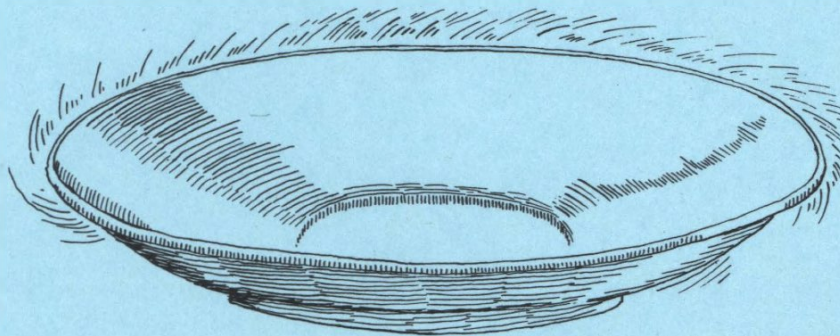


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Editorial

NICAP RESOLUTION BRINGS UNEXPECTEDLY FAST RESULTS

On page 12 of this issue, we have printed a statement entitled "A Resolution for a Better NICAP." This historic document is endorsed by the twenty or so leaders in the UFO field whose names and titles appear following it. As this issue goes to press, answers are expected momentarily from still more potential endorsers throughout the United States and in various parts of the world.

We call this an historic document, because it represents the first time that so many leading UFO spokesmen have joined together publicly toward a common goal. These endorsers, though they represent many divergent views, and no doubt would disagree among themselves on many things, are nevertheless united in their desire to see a number of important changes made in NICAP's policies and organizational methods.

The Resolution was conceived at a small meeting of UFO leaders in Chicago, Illinois, last October. It was mailed out in late November. No attempt was made to reach the "rank and file" people in saucer research. If this had been done, hundreds of people would no doubt have gladly joined us.

The amazing thing to us is the speed with which NICAP has responded to the Resolution. Our copy of their November-December issue of "The UFO Investigator" was mailed on December 28th, and contains a front-page editorial signed personally by Major Keyhoe, announcing several important policy changes which are exactly in line with our recommendations. It is, of course, no coincidence that this article appeared when it did. This is obviously a successful attempt by NICAP to "take the wind out of our sails" by rushing into print with their policy changes before we could get into print with the Resolution.

However, we are far from dismayed at NICAP's attempt to out-maneuver the Resolution. We are most pleased and gratified that they have chosen to take it seriously, and that they have responded positively to this constructive criticism. We had feared they would respond negatively or else ignore it. We can only point out that the changes outlined so far by Major Keyhoe are in line with only a few of our suggestions. Let us hope, therefore, that in due time - with their eyes opened at last to the importance of other viewpoints within Ufology - NICAP will proceed to take heed to the other important recommendations in the Resolution.

Among the NICAP policy changes announced so far: "Different treatment of UFO reports, to reveal special angles"; "An unusual plan to speed up communication with UFOs"; "Reports on 'contactee' stories when serious discussions are indicated"; "New treatment of Air Force spokesmen"; and "Correction of NICAP errors."

In line with the latter policy change, NICAP has printed, in the same issue of the Investigator, an admission that Dr. Donald Menzel has been right in his contention that Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, former NICAP Board member, left the Board because of disagreement with NICAP. Not knowing that NICAP would admit this error in print, Dr. Menzel has kindly sent us photostats of the pertinent correspondence.

Hillenkoetter's letter to Menzel (dated Sept. 19, 1963), which is not quoted directly in the Investigator, has the following key passage: "Thank you very much for your book....I should say that you have effectively put to rest all surmises about flying saucers being from 'outer space'. You have done a thorough and praiseworthy job. As I told you,I resigned from NICAP about 20 months ago feeling that it had degenerated from an organization honestly trying to find out something definite about possible unknowns, into a body bickering about personalities...."

We do not for a moment agree with Menzel's or Hillenkoetter's views about the reality of UFOs. We have mentioned the NICAP-Menzel dispute here only to do our part in helping to set the record straight.

EDITORIAL NOTES

OUR NEW FORMAT is the result of a group of suggestions from our good friend Ivan Sanderson, the well-known naturalist and UFO authority. We hope you will find this new format an improvement. We're quite proud of it - especially the new cover design and the idea of having photographs, insofar as possible, in the centerfold rather than scattered throughout the magazine.

We have also begun a policy of listing our sources, whenever possible, for each saucer sighting that we print. This will enable dedicated researchers to write to the newspapers and/or wire services in question, and obtain copies of the news stories from which we rewrite our material.

Ivan Sanderson has made additional suggestions which we have not yet acted upon, due to the high costs involved. If you sincerely want SAUCER NEWS to continue improving in quality, you can do your part by renewing your subscription promptly when it is due, and by ordering your UFO books from us. All revenue is eventually put back into the magazine in the form of added pages, more frequent non-scheduled Newsletters, or other benefits to the readers. We do not seek to make a net profit from our publishing activities.

Incidentally, Ivan has recently organized The Ivan Sanderson Foundation, an endeavor which will be devoted to scientific research of all kinds. Fortean and UFO research will play a relatively small but important role in this work. We think you'll be hearing a lot more about this Foundation in the near future, as it is enlisting the aid and active support of top men in many scientific fields.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to increased printing costs, and in anticipation of further increases, SAUCER NEWS is forced to raise its subscription rates for the first time since 1955. All subscriptions and renewals received on or after June 1st, 1966, will be filled at the rate of \$2.00 for four quarterly issues, rather than the present rate of \$2.00 for six issues. Single copies and back issues (when available) will be 50 cents each, rather than 35 cents.

At present the only back issues we have in stock are the September and December issues for 1965.

YOUR EDITOR WILL BE IN SOUTH AMERICA during February, and possibly part of March. Routine business will be handled by our Staff, but personal letters must go unanswered until his return. There is also a possibility that the June issue will reach you slightly behind schedule.

CHANGES IN OUR STAFF: Yonah ibn Aharon has recently resigned from the Staff, for personal reasons. Bill Witt has joined us as an Associate Editor, and Sam Thorpe has joined us as Art Editor.

OUR NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #26, just off the press, contains some startling inside information about saucer contactee Howard Menger. If you are not already on our special mailing list for these Confidential Newsletters, you may receive them by sending us your name and address together with one dollar. Our Newsletters are issued irregularly, whenever we have information "too hot to handle" in our regularly-scheduled issues of SAUCER NEWS.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND CLIPPINGS, and, if you have not yet done so, please send us your zip code number as soon as possible, if you live in the United States. Third class mail may soon become undeliverable without it.

DID UFO'S CAUSE THE GREAT NORTHEASTERN POWER FAILURE?

- by John J. Robinson -

November 9th, 1965, was a day long to be remembered by some thirty million people living in an area of eighty thousand square miles in the northeastern United States, where one sixth of our total population is concentrated. This region is the most densely populated, mechanized section of the world. The trouble even included a portion of eastern Canada, and caused havoc for a great many of our good neighbors there.

The power breakdown, coming at 5:30 p.m. at the height of the evening rush hour, caught many New Yorkers and others suspended in mid-air, twenty-five floors or more above the city streets, trapped in stalled elevators. One million people were trapped underground, in the tunnels of New York's vast subway network, while thousands of others were stalled in automobiles unable to move because the traffic lights were off. Huge traffic snarls ensued, which later created more problems as cars ran out of gas - which could not be replaced because the gasoline pumps could not operate. The bridges and tunnels leading from the city became loaded with cars that could not move, while on the city streets weary and hungry people groped in the dark. Everyone was trying to get home - home to the almost medieval safety of candle-lit rooms, which were often cooler than those castles of the same period, since the lack of power had turned off the heat!

Our Editor, James Moseley, was safely across the Hudson River in his Fort Lee apartment when the blackout came. He had the weird experience of watching the New York television channels fade away one by one, while the Philadelphia channels started coming in clearly for the first time in history. After midnight, when the traffic situation had eased, Moseley and visiting saucerer Gray Barker from Clarksburg, W. Va., made an expedition into New York to look over the unprecedented situation in Times Square. Thousands of people were sleeping in the subways, the bus terminals, and every available building lobby, in a scene reminiscent of the World War II bomb shelters.

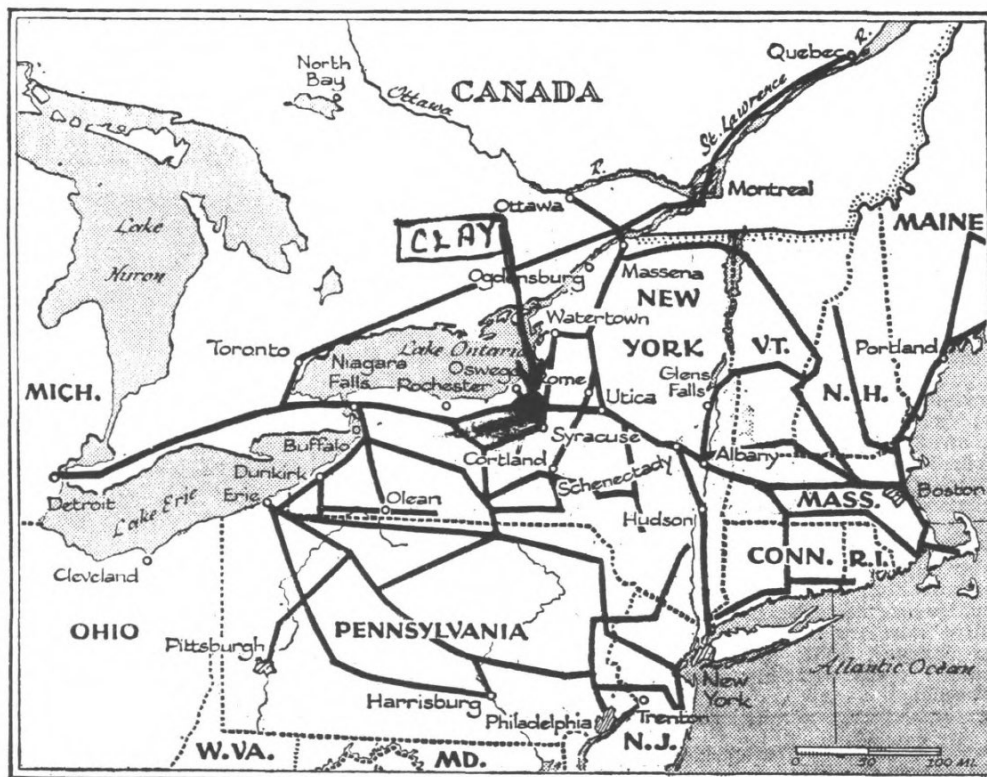
A visit to the WOR studios at 1440 Broadway found a flashlight-toting group of faithful employees keeping the station on the air, using gasoline supplied by a listener in New Jersey - most of which was unaffected by the blackout. The intrepid saucer researchers reached the WOR studio on the twenty-fourth floor by groping their way up the steps with matches!

What had happened to cause all this confusion? Simple! The science-fiction movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" had become a fact. Something had turned off the power for an area which included part or all of eight states. One after another, as an excessive demand for power drained them, the power plants supplying the region's electricity simply went out of commission.

All these power plants are joined together in a vast power system which supplies the northeastern U.S. and parts of Canada with electricity. The system is called a power grid. It consists of 42 electrical utility companies which control more than 400 generating units. In Pennsylvania, the power plants were cut off by automatic units before they became involved, and most of Maine was able to do the same thing. Twenty-three companies, however, were too close to the epicenter of whatever had happened, and were unable to avoid disaster. The overload on their generators created not only a power drain but also an out-of-phase cycle which caused relays to stop them before they burned themselves out. Some of the relays were not able to operate swiftly enough, however, and these will have to have their huge armatures rewound before they can operate again.

What caused the trouble? No one seems to know. The New York Daily News of November 11th states: "There was no mechanical failure, nor was any damaged equipment found which would indicate mechanical failure." The November 22nd

issue of News-week quotes Charles Pratt, chief engineer for the Niagara Mohawk Power System, as follows: "The first thing we saw on our high speed meters was a large increase in flow to the east and south." The meters showed a sudden jump to 490 kilowatts of power. This then reversed as the flow from other areas was called on. The reason for the huge power drain has not been explained, for no severed transmission lines, defective generator, or faulty circuit-breaker was involved.



THE PRINCIPAL POWER LINES: Forty-two electric-utility companies in eight states and two Canadian provinces have joined a "loose federation" to supply power through an intertwined network of transmission systems, shown by the heavy lines on the map. The companies use more than 400 generating units to deliver the service.

The 345 kilowatt power lines which feed New York City and its environs originate at the Niagara Mohawk station, which calls on the water power of Niagara Falls for its turbine generators. These huge power lines run east to Syracuse and then through Schenectady, where they turn south toward New York City. It is apparent that it was through these lines that the drain of power began.

Twelve minutes before the big blackout, New Jersey's Public Service reported that they noticed something wrong. There was a flickering of lights in some parts of the state. The Newark Star Ledger of November 11th reports that they were informed by the Public Service that their oscillographs showed the load suddenly going out, coming in, and going out again. These load fluctuations occurred at thirteen locations simultaneously, indicating that whatever was happening was localized in one spot.

Most of New Jersey kept its power, but there were scattered exceptions, some rather bizarre. A lady in Hillsdale, N.J. writes SAUCER NEWS that at 5:30 p.m. on the fateful day of November 9th, both her television sets suddenly went out, as did the telephone. The lady sent her son for a look outside, and he reported seeing a bright white object about ten times the apparent size of a star, moving slowly through the sky. The lady and her son kept watching the object, which turned a slight greenish color and kept heading north, until in about twenty minutes it was out of sight. At that point, her telephone service was restored.

According to letters and news clippings we have received, other sightings were made at about the same time in Staten Island, N.Y., Bloomfield, N.J. and elsewhere, but our efforts to get more details about these events have been unsuccessful. There was also a story in the Paterson (N.J.) News about

several people who claim to have seen a fireball over Manhattan during the blackout; and a photograph in the November 19th issue of Time Magazine, taken from the Time & Life Building twenty minutes after the blackout began, shows what appears to be a bell-shaped UFO hovering over Manhattan! (See Page 16.)

On November 15th, the New York Journal-American carried a banner front-page headline story entitled "The Mystery Fireball and That Big Blackout." The story begins by quoting one Lesley J. Lorenzen, "International Director of the Government-affiliated Aero Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona!" Further on, this is referred to as "a private group co-operating with the government." Of course, the strangely garbled reference here is to A.P.R.O., a private saucer research group like our own, with no Government affiliation whatsoever - unless A.P.R.O.'s well-known book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax; disagreeing with the Air Force's UFO investigatory methods, could be called a claim to Governmental affiliation!

The rest of the article is much less garbled, however, and is confirmed by other sources. It seems that Weldon Ross, 47, a pilot instructor at Hancock Field near Syracuse, N.Y., was attempting a landing at that field with a student, when they witnessed a flame-colored globe of light in the sky. At first Ross thought it was a building on fire, but then the globe grew until it was over 100 feet in circumference. Thereafter it gradually diminished in size until it disappeared. It was at that moment that Ross discovered there were no longer any landing lights on the field. He was informed by the control tower that the lights had suddenly gone out; so he landed the plane as best he could in the dark.

Mr. Ross calculated that the fireball appeared at a point where the New York Power Authority's two 345 kilovolt power lines coming from Niagara Falls pass over the New York Central Railroad tracks between Lake Oneida and Hancock Field. This is the location of the Clay substation (marked on map on previous page), which has been pinpointed by some investigators as the source of the blackout trouble. The Clay substation is entirely automated. Mr. Pratt of the Niagara Mohawk Power Company has stated that the crews who later checked these lines failed to uncover any trouble along them.

Mr. Ross and his student were not the only persons to see this fireball. At least four others also witnessed it, including Robert C. Walsh, who is the Syracuse Deputy Aviation Commissioner. Walsh reported seeing it from a few miles south of Hancock Field. This would seem to indicate that the fireball was rising from the ground as it gradually increased in size, as well as while it gradually diminished in brightness.

Public statements about the blackout came from many unusual sources. Jeanne Dixon, the famous seer, reminded the public that she had predicted the event two years beforehand, and that she believed it to be caused by the Russians. Dr. John Pagano of Fort Lee, N.J., a spokesman for NICAP, told the Hudson Dispatch that the blackout was "no accident, but purposely caused by flying saucers." And, last but not least, a magazine called Women's Wear Daily came out with a far-out rumor to the effect that the blackout was caused by the testing of a super-secret Pentagon weapon called Project Fireball, whose object was to draw all available power from New York, divide it into two beams and shoot it into space. The point at which these two incredibly powerful beams cross would become a mammoth burst of artificial lightning, capable of destroying any enemy missile within range.

A spokesman at the Pentagon, when questioned about such a power-draining project, insisted that the rumor had no foundation whatsoever. There was such a project in the talk stage about four years ago, he admitted, but no hardware was ever built. The Defense Department had looked into the concept and concluded that it was totally impractical.

It would seem very logical to me, however, that if the UFOs are craft from some highly-advanced civilization, they may have learned to create the

same type of power-draining effect that our scientists did not bother to develop. In any case, most researchers in the UFO field are well aware of the fact that the so-called flying saucers have a tendency to hover over power houses and atomic sites, as well as manufacturing units which use large quantities of electricity, such as steel mills, etc. They are also aware of the strange electromagnetic effects which have frequently bothered automobiles as well as electrical appliances such as radios and T.V. sets. Automobiles have on several occasions been subjected to a strange force from the UFOs which caused the liquid in their batteries to boil, as if a huge power drain had been placed on them, preventing them from delivering any power to the various units of the car such as the radio, headlights, and induction coil.

There is also a long list of power failures in recent years, in various parts of the world, which can be directly attributed to the near presence of UFOs:

July 6th, 1947: Acampo, California: All the lights in the town went out while a roaring noise and a strange glow were reported in the sky.

January 27th, 1957: Glendora, California: The town had a power failure when two UFOs were reported in the sky.

June 25th, 1957: Baltimore, Maryland: The street lights failed while UFOs were overhead.

November 4th, 1957: Sao Vicente, Brazil: The entire electrical system of Itaipu Fort, located in the bay of Sao Vicente, failed when a UFO hovered overhead. This included not only the regular system but the emergency auxiliary system also.

November 5th, 1957: Philadelphia, Pa. : A disc in the sky caused the electric power to fail.

November 14th, 1957: Tamaroa, Illinois: A bright circular object in the sky caused the electric power to fail over a four-mile area for the ten minutes it was seen.

November 25th, 1957: Mogi Mirem, Brazil: The city lights failed at 10 p.m. when three discs passed overhead.

August 3rd, 1958: Rome, Italy: A luminous UFO caused the city lights to go out.

June 22nd, 1959: Salta, Argentina: A luminous sphere caused the city lights to fail.

August 17th, 1959: Uberlandia Minais, Brazil: A round UFO caused the automatic keys of a power station to flip off because of an evident power drain.

Finally, there is a fantastic story in the November 27th edition of the St. Paul, Minnesota Pioneer Press, telling of multiple power failures in the area the previous night. According to the newspaper, "all the ingredients of a science-fiction thriller were pre-



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sent - flashing lights in the sky, more flashing lights on the ground, and mysterious interruptions of power."

The first report came in shortly after 8 p.m. from Nick DeVara, who was crossing the intersection of Maryland and Supornick with a friend when they saw a light "like someone welding in the sky." As it passed overhead, the lights in a nearby gasoline station went out momentarily. At the residence of Don Roush, in another part of town, all lights and electrical appliances went dead suddenly at 8:15 p.m. Shortly afterwards their son came home and said he had seen a strange blue light in the sky at about the same time.

Then, shortly after 9 p.m., Michael Rodriguez was driving eastward on Warner Road near Highway 61, in St. Paul, when he saw a blue light apparently on the ground. As the light appeared, the drivers of two cars behind Rodriguez's car got out to look at the flash. At about the same time, a man named Russell Hoff, who was turning off Highway 61 onto Bailey Road, saw flashes in the sky that were "like looking at daylight through a blue windshield." He saw four such flashes, about 20 to 30 seconds apart. Later, he noticed that the power seemed to be off in the entire area. This power failure was confirmed by several phone calls to police from people living in the Totam Town area, along Highway 61. These callers also said they had seen lights in the sky of various colors. A weather bureau spokesman was unable to account for the phenomena, but definitely ruled out lightning.

Thus, there seems to be little doubt that the electromagnetic effects of UFOs come in many varieties and intensities. Although there are at least two formal investigations now going on, regarding the November 9th blackout, it is unlikely that the whole truth will ever be discovered; or, if it is discovered, it will not be revealed to the public. UFO researchers, like the rest of the public, can only wait and see what strange events these alien machines have in store for us in the future!

RECENT NEWS

RANDI FIRED FROM WOR: In late December, James Randi received notice that he has been fired, as of Jan. 25th, 1966, from his job with WOR. No explanation was given by the station.

Randi has given us the following statement relevant to the matter:

"It has been my great fortune during the past 18 months to act as host of the WOR all-night radio show, on which your Editor consented to be my frequent panelist. By the time you read this issue of SAUCER NEWS, WOR and I will have parted company, and I will be free to pursue the many interests that existed both before and as a result of this radio program.

"Just to set the record straight, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks, not only to WOR and the many hundreds of people who appeared as unpaid "stars" of the show, but also to the many readers of SAUCER NEWS who comprised a sizeable part of our audience. Without the assistance of the audience, in criticizing constructively and suggesting topics of conversation, it would have been a far more difficult task for James Yoham and yours truly to organize 36 hours of broadcasting every week.

"It has been a pleasure, though not an unmixed one, to act as your host through many a long morning. I shall miss talking to you; but feel assured that with sufficient prodding from my good friend Jim Moseley, I will be happy to contribute from time to time to this periodical and in this way stay in touch with you."

As of this writing, your Editor expects to be in South America with Randi during most of February and part of March. As explained in "Editorial Notes", routine business will be handled by our Staff during our absence, but personal letters will have to go unanswered. There is also a possibility that the June issue of SAUCER NEWS will reach you slightly behind schedule.

OPERATION SKYTRACE

- by James E. Mellodew -

For the past eighteen years, ever since the ubiquitous UFOs were first sighted en masse during 1947, no comprehensive effort has been made to pinpoint the movements of these objects over the continental United States. Two of the most glaring omissions in the plethora of observations have been the lack of a precise sighting time and flight direction.

The author made an attempt to plot the sightings in the midwest during the recent flap, but as usual, times of the observations and flight directions were lacking in the sketchy press reports. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that these details are deliberately omitted by the newspapers at the covert suggestion of agencies which perceive that such data would tend to validate the concept of an intelligent pattern, when the scattered sightings are collated in a geographical and temporal sequence.

The prime objective of Operation Skytrace is to acquire the necessary coordinates in time and space, so that we may accurately plot the flight patterns of the UFOs, and possibly adduce proof of intelligent control inherent in their operations.

Some years ago, Aime Michel introduced the theory of orthotenic lines, or as it is popularly known, the straight-line mystery. Michel painstakingly gathered the voluminous sightings occurring in France during the 1954 flap in that country, and discovered an apparent geometric pattern in the flight paths of the UFOs. He found that they operated in straight lines from a central point; and at the focal point of these patterns he found that, invariably, there had been an observation of one of the massive cigar-shaped UFOs usually referred to as a "mother ship," or carrier of the smaller disks. This tentative study by Michel indicates that a careful plotting of flight trajectories discloses that the UFOs are pursuing an intelligent pattern of flight operations.

Participants in Skytrace will be assigned code names, and will be given a detailed procedure for reporting sightings over a telephone network to be established. In concluding this preface, I must stress the point that the reporting procedure will have to be adhered to rigidly; otherwise the data will be worthless. However, I am confident that those who will participate are serious students of the UFO phenomenon, and will devote the necessary time and care to assure our success.

Operational Procedures

All members of Skytrace will be assigned a code name and number, for reporting purposes. It will be employed in all phone relay messages to facilitate identification of the caller, and to enable the second member to locate the caller on a map in a minimal amount of time.

When a sighting is made, the key information to be relayed is the precise time of the initial sighting and the exact direction in degrees that the UFO took when it disappeared from the first observer's line of sight. It cannot be stressed too emphatically to members that precise time and flight direction are absolutely essential in order to obtain any definitive results from this project. This is the only information you will pass on to the member you contact by phone. All other details of the sighting, such as size, shape, color, structural details (if any), sound, vapor trails, etc., will be forwarded in a written report to SAUCER NEWS within twenty-four hours.

The purpose of apprising the second potential observer only of the time of the initial sighting and the UFO's precise line of flight, is to guard against prejudicial data. For example, if the second man is told by the in-

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itial observer that the UFO was lens shaped and blue-green, he might inadvertently, in the excitement of the moment, attribute the same aspects to his subsequent observation, although in point of fact the object he sees does not resemble the original UFO. This does not imply conscious deception on the part of the observers, but simply the inadvertent operation of subconscious suggestion.

On the other hand, if the second man is given only the time and direction of the UFO when alerted on the phone, and his independent written report coincides with the original observer's description, the reports will tend to validate each other. Thus the individual reports when collated by SAUCER NEWS will be of inestimable value in adducing an intelligent modus operandi, and will serve as a positive refutation of the asinine Air Force contention that UFOs are merely misinterpreted natural phenomena.

Equipment

Members of Skytrace will require the following:

1. Map of the continental United States.
2. Small pocket compass.

The minimal size for the map is four feet by three feet, for the scale of distance on a map of this size is approximately 1/16" equals five miles. It would be extremely difficult for members to plot exact geographical locations of other members on anything smaller. I would also suggest that members obtain the 41st edition of Rand McNally's Road Atlas, for some of the members' home towns may be too small to appear on the continental map. Locate them in the atlas, then plot their location carefully on the large map in relation to a larger city nearby.

You should then proceed as follows:

(a) With a compass, or protractor, draw a ten-inch circle on the U. S. map, with your home town at the exact center. Mark off the perimeter of the circle into the full 360 degrees. The zero degree marking on your circle indicates north, and should be so oriented.

(b) Insert a pin in the exact center of the circle, and suspend a length of string from it with a small weight on the end.

(c) Additional equipment suggested for the Skytrace member is a camera, (preferably a 8mm or 16mm movie camera), and 7X50 binoculars.

(d) Each member will be furnished the names, locations, phone numbers, code names, and code numbers of several other Skytrace members incorporated in the phone alert net. He should plot them carefully on his U. S. map with pins in their exact geographical locations, with their individual code names and numbers affixed to the pins. - The list of members supplied should be posted in proximity to the map for immediate reference, as time is of the essence in a UFO sighting.

Sample Familiarization Problem

1. Skytrace member in Rockport, Mass. sights a UFO at 8:30 p.m., E.S.T. After detailed observation with binoculars, and photographing the object if possible, he carefully notes the exact spot on the horizon where the UFO disappears. (To assure pinpointing the precise spot, a landmark on the horizon should be selected and the observer should carefully note just where the UFO vanishes over the horizon in relation to the landmark.)

2. Observer then employs pocket compass, orienting needle to the north, and noting the exact bearing in degrees where the UFO disappeared on the horizon.

3. He notes that the compass heading for the UFO's flight path is 214 degrees, on a southwest heading.

4. He then goes inside to his map and aligns the string along the 214 degree heading on the circle he has drawn on his map. The drawn string will indicate the UFO's projected flight path.

5. Observer notes projected flight path of the

UFO, as indicated by the drawn string on a bearing of 214 degrees, will pass approximately 15 miles east of Orange, Connecticut, over the waters of Long Island Sound.

6. Observer immediately contacts member in Orange, Conn. by phone, identifies himself by code name and number, then gives observer in Orange the precise time of his initial sighting in Rockport, Mass., and precise compass bearing of 214 degrees. He should further advise the potential Orange, Conn. observer that the UFO will approach from the northeast, and pass east of Orange on a southwest heading.

7. Observer in Orange, thus alerted, will be watching for the UFO, and if he sights it, he will, in turn, contact the next Skytrace member adjacent to its flight path, after determining its direction by the same method employed by the first observer in Rockport.

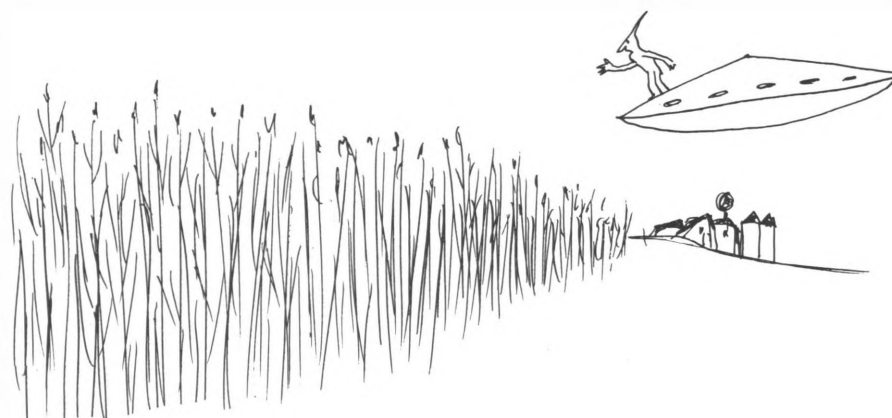
8. In the event that the first observer cannot contact the second Skytrace member on the projected flight path of the UFO, he should persist until he contacts another member further along the apparent line of flight.

9. Immediately after contacting one member along the UFO's flight path, the initial sighter should then place a second phone call to SAUCER NEWS and relate all the details, following up the call with a detailed written report within twenty-four hours, while the event is still fresh in his memory. This procedure should be followed by all members along the flight path who succeed in observing the UFO. The first call should go to the next Skytrace member along the line of flight, and the second to SAUCER NEWS.

10. Members will be required to bear the expense of all phone calls they place to other members or to SAUCER NEWS. However, their contacts will be limited to a reasonable geographical radius so that the expense will not be prohibitive.

11. The written reports submitted to SAUCER NEWS will be analyzed, and the results carried in the magazine with appropriate mention of the members involved.

With a bit of discipline in adhering to the reporting procedures heretofore outlined, our joint efforts should, with a bit of luck, produce scientific data that cannot be casually brushed aside with the usual talk of temperature inversion, weather balloon, optical illusion, etc., as dispensed by official sources.



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A RESOLUTION FOR A BETTER NICAP

We the undersigned are fully aware that there has been frequent criticism of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena in recent years. Unfortunately, many of these criticisms have been regarded as destructive rather than constructive.

There is a desperate need for a reasonable alternative to the present policies of NICAP. Accordingly, we are advancing the following program which, if implemented, will not only ensure unity in the saucer field, but greatly enhance progress toward the goal of finding a solution to the flying saucer enigma.

(1) Administration

The number of changes that must be made in NICAP's present administrative structure is quite large, but also quite necessary. The Board of Governors, for example, strikes us as nothing more than a useless list of semi-prestige names. Board meetings, as such, rarely occur. Even when they do take place, many of the members, now retired from their professions, do not attend.

Likewise, the Panel of Special Advisors is a list of impressive names who are rarely, if ever, called upon to discharge their specialties in the course of NICAP's daily work.

Both of the above-mentioned committees should either be modified to include an active and qualified staff, or else eliminated.

NICAP's affiliates and subcommittees also require considerable comment. It is true that the subcommittees do occasionally represent the national group in on-the-spot investigations. But they more often use their preferred status for personal prestige. The affiliates are of even less value, save for the purpose of publicity. Many of these groups are virtually inactive; the New York affiliate, for example, which has not conducted a regular meeting in nearly two years. Unless a process of reorganization makes them an integral part of NICAP's operations - in investigation and public relations - they should be disbanded.

NICAP's recently-created Youth Council has never succeeded in capturing the imagination of young people, or in enlisting their support. It excludes by prejudice many active participants in the UFO movement, simply because they are required to give up their affiliations with other organizations. They regard their positions more as prestige symbols than as essential arms of NICAP in its professed aim to interest intelligent youngsters in the study of UFOs. If the Youth Council cannot be altered so as to serve a useful and important function, it too should be eliminated.

We also believe that NICAP should maintain a full-time professional scientific staff - an idea not as fantastic as it may seem at first glance. Proper management and administration of funds can make this possible.

(2) Publications

If NICAP is to issue a publication for its membership, it is imperative that it appear on schedule. This is the basic requirement of an official organ of a major UFO group. It is obvious that "The UFO Investigator" has thus far failed to fulfill this purpose.

Further, it is true that the "Investigator" takes little or no cognizance of other responsible viewpoints in Ufology, nor does it cover the efforts of other serious groups to any appreciable extent.

We also feel that an exchange system with all other worthwhile UFO bulletins would be of advantage to all concerned. The present exchange system excludes some of these bulletins.

(3) Finances

A comprehensive program of cost-cutting measures should be immediately initiated. There are several areas in which these procedures may be applied:

(a) More functional and less pretentious office facilities can undoubtedly be secured in a less costly district of Washington. A saving of several hundred dollars per year would result.

(b) Savings amounting to more than 30% in printing expenses can be effected through the expedient of shopping around for an economical yet competent printer.

(c) NICAP's large membership rolls undoubtedly include a number of accountants who would gladly donate their services free or at reduced cost. Their talents should be enlisted to determine whether savings can be effected in other areas.

(4) Keyhoe's Salary

Major Donald E. Keyhoe, the titular head of NICAP, is now in his senior years. It is true that the prestige his name accords NICAP is, in itself, a great asset. However, we cannot help but wonder if the lending of a name solely for this purpose is sufficient justification for the payment of the exorbitant sum that NICAP lists as Keyhoe's salary, amounting to \$7,500.00 per year.

From all indications, NICAP is now primarily administrated by Richard Hall. Under these circumstances, we believe that the money applied to Keyhoe's salary should instead be used for more constructive purposes. Therefore, we propose that a full-time field worker, with good scientific qualifications, be hired in his place.

(5) Attitude and Philosophy

We feel that it is wrong for NICAP to remain unalterably committed to the somewhat dubious goal of Congressional hearings. NICAP is chartered as a non-profit scientific research foundation; yet it has spent a considerable amount of its efforts emphasizing the attainment of hearings. As a result of its continual lobbying, NICAP was denied a tax exemption. Thus, it lost thousands of dollars from potential donors who would otherwise have given the group substantial contributions as a tax write-off.

Moreover, NICAP's every effort is designed to foster the idea of a visitation by manned interplanetary or interstellar spaceships, rather than on constructive and impartial research to determine where UFOs might actually come from. We admit that the interplanetary thesis may be correct. However, it is scientifically irresponsible to form a conclusion before your study has begun.

Another problem is NICAP's emotional and unswerving hatred of the Air Force. We concede that the Air Force has not investigated UFOs scientifically, and that they have often taken unjustified refuge in secrecy. But, rather than decrying the military, NICAP should construct itself as an alternative to the Air Force. NICAP should be an organization resolved to the objective study of UFO phenomena, without excluding any evidence.

Another dark aspect that demands criticism is NICAP's obviously hostile attitude toward many of its own members, particularly those of the so-called younger generation of Ufology. NICAP should give a fair hearing to all viewpoints. Rather than suffer from this attitude, NICAP will grow because of it.

If NICAP is to indeed represent the best interests of its own members, and, more importantly, of the UFO field in general, it should adopt the foregoing proposals.

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Book Review

GRAY BARKER'S BOOK OF SAUCERS - by Gray Barker (Saucerian Books, \$3.95)

- Reviewed by Richard E. Wallace -

Nearly ten years have elapsed since the appearance of Gray Barker's first book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers." Finally, according to Barker's pretentious advertising, we are to be afforded the dubious honor of purchasing his second fascinating volume on the topic of UFOs. Fascinating indeed was his first book - a cloak and dagger masterpiece that left the unsuspecting readers cowering in fear beneath their blankets throughout the long nights. "I have a feeling that some day there will come a slow knocking at my own door," exclaimed Barker in the final chapter. With the precision of a master craftsman, he then inserted this grabber at the psychologically perfect moment: "They will be at your door, too, unless we all get wise and find out who the three men really are."

The only men Barker ever found at his door were the bill collectors.

With this colossal build-up, we commenced to wonder what new and startling revelations Barker's fertile imagination would conjure up as an encore to separate his loyal and unusually credulous following from its hard-earned money.

Yes, we confess a strong predisposition to pan Barker's new book. But in all fairness, we cannot do so. Barker's notorious record in saucer research notwithstanding, we were quite pleasantly surprised at the amazingly high quality of this volume. Much of the material is presented in the lighthearted yet informative manner that characterized his late and lamented column in Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" Magazine. In many respects, Barker's approach may be favorably compared to the excellent series of books on strange events that Frank Edwards writes periodically for Lyle Stuart. Barker's compendium, in fact, surpasses Edwards' works in one important respect: He is not loath to list his sources whenever and wherever he can. Edwards, on the other hand, repeatedly proclaims his sources sacred, lest his precious material be unceremoniously stolen by unscrupulous writers. While we do not condemn the latter view, we much prefer to be able to check on and corroborate material for ourselves.

The "Book of Saucers" does have its share of shortcomings, however. Barker, as we inevitably must point out, is motivated by his never-ending quest for new means to enlarge his bank account. He is an experienced promoter who knows that the cracked side of the saucer is the one with the butter on it. Accordingly, he conveniently avoids voicing critical notes on even his most dubious material, so as not to offend any of his readers.

The final chapter, for example, contains an extensive account about a group of teenagers who claimed to be in contact with a most unusual conglomeration of extraterrestrial entities. This blatant and childish prank was exposed by this writer in cooperation with Jim Moseley. Barker mentions this in passing, but plays it down, emphasizing the more positive aspects of the case. Since this report was written, all but one of the participants in the hoax have admitted publicly that they were deceived, and wish no further involvement with the situation. Barker's half-hearted expressions of support therefore do not ring true.

Fortunately, these defects do not detract seriously from the large amount of excellent and intriguing material in "Gray Barker's Book of Saucers!! We have found it a worthy addition to our library.

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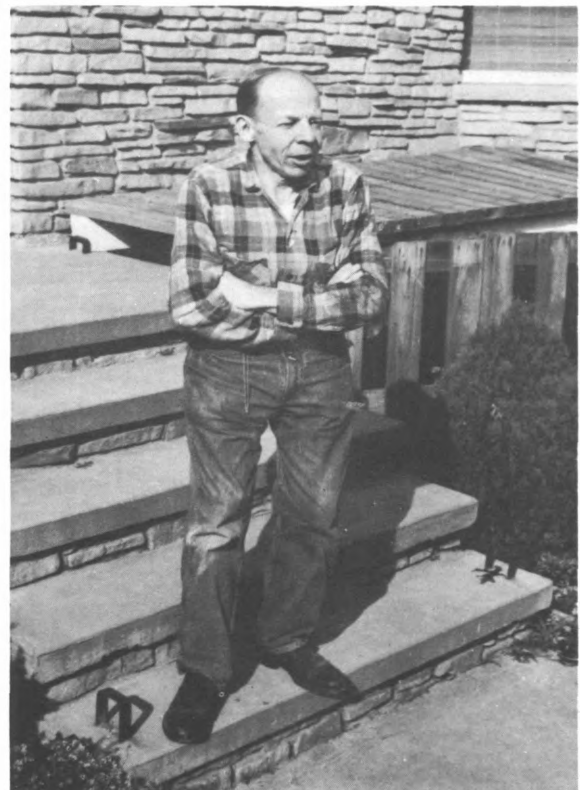
Photo from Time Magazine showing a UFO over Manhattan during the November 19th power failure. (Our copy thanks to August C. Roberts.)



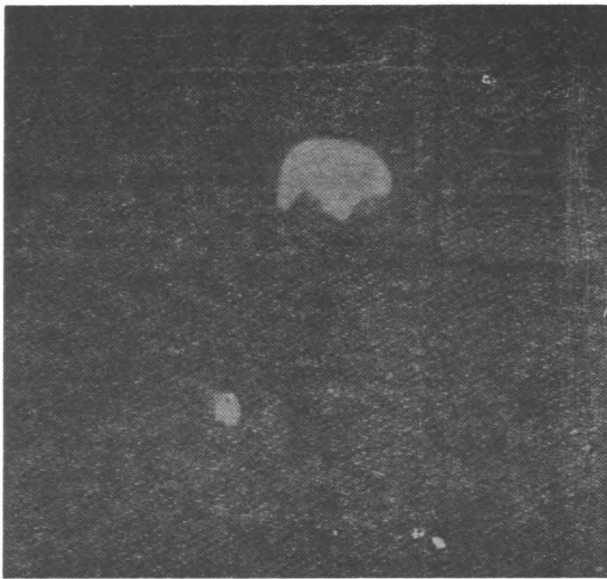
Adamski-type "scout ship;" at close range, allegedly photographed by contactee Madeline Rodeffer of Silver Spring, Maryland.



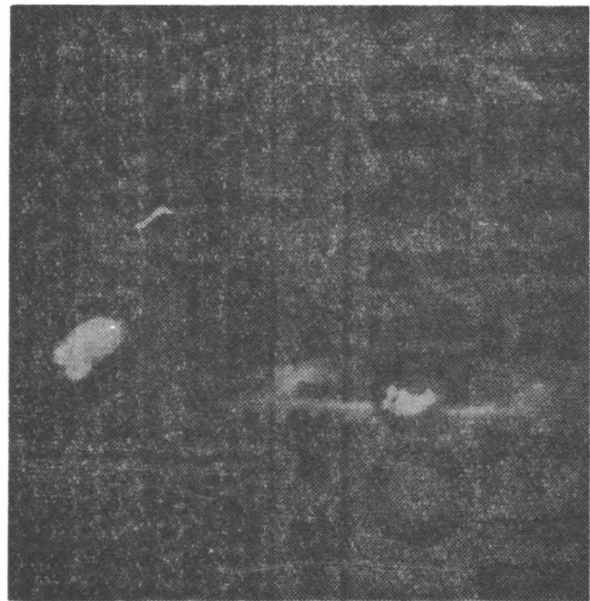
UFO over Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 2nd, 1965. No further details are available. (Photo courtesy of Heyden Hewes of the IIOUFO.)



Seen here is rarely-photographed saucer researcher Ray Palmer, standing in front of his Wisconsin home during his recent interview with Eugene Steinberg, Rick Hilberg, Allen Greenfield, and James Moseley.



Saucer researcher James E. Mellodew is caught by the roving camera of our Photo Editor, Michael G. Mann, following Mr. Mellodew's recent highly successful lecture for the Discussion and Lecture Committee of SAUCER NEWS.



These three UFO photos, published exclusively in this country by SAUCER NEWS, were published in the August 31st edition of the Buenos Aires newspaper "Cronica." They were taken by Enrique Capotondo, chief of that newspaper's photographic department. The pictures were made in rapid succession of a many-colored disc seen by Capotondo and another professional photographer. As has happened previously, the pictures show more than was visible to the eye - adding to the mystery!

Letters to the Editor

A word of praise, for what it is worth; but everybody takes delight in adverse criticism, and never a good word. Your publication is rapidly turning into a really very good bit of specialized journalism - and I don't say this just because you threw in a free ad for one of my books on the back page.

Being a filing fiend, I thoroughly approve the format of SAUCER NEWS at the moment, but I must say that I'd like to see it in letterpress on slick paper; same size and stapled, but with a better designed front page....

IVAN SANDERSON
Blairstown, New Jersey

I must say the latest issue of your magazine shows much improvement, and we are greatly encouraged by the fact that sensationalism has been avoided. Your presentation of the South American sightings is good; this is definitely the kind of information we are looking for.

Ivan T. Sanderson's suggestions sound very good: "Flying Saucer Review" is clearly an example to follow. The financial problem can probably be solved if you turn to the new generation of researchers and give priority to the new ideas as against the old stuff (hollow earth, etc.) The success of "Flying Saucer Review" came from the care with which these changes have been detected by its editors. Similarly, you should try to find what is a permanent theme in UFO research and treat it with the perspective of the younger generation....

JACQUES VALLEE
Chicago, Illinois

This is by way of comment on your December issue. You are a busy man - so am I. To be as brief as possible, I have only this to say:

1. Sam Moskowitz could be disposed of in one short paragraph.
2. Star magnitudes (numerically) lend nothing to UFO reports.
3. "Much Ado About Nothing" is worth just that - nothing.
4. The Kor-Comella Omega Group is a fraud.

Stick to the facts, Jim. There you're okay.

CHESTER R. MOHN
Little Falls, New Jersey

I liked Kor's article. Apparently he is one who tries to "give" you something worthwhile and sensible, instead of slandering other researchers and groups....

RICHARD CADDY
Greensboro, North Carolina

After sifting through four pages of double-talk and rotary thinking, in hopes of uncovering some faint spark of something or other, I have reached the conclusion that the space allotted to Mr. Kor/Comella might better have been utilized in presenting select quotations from that little tag on the mattress.

At one time, we contactees (the more exotic of us; so far, I'm blameless) were the sole adherents to the secret society jazz, which placed us in a position somewhat devoid of endearment in the minds of the serious (?) researchers. Now, Mr. Kor has created one of his own, to further mystify and awe us poor ignorami - and God knows, as closed-minded and doctrinal as we are, this is not a difficult thing to do. We awe easily!

This, kiddies, is dirty pool. When the serious (?) researchers start forming their own clandestine little cliques, then we contactees are stripped of our one uniqueness, and we become just "one of the boys." Lordy, is nothing sacred?

May I point out (although why I should ask permission is a moot ques-

tion), that Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet, signifying "the end." Kiddies, you can bet your last issue of Popular Saucers that if there's one thing Mr. Kor is, it's the end. After "Perspective: The Omega Group", what is there to say, except maybe "OY!"

Now, for a nice, sane, reasonable, humble approach to Ufology, might I suggest my story. Good diversionary reading, if you don't happen to believe it (and you'd better believe it, because if you don't I'll sic my Giant Omegan Praying Mantises on you.)

ROBERT P. RENAUD, Washington, Massachusetts

(Editor's Note: We have invited Mr. Renaud to grace our pages with his tantalizing contact story. We only hope that he doesn't keep his tongue in cheek so long that his face gets out of shape.)

A few comments on your September issue: The manner in which you used Vallee's comments on NICAP (an organization he has never visited and with whom he has exchanged virtually no correspondence) and APRO, make me wonder how much pique is mixed with alleged sincerity. After all, Vallee, in commenting on the publications of NICAP and APRO states: "...their publications are at best acceptable documentaries. But this is already much better than what most UFO groups produce." This seems to have left SAUCER NEWS and the rest of American saucerdom in limbo.

Now, NICAP is well aware of its limitations, which chiefly derive from lack of funds and lack of general scientific acceptance of UFOs. As Dr. J. Allen Hynek put it recently, "Scientists could have used the UFO problem to give a beautiful example of the scientific method, to show the public how they go about studying a puzzling phenomenon. Instead, most of them treated the subject with contempt. Ridicule is not part of the scientific method." Vallee knows this; why he uses it as a point against NICAP is puzzling. Is he soothing the USAF, perhaps?

As for Yonah ibn Aharon's charge that NICAP is trying to put all other UFO groups out of business, well, that gave me a real laugh - especially when I reflected on the charge appearing in a publication that has, in less than a year, bought out the UFO publications of Gray Barker, Eugene Steinberg, and Timothy Green Beckley. GEORGE EARLEY, President NICAP*CONN.

Bloomfield, Connecticut

(Factual error by Mr. Earley: We bought out Gray Barker's Saucerian Bulletin back in February of 1963. - Editor.)

I received my first copy of SAUCER NEWS recently, and wanted to let you know that I enjoyed it.....I have been a member of NICAP for about a year, and despite feeling I am a "loyal" subscriber, it certainly has left a lot to be desired. For instance - subscription is \$5.00 for 6 newsletters, but they may bring out more in any year, so it may cost \$5.00 to renew the same year. There is nothing to remind you that you need to renew. There are, at most, 2 or 3 sightings repeated per newsletter, and the balance is devoted to telling you how UFO news is being suppressed. Big deal - I knew that without paying \$5.00 to find out!

I have sent many clippings to NICAP without one ever being used to the best of my knowledge. I also had a chance to get signed reports from two youths in this town who had seen a UFO, so I wrote to a NICAP man in Minneapolis for forms which he sent. However, he delayed so long that I was unable to recall the names (as I had sent the articles to him), and I asked him to give them to me. I haven't heard from him since. It was careless of me to forget the names, but in my work I see 20 to 120 names a day and I don't try to remember them all. From now on I'll send clippings to you, if you wish....

GARY MATTHAMS, Cloquet, Minnesota

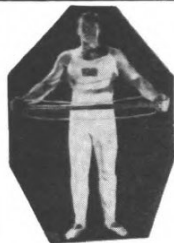
(This is typical of dozens of complaints we get from NICAP members. - Editor.)

On Wednesday, October 13th, at about 8:20 p.m., I was coming home from the town of Herne Bay and was walking along the promenade in the dark when suddenly I saw a scanner-type UFO skimming the waters. It traveled at various speeds, stopped suddenly, flashed brightly, and appeared to be signaling to someone or something.

I then noticed an expensive car parked near the curb, and as I walked past it, I sensed there was something diabolical inside. It was a man dressed entirely in black. He appeared to be deeply tanned, as far as I could see, but his face was evil and sinister. He became quite perturbed. A couple was also passing at the time, and they stopped to remark on the strange object signaling on the waters. The man got out of the car, leaned over the rail, and possibly signaled the object. He then got back quickly into his car and drove off. As he passed me, he said something aggressive and asked me to get into his car. He didn't wait for a reply, but sped off at a tremendous speed. He obviously was trying to scare me off the scene....

After this incident, I went home and got hold of a pair of binoculars and rushed back to the sea front. I focused the binoculars on the object and saw that these powerful lights were flashing from portholes, but I still could not make out the shape of the object. A few seconds later another object appeared from under the water and traveled at a great speed until this also started scanning the waters making signals....

After I left the scene and turned a corner towards home, the man in his car suddenly swerved off the main road and tried to drive onto the pavement in an attempt to knock me over. He shouted to me, "I see you have returned despite my previous warning." By sheer luck I escaped and arrived home safely, but my nerves were paralyzed, and I have suffered with tiredness and nerve pains ever since.... SUSANNE R. STEBBING, Herne Bay, Kent, England



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RECENT SAUCER SIGHTINGS

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE SIGHTINGS: Since publication of our December 1965 issue, we have received a good deal of additional material concerning our lead story in the "Recent News" section, which in our opinion is one of the most impressive UFO incidents of recent years. Here is Norman Muscarello's story, as quoted in the Rockingham County Gazette:

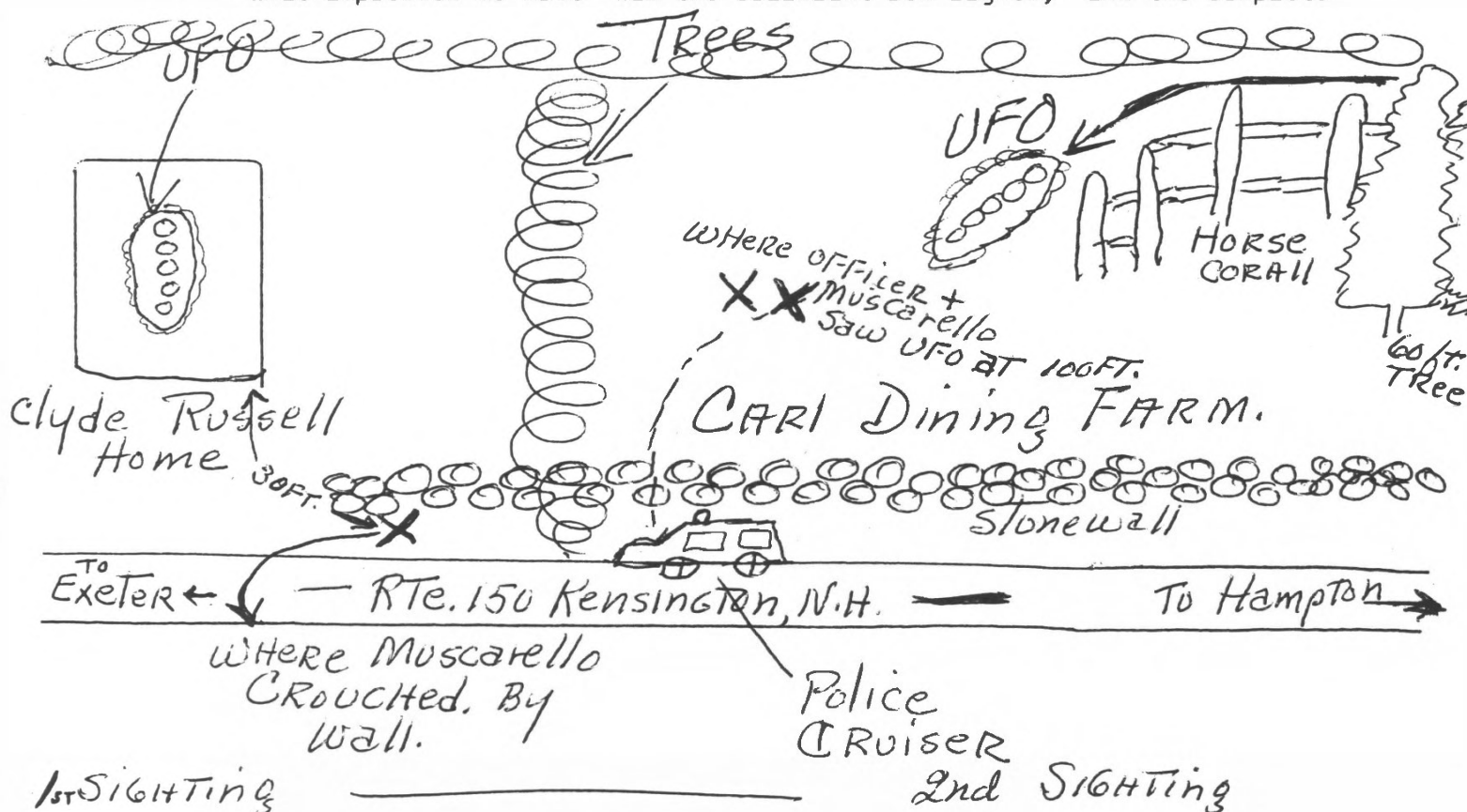
"It was about 2 a.m. on Friday, September 3rd. I was walking along Route 150 in Kensington (N.H.) on my way home from a visit to a friend in Amesbury. As I approached the Clyde Russell house, I saw a 'thing' with brilliant red alternating lights approaching me from the direction of Dining's corral. (See diagram below.) I jumped over the wall and lay on the ground while it hovered over me about a telephone pole length above the ground.

"I had a good opportunity to observe it closely. The lights were on an oblique angle, from sky to ground. There were five lights in all, which lit up in sequence. It took about two seconds to complete a cycle. I estimated the length from the first light to the fifth as approximately 90 feet.

"As it hovered over me, it also partially covered the Russell garage. The lights were so brilliant that it was impossible to make out any shape behind them. After it left, I banged on the door of the Russell home, but was unable to wake anybody. Then a car came along, and I was given a ride to the Exeter police station. I told them what I had seen, and someone suggested that we return to the area.

"Officer Bertrand took me in one cruiser, and Officer Hunt arrived in another. We walked down into the field, but didn't see anything. As we were about ready to return to the cruisers, I noticed the alternating lights down in back of some trees. It came out at tremendous speed, and we all had a good opportunity to observe it.

"What impressed me most was the brilliant red lights, and the complete



silence of the thing."

Further confirmation came from the testimony of Mrs. Clyde Russell, near whose home the Muscarello sighting was made. She told how, on the evening of September 2nd, between 9:30 and 10 p.m., she watched a brilliant red object about the size of a full moon cross the sky over her home and disappear in the distance. This was about four hours previous to the sighting by young Muscarello in the same area.

Also, shortly before Muscarello's arrival at the Exeter police station, Officer Bertrand talked to two women parked in an automobile on Route 101, just out of town. Bertrand asked the ladies if they needed help, and the driver told him that, as she was driving from nearby Epping, N.H., a flying object had circled her car, giving off a brilliant red glow. She went on to say that it dived at her car several times before departing. Unfortunately, Bertrand did not take the names of these women, so they cannot be reached to add their evidence to the already impressive file we now have on the mysterious Exeter Case.

The two police officers and several other people were questioned by Air Force officers from Pease Air Force Base. The policemen were asked to keep the incident from the press, so as to "avoid alarming the local people." But it was too late, as several reporters already had the story. There was a rumor that an Air Force officer went to stores selling the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader - containing the story - and bought up all the copies. This rumor was of course denied.

A phone call by SAUCER NEWS to the Air Force UFO spokesman at the Pentagon revealed that the sighting by the two policemen is carried on their books as an UNKNOWN.

Our thanks to researcher Nellie Robinson of Salem, Massachusetts, for the above drawing, as well as for most of the information in this article.

NEAR-COLLISION OF A CHILEAN PLANE WITH A UFO: On the night of September 6th, an airplane of the Chilean National Airline spent ten anxious minutes while a fast-moving brightly-lit UFO performed an incredible series of maneuvers. The pilot, Marcelo Cisterna - one of the most experienced pilots on the line - saw the UFO at a distance, at first, and on a collision course. It had a cabin lit up with a light "similar to a mercury gas light," and there was a blinding red light coming from its circumference. The plane was five minutes out of Santiago en route to Arica when the incident occurred.

The pilot desperately radioed the control towers of Arica and Iquique, to find out if another plane was supposed to be in the area, but he was informed that there was no such plane. The unidentified object soon closed in on the airliner, at extremely high speed, and changed course just in time to pass below it. Then for ten frightening minutes, the saucer paced the plane, flying under, over, and around it. Finally, it went to a higher altitude and disappeared quickly toward the north.

Most of the passengers were asleep at the time, and the crew avoided informing them of the incident, for fear of panic. However, the UFO was seen and described in detail by the pilot and co-pilot, who insisted it was a solid object, definitely under intelligent control. While giving his account at the airport of Los Cerrillos, Cisterna was called urgently to a meeting with the directors of the airline, and presumably was asked not to release any further details. (Reuters, September 8th, 1965.)

STARTLING CONTACTEE STORY FROM 1961 RECENTLY REVEALED: Barney and Betty Hill of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, seem like an average, normal couple according to all reports; but their recently-revealed account of a saucer contact back in 1961 is probably the most unusual such story on record.

Near midnight on September 19th, 1961, the Hills were driving through

New Hampshire's White Mountains on their way back from a trip to Montreal, when they saw a lighted UFO with a number of windows. Hill stopped the car and walked through a field to get a closer look at the object, which was hovering noiselessly about 200 feet in the air. He could see people moving about inside the craft, he says. He panicked and dashed back to the car, whereupon the UFO swung over the vehicle. There was a series of "beeps," causing the car to vibrate, and these seem to have left physical evidence in the form of shiny magnetized spots found later on the trunk of the car.

This was the end of the Hills' original report to the Air Force, resulting in an "insufficient data" classification being given to the story. But gradually the Hills realized, after arriving home, that there was a two-hour period, just after the above-mentioned experience, which seemed to have been blotted from their minds by a partial amnesia of some sort.

Two years later they started eleven months of sessions with a psychiatrist in Boston who used hypnotic regression to uncover what happened during those two hours; and the result was their remembering a second encounter with the same UFO. This second encounter occurred just a few miles down the highway from the first, and only a few minutes later. The Hills gradually remembered that the spaceship had landed in front of their car and its occupants had surrounded them, and had taken them out of the car and into their craft. There they were examined and interrogated about life on Earth by a "leader" who either spoke English or communicated telepathically. Then, they were apparently given a hypnotic suggestion by the space people to forget the incident.

The Hills still refuse to discuss the details of what happened aboard the spacecraft, but they have been doing a lot of talking about the rest of their strange experience. If there is any chance of persuading them to come to New York, we intend to get them to lecture for our group, as they have done elsewhere. As in all contact cases, a great deal of skepticism is needed in considering this story, but an open mind is also needed! (Boston Traveler, 10/25/65, 10/26/65; Gloucester, Mass. Daily Times, 10/27/65; Manchester, N.H. Union Leader, 10/26/65; and other sources.)

MEXICAN SAUCER FLAP CONTINUES: We now have further information on the saucer landing at Mexico City's National Polytechnic Institute, described at the top of Page 23 of our December issue. A France Press wire service story dated August 24th gives the date of the landing as August 19th. The original source of the story is apparently "El Grafico," a Mexico City newspaper, and the witnesses were two students at the Institute. They claim that the flying saucer left behind a message engraved in a strange metal tablet, which was submitted to the Institute's technical laboratories for analysis. We unfortunately have no word as to the results of this analysis.

The students also state that the landing took place at 8:30 a.m., and involved a large luminous vehicle, with a cabin in its upper part, and with a gigantic tripod landing apparatus in its rear section. There was also a "radiator" of some sort, which burned all the rocks and foliage in the vicinity. Two creatures, slightly under 3 feet tall, got out of the machine. They had something resembling gas masks on their faces. Before the eyes of the terrified students, they left the metal plate on the ground, and then climbed back into their machine and flew away. When the spot was examined by scientists, drops of a strange fuel were found, in addition to the evidence of burning.

A France Press bulletin dated August 25th tells of a night-time sighting of a dozen UFOs in the state of Tijuana, Mexico. A group of hunters saw a formation of saucers at close range, and made signals to them with their lanterns; whereupon one of the craft left the formation and came down, almost to earth. The signals had been made in jest, and when they seemed to be answered, the carload of hunters panicked, abandoning their vehicle and other equipment, and fled.

A Mexico City sign painter, Cleamente Gonzales Infante, forecast that 3,000 flying saucers from Venus would fly over the city at 9 p.m. on October 1st. They did not show up, and neither did Gonzales when reporters went to look for him.

A group of beings ten feet tall with brilliant red eyes but without noses or mouths, were described by three women who claimed to have seen them during a stroll through a southern suburb of Mexico City. The creatures were wearing shiny gray suits and boots. The women ran away in panic, and when they eventually got up enough courage to return to the scene, the creatures had vanished.

Dozens of other sightings were made in recent months in the capital city of Mexico and throughout the country. One report described a hovering object which discharged yellow, blue, and orange lights from slits on its circumference. It was piloted by "a black-clad being with eyes glowing like a cat's, holding a gleaming metal rod."

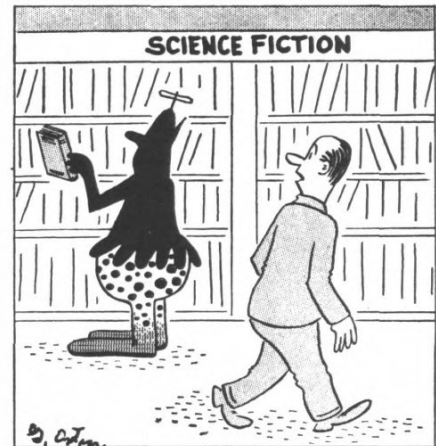
At Mexico City's airport, the supervisor, Jose Luis Enrique, said he had studied two glowing UFOs through binoculars. One of the objects followed a fixed course, and might have been a satellite; but the other changed course, accelerated in flight, disappeared, and reappeared in another part of the sky. (The New York Post, 10/16/65; Reuters, 10/13/65; plus other sources cited in text.)

CALIFORNIA YOUTHS SHOOT AT UFO: On the night of September 21st, in the midst of a local saucer flap, two 17-year-old boys from Rio Vista, California, shot a .22 rifle bullet at a flying saucer which had landed near a water tower on the edge of town. This occurred following a wild chase of eight miles, during which the youths followed the UFO until it finally landed. The bullet made a metallic sound as it bounced off the craft. The UFO was hovering just three feet above the ground at the time. It was glowing, and appeared to be about the size of an automobile hood, according to these and other witnesses. (San Diego Union, 10/1/65.)

MORE CLOSE SIGHTINGS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: On October 22nd, at least two very good sightings were made in New Hampshire - the first by a man named Oscar J. Auger, and the second by a man who refused to allow the newspapers to release his name.

Mr. Auger was driving on Pleasant St. in Hooksett at 6:50 p.m., just before dark, when he saw a bright flying object over the Merrimack River. Shortly thereafter, he stopped his car and looked at the object through binoculars for several minutes, as it moved erratically in the valley. The top of the saucer was dome-shaped, and glowed red, while the rounded sides were a bright white.

Fifteen minutes later, the other man was driving on Merrimack St., a half mile north of Hooksett Village, when his attention was called by a low-flying object coming south along the Merrimack River Valley. By that time darkness had fallen. The mysterious object finally stopped almost directly over the observer's head. He jumped out of his car and watched the UFO carefully. It was then only a few hundred feet above the ground, and appeared to



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have three bright green lights set in a triangular pattern about 50 to 60 feet apart. It also had a red light three or four feet above one of the green lights. It remained stationary for about a minute and then began to sway slightly from side to side. Then it suddenly moved away rapidly in a southerly direction. There was no sound except a hissing noise like that of steam coming out of a radiator valve. (Manchester, N.H. Union Leader, 10/23/65.)

SEX AND SAUCERS IN CALIFORNIA: According to the National Mirror, an expose type of weekly newspaper, an attractive 19-year-old California girl named Claudette Crashaw was raped twice by each of six creatures from a flying saucer, and nine months later had a child that looked just like the mysterious invaders. The baby, at least, definitely does exist, and has bluish skin, seven fingers, and webbed feet - just as the alleged raptists did.

According to Miss Crashaw, she was walking along a beach near Blanca, California, when she saw a weird glowing object gliding silently toward the ground several hundred feet in front of her. Six half-human creatures came down a ladder and chased after her, catching her easily. (Perhaps too easily! - Editor.) They spoke to each other in a hoarse garble which she could not understand.

The key point here is whether Miss Crashaw described the creatures in detail before her baby was born, or afterwards. The National Mirror claims she told the same story for nine months before the birth, but we fear that she may have added details afterwards to account for the tragic malformation of her child.

CLOSE SIGHTING IN PENNSYLVANIA: On the evening of November 27th, two teen-aged boys in Confluence, Pennsylvania, saw a luminous cigar-shaped craft at very low altitude over the city. It seemed to be about ten feet in diameter, and no higher than a thousand feet in altitude. Its most astonishing feature was the way it moved with a zigzag motion, unlike a normal aircraft. Both boys stated that although the ship was traveling at high speed in an irregular path, its outline was very distinct. Then, suddenly, it came to a complete stop, turned on its end, and shot upward at incredible speed. It disappeared from sight "in no time at all," according to the report. (Somerset, Pa. Daily American, 11/29/65.)

CLOSE SIGHTING IN NORTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Mabel Absher of Elkin, North Carolina, had the most frightening experience of her life just after midnight last September 21st, when the bedroom of her home was suddenly lit up like broad daylight. A loud noise accompanied the light. She jumped out of bed and ran to the window, where she saw an object hanging in the air, "a little higher than a telephone pole would be."

The UFO looked like it was in two parts, both of them round. The bottom portion was smaller than the top, and glowed with a reddish light that was going around and around. In the top part the lady could see windows, "shaped like egg cartons," all around the circumference, and there was a whitish glow coming out of them.

Mrs. Absher then ran to the front door, just in time to see the UFO flying away at great speed, making a loud whining noise of some sort. Her two teenaged daughters, as well as several other people in the neighborhood, heard the noise; but Mrs. Absher was the only person to see anything. (Winston-Salem N.C. Journal, 9/25/65.)

WEIRD SIGHTING OF SIX-INCH-TALL CREATURES IN MINNESOTA: At about 7:15 on October 23rd, a 19-year-old radio announcer from Long Prairie, Minnesota, was driving along a country road near his home town when he saw an upright, rocket-shaped object straddling the road. It was 30 to 40 feet high and about 10

feet in diameter, and seemed to be resting on legs or fins.

The announcer, named James Townsend, stated: "My car engine, lights, and radio went out as I slammed on the breaks. I stopped about 20 feet in front of it. My first thought was to knock it over with the car so I could have some evidence, but the engine was dead. Then I got out with the idea of trying to push it over by hand. When I got to the front of my car, three creatures came out from behind the rocket. They looked like individual tin cans on tripods, and were about six inches tall. They didn't have eyes, but I knew they were looking at me. I stopped. I didn't have any desire to get closer. There was no sound - just dead silence.

"It seemed like ages that we looked at each other. Then they went up into the rocket, which had a bright colorless light glowing out of the bottom. There was a loud hum. The craft went up and disappeared from view. As soon as the light on the bottom of the rocket went out, after the thing was in the air, my car radio and lights went on, and my engine started without my having to touch the starter."

Townsend was terrified, and drove back to Long Prairie at 90 miles an hour. He reported the sighting to the local sheriff, who returned to the spot with him but found no physical evidence of the landing, except for three strips of an oil-like substance on the road. Each strip was about a yard long and four inches apart. The sheriff told the press that Townsend is known to be a reliable and level-headed man, and he believes that he told the truth.

Three youths who had been hunting coons in the same area reported seeing a strange light in the sky at the same time Townsend said the object took off. (St. Paul Pioneer Press, 10/25/65; Minneapolis Starr, 10/25/65.)

NEWS BRIEFS: On the evening of September 1st, red and black UFOs were seen by many people in the district of Kosice, in Czechoslovakia, according to a Reuters dispatch from Prague dated September 6th. This is said to be "the most recent of a series of artifacts of unknown origin which have been seen in the Czechoslovakian skies in recent months."

On October 12th several Connecticut newspapers published a UFO photo taken at about 2:45 p.m. the previous day by a Berlin, Connecticut boy named Roger Labas. The boy was doing schoolwork when he heard a humming sound which later increased in intensity and became a high pitch. After spotting the strange-looking object, he rushed indoors again for his camera, and took a fairly clear picture before the whirling craft climbed rapidly upwards into the sky and disappeared. The boy said that he saw things on it that looked like periscopes, and that it was traveling about 700 miles per hour....

A 17-year-old Philadelphia girl named Mary Anne Murray may be blessed with a particularly useful form of ESP. During the past year, she has entered a number of raffles and contests, and has won two Cadillacs, a Mustang, a \$200 hand organ, a \$100 gift certificate, and several smaller prizes. Duke University's Institute of Parapsychology has expressed great interest in the case...

We have finally received a photograph of "The Thing," which has haunted the English town of Warminster for the past several months, as recounted on Page 22 of our last issue. The September 10th edition of the London Daily Mirror has a blown-up picture more than a foot square showing the object, supposedly taken on August 29th by a factory worker named Gordon Faulkner. The picture of the UFO is somewhat indistinct, even though large. It appears to be a saucer-shaped craft with a smaller dome on top. There is no background or point of reference....

An interesting poltergeist case has come to light in a house only four years old in Yucaipa, California. Things have gotten so bad that the family dog, which hid in the basement during the first two days of the phenomena, moved out to live with a neighbor. Among the problems: Mysterious gusts of air coming from a seemingly solid wall; ceramic objects falling from wall shelves;

rattling windows; and now, hordes of curiosity seekers invading the neighborhood. Authorities have been unable to find any explanation for the phenomena. (Boston Record, 12/11/65; Boston Advertiser, 12/12/65.)....

On the afternoon of December 9th, a mysterious fireball made its way across seven northeastern states and part of Canada, and was sighted by airline pilots as well as by hundreds of other people. Strange metal strips were found in a swamp 40 miles north of Detroit, and a large wooded area about 30 miles from Pittsburg, Pa. was sealed off for several hours while a thorough search for debris was made by hundreds of members of the Army's 662nd Radar Squadron, state police, and volunteers. Nothing was found, however. Officials state that a meteorite was probably the cause of it all, but the times involved indicate that the object was traveling much too slow for a meteorite. There is also evidence that it changed course in flight. (N.Y. Journal-American, 12/10/65; The Jersey City N. J. Journal, 12/10/65; Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune, 12/10/65; UPI; etc.)....

On the night of December 10th, three women who would not allow the newspapers to release their names, saw a UFO over their automobile on a road between Nazareth and Hanover Township, Pa. They described it as a round object with a dome and about 30 lights on the rim, and with a big blinking light in the center. After hovering in a tilted position for a few seconds, just a few yards above the vehicle, it shot upwards and went out of sight. There was no interference with the car's motor. (Allentown, Pa. Sunday Call-Cronicle, 12/26/65.)....

Finally, a Reuters report dated December 13th states that three members of a raft expedition from Peru to Tahiti told reporters that, while they drifted alone in the open sea, a UFO approached their raft one night and gave off so much light that they could read by it.

ARGENTINE PLANE NEARLY CRASHES WITH A UFO: Still another case of UFOs endangering the relatively lightly-traveled South American air lanes, occurred on the 24th of November. Captain Longo of the Argentine National Airline was coming in for a landing at Resistencia, en route from Rio de Janeiro, at about 9:45 p.m., when a brightly-lit UFO flew at him on a collision course. Longo made a "rapid maneuver" to change course, while the mysterious object headed upwards at a 45 degree angle and disappeared rapidly from view. The pilot de-

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clared later that the object missed his plane by only about 100 yards. The same UFO was observed visually by personnel at the airport's control tower.

WEIRD UFO INCIDENT IN TEXAS: On the night of September 3rd, two police officers had a terrifying encounter with a UFO near Damon, Texas. The object, 200 feet long and 50 feet in diameter, approached so close to their patrol car, that its erie light was visible on the ground. The officers panicked and left the area at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Later that night they returned. The same or a similar UFO again swooped down on their car, and again they left the area rapidly. They did not come back for a third try.

The really unusual aspects of the case are the following: An open sore on one officer's arm was apparently healed by heat and light from the UFO. The policeman, named Bob Goode, had had his arm out the window of the patrol car during the sighting, and later found that an infected wound from an alligator bite had healed suddenly.

The second weird aspect was the fact that Goode was visited by two men shortly after the incident, who told him in detail about the sighting, and advised him that, should he have another such encounter, he should "try to cooperate with any being on board, and keep to himself any conversation he might have with such beings." The identity of these two mysterious men is apparently not known.

An on-the-spot Air Force investigation of the affair failed to solve anything. Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr., of nearby Ellington Air Force Base, concluded that "both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed persons capable of sound judgment and reasoning." (Brazo-Sport Facts, Freeport, Texas, 9/6/65-9/9/65.)

SOUTH AMERICAN ROUND-UP: Thanks to Henning Von Hippel, we now have several more clippings regarding last summer's big saucer flap in South America. On August 31st, the Lima (Peru) newspaper La Prensa carried a story about a strange-looking creature, less than three feet tall, seen on the Pan American Highway, 20 miles from Arequipa. According to the two witnesses, the creature was of a blackish color, and had one golden eye in its face, and other smaller eyes on various parts of its body. Seconds after sighting this strange being, the same two people saw a flying saucer go by at low altitude.

On September 4th, the same newspaper had a story about a sighting of four UFOs in the province of Cusco. The objects were seen zigzaging about the sky by literally thousands of people, and were in view for a period of about two hours. They varied in color from bright white to "metallic blue." One of the strange machines descended to low altitude, with a corresponding increase in its apparent size. After a few seconds, it rose rapidly to rejoin the other three UFOs. The machine had the shape of a "deep plate, upside down."

A Reuters dispatch from Montevideo, Uruguay, dated August 30th, tells of a fleet of six flying saucers, oval in shape, seen in broad daylight for 15 minutes by a group of railroad workers in the city of Trenty y Tres, in the eastern part of the country. The UFOs were opaque, but nevertheless shone brightly in the sunlight. This is said to have been the first daylight sighting in Uruguay.

And, a Reuters dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, dated August 27th, quotes an article in a newspaper called "Brazil Herald," written by a journalist of 20 years experience, who claims to have personally met two occupants of a flying saucer. The newsman, named Gabriel Rubens Hellwig, says that he saw a UFO the



"He wants to know if we've seen anything of a flying saucer!"

size of a small car land in a rice field. He communicated with the two-man crew telepathically, he claims. They informed him that they come from another solar system, and they seemed very intelligent. No further details are given in the Reuters story.

But Argentina still seems to be the favorite haunt of the mysterious UFOs. A story datelined General Pico, La Pampa, Argentina - dated Sept. 6th - describes the weird adventures of a carload of musicians whose vehicle was followed by a flying saucer as they were on their way home from work late one night. It was about five o'clock in the morning when the incident occurred. The light from the UFO was of blinding intensity, in the form of a narrow beam, and was said to be brighter than the headlights of a locomotive. It was basically a white light, with overtones of red and green. It was so bright that the pavement was lit up for awhile, just before the UFO finally left the area at high velocity, whereupon it went so far away as to look like a small distant star. Then a little while later it came back and again shone its light fiercely upon the vehicle, which was forced to slow to a stop at one point during the trip.

Next, we have a story of what seems to be a genuine saucer base in Argentina, and if the opportunity arises to do so, your Editor intends to personally investigate this area. During the period from July 15th until the last days of August, dozens of sightings were made in a remote valley called Lorentani, 25 kilometers to the southeast of Alta Gracia, in the province of Cordoba. Most of the sightings have been made by a family called Busquets, who live on an isolated ranch, together with several laborers, in an area called Villa Ciudad de America. Eight kilometers from the ranch there is a modern hotel called De La Entrada; and there, too, close sightings have been made by people who came to scoff.

The full account of these above-mentioned incidents occupies a full page in each of four consecutive editions of the Buenos Aires newspaper "Cronica," (9/24/65-9/27/65), and space permits us to give here only the first of the incredible series of events. On the night of July 15th, while driving home from the Hotel De La Entrada, the Busquets family made a sighting described as follows: "It was a very large object, very luminous, bluish in color; but the color varied at times to orangish-red. It was quite near us. It had the shape of a short cone, although we could not see clearly where its upper part ended, as its surface was engulfed in a haze which was being emitted from on top. The bottom part was circular and convex. Taking the nearby hills as a reference, we estimated that it was 10 to 15 meters (yards) in diameter. In a moment we too were engulfed in a luminous haze. The object remained stationary, and no noise was heard....After a long moment, it descended below a nearby hill, and the ground hid it, but we continued seeing the light it produced. Finally the light went out completely. We then continued our journey to the ranch, where we found that the laborers had seen it also."

Throughout October, November, and December, dozens of UFO incidents continued to occur throughout South America, especially in Argentina. Among the most startling was an incident reported on October 4th, concerning three children who claimed they were almost abducted by small humanoid creatures while on their way to school. This occurred in Salta. A similar incident took place at about the same time in Santiago del Este, where a gigantic creature disappeared "enveloped in a cloud of dirt" before the eyes of several children who had gone to get water from a dam. In neither of these cases was a flying saucer seen, according to our information.

Near Tucuman, Argentina, a UFO landed in an alfalfa field on the night of December 4th, and was seen by many people, including Antonio Lozano and Cecilio Lopez. The former investigated the site the next morning. He found a burned circle, and a piece of paper with the message "CHNYNOSS" on it. This apparently means as little in Spanish as it does in English. The paper was

left with scientists at Tucuman University for further study.

Finally, according to the English-language Buenos Aires Herald of December 5th, Father Segundo Benito Reyna, Director of the San Miguel Observatory in Argentina, has found clearly-visible UFOs in photographs taken of the moon. On another occasion recently, he saw a UFO closely following the U. S. satellite Echo II.

RECENT NEWS

MARS CANALS PHOTOGRAPHED! (A SAUCER NEWS EXCLUSIVE): The first photographs to show the canals of Mars have been taken. A relatively new process, called image intensification, has been used by at least one major U.S. observatory to photograph the mysterious patterns of straight lines that interlace the planet.

For years astronomers have reported seeing the canals, and they have made many drawings of them. However, because Mars is a dim photographic object and is in constant movement due to atmospheric turbulence, they have never, so far as is known, been photographed by ordinary methods.

About ten years ago work was begun with the image intensifiers. Actually a group of related techniques, they electronically "pump up" the photons entering the telescope. The intensified image may then be photographed with slower exposures.

The dramatic results of this technique were made evident late in 1965 when a series of photographs of Mars fell into the hands of saucer researcher Gordon H. Evans, (and were seen also by your Editor.) Parts of the canal system are evident on two of the prints. Mr. Evans has not yet obtained permission to publish the photographs. However, if he does so, SAUCER NEWS will feature them in our next issue.

These dramatic new photographs raise some important questions about the accuracy of the Mariner probe pictures taken of Mars earlier in 1965, which do not show the canals where they should be. Still another mystery is why the image intensified photos of Mars have not been publicized more extensively!

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: On October 15th, our speaker was James E. Mellodew of Philadelphia, who had with him a genuine UFO film which he was lucky enough to shoot several years ago at the Philadelphia International Airport. He also discussed other sightings he has made, and went into interesting detail about his views regarding the flying saucer enigma.

On November 19th, The Amazing Randi made his second appearance at our speaker's podium, and was enthusiastically received by a standing-room-only crowd. As an added attraction, Michael G. Mann, our Photo Editor, showed several film clips from his personal collection. Closing the evening's program were three reels of alleged UFO film taken by one Barney Gross of North Bergen, New Jersey. These proved to be a disastrous disappointment, as the audience could see nothing more than flaws in the film dancing around a black background, and occasional flashes of light, as if from passing cars.

On December 17th, our speaker was Timothy Green Beckley, Editor of "The Searchlight," a fascinating little magazine dealing with Dero, UFOs, and other Fortean topics. (Mr. Beckley, incidentally, can be reached at 3 Courtland St., New Brunswick, N.J.) An unexpectedly large crowd turned out for this meeting, causing us to transfer it at the last minute from our usual lecture hall to the grand ballroom of the Hotel Woodstock. Mr. Beckley had excellent material, plus a number of entertaining slides.

On January 21st your Editor, James W. Moseley, gave a lecture entitled "Unsolved Mysteries of the Saucer Field," delving into such matters as Morris K. Jessup's suicide; the strange disappearance in 1953 of saucer researchers Karl Hunrath and Jack Wilkinson; the Bender Mystery; Captain Thomas Mantell's

death; and several other matters which have caused continuing speculation.

SAUCER NEWS subscribers in the New York City area who would like to be on our mailing list for lecture notices, need only drop us a line. Our meetings are usually (but not always) held on the third Friday of every month at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., New York.

On Friday, February 18th, our speaker will be Stewart Robb, the noted psychic researcher.

RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR:

Oct. 8th - Randi Show, briefly, to read the winners of our Mars Contest.

Oct. 15th - Randi Show, speaking on archaeology with Yonah ibn Aharon and others.

Oct. 17th - Lecture for the Two-State UFO Study Group in Easton, Pa.

Nov. 6th - Randi Show, with Jay Stanton (author of a UFO article that appeared in "This Week" Magazine in January 1966); Daniel Cohen (Managing Editor of "Science Digest" and author of a recent UFO article in "The Nation"); and others, discussing saucers, pro and con.

Nov. 25th - Randi Show, speaking about Africa with Dr. Ben Jo-Channan and others.

Nov. 27th - Randi Show, with Mickey Epstein of NICAP and others, speaking on current events.

Dec. 2nd - Randi Show, discussing saucers with George Earley of NICAP, Jay Stanton, Michael G. Mann, and Gary Oxton.

Dec. 3rd - Bob Zanotti's show on Station WFMU, discussing saucers with Eugene Steinberg, and playing a tape-recorded interview with Ray Palmer.

Dec. 6th - Repeat of Randi's Oct. 15th archaeology show.

Dec. 10th - Bob Zanotti's show on WFMU, discussing the big power failure.

Dec. 31st - Randi Show, with Yonah ibn Aharon and Allen Abel, discussing general topics.

Jan. 1st - Repeat of a March 31st Randi Show on the subject of hoaxes.

Jan. 3rd - Repeat of the November 6th Randi Show.

Jan. 19th - Lecture on archaeology for the Adventurers Club of New York.

SAUCER BRIEFS: On December 13th, saucer contactee Howard Menger ran for the Town Council in his present home town of Sebastian, Florida. According to our information, he received only 5 votes out of about 300. (For more important recent news about Menger, see our current Non-Scheduled Newsletter #26.)

While on a trip to Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin late last October, your Editor had a series of important ufological interviews. Accompanying us were saucerers Eugene Steinberg, Rick Hilberg, and Allen Greenfield. Among others, we met Ray Palmer and saucer author Jacques Vallee for the first time, and had a long telephone conversation with the Air Force's UFO investigator, Dr. J. Allen Hynek. - Ray Palmer - a wonderfully friendly guy when you get to know him - startled us by revealing for the first time (and on tape!) that Richard Shaver of Dero Cave fame spent several years in a mental institution. Unfortunately, lack of space prevents us from expanding here on the fascinating details of this and the other things we learned on our trip to the middle west.

Another new contactee, named Madeline Rodeffer, has come upon the scene. She lives in Silver Spring, Md., and has traveled extensively, lecturing and showing a remarkable-if-true movie film of a UFO. A still from this movie is shown on Page 16 of this issue. Saucer researcher Richard A. Fagone, who kindly sent us the still, says that the only noteworthy thing about the movie is the fact that the saucer's landing gear appear to move while the object is in the air.

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