of over 2,000 degrees must have been present, as the grass and soil were affected to a depth of several inches. However, there was no evidence of actual fire. It was also calculated that the circles had been made about two weeks before being discovered by the farmer. No explanation for them could be found.

In and around Arica, the northernmost city of Chile, a great many sightings were made during January. On the night of January 23rd, a truck traveling with ten passengers from Chapiquina to Arica was halted by a huge blue ball of fire which seemed to be coming straight toward it. The passengers in the rear fled in panic, whereas those in the cabin remained where they were. The UFO came to a stop at low altitude precisely over the truck. The witnesses described the object as being cigar-shaped, with a white cabin and with flames coming out from the tail.

On January 28th, a large number of people in the city of Arica were panicked by a group of UFO's "with dark cabins," which were hanging motionless over the town at low altitude. That same night, a truck traveling between Mamina and Iquique, driven by a former officer of the Chilean Air Force, came upon two flying saucers which remained stationary above the vehicle for a period of more than ten minutes.

About January 29th, a saucer was photographed by an Arica merchant named Gino Rossi. This photo is reproduced at the top of the next page.

The UFO appeared visually as a luminous object with a tail of some sort. The picture, taken at an exposure of five seconds, makes the UFO look much longer than it actually was, due to the object's movement during the time of exposure.



NEWS BRIEFS: In Pieve di Sacco, Italy, a young painter named Mario Salmaso claimed last February to have photographed a flying saucer and one of its occupants. He says he was walking alone through snow-covered woods when he saw a huge, round luminous object, near which was standing a man in an outfit which appeared to be made of cellophane. Salmaso took four pictures while the man climbed into the saucer and took off. Unfortunately, we have not seen any of these pictures, which must be quite sensational if they are genuine....A strange glowing object, which may have been a meteor, was seen in many parts of Long Island on the night of March 25th. One witness described it as "a circular object that appeared like a fluorescent greenish light." It seemed to throw off white fire streaks from a tail as it disappeared behind a cloud and then reappeared. The object was also seen as far away as Norfolk, Virginia...Wilbur Smith, the former head of a semi-official Canadian saucer research program, died last December. It is rumored that Smith, who was originally a scientifically-minded UFO investigator, turned contactee in his later years....

A UFO was seen near Washington, D. C. on the night of February 6th by two men flying a private plane, and visual confirmation was made by another plane, though nothing showed up on Washington radar. Carl Chambers of South Williamsport, Pa., told reporters that he and another man with him saw the object for nearly an hour, while flying from Charlottesville, Va., to Washington. The UFO appeared off their right wing at a distance of several miles, and moved toward, under and above the aircraft. It hovered awhile, and later went about 75 miles in 5 seconds. The object seemed to have a ball-like shape, and Chambers estimated it to be about ten feet in diameter. The light from it was so bright that it cast a reflection on the plane....From all we have read, the results of the recent Venus probe by Mariner II appear to be inconclusive and subject to conflicting interpretations. The rocket passed within 21,000 miles of Venus last December 14th, and gave American scientists a great deal of new data about that mystery planet. The surface temperature is now thought to be about 800 degrees, too hot for life as we know it; but according to Homer E. Newell, director of space sciences for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, there is a possibility that micro-organisms live in the atmosphere of Venus. There is also a possibility (in our opinion) that much of the data will turn out to be wrong, and that the surface of the planet still may be found to support intelligent life of some sort....

On March 12th, a UFO traveling west at a very high altitude and a high rate of speed was sighted by hundreds of persons in the Hawaiian islands. Two Hawaii Air National Guard pilots said they saw the object north of the island of Kauai during a routine training mission in jet fighters, at an altitude of 40,000 feet. Honolulu newspapers and radio stations were flooded with calls....A Protestant clergyman has stated that churches must plan now to deal with the possible creation of "feeling and thinking beings" which may soon be

created artificially by scientists working in laboratories. The clergyman's statement came about as a result of the fact that scientists claim they are approaching a breakthrough in the creation of life from inanimate matter.... A "strange red ball of fire" was seen by Bill DeHaan of Bozeman, Montana, at 2:30 a.m. on February 21st, as he was driving home from work. DeHaan said that the UFO shook and swayed his car as it went by, and that it landed about 200 feet from his vehicle. Sheriff's deputies spent the morning combing the area, but found nothing.....

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, the noted anti-saucer astrophysicist from Harvard University, who wrote a book called "Flying Saucers" in 1952, has been on a lecture tour recently, apparently to drum up interest in a second book on the same topic which he plans to publish soon. Dr. Menzel is still as anti-saucer as ever.....UFO's were seen darting about at an altitude of 15,000 feet over Maiden, North Carolina, on the morning of February 18th. Floyd Hester told the local newspaper that they were moving in and out of formation at tremendous speeds. He described them as metallic in appearance, and said they were in view for 30 minutes. At times they would hover motionless in the sky, and then would move with a burst of speed. They left no trail of smoke.... "Comic Relief" Item: Men and women who have claimed to see flying saucers met recently for a discussion meeting to compare notes, in Bologna, Italy. They could not agree on anything, the meeting turned into a battle, and the cafe owner threw them all out when cups as well as saucers began flying in a battle royal.

"S.P.A.C.E." AND TWO OTHER SAUCER PERIODICALS FOLD UP: Norbert Gariety, editor of the monthly saucer magazine called "S.P.A.C.E.," has announced in his November 1962 issue (released in January, 1963) that he has decided to throw in the towel. "S.P.A.C.E." lasted for six years, and at one time was about the best flying saucer zine in the United States, due to its fine coverage of Fortean events as well as saucer sightings. But then Gariety went off on a wild right-wing political "kick," and started filling his pages with political diatribes of various sorts, - especially when sightings were scarce. When he was told by your SAUCER NEWS Editor and many others that politics have no place in a saucer magazine, Gariety became increasingly bitter. Now he has finally decided to devote all his spare time and energies to his various political activities, and in view of everything, we feel that saucer research will be better off without him. Gariety is so petty that he refused to send us his final issue - though we had been receiving all the previous 70 issues on an exchange basis.

Two other saucer periodicals recently defunct are "The Hawk Researcher," published by Harry Siebert of Pomona, California, and "The N.J.A. A.P. Bulletin," published by Edward J. Babcock, Jr., of Kendall Park, New Jersey. The editors of both these magazines are teenagers with whom we have had considerable correspondence. Both periodicals were improving in quality as time went by; but as so often happens in cases such as these, the young editors were eventually moved to devote themselves to other activities, so that their saucer research had to be cut down or abandoned. We hope that other capable young men will enter the saucer field to take their place.

FORTEAN ITEMS: The Smithsonian Institute recently set up an elaborate system of cameras and a spectroscope near the town of Maco, North Carolina, in order to find the explanation for a mysterious flickering light that has been seen in the area for generations. Hundreds of people have witnessed the light over the years, but when approached too closely, it disappears. Unfortunately we do not have the results of the Smithsonian's expedition....Into

the category of "mysterious disappearances" goes this story from Cinnaminson Township, New Jersey. On March 18th a 2½ year old boy, who had been left for only five minutes to play with his brother and cousin in the back yard, vanished without a trace. Since then, 500 policemen, state troopers, FBI agents and volunteers have searched every inch of the southern New Jersey township without results!...There is a haunted house in Nashville, Tennessee, where the family of a resident named Jack Hawkins is disturbed every night around 6 p.m. by a loud knocking of some sort. Repeated efforts by police and others to find the source of the knockings have met with no success....Another recent ghost story comes from Detroit, where the Adams family of 5508 Martin St. has abandoned their house due to "a formless hag with the cold staring eyes of death, and gray hair strung like decayed Spanish moss over her indescribably horrible face." Mrs. Lillian Adams says she heard its wail - a part human, part animal moan that made her scalp tingle. Other members of the family have seen, heard, or smelled the terrifying ghost, and the family is determined never to live in the house again....

A Norwegian explorer says he has found positive evidence that the Vikings settled Newfoundland, Canada, 500 years before Columbus landed in the New World. Carbon 14 tests succeeded in dating a primitive forge, nails, and other remains found at Lance aux Meadows on Newfoundland's north coast. The tests put the date of the objects at about 1,000 A.D....An article from Cleveland, dated March 7th, states that a 6-pound chunk of iron crashed through the roof of the home of Mrs. John Maxwell, accompanied by a noise which sounded like an airplane crash or a sonic boom. It was thought that the object could have fallen from a plane, but cast iron is not generally used in aircraft parts, and no plane could be found which might have lost a part over the Maxwell house at that time...A scientific team investigating the famous Loch Ness monster concluded last February that something big and alive does indeed inhabit the Scottish lake. The head of the team said that there is no way yet to determine whether it is a mammal, a reptile, an amphibian or a fish....Russian scientists claim to have brought two prehistoric tritons (vertebrates resembling lizards) back to life. The animals lay frozen solid for 5,000 years in Siberia before being revived by the scientific team. According to the Russian report, one of the animals lived, ran around, ate, and slept for three weeks before dying, and the other was alive "practically all summer."

BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

(Note: In spite of our recent merger with "The Saucerian Bulletin," we still feel obliged to give our frank opinions about all current books, including those published by Barker's organization.)

BENDER MYSTERY CONFIRMED -edited by Gray Barker (Published by Saucerian Books)

This book is a collection of letters to Gray Barker from a number of people who read Albert K. Bender's "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," which we reviewed in our March issue. Unfortunately, a better title would be "Bender Mystery Confused," due to the fact that these letters add little to our understanding of the Bender book or to our understanding of the saucer mystery in general. The information revealed in the letters ranges all the way from evidence tending to confirm Bender's statements to evidence directly contradicting them, - with a lot thrown in which neither confirms nor contradicts anything.

In his introduction, Barker tells us, "No effort has been made to create a literary work, for the publication of letters carries the duty of

presentation without editing, except in the most minor degree." It is unfortunate that Barker did not follow his own rule about editing. Chapter 16, entitled "Were Bender's Experiences Psychological?" appears to consist of a long letter from me, explaining "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" in psychological terms. Unfortunately, this chapter bears little relationship to the short letter I sent Barker expressing my opinions on the Bender book.

One can only hope that the other letters in "Bender Mystery Confirmed" were edited less severely. Some of the supposedly confirmatory letters are so strange in content that they leave little doubt that they are either the result of Barker's "editing" or of severe mental disturbance on the part of the letter writer. One letter, supposedly tending to confirm Bender's headaches, reads in part: "After my collapse, or rather during it, after my going through reincarnation....my sun lamp lit up with a blue light, and to this day I do not know if it is a healing ray or straight from hell.....I kept hearing that it was a station like a TV set and was hooked up to the police station, where they could see my every move. I was the object of ridicule, torment, and gutter filth. For days the many voices talked on, even after I broke the sun lamp bulb....."

There are, however, more lucid letters than this. The consensus of opinion (if there is any) among Barker's letter writers seems to be that Bender is telling the truth as he knows it. But perhaps the alleged space people were fooling him, by misrepresenting their true identity, or giving him false information on some points. There is talk of astral entities, the Serpent Race, Deros, the Black Brotherhood, Communist agents, and other such groups. One woman writes that upon reading the first part of "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," she was "all for heaving the book into the fire!" And, in fact, one of Barker's promotion circulars is headlined "Should You Burn the Bender Book???" No, in our opinion you should not; but many readers will surely do a slow burn when they read its sequel.

UFO WARNING - by John Stuart (Published by Saucerian Books, Clarksburg, W.Va.)

Although we have long suspected that there is often more than a slight connection between flying saucers and sex, we were not sure about this theory until reading John Stuart's "UFO Warning." Mr. Stuart, after being expelled from a New Zealand saucer club for allegedly misusing their stationery, set up his own organization, called Flying Saucer Investigators. This group consisted of exactly two members - himself and an attractive young lady named Barbara, with whom he spent most of his evenings discussing saucer sightings and theories. Just what his wife may have thought about this research is not clear, as she is barely mentioned in the book.

One night a hideous green monster appeared on the lawn and apparently hypnotized both members of Flying Saucer Investigators, so that they were unable to move. Just as it seemed about to attack or rape the female half of the organization, it changed its mind, moved away, and disappeared. Another night, Barbara was raped by three invisible beings while alone in her room. The invisible attackers left her body covered with strange scratches, which she later showed to John Stuart. Shortly after this attack, Barbara threw in the towel on flying saucer research and moved to another town. Thereafter, says Stuart, "I went away to Auckland and stayed with my old mother, resting my nerves, trying to bring my shocked system back into order."

Our opinion of "UFO Warning" can best be expressed in the words of Barker himself, in his introduction to this epic: "Although I cannot completely understand this volume, and I doubt if many others can either, it is a definite part of the huge mass of confusing data which forms the UFO enigma."