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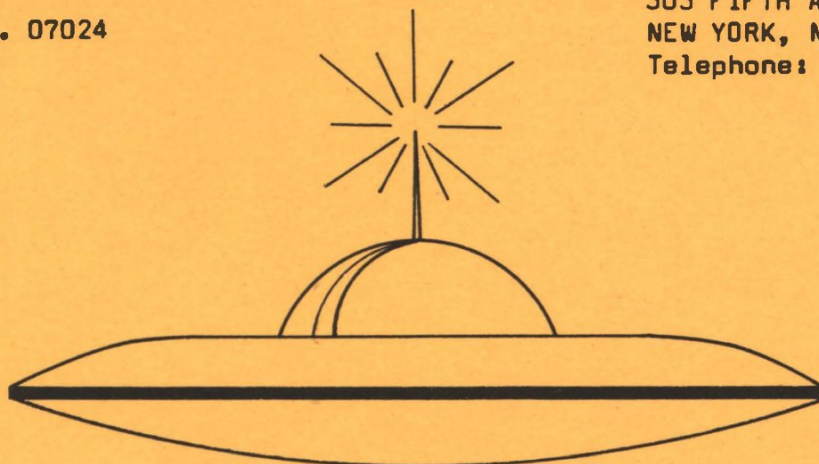
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PLANS FORGE AHEAD FOR GIANT 1967 NEW YORK SAUCER CONVENTION: As of this writing, plans for the 1967 flying saucer convention are already in high gear. Our 2-page advertisement on Pages 20-21 of this issue gives most of the details, including a list of our co-workers; but every week that passes brings us additional support. Too late for inclusion in the list on Page 20, two more radio and TV personalities have joined us as "honorary advisers." They are Terry Bennett, star of the Terry Bennett television show, seen from 9 to 12 a.m. every Sunday on Channel 11 in New York City; and Bob Barry, manager of radio station WXUR in Media, Pennsylvania. Our list of "consultants" now includes, in addition to Eugene R Steinberg, the following saucer researchers from around the country: Sol Lipsky, Pamela Spelman, Allen Greenfield, Al Manak, and Rick Hilberg. There is every indication that both the roster of "honorary advisers" and of "consultants" will continue to grow.

SAUCER NEWS subscribers, and, in particular, members of our newly-formed club (see page at left) can be of great help in our three-phase publicity drive: The first phase begins right now, and consists of our attempt to reach as many people as possible, in all parts of the United States, who might be able to attend the Convention in person. We have thousands of extra copies of the above-mentioned 2-page ad. If you have friends who might attend, write us and ask for as many of these (free) blurbs as you feel you can distribute. If you are editor of your own flying saucer zine, send for enough copies so that each of your subscribers can receive one in your next mailing.

The second phase of our publicity campaign will begin about April 1st, and will consist of an attempt to reach as many news media as possible in all parts of the country - newspapers, magazines, radio, and television. When April 1st rolls around, you can help us by ordering as many copies of the ad as you feel you can distribute to such media in your local area. Those of you who have opportunities to appear personally on radio or television programs can help us further by mentioning the Convention during your appearance. Remember, this is to be the first truly national UFO convention dedicated principally to the more conservative elements in ufology, although all reasonable viewpoints within the field of UFO research will be duly represented. It is up to you, our readers, to help us make this gigantic undertaking a success.

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Terry Bennett

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Already we have been promised, by more than a dozen leading researchers, the loan of attractive UFO and related exhibits, which will be on display at the Hotel Commodore beginning on June 22nd, the day before the Convention opens. We also hope to obtain free exhibits from NASA. The third and final phase of our publicity drive will consist of last-minute publicity in the New York metropolitan area, including a carefully-prepared effort to see that the exhibits are covered by local radio and television news programs. Since, at best, only a small percentage of the more than 2,000 seats at the Commodore Grand Ballroom can be occupied by out-of-towners, our only hope to break even financially is to encourage as many people as possible from the New York area to attend.

There is, so far, only one sour note. Of all the leading UFO personalities contacted by mail in regard to speaking at the Convention, Major Donald Keyhoe of NICAP was the only one who chose not to even give us the courtesy of a reply. We had offered him full use of our facilities, and we had promised to pay his travel expenses and any reasonable speaker's fee he might ask for. We did this in an effort to show that, as much as we disagree with many of his policies, we are nevertheless willing to listen to his viewpoint. We are heartened, however, by the fact that dozens of rank-and-file members of NICAP have already offered us their assistance and support. This would seem to show that the NICAP leadership in Washington, D.C. has lost its former iron grip on the thinking and activities of the rank-and-file.

CHANGES IN OUR STAFF: Due to the fact that he has found permanent employment in another part of the country, Eugene R Steinberg has resigned as Managing Editor. He is replaced by Pamela Spelman, who was until now a Research Associate. Mr. Steinberg continues on the Staff as an Associate Editor.

Yonah ibn Aharon has rejoined our Staff as Historian. He held the position of Assistant Editor at various times in the past.

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ABOUT OUR NEXT ISSUE: As usual, space limitations have caused us to postpone some of the good material we had intended for the present issue. Among this material is an excellent article by the famed English author and UFO authority Brinsley le Poer Trench. In it, he gives fascinating details about his recent trip to Japan, where he found enthusiasm for flying saucer research to be at a higher level than anywhere else in the world. He also tells about the International Sky Scouts, a UFO organization which now numbers over 10,000 members in eighteen countries.

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Letters to the Editor

I would like to congratulate you on the new design you have adopted for the cover of SAUCER NEWS. I agree that it is the best of the three cover designs. Also I wish to say that the Robinsons' article was very well written, and in my estimation it was as scientific an approach as can be made to such an elusive subject. It's about time that we tried to lump some of our assorted information into substantiated theories, and I'm glad to see your magazine forwarding this idea....Keep up the good work.

WILLIAM QUAY, Phoenixville, Pa.

I hope your new S.A.U.C.E.R.S. club is a huge success, for it's a good idea. I recently set up a UFO exhibit in my town's public library. SAUCER NEWS magazines were the chief items in the exhibit. This exhibit has been a huge success so far, according to the head librarian. She says it has caused quite a controversy, and as a result, the UFO books in the library are being circulated and read by the townspeople more than ever before. The head librarian has also decided to subscribe to SAUCER NEWS for the library. She asked me what I thought was the best UFO zine on the market, and I told her that SAUCER NEWS is definitely Number One...RONALD DAVID TARR, Rockport, Mass.

I have just made a fabulous trip to Japan at the invitation of CBA International, a large flying saucer group over there, claiming membership of ten thousand. I gave two talks in Tokyo, and inaugurated a fantastic Sun Pyramid built by the members of the CBA during the past year, in memory of a spaceman called Okikurumi-kamui, who landed at Haiopira in Hokkaido Island in the north of Japan eons ago. According to the legends of a very ancient race, the Ainu people, he brought them a knowledge of agriculture and of sun worship. Incidentally, I see that the National Geographic Magazine is going to do a piece on the Ainu people and their Sky People legends shortly.

My visit to Japan was memorable, because on the occasion of my talks in Tokyo, a message was flashed on the screen behind me on the stage, from Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Phillipines. It was a wonderful message, and is included in full in the article I am enclosing for you with this letter.

My visit was also a landmark in the history of Ufology, because I inaugurated this great pyramid in the presence of nineteen Ambassadors to Japan! The CBA have attracted the attention of many of the smaller nations, and these countries are definitely interested in UFOs. The big powers - U.S.A., England, Russia, France, etc. - were conspicuous by their absence, although they were invited. This all adds up to the fact that the clamp-down (if there is one) comes from the larger nations....

My new book "The Flying Saucer Story" has just been published in London by Neville Spearman, and the first edition has almost sold out in a matter of a few weeks. This is quite unlike my earlier books, as it is more of a handbook, giving an all-around account of the saucers. If you do not have a review copy, I will be glad to arrange with my publisher to send you one.

BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH, London, England

I received the Fall issue of SAUCER NEWS yesterday. Keep that cover design - It looks good....I hope someone will take enough interest to make an effort to identify those weird-looking balls that fell in Spain. The close-up resembles a bomb of some type. Perhaps someone who is familiar with such things could identify it. I don't think we should take it for granted as some kind of mysterious hardware from another planet, or the like, until a reasonable effort is made to discover just what it is....

ROBERT D. NULL, Maiden, N.C.

I found Peter Kor's attempt (Fall 1966 SAUCER NEWS) to rationally define the terms "physical" and "psychic" of great interest, but I do disagree on some points. He objects to the "kind of conjecture" that includes the possibility of "super physics" and prefers to speak of "substratic" phenomena which are intangible in nature though observable to some degree. It seems to me that he is quibbling a bit here. Newton would, I think, regard our present work in, say, electronics as being "super physics," and as dealing with "substratic" intangible phenomena. And were a Boeing 707 jetliner to appear in his time, he would positively know from his scientific knowledge that it simply could not be. It would have to be a hallucination or a misinterpretation of normal phenomena. Of course, if Mr. Kor, like the Patent Office head some 150 years ago who thought everything had been invented, feels we have learned all there is to learn - well, then we can rule out "super physics."

However, purely for discussion purposes - for that is about all that can be done with it - I'll consider the possibility of "substratic" phenomena for some UFO reports. But it still sounds like a conjectural variant on "super physics" to me....
 GEORGE W. EARLEY, Bloomfield, Conn.

The photo in your Fall issue, of the saucer sighted by the Brazilian Navy ship in 1958 is tremendous. Keep up the good work.

I would appreciate it if anyone who has viewed a UFO in New Jersey would send me information about the sighting, as I am becoming greatly interested in UFO occurrences.
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(Editor's Note: Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the above-mentioned photo should contact Michael G. Mann, 140 East 2nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218.)

In your June issue, you had a rather small article about a UFO mystery light and its picture, seen at Tulsa, Oklahoma. This article reminded me of another, with a similar picture. It was in the April 1966 issue of "True West," and concerned an object seen in the northeast corner of Oklahoma. It seems that this light has been glowing every night since it was first discovered in 1886. It is a glowing blob in the middle of a dirt road that stretches from the Missouri state line westward into Oklahoma. Through a high-powered telescope, the light reveals one of its secrets: It is actually composed of small lights which appear as one large light....If you chase the light in your car, it will disappear and reappear behind you. Some people claim to have seen this light climb fences. Several investigations, including one by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, during World War II, have failed to reveal the cause of the light. Today it is quite a tourist attraction, as it should be, because for 80 years it has remained a mystery....

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THE MOTIVE POWER OF THE FLYING SAUCERS - (Part One)

- by Hans Lauritzen -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Lauritzen is a leading UFO and science researcher, living in Denmark. It is a great honor to add him to our list of contributors.)

Physical powers which have been ignored until now give to the flying saucers their fantastic flying properties. The Soviet Academy of Science has declared that Russian space experts are working on calculations of new straight tracks for future voyages to the moon. The scientists of the Western world are astonished, and many of them are unprepared for the fact that the Russians use an entirely new system of propulsion - The Mechanical Accelerator.

Previously, the authorities both of western and eastern nations have maintained secrecy about this line of research and experiments. However, the space expert Eugen Semitjov was present at experiments with these new types of air and space ships, and he has written two excellent articles in the Swedish newspaper Afton-Bladet of January 6th and 7th, 1966.

There are many indications that the laws of nature, which were discovered hundreds of years ago by the great physicists Johannes Kepler and Isaac Newton, were misunderstood by science in subsequent years. Increasing numbers of scientists are coming to the conclusion that for hundreds of years, scientific calculations have been based on an incorrect or misinterpreted law. Kepler and Newton must have suspected the true state of things. This appears clear from renewed studies of the calculations of these pioneers.

The machine in question combines centrifugal power and gravitation. The result is a new motive power which can be guided in any direction required. This system can be made to develop a power sufficiently strong to lift a vessel in a vertical line from the ground.

According to recent experiments, the range of this mechanical accelerator includes all ranges of velocity - from stationary to speeds exceeding that of light - perhaps even many times faster than light. Such velocities open incredible perspectives. It should be possible in our lifetime to travel through the whole Milky Way, and even to other galaxies.

Einstein has said that at the velocity of light, time would stand still, and the mass of the space ship would grow into infinity. It thus would not be possible for any motive power to carry us faster than that. But the mechanical accelerator can pass through the wall of light. When we have passed it, will time then stand still, or will it go backward? A scientist of today, when asked this question, will simply smile and say, "no, time is a concept which we ourselves have created. There is no such thing as absolute time. There are just occurrences and movements."

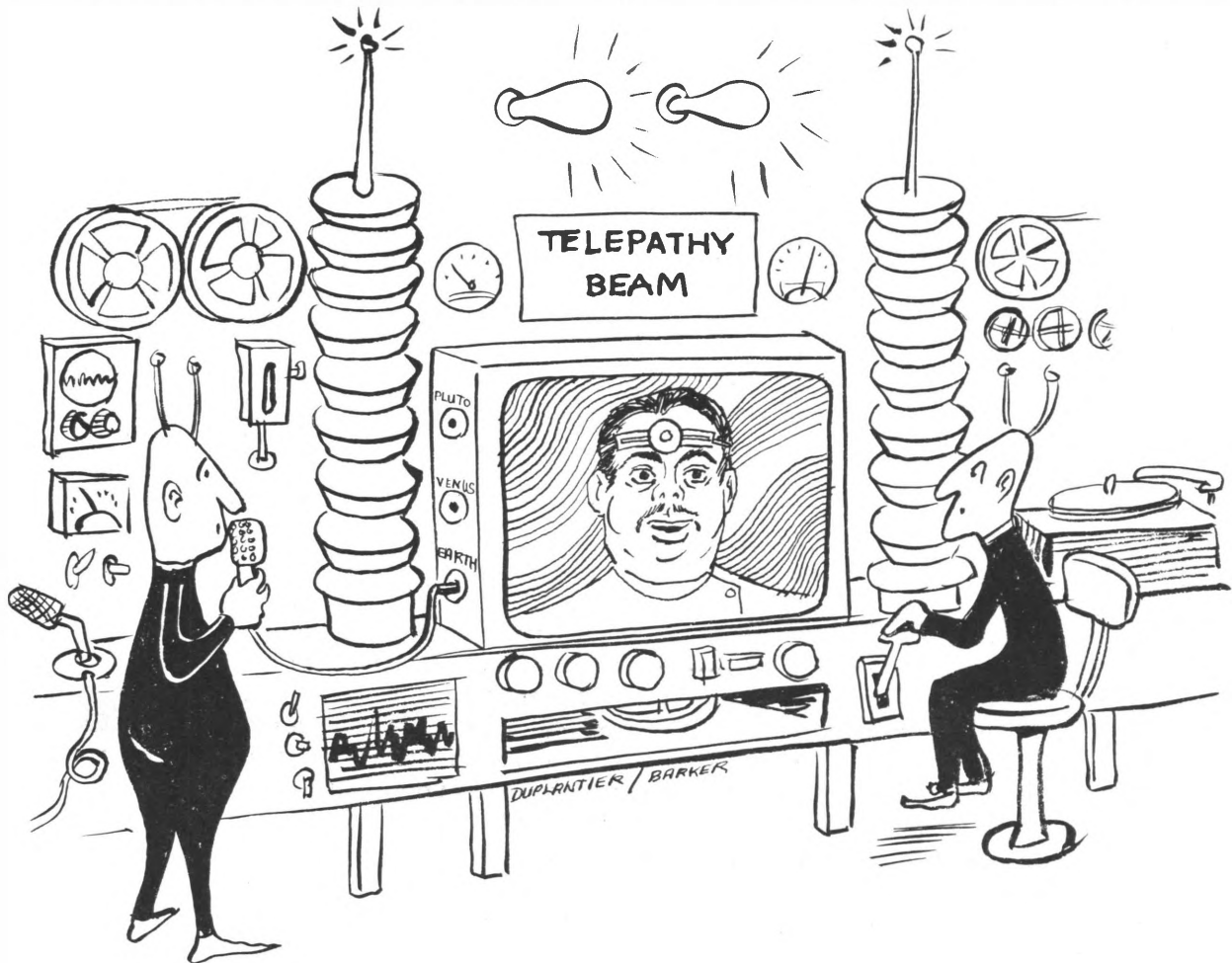
For a long time, I have been aware of the new systems of motive power. They are not something I myself have invented. The idea is far from being new. Experiments were made as far back as the 1930's, in Germany. Some years ago, statements were printed in several UFO periodicals to the effect that during World War II the Germans were experimenting with flying saucers in two factories in Czechoslovakia. The Russians are said to have taken over all the material and to have continued this research work. Perhaps this is true.

Many ufologists with technical and scientific interests have performed much work theoretically and experimentally, in order to find out what is the motive power of the flying saucers. Work has been done with electrostatic fields, as well as ionization and magnetic fields. Theories concerning anti-gravitational power have also been frequently presented. I shall now mention some of the proposals for experiments that my friends and I have prepared. Lack of time and of money have prevented me from actually making all these experiments.

We can imagine a construction in which a motor produces a rotary movement in a central axis on which three arms are suspended in moving joints with heavy weights attached to their ends. In the rotation, when the weights and the arms move upwards, the arms each pass through a vertically-placed tube, which has a groove to allow free movement to the arm. The tube is attached to a plate at its bottom, and this plate is also rotating. At the top of the tube a strong spring is attached, its other end hanging loosely down in the tube. As soon as the centrifugal force starts, the arms with their weights will move upwards through the grooves in the tubes. Thus, they run up against the springs; The faster the centrifugal force is produced, the higher is the upward movement of the arms and the stronger is the tension of the springs between the arms and the top of the tubes.

The springs are now entirely compressed, and exercise a strong upward pressure on the top of the tubes, which are themselves attached to the construction through the likewise rotating plate. The springs exercise just as much downward pressure on the arms, but it has been found that a slight percentage of this downward pressure is not transmitted to the construction, due to the great amount of centrifugal force, and thus the entire construction is correspondingly lightened. It is important to the efficiency of this model that a very rapid rotation be induced. The longer the arms and the greater the distance of the tubes with springs in the direction of the weights, the higher is the efficiency of the model.

I do not at this time possess any information as to the degree of effi-



"It's the Mystic Barber, jamming our frequency again!"

ciency that may be obtained by this model; but it seems obvious that very large dimensions must be used, and consequently I do not recommend this model as a prototype.

Another effective model is the following: Into a large hollow fixed ball (or a piece of tube), a rotating axis is placed in such a way that it is considerably closer to the upper part of the ball. Through the axis, in the center of the ball, a rod is placed which is somewhat smaller than the diameter of the ball. It must be possible to place this rod through the hole in the axis with as little resistance (friction) as possible. Moreover, at its ends, it has small but heavy balls which can slide around like the ball of a ball-point pen. We can visualize that the movement starts when the rod is in a vertical position, so that the part of the rod lying below the axis is much longer than the upper part. When the axis is rotating, the long end of the rod will turn upward, toward the top of the ball, which is closer to the axis, and thus the ball in the rod is pressed very strongly against the top, owing to the rotation. In this way, the rod is pressed through the hole in the axis until it is just possible for it to pass the point of shortest distance between axis and top. Then, when this upper part of the rod has passed the shortest distance to the top, the other part of the rod, which has now become the longest, will be pressed against the top, etc.

By a construction of large size, with a fast rotation, the upward power toward the top of the ball will be considerable, and this upward thrust will be transmitted to the construction itself. Thus, the rotating movement is transformed into a movement in one direction - in this case upward. With a sufficient number of synchronized balls (or tubes), the upward power will be so great that the construction will be able to fly. This construction, called the "Hallberg Device," converts a rotating movement into a movement in one direction. If any interested person wishes to attempt to construct this device, further details may be obtained from the inventor, Mr. Benny Hallberg of Sweden.

I shall now mention a model which is similar to the model with the three arms. The fundamental construction is the same, but there are no tubes or springs. The weights at the ends of the arms are shaped like hemispheres (or spheres, possibly flattened on top.) The outer edge of the superstructure of the vessel is constructed in such a way as to fit exactly together with the balls, and it is placed in such a way as to prevent the balls from reaching the topmost free position during rapid rotation. Thus the balls exercise an upward pressure on the superstructure during the rotation. The point of contact between the balls and the superstructure is made in such a way that the upward pressure of the balls is spread out onto the greatest possible amount of surface area. The frictional resistance between the two absolutely smooth surfaces is generated because the molecules are ionized, and they therefore try to bind each other. Some of the new alloys, made of non-metals under fantastically high pressure, which give the same strength as metals or even more, can no doubt be used to advantage for this pressure.

By this construction, a great upward pressure is exercised on the superstructure by the three rotating balls, whereas part of the downward pressure of the balls will not be transmitted to the construction, owing to the rapid rotation. The reduction in weight must be extremely slight in a small model, and consequently it is not recommended as a prototype.

(to be continued.)

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DID I CONTACT A SPACE MAN?

- by Gray Barker -

This is one of the weirdest experiences I have ever encountered, during all of the many years I have been investigating the flying saucer mystery. In fact, it is so "far out" that I have never before related it to anybody - except for a few close friends. Because of my reputation of being a reliable and objective researcher, frankly I was afraid the story might give me the tinge of "crackpot".

It happened in June, 1959, on a muggy summer night. I was working late at my office, in the Ritz Theatre Building, when a slow knock came at the door. The man who entered the door was a complete stranger. Although there was nothing particularly strange about him, I recall that his presence gave me what I later described to myself as a "funny feeling". The man, about 22, was of average size and build, and appeared to be of some foreign extraction, though I couldn't place him exactly. If I guessed, I would say Southern Italy or Sicily. If the man had any accent at all, I would describe it as "neutral" - something like that employed by British actors who must appear in movie roles as Americans.

He said he lived in Clarksburg, but was quite evasive when I asked him his exact address. He wouldn't give me his name, and explained that he didn't want any publicity. It seemed he had heard of my work in flying saucer research and wanted to get my opinion about a frightening incident in which he was involved on the previous day.

He was hiking on a nearby hill, when, about dusk, he saw a brilliant light approaching from the direction of Fairmont, a nearby town. It then hovered almost directly above him, and slowly settled to Earth. His description of the object was not very clear. I gathered it was half-physical and half "invisible", as he put it, for it apparently wavered in and out of focus as it rested on the ground.

My visitor had been frozen in his tracks and felt a tingling sensation throughout his body. He was not frightened, he claimed, only "spellbound".

When the object was in a solid form, it had the shape of the "classic" saucer, which he excitedly pointed out when he saw the cover of the book "Flying Saucers Have Landed," which I took from my office bookshelf. Otherwise, it was one of the strangest objects ever reported to me. It constantly changed colors of brilliant hues, and beautifully varying shades. Intermittently, he detected windows or portholes.

Another strange aspect of the description was the "message" the object communicated in an unusual way. Now and then a series of letters appeared amid the flashing colors. They spelled out "A-L-A-N," though my visitor indicated the name meant nothing to him, for he knew nobody by that first name.

I racked my brain for an interpretation of this strange apparition, and then something occurred to me. I picked up a copy of Daniel Fry's book, titled "Alan's Message To Men Of Earth." The connection to the mystery of the flying saucers seemed evident. The visitor said he would like to borrow the book, and read it to determine if he could find any connection between it and his experience.

The man became unusually tense each time he described the landing, and asked, "Mr. Barker, can you tell me what all of this means?"

As I took copious notes, I interjected information about what had happened previously in UFO history, yet all the while scrutinizing my visitor closely. I still tried to place his national origin and neutral accent.

Then he asked a most unusual question.

"If somebody from outer space landed on Earth, what do you think he would look like?"

I thought about this question for a moment, as I recalled George Adamski's and Howard Menger's descriptions of the space people they purportedly met and conversed with, even though I didn't completely accept their claims. I also reflected on my conversation with Willy Ley, the famous rocket expert, who told me he believed such aliens would stand upright, have appendages similar to ours, and probably resemble us in many other respects.

"Well, I replied, "come to think of it, I believe they might look a great deal like us, although upon close inspection, you probably could tell some difference.

"They would probably be intelligent people who would very likely have monitored our radio programs so that they could speak our language. You should be able to detect something funny about the accent...." and I stopped abruptly.

The man rose, as if to leave, and, since I was long overdue at home, I covered my typewriter, and told him I'd walk him out of the building. He declined my offer of dinner, but mentioned that, if I were driving his way, he would be happy to have me take him home. Curious to know just where he lived, I assured him the general address he had given was on my way, even though it wasn't.

By that time it was, of course, very dark, and a slight drizzle had begun. I must confess I felt just a bit of apprehension as we drove around the remote section of town my visitor said he lived in. He was still not too definite about his precise address, and seemed to want to talk more.

Finally, he indicated a modern looking house, situated in the middle of a block, and I pulled to the curb. He thanked me for my time. Then, however, his conversation took an unusual turn.

"Those people in that house where I live. They don't know that I am a being from another planet!"

I must admit that only my sense of humor overcame the apprehension I would have felt otherwise, and I made a small joke, hoping to relieve the tension.

The man stepped from the car, and stood in front of it. His face was deadly serious.

"You do not believe!" he stated in a new, almost sonorous tone. "Put your car in gear, and try to run me down. Then you will believe!"

Now I am known as one of the most curious fellows one is likely to find, especially in regard to the subject of possible visitations from outer space. But this time, I decided not to pursue research any further. I was not particularly fearful that he was a man from Mars, whom one could run over without inflicting any injury, who might vanish, or even wreck my car. But I did fear that he was probably a completely terrestrial John Doe who indeed lived in that house, and I wasn't going to take any chances.

I put my car in reverse, waved at the man, and swung into the street, giving him a wide berth. As I slowed a bit and glanced through my rear-view mirror, I saw him entering the house.

Being somewhat nonplussed and slightly embarrassed about the matter, I did not return myself, but, instead, had my assistant, John Sheets, check out the house. John was given a cover story to the effect that he had met a man on a bus who had given him that specific address, and he wanted to check with him about some matter.

I was not overly amazed when John reported that an elderly couple lived in the house; that they had no children or relatives, or any boarders. A check with the local police didn't shed any light on the matter either.

If I really was hoaxed, I must say that "spaceman" must have gone to a lot of trouble to attempt to frighten me. I do not have a reputation of gullibility, and I am, in fact, very skeptical in my approach to the subject of flying saucers. But I still wonder about that strange visitor. And, needless to say, my copy of Dan Fry's book was never returned.

RECENT NEWS

DR. HYNEK PUBLICLY CRITICIZES SCIENTISTS' ATTITUDE TOWARD UFOs: In an open letter to Science Magazine, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, 20-year head of the Air Force's panel of scientific consultants, charged that American scientists have demonstrated a form of "provincialism" in failing to tackle one of the great mysteries of the 20th Century.

Hynek warned that present attitudes toward UFOs parallel those toward meteorite reports 150 years ago, when science ridiculed the notion that stones fell from the sky. He noted that twenty years after the first major public furor over UFOs, reports continue to accumulate at a rate much greater than in the early days of the "craze." He went on to say that in the past two years, sightings have reached a new high, and public interest in the subject is greater now than ever before.

Dr. Hynek admitted that "each wave of sightings adds to the accumulation of reports which defy analysis by present methods of attack." Said he: "It is my considered opinion that selected UFO reports deserve at least as much attention as a Brink's robbery, a kidnapping, a counterfeiting ring or a narcotics case. An investigative process in depth is necessary here if, after all these years of confusion, we want some answers."

Dr. Hynek also admitted that he has learned the fallacy of assuming that all UFO reports are the products of hysterics, crackpots, or cranks. "The opposite is much nearer the truth," he said. "Only a negligible handful of reports submitted to the Air Force or to any other organization are, as far as I know, from "true believers." (The Newark, N.J. Star Ledger, 8/28/66; The Cleveland, Ohio, Press 8/29/66; The N.Y. Post, 9/2/66. Credit: Nicholas Nestor and Michael Generelli.)

RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF: (Appearances are by the Editor unless otherwise indicated, and are on metropolitan New York stations unless otherwise indicated.)

- June 16th - Long John's all-night WNBC show, with Gray Barker & others.
- June 21st - Taped interview on WKCR-FM, the Columbia University station.
- June 23rd - Taped interview on WJW in Cleveland, with Gray Barker, Allen Greenfield, Rick Hilberg, and others.
- June 23rd - WKYC, Cleveland, with Gray Barker, Al Manak, Rick Hilberg, and others.
- June 24th - WERE, Cleveland, with Gray Barker, Al Manak, Don Cook, Timothy Green Beckley, and others.
- June 25th - Lecture to the "open session" of the Third Congress of Scientific Ufologists, in Cleveland.
- June 27th - The Jack McKinney Show, WCAU, Philadelphia, with John Fuller.
- July 6th - Long John's all-night WNBC show, with John Fuller and others.
- July 7th - Taped interview on Barbara Buchanan's program on WHBI-FM.
- July 12th - Bob Barry's program on WXUR in Media, Pa.
- July 14th - Lecture to the Bell Telephone Laboratory's saucer club.
- July 14th - Long John's show, with Art Ford and others.
- July 18th - The Jack McKinney Show, WCAU, Philadelphia, with John Tyler and Eric Norden.
- August 24th - The Jack McKinney Show, with Bob Golka.
- Sept. 11th - Taping of an interview on the Terry Bennett Show, WPIX-TV (Channel 11 in New York), seen on Sept. 25th.
- Sept. 14th - Bob Barry's program on WXUR in Media, Pa.
- Sept. 15th - Long John's show, with Dominick Lucchesi and others.
- Sept. 27th - Interview on Jerry Verbel's program on WMTR in Morristown, New Jersey.

NEWS BRIEFS: Beginning with the December issue, your SAUCER NEWS Editor has become a Contributing Editor of "Real" Magazine, which has a newsstand circulation of about 150,000. He will write a column called "Offbeat" for each issue of this bi-monthly magazine. Among the other contributing editors is saucer researcher Frank Edwards, author of the best-selling book "Flying Saucers: Serious Business." The Editor of "Real," Max B. Miller, has been interested in UFOs for many years. He was, for approximately a decade, Editor of a magazine called "Saucers," which was one of the pioneer UFO zines, pre-dating the founding of SAUCER NEWS by about three years. Since every issue of "Real" will contain a considerable amount of UFO material of various sorts, we advise you to buy it regularly....

The July, 1966 issue of the British UFO magazine "Orbit" contains an interesting article, reprinted in part from an earlier issue of "Saucer Forum," another British zine. The article concerns an alleged contact made by a man named Bryant, just a few hours after George Adamski's death in April of 1965. According to Bryant, he met three beings aboard a spacecraft. Two of them were definitely extraterrestrials, but the third looked different from the others, and called himself "Yamski." Yamski said he was from Venus, and added: "If only Des or Les were here, he would understand." He spoke in "a mid-European accent with a touch of American." The implication - however fantastic - is that George Adamski has returned from the dead....

In Rome, a fake Martian was arrested last July and charged with fraud. A young law student named Patrizio Rinassa was the perpetrator of an attempted swindle upon Fernando Russo, a member of the Italian Supreme Court, who had formerly been one of Rinassa's instructors. Knowing the professor's interest in extraterrestrial life, the student attempted to persuade him to exchange a diamond ring for a pill that would give him the ability to live three hundred years. The professor called the police, who closed in at the moment the exchange was being made, and the interplanetary hoax was over. (UPI, 7/4/66. Credit: David Connelly and Rev. Guy Cyr)....

A physicist at University College, London, has come up with a new twist to the theory that we may be surrounded by an invisible universe of anti-matter. The scientist, named F. R. Stannard, writing in a recent issue of "Nature," says that, in order to preserve symmetry in nature, time would run backwards (to us) in such a universe. From our point of view, its inhabitants would appear to be getting younger, their lives would terminate at birth, and parents would always out-live their children. Yet, it would be difficult if not impossible for us to perceive this universe. If we could communicate with it, we could conceivably learn about our future from its inhabitants, since our future would be their past! (AP, 8/15/66. Credit: A.P. Lake and Agatha Graits)....

An Akron, Ohio owner of a drive-in movie theatre has cleared part of his property as a landing field for flying saucer pilots. He has made several UFO sightings during the past few years, and is a firm believer. In fact, he tries to beam saucers onto his landing field by mental telepathy - so far, without success. (Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer. Credit: David Connelly)....

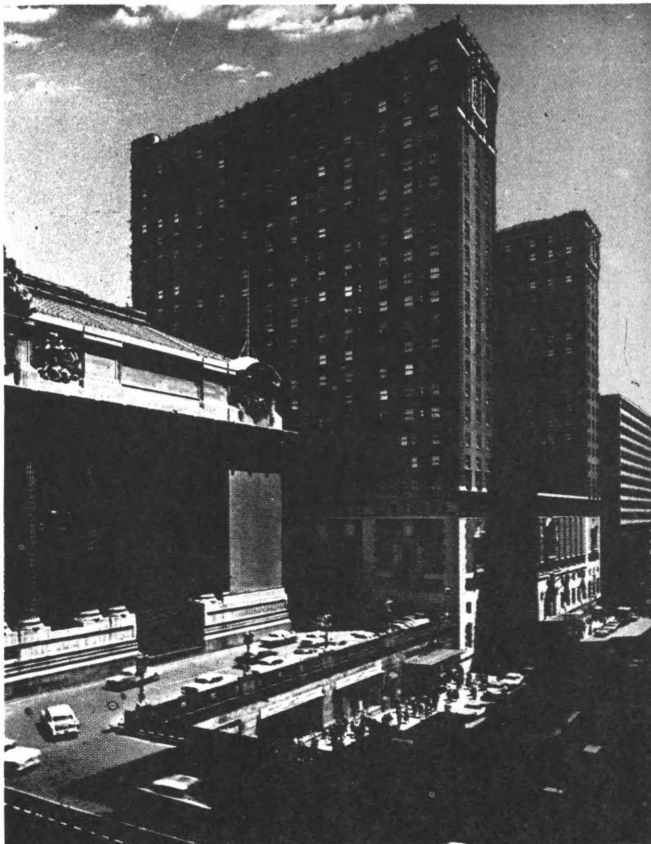
Similarly, a radio station in Little Rock, Arkansas, has offered free air time to "the passengers of any unidentified flying objects." The time could be used by these "passengers" to air their views on any topic, within reason, and any listener who opposed the views would have air time in which to reply. There were no takers for this offer, apparently. (AP, 8/17/66. Credit: Shelly Allen)....

An interesting new theory which might explain some UFO sightings has been advanced in Aviation Week & Space Technology Magazine, by a science writer named Phillip J. Klass. According to this theory, UFOs seen near high-tension electric power lines (as in the Exeter, N.H. cases) may be balls of ionized air, related to "ball lightning." Until the late 1940's, even "ball

lightning" itself was discounted by scientists, and even now its existence is not universally accepted. John J. Fuller, author of "Incident at Exeter," in replying to Klass's article, strongly denied that any significant portion of the low-level Exeter sightings could have been caused by electrical discharge. (The N.Y. Times, 8/23/66; The Burlington Free Press, 8/23/66; The N.Y. Post, 8/25/66. Credit: Justin Case and Michael Veprauskas)....

About September 1st, a monster was sighted by two teen-aged girls near Fontana, California, setting off a massive monster hunt by hundreds of local residents on each of several nights following the incident. The girls had described a brown "bush beast," seven feet tall, covered with moss and slime which made a dramatic appearance a few feet from their automobile. (Credit: Robert Null)....

On September 6th, your Editor, together with researcher Gordon Evans, paid a visit to Lt. Col. George P. Freeman, Jr., the new officer at the Pentagon in charge of UFO information for the Air Force. Also present was Sarah Hunt, the civilian Air Force employee who answers most of the saucer-oriented mail received at the Pentagon. As is usually the case with such visits, we learned very little. However, we did obtain a copy of a new document in a series called "The Library of Congress Legislative Reference Service." This document is No. SP-109, and is entitled "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects." Although inevitably slanted toward the Air Force's negative viewpoint, this 50-page booklet



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An unmanned submarine, propelled by electromagnetism, has been developed by three students at the University of California, under the guidance of Dr. Stewart Way, a professor of mechanical engineering. This is the first craft of any kind to operate on this new principle, and it may revolutionize underwater navigation, according to its inventors. The present model is 10 feet long and 18 inches thick. It moves silently three feet under the water, at 2 miles per hour. This craft was developed at a cost of only \$1,500. Larger, more expensive models could dive as deep as the hull could stand, and could be large enough to haul a crew at speeds comparable to those of present-day submarines. (AP, 9/8/66. Credit: Joe Bicking)....

A North Carolina State University psychologist named Dr. E.E. Bernard, is convinced that the minds of many individuals can leave their bodies and drift away, uninhibited by physical barriers or distance. This phenomenon, usually called astral projection, has seldom before been investigated by competent scientists, and we at SAUCER NEWS are hopeful that the good Doctor will continue his research. (AP, 9/13/66)....

The latest word on our friend the Loch Ness Monster comes from Roy Mackal, a professor at Chicago University, who claims the beast is a giant sea slug. He states that the accumulated films, still photographs, and documented data of various kinds prove that there is indeed a living species in the loch. However, the expedition of which he is a part has come up with no monster sightings as yet. (The N.Y. World Journal-Tribune, 9/21/66. Credit: P.Spelman)

Our friend August C. Roberts, who took the photo below, has just been assigned to the editorial staff of a brand new newspaper in Wayne, New Jersey, called "Wayne-Today." He will do free-lance photo work for the paper.

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: The past few months have seen the size and enthusiasm of our monthly lecture audiences grow tremendously - partly due to renewed saucer interest in general, but mainly due to publicity received on the Long John Nebel radio program (WNBC in New York, midnight to 5 a.m.)

On August 19th our speaker was the psychic researcher Stewart Robb, who is one of Long John's group of regular panelists. Robb, who has been our guest several times before, spoke this time using material which will appear in print shortly in his forthcoming book called "Reports from Beyond."

On September 16, a near-capacity crowd in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Woodstock heard Dominick Lucchesi tell of his UFO experiences during the past fifteen years. The height of the evening was when Mr. Lucchesi showed a small



black box (see photo), which he claims to have found on a farm in Sussex County, N.J. in 1957, in an area where UFOs had been landing frequently. The box emits a strange light and sound, both of which change in intensity and frequency in such a way as to indicate that the mechanism is still in contact with the aliens who built it. This artifact will be among the many interesting exhibits at our giant 1967 saucer convention.

The September 16th meeting was marred by the fact that John J. Robinson, the Assistant Chairman of our Discussion and Lecture Committee, had his tape recorder stolen, together with the recording of Mr. Lucchesi's lecture. It had been our practice, during the past few months, to record each lecture for the benefit of interested persons unable to attend. Due to the unexplained loss of the recorder and the tape, we have decided to discontinue this practice until next year's Convention.

For those who are interested, we do have tapes of the following lectures, at \$4.95 each: June 19th, 1964 lecture by photo expert August C. Roberts; March 18th, 1966 lecture by photo expert Michael G. Mann; April 22nd, 1966 lecture by Gordon Evans, giving a description of his exclusive photos of the canals on Mars; May 20th, 1966 lecture by John Fuller, author of the best-selling book "Incident at Exeter"; June 17th, 1966 lecture by saucer author and publisher Gray Barker; and the above-mentioned lecture by Stewart Robb. Be sure to let us know if you wish to obtain any of these tapes.

Our list of speakers for the next few months is an impressive one: On October 21st, Bob Golka, an engineer from Massachusetts, will give his theories regarding the propulsion system used by the UFOs; On November 18th, UFO researcher Richard Basile will discuss the philosophy of the Space People; On December 16th, the world-famous naturalist Ivan T. Sanderson will lecture on UFOs, monsters, and other "Fortean" subjects; On January 20th, 1967, Rabbi Yonah ibn Aharon will discuss his Biblical theories; and on February 17th, August C. Roberts will again be our guest. March, April, and May of 1967 have not yet been booked. In June of 1967 there will be no lecture at the Hotel Woodstock. Instead, we will hold our three-day Convention at the Hotel Commodore, as described elsewhere in this issue.

If you live in the New York area and wish to receive our monthly lecture notices, simply send us your name and address. These meetings are held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., usually on the third Friday of each month.

PRESS-TIME BULLETINS: Professor Roy Mackal has announced a fantastically close sighting of the Loch Ness Monster, made by a number of members of the Loch Ness Phenomena Investigation Bureau, including the Professor himself. (See also earlier story on Page 15.) The elusive beast was only thirty yards away - so close that the bureau's high-speed cameras could not tilt low enough to photograph it. (New Haven, Conn. Register, 9/27/66. Credit: Wm. Lutters and Gladys Fusaro)....The Air Force plans to investigate a mysterious rocket-like object which was accidentally found by treasure hunters, four miles off the coast of southern Florida. Officials at Homestead A.F. Base said they had no idea where the mechanism came from, and discounted theories that it was a missile dropped by a craft from a nearby base. (Hartford, Conn. Times, 9/27/66. Credit: David Martin)....Through pains-taking personal investigation, saucer researcher John Keel has come up with a sequel to the Erie, Pa. monster sighting of July 31st. (See Page 28.) A lady who insists on remaining anonymous saw, at 5:30 a.m. on August 3rd, a humanoid creature with a huge, moon-shaped head walking on the street outside her home. Details in our Spring issue!

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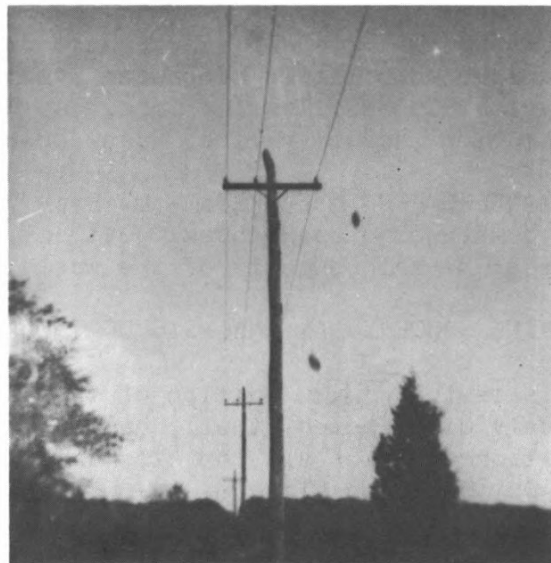
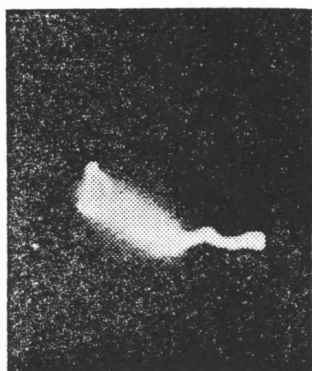
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THE THREE PHOTOS AT TOP OF PAGE are part of a series taken in the early a.m. hours of July 27th by Art Richardson, chief photographer for the High Point, N. C. Enterprise. That same night, UFOs were seen by police and others over a wide area of North Carolina. (See story on Page 30.) THE TWO MIDDLE PHOTOS were taken by Harold A. Trudel on the afternoon of July 24th. Trudel was accompanied by Joseph Ferriere, Editor of the UFO magazine "Probe." The story was headlined in the 8/22 edition of the Woonsocket (R.I.) Call. Ferriere, who has made numerous other sightings, said that the object was only 3 to 4 feet in diameter, and about 150 feet away from the camera. The pair had hiked two miles into the woods, following high-tension power lines, in hopes of making a saucer sighting. These pictures, showing one and two UFOs respectively, were their reward. THE PHOTO AT RIGHT shows part of a display set up by John Valley, a young man who has become an enthusiastic member of our S.A.U.C.E.R.S. club as well as a member of Operation Skytrace, the nation-wide saucer spotters' club which we have helped to set up. The sign in the photo gives our address on the left and Valley's on the right.



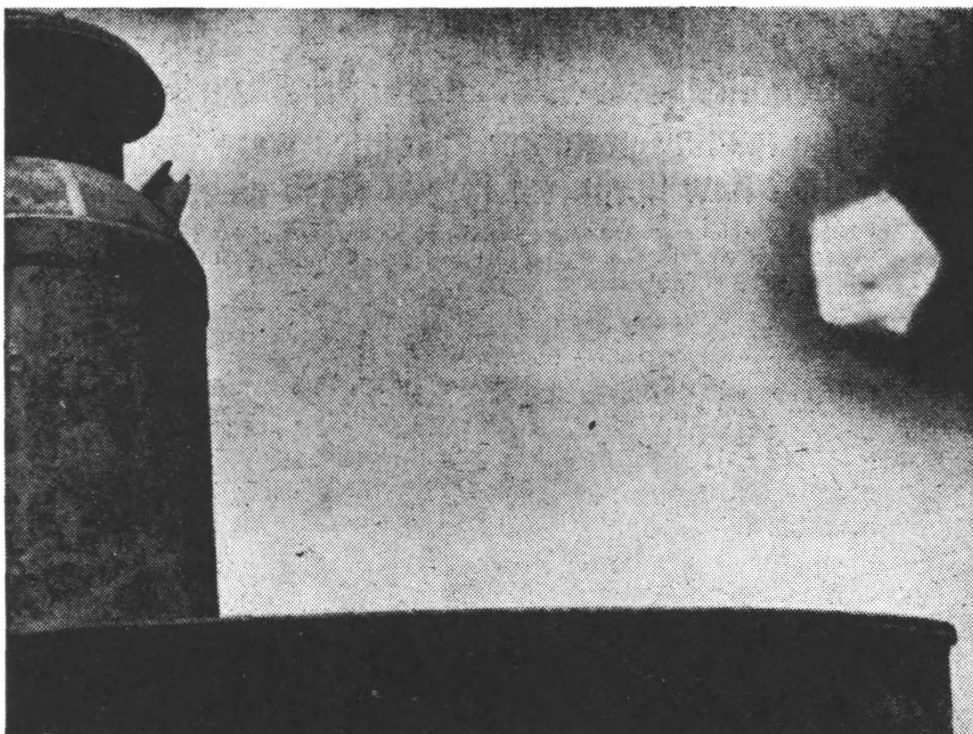


PHOTO AT LEFT was taken on July 31st by a cameraman for the New Castle (Pa.) News. The photographer, named Joseph Yost, was taking pictures of a milk can on top of a 55-gallon barrel with the sky as a background when he inadvertently caught the UFO in the background of one shot. The photo is almost identical to a drawing made by Douglas Tibbets, one of the witnesses to the

Erie, Pa. landing which occurred that same evening. (See story on Page 28.)

THE PICTURES BELOW were taken by a correspondent of ours in Melbourne, Australia, who has asked to remain anonymous. The photo at the right is a blow-up of the one at the left. The sighting occurred at 2:21 p.m. on April 2nd, and lasted only about 6 seconds. The object appeared solid, and was turning slowly in flight. After tipping its flat side briefly toward the observer, it moved

off rapidly in a northerly direction. A loud boom was heard as the UFO departed, although it had made no sound at all until then. We are impressed by the obvious sincerity of this sighter, as well as by his highly respectable background. He has sent us a detailed analysis of the sighting and the photo, which space does not permit us to use.



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FLYING SAUCERS THROUGH THE AGES - by Paul Thomas (Neville Spearman, Ltd.)
(Translated from the French by Gavin Gibbons)

- Reviewed by Richard E. Wallace -

Extraterrestrialism is pseudo-terminology for the exploration into the possibility that certain events recounted in the Bible actually describe visitations of beings from another planet in ancient times. Although a small number of generally good books on this topic have appeared in print, we have yet to see the definitive work - a book that will dispel all of our lingering doubts as to the likelihood that this hypothesis is true. We might be forgiven, therefore, if we expected more from this book than it could ever hope to deliver.

Rather than fusing the myriad of seemingly unrelated incidents in the Bible into a coherent whole, we are led further down the path to confusion. We find it in evidence even before the first chapter is upon us. In a "Translator's Note," we are told that Paul Thomas is not really Paul Thomas. "He is Mr. Paul Misraki, the well-known French musician and composer of popular songs."

Indeed, translating and interpreting the Bible is a very difficult task for one to undertake. We freely admit that we lack the qualifications to engage in such a study in depth. So for sheer perseverance and fortitude, Misraki-Thomas is to be commended. But for him to fully earn our respect, he had to first acquit himself as an expert of modern flying saucer lore. He didn't even get to first base.

Even as we read through the introductory chapters of this book, a few unquotable oaths were wrenched from our lips. How Misraki-Thomas can commit so many egregious errors in the course of a very few pages, we will never know.

Somehow, he has decided that the U.S. Air Force only classifies as "unknown" those sightings in which the UFOs are observed simultaneously by the usual witnesses on the ground, pilots of military aircraft in flight, and on radar. With stringent criteria such as this, we may safely discard fully 75 percent of all supposedly "unexplained" reports.

This is, of course, what Misraki-Thomas has done. He manages to compute the total number of "unknowns" as some 150. Although the Air Force has, of late, been lowering the figure in several very devious ways (see the June 1966 issue of SAUCER NEWS), they still admit to some 646 unsolved.

Yes, we were getting prepared for this sort of thing. Yet some of the ludicrous blunders for which Misraki-Thomas is responsible next make the previous mistakes pale into insignificance. Suddenly, we are confronted with the revelation that Major Keyhoe's best-selling book, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space," was granted the "coveted" seal of approval from the Department of Defense. After all the effort the good Major has exerted to refute the oft-repeated accusation that he and NICAP are subsidized by the Air Force, he'd surely be flabbergasted at this announcement.

Next, Misraki-Thomas, obviously greatly impressed by Aime Michel's "orthoteny," blandly states that all UFO reports, in order to be considered authentic, must fall into straight-line patterns. Even in the face of such faithful acceptance, Michel has publicly admitted in the august British UFO journal, "Flying Saucer Review," that "the discovery of Orthoteny was not the discovery of a real fact, but of a false trail."

With such questionable precedent, we commenced to wonder the extent to

which Misraki-Thomas could excoriate the Bible itself. Our answer came very shortly.

Basically, his thesis revolves around the possibility that the fabled struggle between the forces of "good" and "evil" is, in truth, a squabble between two factions of extraterrestrials, known as the Yahvists, and the Luciferians. It seems that the Yahvists conducted a series of biological experiments with primitive Earth life, at the dawn of history, in order to produce an intelligent race. Work towards the completion of the evolution of this new race came to a shattering halt when a group of dissenters decided that we humans ought not to be permitted to advance to the level of our Creators. They believed we might one day learn where they came from, and proceed to conquer them. The Luciferians were concerned with self-preservation.

The Yahvists are depicted as incredibly impotent to deal with these non-conformists. They became so perturbed, it seems, that they were almost prepared to call a halt to this (to them) unfortunate experiment, take along a few earthly converts, destroy the rest of us, and depart for home (wherever that was). But, because of the impassioned pleas of one of us mortals, the Yahvists discarded their plans, and were persuaded that, during the course of time, we may all eventually come to realize the importance of pursuing the path of peace and morality. Just to keep us in line, the threat of an impending "day of judgement" still hangs over us.

Now Misraki-Thomas repeatedly emphasizes that the space people are physical beings who fly around in physical flying saucers. He confronts an almost insoluble problem, though. He can't reconcile this conclusion with cases such as the well-known Fatima episode, which has often been linked with UFOs. As he reluctantly admits, the 50,000 people who gathered around Cova de Iria on that fateful day of October 13, 1917, did not all see the same thing. They observed varying degrees of the phenomenon. Some saw nothing at all. And their ability to perceive these events did not seem to be predicated on their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Misraki-Thomas fruitlessly tries to rationalize this anomaly by darkly hinting at different angles of view. However, he quickly changes the subject before the reader becomes fully aware of how silly this subterfuge really is.

Towards the end of the book, Misraki-Thomas, confronted with these and other annoying details about UFOs that do not fit in with his preconceived notions, begins to suggest a new possibility - that our extraterrestrial benefactors and their insidious counterparts aren't so physical after all. He tosses in some references to "alternate" universes or realities - a prospect we have looked into from time to time with increasing interest - but quickly discards it as he sees his framework falling apart.

Of course, the implications of Misraki-Thomas' basic tenet is nothing if not staggering. We humans are simply helpless pawns in a gigantic battle for supremacy between two powerful forces. To speak of free-will is a mockery. The course of human history is being drawn inexorably down a pre-ordained road, if we don't destroy ourselves in the meantime with the nuclear bombs that the Luciferians helpfully (?) taught us to build. Frankly, the prospects of all this disturb us. We tend to think that we humans, despite our multifarious weaknesses, should be allowed to stumble our way along, deciding our own destiny.

We might even dare to suggest that the Yahvists are not as formidable a force as they might have us believe. Since they apparently outnumber the Luciferians, it would be a simple matter to get them in line, employ their advanced scientific techniques to bring about the appropriate biological changes in Earthmen, and their design will be fulfilled. All of these prolonged shenanigans seem a little silly, to say the least.

Fascinating as all this speculation is, we can't say that Misraki-Thomas has really produced a convincing case. Far from it. His favorite ploy in

"proving" that these events have occurred is to lump two or more unrelated Biblical passages together, and come up with his own version of history. Shades of 1984! With such a method, one could prove anything at all, even that the extraterrestrials, if they exist, ride around in papier-mache flying saucers!

Yes, the possibility that ancient man communicated with extraterrestrials is an intriguing idea. We congratulate such dedicated scholars as ibn Aharon, Drake, and others for tirelessly and relentlessly pursuing their studies into this theory.

To Misraki-Thomas, we suggest he return to song-writing!

THE BOOK OF GEORGE ADAMSKI - Edited by Gray Barker (Saucerian Books, \$3.95)

- Reviewed by I.F. Young -

(Editor's Note: This book is now available through SAUCER NEWS. See page 17.)

With the usual fanfare in the UFO press, Gray Barker has come out with a new volume exhibiting a somewhat similar tone of necrophilia the same publisher employed in his volume called "The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup" (Saucerian Books, 1963.) It seems that if UFO writers "can't take it with them," they can leave it, somewhat involuntarily, to Mr. Barkers' coffers.

With an almost obsequious respect for the dead and a profound bow before the gods of the Public Domain, Barker has appropriated nearly every uncopied work of the late saucer contactee, and presents it here as a kind of Adamski sampler. There is, for example, a chapter (previously published in booklet form) entitled "Questions and Answers," by Adamski; a section titled "Space Age Philosophy," lifted largely from Carol Honey's Cosmic Science Newsletters; and a rather ridiculous chapter called "My Fight with the Silence Group," in which Adamski relates his falling out with Karl Hunrath, the man who abused the good professor's hospitality at Mount Palomar by trying to shoot down saucers by means of a strange black box.

If Barker had stuck to writing a book about Adamski, instead of partly by Adamski, we would have missed the dreadfully dreary chapters lifted from the late saucerer's writings, and would have enjoyed more of the book's saving graces which may well make it worth its over-priced tag of \$3.95.

When Barker takes off with his review of what happened to Adamski at his famous desert contact, we are excited - not by the contact, but by the magic of Barker's "purple prose." Even though Barker gives us the subtle impression that he really believes Adamski but is loathe to admit his credulity, it is the impression that Barker subconsciously knows the Answer to the UFO mystery that really excites us! Though Barker's visit to the grave of George Adamski annoyed us with its maudlin import, perhaps this was because we found ourselves shedding a few tears as we read it, - all this demonstrating once again the powerful pen (or electric typewriter) of said Gray Barker.

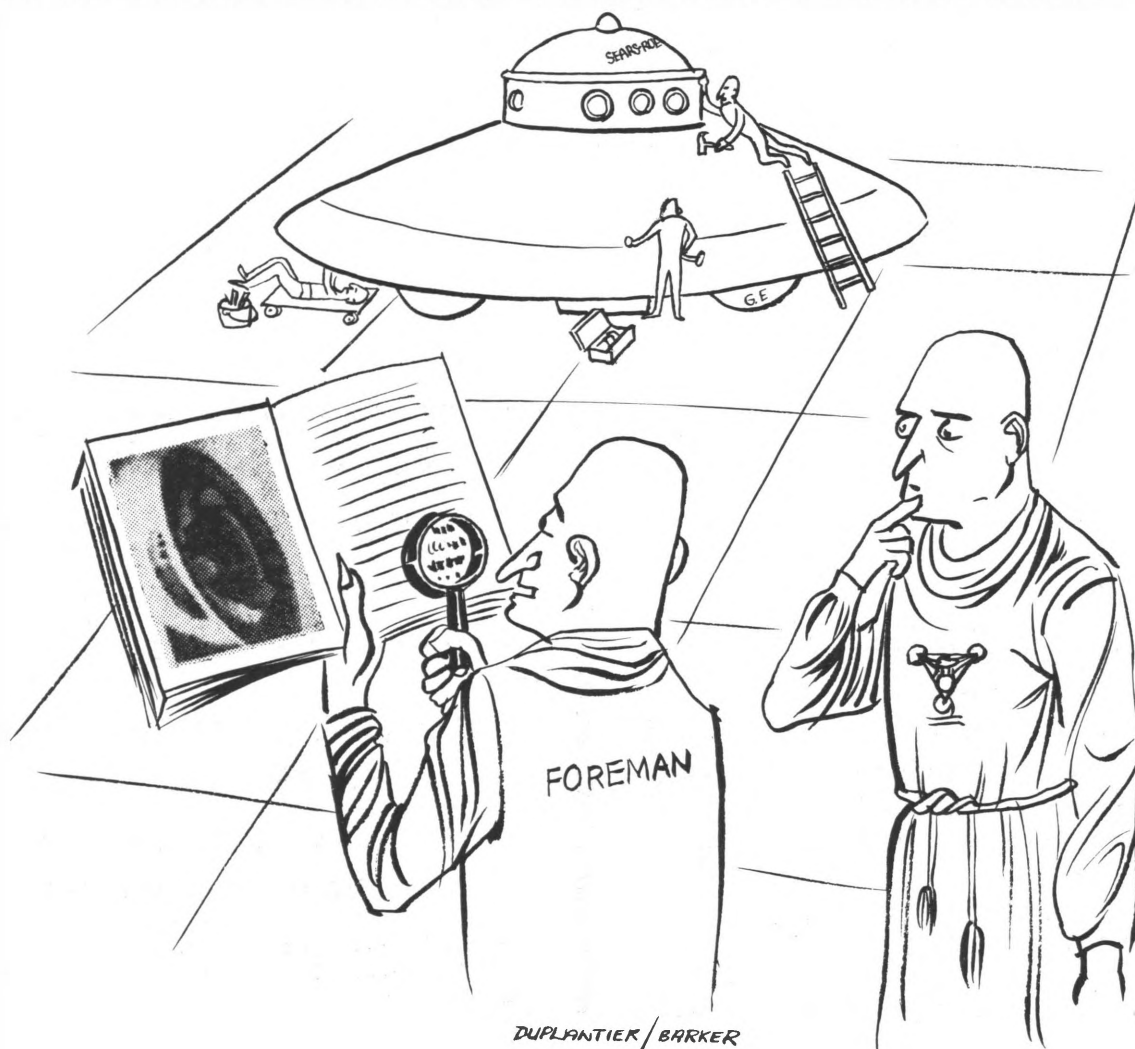
Further on in the book, when Barker once again departs from Adamski's writings, we get exciting reading. We learn from Desmond Leslie that Adamski was quite an "all right" guy after all, with a naughty eye for the girls, and this somehow makes us see George in better perspective. Even when Leslie, a master at this sort of thing, contemplates George Adamski's navel (which is most unusual, but you have to read the book!), he carries the thing off in good taste.

The most ridiculous part of the book is a section written by Michael G. Mann, which, flouting all reasonable rules of logic, "proves" Adamski's photos are real. This section is saved, however, by the opportunity we have to re-examine a number of exciting photos taken by Adamski and others. The Adamski pictures are, in our opinion, the only factual part of the Adamski legend; and

it is too bad the book does not present a scientific analysis to prove this point, rather than the illogical arguments offered by Mann.

The section of most interest to serious Ufologists would undoubtedly be the greatly detailed account of Barker's involvement in the so-called "Straith Letter" affair. This notorious letter was written on U.S. State Department stationery, and purported to be from a member of the Cultural Exchange Committee. To his credit, Barker gives this incident its proper perspective, that of a hoax; and while displaying the proper paranoia expected of a saucer book author, he quite excitingly relates the circumstances of the "hot seat" he occupied when an Eastern saucer group tried to pin the blame on him. James W. Moseley's part in the investigation of this matter comes as quite a surprise. Good reason is given for the Moseley-Barker "feud", which few people believed in the first place.

Gene Duplantier has contributed, as usual, some excellent sketches and drawings. The book is well designed and contains many photographs of saucers as well as of the arch-saucerer himself, Adamski. Although Barker is probably doing the best he can on a shoe-string budget, the pasteups of the typescript are often uneven, and technically the book leaves a lot to be desired in this



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department - though in all fairness, let us say that we are reviewing from a proof copy, and these things may be corrected in the final version.

This book is, incidentally, the one which members of the "George Adamski Foundation," headed by Alece K. Wells, have been trying to suppress, on the supposition that it is immoral to capitalize on the life and times of their departed leader. Let us add, however, that a definitive book about Adamski still is to be written. The present volume could have approached it, if Barker had included anything "negative" or hostile to the Adamski Cause. But, alas, he includes only a positive approach, and we miss, for example, some of the "expose" articles published in early issues of SAUCER NEWS, excerpts from which should have been included to give the book proper balance.

The enigma of Barker and what he really believes maddens us, as does another character we love and admire - Ray Palmer. Ever since, in our youth, we actually wrote Ray a letter, begging him to tell us if the Shaver Mystery is really true (we received no reply!), we have been damning him every time he comes out with a new pronouncement. Of course, this comes only after we grab each of his publications eagerly from the mail and read them with great excitement.

Maybe Barker's real feelings are hidden among the short quotations which he charmingly displays at the beginning of each chapter. One classic quotation, attributed to August C. Roberts, simply states: "I believe in everything and nothing."

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RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

SPECTACULAR SAUCER LANDING AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA: On the evening of July 31st, a carload of young people, including a high school girl from Jamestown, N.Y., were witnesses to the most sensational series of UFO events in recent months.

The girl, named Jean Klem, was accompanied by four other people, including her boyfriend, named Douglas Tibbets, and another woman with her two small children. They had arrived by car at about 8 p.m. and parked at a deserted beach at Presque Isle State Park, near Erie. As they were leaving about an hour and a half later, their car got stuck in the sand, making it necessary for them to summon aid from a passing police car.

It was shortly thereafter that weird events began to happen. Said Miss Klem: "We were sitting in the car waiting for help, when we saw a star start to move and get brighter. It finally came straight down, so close that the car vibrated. It settled to earth between two trees, about 300 yards from us."

She went on to describe the UFO as mushroom shaped, with a narrow base rising to an oval structure. It had lights along one side. The UFO approached from the north and hovered over the area before landing. During this time, a mysterious beam of light came out of the craft and moved along the ground in a straight line, lighting up the whole woods like daylight.

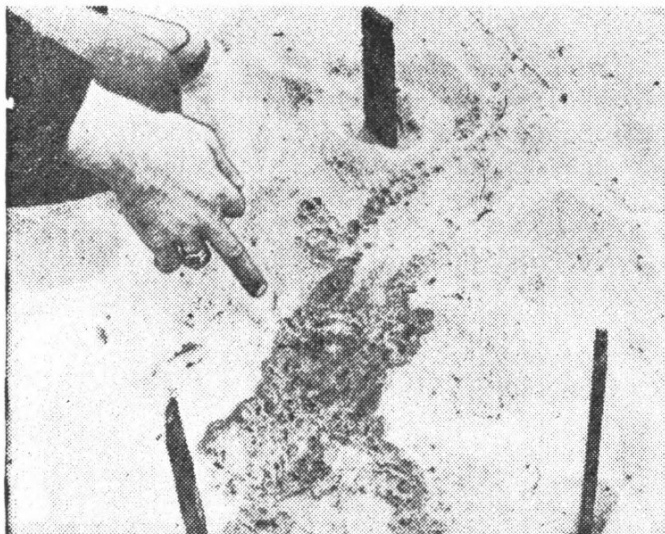
At this point the police car returned; but just then, the beam of light disappeared, according to Miss Klem and the other witnesses. Neither of the police officers saw anything unusual in the area, but they walked to the landing spot to investigate, accompanied by Douglas Tibbets.

While they were gone, Miss Klem and the three others continued to wait in the car. Suddenly they saw an animal or monster of some kind within a few feet of the automobile. Miss Klem described it as a dark, apparently featureless creature, definitely not human. Whatever it was, it seemed to have no legs. It moved sluggishly back into the brush after the girl, near hysteria, began leaning on the horn in an effort to summon the others to come back. Later, scratches were found on the side of the car. Also, an unexplained dent was found on the roof, apparently caused by some object or creature that landed on the roof at about the same time the monster was seen, causing a weird scratching sound to be heard, according to Miss Klem.

When daylight came, police and other investigators found a large number of imprints in the sand, some of them leading to the spot where the stricken car had been parked. Other imprints were found leading to the water. The prints were of different sizes and shapes, but all were equally baffling to the law enforcement officers. Some appeared to have been made by claws, "as if you were to take your four fingers and press hard on the sand." Others were diamond shaped or conical, and still others were of no definite shape at all.

Some of the holes were arranged in triangular patterns. It was, however, the conical-shaped imprints which were found leading in a nearly straight line to the car. These were located at six to eight foot intervals. They were about eight inches wide and five to seven inches deep, according to Paul Wilson, one of the investigating police officers. None of the markings appeared to be human-like footprints of any kind. Some of them appeared to have been made by a heavy object or objects, or possibly by a strong jet of air blown onto the sand.

After sighting the monster, Miss Klem became incoherent and near hysteria for about an hour. Thereafter she repeated her story several times to newsman and investigators. All were impressed with the consistency and sincerity with which she related her incredible experiences. Police Chief Dan Dascanio, one of the many people who interviewed the girl, said she seemed to be "a pretty sensible young woman." He went on to say that he was convinced these young



people had really seen something.

After the incident was reported to Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, an official investigator was sent to the scene. He was Major William S. Hall, from the Air Force base at Youngstown, Ohio (shown in photo at right, pointing to one of the imprints.) Major Hall questioned witnesses, took pictures, made plaster casts of some of the indentations in the sand, and took a radiation count, which was negative. Samples of the sand were taken for analysis at Wright-Patterson.

A few days later, a special report on the incident was released

by the Pentagon. It begins by saying "there is no apparent connection between the four phases of this sighting: the lights and the alleged black monster observed on the night of July 31st, and the indentations and damp sandy area found on the beach on the morning of August 1st." (Already they have glossed over the fact that the sighting was too close to be called merely "lights in the sky.") The Air Force goes on to admit, however, that "as yet, there is no explanation of the lights that were observed." The report concludes by saying "there was nothing unusual in the soil sample except urine."

During the three days following the landing, many interesting but less spectacular sightings were made in the Erie area, but these have not yet been investigated by anyone, as far as we know. A photograph taken of one of these UFOs is shown on Page 19. (UPI: AP: Erie, Pa. Daily Times 8/1/66, 8/2/66; Buffalo, N.Y. Courier-Express 8/3/66, 8/4/66; Buffalo, N.Y. Evening News, 8/4/66. Credit: C.J. Zawacki, Edwin Anderson, John J. Robinson, and others.)

WEIRD SAUCER MURDER MYSTERY IN BRAZIL: In the most fantastic case to come out of South America in many months, two electronics technicians were found dead on an almost inaccessible hillside near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, shortly after a woman living nearby had told police that she had seen a luminous object land in the vicinity. Police combing the area for the UFO found, instead, the two bodies, each with a lead mask over its face. The masks were of the kind used in electronics to protect the eyes and face from burns.

Strangest of all, an autopsy failed to reveal the cause of death! The bodies were found in a badly decomposed state on August 17th. After five days of intensive investigation, during which they considered many theories, Rio police issued a statement admitting that they were still completely baffled by the case.

The technicians, named Miguel Jose Viana and Manuel Pereira da Cruz, had left home with \$2,200, telling their families that they were going to buy electrical equipment in Rio. The \$2,200 was not found on either of the bodies, but each man still had the sum of \$75 in his pockets - thus eliminating robbery as a motive for the killings.

Several letters in a still undeciphered code were also found on the bodies, as well as three electrical charts, bearing readable messages that made very little sense. One of the messages translates as: "At 4:30 p.m. we are in the determined place. At 6:30 we will take the capsules with orange. After the effect, protect half the face with lead masks, wait for agreed signal."

Police at first theorized that the men had died from an electrical shock, but the post mortem showed no sign of shock, nor were any antennas or

electrical apparatus found at the death scene. Poison, violence, and asphyxiation were also ruled out. Blood was found on a patch of ground nearby, but it was not from either of the two bodies! Also found were a lady's handkerchief, a raincoat, sunglasses, a toothbrush, and other apparently meaningless clues.

Although the police tended to ridicule the flying saucer angle of the case, the original report by the woman living nearby was later confirmed by several other people who telephoned police to tell of similar sightings they had made at exactly the same time. (UPI, 8/25/66, 8/26/66; Reuters, 8/24/66, 8/28/66. Credit: Jim Yerkes, Gladys Fusaro, Henning Von Hippel, and David Martin.)

SOUTH AMERICAN ROUND-UP: On the night of July 31st, three UFOs landed for several minutes on a hilltop near Ovalle, Chile, after an observation mission over the area. One UFO had an antenna of some kind, from which a brilliant searchlight came forth. There was severe radio interference throughout the area while the objects were in sight. Among the many people who observed this phenomenon were employees of the National Electrical Plant at Los Molles, near Ovalle, who gathered with other people in the neighborhood to watch the strange machines.

On August 7th, two luminous flying objects landed in the main square of the town of Tanchachin, near San Luis Potosi, Mexico. One of the objects was oval shaped, and the other was cigar shaped, according to the many witnesses. Dozens of people ran from their homes to the square, to see what had happened. Those arriving early reported seeing "strange apparatus" in the interior of one of the saucers, but no sign of life. Those who arrived late said that the machines had disappeared "as if by magic", and there was nothing left in the square but a cloud of smoke.

Finally, we note that UFOs have returned to Peru, after an absence of many weeks. On July 22nd, one was seen over the mountain town of Santiago de Chuco, flying at an altitude of only 300 feet. It was shaped like two plates put together, and was orange in color, according to the frightened reports made by hundreds of residents of the tiny town. (Credit: Henning Von Hippel.)

CLOSE UFO SIGHTING IN TEXAS: In broad daylight on July 18th, two attendants at a gasoline service station in Baytown, near Houston, Texas, saw a flying saucer pass low over their garage. The men, named W. T. Jackson and Kelly Dikeman, observed the UFO at tree-top level. Although it was only in sight for a few seconds, they were able to discern a considerable amount of detail. The object was 30 feet or more in diameter, and three to ten feet thick. It was "pure white" in color, and had a row of square windows in the side. The UFO bore no markings, and nothing was visible through the windows. The witnesses, fearing ridicule, waited for over a week before telling anyone. Eventually, the story was printed in a local newspaper. (The Houston, Texas Post, 9/9/66. Credit: Cope Wiseman.)

UFO FLAP IN THE SOUTHEAST: During the early morning hours of July 27th, two flying saucers were seen by hundreds of people, including police, over a wide section of North Carolina, including Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Asheboro, and Ramseur. The objects did not have the slow, continuous movement of satellites, and were reported to have changed direction at least once, and to have changed color many times. One UFO was photographed by a reporter from the High Point, N.C. Enterprise (see photos on Page 18,) and an unnamed amateur photographer took more than 60 pictures, which we have not seen.

At almost exactly the same time, in Richmond, Virginia, a milkman making his rounds told police that an unidentified object at "twice tree-top level" traveled from southeast to northwest, frightening him badly. The UFO had on it

a large spotlight pointed at the ground, which lit up an area 30 to 35 yards wide. The object was in view for at least two minutes, and was said to make a whistling sound. For fear of ridicule, the milkman asked police to withhold his name.

Three days earlier, a deputy sheriff in Prince Edward County, Virginia, saw a dome-shaped object hovering silently west of the town of Farmville. The deputy, named Clinton Childress, said he spotted the object at 12:55 a.m. It was dome-shaped, over a hundred feet wide, and hovered about 500 feet above the ground, according to the witness. There was no noise. (The High Point, N.C. Enterprise, 7/27/66; The Twin City Sentinel (Winston-Salem, N.C.) 7/27/66; The Greensboro, N.C. Record, 7/27/66; The Richmond, Va. Times-Dispatch, 7/28/66. Credit: Jerry McNeil and M.C. Thomas.)

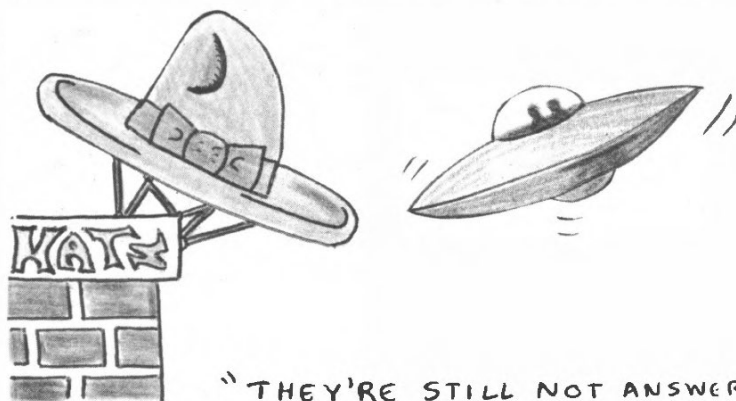
SAUCER BRIEFS: On July 26th, a Federal Aviation Agency official at the airport in Atlanta, Georgia, reported having sighted three or four UFOs at the same time that similar reports flooded in from hundreds of persons at different locations along the eastern seaboard. The official, named Robert A. Bennett, first saw a strange oval object moving east over Atlanta at 2:45 a.m., leaving behind it "an oblong trail of reflecting light." About thirty minutes later, another UFO was spotted in the west, and at about 4:05 a.m., a third object was picked up through weather gauging instruments. The same UFOs were seen by several other FAA officials at the airport, all of whom are considered highly experienced observers. (Newark Star Ledger, 7/27/66; Orlando, Florida Sentinel, 7/27/66. Credit: Danny Trowbridge and Edwin W. Anderson)....

On the night of August 6th, three men on a cave exploring expedition near Nampa, Idaho, watched a startling aerial display put on by a group of UFOs for nearly two hours. Four to twelve of the mysterious objects were visible at all times, moving rapidly at low altitudes. At one point, the men hit the earth in fear as one of the saucers, which apparently had spotted them, dived to within 200 yards of their parked car. (Nampa, Idaho, Express, 8/7/66. Credit: Bruce Nelson)....

During the first three weeks of August, dozens of UFO sightings were made in northern New Jersey, in the same area where the famous Wanaque Dam flap occurred last January. On several different occasions, callers jammed police switchboards in Wayne, Totowa, Waldwick, Ridgewood, Paramus, and Paterson, as well as other nearby towns. However, almost all of these sightings lacked detail, and they seem to have been, for the most part, misinterpretations of conventional objects....

On August 16th, several hundred persons, including police officers and reporters, watched a mysterious UFO in the sky over Fort Smith, Arkansas. The object seemed to consist of four red stationary lights, which were rotating like a police car's warning beacon. The UFO was seen to hover over the area for one to three hours, depending on the location of the observer. No unusual maneuvers were reported. (AP, 8/17/66. Credit: Albert Shramek, M.C. Thomas, R. C. Rome, and Joe Bicking)....

On the night of August 19th, four boys in East Liverpool, Ohio who had been sleeping outdoors reported a large UFO hovering near them. The four ran in terror to a nearby home; but one of the boys, who stayed outside to watch a few seconds longer, was struck on the side of the head by a



"THEY'RE STILL NOT ANSWERING US, SIR."

"light ray," which he said came from inside a door which suddenly opened up on the bottom of the craft. As a result of being struck by this ray, his hearing was impaired for awhile. No further details were given. (Youngstown, Ohio Vin-dicator, 8/20/66. Credit: Jim Capots, Jr.)....

On August 22nd, U.S. Air Force jets chased a large, brilliant UFO across the sky over Barvaria, Germany. Two F-102 jets were sent up from Ramstein Air Base after hundreds of telephone calls were received by police and observa-tories. Most of the callers described the object as dragon shaped, and said it made a silver glare in the night sky. It was about 40 yards in diameter, and hung in the sky at 75,000 feet, too high for the planes to approach. (London Daily Telegraph, 8/23/66; London Daily Express, 8/23/66. Credit: Bryan Essen-high)....

While your Editor was on WXUR radio in Media, Pa., last September 14th, a woman phoned the studio to report that she had heard a news broadcast stat-ing that the Gemini 11 astronauts had seen a UFO during their first pass over Africa. We have not been able to secure any further information about this in-cident as yet, but it is interesting to note that almost all our space shots have been accompanied by UFO sightings of one sort or another. SAUCER NEWS readers will recall reading in our Fall issue that two UFOs were seen by the Gemini 10 astronauts, on July 18th, during their first orbit.

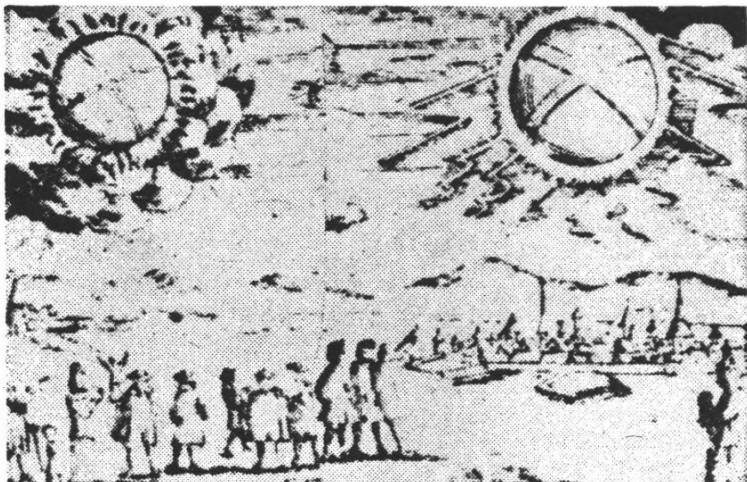
VERY OLD SIGHTINGS GIVEN NEW PUBLICITY: A fascinating article from the August 18th edition of a Long Beach, California newspaper tells a number of incidents from the "Great Airship" UFO scare of 1897. The most interesting of the group is reprinted from the Houston, Texas, Daily Post of April 28th, 1897, and reads as follows:

"Merkel, Texas, April 26th: Some parties returning from church last night noticed a heavy object dragging along with a rope attached. They follow-ed it until in crossing the railroad it caught on a rail. On looking up, they saw what they supposed was the airship. It was not near enough to get an idea of the dimensions. A light could be seen protruding from several windows, and there was a bright light in front like the headlight of a locomotive. After some 10 minutes, a man was seen descending the rope. He came near enough to be plainly seen. He wore a light blue sailor suit, and was small in size. He stopped when he discovered parties at the anchor, and cut the rope below him and sailed off in a northeast direction. The anchor is now on exhibition at the blacksmith shop of Elliott & Miller, and is attracting the attention of hundreds of people."

We can only wonder whatever happened to this priceless anchor!

Also in August, a police captain in Wanaque, New Jersey, received a 16-page letter from a California man named William J. Kiehl. The captain does not know Kiehl, nor was he involved in the well-publicized Wanaque Reser-voir sightings last winter; so he has no idea why he received the letter. Part of it, how-ever, as released to local New Jersey newspapers, relates a hitherto unknown "little men" case from the year 1914.

Kiehl relates in detail how he and seven companions went to an old mining claim in the woods near Georgian Bay, Canada. Says Kiehl: "The two



A 17th Century artist sketched these UFO's which appeared over Hamburg, Germany, in 1697.

little girls went up the beach to look out at the bay. They came running back to their mother, asking her to come out and look at the strange machine out on the water. A deer on the shoreline was watching it too....I saw the deer about 12 feet from the water's edge looking toward the bay, and I looked out and saw this object. There were two little men with square masks on their heads working with some kind of hose coming out of the water and going up into the machine."

Kiehl goes on to say that three other creatures were adjusting some rods on top of the saucer-shaped craft, which was pulsating with lights of varying colors. The little men were dressed in tight-fitting purple-green clothing. As soon as they were aware they were being observed, they hurried into their machine. One of the little creatures failed to make it in time, and a sliding door closed in his face, according to Kiehl. The man lay outside the oval spaceship desperately hanging on as it started to rise. The craft hovered briefly about 12 feet above the water, appeared to balance itself, and then rapidly accelerated into the sky. Kiehl was unable to say what happened to the alien who was hanging on outside. (The Long Beach, Calif. Press-Telegram, 8/18/66; The Paterson, N.J. Evening News, 8/15/66. Credit: Justin Case and M. Spranger.)

UFO FILM RECEIVED AT SAUCER NEWS HEADQUARTERS: For the first time in our nearly thirteen years of publication, we have been able to obtain an apparently genuine movie film of a flying saucer. The film, taken with a Bolex camera in 16 mm. color, was made on the afternoon of July 23rd, in a rural area called Lost Creek, located near Clarksburg, West Virginia. The photographer has asked to remain anonymous. At the time of the sighting, he and an employee named John Sheets were driving through Lost Creek in a Chevrolet pick-up truck, on their way to photograph a little league baseball game, as a favor to a mutual friend.

As they were driving along a lonely stretch of road, a strange object began following the truck at very low altitude. The camera was not loaded, and by the time Sheets' boss loaded it, the object was gone. They stopped the vehicle and waited for several minutes, apparently with some sort of premonition that the object would return. Eventually it did, and several feet of film were shot. During the filming, the object was again at very low altitude. Sheets says that it looked to be about ten feet in diameter, though to us it appears to be smaller. Trees visible in the background can be used as reference points; and a photographic expert in Clarksburg has declared that the object is at least twelve feet in diameter in his opinion.

In the course of the filming, the photographer kept shifting his camera from the sky to the ground, apparently thinking that the object was going to land. According to Sheets, it did not land, but shot off again, at high speed, making a strange humming sound. Afterwards Sheets was ill for two days, either from the excitement or from some after-effect of the close sighting.

Mr. Sheets, a young man in his early twenties, had worked for saucer researcher Gray Barker part-time several years ago, and knowing Barker's interest in UFOs, he brought the undeveloped film to him. Barker co-operated with SAUCER NEWS in developing the film and making an extra copy. The latter was sent to us several weeks ago by Barker. Since then, we have had the opportunity of showing it on the Terry Bennett Show on New York's Channel 11, and we hope to show it elsewhere in the near future, including at one of the monthly saucer lectures sponsored by our organization.

We intend to do further investigation on the film and the background of the two sighters; but knowing the unfortunate experiences that other researchers have had, we have no intention of sending the film to the Air Force.

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