

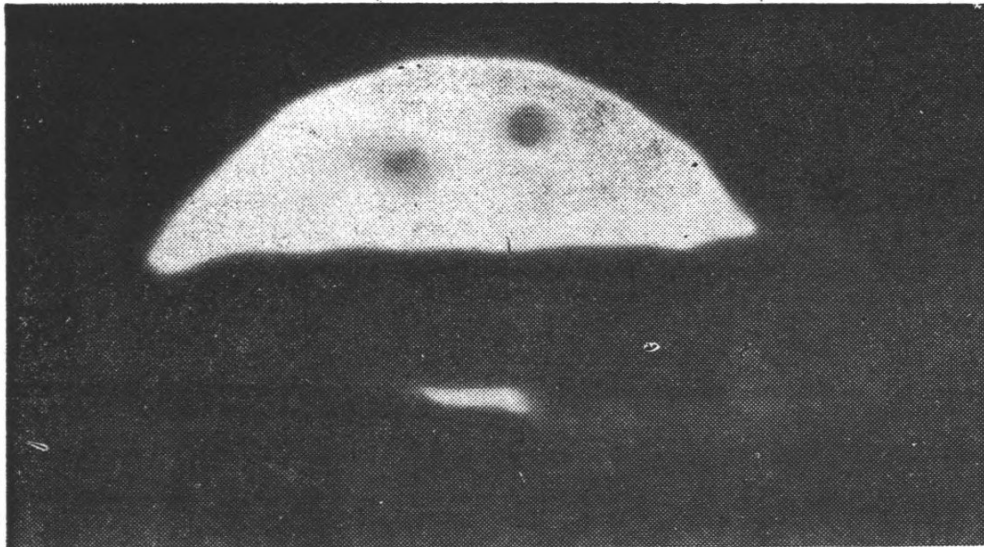
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WORLD - WIDE SAUCER SIGHTING FLAP CONTINUES



THIS PICTURE is one of several taken last July during a fantastic saucer sighting flap in South America that is still continuing. The picture was taken by a news photographer in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, named Jose Palma, who was called out at 8:30 p.m. on the night of July 15th to interview a group of people who had just seen a UFO. In the course of a somewhat frantic evening of interviews and sightings, Palma took two photographs, of which this one shows the most detail. The following night, more UFO sightings were made in and around Bahia Blanca. - Dozens of other saucer reports in July and August came from Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, Honduras, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, and many scattered parts of Argentina.

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Editorial Notes

ONLY AN OFFICE SUCH AS OURS can be fully aware of the amazing proportions of the current world-wide saucer flap. So many excellent sightings, including landings, have come in during the past months that we are able to print only the very best cases in this issue. Literally dozens of worthwhile clippings have had to be ignored due to lack of space, even though we have expanded our "Recent News" section to 13 pages. We have also had to postpone several good articles. These articles will appear in our forthcoming March 1966 issue, which will be reaching you some time during the month of February.

Incidentally, we'd like to call your attention to the amazing similarity of widely-scattered sightings and landings - proving again the reality behind these events. Notice especially the three landings recounted on Pages 19-20 of this issue. These occurred almost on consecutive days, in three different countries, and we can be sure that none of the witnesses to any of the incidents had had the chance to read about the other incidents. Yet, the phenomena are almost identical in many of their details.

WE WANT TO THANK the many friends and subscribers who have sent us clippings and other material, and we only wish we could thank each one of you individually. Please keep the clippings coming in - and if any of you (other than foreign subscribers) still have not sent us your zip codes, please do so as soon as possible. Third class mail such as SAUCER NEWS will soon become un-mailable unless the zip code is included.

We also appreciate your comments - pro and con - about the quality of our magazine. Let us know what you like best, and least, about SAUCER NEWS. As always, a selection of letters will be printed in each of our issues.

CHANGES IN OUR STAFF: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Henning Von Hippel, our correspondent in Argentina, as South American Editor of SAUCER NEWS. For several years now, Mr. Von Hippel has been sending us a great number of excellent clippings in Spanish about the saucer activity throughout South America. Were it not for his efforts and those of a few other friends in Latin America, we would be almost entirely unaware of the gigantic flap down there - as, for some reason, very little of this material ever appears in the newspapers in this country. South American sightings that do come up on a wire service are usually abbreviated and hopelessly garbled. Thus, the original Spanish-language versions are of great importance to us.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE US ASKING FOR CLIPPINGS relating to news stories we print. Such material is always rewritten from one or more clippings, and by the time you write in, these clippings have been passed on to friends and associates who have contracted for same. Also, news stories based on personal investigations are complete as written, and we can supply no further details.

OUR NEWSLETTER #25 IS JUST OFF THE PRESS, and contains several items which we definitely consider "too hot to handle" in SAUCER NEWS itself. If you are not already on our special mailing list to receive our series of confidential non-scheduled Newsletters, you will want to take this opportunity to join the list. Simply send us your name and address together with one dollar, and you will then be eligible to receive the Newsletters for an indefinite period of time - provided that you are currently a SAUCER NEWS subscriber in good standing, and provided that you are not one of the handful of people whose Newsletter privileges have been suspended.

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Letters to the Editor

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your very nice letter and the copy of SAUCER NEWS which you enclosed. Your warm expressions of support are very much appreciated.

I am most happy to enclose for you a card bearing the President's signature.

PAUL M. POPPLE, Assistant to the President
The White House, Washington, D.C.

I just thought I'd drop you a note to say that I've been listening to your recent radio appearances, and can only say "well done."

You may have heard about my brush with some local police who were very curious about my interest in saucers. They asked me very queer questions about my history in saucerdom, and my personal opinions about censorship and the like. They came on the pretext of inquiring about the American UFO Committee, as some person in Florida had asked them to check up on us before becoming a member. But, as you know, police seldom make trips across town to look into something for someone living in another state!

The two men (not three!) wore plain clothes, and showed only badges as credentials. One funny part of the visit was that they asked the names of persons whom I am only remotely connected with in saucer research.....I told them about the standard people: Palmer, Keyhoe, yourself, Neff, Hall, Manak, etc. I told them that I am only remotely acquainted with some of them, but nevertheless they took notes quite vigorously....

If you print this letter, please stress the fact that I am not trying to make this into another Bender case, and I have no intentions of leaving saucer investigation....

RICK R. HILBERG, Editor, "UFO Magazine"
Cleveland, Ohio

May I express my appreciation for the excellent review of my book "Invisible Horizons" in the June issue of SAUCER NEWS.....Please thank Richard E. Wallace for me. Yes, it did take quite a bit of research - collecting data, in fact, over a period of thirty years. I believe that combining incidents of this type under one cover will be of benefit to students in the future.

In continuing to develop the above concept, I am now writing a second book that will more directly involve UFOs than the sea book. It will deal, in part, with the sea above us - the atmospheric sea and its enigmas....

SAUCER NEWS grows increasingly fascinating. You have done an excellent job with this publication. Peter Kor's articles are especially thought-provoking....

VINCENT H. GADDIS, Escondido, California

I wish I had known how to contact ibn Aharon before mentioning his views in my book "Gods or Spacemen?" If I had, I would probably have given him much greater praise, since I feel that he must be a very brilliant man who really deserves official recognition for his profound researches. I hesitated a long time before quoting the very little I knew of his researches, since I had no means of contacting him; and even at the very last minute I felt that since I had no personal authority from him, it might be wrong for me to publish his material. However, his material was so revolutionary that I honestly felt that he should get some mention in my book, and as far as possible I have given him the entire credit for the few paragraphs for which I am indebted to him. If you see him, do thank him sincerely in my behalf, and tell him that I earnestly hope his brilliant researches are soon published as a book, which I should be honored to buy.

However, I am very sorry that he is disagreeing with my friend Brinsley le Poer Trench. Like myself, Brinsley has, I am sure, arrived at his conclu-

sions about Extraterrestrialism by his own intuition and personal research. He is obviously a most sincere and dedicated man, with access to knowledge denied to students like myself. Surely ibn Aharon should at least consider that very often in human evolution several people hit on a fundamental idea at the same time! The history of invention is full of inventors working independently, yet inventing or discovering the same thing at almost the same time. It may be that the time has come for the revelation of Extraterrestrialism, and that the Powers behind the scenes are inspiring several channels....

I have the very greatest respect both for ibn Aharon and for Brinsley le Poer Trench. Both of them are great scholars, and all UFO students must owe them a lot for the immense work they are doing. I am only sorry that I myself cannot aspire to their erudition, but I am happy to learn from such Masters. But please do not let such great men quarrell

W. RAYMOND DRAKE, Whitburn, Sunderland, England

On July 1st, at 11:50 p.m., I saw something for which I have no explanation.....My husband and I had just rented a small twelve acre fruit farm here in Montvale, N. J., which he works on a part-time basis. We live on the farm. Being very weather conscious, I always glance at the sky while walking our dog every night. On this particular evening, I noticed two blinking lights behind two tall pine trees. At first I thought it was a small plane, but I then realized, when the lights moved closer and lower, that it could not have been.

The lights passed between two large cherry trees on either side of our driveway, not more than fifty feet in the air, and only about three hundred feet in front of me. It could not have been larger than 25 feet to pass between those two trees. Unfortunately, because of the darkness, I could not distinguish any outline - just the two stark white lights blinking simultaneously and traveling very slowly. They continued on, and I watched them till they disappeared. There was no sound. My dog barked, and I could hear the neighbor's dog barking, making me think that what I saw could have emitted a sound of a higher pitch than those audible to the human ear. The lights appeared to be about three inches in diameter and about three to four feet apart. They did not illuminate the area surrounding them or give forth any beam of light.... MRS. G. GRANNIS, Montvale, N. J.

(Editor's Note: This is only one of the many unpublished sightings that we received this past summer, through our appearances on the Randi Show. Unfortunately, lack of space prevents us from publishing the others at this time.)

Having been interested in the subject of UFOs for some nine years, and Director of the Oyster Bay UFO Investigative Committee for almost one year, I have noticed that nine out of ten ufologists blame the U. S. Air Force and the U. S. Government for the confusion that reigns over the field of ufology. Apparently all ufologists are right and the Air Force is wrong 99.99% of the time. However, in looking over the situation, I have found more confusion and stupid occurrences by private groups and individuals than the whole U.S.A.F. has been able to throw at me. We have NICAP blasting away at the Air Force, everybody and his or her Aunt Tilly blasting NICAP, non-contactees insulting contactees, and even great differences between the contactees themselves....We have hoaxers and publicity seekers, and usually more space is given in the saucer zines to personal battles (making them read like "True Confessions") than to the UFOs themselves....

I am more in the dark about UFOs now than I was when I began my study. I do not blame any one organization or group or individual, nor can I see any solution in sight except for myself: I am now joining the one organization that at least is consistent in its claims - the good old U.S. Air Force. Maybe they can shed some light on the problem. I know that no one else has!

JOHN PRYTZ, Oyster Bay, N. Y.

James Peek of Malabar, Florida, did submit his UFO film to the Air Force for evaluation. The film was analyzed at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. The results of the analysis indicated that the objects depicted were defects in the film. The film has been returned to Mr. Peek....

I checked around and found out about the radio show you were on in this area. Radio station WMAL obtained a tape of the Barry Farber Show (WOR, New York) by contract and used it on 24 September 1965. It has been returned to New York.

I am happy to be of assistance in providing you with this information.

SARA B. HUNT, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Thank you ever so much for publishing Mr. David S. Heeren's article "Little Men from Mars" in your September issue. Undoubtedly, 99% of Earthlings would agree with him when he writes: "The Moon is, indeed, as desolate as it looks through a telescope." But please put me in the extremely small group comprising those who disagree with him.

Summarizing my dozen or so papers on that very topic, I'd like to point out that billions of terrestrial organisms thrive in habitats which are as dire or even far worse than the one our scientists find on the Moon. The pundits who say that the "lack of atmosphere" on our natural satellite precludes the possibility of any form of life there do not know or have overlooked a few important biological facts: There is absolutely no atmosphere in the oceans, nor in any body of water. Yet, trillions of plants and animals flourish in them. Admittedly, each one of them needs oxygen, except perhaps some unknown species. However, "oxygen" and "atmosphere" are definitely not the same thing, and the latter, as such, is by no means absolutely essential....

REV. GUY J. CYR, S.M., Lawrence, Mass.

PRIZE-WINNING ESSAYS CONCERNING
THE POSSIBILITY OF LIFE ON MARS

During September the Randi Show (WOR in New York) ran a contest, offering a free map of Mars for each of the three best short essays regarding the possibilities of life on the Red Planet. About fifty entries were received, most of them quite thought-provoking. However, many were eliminated for being too speculative or for scientific errors.

As promised on the Randi Show, SAUCER NEWS is printing the three winning essays. We feel that each contains a good deal of "food for thought."

First Prize - by Gary Boross of Nanuet, New York

Although the phenomenal accomplishments of the Mariner IV Space Probe have contributed much to our knowledge about the planet Mars, the information which it has sent back to Earth has not changed my ideas about the possibility of the existence of life on the Red Planet. I have always thought that some form of life, using the broadest possible sense of the term, is almost certain to exist on more than one celestial body. It is a conceited thought that Earth is the "chosen" planet for the "gift" of life. It is equally foolish to expect the discovery of extraterrestrial life that even vaguely resembles our more familiar species.

The resolution of Mariner IV's television camera was rated at no better than five miles. Even with earthly civilization at its present stage, with its numerous tall skyscrapers and vast highway systems, it is unlikely that an "Earth Probe" of similar capabilities would reveal any sign of life, despite the fact that thousands of species are present and that the planet is present-

ly plagued with the problem of overpopulation. Likewise, until we are able to take a closer look at Mars, we cannot know for certain whether or not it actually supports life.

In short, I feel that the "science" of speculation about Life on Mars has been neither advanced nor set back by the Mariner Probe. I still believe that there is a very strong possibility of some form of life eventually being found there, at least of a vegetable form, as many astronomers seem to agree after observing the seasonal color changes at the planet's polar ice caps. However, a much closer pass with more sophisticated equipment, and perhaps a manned or instrumented landing, will probably be required before any valid conclusion can be drawn about the presence of life on Mars.

Second Prize - by A. Bruce Johnson of Interlaken, N. J.

Life on Mars - why not?

Because the press has insisted that Mariner 4's photos show a lifeless planet? Look at the Earth from the same distance and you won't see any signs of life either. The photos cover too large an area to draw any conclusions from.

Because of scarcity of oxygen and water, and extreme temperatures? Recent research by the Union Carbide Research Institute has demonstrated that dormant terrestrial life forms survive a simulated Mars environment, because oxygen requirements decrease with temperature. Active forms did not survive, but neither did they develop under such conditions. It seems entirely possible that forms could develop specialized characteristics to survive and thrive under these conditions.

To go one step further, we may consider forms other than "life as we know it." It has been suggested that entire chemistries differing from our earthly amino-acid-protein basis with an oxygen atmosphere may exist elsewhere. For a carbon dioxide atmosphere, "life" could conceivably be based on silicon compounds comparable in complexity to proteins.

The idea of familiar types of life developing in an alien environment is like expecting to find creatures with lungs below the sea. To reject the possibility of life other than as we know it is like calling gills impossible. Life, where it develops, specializes to its peculiar environment.

Life on Mars - why not?

Third Prize - by George R. Slater of Philadelphia, Pa.

I believe life can exist on Mars and many other planets. We humans seem to think that if atmospheres and temperatures of other planets do not in some way match our own, then life is impossible. Our ego seems to make us think that we are all perfect living things. On our own planet we have many animals and fish and some races of people that adapt to extreme temperatures of heat and cold, and they survive very well.

With the eventual exploration of Mars, man may find that the vast seemingly endless galaxies are not just for his form of life alone.

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Book Review

THE QUEST: A Report on Extraterrestrial Life - by Tom Allen (Chilton; \$4.95)

- Reviewed by Richard E. Wallace -

In this work, we find a very entertaining and informative compilation of a wide variety of material about the ever-intensifying search for evidence of intelligent life in outer space. Mr. Allen has obviously spent a great deal of time conducting extensive research on all matters even remotely related to his topic.

Ufology is our prime consideration in this discussion. Hence, we were considerably dismayed to discover that Mr. Allen has offered not so much as a single reference to the subject. Whether this was done primarily because he wanted his book to be judged at least partially acceptable by the more conservative elements in the scientific community, or because he is honestly skeptical of the possibility that UFOs are real, we cannot say. However, we do think that some of his material is more than a little dubious and hardly less fantastic than the prospect that saucers are a manifestation of extraterrestrial life.

The book is written in a very clear, readable style, and even a reader who is inclined to be more confused than enlightened when confronted with scientific literature will have little difficulty understanding the text. Although the book has not quite matched our expectations, it nevertheless suffers little in comparison to such excellent works as Walter Sullivan's best-seller "We Are Not Alone."

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SPEAKING OF SAUCERS:

LO, THAT POOR SAM MOSKOWITZ

- by Richard E. Wallace -

Sam Moskowitz is a man who has earned a well-deserved reputation. He is science fiction's honorary historian. When he confines his activities to his field, he is unsurpassed, and never fails to perform a useful service to the science fiction aficionado. Unfortunately, as is so often the case when a person ventures into areas of knowledge with which he is unfamiliar, Moskowitz, in his latest article for *Amazing Stories*, has not only failed to live up to expectations but has, in fact, done a great disservice to himself as a supposedly competent and objective reporter.

Moskowitz has been writing periodic profiles of prominent personalities in the science fiction field for this venerable stalwart of the pulp magazine industry. What was obviously intended as an installment in this popular series appeared in the June 1965 issue, under the telltale title, "Lo the Poor Fort-eans." It became instantly apparent that Moskowitz would delight in cynically and superciliously sneering at Charles Fort and his followers. Suffice it to say that our impression was borne out entirely, and for that, we will not hesitate to admit that he has incurred our everlasting ire.

We will not take exception to the fundamental biographical information Moskowitz has supplied about Charles Fort. Our own research discloses that these facts are basically true. However, there are numerous statements in his article that are untrue, misleading, and prejudicial.

Moskowitz has utterly amazed us with his contention that the various theories that spewed forth in such quantity in Fort's books were intended as

serious explanations of the allegedly unexplained phenomena that he had compiled. Fort may have been the gadfly of science, but as almost every person who has ever read a Fort book knows full well, he never for a moment believed even the most innocuous of his theories. This fact becomes even more obvious when you realize that they were invariably presented tongue-in-cheek. Moskowitz faintly hints that he was aware of this (to him) annoying truth, but he summarily disposes of it by remarking that he couldn't find anything tongue-in-cheek about Fort's writings. Such lack of perspicacity does not warrant further comment.

The Fortean Society is next in line to receive its lumps at the hands of the estimable Mr. Moskowitz. He decries their obvious (?) credulity in accepting Fort's admittedly outlandish suppositions as fact, and banning together to preserve his works for posterity. Once again, Moskowitz is blissfully unaware that the Society was intended as a colossal joke, despite the fact that this has been known for years.

We might agree, however, that the Society, in its final years, greatly altered its purposes. One of the reasons, of course, was the wide infiltration into its ranks of "true believers" who contaminated the Society with their ludicrous and hysterical rantings. Eventually, it degenerated into a group resolved to perpetuating rote and worthless negativism.

With casual aplomb, as seems to befit a man of Moskowitz's stature, he next consigns the "Fortean" to "the limbo of Richard S. Shaver and the flying saucers."

Perhaps if Moskowitz had spared even a few minutes to verify his generalities before eagerly pounding out his personal vendettas on his typewriter, he would have realized the folly of his preconceived view. He would have known that flying saucers are being sighted more frequently these days than at any time since 1957. Moreover, many observers predict that the tremendous flap of that year may have already been exceeded in volume. Richard Hall, Acting Director of NICAP, reports that even the classic 1952 flap has been surpassed.

Limbo, Sam Moskowitz?

Fort also is undergoing a rapid and unprecedented revival these days. Don Wollheim, editor of the popular paperback publishing house, Ace Books, has released editions of "The Book of the Damned" and "Lo" during the past year. At last report, we understood that sales were far exceeding even their wildest expectations.

Limbo, Sam Moskowitz?

Sam Moskowitz possesses the typical science fiction fan's vitriolic hatred of flying saucers and Shaverism. The reasons for this concerted opposition have never been clearly defined. However, one might conclude with some justification that they fear having to concede that truth might indeed be stranger than fiction. The reasons for this are purely economic, for such a revelation could ultimately destroy the market for science fiction authors. We must add, however, that we are indulging purely in speculation. We are ardent readers of science fiction and we have no doubt that we will continue to read this type of literature with equal enthusiasm in the future.

Yes, Sam Moskowitz, for reasons best known to himself, has manufactured a wall around his mind to shield himself from unacceptable and unpleasant thoughts. For that we can only pity him. The world around him is undergoing ever more rapid changes, and he will not conform.

Lo, that poor Sam Moskowitz!

(Author's Note: The June 1965 issue of "Amazing Stories" may be obtained at 65¢ per copy from: Ultimate Publishing Co., Box 7, Oakland Gardens, Flushing, New York 11364.)

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ON OBSERVING FOR THE LAYMAN

-by JAMES RANDI.

In order to provide more accurate and informative reports of UFO sightings, the layman should certainly be informed of the standard system employed by astronomers to designate the "brightness" of celestial objects. This short article will attempt to provide a basis for this method of classifying objects believed to be UFOs, and at the same time probably serve to enable the layman to eliminate ordinary satellite sightings as a cause for undue excitement.

First, let us understand that the astronomer refers to the "magnitude" of a celestial object, not its "brightness". The higher the number of the magnitude, the dimmer the object. The faintest star visible to the average unaided eye is of magnitude 6. The 200-inch diameter mirror of the famous Mount Palomar telescope can only register stars of the 23rd magnitude. Here are some fair examples of magnitude:

POLARIS (The "Pole" star).....	2.3
VEGA (In the constellation Lyra).....	0.0
JUPITER (The largest planet).....	-2.5
VENUS (At maximum magnitude).....	-4.3
THE SUN.....	-26.7
THE FULL MOON.....	-12.8

NOTICE: negative magnitudes are used for objects brighter than zero, and are designated by a minus sign (-) preceding the number.

The satellites ECHO I & II are approximately of zero magnitude. To estimate the correct magnitude of any unknown object, simply compare it with some star or planet it passes near. A little practice will lead to considerable facility in assigning correct magnitudes to these objects.

It is a good idea to have at hand a copy of the New York Times for the night when the observations are being made. This paper (and others) will carry, on the "weather" page, a list of visible satellites for that date. Practise becoming familiar with the appearance of these regular satellites, and you will avoid the danger of identifying them to others (and particularly to the newspapers) as UFOs! Besides, its an interesting hobby identifying & tracking the satellites!

Recently, in South Amboy, N.J., the Evening News carried a UFO "sighting" which turned out to be a passing of ECHO II, much to the embarrassment of the parties concerned. Lets not have that happen to a reader of SAUCER NEWS!!

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MUCH ADD ABOUT NOTHING

(with apologies to William Shakespeare)

- by Brinsley le Poer Trench -

The Good Rabbi ibn Aharon, and I name him first and foremost now that I am fully and unavoidably aware of his existence, presents himself and his views very strongly and possibly much more clearly than he himself imagines.

In his article in the September issue of SAUCER NEWS, he appears to be even more upset by the fact that B. Le Poer Trench had a father to whom he could refer without shame, blame, or regret, than he is by his own disagreement with the contents of my book "The Sky People."

I think that all such matters of personality can be safely left to the psychologists in our midst. It is really a pity that he is not an Englishman. Such a positive talent for invective ought to receive a wider audience, like The Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park, for instance, or even in Parliament. I can just visualize him tearing into the "Honourable Opposition". There would be no dozing on the benches with Himself on deck, and vocal!

However, one still unresolved problem does insist upon recurring. Why on Earth, if he is in such a ferment over so many points the unorthodox nature of which he appears to find so distasteful, would he wish to be associated with something he insists upon trying to demolish as an accumulation of error?

What the Good Rabbi does not seem to realize in full is that not everybody in the world, whatever their position, reads every word of SAUCER NEWS every morning before breakfast, and that in consequence of this sad fact, there are still some people who have not heard of him. This is lamentable, of course, but would hardly appear to be very good grounds for an all-out attack with questions asked afterwards, if ever.

It so happens that, as Jim Moseley would be the first to acknowledge, SAUCER NEWS, under its old title of "Nexus," was not in favour of flying saucers from off-planet, but inclined at that time to the view that they were made by some power on Earth. Frankly, in those days I hardly ever glanced at "Nexus," and never read the Good Rabbi's material.

Since then, the policy of SAUCER NEWS towards the flying saucers has changed considerably, and during the last couple of years I have been reading the magazine and Aharon's contributions with interest.

The Good Rabbi seems to have persuaded himself (and apparently hopes to persuade everybody else) that any and all unusual ideas about the Scriptures or early happenings on this planet have originated entirely with him and that he has, therefore, some kind of natural right to lay down the law to us all as to what we shall or shall not consider, and when, where, how, and why. This puts him in a difficult position. If he finds anybody agreeing with him in print, then surely they must be thieves and plagiarists; and on the other hand, anyone who disagrees is obviously an idiot.

Nevertheless, it is some consolation to me to realize that the accuser declares himself to remain as faithfully at heart a product of the Middle Ages as he states I am. He does not fail to present himself as a Gentleman in his noble nature by expressing his willingness to perpetuate the outward fashions of an age long since gone down to dust.

I am happy to be able to say I still retain sufficiently good opinion of my fellow man, be he Created, Made, or merely manufactured, to rise and cheer such a magnificent display of spirit and forthright championing of Justice in the face of even a fancied wrong.

I intend to offer no defense here to any of the opinions that have been attacked, except to say that much of their value to me still stems from the condition that they are somewhat unorthodox.

PERSPECTIVE:T H E O M E G A G R O U P

- by Peter Kor -

Questions of Peter Kor's identity, his perspective of the saucer problem, and his purpose in saucer research have created quite a commotion over the past six years. Readers are not content, it seems, to study and evaluate a writer's ideas and arguments. They want to psychoanalyze him as well. They want to know why he writes and how his ideas were originally shaped.

Saucer researchers, in general, have always been more personality-oriented than subject-oriented. This, more than anything else, reflects the non-professional attitude and methodology which governs their approach to the flying saucer problem. "Peter Kor" has never claimed to be part of saucer research. For to become a member of this club, one has to conform to certain basic requirements. These requirements consist of categorizing yourself so that other researchers can readily observe your position on any of a number of fundamental saucer issues. You must declare yourself as being either "scientific" or "mystic" in your approach. You must go on record as being either for or against contactee cases. You must make it known whether you favor the interplanetary theory or not. The list is very long.

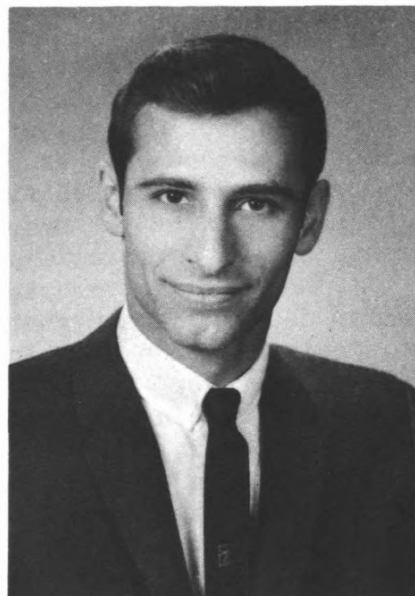
This systematic classification of opinion effectively stifles independent thought and brings the creative process to a halt. Once a researcher's thinking becomes trapped in specific patterns or categories, he finds himself having to defend consequences of those categories which he may not have thought of, much less agree with. But even more detrimental, he digs himself deep mental ruts which begin to condition his future thinking on the subject. "Possibility" suddenly becomes "certainty." Understanding comes to a standstill.

But perhaps the most crucial of all requirements for membership in saucer research is to "promote the saucer cause." Anything and all things shall be forgiven if you observe this First Saucer Commandment. But whosoever shall refuse to join the movement - whosoever takes it upon himself to criticize the methods and purposes of saucer enthusiasts - is cursed forever!

"Peter Kor" never has and never will conform to these requirements; Neither will he apologize for his manner of writing. For some have accused him of being arrogant. They say it is not so much what "Kor" says as the way he says it. This is surely a pitiful criticism. It is an excuse to ridicule by innuendo what cannot be matched with ability or refuted with logic. It is difficult to be patient with these people. It is equally difficult to point out to them that if they possessed the method and competence to properly evaluate new ideas, they would not have to spend so much time commenting upon the mannerisms of their author.

The worth of a thinker or researcher is not based upon how well he assassinate the characters of his opponents, but on how far his thoughts and analyses go in providing a better insight and understanding of the subject at hand. The qualities to be valued are: conceptual grasp, technical competence, depth of thought, logic, and sincerity of purpose.

Some have used the rumor that "Peter Kor" is a pen name as a "reason" to dismiss his views about flying saucers. They claim that no one unwilling to



use his real name deserves an audience. This is nonsense! While who a person is - his education, training, etc. - should certainly have a bearing on his competence in any given field, the true test is in the results of his labor. So should it be in saucer research. This is why the actual identity of "Peter Kor" has never been relevant to what he says. This is why he has never sought to expose his professional accomplishments to public scrutiny. "Kor" has something vital to say about flying saucers. These views and concepts should be accepted or rejected according to their own merit. I do not ask you to believe, but only to think!

Who is Peter Kor? To satisfy the "personality detectives" of saucer research, let me confirm that "Peter Kor" is actually Tom Comella (pictured on previous page.) But contrary to what these people believe, "Kor" was not created solely to provide Comella with anonymity. Anonymity was necessary only in the initial stages of "Kor's" writing, so that new ideas could be presented fresh, instead of against a background of previous thought and opinion.

Nor was it an "accident" that "Kor's" true identity leaked out as it did. Once the pen name had served its initial purpose, that identity was confided to certain researchers with the full expectation that the confidences would not be kept. Thus, the eventual public exposure of "Kor's" real name was assured.

Many are wondering why I have waited so long to come forward and confirm that Comella is the force behind "Kor's" writing. They point to the fact that most saucer "insiders" already knew who "Kor" was, and are astonished that I would persist in the fiction. They have reason to be confused. The choice confronting me was to uncover an even greater mystery by clearing up this one, or to remain silent. To explain the primary reason for the creation of "Peter Kor," I must tell you about the Omega Group.

The Omega Group represents the most profound mystery associated with flying saucers. Members of the Omega Group know more about flying saucers than either saucer researchers or employees of the Federal Government. Membership, however, is not open to everyone; it is one of the most secret of intellectual alliances. It is not secret because of security or conspiracy. The intrinsic nature of its purpose keeps it "underground," hidden from the "surface" world.

The Omega Group actually has no official name. It is not listed in the yellow pages. The designation "Omega" was a casual jest by one of its members. It survives as the unofficial code for the group. The Omega Group publishes no newsletter, nor does it collect money. Members meet rarely. They are not elected or appointed. Neither status nor popularity qualify you. You are "contacted" according to what you know!

The Omega Group is not a foreign spy organization or a mystic cult. It is the key to the flying saucer mystery and much, much more. Researchers would recognize only a very few names in the ranks of the Omega Group. One or two were once participants in saucer research. But they have learned that this activity hinders rather than helps an understanding and formulation of the saucer problem.

Membership in the Omega Group is, of course, voluntary. Requirements are few. Once you know about this alliance you can no longer entertain your previous notions about flying saucers, and you find it extremely difficult to communicate with others on the subject. The name "Peter Kor" is a symbol of the Omega Group influence in the background of his writing. This is the reason that, although I herein acknowledge that Tom Comella puts the words on paper, "Peter Kor" will continue to get the bylines in future articles.

I am fully aware that this article raises more questions than it answers. Such is the nature of the Omega Group and the mystery it represents. I also realize that in leaving these questions unanswered I am making myself vulnerable to the predictable attacks of various intellectual snipers. These parasites believe they have a right to know what everyone else knows. Thinking

is too much for them. They demand to be told! The one sure thing about the Omega Group mystery is that it cannot be told!

But thoughtless researchers will not try to discover why this is so. Their anger and ridicule will dramatize what Richard Shaver said many years ago. Shaver said there is "safe" knowledge and "dangerous" knowledge. Safe knowledge comprises what all people in a particular group or field of endeavor have access to, know from experience, or act upon. It is safe because it is common, predictable, and it fits readily into the group's normal scheme of things.

Dangerous knowledge is hidden from all but a very few. It creates upheavals in the public mind, reorders traditional concepts, and therefore has an over-all disorienting effect. Since time immemorial, those who possessed dangerous knowledge have been feared as dangerous people. If you know about the Omega Group you possess a dangerous piece of knowledge - knowledge which is, indeed, a threat to the status quo of saucer research.

Shaver knew what he was talking about. Secret knowledge is not only dangerous to those whose basic concepts are threatened, but to the bringer of new knowledge as well. His burden can be very great, for he reaps the scorn of those who are not in a position to verify what he knows. Because he cannot verify it, they close their minds to it. They do not stop to think that a person with only an algebraic education in mathematics, for example, is not in a position to verify the principles of wave mechanics, either. Despite his ignorance, however, wave mechanics is nevertheless a true body of knowledge.

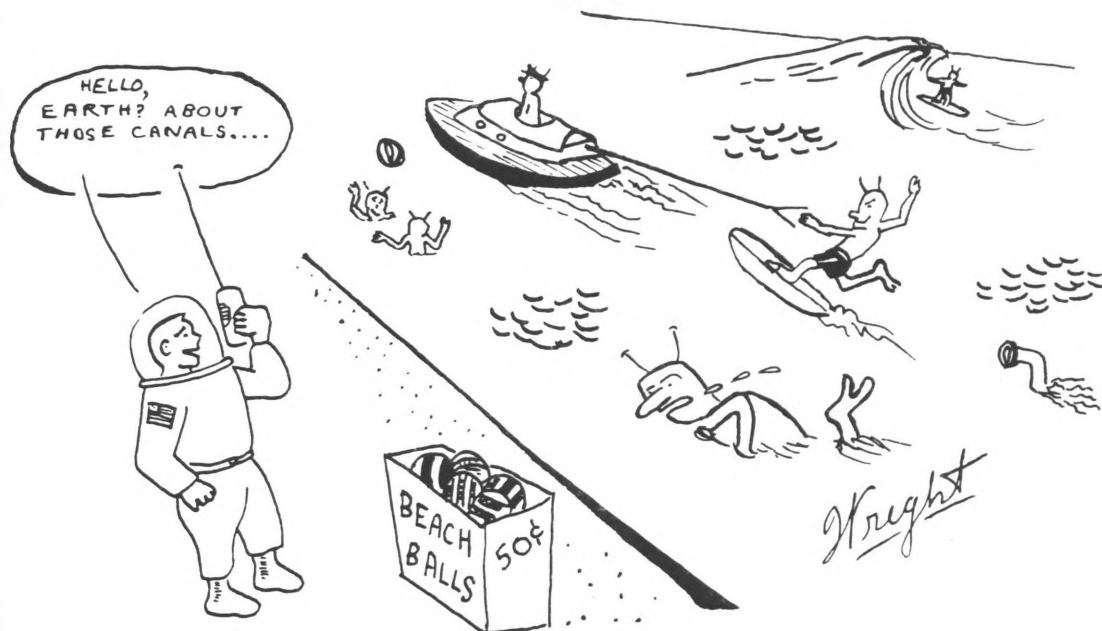
Yes, there is a secret to the flying saucer mystery! I know "objective" researchers will protest vehemently when they read this. They, of course, do not wish to believe that the key to the saucer problem has systematically eluded them for almost two decades. Though they are laymen in science, they nevertheless demand to be recognized as scientific masters of the saucer subject. But even more fundamental, the very idea of an existential secret violates their whole understanding of the scheme and operation of the world. In the minds of these savants, such secrets are unscientific and therefore cannot exist. They do not comprehend that all knowledge was once secret - that the contours of emerging reality are always first perceived by only a few!

The nature of flying saucers is not conventional - it is archetypal! Without a full understanding of that fact, all inquiry into the phenomenon will remain at a virtual standstill. The enigma will not be resolved by interceptor jets, Congressional hearings, or missions to other planets. Just as you cannot explain a fish without knowing something of the ocean it inhabits, so will the saucer problem remain inexplicable until the even greater and more complex mystery of which it is an integral part is discerned and explored.

Those who have referred to Peter Kor as the Arch-heretic of saucer research are probably right. But if these people fully understood their own words, they would realize that there is no possibility of his "conversion." Several times Kor has been "visited" by well-known researchers who try to convert him - by complex logic and subtle threats - to their particular brand of saucer orthodoxy. They are eager to employ Kor's talents on their side of the saucer controversy, but not so eager to hear Kor's criticisms and suggestions.

True heretics have no choice in what they are. They are heretics because of what they know - because of the dangerous secret they possess. And nothing is so unwelcome to the status quo of any group as a secret. A secret is the shape of a future fact, and the Lords of Orthodoxy fear it most of all. But fear it though they may, they cannot stop it - they cannot will it out of existence. Neither can they presume to decide what the possessor will do with that fact. For a man is as responsible for what he knows, as he is for what he does! The discoverer, alone, is master of his discovery. Only he can pretend to judge the use it will be put to.

Having learned of the Omega Group, some researchers will accuse Kor of



being a puppet of some diabolical purpose. They will charge that his writings are part of a sinister plot to confuse saucer research. Such a reaction is typical and, therefore, predictable. For saucer researchers have a history of seeing conspiracies in things they do not understand. Every failure, obstacle, or dissenting opinion is rationalized as the work of devious powers. In truth, the only confusing element in saucer research is the undisciplined, dogmatic, and narrow way in which researchers approach their subject. Which is precisely why anyone who knows anything of real value about flying saucers soon escapes from that activity.

Those who worry about such things can rest assured that the Omega Group has no interest in shutting up or scaring researchers. Talk about an organized effort to hide the saucer truth has never made sense. The truth, in this case, is so unrecognized to begin with that there is no need to "conceal" it. But even more important, the truth about flying saucers cannot be suppressed! No power on earth can hide it from those who will come to know it. If those who point an accusing finger at the Air Force or CIA only knew how helpless these groups are in the face of the saucer invasion! Vital facts are in their possession, but they don't know how to use them. They do not know The Secret!

By far the greatest number of readers, however, will not be imaginative enough to indict Kor for conspiracy. The majority will take refuge in their intellectual laziness, as they always do when the challenges get stiff. They will wonder "who Kor thinks he's kidding?" They will say that he is intentionally creating mystery where there is none.....that he is trying to stir up interest by "playing games" with saucer researchers.

This reaction is predictable because it is the easy way out. It is the excuse men have always used for refusing to think. What they cannot conceive or understand, does not exist.

I will not try to prove these people wrong. I will only say that I have not spent literally hundreds of hours at a typewriter just to intrigue you. I have not published nearly 100 articles in six years just to "beat the drums" for flying saucers or to frustrate serious students of the subject. There is, indeed, a Secret to the flying saucer mystery; The Omega Group is its caretaker.

There will be a very few of you who will not ignore or ridicule. These few will study, think, and learn. Slowly they will see the shape of Kor's "Madness" and they will say that there is, indeed, a great method to it. Then will members of the Omega Group pardon me for lingering so long in the saucer quest.

RECENT NEWS

CLOSE SIGHTING BY POLICE AND OTHERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: Among several extraordinary saucer sightings in New Hampshire in early September, is one that occurred on the 3rd, witnessed by a man named Norman Muscarello from the town of Exeter. Muscarello arrived at midnight at the local police station with a hair-raising story of having been chased by a flying object as he was hitchhiking along a nearby highway. He told the desk officer that as he walked along the road, a large brilliant object at low altitude began making passes at an adjacent field. He crouched in a ditch while the UFO, which was so brilliantly red that its shape could not be determined, made closer passes as if searching for him. Shortly thereafter the object disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

Patrolman Bertrand of the Exeter police station returned with Muscarello to the spot. In most such cases, the story concludes with the policeman having seen nothing to corroborate the original story. The ending of this case is quite different, however. Officer Bertrand suggested that they walk into the field where the UFO had last been seen. There they were joined by another police officer named David Hunt, who had driven separately to the scene. Suddenly, from behind a stand of trees in the black of the night, a huge blinding glow of light appeared. It traveled slowly and wavered slightly from side to side. The group was stunned by the blinding red light as the UFO moved toward them across the field. Bertrand made a move toward his service revolver, but then thought better of it. All three men then ran toward the police cruisers.

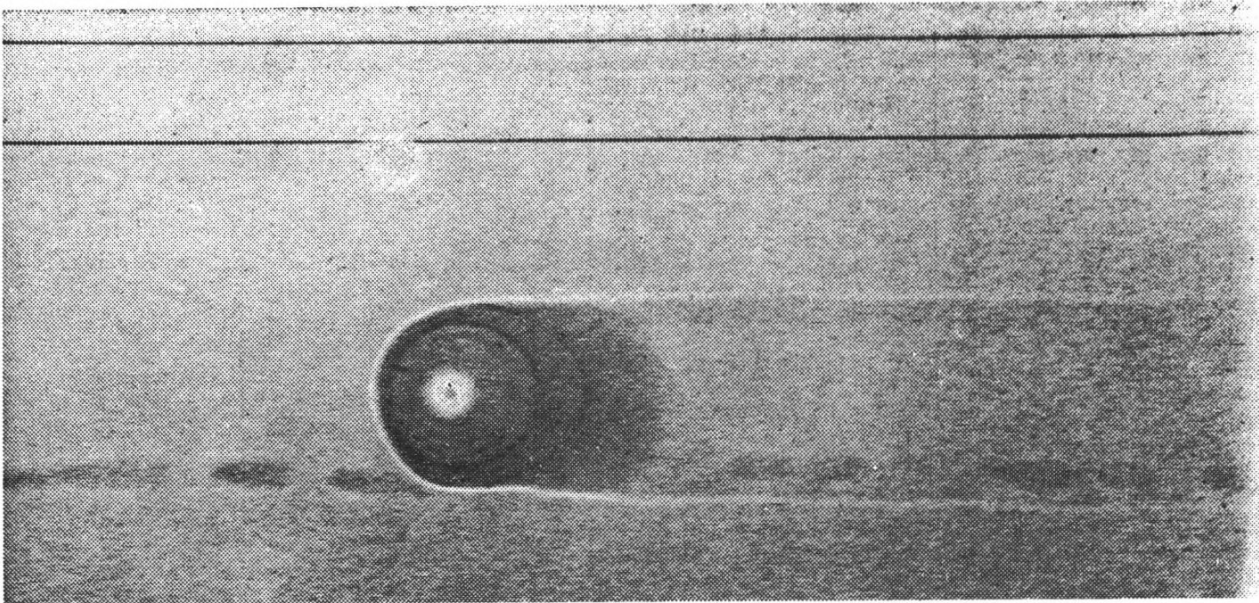
When questioned on the size of the object, Officer Bertrand estimated it to be "about the size of a house." He said that there was a complete absence of sound, except for the noise from a nearby farm, where the animals were panicked by the low-flying object and its weird red glow. The horses were making a tremendous commotion and kicking at the walls of their stalls, according to the witnesses.

SCIENTIST REFUTES AIR FORCE CLAIM THAT HUGE WESTERN SAUCER FLAP WAS CAUSED BY STARS: Unidentified objects which were picked up on radar on August 2nd at the Wichita, Kansas, weather bureau, as well as elsewhere throughout the mid-west and west, were said by the Air Force to be the planet Jupiter or assorted stars. But Robert Risser, Director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation planetarium in Oklahoma City (where numerous sightings were also made), said that local residents certainly did not see Jupiter or any of the stars which the Air Force listed in their explanatory report. Said Risser: "This statement by the Air Force is as far from the truth as you can get. Somebody has made a mistake. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year."

The sightings in question came in during the early days of August from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming. In addition to numerous radar sightings, there were literally hundreds of separate reports by private citizens as well as police. But the Air Force stated, after a very superficial investigation, that the sightings were probably of the planet Jupiter or the stars Rigel, Capella, Betelgeuse, and Aldebaran.

SAUCER LANDING IN SOUTH AFRICA: In the first important UFO report to reach us in recent years from South Africa, we learn of a landing that took place at about midnight, on a main highway near the capital city of Pretoria. A policeman named Koos De Klerk, accompanied by another policeman unnamed in the article, reported seeing a flaming UFO about 30 feet in diameter. The object resembled a giant spinning top. As the men approached it, the saucer took

off silently at great speed, with flames shooting out of its underside. Scientists who examined the spot where the incident occurred, found that a six-foot-wide section of the pavement had been badly burned. Grass on both sides of the highway was also slightly scorched. - This occurred on September 16th.



SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED IN PENNSYLVANIA: The picture above is one of three taken about June 30th by an amateur photographer in Hershey, Pa. named Lee Noll, who waited more than a month before publicizing his sighting, for fear of ridicule. Upon blowing up the pictures, Noll found he had gotten more than he had bargained for. He had aimed his camera at a bright spot near the telephone wires shown here. The round object apparently moving right to left at terrific speed below the wires was not seen visually. The dark spots in front of the object are probably water marks on the film, whereas there seems to be a vapor trail of some sort behind the object, and a glowing circle in its center. The other UFO which was seen visually, disappeared toward the south at incredible velocity after the third picture was taken, according to Noll's account of the incident. He adds that he would like the Air Force to investigate his pictures and try to find an explanation; but as yet he has not been questioned by them.

SAUCER WITH LIGHTED WINDOWS IN PARAGUAY: Of the dozens of good sightings from South America of recent date, space permits us to print only a few of the most sensational. One of these occurred near Asuncion, Paraguay, on the night of July 13th. Five people traveling in an open jeep saw a group of three UFOs in the sky. They remained in view for about five minutes, and were close enough for the witnesses to distinguish clearly, on each, a row of windows or openings from which light was coming forth. It was "like seeing a train with all its lights on," according to one of the startled witnesses. The color of the objects alternated between blue, white, orange, and red. No sound whatsoever was heard.

SAUCER LANDING IN ARGENTINA: On the night of July 19th, several people in a suburb of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, saw a rare apparition of a "scout ship" separating from a "mother ship." This is the same town in which our cover picture was taken, just a few days earlier. In the landing incident, which is not described in much detail in the article we have, the UFO gave out a blinding red light for several minutes as it moved about in the sky. Then, a smaller object came out of the larger one, and headed toward earth. After five

minutes or so on the ground, the "scout ship" took off again and disappeared in the distance. It left behind scorched earth and other physical evidence, which was taken away by local residents to be analyzed.

SIMULTANEOUS RADAR AND VISUAL SIGHTING IN BRAZIL: A report from San Pablo, Brazil, dated July 22nd, tells of an important sighting by a radar team at the local airport, where a UFO was tracked at an altitude of 1,200 yards. It was on the scope for ten minutes, and was traveling at about 60 miles per hour in an irregular course. At the same time, a resident of a house near the airport made a visual sighting of an orange-colored object which passed at low altitude over his home. The airport authorities ordered a civilian plane to fly over the area where the UFO had passed, but the airplane crew saw nothing.

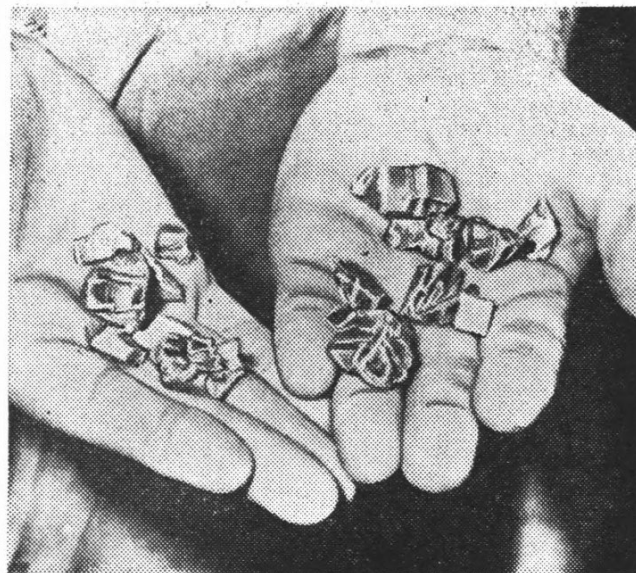
FLYING OBJECT CAUGHT ON FILM IN CALIFORNIA: On August 3rd, a county highway department investigator in Santa Ana, California, took three photographs of a UFO which was flying near the Marine Corps Air Force facility there. According to the photographer, the object was close enough for him to be able to estimate its dimensions. He said that it was 30 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick. It was in sight for only about 15 seconds.

The highway department investigator, named Rex Heflin, added that the object made no sound, and had a beam of white light which rotated underneath it. He also stated that he tried to communicate by two-way radio with his supervisor, to tell him about the UFO; but he found the radio inoperative, though it has worked well since then. This is apparently still another case of electromagnetic disturbances caused by the presence of UFOs.

The pictures, which are in our files, were taken in broad daylight, but are not clear enough to reproduce here. They show a flat-topped object with a rim below the main portion, something like a hat. Somehow we get a skeptical feeling about these pictures, though Mr. Heflin has stated that he is willing to take a lie detector test regarding their authenticity.

At least one other sighting was made in the vicinity of the Marine base at about the same time as Mr. Heflin's.

MYSTERY METAL FALLS IN MARYLAND: In the midst of a local saucer flap, strange metal fragments fell on the property of Peter Tuczinski, in Texas, Maryland, last August 11th. Tuczinski saw a brilliant flash just over his house at about 10 p.m., and could see glowing bits of "something" raining down. The metal rattled against his windows and onto the tin roof of his garage. The fragments, shown in the photo at the right, were sent to NASA. The report came back that preliminary tests had shown that they were not from a meteorite. Jim Wales, Baltimore's representative of Laura Mun-do's semi-defunct Planetary Space Center, ventured the opinion that the metal was bits of "monitoring disks," sent out from friendly mother ships hovering high in our atmosphere. Perhaps NASA will come up with a better explanation, but as yet we do not know what their final conclusion will be.



OHIO CHILDREN WITNESS NEAR-LAND-ING: During the early evening hours of May 22nd, six children who were

playing baseball in a residential neighborhood in Leroy, Ohio, saw a saucer which almost landed on a garage roof before it skimmed over the rooftops and disappeared behind a clump of trees across the street. The UFO was described as being "the size of a compact auto." There was a buzzing or purring sound emitting from it, and - strangest of all - it had windows around its circumference. These were about a foot long and a foot wide.

At the time of the incident, a horse staked in the field where the children were playing, suddenly went into a panic, as did a friendly pet dog belonging to the family. Mrs. Edward McDonald, mother of three of the children, stated that the animals are very much used to airplanes, since their home is near two airports; but in this case, the horse was "scared almost to death". He reared up, and started running around with his ears down and a wild look in his eyes, while the dog barked savagely.

Neighbors of the McDonalds reported interference in radio and television reception at the time the disc flew overhead. One man in particular, who had always boasted that he had perfect TV reception regardless of weather conditions or passing airplanes, complained that at the time of the sighting, his set was acting up badly.

AIR FORCE JETS CHASE SAUCER OVER LAKE SUPERIOR: A United Press International (UPI) story dated August 7th describes a chase involving jet interceptors and a group of seven to ten UFOs which were flying in a V-formation at 9,000 miles per hour in the vicinity of Duluth, Minnesota. Their elevation was 5,000 to 17,000 feet. The UFOs were spotted on radar at four bases - in Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, and Canada. The jets were easily outdistanced by the saucers, and soon abandoned the chase.

This information apparently was given to the UPI by the U. S. Air Force Radar Base in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. SAUCER NEWS checked with the Pentagon about the case, and was informed that the base now denies - incredibly! - that the incident ever took place. It seems hardly likely to us that a reputable news service would just make up such a sensational story, and we are astounded at the contradiction here! (Our thanks to researcher John Williams for part of our data about this sighting.)

TRUCK DRIVER CHASED BY FLYING SAUCER IN KANSAS: One of the weirdest incidents of the current world-wide flap occurred about 25 miles south of Abilene, Kansas, shortly before 2 a.m. on the morning of August 4th. Don Tennopir, a truck driver from Beatrice, Oklahoma, reported that he was driving north on Highway 15 when all of his lights suddenly went out. Just then, a flying saucer passed over the truck with a "sizzling or wind-like blowing sound," scaring him greatly. The mysterious object was only 20 feet above the ground, and about 100 feet in front of the truck. Tennopir screeched on his breaks, thinking that the UFO was going to land right on the road; but it moved on toward the south and west.

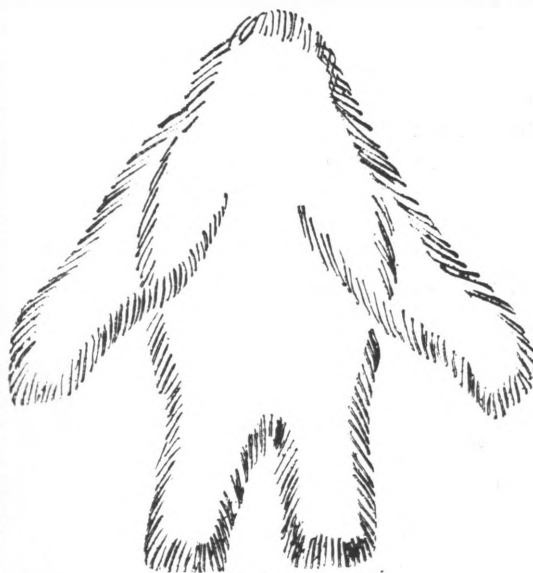
The object was 15 feet in diameter, orange in color, and was shooting off reddish rays of some sort. It seemed to be about two feet thick, with a four-foot-high hump or dome in the middle. This protrusion may have had a window in it; but Mr. Tennopir, who was completely unnerved by the experience, was not sure on this point.

SECRET SAUCER FILMS COME TO LIGHT: A New York area radio personality (not Randi or Long John), who has asked not to be identified by name, recently gave us a "scoop" about a flying saucer film that he himself developed while serving in the Armed Forces in Panama in 1948. The incident occurred over the Pacific, near the islands off the coast of Ecuador, and involved an Air Force jet which intercepted a group of six UFOs in formation. The saucers had rounded bottoms and domes on top, and apparently a great amount of detail could be

seen from the film. Needless to say, the movie was never released to the public.

Another secret Air Force film was taken in 1952 during the famous sighting flap over Washington, D.C., according to the same radio personality. He tells us that a friend of his who is an FBI agent told him of the existence of this movie, though he himself has not seen it.

MONSTER ON THE LOOSE IN MICHIGAN: Reports from mid-August tell of a grunting monster which terrified at least 15 people in the vicinity of Monroe, Michigan. A crowd of curious people, estimated by police to number at least 1,000, went monster hunting on August 17th in spite of wet, unpleasant weather. Armed with everything from butterfly nets to shotguns, they congregated in such numbers along local roads that monumental traffic jams were created. Nothing was seen by anyone on that date, but earlier accounts, going as far back as June, indicate that something of real Fortean interest is indeed going on in this southeastern corner of Michigan.



The sketch above was made by an unnamed person who witnessed the monster's attack upon Christine Van Acker, a 17-year-old girl from Monroe, who said she was given a black eye by a hairy, seven-foot-tall 400 pound creature. She stated that the animal jumped into the road and reached into an open car window to grab her by the hair while she was driving with her mother. Another similar incident befell a 23-year-old woman, also in mid-August. Apparently the scare has since died out, as we have no information of more recent date.

SAUCER LANDING IN CHILE: On the night of July 20th, a civil engineer named Carlos Videla Zamundio saw a UFO settle gently down to earth no more than 150 yards from the hotel where he was staying overnight, in the port city of Chanaral, in northern Chile. He was awakened at about 4 a.m. by a loud noise outside his hotel room, and looking out over the desolate beach, he saw an object shaped like a top, which landed for a period of four or five minutes.

The UFO came down vertically from the sky, and seemed to be illuminated with a strange light which produced no shadows. It had a diameter of 10 or 12 yards, and was a bright red in color. The noise diminished while the object was on the ground, but got louder again at the take-off, at which time the UFO hovered briefly at an altitude of about 30 yards above the sand, and then disappeared from sight at unbelievable speed. Apparently there were no other witnesses to this most interesting sighting, which was recounted in detail in a Buenos Aires newspaper dated July 24th, sent to us by our newly-appointed South American Editor.

The same newspaper tells of several less spectacular sightings on the night of July 23rd, in Buenos Aires itself, where numerous people saw a red and green object fly at low altitude over the city. A few nights earlier, a movie photographer named Marcelo Soria, working for TV Channel 7 in Buenos Aires, took a movie film of a UFO. Although he opened the lens as wide as he could, and filmed for several minutes, the image was so faint that it can be seen only when the film is examined carefully frame by frame.

SAUCER LANDING IN URUGUAY: On July 17th, a group of six teenagers in Colonia, Uruguay, saw a flying saucer land for two minutes in the sand near the shore of the Rio de la Plata. Fearing they would not be believed, they

called some adults, who arrived in time to see the UFO, which was by that time hovering about thirty feet above the river, where it remained for several minutes before taking off toward the horizon at an altitude of 500 yards. All this happened in broad daylight, at about ten o'clock in the morning. The UFO was described as having moving fins of some sort, and it also had four leg-like appendages, which left marks in the sand in the form of the letter X. These marks were seen by many people and were photographed by a special correspondent of a Buenos Aires newspaper.

The light from the object was so bright as to be blinding, said the youngsters, and it gave off a cloud of white smoke like a jet aircraft. They attempted to approach it and touch it, while it was on the ground, but were prevented by the terrible light. Pedro Enrique Carro, one of the adult witnesses, confirmed that the UFO was hovering very near the surface of the river when he saw it, but was at too great a distance for him to be able to estimate its size. Senor Enrique Carro was flown to Buenos Aires to appear on television, where he told his story simply and with apparent sincerity.

SAUCER LANDING IN AUSTRALIA: On July 19th, a man named Denis Crowe made an unusually detailed sighting of a UFO which took off from a beach in Vaucluse, Australia. The object - a giant disc - was bathed in an eerie glow when he came upon it while walking his dogs at about 5:30 in the evening. Although he got to within 50 or 60 feet of the object, he could detect no sign of movement within it, and no portholes. Its diameter was about 20 feet, and its height was 9 feet, including what appeared to be legs protruding from the bottom. The rim was glowing a greenish blue, while the top and bottom halves were a dullish silver-gray color. There was a hollow in the top that could have been a glass dome.

There was no noise, except for the barking of the dogs. However, when the object took off a few seconds later, a yellowish glow appeared beneath it, and a weird sound - unlike that of any conventional aircraft - was heard. After a take-off run of only 50 or 60 feet, the craft climbed rapidly in the direction of Manly. Strangely enough, as soon as the object was in the air, the dogs suddenly stopped barking.

A great many "lesser" reports, too numerous to print here, also came in from various parts of Australia during late July and early August. At least one photograph was taken.

MENGER SPACE CONVENTION IN TROUBLE: Howard Menger, the well-known saucer contactee, has been planning a space convention in Sebastian, Florida, for late fall, but has apparently had to cancel his plans due to a rather unpleasant series of events: The City Council of Sebastian was backing Menger in his plans (as confirmed by several newspaper clippings we have seen), until a local book review of Menger's saucer book "From Outer Space to You" prompted the political opposition to check into his past. Letters were written to Richard Hall of NICAP and to Isabel Davis of the old CSI of New York group. Both replied unfavorably, causing the Council to be embarrassed politically to the point that they had to drop their association with Menger.

One of the points used against Menger was his 1958 saucer convention in New Jersey. Menger has written the following petition regarding this matter, and asks that his supporters send signed copies of it to the City Clerk, Sebastian, Florida, or write to the City Clerk in their own words in his defense. The petition reads as follows:

"The first East Coast space convention held Sept. 14-16, 1958, in Lebanon, New Jersey, was conducted in a well-mannered, friendly, congenial atmosphere, in a lovely country setting. The lectures were interesting, provocative, and controversial. The subjects were: Unidentified flying objects (sightings, landings, and witnesses); Parapsychology; Extrasensory perception;

"Science-fiction today, fact tomorrow"; Humanetics; etc. Camping, toilet facilities, water, and parking were offered free. A donation of \$2.00 covered the three days, and many camped there for the weekend. This convention was the first of its kind in New Jersey, and was received very well and was very successful. It certainly was not at all like what Isabel Davis and Richard Hall described."

SAUCER NEWS neither supports nor condemns the petition, but merely prints it here as a service to our readers.

SAUCER LANDING IN NORTH CAROLINA: Through researcher George Fawcett we learn of a landing that occurred near Mount Airy, N.C., on August 19th. Mrs. T. E. Schumaker and her family were visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Blackburn, at the latter's home. At about 3 a.m., Mrs. Schumaker was awakened by a loud noise behind the house, similar to the noise a car makes when spinning its wheels. She realized, however, that it was a much louder humming sound than a car could make, and that there was no way that a car could get behind the house. The lady was so frightened that it took her some time to get to the window. When she did, she saw a cigar-shaped white object rising at an angle, at some distance away. The object made several maneuvers and then disappeared behind the trees beyond the driveway.

The next morning, a six-inch band of depressed grass was found, forming a perfect circle 12 feet in diameter. Along the driveway the ground was strewn with fresh green leaves from a line of oak trees. The family was fearful of ridicule and reluctant to tell anyone, but the story gradually leaked out. Twelve days after the incident, a reporter from the Winston-Salem (N. C.) Journal investigated, and found that remnants of the mysterious circle still remained. A geiger counter reading was taken still later by Mr. Fawcett, but it showed nothing unusual.

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: On Friday the 13th of August, our guest speaker was Gray Barker, the well-known saucer researcher and author of "They Knew Too Much about Flying Saucers." Due to unexpected publicity, the meeting hall was jammed with over 200 people, making this by far the largest crowd we have had ever since the lecture series began several years ago. Several reporters were among those present. Barker's talk, highlighted by slides made from his vast library of saucer photographs, was well received by the audience. In the picture at the right, we see Mr. Barker (right) surrounded by fans following his most interesting presentation.

On September 17th, a much smaller crowd was present to hear two speakers scheduled for the evening - Paul Koslouski of Reading, Massachusetts, who played a tape recording of one of George Adamski's last lectures, and John Prytz, head of the Oyster Bay (Long Island)



UFO Investigative Committee, who spoke on the scientific probabilities of intelligent life being found on other planets. The evening was marred by technical difficulties: The Adamski tape was almost impossible to understand, and a Latin band in a ballroom next door proved to be a loud and unwelcome distraction. Mr. Prytz's presentation was excellent, however.

On October 15th, James E. Mellodew of Philadelphia gave a talk centered around a genuine UFO movie film that he was lucky enough to shoot several years ago. More details about this lecture will be found in our next issue.

Let us again remind our readers in the New York area that they need only drop us a post card in order to have their names placed on our mailing list for lecture notices. These lectures are usually (but not always) held on the third Friday of every month at the Hotel Woodstock, at 127 West 43rd Street in New York City.

"THE THING" VISITS ENGLAND: The town of Warminster, England, has been subjected to a continuing series of weird phenomena for at least eight months - among them: a vibration of some sort which is capable of killing a bird in mid-flight; persistent "whirrings"; humming sounds; noises which are "like the sound of tree branches being dragged over rough gravel"; and, occasionally, UFO sightings which seem to be associated with all this. The situation has been written up in detail in an interesting article in the July-August issue of England's "Flying Saucer Review."

Now, more recently, a series of wire service news stories tells us that the situation in Warminster is getting worse. On the night of September 6th, more than one hundred persons who live in the outskirts of this west England town said they were awakened suddenly by what they described as a tremendous explosion. About thirty of the residents - mostly men - ventured outdoors in their nightclothes, and saw a 200-foot-high orange-colored mushroom of smoke with a glowing core in its center. This strange apparition was rising up into the air.

Other residents who huddled under the safety of their bedcovers saw, at the same time, an orange light which flooded their rooms, changing night into day. Dozens of windows were shattered by the blast, which was likened by some to the "block busters" from the days of the wartime blitz. No one was reported injured.

The sounds and visual phenomena have been described in various ways, but the most common description of the UFO is that it is long and cigar shaped, and capable of hovering. On September 11th, a photo of "the Thing," as it is called, was published in a London newspaper. We do not have a copy of the picture, and our newspaper's description of it is rather vague.

The situation is so serious that the Warminster City Council has held a formal public inquiry into the phenomenon, taking testimony from various witnesses. At last report, no solution had been found. The Army, which conducted its own investigation, is equally puzzled.

PENNSYLVANIA PILOT CHASES UFO: An interesting article dated August 13th tells of a veteran pilot who was flying from Kennedy International Airport to Hazelton, Pa. on a chartered flight, when he spotted a mysterious bright white light. His attention had already been called to the UFO by the control tower at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The pilot, named Ray Hoffman, maneuvered his plane in such a way as to head straight toward the object. He was within about five miles of it when it veered to one side and sped off toward the northeast at a speed estimated to be two or three times the 230 miles per hour that his small plane was traveling. Hoffman told newsmen that he was unable to close the gap between his plane and the object, which was out of sight within a few minutes. He discounted the idea that it could have been any kind of reflection.

Hoffman is the owner and operator of the Shamokin Flying Service, at

Shamokin, Pa. He has been flying since 1934, and is known to be a stable and reliable person.

MANY LANDINGS IN MEXICO: A news report from early September tells of several recent landings in various parts of Mexico. Some are of the "contactee" variety, and therefore sound a bit suspicious to us. Others, more credible in our opinion, involve more "orthodox" landing incidents - such as the UFO which allegedly landed near the National Polytechnic Institute in Mexico City itself. Pictures of rocks supposedly scorched by the saucer's exhaust were prominently displayed in local newspapers.

And, in a remote province (unnamed in the article), a saucer is said to have landed and to have been captured by the Mexican Army, though the Army denies this. In another case, residents of the Texcoco area on the edge of Mexico City swear they saw a saucer land on a local lake and sink into the mud. A newspaper reporter was assigned to spend a day on the lake looking for the object, but he found nothing.

As for the "contactee" stories, they involve at least two groups of students - one group from Mexico City's university, and the other of high school age - who claim they were taken for rides in flying saucers. The university students were allegedly taken to the third moon of Jupiter in a saucer manned by good-looking seven-foot-tall giants, who were clad in one-piece suits made out of some sort of stretch fabric. The giants neither talked to each other nor operated any controls, but apparently did everything by telepathy. The students reported finding a family from Brazil already living on Jupiter's third moon. The family had been taken there several months ago by the space people, all of whom are blue-eyed blonds similar in appearance to earthlings of Nordic origin.

MOTION PICTURE OF UFO IN FLORIDA: An article from the Orlando (Florida) Sentinel, dated September 21st, tells of a man named James R. Peek who photographed a UFO within seconds of the recent Gemini 5 take-off. Peek was watching the blast-off from his home not far from Cape Kennedy when he noticed an object traveling at very high speed, moving in a westerly direction in the vicinity of the launch area. He said it looked like a "sliver of brilliant green phosphorescent light," just east of the contrail left by the Gemini 5 rocket. Peek hastily aimed his 35mm camera, and took some color footage before the object vanished toward the south. Upon getting the film back from the processor, he saw that he had been more successful than he thought. The film shows not one but three brilliant objects in motion.

Saucer contactee Howard Menger, who also lives near Cape Kennedy, sent us this clipping. He writes that he went to interview Mr. Peek, but arrived a couple of hours too late, as the Air Force had already picked up the film. Peek expects to get his movie back from the Air Force, and will then notify Menger, who has promised to notify us. See the letter at the top of Page 5 for more recent information about this case.

SAUCER FLAP AROUND ALBANY, NEW YORK: At about 6 a.m. on August 10th, a man who refused to allow his name to be publicized saw a strange "wing-shaped" object pass slowly in front of his car while he was driving along Highway 9J. The large silver wing was just above the telephone wires, and was slightly tilted as if to avoid them. It passed "within two car lengths" in front of him, and then swung through a cut in the trees before disappearing. The object made no sound and left no vapor trail of any sort. The operation of his automobile was not affected. - A similar sighting was made the same day by a housewife in nearby Castleton, N. Y., who was completely unaware of the other incident.

On August 11th, at 7:25 p.m., an unnamed woman living in Menands, N.Y.

made a close observation of two gleaming silver objects. A sketch made from her description was published in an Albany newspaper. She said they made no noise, emitted no smoke, and were at very low altitude, moving southward at high speed. Each was five or six feet across, according to her estimate.

ANOTHER LANDING IN CHILE: Again thanks to our South American Editor, Mr. Von Hippel, we have learned of still another saucer landing. This one occurred on August 2nd in Llanquihue, Chile, and was witnessed by the Secretary General of the National Health Department for that area, as well as a large group of people who happened to be with him. The article does not state how far the group was from the UFO when it landed, but it does tell us that some of the women present were so overcome by emotion that they fainted.

Some of the men forced themselves to advance toward the craft, but as they did so, it took off at high speed. When they reached the landing spot, they found a round charred area the circumference of which had been severely burned. Several trees had been charred and uprooted.

SAUCER LANDING IN BRAZIL: On September 10th, a fascinating incident occurred near a small town in northeastern Brazil. Antonio Paul Ferro Da Silva, a field hand, was working in Sao Joao, Pernambuco, when he observed several creatures about three feet tall. They were looking at some tomato plants, while laughing and talking among themselves in a language he could not understand. Above the little men, two flying saucers hung suspended in the air, about 15 feet above the ground, giving off a brilliant light.

Antonio, thoroughly frightened, hid behind a tree and continued watching the visitors, who eventually flew away in their saucers without taking any of the vegetables with them. In describing the saucers, Antonio said that they "were larger than the largest tractor." The saucer occupants were dressed in clothing similar to that of earthlings, but their skin had a repugnant look to it.

There being no other evidence to corroborate the incident, the tomatoes are now being examined by technicians to see if they show anything unusual.

LANDINGS IN PERU: Among dozens of important UFO observations in Peru this past summer, are three landing stories which have a fair amount of detail in the newspaper accounts that have been sent to us.

The first occurred on about August 1st in a suburb of the capital city of Lima, where a 15-year-old boy named Alberto San Roman Nunez saw a small flying saucer at rest right on the roof of his home. The boy was on the roof taking in some wash when he was approached by a being about 3½ feet tall which had apparently emerged from the saucer. The creature had "greenish lights on his skin which made him look like a frog." Terrified, Alberto ran down the stairs. As he did so, he was enveloped in an intense red light which came from a circular craft which he saw pass over the roof heading toward the nearby ocean. Presumably the little man was then inside the craft.

Thereafter, an examination of the roof revealed four circles, each about a foot in diameter. These were in the shape of a square, in relation to each other; and another strange marking was found at the center of the square. These four circles corresponded to the position of four leg-like appendages which Alberto had seen at the bottom of the weird machine.

The most recent Peruvian landing occurred on September 11th, in the Andean town of Santa Barbara, where the Lieutenant Governor claims to have seen two men about three feet tall walking through the snow near Lake Ceulacocha. The supposed Martians disappeared in a brilliant flash after walking around for a few minutes. At almost exactly the same time, hundreds of peasants in Huancavelica, some distance away, saw five UFOs which flew over the region for a period of about three minutes.

A third Peruvian landing, which came to our attention just before press time, occurred back in July. A newspaper clipping dated July 29th tells of a young worker in Lima who saw a flying object with a flashing green light land in a parking lot. The worker, named Prospero Alva, said that it looked "like a huge piece of Swiss cheese." A turret on top revolved slowly while an arm or trunk of some kind moved in all directions. As Prospero Alva watched, the arm disappeared into the turret. Suddenly the machine moved to the right and took off, moving slowly at first and then at great speed, until it disappeared into the night sky.

NEWS BRIEFS: The picture below was taken on the night of September 28th in Norwick, Connecticut, by Ken Skinner, a photographer for the Norwich Bulletin. The moon is at the lower left of the picture and the UFO is at the upper right. Mr. Skinner, who was on his way to an assignment at the time, said that the object hovered for a short while and then sped from view....

On July 5th, ten businessmen in San Jose, Costa Rica, saw a UFO hovering over a beach for a period of fifteen minutes. The object then moved away. It was described as shiny and round like the moon....

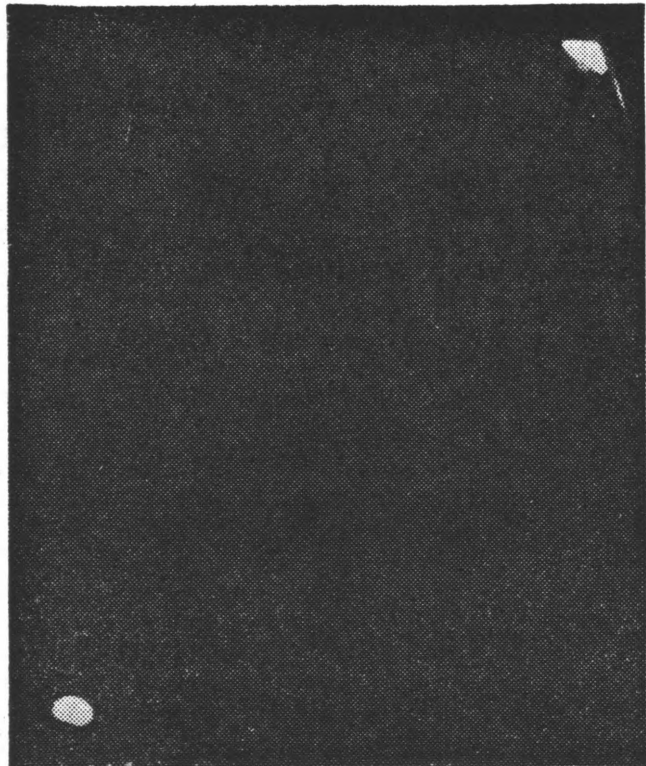
A flying saucer article in the September 13th issue of the weekly magazine called "The Nation" gave moderately favorable mention to SAUCER NEWS, as follows: "Somewhere in the middle of the ideological road is SAUCER NEWS, published by the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society of Fort Lee, N.J. The editors of SAUCER NEWS do not automatically accept the claims of the contactees, but are sympathetic to all but the most extravagant. They are interested in the facts of saucer sightings but are equally interested in what they conceive to be the philosophical implications of saucers."

A report from Brattleboro, Vermont, dated September 10th, tells of a woman named Sandy Daszuta who was terrified by a UFO that landed in a field near there. She saw a white light revolving inside the pearl-colored UFO. After the object had taken off into the sky at terrific speed, imprints were found on the ground. These were still visible a week after the incident.....

In Brazil, a man named Joao da Rio was fishing one day in early August when a tiny man about 28 inches high allegedly came up to him. The creature had large luminous eyes and spoke perfect Portuguese, according to the witness. Joao was informed by the visitor that he had come from another world, and as proof, he offered a piece of "unearthly" metal, which is now being analyzed. Joao is described by his employer as a "simple, honest man."

On August 2nd the Buenos Aires, Argentina magazine called "Alantida" ran an article quoting a local storekeeper as saying that a 39-inch-tall flying saucer pilot told him that his people will make full contact with mankind on December 3rd of this year. The storekeeper, named Felipe Martinez, claims to have talked twice to the little man....

A clipping from Portsmouth, Virginia, tells of a young man who saw a UFO



the size of a small plane cross the road about a half mile ahead of him at 5:30 one morning, while driving along U.S. Highway 58. His car engine cut out, as did the engines of several other cars in the area, but it re-started without difficulty 30 seconds later. The young man, named Steve L. Anderson, reported the incident to Langley Air Force Base....

On about August 20th, a few days before the above incident, two Coast Guardsmen in Portsmouth saw a dull, silver-colored cylinder stop by a 340-foot-high tower, used for Station WYAH-TV. The object appeared to be 50 feet long and 8 feet high. After hovering for about 30 seconds, it sped off and disappeared within a few seconds. The TV station noticed no interference with its transmission at the time of the sighting....

Saucer contactee Buck Nelson held his annual convention at his home near Mountain View, Missouri, in late June this year. Mr. Nelson is the man who claims to have found segregation on Mars during his visit there.

LITTLE MEN SEEN IN WASHINGTON STATE: Two girls living in Renton, Washington told state police on August 13th that they had seen three non-human men, about five feet tall, who approached them from a bean field. The incident occurred in broad daylight, at about 7:30 a.m.

As the girls alighted from their car, their attention was drawn by the strange dress, white-domed heads, and protruding eyes of the individuals. The faces had no expression, the eyes were gray like stone, and the lower part of the faces appeared to be very tanned. The creatures wore purple armless V-necked jerseys with white shirts underneath.

The girls ran about fifty feet past the three beings, and when they looked back, all of them had disappeared. No saucer was seen in connection with this strange incident.

RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR:

August 7th - Only panelist on Randi Show. 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.

August 14th - Randi Show, with Yonah ibn Aharon and others, on a variety of topics.

August 18th - Interview on flying saucers on the Barry Farber Show, 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. on Station WOR. This show is syndicated on several other stations.

August 21st - Randi Show, with Yonah ibn Aharon and P. Jay Sidney, discussing race relations, flying saucers, and other topics.

August 23rd - Interview on the Red Benson Show, on Philadelphia's Station WPEN.

August 28th - Randi Show, discussing flying saucers.

September 4th - Appearance on Bob Kennedy's television show on Boston's Station WBZ-TV, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with James E. Mellodew and his UFO film.

September 10th - Randi Show, with panelist Tom Williams and three representatives of the foreign press, discussing various topics including saucers.

September 11th - Randi Show, with panelist Bob Mayall, discussing politics, saucers, and other topics.

September 12th - Replay of August 23rd WPEN interview.

September 25th - Randi Show, with a group of five foreign students, discussing various topics.

LANDING IN NORTH DAKOTA: Three women driving their car along a road near Grand Forks, North Dakota at 11:30 p.m. on August 9th witnessed a brightly-lighted object which had come to rest on a local golf course. It looked so much like the moon that they didn't realize the significance of what they were seeing until they looked up and saw the real moon in the western sky behind them.

The UFO was transparent, and was about 400 to 500 yards from their car. The most startling part of this account states that the women could see "little figures" inside the craft, though they could not be distinguished clearly, as they were in the form of silhouettes. Three men in another car also watched the object for about a half hour. Police were called, but found nothing.

"FORTEAN" SAMPLE IS DIFFICULT TO ANALYZE: The "Fortean" "physical evidence" received from Justin Case of Bridgeton, N. J. last spring (as described on Page 6 of our September issue), was sent to an associate of ours in Texas for analysis. Our associate writes that, since the sample consists of carbon, only certain tests can be made - such as those for structure and for radioactivity. So far, he has been unable to have these tests made, but he will let us know if and when he does receive further information about this most interesting specimen.

SAUCER HOVERS OVER CAR IN WASHINGTON STATE: A July 2nd incident, which apparently was not reported to the press till mid-August, centers around a woman named Mrs. A. W. Brundage, who had a terribly unnerving experience while driving her car along a lonely road near Kent, Washington, at about midnight. Suddenly the car stopped dead in the road, for no reason, and the headlights went out. Then she saw a glowing object hovering right over her hood, only a few inches in the air, spinning slowly. Mrs. Brundage said the object reminded her of a gigantic version of a child's top. It was about as wide as the automobile.

After about two minutes, the object made a "sort of whistling swish," and swept over the trees to her left, out of sight. The car then started up again after a little trouble; but the next day the battery was dead. The car clock, which kept perfect time and had been set that same day, was found the next day to be two minutes slow - indicating that it had stopped during the period of time that the UFO was at close range.

Mrs. Brundage was so frightened by the encounter that she has refused to drive alone over that stretch of road at night any more.

SAUCER LANDING IN CONNECTICUT: Just before press time, we learned of a sensational incident that occurred on the nights of October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, in Southington, Conn. A local youth named Ronald Rubenstein saw a UFO low over his car on these three consecutive evenings. On one night it was hovering only 50 feet above him. He described it as being $2\frac{1}{2}$ car lengths in diameter, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ car lengths long. It had a "corrugated bottom," and numerous lights, including four "porthole type lights" on the dome. After several seconds it swooped away and landed on a high hill about a mile away.

A search of the hill by news reporters a few days later disclosed a charred area on a ridge overlooking the countryside.

Rubenstein took a picture on one of the occasions, but it shows only a white spot at some distance from the camera, against the night sky.

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