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IS NICAP AN AIR FORCE FRONT?

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IN PHOTO AT THE LEFT, your Editor poses in front of the openings to two mysterious caves discovered in northeastern Ecuador, while on a filming expedition with James Randi of the WOR night show. A local guide told us that he believed the caves had been made by road workers, but one of them disappeared downward at a 45 degree angle; and it is hard to believe that such a mundane explanation could account for it. Other caves were found at various other places near the road along which we were traveling. See Page 20 for more details about our exciting trip to Ecuador. (SAUCER NEWS cover photo by Jim Yoham.)

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Editorial Notes

SAUCER NEWS wishes to announce the purchase of "The UFO Reporter," which our Managing Editor, Eugene R. Steinberg, has published since 1961. Mr. Steinberg has been facing some problems in maintaining a regular schedule, due to the recent resignation of two important members of his staff. Thus, he was quite amenable to the idea of selling out when we approached him with an offer.

Briefly, subscribers to "The UFO Reporter" who do not presently receive SAUCER NEWS will receive our magazine for the duration of their "UFO Reporter" subscriptions. Those who already receive our magazine will receive "The UFO Sighter," edited by Allen Greenfield. Further details about this matter are contained in a form letter which Mr. Steinberg is sending to all "UFO Reporter" subscribers.

THIS ISSUE OF SAUCER NEWS is reaching you a bit behind schedule, and we are sorry for the delay. Your Editor's recent trip to Ecuador, combined with serious marital problems during late 1964, have caused things to be a bit hectic for us during the past few months.

In our March editorial we stated that a great deal of damage to our saucer files occurred in late November of last year, and that several important documents, not connected with saucer research, were stolen. Now we can reveal that this disruption of our research activities was the work of Sandra Moseley, your Editor's ex-wife, from whom he was divorced on March 1st, 1965.

Unfortunately, Sandra Moseley also saw fit to write a libelous letter about your Editor to Laura Mundo, editor of Detroit's "Interplanetary News," and this letter was published in a recent issue of that magazine. Thereafter, we answered those charges in a letter of our own, which was also published in "Interplanetary News." We strongly feel that personal matters such as these should not be aired in public; but when dealing with a vengeful person bent on destroying our UFO activities and reputation, it is impossible to allow vicious charges to go unanswered. We hope that the end of this unpleasant episode has been reached, and that nothing further on this subject need be said in print.

CHANGES IN THE SAUCER NEWS STAFF: Gary Oxtan has been relieved of his duties on the SAUCER NEWS Staff, as well as on the Discussion and Lecture Committee. He remains on friendly terms with our group, however.

In our December 1964 issue, we reported that Melvyn Stiriss had resigned as an Associate Editor, "for deeply personal psychological reasons." Mr. Stiriss has asked us to state that his real reason for resigning was that he felt a conflict of interest between his position with us and his recently-acquired job as a reporter on the Record, in Hackensack, New Jersey. We wish Mr. Stiriss well in his newspaper career.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR ZIP CODE NUMBER, if you have not already done so. This will make it possible for you to receive each of our issues at least a day or two sooner than otherwise. Also, new postal regulations will, within a year or two, make magazines unmailable (except by first class), unless the address includes the zip code number.

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Letters to the Editor

I would like to say that your SAUCER NEWS has one of the best formats of any UFO publication that I've ever run across in the past 18 years. It is always up to date, and the article entitled "Reconsidering the Mysterious 'Little Men'" by Keith Roberts in your March issue was tops, and especially timely in view of the recent flurries of little men landings during 1964-65.

Keep up the good work!

GEORGE D. FAWCETT, Easton, Pa.

...I understand that you've been very busy, appearing on some all-night radio shows (on WOR), besmirching NICAP in general and Major Keyhoe in particular. I thought you had gotten over that childish behavior.....I would have thought that you would use the valuable air time offered to you by WOR to tell the public some of the facts being suppressed by the Air Force, and to urge listeners to write their Senators requesting open hearings. It will take public pressure to get action from these Senators, or don't you want open hearings? Do you expect to get rich from SAUCER NEWS or from those lectures you've been conducting? If not, then where will all this saucer investigating end? If your desires are like mine, then you won't rest until people accept UFOs as a reality, and all the facts about them are released to the public....

Your unfounded attacks against NICAP will hurt you in the long run. People will become disenchanted with UFOs and your SAUCER NEWS will be forced to fold....It's just unfortunate that WOR gives you a platform to spout your lies. You don't even take the time to find out the truth about NICAP, or perhaps you don't want to.

RALPH RANKOW, New York, N. Y.

(We have invited Mr. Rankow and other New York NICAP officials to debate with us on the radio, and answer our "lies"; but none have accepted! - Editor.)

Your March issue is the best ever. Congratulations for the 28 pages and lots of interesting news. Your justified lines, clear pictures and all the reproductive work show skilled handling your readers appreciate. I wish I had all the 59 numbers you've put out since the beginning days of your research, but alas, some of the issues were left in NICAP files (when I worked for NICAP in Washington), and others were lost by loaning, etc....

The article by Yonah N. ibn Aharon, B. D., and your explanation of where he has been of late, prompt me to ask if his book on Extraterrestrialism has been published yet.....My husband and I are convinced that new pieces of the scripture puzzle are now coming to light, and these must be considered in our serious efforts to learn Truth.....The Jessup book on UFOs and the Bible was a severe disappointment to Jessup himself as well as others who expected more detail and more reliability, etc. I have his autograph on his book which indicates this disappointment and his hope for better publications on the subject. Therefore, I would like to follow through with Mr. Aharon on some of these matters, if you will accommodate with his address....

ROSE HIETT, Jerome, Arizona

(ibn Aharon's mailing address is P. O. Box 766, New York 8, N. Y. - Editor.)

I'm still planning a convention if I can get a 3 to 6 foot model of my Electro-Craft together - one that is a substantial vehicle, that would not fall apart after several demonstrations. The principle of its operation is sound, but the models I've flown here in Florida only last for one or two flights, and then break up under the stress and strain. I could build a 3 to 6 foot model to use at a convention, but it would take around five hundred dollars, and I can't finance the project at this time without getting behind in

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my mortgage payments, plus supplies and materials for my sign business, which, fortunately, is progressing very well. And I have countless other expenses.... If you could arrange a couple of lectures, or come up with an honest way to clear \$500.00 for building the X-4, I would be glad to come up to New York and tell a large lecture group all about it. We would need a large blackboard. I have all the other equipment, such as recorder, slides, etc. Or maybe you know someone who would loan us enough to build the Electro-Craft. They couldn't go wrong!....
HOWARD MENGER, Vero Beach, Florida

Referring to Menger's article in the March 1964 SAUCER NEWS, I wonder how many interested persons like myself intended to order a set of his X-4 Electro-Craft specifications, but fortunately delayed doing so.

For a man with such self-confidence, self-styled ability, ego, and no lack of intestinal fortitude, it's difficult to understand why Menger stoops to repeat the Otis T. Carr routine, which he plainly does in his article in your December 1964 issue.

In order to use funds received for orders on his X-4 specifications and not fill the orders, Menger, with warped reasoning, dreamed up the unethical plan that he as an inventor was "entitled to hold" all monies until such time as he deemed it right to send all orders out at one time. If and when people received their specifications, they would work like little beavers to complete and fly their X-4 Electro-Crafts. Then they would wait with baited breath to learn if their name is one of the first three chosen by Menger, to receive a one hundred dollar Government bond and the dubious honor of working with him on his larger man-carrying Electro-Craft.

Since Menger states that he actually flew an X-3 during 1961, would not his financial distress be eased by demonstrating his genius to the proper agencies, governmental or civilian?.....Also, Mr. Menger states he is "checking various legal points with F.C.C. and F.A.A." Let's hope he doesn't stop there, as he seems dangerously in need of legal and any other good advice he can obtain.

I attended the 1959 Otis T. Carr fiasco in Oklahoma City, so I feel that Mr. Menger might well be reminded of the old cliché, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, etc., etc."

ALAN WILCOX, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Let me say that I think SAUCER NEWS is getting better and better all the time, and it is unquestionably one of the very best publications in the field today. Apparently you have decided to remove the aura of mystery from yourself, which is fine; and Richard E. Wallace's nauseating book reviews appear to be the only throwback to the days when you thrived on personal bickering and controversy. Personally, I think SAUCER NEWS is well worth the price just for its coverage of recent UFO and Fortean incidents alone. I refer specifically to your attention, two or three years ago, to the South American flap of 1962. To my knowledge, this was the only complete reporting of that wave in any American saucer zine. Good luck and keep up the excellent work.

JEROME CLARK, Brookings, South Dakota

Up until recently I had never dreamed that there existed in these United States a totally zany and hilarious chronicle of the more esoteric side of the news. But not any longer - for I have had the extreme good fortune to stumble upon SAUCER NEWS, and I haven't stopped laughing yet!

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm pretty well convinced that there exists an unidentified flying object phenomenon, and I'd probably agree to your theory of extraterrestrial surveillance. But even acknowledging this, I do not hold magazines which report news in this field to be infallible or holy. I hold them subject to criticism as they should be, and I maintain that it is

absolutely necessary to inject humor into the subject, so as not to become too serious and dogmatic about something that's as intangible as a Met victory. May I say quite sincerely, Mr. Moseley, that under such criticism your "zine" stands up very well. You are to be congratulated for having the rare ability to inject humor into nonsense....

And so, until the Three Men in Black turn white, I remain
JOE ENRIGHT, Brooklyn, N. Y.

It would seem that the saucer saga has come full cycle, for it was seven years ago that I shared WOR's microphones with Long John, Wayne Aho, Bill Preston, Jim Moseley, and Yonah....I was in New York....to exhibit a 16mm color film of a UFO I personally shot during September, 1955, over Philadelphia International Airport.

The film was taken in broad daylight while the National Aircraft Show was in progress. It shows a circular, glowing object buzzing a formation of Air Force transports, at an altitude of 1200 feet.....It amuses me to note during the intervening years how carefully any mention of my film is skirted by people who are cognizant of it, when photographic evidence of saucers is discussed. The other evening (on Randi's WOR show) Jim Moseley stated that the photographic evidence that would convince him would be motion picture film, and he cited the Tremonton film and the Marianna footage as authentic proof of UFO reality.

I've seen the aforementioned films, and can assure you the footage I shot is definitely superior as regards definition, resolution, and points of reference, - for a flight of conventional aircraft and the UFO appear simultaneously on the same frames. In addition, the UFO emerges from a cumulus cloud bank and traverses the frames from right to left in a high velocity climb, while the formation of Air Force transports moves from left to right, at a slightly lower altitude.

Now, you would logically conclude Jim Moseley would have availed himself of the opportunity to view the film when I showed it in New York in 1958....Strange modus operandi for a serious UFO researcher!

JAMES MELLODEW, Philadelphia, Pa.

(We regret having slighted Jim Mellodew and his film, which sounds like an excellent one, and we have invited him to show it to our monthly lecture group at his earliest convenience. - Editor.)

The latest issue of SAUCER NEWS is the best you have turned out yet, in my opinion. Keith Roberts and Peter Kor should be commended for their respective articles, "Reconsidering the Mysterious 'Little Men'", and "Perspective: The Space Ship Paradox." As usual, the "Letters to the Editor" were very interesting, and the "Recent News" was well covered and concisely stated. Richard E. Wallace's "Book Review" is something I especially look forward to in each and every issue, and his new "Speaking of Saucers" column should be a great asset to the magazine.....Of course, I disagree quite a lot with many opinions expressed in the various articles, but that is both healthy and unavoidable, since you solicit authors on all sides of every controversy....

When I took SAUCER NEWS out of the envelope, I started to thumb through it, when that AFSCA post card advertisement fell out and landed right in front of me. I took one glance at it and nearly rolled on the floor with laughter. To think that an organization would go through all the trouble and expense to print up thousands of those obviously faked saucer pictures and place them on post cards! It all goes to show you that AFSCA is getting plenty of money out of its extremely gullible subscribers...They should sell these to post card collectors, a group to which I belong. Many such collectors would pay 25¢ or so for a saucer post card even if just for a good laugh!

RONALD TARR, Rockport, Mass.

SPEAKING OF SAUCERS

- by Richard E. Wallace -

What is a saucer convention?

Had we been asked that question prior to June 20th, 1964, our reply would have been essentially as follows: A saucer convention is a gathering of saucer enthusiasts, primarily those who actively support the more widely-publicized and outrageous contact claims, to exchange their alleged experiences with those benevolent saviors of mankind, the "space brothers," and to promote and sell their many books and sundry other nonsense to advance their personal philosophies and enlarge their bank accounts. The result is invariably the proverbial three-ring circus. In terms of the accomplishment of something tangible to alert the public as to the seriousness of UFOs, the result is precisely nil.

On the aforementioned date, however, there occurred an event which - while by no means an unqualified success - did tend to render our former views about the tenor of saucer conventions entirely invalid.

The turning point came with the announcement of a convention of saucer fans that carried the pretentious title of "Congress of Scientific Ufologists." When we first read of its lavish and, we thought, optimistic plans, our expectations as to the outcome of such a venture were not a little pessimistic. We had, in the past, been told of proposed "scientific" saucer conventions whose grandiose promises far outstripped reality, and which failed pitifully.

If the "Congress" were just another flying saucer convention, it would certainly do a great disservice to the serious elements of Ufology. We were somewhat encouraged by the fact that this affair was being conducted by a group of sincere and conscientious researchers who we were confident would not deliberately wreck the excellent opportunity open to them if they could, conceivably, run a successful convention. Unfortunately, we also realized the

severe difficulties inevitably encountered in preparing and promoting such an event. We at SAUCER NEWS worked laboriously in a futile effort to organize a scientific convention that was to take place near the location of the New York World's Fair last summer. However, when it became obvious that our work would be ruined by a small but vocal conglomeration of crackpots that have flourished in the local area, we reluctantly accepted the inevitable, and abandoned our plans.

We were certainly surprised when we learned that the first annual "Congress," which was held in Cleveland, Ohio, far surpassed our expectations. Attendance at the single public session exceeded 300. Moreover, an estimated 200 persons had to be turned away due to limitations in the size and seating capacity of the hall in which it was held. It is true that the proceedings were not run as smoothly and efficiently as one might have hoped. The air conditioning system failed, and the audience had to resist the temptation to leave the stifling hot room where they were straining their ears to hear the barely audible speakers at the podium. The latter condition resulted from a defect-



"When you phoned about patenting a device to look through walls Mr. Duntley, I assumed . . ."

ive public address system.

But if efficiency was lacking, enthusiasm was there. Not a single member of the audience succumbed to his intense discomfort and left the hall during the duration of the session. One might certainly have expected such rapt attention from an audience if a famous "contactee" were relating the story of his latest excursion around the solar system; but the amazing part of it all was that each and every speaker confined his discussion to the serious aspects of UFOs. Accordingly, we now have unimpeachable evidence that a saucer convention can be scientific and still attract and sustain an attentive audience. It does portend great things to come.

For the second annual "Congress," a considerably larger hall has been rented, and everyone who wishes to attend will find a seat available. Further, measures are being taken to ensure that the problems that plagued last year's "Congress" will not recur; so, you can be assured that your stay will be pleasant and comfortable.

We cannot over-emphasize how important it is for you to attend the "Congress" if you possibly can. We know now that a serious Ufological gathering can succeed without being dominated by the fringe elements that abound in the field. However, it is imperative that the "Congress" continue to grow, so that it can eventually become a potent force to prove to the public that we Ufologists are not simply a bunch of over-imaginative "star-gazers."

The main session of the spectacular 1965 "Congress" has been scheduled for Saturday evening, June 26th, at the Pleasant Valley Auditorium, 9906 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, Ohio, just minutes from downtown Cleveland. We recommend that all out-of-towners stay at the Holiday Inn, 16501 Brookpark Road, Cleveland.

SAUCER NEWS is sending its own delegation, which will include Jim Moseley, one of the featured speakers at last year's "Congress," Rabbi Y. N. ibn Aharon, yours truly, and other staff members whose articles have appeared in this magazine through the years. If you have any questions about the "Congress," we'll be happy to answer your letters. Drop us a line in care of SAUCER NEWS. We look forward to seeing you all at the 1965 "Congress of Scientific Ufologists"!

Book Review

INVISIBLE HORIZONS: True Mysteries of the Sea - by Vincent H. Gaddis (Chilton)
- Reviewed by Richard E. Wallace -

It is a known fact that the sea harbors a myriad of strange and incomprehensible enigmas that have never failed to intrigue and mystify Man. Before the invention of instruments to guide him, the seafaring man seemed to possess an astonishing "sixth sense" that enabled him to detect, with unerring accuracy, impending changes in weather conditions, including the approach of a raging storm, and even his proximity to land. Ships have reportedly rebelled against their crews, only to pursue mysterious courses charted by unseen masters. Planes and ships have embarked upon journeys over various portions of the seas, and have disappeared with nary a trace. There are also ships apparently haunted by spectres from a realm beyond our understanding - spectres which advertise their presence only to warn crews of imminent disaster. In some cases the unseen entities are directly responsible for the disaster.

These and other inexplicable mysteries of the sea are discussed in Vincent H. Gaddis' fascinating book, "Invisible Horizons." And we must admit that we were quite impressed by the enormous amount of research evident therein. Mr. Gaddis quotes from sources as diverse as "Reader's Digest" and SAUCER NEWS to substantiate the strange tales he relates to us.

While one can perhaps dismiss a small portion of the cases listed

in this book as being inaccurate, one is inevitably overwhelmed by the sheer number of startling and indeed frightening incidents that occur with such alarming frequency on the sea. Even as mankind prepares to make his first halting steps on the perilous road to the stars, it is really amazing how little we actually know about the conditions on our planet that can cause such weird things to happen.

Saucer-minded fiends that we are, we naturally wondered what, if anything, unusual occurrences at sea have to do with UFOs. We were quite surprised to learn that saucers do occupy a rather substantial role in many cases, according to Mr. Gaddis. One chapter, in particular, is devoted to the strange "Varo" edition of "The Case for the UFO," by the late M. K. Jessup, which was discussed at length in Gray Barker's book, "The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup." In the March, 1964 issue of SAUCER NEWS, we categorized the latter as quite a miserable and tasteless work designed to make a profit, rather than to solve a legitimate mystery. Mr. Gaddis, however, borrowing liberally from Barker's book, treats the matter in a serious vein, without once resorting to the usual "cloak-and-dagger" shennanigans that have become Barker's trademark. Thus, we are presented with some formidable evidence that we cannot dismiss lightly.

Whether you are concerned only with UFOs, per se, or whether your interest extends over the broad spectrum of mysteries that perplex us residents of this small yet fantastically complex world, we sincerely suggest that you visit your local bookstore and secure a copy of "Invisible Horizons."

RECENT NEWS

RECENT RADIO APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR: On March 31st, your Editor appeared on Randi's WOR night show as a panelist on a program devoted to a general discussion of hoaxes. Other members of the panel were Ralph Smith, Bob Mayall, Victor Navasky, and Bill Ten. This program was re-broadcast on May 9th.

On May 7th, a Randi show was devoted to a discussion of the Ecuador trip. (See Page 20 for details about the trip.) Present on the panel were your Editor, Jim Yoham (Randi's producer), and Dennis Pryor - all of whom had been in Ecuador with Randi. Also present on the program was Yonah ibn Aharon, who gave expert opinions about South America, the Incas, and archaeology in general.

On the night of May 21st, a saucer panel aired their views over Randi's microphones. The group consisted of your Editor plus James Mellodew, Rosetta Ryan, John J. Robinson of SAUCER NEWS, and Bob Zanotti. Earlier that same evening, a panel consisting of John J. Robinson, Yonah ibn Aharon, and James Moseley was heard (on tape) on Bob Zanotti's own radio program, on station WFMU in New Jersey.

SAUCER BRIEFS: Timothy Green Beckley, Harry Hoffman, and a few other researchers in the New York area are making efforts to organize a saucer convention this summer, in conjunction with a "Flying Saucer Day" at the New York World's Fair. As of this writing, however, nothing definite has been accomplished in this direction.....We now have detailed information concerning a strange series of "space contacts" which took place in Philadelphia last Fall and Winter, involving a serious-minded group of teen-aged saucer researchers there. We expect to publish some of this material in our next issue, if space permits.....Clairvoyant Jean Dixon (who foretold Kennedy's assassination) and astrologer Pauline Messian, have Washington officialdom worried. One predicts that Hubert H. Humphrey will be President of the United States by December, 1965; the other says he will be called upon some time in 1966.

PERSPECTIVE:

THE SAUCER MOVEMENT

- by Peter Kor -

What are flying saucers? For almost twenty years, thousands of people from all walks of life have been trying to establish a final answer to that question. While many theories have been advanced and much evidence has been assembled in their defense, a final demonstrable proof is still lacking. The experimental result or historical event which would end all speculation refuses to happen. It is this inescapable fact which allows saucer research to continue. For if and when the answer is actually known, the search will become immediately irrelevant.

But the saucer saga has not been without its progressive development. Not only have the phenomena become more involved in human affairs ("landings" have steadily increased), but the investigative activity itself has significantly changed. What began as the independent curiosity of a relatively few people has grown into a zealous movement of rather extensive proportions. In fact, future observers of history might give scant notice to the reality of flying saucers - preferring to explore the psychological and cultural aspects of the saucer movement instead.

Gone from saucer research are the extensive inquiries into the evidence at hand. Gone are the free debates as to the nature of the phenomena. Minds are already made up. All that remains is the missionary purpose of "preparing" or "educating" the masses about the impending intervention of an alien space race.

While enthusiasts the world over put out their propaganda, the saucer movement is acquiring an image. Interestingly enough, the image which seems certain to prevail in the public mind is the complete opposite of the one that researchers are trying so hard to promote. In an attempt to gain respect for their pursuit and its revealed truth, researchers have sought to identify their quest with science. Conservatives and contactees alike are pretending that their theories and claims have been scientifically examined and proven. Even the religionists have gotten into the act with ridiculous claims about "scientific proofs" of Biblical infallibility, proceeding to apply this "proven infallibility" toward a solution to the saucer mystery.

The truth is a little less spectacular. Saucer research, in part or as a whole, has never been scientific! No objective search and formulation of the saucer evidence has been performed, much less a testing of working hypotheses by prediction or experiment. Indeed, the saucer phenomena have hardly been amenable to scientific methods. The scope of the civilian saucer effort has been extremely limited. It has almost entirely consisted of the gathering, publishing, and otherwise spreading of saucer data.

When one compares these facts with the claims of saucer researchers, a more valid image of the movement begins to shape itself. Claims of "scientific proof" dissolve into varying degrees of belief and speculation. The outright act of faith required to bridge the chasm between the documented saucer evidence and any of the perennial "solutions" stands revealed. This faith is easy to recognize in the contactee cases, for their claims are so outrageous when compared to objective demonstration that it is almost humorous. Though the claims of the conservative are less extraordinary and his arguments more sophisticated, he arrives at basically the same conclusion with an equal lack of objective proof.

The saucer movement is much more than experiences of extraordinary phenomena. These experiences triggered an intensive investigative and philosophic activity. The investigative effort not only inquired into the nature and purpose of the strange appearances themselves, but it delved into any and

all mysteries which might be related to those appearances. Outer space, Antarctica, the Shaver Mystery, various occult phenomena, and psychology are only a few of the subjects which were and are being enthusiastically pursued.

The philosophic effort was unconscious at first. Researchers were unaware of the profound implications of their saucer quest. But as the expected final solution was delayed, they began to reflect. The mere possibility of an alien race from space forced a reconsideration of Man's place and purpose in the universe, and his relationship to other life forms. Even economic, social, and political considerations came into the saucer scene as particular researchers with particular saucer beliefs explored the consequences of their convictions. And anything that researchers themselves failed to consciously consider, the "space people" explored for them in lengthly discourses with contactees!

The variety of saucer beliefs inevitably produced a multitude of saucer "preachers" proclaiming diverse saucer "gospels." Yet, a collective belief prevailed which effectively unified the many splinter groups into a single movement. That belief is eschatological in nature and proclaims the advent of intelligences from space. Without this unifying belief, the enthusiasm of the movement would have died - but more important, the various splinter groups would have destroyed instead of reinforced each other.

Two facts about the saucer movement are worthy of special notice. First, it is international in scope. Saucer appearances abroad and an instant world-wide communications capability have combined to carry the saucer quest into scores of countries. Second, the saucer movement is "popular" in nature - that is, it has been the so-called common people or laymen who have been aroused by the saucer invasion. Those respected for their exceptional knowledge, high position, or extraordinary social status have generally shunned participation.

Generally, saucer researchers have never been qualified - in attitude or knowledge - to inquire into the myriad subjects their quest has led them to. What they don't know about astronomy, physics, or aerodynamics, is over-ridden by a consuming belief in extraterrestrials. Objectivity gives way to enthusiasm. A lack of specialized knowledge or training is replaced by dogmatism. Learned opinions are praised if they agree with the premises of ufology, while equally learned opinions which disagree with those premises are ridiculed. Researchers have renewed St. Paul's battle-cry of several hundred years ago: "Those who are not for us are against us!"

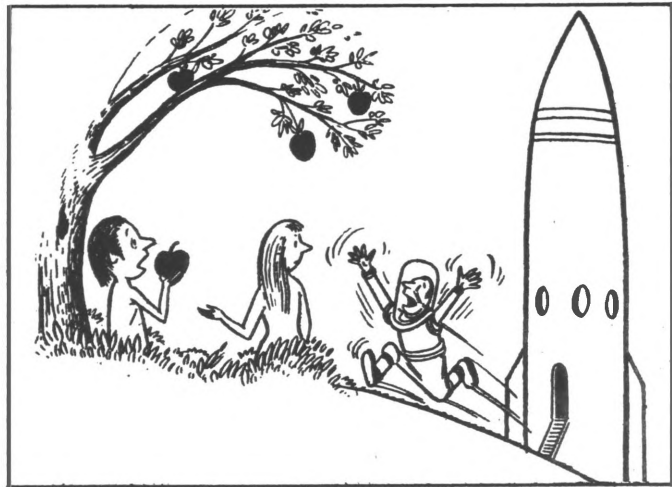
Although it may take the perspective of future events to fully realize, the saucer movement is nothing less than a spontaneous religious revolution in process! Almost unconsciously, it is forcing a reformulation of basic existential questions upon the public mind. This is not to claim that the purpose of flying saucers was to create such a revolution - but only to observe that the revolution has been an effect of flying saucers.

Just as prevailing thought and behavior patterns helped to shape past religious developments, so has the materialism and specific human predicament of our times become interwoven with the phenomenal appearances and logical explanations associated with the saucer movement. In this age of scientific emphasis and mechanical gadgetry, the traditional mythological drama of the "gods" and "demons" has undergone a technological twist. The "Cherubs" and "flaming chariots" have become super machines from space, and denizens of the supernatural have been "revealed" to be physical spacemen.

The significance of such religious revivals is never fully comprehended by contemporaries. Familiarity does indeed have a way of breeding contempt. The appearances which traditionally generate these uprisings seem so certain in reality, and so obvious in nature, that those involved never think to search for some meaning beyond them. Only with the aid of a historical perspective does one begin to glimpse the mystery of it all. Only when the saucer

saga takes its place among the enigmas of Mankind will today's certainties give way to a deeper inquiry.

Participants in these movements reap nothing but scorn. In their day, they are viewed as heretics, Satanic conspirators, or just plain misfits. Whether these movements in general, or the saucer movement in particular, are "good" or "evil" depends upon one's own value judgments. Opinions vary between "the emergence of a vital new truth" to "a subversive element which is undermining traditional concepts and beliefs." One thing is certain: Saucer participants are being swept along by a rampaging current of history. And even they cannot fully know where it is taking them or what its eventual meaning may be.



"For heaven's sake! No! No! No!"

The saucer movement does not depend upon the reality or nature of flying saucers themselves. The investigative-philosophic quest is a fact, regardless of what we claim as its stimulus. But we might end this essay where it began, by asking: What are flying saucers? The emergence of the saucer movement as a cultural force should make us stop and think about the nature of the mystery confronting us. Have we correctly perceived the kind of problem involved?

We must think deeply about this. The materialistic framework of space vehicles from another world still defies confirmation. The time of reckoning is near. For it won't be long before Man will have fully explored the Earth's immediate space environment with both manned and unmanned probes. And what will researchers do if these probes detect no alien craft coming to or leaving the earth - while down below, the strange flying things and their weird occupants continue to appear?

If not mechanisms, then what? Are flying saucers mere psychology? Is the saucer movement some kind of collective mental trick - an unconscious projection reflecting the trials and tribulations of modern Man? Many will prefer this explanation, for things psychological tempt the twentieth century mind. This is an age in which things supernatural are heretic; an age in which all those phenomena which do not fit into our mechanistic framework are filed under "psychiatric" and forgotten; an age in which the Unknown has been exorcized from the world.

Powerful though the psychological argument may be, we must be cautious. Psychology is, like all categories of human experience, just another conceptual framework through which we make particular aspects of reality accessible to our human understanding. We must remember to differentiate between real events and explanatory frameworks. The events occur prior to, and independent of, our explanations of them. The frameworks - whether mechanistic, psychological, or theological - emerge to satisfy our need to control what happens to us.

So to state that flying saucers may be mere psychology is to prejudice the question beforehand. It implies that all psychological phenomena are fabrications of the human mind. Indeed, the reverse may be true. We may be continually misinterpreting certain kinds of real events, and thereby dumping them into a category which distorts their actual nature. It may be that, in the end, flying saucers will do more to explain certain types of psychological phenomena than psychological frameworks will do to explain saucer phenomena.

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The continuing failure of saucer research to find the answer to the saucer mystery has given birth and impetus to a movement with implications far beyond the original goal of researchers. This is a profound development, and one which interested observers might do well to ponder.

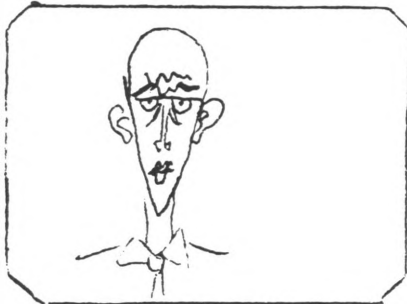
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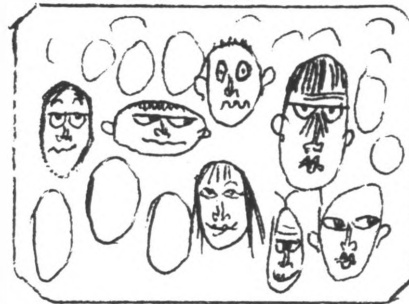
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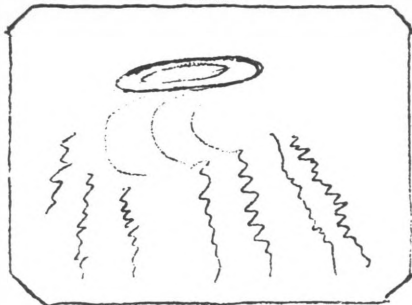
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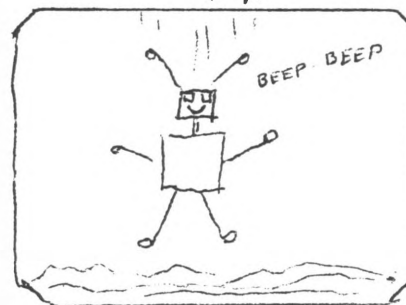
I am the public. Some people say the UFOs are from outer space and are driven by intelligent beings who are watching us. That is very nice but I must get home and eat dinner so I can watch TV. I am not too interested in UFOs because they disturb my mind. They make it think. It does not like to think. Color me unthinking.

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I am a strand of angel's hair. I fall from the sky and hang all over the place. When people touch me I disappear. Some people think it strange because I do this. Color me strange.

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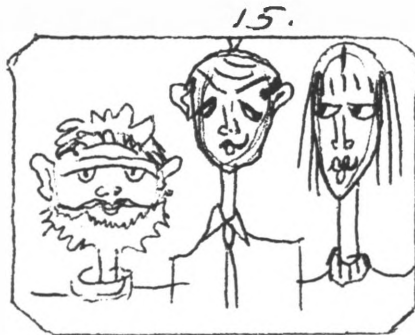


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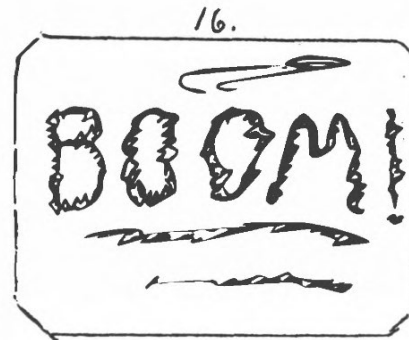
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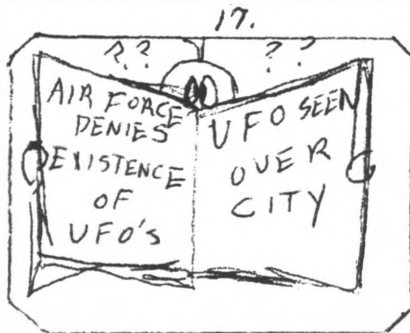
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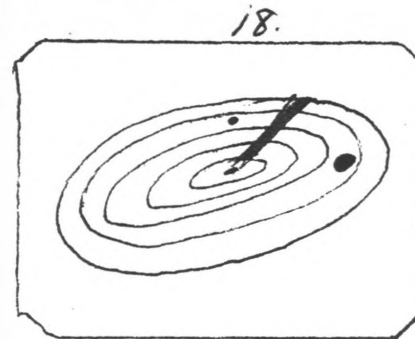
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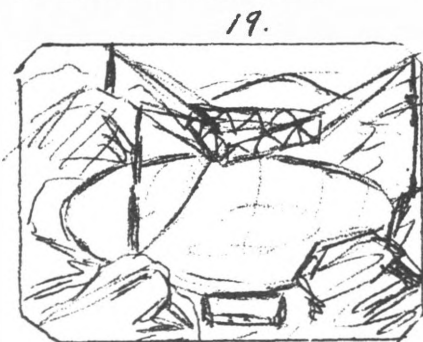
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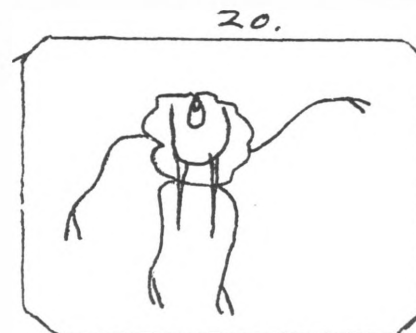
I am a newspaper headline. I am all about a UFO. I am telling the truth today but tomorrow I might tell a lie. I don't like to tell lies but if I don't, people might panic. That would be bad because the stock market would crash. Color me worried.



I am a radar screen. The radar operator is worried because I am showing him a UFO. Its speed is over 35,000 miles per hour. Color me scanning.



I am a radio telescope. I am pointed at the stars. I do this because everyone is listening for intelligent signals from other planets. Once they heard something very interesting but they got scared and closed me down. Color me pointed.



I am an intelligent being from outer space. I watch Earth sometimes when things out here get dull. Earthlings are very funny. When they see my spaceship they laugh and cry and say they are seeing things. They wish I would go away, so I do. Color me leaving.

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OPERATION WINDMILL

- by Y. N. ibn Aharon, B. D. -

(Editor's Note: In view of the controversy that the following article is bound to stir up, we take this opportunity to once again inform our readers of our basic policy: Signed articles in SAUCER NEWS represent the views of the writer only, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editorial Staff as a whole, or of all the members thereof.)

Washington, as every informed citizen knows, is full of strange organizations with strange-sounding names. As the nation's capital, it must somehow contrive to reflect the interests and aspirations of all our people. Some of these organizations are "service" clubs, and a few are professional societies of one sort or another; but by far the greatest number come under the heading of what are called "lobbies."

A lobbyist is something akin to a public relations man or a theatrical agent, but his audience is confined primarily to the halls of Congress or to those few governmental agencies with enough prestige to do without the entangling superintendance of our representative institutions.

There is one organization in Washington, however, that cannot claim to be doing business under any of these headings. It is not (or at least it is not intended to be) a "service" club or charitable enterprise. It certainly is not a professional society in the usual sense of the term, and while it makes no claim to philanthropy, it isn't supposed to earn a lot of money either. Lobbies, on the other hand, must by definition have some kind of economic reason-for-being.

If it is not a philanthropy, not a professional society, and not a lobby, what else can this organization be? By simple process of elimination we know that the object of our curiosity is, or claims to be, a "non-profit educational foundation." Such foundations, we learn on further inquiry, are usually related to governmental departments and function along similar lines.

The "National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena," of which Maj. D. E. Keyhoe, USMC Ret. is Director, grew out of a much-publicized venture originally inaugurated for the purpose of revealing the secret of the saucers and preparing the general public for that awesome day when the Martians land on Capitol Hill. "Insiders" tell us that Mr. Townsend Brown, founder of NICAP, told his Board of Directors that he had invented a "free energy" machine similar to the one that propels the saucers, and even offered to give a public demonstration of it, which, however, was not as convincing as it might have been. His model spaceship was connected to an electric socket in the wall, and fell to the ground the moment he unplugged it.

The original directors (Maj. Keyhoe was not of their number) announced a number of grandiose undertakings designed to enlist the financial interest of the membership, and were practically on the point of having to admit failure, when the bottom dropped out - but that's a story all in itself, and cannot be told here.

The advent of Maj. Keyhoe changed all this, however. The sad realities of the past were quickly left behind, and talk of free energy and the re-settlement of Antarctica was discouraged. The new Director, already famed in saucer circles for his adventuresome anthologies of saucer tales and his frequent contributions to True Magazine and other publications, sought to turn NICAP into a level-headed, scientifically-orientated clearing house of UFO information. NICAP, while steering an independent course of its own, would remain on amicable terms with all serious private clubs and individuals throughout the country, even those with whom the Director might not be in complete agreement on every issue. NICAP would also publish material intended for both the general public and the scientific community. A monthly bulletin would be

supplemented by frequent technical monographs designed to keep pace with events.

The road to oblivion is paved with unmet publication dates, or at least this was so in the case of NICAP. The monthly Investigator, like the Communist Daily Worker, decreased in frequency as time went by. It became the quarterly Investigator, and finally degenerated into a semi-annual notice to all members, explaining why NICAP would be even later in the new year than in the year before.

The frequent technical monographs were soon reduced to a single projected effort of Herculean proportions which, when published, would justify the endless man-hours that had gone into its preparation. This book, to be known as "The UFO Evidence," was to become (so NICAP hoped) a true saucerer's Bible. Skeptics would flee when confronted with its revelations, and the children of Menzel would be cast asunder.

So much for NICAP as a non-profit educational foundation. Modest failures were soon compounded by administrative errors and internal warfare. Maj. Keyhoe's best assistant left, a convert to the opposition, and there was talk of sabotage and betrayal within the ranks. The usual files were reported missing, and subscriptions dwindled to a trickle for a couple of months. The Day of Judgment was at hand.

If NICAP failed as an educational foundation, however, we need not concern ourselves unduly; a new religion was being born in the process. It was not a religion that concerned itself with heaven and earth and the destiny of man, as do most older religions. For its single and unique tenet, it taught that, "Thou shalt not lie about saucers, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's UFO." The world was divided between two opposing forces, we learned: the forces of good (read, NICAP) and the forces of evil (read, the enemies of NICAP.) The future of civilization depended, it would appear, on the outcome of this horrendous conflict, and the dragon-slayers were having a field day. Through the quiet towns of America the battle cry of a new Holy War echoed with blood-chilling clarity: "Thou shalt hold Congressional Investigations, and thou shalt be a witness unto us."

As always, the new fanaticism brought about dramatic changes in the behavior of those concerned. Edicts were promulgated with increasing frequency, and other investigators who did not immediately fall into line were branded as schismatics, heretics, and traitors, to be cast out of the camps of Ufology, to wander forever in the desert of anonymity, far from the shining countenances of the True Apostles and their self-imposed martyrdom.

The new NICAP - NICAP as we know it today - is beginning to take on more and more of the characteristics of a para-military organization. NICAP members must "clear" everything with Washington before they are free even to talk on the telephone with members of other Ufological persuasions.



"Calling Jupiter. Calling Jupiter. . . . Reporting from lifeless asteroid. Over to you—over."

NICAP youth battalions are springing up wherever the unschooled vanity of our teenagers can be turned into grist for the NICAP mill. Members of the NICAP Korps are asked to sign loyalty oaths pledging undying allegiance to their Cause. They must report all un-NICAPian activities to their superiors at once, and are forbidden to publish saucer bulletins expressing their own views, on pain of excommunication. NICAP members, of whatever rank or social standing, are forbidden to appear on radio and TV with unbelievers, even if they make it clear that they are speaking as private individuals. The Inquisition gains momentum, and the Reign of Terror grows apace. NICAP flunkies have been ordered to infiltrate the few surviving clubs that have had the courage not to knuckle under to orders from Supreme Headquarters on Connecticut Avenue N. W. Magazines not officially approved by NICAP have been hurt by undercover whispering campaigns, and not even the editors of SAUCER NEWS have escaped the black brush of the witch-hunters.

Intolerance and religious bigotry brought with them a kind of mysticism, known and understood only by those in the high councils of NICAP. The Truth about Saucers had (we know neither how nor by whom) been revealed to certain highly-placed officers in the United States Air Force. Although the Army and the Navy were also trying to find out the Truth, it must never be supposed for a moment that they could succeed; the Air Force was too powerful even for them! The public, in order to have life everlasting, must, of course, partake of the Word of Life, of the Way and the Truth; but the Evil (read, Air) Force would never give up of its own accord. Exorcisers and experts in crystal-ball gazing (read, Congressmen and Congressional investigators) must be called in to do the job. Therefore, the public must be taught to pray for Truth; the Cause must be won.

One by one, the other saucer groups fell away. Only johnny-come-latelys with no real grasp of the issues remained at the Major's side; but theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do or die. Today, NICAP stands as a splendid monument to intellectual isolationism and know-nothing orthodoxy. And all the time there is something else about Maj. Keyhoe's NICAP that keeps knocking at the back of one's mind - something so familiar as to practically escape notice altogether:

Let us look at the facts: Any child knows that the U.S. Air Force has one of the finest records of responsible public information policies of any governmental agency. The Air Force, furthermore, is not accountable to Maj. Keyhoe for the conduct of its mission in defense of National Security. That honor traditionally goes to the President of the United States. So why does NICAP keep yapping for Congressional inquiries? If Maj. Keyhoe and his followers have any real complaints about the Air Force's handling of UFO information, they ought to make a full report on the subject to the President. But Maj. Keyhoe, working now under the administrations of three presidents, maintains that the only way to compel the Air Force to tell us what it (and it alone, let us remember) knows, is by Congressional investigations.

However, Maj. Keyhoe knows that Congressional investigations, even were they held, would offer very little hope of any rational solution to the UFO information problem, granting for the moment that such a problem exists. NICAP's monomaniac obsession with the theme of Congressional hearings has been one of the leading points of contention between their organization and ours ever since SAUCER NEWS first predicted the outcome of their efforts, back in 1958. Congressional investigations, as a matter of fact, would do little more than give the official detractors of the extraterrestrial UFOs another public platform for the expression of their views; and we may be sure that the anti-UFO groups, armed with their positions in academic and military life, would get a good deal more exposure in public print than Maj. Keyhoe, Dana Howard, George King, Alexander McNeill, Jim Moseley, and all the other people on whom the Congress would have to call in order to get an impartial view of the field.

Major Keyhoe, as we have said, knows all this as well as or better than we do. Why then his insistence on keeping up the fiction of imminent Congressional enquiries into the UFO problem? Evidently, Congressional investigations will not benefit Ufology, as such. He must, then, have a motive all his own.

In the past, Major Keyhoe has been a consultant to a variety of governmental agencies having special public relations problems that dealt with matters with which he was known to possess a special familiarity. Because of his work for True Magazine, it was well known in official Washington that Maj. Keyhoe was the man to see whenever flying saucers and their psycho-sociological implications were being discussed.

Furthermore, the government knew that flying saucers presented a potential National Security hazard, not so much because of what they might do in outer space, as because of the unfortunate consequences they might have should the public give way to panic or hysteria. Even short of panic, however, they knew that they were in for real trouble with the Believers. Believers would write letters to Congress, to the President, and to the newspapers. Believers could turn into a menace for the Air Force's peace of mind. What could be more logical, then, than that the Air Force should call in its old friend and protege, Donald E. Keyhoe, to suggest a way in which the Believers' misguided enthusiasm could be dissipated or directed into the "proper channels" without harming official prestige.

Maj. Keyhoe, evidently taking a leaf from the biography of his namesake, Donald E. Quijote of Spain, thereupon thought up the bright idea of curing the public's so-called delusions by actually constructing a nefarious Windmill at which we might all tilt to our hearts' content without hurting ourselves or anyone else. He called it NICAP - the Neutral Investigation of Civilian Reaction to Aerial Phenomena. The truth about NICAP, then, is that the retired Major may not be so retired after all.

Meanwhile, NICAP goes on providing a safety valve so that no genuine public pressure on behalf of more and better UFO information has a chance to build up, and an Air Force liason man has recently joined their office staff for all to see. Generals, admirals, and university professors with top-priority defense contracts remain on the Board of Directors of NICAP, and psychological warfare expert Richard Hall does his best to eliminate the few knots of hard-core resistance still remaining - notably SAUCER NEWS.

How much longer before all genuine public interest in UFOs is silenced in the ideological gas ovens of NICAP, and Operation Windmill is declared a success? Longer, we hope, longer than they think.

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NEW "CONTACTEE" STORY IN CALIFORNIA: As reported in our non-scheduled Newsletter #22, a Watsonville, California television repairman named Sid Padrick told newspaper reporters last February 11th that he took a ride in a flying saucer at 2 a.m. one night the previous month. Padrick claimed that he was invited aboard with assurances that the nine-man crew was "absolutely not hostile," and that he found the craft perched on a hillside near his home. The contactee was vague about some aspects of the trip, but did say that the crew looked like normal human beings of average height, and that the ship's motive power came from "energy transferred through a light source known to them," i.e., known to the Space People. The commander of the craft also told him that they have been here before and that they are visiting us on an exploratory mission of some sort, though Padrick feels that they have other peaceful motives, as well.

Padrick claimed that the Air Force had asked him not to discuss the incident in detail. His report of the adventure was made to Major D. B. Reeder at Hamilton Air Force Base. From there the data was forwarded to Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, as is the usual procedure in UFO cases. We still have no report on what conclusions, if any, were made by the Air Force.

SEVERAL RECENT DEATHS IN THE SAUCER FIELD: We were genuinely sorry to hear that George Adamski died of pneumonia in Washington, D. C., on April 23rd of this year. He was 74 years old. Adamski was on a fairly successful "farewell tour" of the East Coast when he became ill. Though we have never pretended to believe any of Adamski's contact stories, (in fact, years ago we did a special issue of SAUCER NEWS exposing Adamski's claims), nevertheless we found his philosophy to be a worthwhile one, and we liked the man personally. Your Editor met George several times, and appeared on the Long John radio show twice with him. We were also hoping he would lecture for our New York group while on this recent tour.

Also dead as of October 22nd, 1964, is Manon Darlaine of Hollywood, California. Born in France, Madam Darlaine was a long-time researcher into flying saucers, psychic phenomena, and other related mysteries. Her voluminous files go back for many years, and she was keenly interested in the mysterious goings-on in the Los Angeles area in the early 1950's, notably the strange disappearance of saucer researchers Hunrath and Wilkinson. Her interest in UFOs continued, though her health failed in recent years, and we met often at the annual Giant Rock conventions. Your Editor considered her a close personal friend.

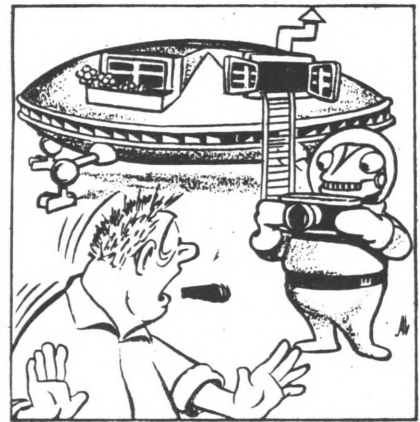
We also have a report that George Hunt Williamson, author of several saucer books, died a few months ago. We have no details about this, and we are quite astonished at the news, as Williamson was a man under 40 years of age. Williamson was not one of our favorite people, either as a saucer researcher or an individual, and we do not intend to express any regrets over his passing.

Finally, an unconfirmed report has it that Dr. Donald Menzel, dean of the anti-saucerers, has had a non-fatal heart attack.

FLORIDA LANDING CALLED HOAX BY AIR FORCE: A well-publicized saucer landing near Brooksville, Florida, last March 2nd, is apparently a hoax - according to investigators from nearby MacDill Air Force Base and a gentleman named Dr. C. W. Bemiss, a Pan American Airways technical staff member who conducted an additional investigation.

The newspaper accounts tell how John F. Reeves claims to have

stumbled on the landed UFO while walking in the woods near Brooksville. The incident supposedly occurred in mid-afternoon, at a point a little over a mile from Florida's Route 50. The strange machine from outer space was about 700 yards away from him when Reeves first spotted it. He had worked his way to within 100 feet of the object when a robot-like creature appeared and walked toward him, stopping less than 15 feet away. Reeves said that the robot wore a gray canvas-type suit with a glass dome helmet. The creature was about five feet tall, stocky in build, and appeared to have a dark tan flesh. He had eyes farther apart than a normal human's, and had a more pointed chin.



The creature stood silently staring at Reeves for awhile, and then pointed at him an object resembling a camera. There was a flash from this camera, and as it flashed a second time, Reeves panicked and ran off into the bushes. A few seconds later, just after the camera flashed a third time, the creature re-entered his flying saucer, which was 20 to 30 feet in diameter and 6 feet high, with two windows at the top. The machine stood on four-legged landing gear, according to Reeves' account. Thereafter, some blades on the rim started to move, until the entire rim itself was moving in a counterclockwise direction. The machine made a whistling and rumbling noise, and then started rising straight up. It was out of sight within 10 seconds.

As the spaceman headed back toward his saucer, he had dropped two pieces of clothlike paper, which Reeves later picked up. These were eventually submitted to Air Force experts at Wright-Patterson. The investigators found nothing weird or unusual about the paper, and some mysterious writing thereon was translated into English by a simple method of substituting letters of our own Earth-bound alphabet. The message reads in part: "Planet Mars - Are you coming home soon - We miss you very much - Why did you stay away too long." As a SAUCER NEWS exclusive, we have reproduced part of the first page below, with the Air Force's translation and notations on it.

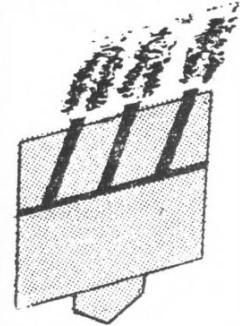
The Air Force also stated that various flaws were found in Reeves' story, and that there was no evidence of any abnormal disturbance or radioactivity at the landing site. Four holes in the ground, supposedly caused by the landing gear, appeared to have been scooped or dug as opposed to indentations caused by an object of considerable weight.

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Handwritten symbols and notations, likely a cipher or shorthand, arranged in several rows. The symbols consist of various geometric shapes, lines, and dots, some with small letters or numbers next to them. The symbols are organized into columns and rows, with some larger symbols and brackets interspersed. The overall appearance is that of a complex, hand-drawn code or key.

NEAR-LANDING IN ARGENTINA: Although this incident occurred in early June of last year, it has only recently reached us from Henning von Hippel, our correspondent in Argentina. The witnesses to this most unusual UFO sighting were three distinguished men who were driving on a highway near Tucuman. They were Doctor Juan Modrano, ex-president of the Legal College; Jose Luis Cervino, a professor of engineering; and Vincente R. Pellicer, former manager of a corporation in Tucuman. At about 11:30 at night, they spotted the odd object shown in the drawing at the right. It was, according to their description, a reddish-orange in color, and rectangular in shape, with clearly-defined black lines crossing the upper part. Smoke or exhaust of some sort was coming out of the top, as shown in the drawing. The UFO was flying at low altitude, and was visible only for brief moments at a time, as it was hidden by trees during most of its flight. Finally, however, it came down right over the road, and all three men finally got a clear look at it. It was about five yards high and six yards wide, according to the witnesses. All three agreed on every detail of their description. The object did not land, but continued on its way at a speed of about 100 miles per hour, and was again out of sight in a few seconds.



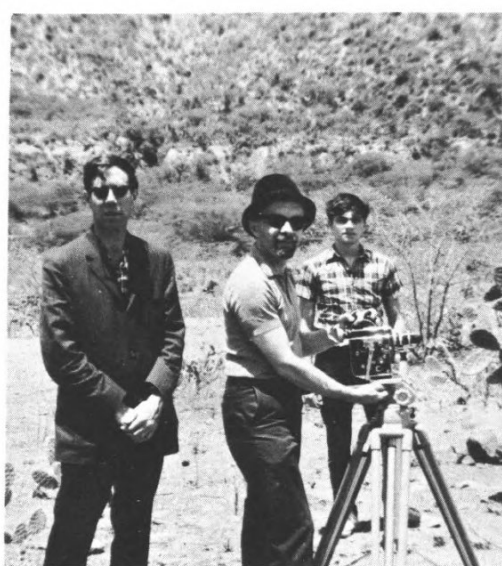
AIR FORCE RELEASES NEW INFORMATION SHEET: In their latest "Fact Sheet," the Air Force admits that 663 out of the 8,908 cases they have investigated since 1947 still remain unexplained. In general, the Air Force attitude is that whereas there might be intelligent creatures visiting us from outer space, there is no proof of this; and furthermore, the UFOs, whatever they are, do not represent a threat to our national security.

There is one false claim in this Fact Sheet, however. It is stated that "the Air Force has no films, photographs, maps, charts, or graphs of unidentified flying objects. Photographs that have been submitted for evaluation in conjunction with UFO reports have been determined to be misinterpretation of natural or conventional objects. These objects have a positive identification." This allegation contradicts the fact that films taken by the Air Force's own pilots have been classed as "unknowns." A case in point is the film taken on March 3rd, 1953, near Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, as described in detail in Project Blue Book Report No. 7, of which we have the exact text. Also, several motion picture films have been submitted by the public over the years, and after analysis by the Air Force, they have been judged to be genuine movies of genuine "unknowns." Two of these film strips were included a few years ago in the documentary motion picture called "UFO." See James Melodew's letter in the middle of Page 5 for more information on this subject.

REPORT ON OUR TRIP TO ECUADOR: From April 5th to 15th, your Editor was in various parts of Ecuador with WOR's James Randi, Jim Yoham (producer of Randi's nightly radio show), and Dennis Pryor of the Bronx, N.Y. The expedition proved to be an interesting and exciting combination of business and pleasure for all concerned. After the WOR group returned to New York, your Editor spent another ten days or so traveling alone through Colombia and Panama.

The pictures on Page 21 illustrate various highlights of the trip. At the upper left, your Editor watches as two Ecuadorian laborers, hired for about a dollar a day, dig in a pre-Inca fortress that we discovered near the equator. In the photo at the upper right, Randi gets into the spirit of amateur archaeology by digging up bone and pottery fragments with his own hands.

The picture at the middle left shows Randi and Yoham discussing the filming of the 30-minute documentary motion picture that Randi shot during the trip. Highlights of the film will be the digging sequence, and unique shots taken in an unbelievably wretched slum area in the town of Guayaquil.



Randi went to this slum to visit a 9-year-old boy whom he had adopted through the Foster Parents Plan. - This film will be seen on television shortly.

In the middle right photo we see your Editor, Randi, and Dennis Pryor, on location near Quito. At the bottom left, Randi and Yoham line up shots at the above-mentioned fortress. Finally, the lower right picture shows Randi with the Colorado Indians - a primitive tribe in Ecuador's highlands.

NEWS BRIEFS: On March 18th, two Japanese civilian pilots reported that their planes were chased by a mysterious flying object. Emergency reports were made immediately to the Air Safety Office at Takamatsu. A spokesman for that office said that the planes involved were a Convair 240 airliner, with 28 passengers aboard, and a private Piper Apache plane. A Japanese newspaper quoted the pilot of the airliner as saying that an object 15 yards in diameter and radiating a greenish luminescence approached his plane at about 20 miles per hour, flew alongside for about three minutes, and then disappeared from view. The other pilot noted violent interference with his automatic direction finder and his radio while the UFO was alongside.....A distinguished group of scientists, including three Nobel Prize winners, recently suggested that this country begin immediately an ambitious program aimed at determining within the next few years whether there is life on Mars. The group of 36 scientists, at a meeting convened by the National Academy of Science, stated: "Given all the evidence presently available, we believe it entirely reasonable that Mars is inhabited with living organisms and that life independently originated there." The group wants to take advantage of the close approaches of Mars that will occur, roughly at two-year intervals, from 1969 to 1973.....On the night of March 31st, a brilliant UFO, smelling of sulphur fumes, lit up the skies and landscapes across the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta in Canada, as well as in part of the northwestern United States. At Chase, B.C., hysterical women asking if the country was at war, telephoned police following a brilliant flash and loud explosion. Two fires, one in a nearby lumberyard, flared after the object flashed by at "hundreds of miles per hour" and disappeared. In various other towns the ground shook, windows were broken, and a roar like thunder was heard. The pilots of two commercial aircraft reported that their cockpits were lit up by the object. No explanation for the phenomenon could be found....

On March 20th, two astronomers in Belmont, California, spotted two UFOs while observing the planet Mercury through telescopes shortly after sunset. Both saw a flaming object appear behind the constellation Pleiades. Then a second object appeared behind Orion, halted, shifted into position behind the first object, and then both UFOs moved off with incredible speed, south-bound.On the night of April 1st, Mrs. Elizabeth Chorney of Boston, Mass., was returning home with her 14-year-old son when she made a remarkable sighting of a cigar-shaped object not more than 100 yards in the air. It had four windows and a red light, in the rear, which was alternately bright and dim. She watched as it made slow maneuvers for about 35 minutes, whereupon it was joined by three smaller objects. Shortly thereafter, all four objects disappeared at the same time. Almost as soon as the UFOs were out of sight, Mrs. Chorney saw seven Air Force planes in the area. Said Mrs. Chorney: "I think they were from Hanscom Field in Bedford. They seemed to be searching for something!".....The rumor persists that Russia has lost many cosmonauts in outer space, even though this is officially denied. An Italian ham radio operator named Giovanni Judica-Cordiglia reports that he has actually picked up messages from nine of the spacemen who never came back. A total of 14 people, including one woman, are said to have been lost.....Experimenters working for the Union Carbide Research Institute, under a grant from NASA, have proven that many of Earth's plants and animals can survive under conditions similar to those on the planet Mars. Research shows, for the first time, that some of these life forms can live indefinitely in freezing temperatures and lack of oxygen....

In our non-scheduled Newsletter #22 we gave the story of seven teenagers who said they saw a little man from outer space near Staunton, Va., late last January. A photograph was also taken by the boys. In our report we stated that the story "has all the earmarks of a hoax." Now we learn that a local man named Donald Cash has admitted hoaxing the youngsters...We also have a follow-up on the Virginia landing story on Page 18 of our March issue: The

industrial worker who, on January 19th, saw three 37-inch-high beings emerge from a landed UFO, now has allegedly been "hushed up" by the U. S. Government. When asked by local newspapers to confirm or deny this rumor, the man had no comment. Although his name was not released by the newspapers at first, we have learned that he is William Blackburn, an employee of the General Electric Company....In regard to the "physical evidence" found along a New Jersey highway last November (as described on Pages 17-18 of our March issue), over a dozen subscribers have accepted our offer to send a sample of the material to any person who has access to laboratory facilities. As yet, none of these people have reported back to us with the results of any analysis. However, Paul Hammer, a Chicago researcher, sent a sample to the U. S. Air Force, and received a letter from Wright-Patterson dated February 24th, a copy of which was sent to us. The Air Force (as was to be expected) identified the material as nothing more mysterious than ordinary glass fibers....

A new book entitled "The Anatomy of a Phenomenon" has just been published by a French astronomer-mathematician named Jacques Vallee, a consultant to NASA, who believes that the UFOs represent a mystery of greater scope and depth than the public imagines. He proposes that a long-range scientific study of UFOs be set up, to determine exactly what they really are. His proposal has reportedly attracted the interest of Dr. J. Allen Hyneck, who is the Air Force's scientific consultant on Project Blue Book, and former astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr., who is now a NASA consultant. We hope to have a review of this most interesting book in our next issue...Another worthwhile book just out is "The Quest," by Tom Allen, concerning extraterrestrial life.....On April 12th, a news dispatch from Moscow stated that Russian astronomers had discovered that a star known as CTA-102 is sending "intelligently directed" radio signals to earth in a regular pattern, every hundred days. This announcement made headlines in many parts of the world. However, American astronomers were skeptical, as CTA-102 is a known source of radio signals, and has already been catalogued as such, as far back as 1960. So far, few details have been published on either side of this controversy, and we therefore are not in a position to evaluate the Russian claim...A documentary UFO film called "Phenomena - Seven Point Seven" has been produced by Empire Studios of Hollywood. It had its world premiere recently in Socorro, New Mexico, the little town where, in April, 1964, policeman Lonnie Zamorra made his famous sighting of a landed disc and two of its occupants.

MORE LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: As mentioned in our March issue, our guest in February was Yonah ibn Aharon, who gave us the most thought-provoking lecture our group has had in quite some time. His topic was Extraterrestrialism, i.e., his thesis that Jehova, the God of the Old Testament, was in reality a being from another planet. In the photos below, Hans Stefan Santessen (left picture), a long-time personal friend of the lecturer, introduces Rabbi ibn Aharon (right picture.)



In March our guest was Gordon Evans, who had given us two excellent lectures in the past. This time his topic was to be "The Role of the Central Intelligence Agency in Flying Saucer Research." This seems to be a "hot" topic indeed, in that Dr. Leon Davidson, who once scheduled a lecture for us on the same theme, had to cancel out almost at the last minute. Mr. Evans did not cancel; in fact, he arrived more than a half hour early. But he subsequently disappeared just a few minutes before the lecture was to begin, and a frantic search throughout the building was made by members of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, while your Editor stalled for time before a restless audience. Finally Mr. Evans showed up, and explained to the audience that he had been called away to the phone, presumably in the lobby of the hotel. In any case, his lecture dealt only in broad generalities, and his answers to questions were evasive. Although Mr. Evans denied it, we could not help but feel that he had been "silenced" in some way, apparently by the telephone call.

In April, a small but enthusiastic audience heard a most informative speech on "little men," delivered by John J. Robinson. Mr. Robinson is an Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS and Chairman of our Sub-Committee on Discussions, as well as Treasurer of our Discussion and Lecture Committee.

Our May lecture was held on a Sunday night, rather than on the usual Friday, due to a rather unusual set of circumstances. Having heard that Riley Crabb of San Diego, head of Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA) would be in New York in late May to lecture here for a saucer group called NYSIB, we wrote Mr. Crabb asking if he would also address our group while in town. Mr. Crabb declined rather haughtily, so we decided to schedule a lecture to be held at exactly the same time as his talk for NYSIB. We invited Rabbi ibn Aharon to be our speaker for the occasion, as he has been a vocal member of BSRA for many years, and is an expert on their famous 4-D Theory regarding the origin of flying saucers.

This May meeting turned out more successfully than we ever could have hoped. As a result of publicity on WOR and WFMU, we filled the hall; and an overflow crowd heard Yonah ibn Aharon express his views on the decline of BSRA under Riley Crabb's leadership. James Randi, who was billed as a "mystery celebrity," was on hand to give us a fascinating geometrical explanation of the 4-D Theory. Refreshments were served after the lecture, and in general a good time was had by all.

Although it is not definite as of this writing, we are expecting to have Ivan Sanderson with us on the night of Friday, June 18th. As usual, this meeting will be held on the second floor of the Hotel Woodstock, at 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. Any subscriber in the New York area who would like to be placed on the lecture mailing list, to receive our notices every month, need only send us his name and address. This mailing costs you nothing.

SAUCER LANDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (?): We place a question mark after this heading, because, in view of other recent landings that have turned out to be (in all probability) hoaxes, we are worried about this one. According to the newspaper account, four teenagers leaving a drive-in theatre in Lawrence, Mass., on the night of May 14th, saw a large UFO in the sky. For advice on what to do, they drove to the nearby home of New England's inveterate saucer researcher, Rev. Guy J. Cyr - who by coincidence was scheduled to give a UFO slide lecture two days later, as the newspaper duly notes. Father Cyr could not go with them, according to the paper, but he "recommended that they go to the Mt. Vernon ballfield for another sighting." There the youngsters did indeed see the UFO again, and in addition, they heard weird noises and smelled sulphur. The next day they returned to the ballfield, and found a "round circle." Need we tell you that the grass on the outside of the circle was scorched, and bushes inside the circle had been pushed down. - Yes, it was a busy week for Father Cyr!