

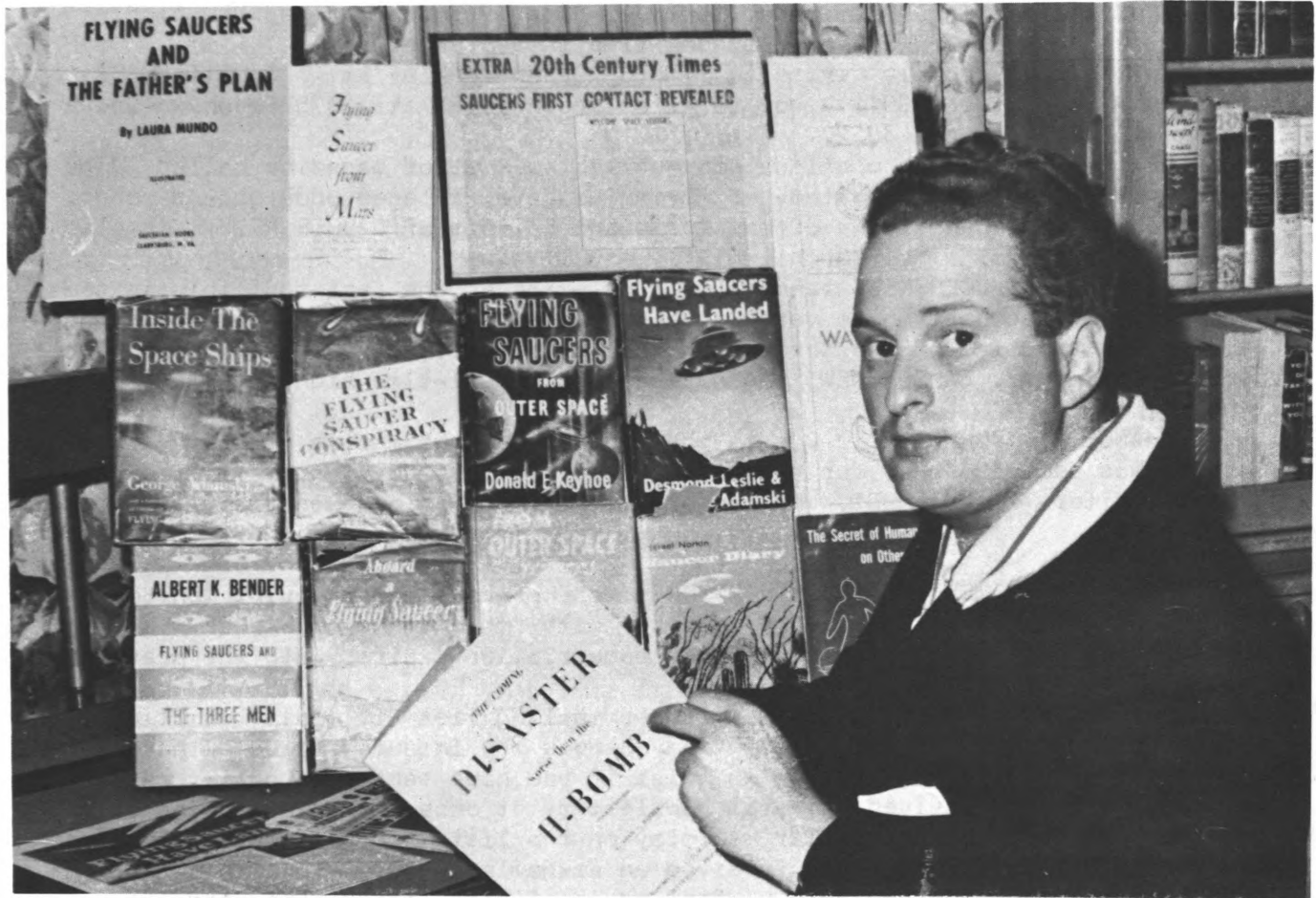
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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows Michael G. Mann, our Photo Editor, studying some of the "contactee" and other literature in the flying saucer field. Mike recently accompanied your Editor and others on a trip to a saucer convention in Cleveland, Ohio. See Page 23 for details about the convention.

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# Editorial Notes

SAUCER NEWS wishes to announce the purchase of "Interplanetary News Service," a flying saucer magazine published by Timothy Green Beckley. Like many other UFO editors, Mr. Beckley has had difficulty in keeping to a regular schedule; so he recently approached us with the idea of selling out.

As was the case in our recent purchase of Eugene Steinberg's "UFO Reporter," subscribers to Beckley's magazine who were not already SAUCER NEWS subscribers will now receive our magazine for the balance of their subscription. Subscribers to "Interplanetary News Service" who already were receiving SAUCER NEWS as well, will have their subscriptions filled by Allen Greenfield, editor of "The UFO Sighter." Their first issue of "The UFO Sighter" will be sent out by Mr. Greenfield some time in September.

For further details write to Timothy Green Beckley at 3 Courtland St., New Brunswick, N. J. 08901, - or to Allen Greenfield at 2875 Sequoyah Drive N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30327.

Mr. Beckley will continue to publish a smaller magazine called "The Searchlight," devoted to a study of flying saucers, alleged underground races, etc. John J. Robinson, one of the Assistant Editors of SAUCER NEWS, is also Assistant Editor of "The Searchlight."

Long-time SAUCER NEWS readers will be aware of the fact that this is the third time in the past three years that we have bought out friendly rivals who were having troubles of one sort or another with their own publications. With our latest merger, SAUCER NEWS has now reached an all-time high in circulation.

**CHANGES IN OUR STAFF:** Due to the above-mentioned merger, Timothy Green Beckley has become one of our Associate Editors. Also joining the list of Associate Editors is Ted Hunt, who has previously had various other positions on the Staff.

**RENEWAL OF NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Many of you are receiving Non-Scheduled Confidential Newsletter #23 together with this issue of SAUCER NEWS in spite of the fact that your Newsletter subscription expired with the previous issue, #22.

Our method of running the Newsletter mailing list is a bit complicated and confusing, and for this reason many people who intended to renew have not done so. A simple rule to follow is this: If you have sent us a dollar recently and thereupon received several Newsletters at once (the last being #22), then you now owe another dollar to stay on the list. If, on the other hand, you sent a dollar recently and received an acknowledgment of the money but no Newsletters, then you are paid up for an indefinite period into the future, and owe nothing more at this time.

**IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN ON OUR SPECIAL NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST,** you will want to take this opportunity to join. These Newsletters are issued at irregular intervals, whenever we have something that we consider "too hot to handle" in the regularly-scheduled issues of our magazine. This special list is for people who want to be on the "inside" of the strange and baffling behind-the-scenes events in flying saucer research. The only qualification is that you must already be a SAUCER NEWS subscriber in good standing.

The current Newsletter (#23) contains the results of our investigation of one of the strangest stories in the history of saucer research: A group of supposedly serious-minded researchers claims that beings from other planets are frequently "taking over the body" of one member of the group. Photographs

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# Editorial

- by James W. Moseley -

I have recently been told by several of my closest friends and associates that I am putting myself on the cover of SAUCER NEWS too often (3 out of the last 4 issues), at the same time that I am remaining too far in the background regarding the rest of the magazine.

I must admit that the criticism is justified on both counts. I go on the assumption, sometimes mistakenly, that my views are already well known in the saucer field; and therefore, in recent years, now that each publication deadline finds us with more good material than we can possibly find room for, I have tended to let my Staff, contributors, and letter-writing subscribers wage the pro-and-con battles which I used to partake in so actively.

## The NICAP Problem

The problem of NICAP is a good case in point. Our June issue contained an article by Yonah ibn Aharon entitled "Operation Windmill," which in effect attacked both the sincerity and competence of the NICAP organization. As expected, this article stirred up a great deal of controversy, as you will see from the Letters to the Editor section of the present issue.

The article was preceded by an "Editor's Note", in which we explained that it represented the views of the writer only. This of course is true, and is equally true of all articles that we publish. Yet, I must in all sincerity say now that many of the points made in ibn Aharon's article are true from my own personal experience, and many of the views he expresses are my own.

There are, of course, other parts of the article with which I do not personally agree. Our research society is not a monolithic organization, and no attempt is made to make Staff members or other contributors follow any particular "line." On the contrary, we believe that honest disagreement as well as open controversy, within reasonable bounds, is not only proper but indispensable for the advancement of the saucer movement.

## Palmer's Expose

In the current (August) issue of "Flying Saucers" Magazine, there is a most interesting article by Ray Palmer. Although it begins by saying that "this is not an attack on Major Keyhoe nor on NICAP," it is, of course, just that. The article was written as a result of a letter Palmer received in April from four leading UFO researchers who had attempted to visit NICAP Headquarters in Washington, D. C. I say "attempted," because the four were treated most shamefully at NICAP's office by Richard Hall, simply because one of them - Eugene Steinberg, a member of the SAUCER NEWS Staff - was "persona non grata" with the irascible Mr. Hall.

We haven't space to reprint Palmer's comments here, but I do urge you to buy this issue of "Flying Saucers" and read the article for yourself. I don't always agree with everything Palmer says in "Flying Saucers" - but that's the very point: Palmer, unlike the NICAP officials, doesn't expect anyone to agree with him all the time. Whatever his shortcomings may be, he runs a fine zine in which everyone is entitled to express his opinion freely. If you wish to write Ray Palmer, his address is Route 2, Box 36, Amherst, Wisconsin. His magazine sells for 35 cents per single copy, or \$2.00 for six bi-monthly issues.

In Yonah ibn Aharon's SAUCER NEWS article, he mentioned NICAP's "whispering campaign." Nothing could be more true than this remark! I have seen private correspondence between Richard Hall and another UFO researcher, in

which I am accused of being behind the above-mentioned visit of Eugene Steinberg to NICAP Headquarters. I also know that Hall has told several people the same thing "in private."

No accusation could be more completely false! Although I was briefly informed beforehand that Steinberg and others contemplated such a trip, I had nothing whatever to do with planning it, I did not endorse or encourage it, and I was actually in South America when the infamous Washington visit took place!

Hall will never publish anything in "The UFO Investigator" attacking me or SAUCER NEWS by name, as that would be "undignified"; but many visitors to NICAP Headquarters get an "off the record" briefing about the evils of James W. Moseley - just as visitors to the Pentagon used to get "off the record" remarks about the NICAP organization. It is indeed amazing how similar NICAP is in structure and attitude to the military organization which they claim is their worst enemy.

#### A Personal Experience with Richard Hall

Contrary to "baiting" NICAP, as they claim, I have gone out of my way to avoid bitter accusations; but in view of recent events, I will now disclose this one: Late in 1963, shortly before NICAP's "UFO Evidence" finally came out, I made a tactful, routine phone call to Mr. Hall in Washington, asking when the book would be printed. Hall was edgy on the telephone from the beginning, and within a few seconds began accusing me of taping the conversation, as he claimed to hear noises on the line. We then exchanged heated words, and he hung up.

This incident annoyed me, because I do not even own a tape recorder. Everyone who knows me personally, knows that I am one of the few saucer researchers who has never bothered to buy one. Hall's accusing me of a Federal crime - wiretapping - would perhaps be excusable if uttered in the heat of the moment. But I know as a fact that he has repeated this slander to many visitors to the NICAP office. This is just another part of the "whispering campaign." Well, Mr. Hall, in SAUCER NEWS we don't whisper, we shout when we have a justifiable point; and you may just happen to hear from our lawyer shortly after this present issue of SAUCER NEWS reaches the mails!

#### The Absurdity of Congressional Hearings

There are probably no three people in the saucer field further apart on most things than Yonah ibn Aharon, Ray Palmer, and Jacques Vallee - whose excellent book I review on Page 17 of this issue. But there is one thing that all three are agreed upon: Open Congressional hearings on the UFO problem would harm, not help the cause of civilian UFO research.

On this point I am in strong agreement with the above-mentioned gentlemen. The Congress, the public, and the press would never take "The UFO Evidence" seriously, in the face of contrary statements by scientists and military men of high prestige. To think otherwise is, at best, to demonstrate a total lack of familiarity with human nature in general and the saucer field in particular.

Thus, if NICAP's main reason for existence is Congressional hearings, and "The UFO Evidence" is the means to those hearings, - then NICAP had better admit failure and fold up right now. Hall's exceptionally detailed but inconclusive book was published in May of 1964, and there is no evidence that we are any closer to such hearings now than we were then or at any other time. Let me make it clear that I am saying that not only will these hearings never take place in the foreseeable future - NICAP to the contrary - but that they would harm Ufology if they ever did occur. Therefore, NICAP's goal is not only

unobtainable but worse than useless!

### Possible Solutions to the NICAP Problem

Recently, at the Congress of Scientific Ufologists, in Cleveland, I was genuinely surprised by the number of people from all over the country who are disillusioned with NICAP in general or furious at Hall in particular. But the amazing thing was that very few of these people are willing to state publicly what they said to me and to others in private!

I find the same thing to be true in regard to the large amount of favorable mail I have received on Yonah ibn Aharon's article. Knowing as I now do the extreme reluctance many people have in regard to expressing publicly their real views about NICAP, I have taken the trouble of writing to almost everyone who wrote favorably about ibn Aharon's article, asking these people for permission to print their letter - so as not to inadvertently embarrass them. Of course, I have printed the unfavorable (to SAUCER NEWS) letters without asking permission, because I know that the authors of these letters are glad to go on record as enthusiastic supporters of NICAP.

How can we solve the NICAP problem? One partial solution would be for critics to overcome their awe - which sometimes amounts to actual fear - in regard to Major Keyhoe's organization. Another partial solution, of course, would be the resignation of Richard Hall. Surely no one that replaced him in the NICAP office could be as insensitive as he is to the feelings of the paid membership (a paid membership which includes, incidentally, James W. Moseley.)

However, I personally do not really believe that either of the above suggestions is of great importance. The only thing that could ever make NICAP worthy of the respect and awe it asks for and receives, would be for it to return to its original purpose - a scientific civilian research group. As long as it remains uncritically committed to one narrow viewpoint within Ufology, and as long as it continues to grind the same old ax, it can never achieve anything worthwhile.

Look, if you will, at the difference between the tone of Jacques Vallee's book and the tone of "The UFO Investigator" or any one of Keyhoe's books, and you will understand what I mean by a scientific approach to the UFO problem. No, I am not "nit-picking," as a few people in the past have accused me of doing. Rather, I am attacking NICAP's basic approach, on the same grounds that Vallee attacks it.

And before anyone can say, "Well, SAUCER NEWS isn't scientific either," I will gladly tell you that it isn't intended to be a scientific journal, nor do we ever claim that it is, nor do we ever ask for the respect and prestige that we would deserve if we were one. Ours is a magazine on the popular level, devoted to bringing the latest saucer news and views to our readers. But at least we do let all voices be heard - and in that way, if in no other, we are far ahead of NICAP.

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# Letters to the Editor

Your June issue falsely carried a story (on Page 23) about our "having had our World Premiere recently in Socorro, New Mexico."

This statement made by you has caused us great embarrassment, as our film is not ready for showing and won't be for some weeks. It is still in the process of completion in the film lab. Therefore, it was physically impossible for your statement to have been true.

Your false mention of our release can do us great harm to our distributors, the pre-release publicity, and to the good people of Socorro who are awaiting the premiere showing.

It is therefore requested by this studio that we receive a letter from your paper contrary to our "release date," and also that you print a "retraction" on this situation in your next issue.

MORRY MALKIN, Public Relations, Empire Film Studio  
Hollywood, California

(What on Earth is "a letter....contrary to our 'release date'"? Not knowing, we can't send one. - In any case, this whole thing is much ado about nothing. We simply copied an apparently inaccurate newspaper clipping about the premiere. So sorry, Mr. Malkin. - Editor.)

I have a Fortean news item for you: "All day long, on June 10th, a black rain fell all over a four square mile area at Bridgeton, N. J. The sun shone brightly all the while."

But here is the explanation: It wasn't water that fell; it was strips of black material, from one to four inches long, and from 1/8 to 1/2 inch wide, very thin and fragile, mostly curled or twisted or warped. It crumbled easily when touched or picked up. It fell sparsely over at least four square miles, because I saw evidences of it wherever I walked in that area.....I could not see any of the stuff in the sky, but did see it hitting the ground. Winds were from the west and southwest. The only possible factory from whose smokestacks it might have come is DuPont in Wilmington, 30 miles away. But I am sure DuPont would never allow such stuff to get out into the air. They'd trap it before it got out. Also, 30 miles seems mighty far for the wind to carry it.

If it had rained suddenly, it is quite possible that this black stuff would have discolored the rain water, and we really would have had a black rain.

I gathered some of the stuff in a glass jar and will be glad to send it to you if you wish. No one seems to know offhand what it is or where it came from....

JUSTIN CASE, Bridgeton, N. J.

If you get a chance, please mention our group in one of your future issues. I have found SAUCER NEWS very stimulating, informative, and interesting. I wish there were more publications produced with this concept and format in mind. You are doing a great job, and are contributing much enlightenment to the public....Keep up the good work.

ANDREW RUIZ, Executive Chairman, Scientific Panel  
Thada Research Society  
912 South Maple Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

In the March SAUCER NEWS (Page 26) Moseley quotes Air Force Major Jacks who quotes an unnamed NASA official as saying "Objects observed which were detected on radar have been identified as minor structural pieces which routinely break free from the expendable booster portion of the spacecraft and booster separation process."

This was in answer to the Keyhoe True Magazine item on Gemini flight GT-1

last year. The only trouble with this "explanation" is the fact, as reported by NASA to the technical press, that the capsule (spacecraft) and booster were not separated on the GT-1 orbital flight. Separation of the booster/spacecraft from the main stage was accomplished before the booster/spacecraft went into orbit. Anything breaking free at that time would have reentered along with the main stage without going into orbit.

I would also note that things do not "routinely break free" from our missiles and spacecraft. As part of my job, I routinely see NASA films and have seen in-flight films of booster separations. These are accomplished by means of explosive bolts and/or primacord, and anything blown loose departs the area of the space vehicle rather rapidly, and would not continue to accompany the vehicle for an orbit or so.

I consider Major Jacks' letter as a totally inadequate rebuttal to the Keyhoe report.

GEORGE W. EARLEY, President, NICAP\*CONN.,  
Bloomfield, Connecticut

The sad news I heard Monday stunned me, sorrowfully, Mr. George Adamski's death. (1891 April 17 - 1965 April 23.)

People are mourning his death that knew what a humble gentleman and dedicated man he was, as said after President Kennedy's death "May he never lived or died in vain."

Mr. Adamski did the best he could and that's all anyone can do. And he did more.

I ask you and all readers of this magazine to contribute to a Science of Life School he sincerely wanted, send contributions to editor or pass on to his secretary, or send directly to Mrs. A. K. Wells, 314 Lado de Loma Drive, Vista, California, zip code 92083....

RICHARD BRUNE, Natick, Mass.

(We print this letter without editing and without comment - except to warn readers that if they send their contributions to this office, the money will never reach Vista. - Editor.)

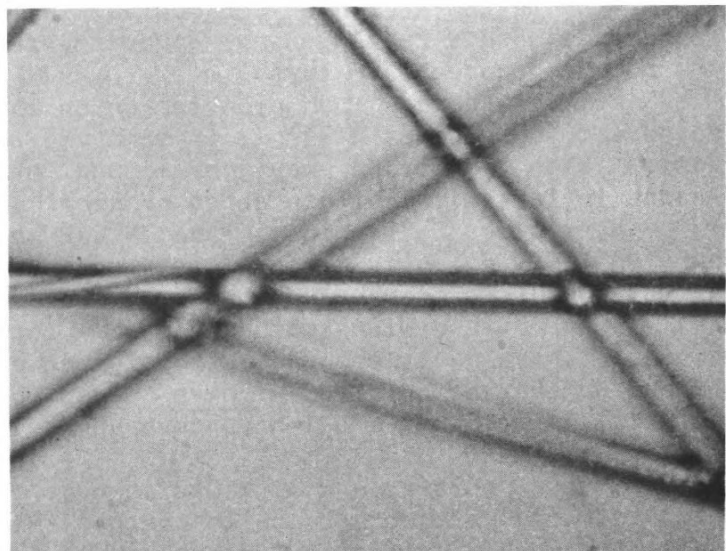
This is to acknowledge receipt of samples of the unknown fiber reportedly found on a hillside in a swath 3 feet wide and a mile long. (See March SAUCER NEWS, Page 17, bottom.)

Laboratory investigation reveals that the fibers are of a circular cross section of approximately .00041 inch in diameter. (See magnified photo below.)

Viewed under a microscope at 900x with various filters and with polarized and nonpolarized light (for the determination of certain plastic fabricates) the fibers are found to be transparent, resembling fiberglass, and with no degrees of opaqueness as would be the case with certain synthetics.

Melting point and tensile strength of the fibers also indicates the fibers to be well within the range of glass.

It is concluded, therefore, that the "unknown" fibers analyzed are of the same physical characteristics as those of an "economic" grade of common fiberglass....



But even if, through chemical analysis, the material proved to be fiberglass, logical questions arise as to the circumstances in which these fibers were found. It seems odd, indeed, that such a mass of relatively expensive fiberglass would be deposited unattended in such a location....

R. C. STEPHEN, JR., Arlington, Texas

I noticed the very interesting article re NICAP (in the June SAUCER NEWS), and thought it brought up a few things I've been thinking but have been too polite, or perhaps too loyal, to mention. Even though their "UFO Evidence" has been out almost a year, I don't see that it has made such a big splash.

Then too, although I agree that Adamski's story was probably not very true, I don't go along with Keyhoe's policy regarding trying to prevent him (Adamski) from having his say over TV, radio, etc. This country is still a free one, and as such, it allows everyone his say.

PATRICIA JONES, Seattle, Washington

You are to be congratulated on having the courage to print Yonah ibn Aharon's article. It is one of the finest I have read in the nearly seven years that I have been a subscriber to your publication....

JOSEPH S. MONGER, Los Angeles, California

After reading the very silly and sarcastic article by Y. N. ibn Aharon, my first reaction was to cancel my subscription to SAUCER NEWS; but I decided that every magazine is entitled to one mistake. My second reaction was to write an article for NICAP titled "Is SAUCER NEWS an Air Force Front?"; but I realized that NICAP's journal, "The UFO Investigator", is interested only in discussing important facts, rather than attacking any other group.

Therefore, on a dubiously optimistic note, I shall try to answer stupidity with reason, a word which ibn Aharon does not seem to have heard of. The most glaring fault in his rather paranoical article is a complete lack of proof of any kind (but proof only confuses the matter, doesn't it?) Bit by bit, I would like to destroy ibn Aharon's arguments:

He first states, after an irrelevant introduction, that NICAP grew out of a need to prepare the public for the day "when the Martians land on Capitol Hill." Here is a typical use of sarcasm rather than supportable fact. Mr. ibn Aharon has it from "Insiders" that Townsend Brown had invented a free energy machine, but he does not identify these "Insiders."

The fact that numerous financial problems have caused delays in NICAP's publications in the past can hardly be considered a valid argument against the group. As to ibn Aharon's subjective view of "The UFO Evidence", he neither elaborates on his feelings nor gives any reasons that could possibly justify the poor language he employs.

Mr. ibn Aharon then departs on an incoherent strain of thinking which appears to hold that NICAP is in some way seeking power over the entire UFO field. When one strips away the mounds of sarcasm and abusive remarks, ibn Aharon is left with not one shred of proof or justification.

He states, for example, that NICAP members must sign loyalty oaths, report un-NICAPian activities to their superiors, are forbidden to publish UFO material expressing their own views, and are forbidden to appear on radio and TV. I have been a NICAP member for some three years. In the course of my membership I have never been asked to sign an oath; I have never been directed to report dubious activities; I have never been told that I could not publish material on my own; and I have never been told that I could not appear on radio or TV.

On the contrary, many NICAP members do publish their own material, and NICAP members are encouraged to contact the public information media. It is only reasonable, however, that members speak for themselves when differing

with NICAP. Does this make it a great conspiracy? Is it so strange that NICAP would wish me to speak for myself if I should say, "Jim Moseley is a clod"? Was not ibn Aharon's own article preceded by a note that it represented his views and not those of the staff? Then ibn Aharon has the unmitigated gall to charge NICAP with hurting magazines "not officially approved", which is completely false and insupportable, while the entire point of his article is to ruin NICAP's reputation!

I know that I can speak for NICAP when I say that his charges of "intolerance and religious bigotry" are absolutely untrue. Of course, ibn Aharon never makes a specific charge; he just speaks in false generalities. That way, he avoids a libel suit! Similarly, he states that NICAP represents "intellectual isolationism and know-nothing orthodoxy." What does ibn Aharon stand for? Intellectual deficiency and know-nothing sarcasm?

Oh, it gets funnier! Ibn Aharon states that "any child" knows that the Air Force has a fine record of responsible public information! And furthermore, Major Keyhoe should go to the President, rather than Congress! He then states that Congressional investigations would accomplish nothing, which is another point no one can make with any assurance.

Then ibn Aharon climaxes his article by saying that NICAP is a front for the Air Force, and is actually designed to stop all interest in UFOs. It is absurd to think that the hundreds of letters to Congressmen, the numerous radio and TV appearances, the magazine articles, the publication of "The UFO Evidence", etc., have not increased public interest tremendously.

It is regrettable that SAUCER NEWS should print such blatantly opinionated, factless nonsense. It may have lost you many subscriptions. I know if I see any more of it, you'll lose mine.

LOUIS TRIFON, Plainview, New York

(I will leave ibn Aharon to defend his article in his own way, but I would like to mention one point that should have been included therein: NICAP's news release dated September 5th, 1963, concerning plans for their Youth Council, clearly states that "the only restrictions (for membership) in addition to the age limits are that the Council member must be a NICAP member who is willing to work for NICAP's goals, and must not be an active member or a regular contributor to any other UFO group or publication." Is this not an obvious attempt to stamp out independent activity among the younger generation of UFO researchers? - Editor.)

I agree with much of what Y. N. ibn Aharon says, though he's not too objective, himself, with some of his claims. I wonder, too, if NICAP is not merely the Air Force's buffer pad for this UFO business. What do you think?

When NICAP will not even release an informed treasurer's report to a paid (4 years, 20 bucks!) member, I begin to wonder about their organization!

WILLIAM J. DUNN, JR., Union, Maine

Your June '65 issue was good except for the article "Operation Windmill" by Y. N. ibn Aharon. Please do not construe this to mean that I favor NICAP's policies. The fact is that I'm against them. But the article was not up to the usual par of Mr. ibn Aharon.

I also see that you have bought "The UFO Reporter." I hope you buy every other zine in the saucer field. This will lead to less confusion and less friction in the field, and then something can be accomplished....

GEORGE M. PARVO, Palisades Park, N. J.

Although I have no great love for NICAP and Major Keyhoe, and think of the proposed Congressional investigations into flying saucers as a ridiculous proposal, which, if it came to pass, would result in nothing less than a farce, - nevertheless, the idea that the Director and his distinguished Board

and organization are acting as a "front" for the Air Force is, to me, completely without basis in fact and is entirely uncalled for.

The rest of your June issue is up to par, particularly the book review and the new column by Richard E. Wallace. The second part of Patricia A. Jones' "The UFO Coloring Book" was really humorous. The only slow part this month was "Perspective: The Saucer Movement," by Peter Kor. I didn't think it particularly stirring to the mind. But, you can't have a winner all the time, can you?.....

RONALD TARR, Rockport, Mass.

The article on NICAP is really marvelous sarcasm and quite funny, but I doubt if it is very accurate in terms of its main thesis. The fact is that most "level-headed" non-believers feel that Don Quixote's ax-grinding with the Air Force is the very reason that they don't believe in saucers.

I feel that Vallee's point that NICAP lacks solid scientific proof is a more valid criticism. In other words, he would like to see more emphasis on gathering and processing the data, rather than trying to put on a show for Congress. In view of the repeated failures in that department, his advise sounds both wise and practical....

PETER THOMPSON, Cleveland, Ohio

(If Don Quixote's "ax grinding" has tended to alienate potential saucer believers, this would tend to confirm rather than refute ibn Aharon's thesis. - Editor.)

I am not one of those who maintain that NICAP is above any and all criticism, but I do think that the organization deserves much better than it got at the hands of Y. N. ibn Aharon in the current SAUCER NEWS. While it is certainly true that NICAP is unnecessarily dogmatic in its approach to the UFO question (which may be ibn Aharon's real complaint, as I doubt that Keyhoe and Hall have ever bothered to study "Extraterrestrialism"), it does not follow that NICAP is, ipso facto, an arm of the Air Force, or even that it is as colossally inept as your writer seems to imagine....

For once, Gene Steinberg's book review struck me as constructive and fair, and I hope he continues in this vein.....Peter Kor's article was a let-down after his excellent paper in your last issue. What irritates me is not so much what he says but how he says it. He writes as if he were a professor speaking to a group of students with less than average intelligence, and many of his generalizations are so broad as to possess only an incidental relationship to the truth.

But, all in all, I'll stick with the comment I made in the letter you published in the June SAUCER NEWS: Yours is "unquestionably one of the very best publications in the field today."

JEROME CLARK, Brookings, S. D.

(Regarding the statements in the June SAUCER NEWS, Page 20), the photo interpreter report on the Luke AFB, Arizona, film taken on 3 March 1953, indicates that the objects in the film were vapor trails from high flying aircraft with a twin propulsion unit....

The films of UFOs incorporated as a part of the movie "UFO" were obtained from the original owners, Chief Petty Officer Delbert C. Newhouse (Tremonton, Utah, case), and Mr. Nicholas Mariana (Great Falls, Montana, case). The Air Force evaluations and conclusions of these films are as follows:

(a.) Tremonton, Utah, 2 July 1952:...The conclusion reached was that the bright spots of light appearing on the film were caused by seagulls soaring in thermal air currents. (b) Great Falls, Montana, 10 August 1950: Based on the interrogation of the witnesses and evaluation of data, the Air Force conclusion was that the objects on the film were two F-94 fighter aircraft known to be in the area....

SARA B. HUNT, Office of Information, Pentagon

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Thank you for the June issue of SAUCER NEWS. As you noted, I did suffer a serious heart attack on April 12th, from which I am still convalescing. I am well on the road to recovery.

Readers of SAUCER NEWS may be interested in the May-June and July-August issues of "Flying Saucer Review," where I have shown up the fallacies in Michel's "Orthoteny" as explained in his book "Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery."

DONALD H. MENZEL, Director, Harvard College Observatory  
Cambridge, Mass.

("Flying Saucer Review," which is a fine magazine, may be obtained by writing care of David Clackson, 72-78 Fleet Street, London E.C.4, England. - Editor.)

I am in receipt of the June 1965 issue of SAUCER NEWS. It seems my curse on you is beginning to take effect. My love for Sandra Stevens (Moseley) and the strange powers I have that go with it, was able to turn her at last against you. She once loved you but I put an end to that, working in my secret ways, although I admit it was quite a task to bring her under the power of myself and my associates, so as to influence her mind by the use of magnetic radiations to turn her love for you into hate.

I am most pleased at the results of these experiments after many failures....This is the beginning of the end, Moseley. You will notice too that George Adamski strangely died 12 years after the publication of his first book, the Biblical 12, and this is no accident either....

This is my last letter to you. Who am I? That you will soon know, but in a much different way than in the past. The past is gone, the present is short, and the future has expired!

RICHARD OGDEN, Seattle, Washington

(This is the same Mr. Ogden who, in a letter published in the December 1963 issue of SAUCER NEWS, confessed to having written us a series of hoax letters. His present letter, which was accompanied by a weird drawing and other strange enclosures, is not only ridiculous but in the worst possible taste. - Editor.)

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LITTLE MEN FROM MARS

- by David S. Heeren -

Despite technological advances, Earth will become an old planet some day. Oil, coal, iron ore, natural gas, and other natural resources will be consumed by a growing population faster than nature can replenish them; and soil will become overburdened with crops needed to feed the many people.

As the soil is overloaded, forest land will have to be cleared for farms. More and more land will have to be cleared until it all begins wearing out from overuse. Plant life of all kinds will then become scarce, having no rich soil to grow in. When plants become scarce, there will be nothing to reconvert to oxygen the increasing amounts of carbon dioxide produced as a waste product of human breathing. Respiration will become difficult in the choked atmosphere. And with plant life vanishing, the planet will take on the red hue of barrenness and rust.

The scarcity of plant life will also help cause a water shortage. Plant life is required to make soil porous enough to hold water. Without plants, water will drain off land so rapidly after rainfalls that natural bodies of water will overflow. This will throw out of balance the normal ratio of water on land to water vapor in the air. In an effort to restore the balance, nature will cause more evaporation. This will increase the density of water molecules in the atmosphere. It will cause increasing pressure that will force water molecules to escape much faster into outer space than they normally do.

The result of this entire process, which may take thousands of years, will be the decay of this planet.

The purpose of what I have written thus far is not to create panic on Earth. Nor is it to open a birth-control campaign. This wearing out process will occur eventually through natural causes, even if overpopulation does not become a problem. I have begun in this way as an introduction to my theory that "saucer men" come from Mars, a dying planet such as I have just described.

The belief that the "little men" are Martians is not a unique one. But many of my specific ideas on the subject are unique, at least within the scope of my reading on UFOs.

In approaching this subject at all, it is necessary to assume the existence of the "little men." I do so for two reasons. The first is that they reportedly have been seen near grounded space ships by dozens of persons whose reliability and integrity have been established beyond a reasonable doubt. The second is that the descriptions of them are almost always nearly identical.

They are said to be four or five feet tall, to have a dark complexion, facial features like human beings but in slightly distorted form, long arms in proportion to body length, and short legs. They are described as wearing tight space suits but no helmets, and as being agile and strong. They have been heard to utter unintelligible sounds, as if speaking to each other.

The next important question is: Where do they come from? Although some scientists have argued otherwise, I discount the theory that they are from another solar system. The nearest star is about four light years away. Even if the space ships of the "little men" could approach the speed of light, which is more than doubtful, the length of time it would take them to get here (and back) would present prohibitively difficult problems, if these men do - as they appear to - have similar bodily functions to ours.

That leaves the sun's solar system. The nearest large object to Earth is the moon, but I discount it as a possible source of life. I believe we have instruments that could have detected the presence of life anywhere as close to us as the moon. I think that the moon is, indeed, as desolate as it looks through a telescope.

Astronomers have presented arguments convincing enough to indicate to me

that no planet other than Earth and Mars do or ever could have possessed intelligent life. Factors such as extreme heat and cold, poisoned atmosphere or lack of atmosphere, thick sun-blocking clouds, and unstable surface crusts are included in the argument, but I do not have room enough in this article to consider each planet specifically.

Many astronomers have opined that Mars once fostered life and still may. Many of these astronomers, however, limit their consideration of life on Mars to the idea that a few small green patches on the red planet may be plant life, and white caps in the polar regions may be ice.

I strongly believe the "little men" are from Mars. Why? For one principal reason - intellectual capacity. If and when our planet Earth begins to wear out as Mars has, and to take on the red hue that means corrosion, desolation, and death, we will begin putting our greatest scientific minds to work in an attempt to save our civilization. Here is the way I believe the Martians have, for the time being at least, succeeded in saving theirs:

Almost everyone knows about the curious straight-line markings on Mars. I believe they are exactly what some astronomers have guessed - canals. Every drop of water must be precious on Mars. Only an elaborate system of canals, linked to the polar ice caps and whatever other sources of water there are, could provide ample water to support a human population there.

Next the question of living conditions: I believe objects similar to huge greenhouses could be constructed which might be able to support life. Fertilizing chemicals could be used to keep the soil rich enough within the "greenhouses" to grow a profusion of plants. These oxygen-producers could counterbalance the breathing of the inhabitants. If the greenhouses were airtight, the atmosphere would not escape. And a transparent roof could enable both plants and people to get plenty of sunlight.

This is but one of several possible hypotheses. There may be other ways life could be preserved, possibly better ones. An underground existence might even be possible. But the important thing to keep in mind is that intelligent animals - particularly human beings - have tremendous capacities for adjustment to austere conditions.

Even on Earth, people manage to stay alive through sheer ingenuity in locales where there are extremes of heat and cold that normally would be intolerable to human life. If Mars is a dying planet, its inhabitants have had more time to advance in their technology than we have. And if evidence is needed of the advanced technology of the "little men," one needs to look no further than their amazing space craft.

Further evidence that these craft come from Mars is provided by the abundance of sightings around the time when Earth is at its closest proximity to Mars. This would be the normal time to be making trips back and forth.



*"I've an uneasy feeling I forgot to turn something off"*

Of great interest to me was an article which appeared in the September, 1964 issue of SAUCER NEWS (Page 14.) It described the alleged encounter of a New York state farmer with "little men." Several points in the story interested me. One was the fact that the farmer described the men as speaking good English, though he could not tell what part of their bodies the voices came from.

This is interesting because in most cases "little men" have been heard to utter only unintelligible sounds. However, it makes sense, if one considers the possibility that the "little men" were not speaking directly at all, but the voices were recorded after the Martians made a study of our language. They have had plenty of time to do this. UFO sightings have been reported throughout recorded history. And recently a scientist claimed he had devised a system that could analyze and interpret any language. Perhaps this is what the Martians did; but if they went to the trouble to do so, they must have had a purpose. And apparently they did.

The farmer said the "little men" were carrying trays filled with sod and soil samples and were concerned about agricultural methods, especially fertilizers. He said they asked him a lot of questions about fertilizer. And indeed, what would concern the inhabitants of a dying planet more than the fertilizer required to preserve their deteriorating soil?

Furthermore, the farmer said the men identified themselves as Martians. He said they told him they visited our planet every two years and that a man from Earth going into space could not live longer than two years away from this planet.

Your cautious SAUCER NEWS Editor described the farmer's story as "wild," although not discounting it entirely. But to me it is anything but wild. What neurotic or publicity-seeking UFO sighter would relate a conversation with "little men" on such an unspectacular subject as fertilizer? And can it be just a coincidence that the farmer's description of the "little men" exactly matched that of other reputable UFO sighters? Or that his reference to the frequency of their visits here (every two years) generally corresponds to the length of time between saucer flaps? Or, finally, that he again matched the usual descriptions by saying that the takeoff of the spaceship after the conversation was smokeless as well as soundless?

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SPEAKING OF SAUCERSUFOLOGY: THE STATUS QUO

- by Richard E. Wallace -

June 24th marked the passage of 18 years since the beginning of the modern flying saucer era. In the years since Kenneth Arnold first observed nine disc-shaped objects traveling in a reversed echelon (lead object high with the rest stepped down), while flying in his private airplane near Mount Rainier, Washington, - what have we, as Ufologists, accomplished in terms of finding a solution to the perplexing enigma that is our field of study?

My reply, regrettably, will not ingratiate me with the reader who has complacently and haughtily assumed that we have discovered all there is to discover about UFOs, until such time as we confront the eventuality of a face to face meeting with the entities or beings that pilot them.

It has been established beyond question that UFOs are real, tangible objects. They have been tracked on radar traveling at fantastic speeds, far surpassing the capabilities of even our most advanced aircraft; they can execute rapid, sharp turns, and perform other fantastic maneuvers that would disintegrate our finest jets; they can fly in all sorts of formations that would indicate intelligent control; they have a particularly disconcerting habit of being able to nullify the electrical systems of automobiles when passing in close proximity to them; and, they can be photographed, and have been on numerous occasions.

Beyond these facts, confirmed by massive documented evidence, we enter into the realm of fantasy. It is true that some have claimed to be in possession of that final link in the chain of evidence, - physical proof that establishes over and above a shadow of a doubt that flying saucers are advanced aerial machines of extraterrestrial origin. In the forefront of these claimants is none other than the redoubtable Coral E. Lorenzen, Director of the long-lived Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in Tucson, Arizona.

Several years ago, Mrs. Lorenzen contacted the Air Force and alleged that she had fragments of a spacecraft that met with disaster in our atmosphere. True, she could produce no witnesses or sworn testimony to this startling event. But, they were unnecessary. The pieces of metal she had secured were spectroscopically pure, and certainly exceeded the capabilities of our technology when they were found, in 1957.

It sounded as if we were on the verge of learning that final, unequivocal answer that would send us Ufologists home to bed with nary a worry. Unfortunately, APRO's "physical evidence" has proved nothing except their credulity. The Air Force asked Mrs. Lorenzen to submit her proof, but received only an arrogant rebuff. If APRO personnel



*"Claims he'll never go back."*

could not watch over the shoulders of the already overworked Air Force scientists, Lorenzen would not permit them to take her precious fragments. Needless to say, the Air Force was in no position to cater to her impossible demands.

I make no claims of being an Air Force apologist, however. In fact, we have had no qualms about attacking them in print whenever we've felt justified in doing so. However, the Air Force certainly has better things to do than to let us saucer fiends follow them around on a leash. If the Ufologists were to all vanish into thin air tomorrow, they could care less.

As soon as SAUCER NEWS heard about APRO's alleged "physical evidence," we challenged Mrs. Lorenzen in print to produce it and collect our only recently-withdrawn \$1000 reward for such proof. Lorenzen never actually declined. But she never even deigned to reply to we who would dare question the authenticity of her pieces of metal. So much for APRO's "physical evidence."

There are, of course, those numerous and oft-repeated claims that certain selected Earthlings have communicated in person or via telepathy with spacemen and spacewomen. Proof, however, is only conspicuous by its absence, and to say "we don't buy it" is as cheritable as we care to be.

To compound the confusion, saucer researchers have acquired the deplorable habit of attacking each other violently in print, and one almost finds them on the verge of fisticuffs when they meet personally. I myself am not entirely innocent of this shortcoming, for I have often allowed myself to get carried away by my emotions, better judgment to the contrary. But it certainly has not been conducive to creating an atmosphere in which saucer research can progress toward its ultimate goals without hindrance.

Ufology in the past 18 years has accomplished pitifully little, and the responsibility for this situation must rest with us all. Let us hope that the next 18 years will be more fruitful. They certainly could not be less!

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# Book Review

ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON - by Jacques Vallee (Henry Regnery Co., Chicago; \$4.95)

- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

After having seen UFO literature degenerate into a seemingly endless series of second-rate contactee books, it is indeed refreshing to come across a book which will undoubtedly be remembered as a milestone in the field. For the first time, a scientist of stature has deemed to examine the UFO evidence objectively.

We have had a handful of other top-rate books in the nearly 100 flying saucer volumes printed to date, but each has had some basic flaw: Jung's book stressed the psychological approach almost to the exclusion of all others; Menzel, though a top scientist, was out to prove UFOs are not interplanetary, irregardless of the evidence; Ruppelt was expressing the Air Force viewpoint in his fine book; Michel was out to prove his interesting but inconclusive "straight line" hypothesis; Coral Lorenzen gives some excellent "little men" data, but has her own ax to grind; Miller's greatly underrated soft-cover book gave a good review of the field but only from a layman's viewpoint; and Keyhoe's documentary style makes good popular reading but is far removed from science. Most of the other UFO books have contributed little if anything to our knowledge of the subject.

Now at last, we find a man who has sufficient scientific stature to be taken seriously, at the same time that he has an open mind on the flying saucer subject. Jacques Vallee is a consultant on NASA's "Mars Map" project, and has been a research assistant at MacDonald University. Yet he is close enough to the saucer field to have written several articles for England's well-known magazine "Flying Saucer Review."

The book is in two parts, though they are not formally separated. The first part is an account of interesting and representative sightings from ancient times up until the present. Among the UFO events discussed in detail are several with which we were totally or partially unfamiliar, and therefore found most fascinating.

Perhaps the best of all is a 1897 incident, in which a cow belonging to a Kansas farmer was "kidnapped" by a saucer. The next day the hide, legs, and head of the animal were found on a neighboring farm. The cow was identified by a brand on the hide. Strangely enough, a similar incident occurred during the 1954 French flap. In that case, a mare was drawn three yards up into the air by a flying saucer, and thereafter was let back down onto the ground before the eyes of the startled witness.

Vallee also discusses in thought-provoking detail the fantastic landing at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1955, in which saucer occupants terrorized a family of eleven for several hours. Another short chapter deals with a possible UFO event in Europe in 1917, which was witnessed by 70,000 people. This unique incident, which is well documented, is usually described in another context, rather than being associated with the saucer mystery. Your reviewer fiendishly declines to state here the "key" to this well-known event, and suggests that you buy the book to find out more.

Of far more importance than the sightings is the second part of Vallee's book, which contains his criticisms of present UFO research and his suggestions for improvements. Vallee believes that flying saucers have an objective reality, and he leans toward the interplanetary hypothesis as an explanation of their origin. However, as a scientist, and in the absence of material proof (i.e., "physical evidence"), Vallee keeps an open mind on the subject, and he is not emotionally committed to any hypothesis. This is much to his credit.

Vallee does not believe that the Air Force is hiding anything significant from the public, but he is critical of their research methods. He says, in regard to his own files, which are larger than those of the Air Force: "I do not classify the reports according to the amount of data they contain. 'Insufficient data' alone is no ground for elimination. A detailed study of the Air Force methods will show how naive it is to label as 'insufficient information' the very phenomenon you are studying. Think of a physicist discontinuing his research because he does not have 'sufficient information' about the structure of the atom, or the FBI allowing a criminal to escape because the witness' description of his face is not sufficiently accurate!"

In another passage, he goes on to say: "The category 'insufficient data' has been defined (by the Air Force) in a way that would have delighted a Jesuit of the good old days. A report is said to give insufficient information when there is reason to believe that had the investigator possessed more information on the case, he would have classified it in one of the conventional categories. The amusing point is that some of the reports stamped 'insufficient' contain a full page of fine print with all possible details. But you can always assume that the missing information would have contained details such that it would have been clear to the investigator that the cause of the sighting was conventional. This is anything but science."

Regarding the Air Force's famous Project Blue Book Special Report #14, Vallee states: "(It is) as void of scientific interest as the work of the mathematician who tried to evaluate the probability that the sun would rise tomorrow."

Vallee treads gently on Dr. Menzel, the Dean of the Anti-Saucerers, but he does have this to say: "In his book, 'The World of Flying Saucers,' Dr. Menzel works from a selected sample of UFO reports and does not limit the potential complexity of his system. But very few of the cases he studies would be thought worthy of consideration in an objective system of analysis where weights are distributed according to well-defined criteria, and not according to the amount of publicity the case received in 'enthusiast' circles obviously unconcerned with scientific analysis." Vallee goes on to explain that both Menzel and the Air Force make the mistake of giving prime attention to the best-publicized UFO reports, which do not coincide at all with the most scientifically-valuable reports.

Vallee is hard on the saucer cultists, and especially so on NICAP. His remarks on this subject deserve to be quoted in full:

"It has been suggested, especially by members of the amateur group NICAP, that a Congressional hearing on UFOs should be held to examine the 'evidence' that UFOs exist and are 'space vehicles under intelligent control.' The Air Force files are said to contain such evidence, which is at present (according to the NICAP Director) kept from the public.

"There is little ground to support such a claim, and NICAP representatives would realize that plainly during the first hours of such a Congressional debate. Although it could be the occasion of an inter-



"There it goes again! A high whine like the eerie sound of a ship from outer space."

esting scientific confrontation, only confusion and probably further ridicule would result from it in the long run. Not one of the seven hundred cases presented in NICAP's recently-published report "The UFO Evidence" could, in the view of this writer, stand the test of an extensive scientific discussion. An experienced opponent of UFOs, such as Professor Menzel, would certainly be able to show that some doubt exists in each case, simply because no UFO report has yet been investigated as such by scientists working within the framework of a general analysis. NICAP's cases would be interesting elements in such a research, but the 'evidence' they contain, if real, is still to be extracted through a long and careful scientific analysis of the type illustrated in this book. Taken individually, the best report does not prove anything."

In another passage, Vallee states: "Two large organizations exist in the U. S. One is NICAP, a very official-appearing group founded by Major Keyhoe, and the other is APRO of Tucson. It seems that NICAP's main concern is to obtain official recognition of the existence of 'flying saucers' by the U.S. Congress, while APRO claims to be more seriously dedicated to investigation and research, and has gone to some effort to present reports of sightings made abroad, as well as articles by foreign contributors.

"The progress made since 1952, however, seems microscopic, even when one reads the well-documented report "UFO Evidence," published by NICAP in 1964. This activity obviously misses the point, since it is not seen that the UFO problem is basically a problem of methodology, and a very difficult scientific question that cannot be solved by political or military authorities. Although they often use the names of scientists said to 'approve' of their actions, apparently none of these groups has obtained practical assistance in their daily work from competent professional researchers, and their publications are at best acceptable documentaries. But this is already much better than what most UFO groups produce."

The author then has a constructive proposal to offer, which, if adopted, could lead to a solution of the UFO mystery. He does not want the Air Force to turn over its files to civilian enthusiasts, as they do not have the training to handle them properly. Instead, he advocates that a permanent research bureau be set up, which would work with the Air Force, and which would be given the task of analyzing the UFO problem as a whole. This scientific group would be a team of from six to twelve civilian researchers competent in their various fields, and already familiar with the field of UFO research, who would volunteer to conduct independent studies. They would be given permanent access to the non-classified cases kept up to date at Wright-Patterson Field by the Air Force. Among other advantages, they would have the ability, which the Air Force does not have, to examine foreign reports as scientific data, and to meet with serious foreign researchers for consultation. Such a team would thus conduct its investigation on a global scale.

The Vallee book, while generally excellent, does have at least one weakness. A chapter near the end, called "Theories and Hypotheses," gives almost equal consideration to theories of very unequal merit, and furthermore fails to state that the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitation in Biblical times appeared originally in Yonah ibn Aharon's detailed articles for SAUCER NEWS, back in 1957 and 1958. Vallee mistakenly gives sole credit to two Russian scientists, Agrest and Misraki, who published their versions of ibn Aharon's theory in 1960 and 1962 respectively.

Many saucer-minded readers of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" will choose to criticize the book on the grounds that "it doesn't go far enough," or on the grounds that it is too unkind to saucer clubs in general or NICAP in particular. But in our opinion, it is high time that a truly objective civilian study of UFOs be made, and it seems clear that as of now, Jacques Vallee is the only man ready and willing to do it. We feel that this book is the most important - though not necessarily the most interesting - UFO book published so far.

THE RECENT LITERATURE OF EXTRATERRESTRIALISM - (Part Two)

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

"The Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench is the son of the fifth Earl of Clancarty, and Advertisement Manager of a popular British aviation magazine. Also Editor of Flying Saucer Review from 1956 to 1959. During this editorship, the magazine built up an international subscription list which included many famous people."

So reads part of a paragraph called "About the Author" on the inside of the back flyleaf of Brinsley le Poer Trench's book, "The Sky People," published in 1960 by Neville Spearman Ltd. of London.

Although the novels of such great Englishmen as Trollope and George Meredith do their best to cure us of our perpetual kowtowing before the remnant dregs of Anglo-Norman aristocracy, the prevailing view on both sides of the Atlantic is that the son of a fifth Earl is a very fine thing to be, and from a purely commercial point of view, perhaps this is so.

The "Honourable" Brinsley, however, has done very little to conform to those high standards of ethics and fair play that go with the condition of a titled gentleman; and did I own such an outmoded item of male dress as that species of mailed glove known as a gauntlet, I would unhesitatingly strike him with same as he left his place of employment at tea time.

The Trench book, taken on its own, does not, of course, deserve the severe stricture just meted out to its author. It is a pleasantly meandering, poorly contrived re-hash of Mme. Blavatsky's interpretation of the Book of Genesis, with which my fellow Theosophist, Desmond Leslie, had already dealt so thoroughly and so well in his introductory pages of the otherwise unfortunate book "Flying Saucers Have Landed."

The World Down Below, the Serpent People, Atlantis and the Initiate Priesthoods, Jehovah as Titan and all the civilizing ferment of human beings crossing swords, physically as well as intellectually, with their extraterrestrial mentors, - all these are parts of the Blavatskian scene as set forth in "The Secret Doctrine." They are also part of my essays on Extraterrestrialism in SAUCER NEWS; and yet, although such profound Old Testament authorities as H.T. Wilkins, Donald Keyhoe and Max B. Miller figure in the Bibliography, each with publications even more recent than my own, Trench couldn't find room for me even in a footnote. Even the Soviet plagiarist Agrest finds his way into the Trench book with a dispatch dated February 10th, 1960 (Page 78), a few short months before publication.

Whenever he ventures beyond mere "borrowing" and copybook reiteration, Trench falls into the most egregious errors. On Page 29, he says that the Hebrew word ani is a masculine form of the first personal pronoun in the singular, and implies that anokhi is a feminine form. Where, oh where he could have gotten an idea like that, only an extraterrestrial could know; but let me set puzzled students' minds at rest by reassuring them that

"Well Charlie—how does it look from up there?"



Trench's distinction is incorrect: the first personal pronouns in Hebrew are simultaneously masculine and feminine, with the forms of anokhi being considered as less usual and probably more archaic than the commoner forms in ani.

In the same passage, Trench also falls into the error of believing that "Jehovah" was the name of a race or society of extraterrestrial beings, when the validity of the extraterrestrial thesis of Biblical interpretation rests squarely on the fact that, in the person of Jehovah God of Israel, we are dealing with a single, well-defined personality who was, at that, hardly a median specimen of his race. He was a rebel and an outcast if not actually a fugitive from justice. Trench seems to sense this when he says that "The creation of....animal man was an illegal act. It was done without permission, in a specifically chosen, isolated place." (Page 32.)

Trench then proceeds to becloud the issue with the aged Williamsonian hypothesis (which he cleverly palms off on Mme. Blavatsky, who never said such a thing) that the Garden of Eden was on Mars, because only canals could flow in four different directions from a given point. Here again, even the faintest smattering of Hebrew would have stood our author in good stead. The Book of Genesis says that the Garden was a plot, something like an Indian reservation, bordered by four rivers, each having its sources (Hebrew: "heads") within the confines thereof. No canals required.

Much of the point of the extraterrestrial hypothesis, however, demands that we clearly understand that Jehovah did not create Man. What he did do, at best, was to conduct a series of biochemical experiments with associated problems in initial acculturation of anthropoidal bipeds, which came to an end when the authorities "back home" (wherever that was) got wind of what was going on. As a matter of fact, Trench calls Jehovah "administrator of the planet Earth for that age," when he has just cited Blavatsky to the effect that Jehovah was, at best, a tribal deity of the Jews.

One thing Trench is not is anti-Jewish. How he could have some of the friends that he had, under the circumstances, is hard to understand; but then the same can be said about most of us, and guilt by association is not one of the aims I hope to achieve in the course of these new articles on Extraterrestrialism.

After confusing Jehovah with the Great Elohim, and shooting the Garden of Eden off to Mars, Trench accepts the neo-Victorian fraud, so often seconded by pseudo-Semiticists of the Albright school, that says that the Deluge of Noah was a purely local phenomenon. Why these people think they have the right to rewrite the Bible, I don't know. (One of Albright's favorite ploys, by the way, is to say, "If we move this letter here, and add another letter there, we get such and such result." Thoughtful scripturists can easily imagine where such "higher criticism" can lead. I accept the Massoretic texts, as is, in all my studies.)

If his treatment of Noah is bad, Trench's treatment of Atlantis is worse. The Noah legend is, of course, identical with Atlantis, and Solon, of course, got it from the Egyptians in the first place. But the worst of Trench's mistakes is to equate the Sky Kings (like Ba'al, Jehovah, and Us'rus) with the Serpent People. He actually thinks the Serpent People "always had compassion and love for humanity"!

Maybe there is something, after all, to that old saying about the Devil quoting scripture. Trench's book is certainly a case in point.

(Note: Readers of SAUCER NEWS will want to follow Rabbi ibn Aharon's series on Death in the Ancient World, now running in selected issues of The Saint Mystery Magazine.)

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# RECENT NEWS

MARTIANS WATCHING US WHILE WE WATCH THEM? As of this writing, it seems unlikely that the recent Mariner 4 probe will prove anything definite about whether or not there is intelligent life on Mars. However, it is most interesting to note that a UFO was seen hovering 5,000 feet above the airport at Canberra, Australia, at the very time that the satellite tracking station at nearby Tidnibilla was scheduled to pick up Mariner's signals. Apparently because of the nearby UFO, the tracking station had unusual difficulty in locking on to Mariner. The object was seen by the air traffic control officer at Canberra Airport as well as by five other members of the traffic control tower crew. The UFO appeared as a glowing object, reflecting the sun in broad daylight. It disappeared suddenly when an Air Force plane was sent up to identify it.

At about the same time, the Goldstone tracking station reported irregularities in messages while Mariner was photographing Mars, though it is not clear whether any UFO was involved in the incident.

SAUCER LANDING IN AUSTRALIA: Three residents of a hotel on a lonely road 50 miles from Mackay, Australia, claim that a UFO landed about 400 yards from the hotel on the night of May 23rd. One of the men, named J. W. Tilse, is an experienced commercial pilot. He stated to the press that he and two friends saw 20 to 30 spotlights on the object, above a circular platform. The strange flying machine looked like an upturned saucer. The top part was jet black, and at the bottom were three triangular legs. At the top of each leg was a brilliant globe-like light which appeared to contract and expand continually. The spotlights were around the main body of the machine, between the black top and the strangely lighted legs.

The UFO was in view for 30 minutes or more. It made some noise, though not much. When it left, it did so at very high speed, in a northeasterly direction.

The witnesses also stated that the object left behind a burned circle 20 feet in diameter on the ground, and scorched treetops. These marks were photographed in color by Mr. Tilse. Constable B. Self, from the local police station, confirmed having seen these markings the next day; but other police and reporters arriving at the scene later, say they found no such physical evidence. The incident has been reported to the Australian Air Force.

LITTLE MEN LAND IN FORMOSA, ARGENTINA: According to a newspaper in Misiones, Argentina, called "La Provincia," a flying saucer landing occurred near the little Indian village of Chalac, Formosa, at 9 p.m. on February 21st of this year. The spaceship was of an aluminum color, and made several passes at very low altitude before finally landing before the astonished eyes of the Indians, who then saw three small figures emerge from the craft.

Each figure was surrounded by a blue phosphorescence of some sort, according to the report. Moving along with difficulty, the creatures reached a place where about fifty Indians had gathered, one of whom fled on horseback to call the police. The police arrived and were witnesses to the incredible scene, and took several pictures of the little men and of their craft. These were sent to Buenos Aires, according to the newspaper, and we have no further information as to what happened to them.

The alien creatures were apparently as frightened by the flash of the photographer's flashbulbs as the natives were of them; for they retreated slowly and with difficulty to their spaceship, then stood next to it for another fifteen minutes, and finally took off at very high speed. At the time of departure, the saucer became enveloped in a light of blinding intensity, and

gave off a deafening noise.

Although we have five different clippings about this incident, there is no further information available after the original report from "La Provincia" and the various commentaries on it by other Argentine newspapers. According to one version only, the little men gave a message of peace and good will (presumably in Spanish), to the startled Indians. We tend to disbelieve this embellishment, however.

**SAUCER LANDING IN FRANCE:** A report from Valensole, France, dated July 3rd, states that local police are investigating an incident involving a farmer who claims to have seen a UFO take off from his field. The farmer, named Maurice Masse, states that the landing occurred at dawn on July 1st. The craft looked like a "big rugby ball," and had four metal legs. Standing next to the UFO was a small humanoid creature, about the size of an 8-year-old child.

The UFO took off suddenly, and disappeared into the sky so quickly that the startled farmer could not believe his eyes. Thereafter, he examined the area where it had landed, and found tracks left by the metal legs. Also, the ground was packed down as hard as concrete.

Police and local residents by the score examined the tracks. The opinion of the police is that Masse is a "solid citizen," and not the type of person who would create a hoax.

**SECOND ANNUAL SAUCER CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND:** The Second Annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists was held in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25th-27th, and was attended by about twenty-five delegates, including your SAUCER NEWS Editor, Assistant Editor Y.N. ibn Aharon, Photo Editor Michael G. Mann, and Associate Editor Richard E. Wallace. Also present were several other out-of-town people, including Gene Duplantier (Editor of "Saucers, Space & Science"), who came all the way from Canada, and Allen Greenfield (Editor of "The UFO Sighter"), who came with his parents from Atlanta, Georgia.



The photo at the left shows five of the delegates - (left to right) Dale Rettig, Richard E. Wallace, Rick Hilberg, Dave Halperin, and Allen Greenfield - posing under a welcoming sign put up by one of Cleveland's Holiday Inns, where the closed sessions of the 1965 Congress were held. The open session was held at a nearby high school auditorium.

The "closed sessions" were much better organized than last year, and a lot was accomplished in regard to promoting a better understanding among the various non-contactee groups in Ufology. A Code of Ethics for Ufology was drawn up, too long to reproduce here. Those who are interested may obtain a free copy of this Code by writing to the Chairman of the Cleveland Ufology Project, one of the organizations that sponsored the Convention. His name and address are: A. J. Manak, 6434 Emory Drive, Brookpark, Ohio 44142.

Speakers at the single open session, on the night of June 26th, included James Moseley, Yonah ibn Aharon,

Lawrence Blazey, and NICAP's Earl Neff, among others. Attendance at this session was about the same as in 1964. This was very disappointing, as a much larger hall had been rented. Just as last year, much of the pre-Convention publicity on radio and television failed to materialize. Better luck is expected at the 1966 Congress, which will again be held in Cleveland.

**SCIENTISTS IN ANTARCTICA SEE AND PHOTOGRAPH UFO:** On July 3rd, scientists at three different Antarctic bases - British, Chilean, and Argentine - saw a UFO that moved around in the sky for about twenty minutes in a zigzag fashion, "at a frightening speed," giving off light of various colors. The object was shaped like a double-convex lens, and made no noise whatsoever, according to the report. It finally disappeared at an altitude of six to ten miles.

Mario Jahn Barrera, a Chilean Air Force Commander on duty at the Chilean base, stated that the light must have had something solid behind it, because it caused interference in the base's electromagnetic equipment. He also stated that ten color photographs were taken of the object while it was over his base. However, the pictures will not be available till March of 1966, because the outpost has no facilities for developing color film, and the photographer will have to wait to develop them after his tour of duty is over.

Said Commander Jahn Barrera, in making his official report: "I belong to the Air Force, and no apparatus constructed by man to date has anything like this, either in shape, speed, maneuverability, or other characteristics."

A total of at least eleven reliable witnesses were involved in this sighting. A similar sighting over the same area occurred about two weeks earlier.

**ONE-EYED GIANTS LAND IN ARGENTINA:** A rather wild story from the town of Torren, date-lined Santo Time, Argentina, tells of two saucer landings that occurred within a few days of each other, during February of this year. In each case, during a very dark night, a UFO landed in full view of a small group of frightened farmers; and two strange beings, more than six feet in height, got out of the machine. They had only one eye, and had an apparatus on their foreheads which gave off small lights of many different colors. The space creatures went into one of the nearby houses, and tried to kidnap the farmer who lived there, but were unsuccessful due to the combined efforts of his friends, who came to his rescue.

On the night that this happened for the second time, the farmers opened fire on the visitors. They found to their dismay that their bullets had no effect! They also found, however, that the spacemen were very weak physically, and apparently could be easily discouraged from their kidnap mission. In any case, it seems that no one on either side of the strange conflict was seriously hurt. However, some of the earthmen who came into physical contact with the visitors have come down with a strange skin disease, which looks like tiny tattoo marks of some kind.

**UNDERWATER MYSTERY OBJECT NEAR FLORIDA:** On July 5th, marine scientists exploring the depths of the Gulf Stream reported that they had photographed a fast-moving unidentified object near the ocean floor. Captain L. Jacques Nicholas and Dr. Demitri Rebikoff made the following statement: "Beneath the various schools of fish moving at approximately the same speed as the Stream (3½ knots), there loomed a pear-shaped object. At first, from its size, we thought it to be some form of shark. However, its direction and speed were too constant. It may have been running on robot pilot. We received no signal from it, and therefore do not know what it was." Efforts were made to take pictures, but we have no report as to what they showed.

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## RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR:

June 6th - Panelist on the Randi Show (radio station WOR in New York), with Yonah ibn Aharon, Tom Williams, and others. Under discussion was the recent Gemini 4 space flight and other matters concerning outer space.

June 17th - Interview on Mike Jennings' program on WLIR, in Garden City, Long Island.

June 25th - Taped television interview with Barry Davis, on Cleveland station WKYC, in connection with the Cleveland UFO Congress.

June 25th - Taped television interview with Dorothy Feldheim, on Cleveland station WEWS, in connection with the Congress.

June 28th - The May 7th Randi program, discussing our trip to Ecuador, was repeated on tape.

July 17th - Panelist on the Randi Show, with saucerers Virginia Brasington (author of "Flying Saucers in the Bible"), George Earley of NICAP, Timothy Green Beckley, and Michael Campione.

July 24th - Panelist on the Randi Show, with amateur astronomer Steve Goldstone and others. Throughout the night, listeners were given the opportunity to telephone the program with questions about flying saucers, and to have their questions answered over the air.

POSSIBLE SAUCER LANDING IN NEW JERSEY: On July 10th, SAUCER NEWS Associate Editor Tim Beckley and several other researchers made an on-the-spot investigation of a reported UFO landing in Hampton Lakes, N.J. Back around Easter, a local youth named Harry Reci II had taken photos of a strange circular depression in a sandy wooded area, and had claimed to a local newspaper that the circle was caused by a spaceship landing. Then, at about 1 a.m. on June 24th, Mrs. Lorraine Moore of nearby Vincetown, was chased by a glowing "over-sized platter" for two miles on her way home. She told the Burlington County Herald that the object had antennas and visible windows, and claimed that it was so low over her car that "she could have reached up at any time and touched it."

Thinking that there could be a connection between the two incidents, Mr. Beckley and his fellow investigators attempted, in vain, to interview Mrs. Moore. She is now refusing to talk to anyone. They did meet Harry Reci II, however, and took photographs and measurements of two sets of concentric circles about 100 yards apart. The set shown in the photo above has an outside diameter of sixteen feet. The importance of the circles is reduced by the fact that a neighbor of Harry Reci II, named Mr. Hoeffner, claims that he and his son made the markings with their tractor "while on a joy riding spree." It would appear, therefore, that the rings probably have no connection with UFOs, and that the report from Mrs. Moore requires further investigation to determine its significance.



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FLYING SAUCERS OVER PORTUGAL: Strange objects moving through space were reported in widely-separated parts of Portugal on July 12th. The first appeared in Motosinhos, where a man named Manuel Fernandes and his wife watched an object which looked "like a plate turned over." It was very luminous, with an

orange coloring, and at times green rays shot out from one side. The saucer stopped at high altitude, near the coast, and then sped toward the north at incredible velocity. Fernandes added that he was playing his radio at the time of the sighting, and noticed heavy interference when the object circled over a forest near his home.

A similar type of interference stopped the electromagnetic clocks for 45 minutes at the Villa do Porto weather bureau, at the same time that a "cylindrical white object" circled around in the sky. However, a follow-up report, claiming that both sightings were caused by weather balloons, states that the electromagnetic clocks in Villa do Porto were stopped because of the carelessness of an electrician who was repairing the system.

**POLICE SEARCH IN VAIN FOR FLYING SAUCER IN ARGENTINA:** An unusually close sighting of a UFO in San Carlos, Argentina, last May 24th, prompted an expedition of police to journey to the desolate mountain area where the strange machine had been seen to land.

The sighting was made by Darwin Milo Miranda, who was hunting in an area called Paso de las Carretas, in the Department of San Carlos. At a distance of about 2,500 yards and an altitude of only about 100 yards, Miranda saw a large object which looked like "an inverted plate," spinning in flight and giving off weird lights of various colors. After hovering for several minutes in the air, the object landed noiselessly on a hill.

The incident was reported to the police. The next morning, under the command of Inspector Osvelto Pagella, a group of several policemen and others made a determined effort to reach the landing spot on horseback. A plane was also dispatched to fly over the zone. However, nothing was found, leaving the authorities to infer (rather illogically) that the sighting had not taken place.

**RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS:** On June 18th, our speaker was Richard E. Wallace, who gave a most interesting account of the various theories relating to the idea that the interior of the Earth is inhabited. In particular, the idea was discussed that there may be (as Ray Palmer and others have suggested), holes in the north and south Poles of our planet.

On July 16th our speaker was Virginia Brasington, author of "Flying Saucers in the Bible," who came all the way from her home in North Carolina to give this lecture and to appear on the Randi Show the following night. Mrs. Brasington's friendly manner and folksy delivery made this one of the most pleasant evenings we have yet had.

On the night of Friday, August 13th, Gray Barker, author of "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers," will again be our guest. Those of you who live in the New York area and who are not yet on our lecture mailing list, need only drop us a line to have this service extended to you, free of charge. Our lectures are usually (but not always) held on the third Friday of every month at the Hotel Woodstock, at 127 West 43rd St., New York City. More detailed information is contained in our monthly notices.

**GEMINI TWINS SEE BUT FAIL TO PHOTOGRAPH UFO:** The Gemini 4 astronauts, James McDivitt and Edward White, saw two UFOs - possibly "space junk" or satellites - during their recent flight, but failed to get pictures of either of them. McDivitt reported he believed that he had obtained at least three pictures of one of the mystery objects, but a minute examination of all photographs made from the Gemini 4 capsule during its four-day orbital flight, failed to turn up any trace of the UFO.

**NEAR-LANDING IN MINNESOTA:** A nine-year-old boy named Gary Green, living on a farm near New London, Minnesota, made an unusually close observation of a

flying saucer at 5 p.m. last April 26th. The machine descended noiselessly to within a few inches of the ground, at a distance of about 200 feet from the boy. It then raised a "stick" of some sort, resembling an antenna or periscope. At that point, a weird noise began, which was heard by the boy's father, who was across the road in a silo, doing chores. His father looked around but could see nothing, as a grove of trees was between him and the UFO.

Gary Green stated that after a minute or two, the protrusion sticking out from the UFO was withdrawn, and the noise ceased. Then the craft lifted slowly into the air, and when it was a few yards off the ground, it zoomed away at unbelievable speed, in a westerly direction. He described the UFO as looking like two saucers "placed lip to lip." It was black in color, and about five feet in diameter.

**SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED IN AUSTRALIA:** The picture at the left below was taken on March 17th of this year, from a ship off the coast of Australia, near Fort Adelaide. The UFO sighter was an amateur photographer named Walter Jacobs, who is a steward on the freighter Iron Duke. Jacobs stated that he saw the object at about 10 p.m., as he was on deck trying to photograph a cloud effect around the moon (which is invisible behind clouds in the picture.)



The UFO, which appeared to be a bright yellow-orange glow, started to move away as Jacobs took the picture, and a few seconds later it had disappeared in a vertical direction at very high speed. Local scientists were unable to come to any definite conclusion as to what the object may have been; but from the shape it appears to have in the photograph, it is quite probably a genuine flying saucer.

**FLYING SAUCER LANDING IN PERU:** A wire service story dated July 24th tells us of a UFO landing on a ranch 30 miles from Lima, Peru, witnessed by a chemist and his wife. They said the machine stayed on the ground for about 45 minutes and then zoomed off, leaving singed plants and

overturned rocks in the area where it had landed. Several farmers in the area supported the couple's story.

Other reports from nearby Chile and Uruguay are referred to in the article, but not described. Meanwhile, a group of men in Peru described as "scientists" have issued a report stating that flying saucers do exist, and are piloted by beings 3½ feet tall who are generally similar to us in physical characteristics. These "scientists," headed by a man named Gustavo Villar Dongo, are members of a group called the Peruvian Institute of Interplanetary Relations; and although we agree that their conclusion is basically correct, we must caution our readers that it sounds to us like a saucer research group rather than a scientific organization.

Several other less sensational UFO sightings were made in and around Lima during the week preceding July 24th. It is obvious that a flap of unusual proportions has been taking place in Peru, as well as in other South American countries.

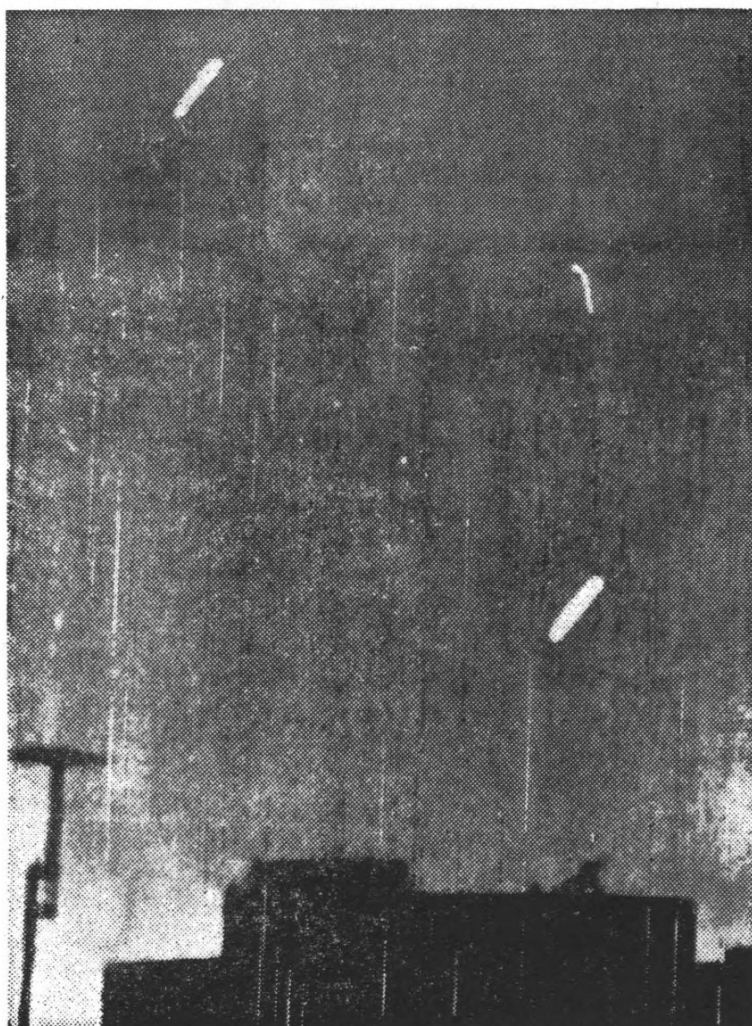
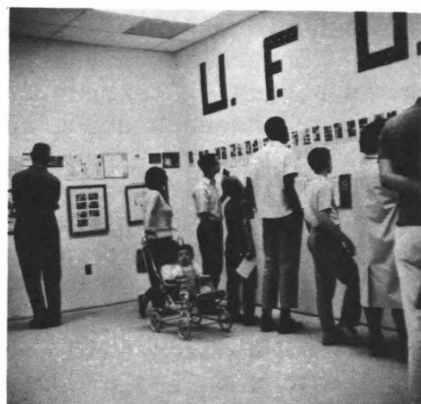
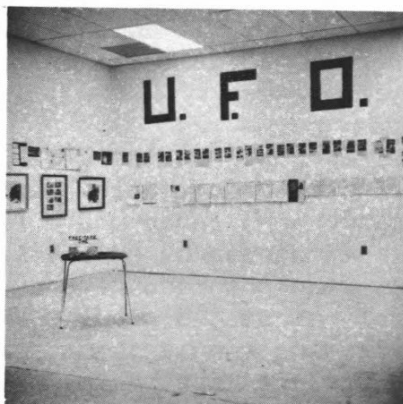
**NEWS BRIEFS:** Randi's Ecuador film, taken last April in company with your Editor, was shown to the public on the evenings of the 19th and 21st of July, at the West Side YMCA in New York City. It was enthusiastically received by

the audience on both nights. Donations were accepted for the Foster Parents Plan, with which Randi is connected....Incidentally, Randi has just completed his first full year of night-time broadcasting for radio station WOR....

On the nights of July 19th and 20th, a flap occurred in the state of Massachusetts. Radio station WKOX reported that three separate groups of residents of the town of Wayland called in to say that they had seen a round object moving through the sky and hovering over the community. Some of the other sightings in this flap were made in Hingham, Mass., and in Manchester, N.H....

The two pictures at the left below were taken by saucer researcher Michael J. Campione. They show part of a display he set up at a recent exhibition sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association, in Moorestown, New Jersey. The exhibition was held in conjunction with NASA and the U. S. Air Force, according to Mr. Campione, whose display of saucer literature was the first ever to be shown at a meeting of this kind. The saucer display received a great deal of attention and favorable response from the public during the entire week it was on view....

On the night of July 16th, several hundred callers jammed newspaper switchboards in Buenos Aires, Argentina, reporting that they had sighted an unidentified flying object. The UFO hovered over the city for about 25 minutes before disappearing, and was photographed by cameramen from two local papers. Reports of the object's color varied. The picture at the right below is one of a series taken. It is a time exposure, and shows two UFOs (the elongated lights at the upper left and lower right of the photo), rather than one. We hope to have more details about this incident in our next issue....



NEWS BRIEFS (Continued): Among the several other recent flaps in various parts of the United States was one in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland, on the night of July 12th. Thousands of people in that four-state area phoned news media, police, and sheriffs' offices to report a huge object at very high altitude. It may have been a weather balloon, although a spokesman for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base stated that he "had no idea what the object was."

SAUCER BRIEFS: The British magazine "Uranus" has folded after eleven years of publication. In its earlier days, particularly under the editorship of David Wightman, "Uranus" was a leading UFO magazine, almost of the quality of England's slick "Flying Saucer Review." Of recent years, however, the policy changed, and flying saucers were seldom mentioned, if at all....

Another UFO magazine which recently bit the dust was Laura Mundo's "Interplanetary News." Her Detroit organization has now disbanded, but one of her associates, Jim Wales of Baltimore, Maryland, may attempt to continue publication of the magazine. SAUCER NEWS readers will recall that "Interplanetary News" is the zine which recently published letters concerning your Editor's marital troubles. It folded shortly thereafter....

Among the well-known people who have recently publicly joined the ranks of saucer believers are comedian Arthur Godfrey and Leonard H. Marks, attorney for Lady Bird Johnson....

An exhibit at the New York World's Fair called "Martian Madness" opened on June 1st, and closed after only a few days. Your Editor attended the premiere, in hopes that some publicity angle for SAUCER NEWS could be worked out. "Martian Madness" was a technically clever but otherwise pitifully childish skit about a flying saucer landing. Live actors worked on stage in conjunction with movie film on a screen behind the stage - giving a 3-D appearance to the production....

Rumor has it that D. T. Elkins, author of "Extraterrestrial Communication," published by Gray Barker and reviewed in our March issue, has been "hushed up." Or, at least, he has not answered mail from Barker or anyone else for the past year....

William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silvershirts in the late 1930's, died in June of this year. Pelley served 7½ years in prison for sedition, from 1942 to 1949. After his release, he formed an organization called "Soulcraft," devoted to spiritualism and right-wing politics. Its magazine, "Valor," occasionally carried detailed accounts of the activities of flying saucer contactees. George Hunt Williamson, author of several UFO books, was an associate of Pelley's for about a year, in the early 1950's.

FORTEAN ITEMS: The famous Loch Ness Monster was seen again in early July, just in time for Scotland's summer tourist season. The witnesses, named William and James Cameron, state that the animal they saw was 50 feet long, black in color, and had a line of shark-like fins along its back. They were setting up a camp on the bank of the Loch when Nessie, as he is affectionately known in the area, made his appearance. No further details were given....

According to a story dated May 16th, it rained cookies one night in Louisville, Kentucky. The "shower" was discovered by Stanley Morris, who heard a noise like an explosion outside his house. Stepping outside, he found his back yard and garage roof covered with bags of cookies. The same happened at the homes on either side of his. There was no name or identifying clue on the bags. Morris speculated that the cookies might have been part of an air cargo, but a check with local bakeries failed to turn up any that had made such a shipment....

In June, Hans Holzer, the parapsychologist, made a ghost-hunting trip to a haunted house in Washington, D.C. with Sybil Leek, the famed English witch.

Mrs. Leek went into a trance and established contact with the ghost, who claimed to be a spy killed prior to World War II....

In Australia, sleepwalker Christine Stavrdylaki dreamed she was eloping with her fiance and jumped from a third floor window, breaking her leg....In a somewhat similar incident, Mrs. Pam Tipper of Southampton, England, had a dream that she was running madly, barefoot, and with a coat over her pajamas. She woke up and discovered she was running madly, barefoot, and with a coat over her pajamas - outside her house, which had caught on fire....

A rabbit with three horns was recently brought into the office of a fish and game official in Jackson, Tennessee. The horns, said to be curved like those of a sheep, were spread across the animal's head....

In Barreiro, Portugal, hairdresser Maria Malveiro has been acquitted of charges that she is a sorceress. Neighbors claimed she was a witch because they smelled burning herbs coming from her house. However, the judge said that neighbors' gossip was not proof that she practiced sorcery. (Apparently she could have been convicted, as in the Middle Ages!....

In Rome, a farmer named Domineco Liverani found a hen's egg weighing 10½ ounces. Inside it, he found another whole egg, shell and all, and inside the second egg were two yokes.

ABOUT OUR NEXT ISSUE: In our December issue, which will be off the press by late November if all goes well, we have some unusually interesting material in store for you: The "physical evidence" discovered by Justin Case (see Page 6 of this issue) has reached our office, and we will have had it chemically analyzed by that time, so as to bring you a complete report.

Also, just before press time, we made contact with a radio announcer in the New York area who knows of the existence of an Air Force gun camera film taken at the time of the famous 1952 Washington D.C. sighting. We are now in the process of getting as many details as we can from him, concerning this as well as another military UFO film which he saw personally!

And, Henning von Hippel, our correspondent in Argentina, has just sent us several dozen recent South American clippings, indicating that the current wave of landings and near-landings down there is even more widespread than we had imagined. Our next issue will have a complete coverage of this flap!

We also expect to have an article by Brinsley le Poer Trench (author of "The Sky People") in rebuttal to Yonah ibn Aharon's article in this issue, and an article by world-famous astrophysicist Dr. Donald Menzel in rebuttal to our favorable review of Jacques Vallee's book.

Peter Kor's "Prospective" series, which was dropped from this issue for lack of space, will be seen again in our December issue. We will also have a review of Tom Allen's recent book "The Quest: A Report on Extraterrestrial Life," as well as reviews of other books of current interest.

Let us remind you again that this is not the time to let your SAUCER NEWS subscription lapse! Whether or not you agree with everything we print, the fact is that the UFO topic is getting bigger and bigger as time goes by. It won't be many more months before we'll be printing The Answer, or at least part of it!

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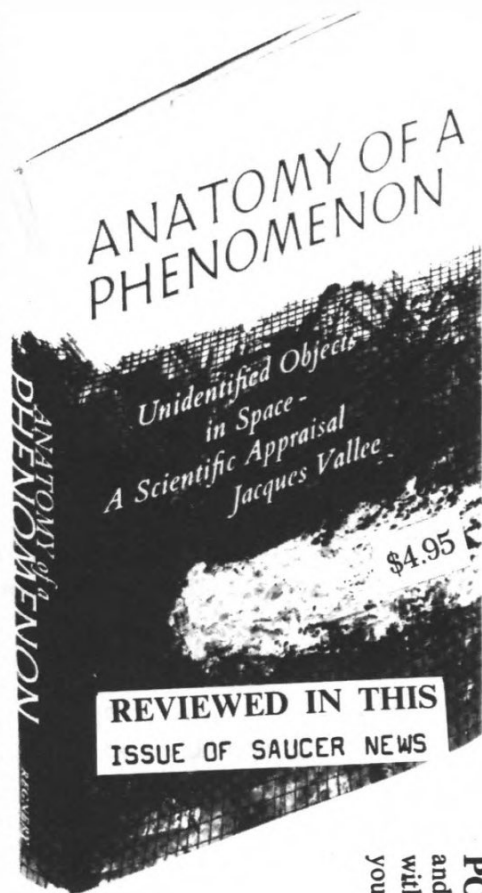
# ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON

One of the great unanswered questions of the Space Age is that posed by the continual flow of "Unidentified Flying Object" reports from witnesses throughout the world. Many sightings are quickly classified by experts either as misinterpretations of conventional aerial phenomena — balloons, airplanes, meteors, optical illusions — or as hoaxes or hallucinations. A significant percentage of observations — often made by highly reliable individuals — have, however, remained unexplained. They constitute a phenomenon of such dimensions as to be worthy of a detailed and unbiased scientific study.

ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON is such a study. Standing aloof from the scoffer and the fanatic alike, the author examines the modern and historical data which have contributed to the "flying saucer" legend.

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