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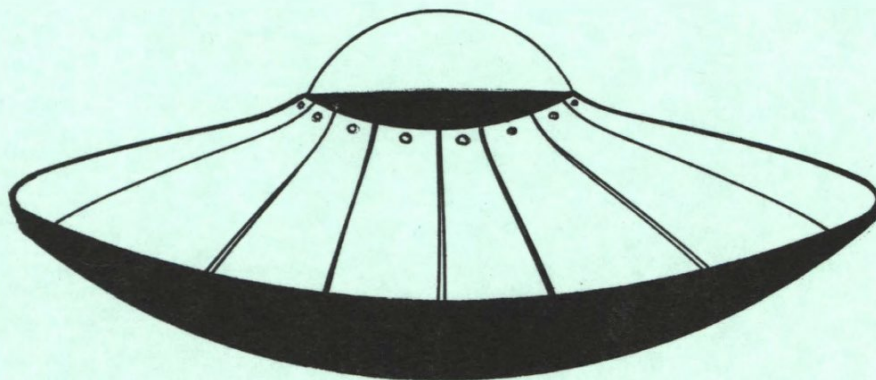
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Editorial

SAUCER NEWS EDITOR EXPELLED FROM NICAP: In a vitriolic letter dated March 14th, Major Donald E. Keyhoe has expelled your Editor from membership in the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). Space does not permit us to reproduce the letter here. It contains a false and out-of-context paraphrasing of an anti-NICAP article by Yonah ibn Aharon which we printed together with an editorial disclaimer in our June 1965 issue. Following this, Major Keyhoe goes into a completely false and out-of-context summary of our "Resolution for a Better NICAP," which appeared in our March 1966 issue. Major Keyhoe goes on to say that, having been ejected from the organization, your Editor "cannot legally rejoin under an assumed name, as you have threatened."

The letter included a check as reimbursement for our \$5.00 membership payment.

What Major Keyhoe does not realize is that he cannot legally refuse to send a publicly-distributed magazine to any person who wishes to pay for it. NICAP makes no distinction between membership (which we pay for only in order to receive the magazine) and subscription. Since this is true, membership must be open to everyone. Our attorney has advised us to contact the Postal Inspection Service of the Post Office Department in Washington, and this we have done.

It remains a deep mystery as to why, of twenty-one UFO leaders who signed the above-mentioned NICAP Resolution, only your Editor has received this treatment at the hands of the arrogant Major. Several other signers are, like your Editor, members of NICAP in order to receive "The UFO Investigator!" These people have all received their new 1966 membership cards, and in at least one case an honorary (free) membership card has been sent to a man who signed the Resolution.

Most of these signers of the Resolution are on record - not only in SAUCER NEWS but in their own publications and elsewhere - as being opposed to many of NICAP's policies. Yet no "disciplinary action" has been taken against anyone else. Apparently Keyhoe assumes that SAUCER NEWS runs a monolithic organization like NICAP's, and that all criticism of NICAP appearing here or elsewhere is secretly inspired by your Editor. This very definitely is not the case. The NICAP Resolution, for example, was neither conceived nor written by your Editor, though he was and still remains one of its many enthusiastic supporters.

Only the aging Director of NICAP can possibly explain what real purpose, other than childish revenge, has been accomplished by your Editor's expulsion from that organization.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ZIP CODES: The U.S. Post Office has now set January 1st, 1967, as the deadline for all bulk mailings to be zip-coded. Those of you who do not send us your number by that date will have to receive your issues of SAUCER NEWS via first class mail or not at all.

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EDITORIAL NOTES: We wish to repeat the oft-stated policy of our magazine: We will publish articles which present any new and interesting aspect of the saucer mystery. We do not attempt to exercise "censorship" of any kind. You will find in this issue, for example, an article by a contactee, and another article containing the names and addresses of many potentially "rival" UFO clubs, including NICAP's address. - As for our own viewpoint, we believe that the UFOs represent an authentic and challenging mystery. Although they are quite likely extraterrestrial in origin, we feel that there is no final proof as yet as to what their origin actually is....

STARTING WITH OUR MARCH 1966 MEETING, tape recordings of all our New York lectures will be available through SAUCER NEWS. This is for the benefit of our many out-of-town readers who cannot possibly attend the lectures, and who are not satisfied with the short summaries we print in the magazine. The speed is 3 3/4th, and the cost is \$4.95 per tape. Please allow about a month for delivery, and be advised that these tapes are not edited nor are they high fidelity in any sense of the word. But they are of reasonably good quality, and will at least give you an idea of what you are missing by not being able to attend our lectures in person....

TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY has recently been promoted to Advertising Manager of SAUCER NEWS; and Mike Generelli, Jr., has joined our Discussion and Lecture Committee, which sponsors the above-mentioned lecture series in New York City.

AS OF JUNE 1ST 1966, we have increased our subscription rates, and now charge \$2.00 for four quarterly issues, i.e., one year. Single copies are 50 cents each, and no back issues are currently available. We also have new advertising rates. Please write us for a rate card if interested....

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YOUR EDITOR did not go to South America in February, in spite of the fact that our March issue announced this trip. Pressure of UFO work plus other factors served to delay the trip for at least a few more months....

WE APOLOGIZE to those subscribers who received copies of our March issue containing a completely fouled-up page sequence. This was an error at the bindery. We tried to weed out all the bad copies before mailing, but did not entirely succeed....

PLEASE CONTINUE to send us UFO clippings from your local newspapers, as this is of invaluable help to us in keeping our files up to date....

WE ARE HAPPY to note that this year has seen an apparent "publicity breakthrough" regarding UFOs. Recent articles on the subject have appeared in national magazines such as True (Jan. '66), Bluebook (Feb., '66), Look (Feb. 22nd, '66), Pageant (March, '66), Real (April, '66), and elsewhere. In addition, we are expecting an article to appear shortly in "This Week," the nationally distributed Sunday newspaper supplement, as well as in the New Yorker Magazine. Furthermore, radio and television coverage of the saucer subject has been unusually good, both before and after the gigantic March flap. Among those appearing on radio and TV in behalf of UFOs have been John Fuller (author of the Look article and a forthcoming UFO book); your SAUCER NEWS Editor and Managing Editor; Keyhoe; and several others. - If this keeps up, it won't be long before saucer research actually becomes "respectable"!

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AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE MICHIGAN FLAP, which did not become clear to us until we finished preparing all our UFO material for this issue, is the striking similarity between the Hillsboro College, Michigan night-time sighting (Page 23) and the Australian daylight sighting (Page 27). In the first case, a lighted UFO was seen low over a marsh, and a corresponding football-shaped bare spot was later discovered in the grass. In the second case, a perfectly solid-looking UFO was seen in broad daylight rising from a marsh, where circular indentations were later found. Thus, these cases seem to involve almost identical occurrences. Had the Hillsboro sighting occurred in daylight, or had the Air Force taken the Australian sighting into consideration, the absurd "marsh gas" explanation for the Michigan flap could never have been used!

WE FELL SO FAR BEHIND IN OUR WORK as a result of the recent flap that this issue would be reaching you behind schedule were it not for the tireless efforts of a small group of people - notably Eugene Steinberg and Pamela Spelman, our new secretary. Our special thanks also, for news clippings, transcripts of radio broadcasts, and other assistance, to John J. Robinson, Gladys Fusaro, James Randi, Timothy Green Beckley, and several others. Last but by no means least, our thanks to Bob Denagy for the new saucer design on the cover of this issue.

ABOUT OUR NEXT ISSUE: Our forthcoming September issue of SAUCER NEWS will contain a wealth of material which had to be postponed this time for lack of space, due to the big flap. We intend having reviews of at least two important recent UFO books, as well as more feature articles by leading authorities in the field of flying saucer research. If your subscription has expired, please send us your renewal as promptly as possible. Otherwise your name will soon be placed on our inactive list, and we will be unable to reserve a copy of the September issue for you!

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE 1965 BROOKSVILLE LANDING CASE

- by William J. Dunn, Jr. -

(Editor's Note: A preliminary study of this case, together with the hieroglyphics allegedly found at the landing site, appeared in the June 1965 issue of SAUCER NEWS, which is now out of print.)

On March 2nd, 1965, some time in the early or mid-afternoon, John Reeves of Weeki Wachi Springs, Florida, was walking in a wooded area about a half mile from his home when he came upon a sand duned area. Such dunes are typical in this part of Florida. Within this area, some 200 to 250 feet from him, was a disc-shaped object sitting on a sand dune, with four stilt-like legs.

The disc had a dome on top. It was a dull silvery-gray color; and John Reeves estimates that the object was about 40 feet in diameter and 8 or 9 feet thick at its deepest point. The distance from the edge of the disc to the ground was about 3½ feet. The dome was small in comparison to the other parts of the saucer.

As John approached this strange craft to get a better look at it, he noticed an odd suited figure near a bush some 25 feet from the saucer. The creature was walking toward the saucer. This odd figure appeared to have a tight, luminous skin covering his entire body. The creature then turned toward John and noticed his presence, whereupon it began moving rapidly toward the startled man. John was so scared that he remained still. When the creature was about 20 feet away from John it stopped and pulled from its side a small square object similar to a camera. The creature held this object at chin level and pushed a lever which caused an extremely bright flash. This flash scared John so much that he turned and ran.

However, in running, John tripped over a bush and lost his glasses. He was lying face down on the ground at this point. As he turned his face toward the approaching creature, he saw another bright flash. The creature then came to John lying there on the ground, and picked up his glasses and gave them to him. It then helped John to get back on his feet. As should be expected, John Reeves was quite dazed by this time!

The creature then left John on his own, and turned toward the saucer and headed in its direction. It was then that this creature dropped two pieces of paper on the ground. The message on one of these sheets was later deciphered by the U.S. Air Force as reading: "Planet Mars, are you coming home soon? We miss you very much. Why did you stay away too long?"

The creature got back into the saucer via a slat-like stairway on the underneath part of the object. As the creature retracted into the saucer, the slat-like stairway retracted back inside just behind it. The saucer then began rotating counter-clockwise - slowly at first - and then much faster. It rose gradually in a vertical direction, and finally left the area at very high speed, disappearing within 15 seconds.

The creature somehow communicated to John Reeves the idea that it would return in a time sequence of 29 days. Therefore, on March 31st, 1965, John went back to the landing area with a Mr. Lee Chastain and his wife. Again it was about the middle of the afternoon. Before long they saw the same type of object swoop down over the area. However, the object did not land that time, because three Air Force jets swooped down and nearly collided with the saucer. The UFO then shot off into the distance and disappeared in less than 5 seconds.

Mr. Chastain, who got at least two photos of this saucer at very close range, has since clammed up entirely on his own accord. He will not release these photos. He is an insurance agent living in Brooksville, Fla., and has a wife who is a writer for the St. Petersburg Times. It is for his wife's sake,

he says, that he doesn't release the photos. However, an inside researcher for the Air Force has indicated to the author that the Air Force planes closed in on this saucer at almost zero altitude - meaning that Mr. Chastain's photographs must have been at least 75% filled with the saucer itself. Woe to you, Mr. Chastain, that you won't let UFO researchers or even the Air Force examine these most significant photos!

On October 21st, 1965, John Reeves returned once more to the landing area, and found tracks similar to those the creature had left in March. He also found four landing gear holes about 100 yards northeast of similar holes left in March. A picture of one of the footprints is shown on Page 19 of this issue. Note the strange dumbbell-like appearance.

The author has done much geographical analysis of the landing area and surrounding countryside. The landing site is completely uninhabited, the nearest habitation being nearly a mile away. There have been settlements in this region from time to time. There was one in particular which the author became quite interested in while investigating. This settlement, called Natal, was abandoned some fifty years ago. It was at one time an agricultural hamlet.

Another interesting piece of geographical information is in regard to a nearby lake called Deep End of Lake. This has been appraised by some geographical experts as being more than 150 feet deep, and as possibly being interconnected with other deep lakes and springs in the area.

I would now like to give my conclusions concerning the several Brooksville incidents: First, the March 2nd 1965 saucer landing actually occurred. This fact is confirmed by my personal on-the-spot research, in which I was aided by two colleagues who live near St. Petersburg. However, Mr. Reeves is not telling the truth about what actually happened. I refer the reader to an article in Flying Saucer Review, by Gordon Creighton, entitled "The Most Amazing Case of All." It tells how a lowly farmer in South America was actually seduced by a woman inside a landed saucer. This particular individual apparently was not afraid to admit the entire occurrence to the proper authorities. This is not to say that Reeves experienced the same thing. However, there are indications that he is covering up something.

First, John Reeves tells a different version of this experience every time one interviews him, and each story he tells appears to the author as adding chapters to the experience that really took place. It is my opinion that Reeves was told by the space creature(s) not to tell the true happenings of that afternoon in early March to any Earth person. An analysis of lie detector graphs examined by the author indicates that Reeves is not making up subsequent stories as a joke, etc. He has a solid, concrete intent, which continuous testing has failed to break down. Since this continuity of intention has been well intact since Reeves' first lie detector test in early March of 1965, there stands an excellent chance that this same continuous intention extends back to the afternoon of March 2nd. If this be so, there is little possibility that any Earthman could have gotten to John Reeves so quickly, to get him to hide the truth. My many hours of talking to Reeves, listening to his tapes and various recordings, have led me to believe that he really did experience something which came from out of this world, though I reiterate that he is not telling his own flock the truth about what actually happened.

My second conclusion: The March 31st sighting by Mr. Chastain, his wife, and John Reeves actually did occur, and the sighting was closer than Mr. Chastain is willing to admit.

The third conclusion: The October 21st, 1965 reappearance of footprints and landing gear markings were the result of a hoax perpetrated by two local news media persons, whose names are known to me. They thought they could fake John Reeves into telling them what actually happened on March 2nd. There were also other motives involved, such as a desire for money and publicity.

In addition, the whole Brooksville case has been shrouded in mystery and

confusion because of the activities of a group known as "The UFO Research Society," which has its headquarters in St. Petersburg, Fla., some 70 miles south of Brooksville. This is the only private UFO organization that is working on the Brooksville case. The reason that you have not heard more about the case is that this group cannot agree among themselves and make a report. This same sort of disagreement and working at cross-purposes is, unfortunately, characteristic of much of Ufology today.

I will close this article with a further discussion of the continuing situation in Brooksville. Saucer-shaped objects have been seen over the landing area quite frequently since the original March 2nd, 1965 sighting. The Air Force still seems quite concerned about the matter, as they have jets running over the area every few minutes at low altitude, day and night. In fact, I firmly believe that they are taking aerial photographs of the area, either to have a record of all people who are looking around that particular section of the countryside, or else in an attempt to photograph UFOs.

In one instance two saucers were reported, by non-military ground observers, to be hovering over Deep End of Lake, mentioned earlier in this article. Later that same night, three reliable witnesses reported that as they looked off in the direction of this lake from the top of a nearby hill, they could see the deep part giving off a dull glow, something like the phosphorus-glowing lakes of South America where saucers have also been reported. Because this lake is so deep, and possibly interconnected with other bodies of water, I wonder if there is not some sort of saucer base under one or more of the lakes.

The author has a very good lead on an ancient Aztec city which existed some eight to ten thousand years ago in an area just south of Fort Meyers, Florida. This city is greatly feared by the Seminole Indians today, and there are some indications already that this ancient city housed a saucer base. This goes along with theories I have read to the effect that the Aztec and Inca civilizations had offshoots in our own country, and, more importantly, had connections with some sort of "sky people."

Lately, a nightly activity around Brooksville has been the use of blue flashlights to attract the saucers. The technique of blinking them on and off in sequences has brought different odd responses from the heavens. The author made a special trip down for one of these evenings, and he did witness the signals being answered from up above. The hovering objects, which one could not discern, were many miles above the Earth, and merely signaled back, but nothing else. One witness claimed that on a previous evening, as he was signaling and getting a return, he was overcome by some sort of electric shock which was strongly felt from his waist down to his feet. This left him in a rather nervous and shaken condition for several days.

It is my contention that the saucers are keeping something in the Brooksville area, be it on land or in one of these lakes. Whatever it is, it is a secret well-guarded by the creature(s) that brought it there - not to be shared with any Earth person, with the possible exception of John Reeves himself.

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BOBBY AND THE SPACEMEN

- by Robert P. Renaud -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Renaud is the best-known of the "new wave" of contactees, and for this reason we are proud to add his name to the list of SAUCER NEWS contributors. However, you will find it hard to believe that he takes himself seriously, since even his "serious" writings - as below - seem to be written with tongue in cheek. But the author assures us that he, at least, really does believe his own saucer contact story. This article is not satire, and is presented here with no editorial changes whatsoever.)

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Bobby, who liked to play with radios. Bobby was a nice little man, who brushed his teeth after meals, never went to bed with his socks on, and who believed in flying saucers only a little bit.

One night, while he was listening to his radio, Bobby was given the biggest surprise of his life. While fiddling around on a short-wave band, Bobby heard a funny beeping sound - beep beep beep. He tuned his radio to that funny noise, and a minute later, a nice lady spoke to him. She said, "Bob, we'd like you to stay on this frequency for awhile."

As it turns out in stories like this, this nice lady was actually a space lady from another planet, which she called Korendor, and which is 411.03 light years away, which is even farther than China. She told Bobby that she was only one of 25 space people who were flying around the Earth doing research, whatever that is.

After a long while, she said goodbye to Bobby, and told him she and her friends would talk to him again. He was so excited he couldn't talk for almost 7.26639 seconds.

Later on, Bobby made a television and radio set-up so he could see his space people and talk to them and drool at all the nice ladies in their tight-fitting uniforms. Bobby wasn't such a nice man after all.

As time went on, they talked with Bobby more and more, until one day in 1962, to be precise, the twenty-tooth of December, they decided to meet Bobby in person.

So, the space people came in their car that night, and got Bobby. They took him to a place in the woods, and showed him all kinds of fun things like lasers, ray guns, and Gravitomagnetic Flux Negators. They told him that evil scientists were making these things on Earth and would give them to the soldiers who would blow up the world. This scared Bobby so very much that he said "Eeek! That scared me so very much!"

Then they told Bobby that they would not let these bad old men blow up the world (maybe only just little chunks of it), and this made Bobby very happy. They said they were friends and were here to help Bobby and the Earth people to be nice and not to hate each other's guts so much.

In the years that followed, Bobby was given many rides in the space-ships, and three times they let him fly their ships. Also, Bobby was taken on guided tours of two of their underground bases, and was very impressed, although he didn't show it.

Bobby will be going to Korendor very soon. Good luck, say his friends. Good riddance, say his enemies: Good, say his critics. Good night, say he.

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To the Earth people they contacted, the Space People told of their advanced sciences and of their relatively Utopian way of life. To our planet, in the throes of social and political upheaval and teetering on the brink of self-annihilation by nuclear warfare, they had come, they said, to show us the way out of our crisis and the solutions to our problems. It is this information and knowledge that the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, a non-profit organization, has endeavored to bring to public attention since its inception in January 1959, and which is published in our magazine "UFO International."

The scientific and technical knowledge to be gained from the Space People is a wealth of beneficial information which could transform this world from its present chaotic state into a Utopian-like society, far beyond today's most optimistic concepts. A few of the many amazing benefits of the knowledge already received

from the Space People, or promised by them if we will welcome them in a friendly manner, would be: elimination of disease, poverty and smog; solving the problem of automation and unemployment; a way to finance all public works projects and aid to other countries without taxation; an extended life span; a greater measure of personal freedom, economic security and abundance; and for many living today, personal journeys to other planets beyond the stars.

With the aid of our Space Brothers, the Flying Saucer Movement is rapidly growing into a dynamic world-wide social reform movement, dedicated to the mental, physical, spiritual and economic emancipation of man. This new Space Age ideology to champion the dignity and rights of man, free him from economic bondage, and liberate him from the confines of regimentation, limitation and want, will render impotent those antiquated totalitarian philosophies based upon force and coercion. This will create a true Brotherhood of Man on Earth through the application of the philosophy of love, through service to others.

Because of the critical nature of world conditions, it is vital to the welfare of all humanity that we have dissemination of the information which can help to solve the most pressing problems of our times. That is why we invite you to investigate this fascinating subject and to participate with us in this great adventure to build the fabulous New World of tomorrow. Your assistance in any way to advance this important work will markedly help to materialize a better world for all mankind.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Green, president



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UFO RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES--(Part One)

- by Jacques Vallee -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Vallee is the author of the recent book, "Anatomy of A Phenomenon," reviewed in our September 1965 issue. The article you are about to read has already appeared in England's "Flying Saucer Review," and is reprinted here by permission. - See also our note at the conclusion of the article.)

Researchers on unusual aerial phenomena rely on accurate and up-to-date accounts of observations. In a country as large and diversified in population as the United States, such information can only be obtained through local correspondents. Large newspapers in one part of the country seldom report on observations made elsewhere; only the most sensational cases find their way to the wire services and are distributed over many states. For a number of reasons, these newspaper accounts are of little value. Dates and places are often misprinted, when given at all, and no estimate of the reliability of the story can be made.

Accounts published by civilian UFO groups, using the local press for documentation, are much more detailed. A few of these groups even print information that may be considered accurate. Some of their periodicals, following the excellent initiative of "The Australian Flying Saucer Review," devote several pages to the reprint, without comment or editing, of articles which have appeared in the local press. Such periodicals are by far the most lively and significant part of the UFO literature.

However, a large majority of the civilian clubs and associations devote their activity to a discussion of hypotheses and theories, and do not document their data extensively. It is important, therefore, to examine the reliability of the various elements of this network.

A second motivation for this survey was provided by the sociological aspect of UFO rumors, which has been noted by many authors, and the possible correlations between the activity of local groups, the number of reports from the area they influence, and the theories or beliefs of their members. For all these reasons, we felt that a preliminary survey of the groups active in UFO research in the United States was long overdue.

How the Survey was Conducted

In our efforts to obtain the names and addresses of American UFO groups and periodicals, we were surprised to discover that no less than two hundred and seventeen such organizations had been formed in the United States since 1947. This estimate is a conservative one, for it does not include informal discussion groups, clubs formed by high school or college students, and other associations which have never made their existence public.

This gives only a poor indication of the number of groups actually in existence today. As we shall see, a large majority of our questionnaires missed their targets, either because the groups had died, or because addresses had become obsolete. Of the groups active at the time of the survey and reached by the questionnaire, about thirty gave sufficiently detailed answers for inclusion in this analysis.

Names and addresses were compiled from the following sources: (1) Private correspondence and knowledge of researchers in our own team. (2) File of personalities active in the field of UFO research and list of UFO periodicals compiled by the United States Air Force, Dayton, Ohio. (3) List of "saucer clubs" published in "Thy Kingdom Come." (4) List of American UFO publications of the G.E.P.A. (Groupe d'Etude des Phenomenes Aeriens) Paris, France. (5) International Flying Saucer Directory of James Rigberg, New York, N.Y.

A questionnaire, accompanied by a letter stating its purpose and the fact that answers would be used for partial publication, was sent to ninety-six groups in January 1965. Groups 97 to 217 received the material in March. The survey was closed in August 1965, when a very large amount of material had been accumulated.

Information gathered since August, 1965, as well as the names and addresses of groups created or re-activated in 1965 after our questionnaire was issued, are not indicated here. In a very few cases, groups have filled out our questionnaire, but have asked that no publicity be given to their activity because of personal situations or because these groups pursue special studies that would be affected by the publicity that will result from publication of this survey. Such organizations usually have a very small membership, and thus do not affect the over-all sociological picture.

In the following, we give a list of the groups which have agreed to make public their answers to our questionnaire. This list gives, for each group, a brief statement of its history as well as the name of the publication it issues, and its address. No special numbering system has been used; groups are listed randomly.

Civilian UFO Organizations in the U.S. as of August, 1965

1. Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects (IIOUFO), 3005 West Eubanks, Oklahoma City, Okla.; William F. Riefer, Director; Hayden C. Hewes, Associate Director. - Created in Aug. 1958 for the purpose of investigating the UFO mystery. Claims free, world-wide membership of 4500. Believes UFOs are real, but has no conclusion as to their nature and origin. State offices in almost all 50 states under nine district representatives. Fifteen foreign representatives. Publication: "Interplanetary Intelligence Report," bi-monthly, \$3.00 per year.

2. American UFO Committee (AMUFO), 2875 Sequoyah Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.; Rick Hilberg, Dale Rettig, Allen Greenfield, Executive Directors. - Formed Oct. 1963 through merger of two older organizations. Affiliated with the UFO group union, the United Ufological Association. Participant in the Congress of Scientific Ufologists. No conclusion regarding the nature and origin of UFOs. 500 members. Publication: "UFO Sighter" and "American UFO Committee Review."

3. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.; Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Director; Richard H. Hall, Acting Director. - History and objectives are stated in the report "UFO Evidence," published by the group in May, 1964. This document summarizes the files and activities of the organization. Formed in 1956 by Major Keyhoe, prominent UFO writer. Claims membership of 5500. Works under the "definite hypothesis that UFOs are real, apparently controlled, from an extraterrestrial source." Charges the U.S. Air Force with practicing an "intolerable degree of secrecy." Local investigations are carried out by subcommittees. Membership dues \$5.00 annually. Publication: "The UFO Investigator," scheduled bi-monthly.

4. Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), 3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona; Leslie J. Lorenzen, Director. - Oldest organization in the field, created Jan. 1952. Tries to gather responsible and rational researchers rather than a large number of enthusiastic followers. Present membership of 800 includes many teachers, technicians, scientists, and liberal professions. Majority of APRO members feel that the facts indicate an interplanetary source of UFOs, possibly a colony established on Mars by an advanced civilization. APRO is the best-informed American organization on foreign sightings. Has documented many accounts of "landings," and given publicity to the theory of "UFO hostility." Foreign correspondents include Aime Michel (France), Dr. Olavo Fontes (Brazil), Peter Norris (Australia), and Eduardo

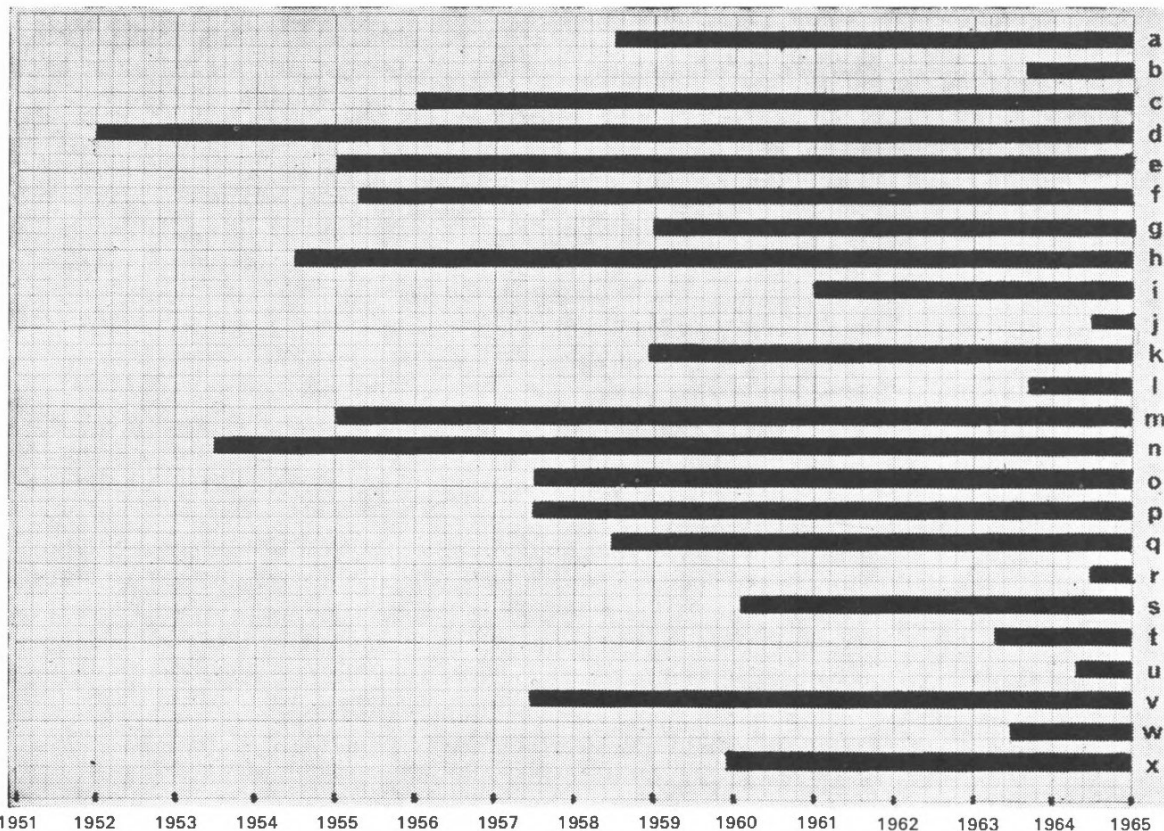
Buelta (Spain). Publication: "The A.P.R.O. Bulletin" bimonthly, \$3.50 per year.

5. National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 5108 South Findlay Street, Seattle 18, Wash.; Robert J. Gribble, Director. - Initials and location in Washington (city in one case, state in the other) create a confusion between this group and the organization of Major Keyhoe (No. 3). The two groups are distinct. This is a commission of six members with no open membership, created in Jan. 1955. Considers that "a high percentage of UFOs are coming from another world." Publication "NICAP Reporter," \$1.50 per year.

6. Flying Saucer News Club of America (FSNCA), 119 East 96th St., New York 28, N.Y.; James Rigberg, Editor. - The club, formed March 1955, believes authorities have obtained evidence of the nature or origin of the UFOs and kept it secret. Publication: "Flying Saucer News," 25¢ per copy.

7. Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America (AFSCA), 2004 N. Hoover St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90027; Gabriel Green, Founder-President. - Formed Jan. 1959, the group has 2500 members. Believe many UFOs are in reality extraterrestrial spaceships piloted by crews of men and women from advanced races on other planets. Publication: "UFO International," bi-monthly, \$3.00 per year.

8. Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS), P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024; James W. Moseley, Editor. - 4000 members in group created July 1954, believe UFOs are probably extraterrestrial "though there is no proof as yet of their origin." Publication: SAUCER NEWS, \$2.00 for four quarterly issues.



Dates of creation for 24 groups active on January 1, 1965.

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| a. IIUFO | i. Aetherius Soc. | q. Tucson Science Club |
| b. AMUFO | j. CAPIC | r. HUFOB |
| c. NICAP (Keyhoe) | k. APIC | s. School of Thought |
| d. APRO | l. CFSIB | t. UFO Mag. |
| e. NICAP (Gribble) | m. Planetary Space Center | u. PICAP |
| f. FSNCA | n. Christian Zion Advocate | v. Morse Fellowship |
| g. AFSCA | o. Long Beach IR Gp. | w. CPB |
| h. SAUCERS | p. Solar Cross | x. New England UFO Study Gp. |

9. The Aetherius Society, 674 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90005; Founder-President: George King. - Created in Nov., 1960, the Society keeps its membership confidential. "The orientation of the Aetherius Society is a spiritual one, since it is definitely known that the Mission of the Flying Saucers and their crews on Earth is a spiritual mission." Publication: "The Aetherius Society Newsletter."

10. Cleveland Aerial Phenomena Investigations Club (CAPIC), 3132 West 142nd St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111. - Created in June, 1964, the group has 19 members, believes UFOs are interplanetary spaceships and authorities may have obtained evidence. No publication.

11. Aerial Phenomena Investigation Committee (APIC), P.O. Box 87, Rugby Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203; Eugene R Steinberg, Director; Kenneth J. Alpert, Associate Director. - Created as a local group in Feb. 1959, is now international in scope with 2000 members. The group feels that an extraterrestrial origin of UFOs is more likely to be correct than any other solution offered thus far. Publication: "The UFO Reporter," quarterly. Stopped publication in 1965, when purchased by SAUCER NEWS.

12. Civilian Flying Saucer Investigations Bureau (CFSIB), 6101 Sturgeon Creek Parkway, Midland, Mich. - The general attitude of the group, formed Oct. 1963, is that UFOs are interplanetary space vehicles under intelligent control, possibly from a planet outside the solar system. Publication: "CFSIB Newsletter."

13. The Planetary Space Center (formerly Interplanetary Foundation), 24720 Carlisle St., Dearborn, Mich. 48124; Laura Mundo (Marxer), Connie Grish, Carmella Falzone. - Created Dec. 1954. No membership or dues. Reaches about 1000, hard-core list of 300. The UFOs are spaceships of more advanced, friendly human beings. Publication: "Interplanetary News."

14. The Christian Zion Advocate, P.O. Box 48, Neah Bay, Wash. - Active under various names since 1953, the group has arrived at the definite conclusion that UFOs are "The Lord's Angels which He has sent before Him" (Matt. 24: 31-32) and that authorities have not obtained evidence of their origin. Publication: "Humanitarian."

15. Long Beach Interplanetary Research Group, 1227 E. 2nd St., Long Beach, Calif. 90802; A. Rowe, Secretary. - Created about 1957, has no conclusion of the UFO problem, but thinks authorities have considerable evidence. Publication: "Understanding."

16. Solar Cross Foundation, 5132 Lincoln Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90042; Robert Short, Director; James Jordan, Editor. - Created in July 1957, the group had 876 members in 1964. It believes that the facts are "beyond our concepts at this time." Publication: "Inter-Galaxy News."

17. Tucson Science Club, 5350 E. Ft. Lowell, Tucson, Ariz. 85716. - Informal discussion group. Regular meetings since 1958. The group has few members and only one conclusion: "There is no simple, single answer." Publication discontinued.

18. Houston UFO Bureau (HUF0B), 3302 Askew, Houston, Texas 77017; Gary Kirpatrick, President. - Created Aug. 1964 with 20 members, the group "has obtained confidential evidence" and withholds other comments. Publication: "The UFO Mystery," published irregularly.

(to be continued)

(Editor's Note: There are some apparent inaccuracies in the above list. For example, we are unable to obtain any information about "The Christian Zion Advocate," (#14 on the list), nor have we ever heard of it in our fourteen years of UFO research. We therefore retain our claim that SAUCER NEWS (listed on Mr. Vallee's chart as SAUCERS), is the second rather than the third oldest periodical in the saucer field.)

FIRST PHOTOS OF MARTIAN CANALS!

- by Gordon H. Evans -

The remarkable photographs on Page 18 are probably the first ever published which show traces of the famed Martian canals. We have seen many drawings of the canals, but never an unequivocal photograph.

In 1877, the Italian astronomer Schiaparelli noticed some thin straight-line markings on Mars; he called them "canali," meaning channels. Just before the turn of the century, a Massachusetts Brahmin named Percival Lowell founded an observatory in Arizona and began enthusiastic, yet careful observations of the planet. Lowell concluded that the "canali" were actual waterways, vast engineering works built by a race dying of drought. Lowell wrote three books on Mars, including in them a wealth of hand-drawn maps and sketches of the canals. (See footnote #1)

With the coming of astronomical photography, thousands of plates were taken of Mars. They showed a misty world, with, at best, vague vaporous shapes and little fine, sharp detail. They did not show the canals! "Where are they?" the scientific community asked the Mars specialists. "Why can't the canals be photographed? Why can't we even see them in our telescopes?"

The Mars specialists replied that even visual observation of the canals was difficult, and required special conditions such as the location of the telescope. Photography was even more difficult, they pointed out. Mars is a weak light source. To catch it properly, time exposures must be used. But the Earth's atmosphere is restless, and changes in gas density cause refraction of light rays reaching the telescope. This, in turn, causes the image of Mars on the plate to move very slightly, but rapidly. In the necessary time exposure, these movements are integrated; and fine detail, such as the canals, is lost via blurring. (2) They can be seen with the eye, the Mars specialists insisted, if you are willing to take some trouble.

"We very much doubt it," was the scientific community's reaction, including many if not most astronomers. (3)

In the 1950's, a silent, indeed secret, revolution occurred in the study of Mars. A family of new electronic techniques called "image intensification" allowed greatly improved photographs to be made. Today, image intensified pictures of Mars can be taken, which are at least 10 to 15 times better in terms of critical fine detail than the best made by conventional, direct methods. In 1955, A. G. Wilson of Lowell Observatory was quoted as saying that, when the image of Mars was thrown on a picture tube: "Suddenly....there were canals all over the place. I had been a canal agnostic, but I'm not one any more." (4)

By electronic intensification, the dim telescopic image of Mars can be brightened so much that it can be photographed at high speed, without the time exposures so disastrous to detail.

The image intensifiers work something like this: A photo-cathode is placed in the focal plane of an optical instrument; when a photon or light ray strikes the photo-cathode, it is converted into an electron. The electron is then accelerated by a magnetic field, focused, and reconverted into light.

However, it is now at a much higher energy level than when it left the telescope. In fact, a photon entering the telescope has between a 20 to 200 better chance of being caught when intensification methods are used. In some intensifiers, final display is made on a television screen; these are called image orthicons, and the photographs shown here were taken by the image orthicon method, as can be seen from the scanning lines. (5)

They were taken during the 1965 Mars opposition at a leading American observatory. A 12-inch Cassegrain reflector located in the Southwest was employed. Seeing conditions were only poor to fair. Yet, despite the small in-

strument and the modest seeing conditions, more detail possibly appears on them than on any direct photographs ever made of Mars. In fact, the net improvement is about 15 times over direct photographs taken under similar conditions and with comparable equipment. (6)

The so-called "lakes" or "oases" of Mars, noted repeatedly by observers, are seen as the small dark dots speckling the planet's face. (The very intense dark spots are "holes" in the negatives, caused by dust particles at the joining of the telescope and the photo-cathode.)

More spectacular still, the canals appear! On prints made from a set of 21 image orthicon negatives lent to me unofficially, much of the delicate geometric network mentioned by the classical visual observers can be detected. However, as it is largely just over the threshold of vision, only a few canals are distinct enough for reproduction here. What can be seen, however, is enough to convince me that Percival Lowell was wonderfully right in his canal observation, if not in his idea of what they are. (7)

Footnotes:

(1) "Mars" (1896); "Mars and its Canals" (1908); and "Mars as the Abode of Life" (1909).

(2) For an authoritative discussion, see: E. C. Slipher "The Photographic Story of Mars" (Cambridge, Mass. and Flagstaff, Ariz., The Sky Publishing Co., and Northland Press, 1962), pp. 55-64.

(3) M. A. Tuve, Director of the Carnegie Institutions Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, and Chairman of its Image Tube Committee, advised the writer, late in 1964, that exposures 30 times as fast as the best direct photographic results were possible. However, an inherent loss in resolution reduced the net advantage for planetary astronomy to about 10 times. Inexplicably, Dr. Tuve added: "There is no special improvement for planetary photography to be expected from image tubes." The Carnegie Institution of Washington is part of the Federal government.

(4) Time Magazine, April 4, 1965, p. 59. Cf. Slipher, op. cit., p. 60.

(5) Despite its importance, little has been published on the use of image intensifiers in astronomy. But see "Image Orthicon Astronomy," "Sky and Telescope," September 1964, and "Electronic Image Intensifiers Combined with Telescopes Open New Frontiers in Space for World's Astronomers," in "RCA News," November 11th, 1964.

(6) Larger factors of improvement may well be possible. Cf. "Electronic Tube Can 'See' In the Dark" "Industrial Research Newsletter," ITT Research Institute, Chicago, October 1964.

(7) Some very pointed questions about why more image intensified photographs have not been released were asked in "The Journal of Borderland Research" (Round Robin), June 1960, page 29, and September-October 1961, page 23.

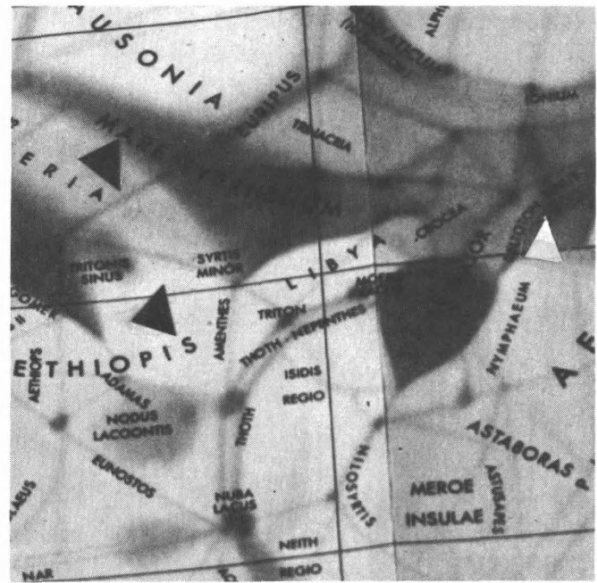
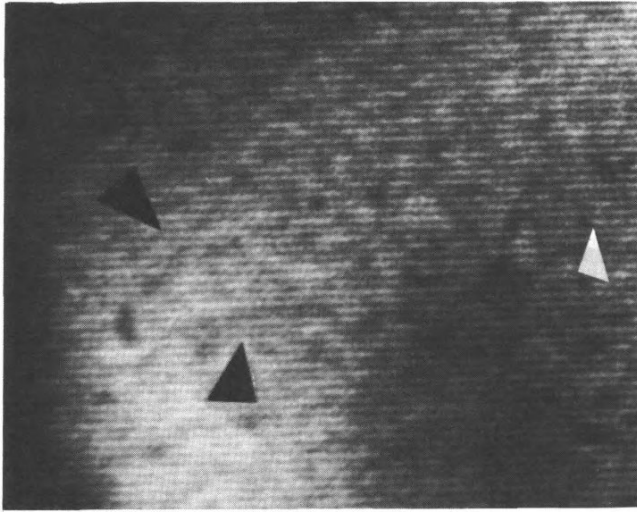
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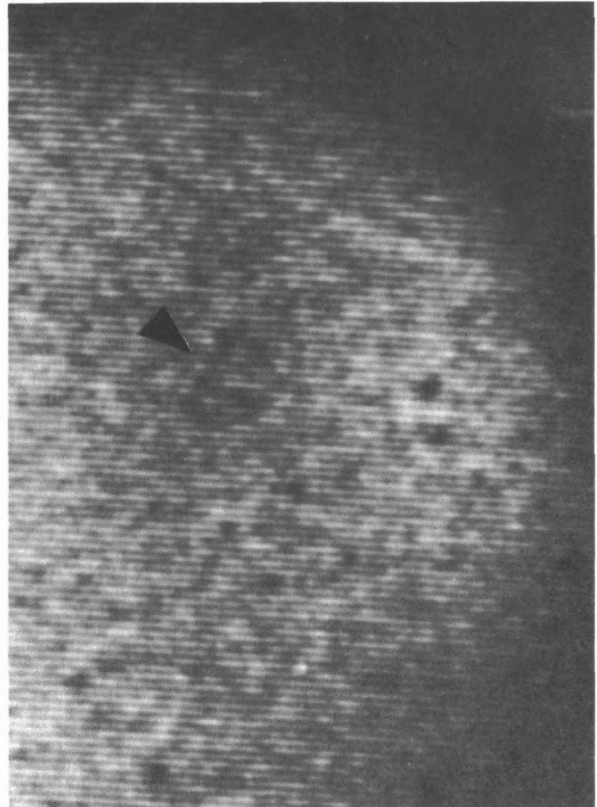
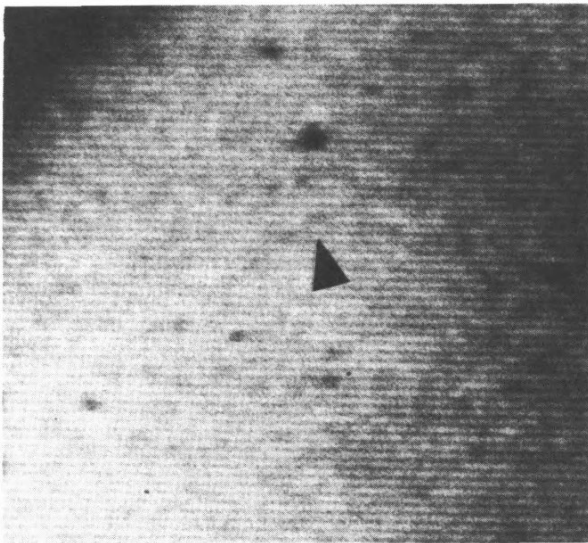
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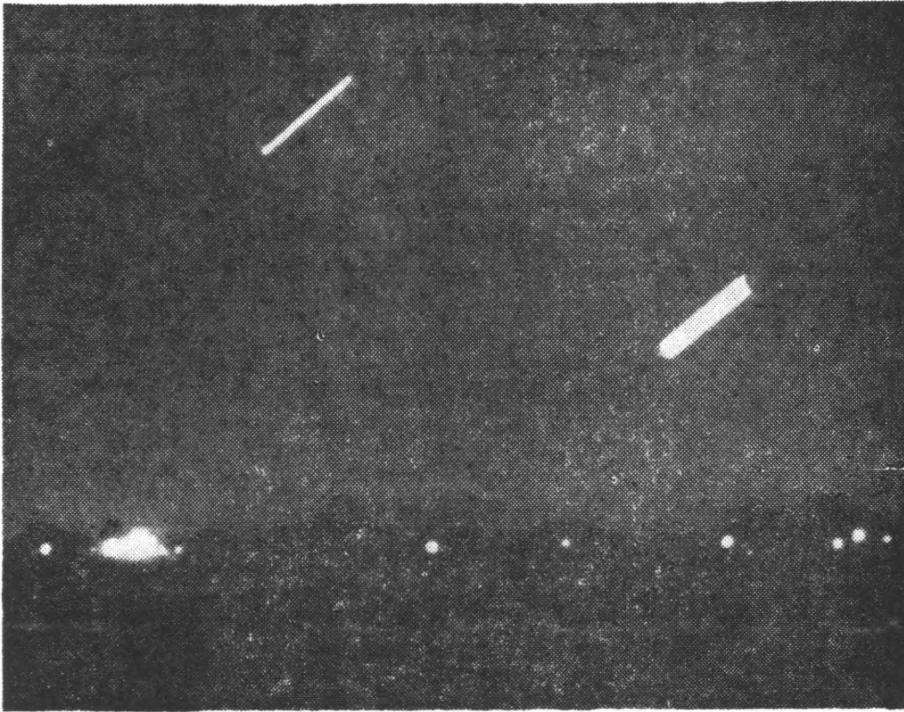


Part of a Lowell Observatory map of Mars (right) shows a marked similarity to an enlarged section of an image orthicon photograph of the planet (left). Note the Syrtis Major, indicated on the map by an arrow on the far right. Two short bent canals rise from it horn-like in the region called Crocea. To the left of the Syrtis Major are two long canals forming a great angle which originates near the Tritonis Sinus on the western shore of the Mare Cimmerium. The Lowell map is of the type which, in the past, was drawn from visual observations. North and south are reversed in these illustrations.

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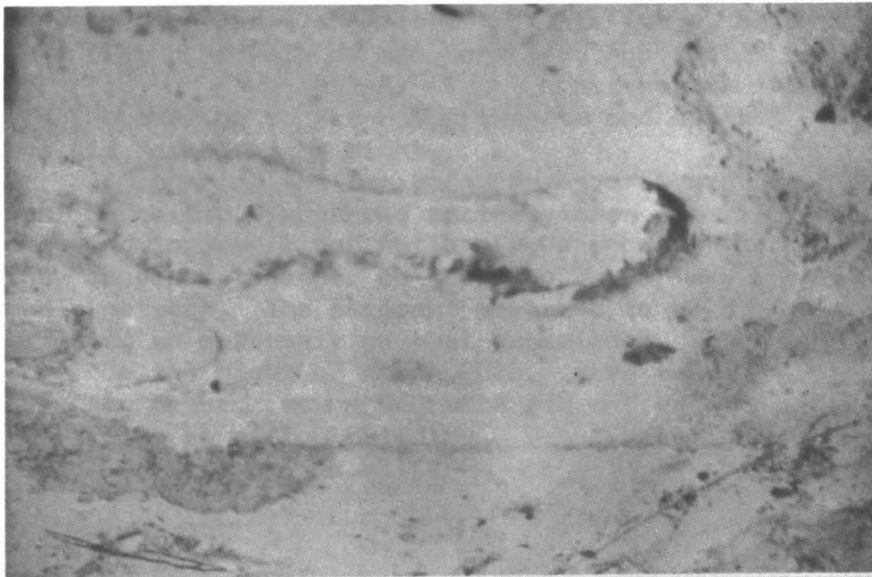


ABOVE: A long canal, probably Protonilus in the northern hemisphere of Mars. The faint dots on the right-hand portion of the canal are called the Ismenius Lacus. RIGHT: An example of the V-shaped or triangular configuration typical of the Martian canal system.



Lack of space prevents us from publishing all of the UFO photographs which have reached our office during the past few weeks, but more of them will be in our forthcoming September issue.

A policeman in Dexter, Mich., snapped this photo of what he says are unidentified flying objects.



Picture of a footprint of an alleged space creature which had revisited Brooksville, Florida, on October 31st, 1965. Length of print is 12 inches. Note the dumb-bell like appearance.



Picture of the grounds where John Reeves said a flying saucer landed in the early afternoon of March 2nd, 1965. (See article beginning on Page 6 for details concerning the two photos above.)

Letters to the Editor

Although I usually disagree with everything in SAUCER NEWS, I usually find it an interesting publication. However, the article "Did UFO's Cause the Great Northeastern Power Failure?" by John J. Robinson, which appeared in your March issue, was a disaster. But, I fear, it was typical of the way saucer researchers think.

There is no mystery about what caused the power failure. Robinson should have read the Federal Power Commission report, or at least looked at the news stories about it before he sat down to write his wild article. As it is, he even gets the starting point of the blackout wrong. It started in Ontario, at the Sir Adam Beck Generating Plant No. 2, not at the Niagara Mohawk Station as originally reported. This fact, at least, was known just a few days after the power failure.

But Robinson just picks the early garbled stories and from there goes on a speculating binge. Only by heaping unjustified speculation on top of a pile of misinformation is he able to come up with UFO's as a cause of the blackout.

It is just this sort of thing that makes it impossible for me to take any reports by saucer researchers seriously. No matter how honest or intelligent they may be personally, their fixation is so strong that, without being conscious of fraud, they twist the facts to fit the saucers. Alas!

DANIEL COHEN, Managing Editor, "Science Digest"
New York, N.Y.

John J. Robinson's article about the blackout was very good. I suggest, however, that an electrical engineer correct the copy, as "kilowatts" are not the same as "kilovolts," and "huge armatures" are not in relays, as relays use "coils" or "windings." R.C. ROME

West Fork, Arkansas

I think you really outdid yourselves with the March issue. The new format really gives your magazine its needed professional look....I really like the idea of putting the photos on the middle pages as you did. This way, if SAUCER NEWS is to be used as a display, the photo page can be opened up....

The Resolution for a Better NICAP was terrific. The things you mentioned were definitely true about NICAP, and should be remedied....

I thought "Operation Skytrace" was great, and would like information on getting into it.... FRANK A. YOUNG III

Phoenixville, Pa.

(Editor's Note: All those interested in joining "Operation Skytrace" should write directly to James E. Mellodew, 5225 Schuyler St., A-3X, Philadelphia, Pa. 19144.)

I just received the latest SAUCER NEWS and wanted to express my complete gratitude for the improvements. It's really gratifying to see your work progress so rapidly toward the true revealing of the saucer mystery. SAUCER NEWS is truly the best publication on UFO's....Thanks to you and your staff (and to Randi who gave me your address) for opening my eyes to what's going on around us!

SAM KESLER, Olney, Illinois

My congratulations to you on shaking up NICAP! They've needed a good housecleaning for nearly a decade now....That was quite a list of eminent Ufo-logists who are backing the Resolution; Perhaps if Hall knuckles under and honestly makes these changes in NICAP, it will resume its former scientific research and efficiency. I sure hope so....

PATRICIA MORGAN, Devon, Pa.

Our organization agrees with all of the Resolution (about NICAP) you devised. We must co-operate with courage and intelligence regarding this wicked group, because of rightful study of UFO....

SEWD TSUGIO KUMOI, Japan UFO Research Association
Kobe City, Japan

In general I do not agree with your Resolution in any way, and I do not hesitate to go on record as saying so. It seems to me that the assumption behind the Resolution and behind the whole effort that you are putting into this thing is that NICAP is actually a "semi-official" agency....I do not feel in my heart that NICAP is any different from your organization or from APRO or any other privately financed UFO organization.

By singling out NICAP, you accord it more status than it deserves and demean yourself. If NICAP were an official agency - that is, a governmental agency of some kind - then it is subject to the kind of criticism you are offering; but as a non-governmental organization, it seems to me it is no more accountable to you or the other critics than is any other private organization.

....My own feeling is that NICAP is subject to many criticisms, but they have also done some extremely constructive things; and on the whole I feel they have done the best job of any of the private UFO organizations....

My own personal dealings with Keyhoe have been quite unsatisfactory. For example, I sent them a check for \$100.00 when they were in need of funds a few years ago, and never even had so much as an acknowledgment from him. Another time, before they brought out their very good study of UFO sightings, a friend of mine proposed that he would publish it for them, and it wouldn't take all this money they were complaining of not having, and he got a flat turn down; so I think one can take their claims of poverty with a certain amount of tongue in cheek.

But in balance I feel they have been doing a pretty good job, and I feel that I, as an outsider do not really have a strong basis for criticizing them.It is my personal belief that Keyhoe has been making a sacrifice to remain with NICAP, and I suspect the same thing is true of Dick Hall. I do feel, speaking as a member, that you have one basic criticism which is valid - the one that deals with their attitude and philosophy, - even though I have a feeling that your use of the words "emotional and unswerving hatred of the Air Force" is a bit strong. Certainly if NICAP were a scientific organization they would not have any prejudgments as to what UFOs are or where they come from.

However, I think even you would agree that we must begin with the premise that they do exist....

CURTIS FULLER, Editor, Fate Magazine
Evanston, Illinois

I have just received your latest issue of SAUCER NEWS, and I must admit that it is getting better and better. I hope you can keep up the improvement and take heed of what Mr. Vallee said in his letter to you.

My reason for writing this letter to you, however, is not to compliment you, but rather to expound on my feelings in the NICAP controversy....Whether or not jealous editors and writers of various UFO groups want to admit it, NICAP has done more than all the other UFO groups put together. In most newspaper and magazine articles, when a UFO group is mentioned, NICAP is the group mentioned. NICAP has given out copies of "The UFO Evidence" to all members of Congress in an effort to launch a Congressional investigation on UFOs and the Air Force. I have yet to see any other UFO group do as much.

Many other UFO groups support contactee claims. Perhaps some of these claims are actually valid, and maybe some people have ridden in UFOs; but, nevertheless, I feel that serious-minded UFO groups should not support contactee claims, nor should they discuss them on a regular basis in their publi-

cations. The majority of the public has yet to accept the reality of UFOs, let alone claims that various people have ridden in UFOs. We have yet to prove to the public that UFOs exist as solid intelligently-controlled craft, yet various groups choose to cloud the issue with contactee claims. NICAP has not done this.

NICAP is guilty, however, of sloppy administration, poor publications, and unwise public relations with members and others. As for finances, I cannot comment, since I don't have any first-hand knowledge on it. I do feel that NICAP could and should spend more money on the UFO Investigator and also on scientific investigation of UFOs....

I can almost picture the Air Force or the CIA or whatever agency is responsible for UFO censorship, laughing their heads off at the petty bickering going on between all the various UFO groups. What a pity.

ALAN KAISHER, West Chicago, Illinois

I am writing to make a few points about "A Resolution for a Better NICAP": Even before reaching the article, my attention was drawn to your editorial, claiming that the Resolution was endorsed by the "twenty or so leaders in the UFO field whose names and titles appear following it." The list of "leaders" startled me - not because the names were impressive, but because many of these "leaders" have no more business being active in serious UFO research than I do in calling myself God.

I have no doubt that a few of them are respectable, but many - too many - on the list are unqualified in criticizing NICAP. It seems to me that certain of these "leaders" should take a good long look at their own records and ideas before searching for skeletons in other closets....

I won't argue that many of your points were good ones. But it seems to me that there may be more behind the Resolution than just "worry" for the future of NICAP. The majority of the list of "leaders" makes me too suspicious about the article's true meaning....

ROBERT BARRON, Member of NICAP, Syracuse, N.Y.

I have read with interest the letters column of the March issue, in which readers voice their opinions about my article, "The Omega Group." I do not know whether to laugh or cry over them, for their authors are both humorous and tragic at the same time. The reader who calls the Omega Group a fraud, for example, displays a futility common to saucer researchers. "Kor" presented no testable evidence for him to refute. So he can hardly disprove something for which no proof was offered in the first place.

As for the contactee, his sour humor betrays a marked frustration. Unable to meet the challenge "The Omega Group" presented to his thinking, he retreats into ridicule. He tries to explain away what he cannot understand. This is a typical psychological reaction to failure! This reader asks a question, however, and he shall receive an answer: When serious researchers start forming their own secret societies, he asks, then what is left to distinguish them from the radicals of the Saucer Saga? If our joker could read, he would know that (1) the Omega Group is not a "secret society," (2) it is not comprised of saucer researchers, and (3) it was not "formed" in the way he implies. Yet, there is something vital that distinguishes its members from our contactee's radicals. That something is competence! As our contactee friend knows so well, incompetence breeds dogmatic belief, frustration, and ridicule. These qualities have their purest expression in various cults, of which many saucer groups are excellent examples. Competence, on the other hand, implies an objective attitude, extensive knowledge, and proven ability. The result of applied competence is achievement! Which is why saucer researchers have never known about the Omega Group!

PETER KOR, Mayfield Heights, Ohio

RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

REPORT ON THE MICHIGAN FLAP: The fantastic recent UFO flap, which eventually received nation-wide publicity, actually began in Wisconsin, about a week earlier than most people realize. On the night of March 14th, strange lights and "beeping noises" were reported by a number of residents of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. A bluish-green light was seen moving from the sky to the ground, and another was moving downward. According to one reliable observer, it appeared to be an exchange of signals between the two objects. The sound accompanying the UFOs was so loud that it drowned out telephone conversations at times, and caused dogs in the area to bark violently.

Later that same night, flashing blue-green objects were seen by at least seven police officers and hundreds of other residents of Ann Arbor, Michigan. As police deputies pursued one object in their patrol car, it was joined by three similar objects which accompanied it in unorthodox maneuvers in the sky. Patrolman Charles Mason described the first object as looking like a rocket, with a greenish-blue light in front and a red light in the rear. The whole sky was lit up while it was in sight.

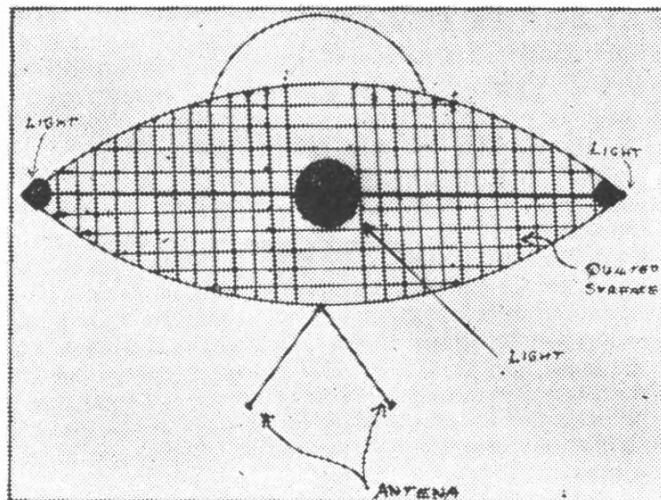
On the night of March 17th, another sighting was made near Ann Arbor, this time by four Washtenaw County deputies, who saw four UFOs between 4 a.m. and 7:05 a.m. They watched one of the mysterious objects through binoculars, and described it as looking like a large top which, while hovering, glowed brightly in colors ranging from green to bright red. It also moved, at times, at speeds faster than a jet, and did right-angle maneuvers. One of the policemen took the photo on Page 19 of this issue, which appeared in many newspapers. This picture is a time exposure, and apparently fails to show the somewhat faint object in question. The two streaks in the picture are Venus and the Moon, according to Air Force experts and others; and in this particular case, the Air Force may be right.

Another of the law enforcement officers present that night, Sergeant Nuel Schneider, appeared on television locally and elsewhere, describing the sighting in detail for national audiences. Your Editor met Sgt. Schneider when they appeared together on the Alan Burke T.V. Show in New York, on the Metro-media network. The sergeant appeared to be a very sincere man, honestly describing an extremely unusual experience.

On the night of March 20th, more than fifty people in Dexter, Michigan, near Ann Arbor, saw a UFO with red and green flashing lights which lit up a swamp like an office building. Deputy Sheriff Thomas Kelly of Ann Arbor was one of several police officers who saw the automobile-sized object which hovered, landed, and abruptly took off again.

During the course of the evening, a group of four or five flying objects was chased by police using six patrol cars, but the UFOs eventually outdistanced the police and vanished. One of the objects, however, passed right over one of the patrol cars. This story was the first of the series to receive nation-wide attention.

A farmer named Frank Mannor and his son Ronald, who live in the area, ran through the swamp in an attempt to get closer to one of the elusive objects. They got to within 500 yards of it, and saw enough de-



tail to make the drawing on the previous page. Mannor stated that the strange object had a blue light on the rear and a white light on the front. These were pulsating, and each looked like it had a little halo around it. Said Mannor: "The thing was about the length of a car. It was grayish-yellow, like coral rock, and pitted. There seemed to be a kind of fog underneath it."

Suddenly, the lights on the UFO went out and it disappeared. It had not made any noise until that time, but as soon as the lights went out, Mannor and his son heard a kind of "whoofing sound, like one of those new police sirens, kind of like shooting a bullet through a canyon." The noise lasted only a few seconds.

The next incident in this incredible flap occurred the following night, a few miles away, in Hillsdale, Michigan. There, a group of about 87 coeds in a girls' dormitory at Hillsdale College watched a UFO hover and do maneuvers over a marsh, off and on for several hours. This object was described as football shaped. Drawings of it were made, separately, by many of the girls, and a log was kept of the series of sightings that night. In a telephone interview with SAUCER NEWS, Milton Ferguson, Director of Public Affairs for the College, backed up the girls' stories, and scoffed at the idea that the sightings could have been due to a natural phenomenon of any sort.

On March 25th, in a hastily-called press conference, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chief civilian consultant to the Air Force Project Blue Book, claimed that both the Dexter and Hillsdale sightings were due to marsh gas. This press conference followed a very hasty and superficial on-the-spot investigation by Hynek and a large group of Air Force officers. The unbelievable marsh gas explanation is elaborated in a two-page sheet drawn up by the Pentagon and currently available from them.

This official explanation is extremely weak for many reasons. In the first place, it admittedly applies to only two of the many incidents in the flap - the only two that occurred near swamps. In the second place, the detailed drawings by Frank Mannor and many of the coeds rule out any such answer. The lights at Hillsboro kept a constant distance apart, disappeared when cars approached, and gave other indications that they were definitely artificial. In the third place, Mort Young, a staff writer for the New York Journal-American, went to Michigan to investigate the flap, and discovered mysterious football-shaped bare patches on the grass over which the Hillsdale UFO hovered. In the fourth place, the Hillsdale UFO was seen not only by the coeds, but by trained and reputable adults including the Hillsdale Civil Defense Director, William Van Horn, who was with them during the latter part of their saucer watch, and who takes violent exception to the marsh gas explanation.

Furthermore, we must reveal the fact that Dr. Hynek made his marsh gas statement with great reluctance, and at the insistence of Major Hector Quintinella, military head of Project Blue Book at Wright-Patterson, who was also on hand to investigate the flap. Mort Young's Journal-American story confirms information that SAUCER NEWS learned by telephone directly from Hillsdale - that Dr. Hynek and Major Quintinella had a violent argument with each other concerning the marsh gas explanation, the day before it was released to the public. At the height of the argument, Dr. Hynek threatened to quit after 18 years as an Air Force UFO consultant. Yet he gave in, and the next day he held his press conference and insisted he had found the proper explanation! This "answer" was carried on radio and T.V. all over the country, and satisfied people not fully familiar with the details of the flap.

Last but not least, there were several important sightings around Ann Arbor which Dr. Hynek overlooked, even though they took place precisely during the period he was investigating. On the night of the 20th, in addition to the sightings already mentioned, there were other very close ones in nearby areas, including one by Cecil Hand and his family, who live 17 miles south of Hillsdale. Hand saw an "egg-shaped object, with a band of lights around its

middle, glowing blue, amber, and red." The whole thing had a silvery color, according to Mr. Hand. It was up there, he said, holding still at a level just below the treetops to the north of him. Then it shot away into the dark.

And, on the night of March 24th, just a few hours before Hynek's press conference, William Van Horn and at least ten other Hillsdale residents watched a brilliant white light hanging in the sky. They claimed they had to contend with Air Force reluctance to check into the matter. This object even appeared on radar, at Willow Run, though the Air Force denied it!

See Page 30 for later developments in this flap. (Sources: La Cross, Wisc. Tribune, 3/14; The Detroit News, 3/14, 3/21, 3/22; Battle Creek, Wisc. Enquirer and News, 3/17, 3/21; Marshall, Mich. Evening Chronicle, 3/21; Kalamazoo, Mich. Gazette, 3/22; Indianapolis, Ind. Star, 3/22; N.Y. News, 3/22, 3/25; South Haven, Mich. Daily Tribune, 3/22; N.Y. Herald-Tribune, 3/23; N. Y. World-Telegram, 3/25; N.Y. Journal-American, 3/26, 3/27; UPI.)

SAUCER ATTACKS TRUCK IN MINNESOTA: Edward Bruns, a 16-year-old boy from Herman, Minnesota, had a hair-raising experience on the night of December 20th of last year. He was driving the family pick-up truck westward on a country road, when his headlights suddenly picked up a dark oval-shaped object hovering about six feet above the road in front of him. Seconds later, the headlights and motor went out, and the UFO began rising into the air. As it went upwards, it seemed to take on a red interior glow, and sparks began shooting out from underneath it. The next thing he knew, the truck, which had been heading west, was sitting in a ditch, pointing in the opposite direction. Bruns, who admits he was terrified by that time, has no clear recollection of just how this occurred.

The young man left the truck in the ditch, and ran to his home, about a mile and a half away. He breathlessly told his father about the incident, and the two returned to the spot where the pick-up was still in the ditch. They then made a most amazing discovery: There were no tracks leading to the ditch, indicating that during those moments about which young Bruns' memory is unclear, the UFO somehow lifted the entire truck off the road and dumped it back down again!

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The father and son were unable to get the truck back on the road that night. The next day it was photographed, still in the same ditch, by a reporter for a local newspaper, whose eye-witness account and pictures confirmed the fact that there were, indeed, no tracks leading off the road. Snow was on the ground at the time, which certainly should have made it easy to spot tire tracks, had there been any. (Herman, Minn. Review, 12/23/65.)

RECKLESS-DRIVING SAUCER IN AUSTRALIA: An article from the December 27th edition of the National Chronicle tells of an Australian couple who had an automobile accident with a flying saucer last October 17th. Antonin Kukla and Audrey Lawrence, both of the University of Perth, were driving on a deserted road near Carnarvon, Australia, when suddenly a UFO, moving at great speed, dived from the sky toward their car. Just before hitting the auto, the object slowed down and tried to swerve. It hit the grill anyhow, and they could feel the bump as it struck. After the accident, the object hovered over the road in front of their car for about a half hour, giving off a fluorescent red and green glow, and making no sound. Then it moved slowly off to the west. The terrified couple remained hidden in nearby underbrush until the object finally went out of sight. - Damage to the automobile was not severe.

THE SAUCER FLAP AT WANAQUE, NEW JERSEY: The best publicized flap of recent months (until Michigan!) occurred in mid-January, in and near Wanaque, N.J., about twenty miles from your Editor's residence in Fort Lee. One of the initial sightings was made by Patrolman George Dykman and others of the Wanaque Reservoir Police. They saw the object in the early evening of January 11th, over the Raymond Dam at the reservoir, about 200 yards from the police station. It moved in over the dam in a circular motion, and hovered over the reservoir for several minutes. It later dipped down low over the reservoir, casting a reflection on the ice. Later, a circular hole in the ice was found at a corresponding spot.

Dozens of other sightings were made - later that night and in the days that followed. Hundreds of curious tourists flocked to the scene, creating the first traffic jams in the history of the little town.

Among those who made observations of the mysterious object were Wanaque's Major Harry T. Wolfe, Civil Defense Director Bentlye Spencer, Councilman Arthur Barton, Councilman Warren Hagstrom, Councilman John Shutte, and at least a dozen police from Wanaque and nearby Wayne, Ringwood, and Pompton Lakes.

Although most of the sightings were at night, a daytime observation was made by the wife of Patrolman Joseph Sisco, who, while telling a friend about what her husband had seen the previous night, suddenly saw a round white UFO pursuing the same course as before. It moved at terrific speed through a cloudless sky, making no noise, and was out of sight in 30 seconds or so. This sighting was not in the newspapers, and was obtained by SAUCER NEWS exclusively.

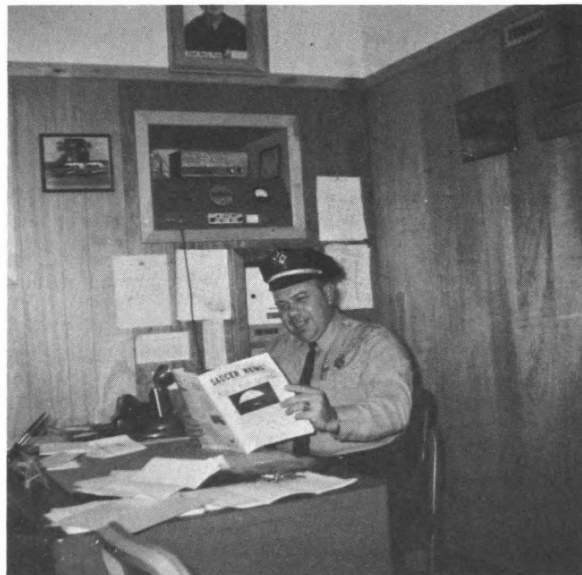
Two members of the C. B. Rangers spotted a fat cigar-shaped object 30 to 50 feet long hovering at tree-top level. This occurred at 1:45 a.m. on January 14th. The UFO was gray or black in color with two amber lights, one at either end. The lights were odd in that they did not throw out a beam of light, but were, rather, luminous or fluorescent. Two-way radio reception in their car was disrupted while the UFO was nearby.

In a separate incident, a research engineer named Basil Wallack, of Ringwood, N.J., was driving home from work on a lonely road when he was confronted by a large, extremely bright blue light which appeared to be perched on a telephone wire. Wallack was so startled that he nearly drove off the road. He then stopped to watch for awhile. For a few minutes the UFO remained stationary. Then he began to notice "weird reflections" on the nearby waters of Wanaque Reservoir. At that point, a gray Volkswagen appeared on the road,

coming from the opposite direction. Suddenly, the UFO swooped down in a wavy motion. Wallack panicked and left the area at high speed. Police were unable to ascertain what happened to the Volkswagen and its driver.

Many if not most of the sightings in this flap took place at or very near the Reservoir. Sergeant David Sisco of the Wanaque Police Department, one of the sighters interviewed by the SAUCER NEWS Staff, expressed concern over the fact that the UFOs might be draining water from the Reservoir. Sergeant Sisco, pictured at the right, made his own sighting at a considerable distance, and described the object he saw as "about the size of nine or ten stars clumped together."

Among those who visited the Wanaque area in connection with this flap were Timothy Green Beckley, Michael G. Mann, Eugene Steinberg, and James Moseley of our Staff; and August C. Roberts, veteran UFO photographer who lives in Wayne, N.J. - near Wanaque - and who spent many cold winter nights perched on the dam waiting for the object to return. It did come back a number of times, and as late as mid-March occasional sightings were still being made in the area, including a close sighting on the night of March 10th by the Mother Superior of Mt. Saint Francis Convent in Ringwood.



Roberts as well as others obtained interesting pictures, but none were of a conclusive nature. There was also an unconfirmed rumor that someone obtained a movie film of the object.

Others to visit the dam, in addition to local news media, were radio and T.V. personality James Randi, and Jane Boutwell of the New Yorker Magazine. A group of NICAP representatives led by Don Berliner came and left the erroneous impression with local police that they were official representatives of the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C.

The Air Force made feeble attempts to explain the early sightings in the flap as stars, planets, or helicopters; but the affair was apparently not investigated by the Air Force, and they therefore admit to having no official conclusion. (Jersey City, N.J. Journal, 1/12; The Hackensack N.J. Morning Call, 1/12, 1/15; Paterson, N.J. Evening News, 1/17, 3/11; and other sources.)

"FLYING SAUCER NESTS" IN AUSTRALIA: One of the weirdest reports of recent months comes from Tully, Queensland, Australia, and concerns a group of circular clearings of dead reeds, surrounded by normal areas of green reeds. The dry reeds are in the form of circles, and are presumed to be "nests" used by flying saucers, in that these mysterious craft have been seen to rise from these points on a marsh on at least three occasions.

The first "nest" was found by a 27-year-old banana grower named George Pedley, who saw a vapor-like saucer take off from the spot. The "nest" is about 30 feet in diameter, and within it the reeds are all flattened in a clockwise direction. Surrounding the area are healthy green reeds. The spot has been visited by newsmen and hundreds of curious people.

Mr. Pedley states that he was driving his tractor about 9 a.m. one morning, when he heard a loud hissing sound above the noise of the tractor. He then saw a flying saucer rise at great speed from a nearby swamp called Horseshoe Lagoon. It was a blue-gray object, about 25 feet across and nine feet high. It spun at a terrific rate of speed as it rose vertically to 60 feet. It

then made a shallow dive, and rose rapidly, continuing to travel at high speed until it was out of sight. Mr. Pedley added that he saw no portholes or antennas, nor signs of life of any kind aboard the craft.

Later, two smaller circles of the same sort were found a few yards away. In one, the reeds were flattened in a clockwise direction, as in the first; and in the other, they were flattened in a counter-clockwise direction.

Police and local officials were baffled. They said that if some machine which travels along the ground had made the "nests," there would be traces in the surrounding bush. But everything appears untouched except within the circles themselves. (Sydney, Australia Sun-Herald, 1/23/66.)

See also the important item at the top of Page 5, in the "Editorial Notes" section.

SAUCER LANDING IN SPAIN: A wire service dispatch dated February 7th tells of a UFO landing in a suburb of Madrid, on a ranch called "Relajal." This incident occurred at 8 p.m. on February 6th, and was observed by at least two reliable witnesses - one named Vincente Ortuno, and another who would not release his name. The object was described as disc-shaped, and of a bright orange color. It had three leg-like appendages underneath it.

The UFO remained on the ground for only a short time. In departing, it flew away at low altitude, barely clearing the nearby roof tops. A black burned spot was found at the exact spot where it had landed.

CLOSE SIGHTING BY POLICE AND OTHERS IN MAINE: Two patrolmen in Skowhegan, Maine, spotted a UFO about midnight on February 11th. It was 18 to 20 feet long, rounded on the bottom, and flat on top, and was moving toward Skowhegan from the northeast at a high rate of speed. The patrolmen, named Robert E. Barnes and Everett Laporte, stated that the object was at tree-top level. It was very sharp and distinct in shape, and its color was fiery orange.

Confirmatory sightings were made on local radar. Earlier the same evening, a couple driving near Skowhegan reported that their car lights went off, their engine died, and the radio stopped playing, all at the same time - apparently due to the close proximity of a UFO. Several other visual sightings were also made in the area. (Bangor, Maine Daily News, 2/14/66.)

NEWS BRIEFS: A strange UPI story from Hollywood tells of an actor named Stuart Whitman who claims that, during New York's mysterious power blackout last November 9th, two flying saucers pulled up outside his hotel window. The

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occupants chatted with him in English, and admitted they were responsible for the huge East Coast power blackout that occurred that day. The spacemen claimed this was "just a little demonstration of their power," intended to serve Earthmen as a warning to stop playing around with basic natural forces they do not understand. Whitman claims he is absolutely serious about having seen the saucers, even though no one else in highly-populated Hollywood came forward to confirm his story....

A great number of sightings are reaching us from Japan - among them, one dated December 19th, 1965, in which nine UFOs were seen hovering symmetrically in a line over Yokohama. All nine were apparently the same size, and each was black in color, and of a typical saucer shape. - On January 2nd, a white cigar-shaped UFO appeared over Yokohama for a period of a half hour, and later the same day a group of nine objects, also cigar-shaped, was seen hovering for five minutes over the city....

According to the Buenos Aires (Argentina) Cronica, another case of car motor failure caused by a UFO occurred on January 10th, on a road near Chascomus. Senor Mario Alvarez, accompanied by two other people, was driving on a lonely stretch of highway early that morning, when the engine suddenly went dead, and a blinding light appeared from overhead. They got out and saw a flying object of strange shape and lighting, moving slowly away from the vicinity. It then accelerated and disappeared rapidly into the night sky. Upon getting into the automobile, they found that the motor functioned normally again.

A baby sea monster, about 12 inches long, has been found off the coast of Peru. A team of scientists, headed by an American named Dr. Robert G. Menzies, dragged up the specimen from the ocean floor. They calculate that the creature, if it has the same growth rate as European eels are known to have, could attain an adult length of 100 feet! Said Menzies: "To the best of our knowledge, the adults are uninvestigated and unknown...."

A still photograph of a flying saucer, said to be the "most authentic" so far, has been taken by two young English women known to be of very high character. They saw the object while motoring in West Waterford, Eire. The object was moving quite slowly, giving the ladies time to get out a camera. Later, a famed British aviation historian, named Charles H. Gibbs-Smith, was shown the photograph. From careful examination of it, he was led to announce his belief that the object in question was indeed an interplanetary spaceship. (London Sunday Express, 1/23/66)....

According to an AP dispatch from about mid-January, three "mystery objects" landed in various parts of Spain at about the same time. Each weighed 31.74 pounds, and each was 14.9 inches in diameter. They were "believed to be from outer space," according to the dispatch; but no further details were given in this article, nor can we find any follow-up on it....

In early February, a UFO-minded employee of the United Nations, named Colman Von Keviczky, petitioned U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to establish an observer network among nations which are members of the world body. The petition was made in the form of a press release, which received considerable publicity. Confidential information reaching SAUCER NEWS from other sources indicates that U Thant has an active interest in the subject of flying saucers, and that the petition therefore did not fall upon deaf ears....

A UPI story dated February 15th tells of sensational recommendations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration made by the space science board of the National Academy of Sciences. They advised NASA of the possibility that sizable and "unimaginably strange" creatures may dwell on Mars, and they urged that the first unmanned spacecraft -

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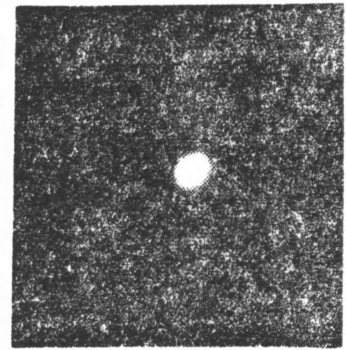
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scheduled to land on Mars in 1973 - should be equipped with cameras capable of sending back evidence of such beings....

The UFO pictured at the right was seen on the night of February 28th over Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Police Trooper Al Newport and numerous other people. It looked "a hundred times brighter than a star, and much larger." The picture was taken by Jim Tinkler, a resident of Tulsa. Another of the UFO sighters was SAUCER NEWS subscriber Bill Scott, who kindly sent us the clipping and photo. (Tulsa, Okla., 3/1/66; name of paper not known.)



MYSTERY LIGHT

While visiting Cleveland recently, your Editor came upon a U-2 pilot who claims to have made two exceptional UFO sightings in recent months. One was over North Carolina, and involves a "mother ship" seen hovering as his craft approached, and which then sped away in the opposite direction at several thousand miles per hour. The Navy has a gun-camera film of this incident, according to our informant. On another occasion, he was at 70,000 feet over Los Alamos, N. M., photographing the launching of two Corporal missiles, when a UFO came into view and was seen to pace the missiles on their course upwards. We have no way of confirming either story, nor can we release the name of this military pilot, for fear of getting him into trouble with the Powers That Be....

A flying saucer with a dome on top was seen near Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, on March 1st. Newspaper printer Alfred Quemby said he got out of his car to take a closer look, but the object then disappeared from view "at almost unbelievable speed." Another sighting was made, apparently at night, at nearby Lake Okanagan. A UFO hovered over the lake while a smaller object popped to the surface from beneath the water, remained on the surface for awhile, and then went up to join the larger object in the sky! Thereafter both UFOs flew away together. In still another incident, a noise "like a transport truck" was heard, followed by a quieter humming sound. In this latter instance, an apparent "scout ship" was seen to merge from its "mother," and then, after circling around briefly, went back inside it. (Vancouver, B.C. Sun, 3/2/66.)

VICE-PRESIDENT DISCUSSES POSSIBLE LIFE ON MARS: On March 28th, at the height of the recent saucer flap, Vice-President Humphrey called for international cooperation in Man's efforts to reach the planet Mars. The timing of this speech is most significant, we feel, and may represent an effort by the Government to gradually alert the country to the reality of UFOs.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a joint meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the American Astronomical Society, Humphrey said: "I know that the great dream of many of you is to make contact with life - and hopefully with intelligent life - perhaps on Mars, perhaps elsewhere in the Universe. I think that this prospect should give us renewed determination to order our affairs here on Earth. I hope that we shall move with increased urgency (italics ours) and dedication from our present perilously obsolescent international system into a new world order of freedom and justice under law."

NATION-WIDE SAUCER FLAP CONTINUES: Following the incidents in Michigan recounted on pages 23-25, further sightings were made in the same general area. On March 27th, the AP carried a story date-lined Bad Axe, Mich., about a mysterious blue light seen over Lake Huron during the early morning hours. The observers included three policemen.

On the 29th, the newspapers had a story about a radioactivity test made in a gravel pit near Hillsboro College (Michigan), where a mysterious ring had

been found. The results of the test were negative.

And on the same date, two women in Battle Creek, Michigan observed a glowing object speeding toward their car at tree-top level. It disappeared from sight shortly thereafter.

On March 23rd, UFO reports came in from Washington, D.C. and nearby Silver Springs, Maryland, where six people saw a strange white light traveling at fantastic speed across the horizon. On the same day, a similar report came out of Key West, Florida, where a group of theatre goers spotted UFOs while taking a break outdoors at intermission time.

On the night of the 24th, residents of Lake Carmel, in upstate New York, watched a UFO do strange maneuvers in the sky for 45 minutes. Mrs. Rose Placet, accompanied by her son and two daughters, saw a silvery object which changed shape during the period of observation. The previous night, Bruce Field of East Hampton, N.Y. saw a glowing torpedo-shaped object swoop down to within 500 feet of his car, as he drove along Montauk Highway near Riverhead.

An unconfirmed report reaching us on March 25th tells of a UFO that landed on a road in Oklahoma, scaring a truck driver out of his wits. A humanoid creature dressed in Khaki got out briefly, then returned to the craft and flew away. Additional sightings were made by other truck drivers in the vicinity. We have been unable to learn any details about this fascinating story.

Also on March 25th, flying objects were seen and heard over St. Louis, Missouri, by policemen and other reputable observers. An orange-colored mass with a flaming tail was seen speeding northward across the city at about 3:30 a.m. Then, at 5:30 a.m., a single observer saw a UFO with red, blue, green and yellow lights hover menacingly over him. There was even an unconfirmed report of a landing in a school yard in St. Louis!

Several good sightings were also made, five nights in a row, in and around Wanaque, New Jersey, scene of the well-remembered flap earlier this year.

Early on March 27th, a glowing blue object streaked across the North Carolina skies. Police in Newton, N. C. said it looked like a "big bolt of fire, with fire arcing off the edges." That same night, a pilot of a private plane said he saw something mysterious explode in the air southwest of New Orleans, Louisiana. No planes were reported missing, and the Coast Guard in New Orleans admitted that the incident was unexplained. And in Trinidad, Colorado, the same night, two students and a hotel night clerk saw a UFO with a pulsating light hover in the sky for a considerable period of time.

On March 28th, a UFO collided with an automobile on an expressway near Houston, Texas. The car, driven by Miss Donella Banning, has two dents in the roof. They are about five inches in diameter and 15 inches apart. Miss Banning and her mother caught a fleeting glimpse of the object, then heard something strike the car. The director of Houston's Burke Baker Planetarium said the thing might have been a meteorite; but no such fragments were found at the scene, and our opinion is that the object must have been traveling much slower than a meteorite. Otherwise it would have gone right through the roof, instead of just making dents.

In the closing days of March, more than a dozen UFO sightings were made in southern Maine. One of the best accounts came from a teen-aged amateur astronomer, who spotted an egg-shaped multi-colored object through his 60-power telescope on the night of the 29th. It had a glowing blue body and a string of red lights on the sides. The UFO went through a series of figure-eight maneuvers for about ten minutes, according to the boy.

Earlier, on March 23rd, John King of Bangor, Maine fired four shots at a glowing, cigar-shaped UFO. The object was less than one hundred feet away at the time. He believes that at least one of the bullets hit the craft, which appeared to be about 60 feet long and quite solid. It had a bluish light on one end and a white light on the other. The machine responded to the bullets

by zooming skyward, almost straight up. It swiftly vanished toward the north.

Other sightings were reported in late March over the Worlds Fair grounds in New York City, and we even have a brief story about a UFO seen and photographed by a highway patrolman right over Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. This is precisely where the Air Force's UFO files are located!

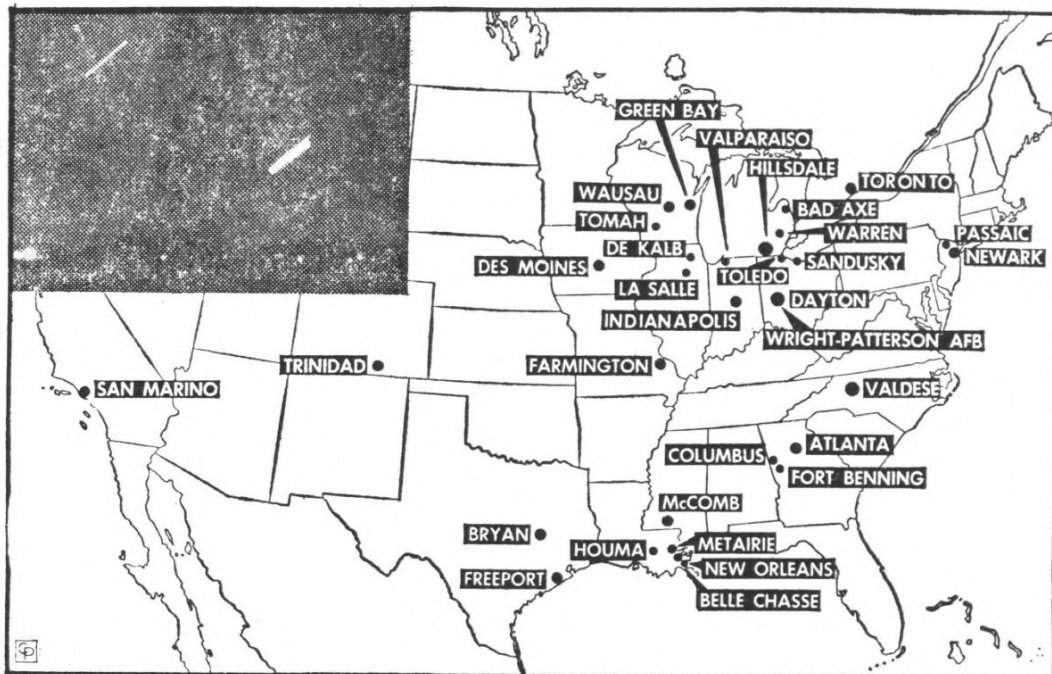
As the flap continued, however, the percentage of hoaxes and misinterpretations of conventional objects tended to increase. Several sightings in California, as well as in Westport, Connecticut and elsewhere, were solved as being balloons sent up by pranksters.

As usually happens during a big flap, noises were made about having a Congressional investigation; but, except for one brief closed hearing, nothing seems to have come of this. It does appear, however, that the Air Force UFO investigation will be improved and expanded from now on.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara was called upon to make a public statement. He said that neither we nor anyone else on Earth have any secret device resembling the UFOs. He added that although he could not "categorically deny" the possibility that we are being visited from outer space, he definitely does not believe we are receiving such visits.

Statements such as this, from McNamara and other high officials, tended to restore a degree of national calm on the UFO subject, and to make the average man on the street feel that there wasn't so much to the big flap after all. But the map below, plus the detailed sightings contained in this issue, confirm the fact that something really weird and really important is going on!

PRESS-TIME BULLETINS: Both Dr. Hynek and Major Quintinella deny our story on Page 24 regarding their argument about the Michigan flap, but we are still confident of our sources of information....On the night of April 1st, a Frontier Air Line pilot made a detour on his flight to Salt Lake City to look for a UFO known to be in the area, at the request of Lowery Air Force Base. He saw it, but could not catch up to it....On April 7th we learned of an incident in Ontario, Canada, about six weeks earlier, in which a boy was burned by touching a landed UFO! Details in Sept. issue....Life Magazine (April 1st) and The New Yorker (April 9th) have recently published very good saucer articles.



UFO SIGHTINGS—Here is where unidentified flying objects were sighted in the space of eight days the last of March. The inset is a photo of two over Southeastern Michigan.

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AIR FORCE CHANGES PAST FIGURES IN LATEST FACT SHEET: Regular readers of SAUCER NEWS know that, unlike most UFO organizations, we are not dedicated to finding fault with the Air Force at every available opportunity. However, the latest Air Force Fact Sheet, entitled "Project Blue Book, 1 February, 1966" contains some very strange information when compared to the information sheets released in previous years:

Careful analysis by our Staff shows that the Air Force has suddenly increased the sighting totals for every year since 1947, except 1949, 1952, and 1954, which they left unchanged. At the same time, they have decreased the total number of "unknowns" for 11 out of the 19 years in question. The net result, of course, is to greatly decrease the percentage of unknowns.

Consultation with a Pentagon spokesman reveals that the UFO office at Wright-Patterson Field is currently going over old cases for the purpose of increasing and improving their files. However, we find that for the year 1947, for example, the case total has suddenly risen from 79 to 122, while the number of unknowns has decreased from 22 to 12. Are we to believe that after so many years, the Air Force not only found 43 new sightings for 1947, but also managed to solve all of them, as well as 10 of the previously-listed ones?

Worst of all, the new Fact Sheet lists the total sightings to date (through 1965) as 10,147. Use of our adding machine reveals the true total of their own figures to be 10,047, i.e., one hundred cases less! Similar discrepancies are found in comparing fact sheets issued in previous years.

We can only shake our heads in bewilderment and ask what is going on here! We are not accusing the Air Force of conspiracy, but we definitely feel they owe a better explanation to the responsible researchers who are trying to understand their position.

FILM OF LOCH NESS MONSTER JUDGED TO BE GENUINE: Moving pictures taken several years ago by Tim Dinsdale, author of the book "Loch Ness Monster," have been declared to "probably" show an animate rather than an inanimate object, according to England's Lord Shackelton, Defense Minister for the Air Force. The pictures were analyzed at the request of Lord Shackelton by the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Center, widely regarded as one of the world's best interpreters of problem photographs. The film in question was taken by Dinsdale from a hillside near Loch Ness, and shows a triangular object, estimated to be five feet high, moving through the water about 1,300 yards away from the camera.

The report on the film states in part: "The object's size - although most of it was under water, was 92 feet in length and 6 feet across. The detailed tests showed that the object had a smooth continuous outline, unlike the jagged silhouette of a boat....One can presumably rule out the idea that this is any sort of submarine vessel, for various reasons, which leaves the conclusion that it is probably an animate object."

RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF: (Appearances are by the Editor unless otherwise indicated.)

Jan. 7th - Randi Show, WOR, with Gerard Wolfe, Alfred Jones, and others, discussing travel in South America.

Jan. 11th - Randi Show, with Col. John Gussak of the Adventurers' Club.

Jan. 19th - Lecture to the Adventurers' Club of New York.

Feb. 15th - Eugene Steinberg interviewed on WSB-TV, Atlanta, Georgia.

Feb. 15th - Steinberg on "Open Line" on WQXI, Atlanta.

Feb. 16th - Lecture by Steinberg for Greenfield's UFO club in Atlanta.

Feb. 22nd - Interview on Jerry Verbal's show, WMTR, Morristown, N.J.

- March 18th - Bob Zanotti Show, WFMU, with James Randi, Ivan Sanderson, and John J. Robinson, discussing saucers, ancient civilizations, monsters, etc.
- March 21st - "Long John Versus" Show, WNBC.
- March 23rd - Taped interview for NBC-TV news.
- March 26th - Alan Burke Show, seen on WNEW-TV & other Metromedia stations.
- March 29th - Speech to the Science Club of Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, New Jersey.
- March 29th - Barry Farber Show, heard on WOR and other radio stations. Dr. J. Allen Hynek was interviewed at the same time, by long-distance phone.
- March 30th - Taped interview on WBAI-FM in New York.

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: On February 18th, we had an unexpected "triple feature." Our main guest was Stewart Robb, the noted psychic researcher; and radio & T.V. personality James Randi was also present to say a few words about future plans. Unexpectedly, satirist Alan Abel dropped by, and rounded off the evening with a hilarious dissertation about the alleged fact that "science has proven that the big toe is receding at the rate of 1/100 inch per year." It wasn't really a "saucer evening," but it was a well-worthwhile meeting just the same!

On March 18th, Michael G. Mann, our Photo Editor, gave a fine slide lecture. We have some unusually good speakers lined up for the next few months; so, if you are not already on our special lecture mailing list, please write us. You will then receive a notice a week or so before each meeting. These lectures are usually (but not always) held on the third Friday of every month, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., New York City.

SAUCER BRIEFS: The third annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists will be held in Cleveland, Ohio from June 23rd to 26th this year. For details about the Congress and information on how to obtain advance tickets, please read the separate sheet on this subject enclosed with this issue....

Too late for inclusion in our list of editors on Page 3, Yonah ibn Aharon has rejoined our Staff as Historian, and Mel Stiriss has rejoined as Public Relations Director....

Virginia Brasington, author of "Flying Saucers in the Bible," is very seriously ill at her home in North Carolina. Last year, Mrs. Brasington spoke for our New York lecture group, and appeared on the Randi radio show with your Editor....

Max B. Miller, for many years editor of "Saucers," is now editor of a magazine called "Real,"

sold in news stands. The first issue under Miller's editorship contains a long article apparently written some time ago by saucer contactee John Otto....

The work of George Adamski, the late contactee, is being carried on by a foundation bearing his name. Gray Barker, who intends publishing a book about Adamski, has been receiving letters from Foundation members trying to suppress the book!

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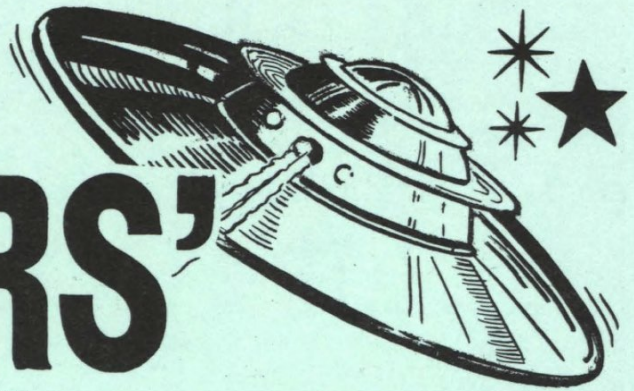
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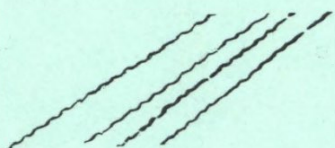
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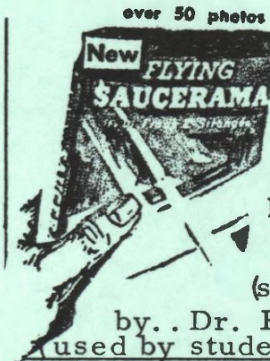
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