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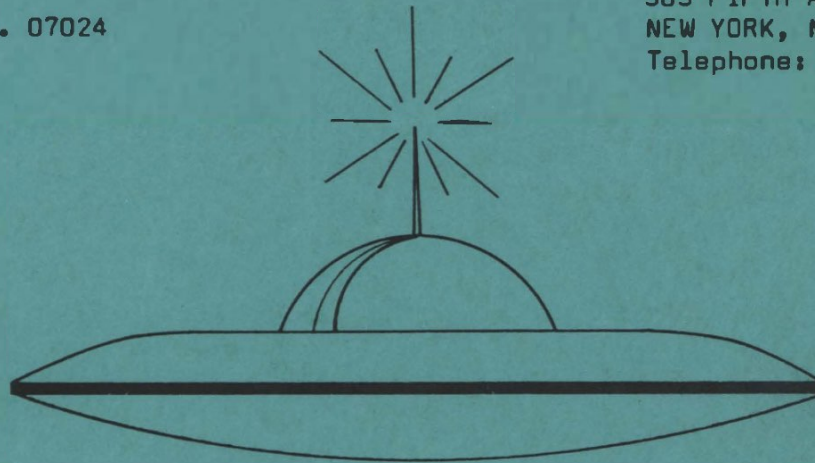
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PLANS FORGE AHEAD FOR GIANT 1967 NEW YORK SAUCER CONVENTION: (See our ad on Pages 10-11.) Limitations of space prevent our giving full details here, but it already looks like our well-advertised Convention is going to be a sensational success, with cooperation from NASA as well as from a host of leading saucer researchers, radio and TV personalities, etc. Too late for inclusion in the printed list at the top of Page 10, our "Honorary Sponsors" now include New York radio & TV star Joe Franklin, and British UFO authority Brinsley le Poer Trench, author of the just-published book "The Flying Saucer Story," which we will be reviewing in our next issue. Trench has also written an exciting article for SAUCER NEWS, which begins on Page 6 of this issue.

Our list of speakers has now grown to include, in addition to those listed on Page 10, Dr. Frank Stranges of Los Angeles, California, who will show his excellent 80-minute documentary UFO film, "Phenomena ??" at our Convention.

This may be the last issue of SAUCER NEWS to reach you before the Convention, as our Summer issue is not likely to go to press before early June. Let us therefore take this final opportunity to remind you of the following facts: (1) Rates at New York City's Hotel Commodore, where all the Convention sessions will be held, have been reduced approximately \$5.00 for both the single and the double rooms since the time our Winter issue was published. (2) Rooms at the Commodore will be hard to get after May, so out-of-towners should make their reservations as soon as they possible can. (3) A unique briefing, at which United Nations delegates will be informed about UFOs by a panel of distinguished American scientists, is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Commodore a few days before the open sessions begin on June 23rd. Although this briefing will be under the auspices of the Convention, it will of necessity be open only to authorized representatives of the working press. (4) The "closed sessions," on the other hand (discussed in our Winter issue and on Page 11 herein), will be open to all legitimate representatives of flying saucer clubs. The four main public sessions, on June 23rd-25th, will, of course be open to everyone.

May we again urge all of you to write us for as many of our Convention brochures as you feel you can distribute, and to help us by calling the attention of news media in your local area to our Convention. As of this writing, there is a rumor of another much smaller convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga. this coming summer. Although one or two of the same speakers may possibly appear at both, do not become confused. Our Convention in New York City is the only one officially sanctioned by and held under the auspices of the Congress of Scientific Ufologists, a nation-wide organization which has been sponsoring successful UFO conventions annually since 1963.

EDITORIAL NOTES: Although our issue has expanded to an all-time record of 40 pages this time, so much is happening that we find ourselves more cramped for space than ever. Here are a few items of importance....May we ask all of our many newly-formed S.A.U.C.E.R.S. affiliates to notify us officially of their club title, publication if any, names of officers, recent activities, number of members, etc. These facts will be published in our Summer issue.... Meanwhile, we have only space enough to call attention to the activities of the leaders of our two most active affiliates: Joan Whritenour and Jean Chapman of 6464 34th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly associated with I.I.O.U.F.O., are co-editors of a fine monthly zine called "Saucer Scoop." Write to them for details. In the New York area, Dave Egarian and Mike Curcio have sent us a great number of first-hand UFO reports which have added important information to our files....Since our last issue, our Staff has been saddened by the resignation of Gladys Fusaro, due to ill health. Her help to us during the past three years has been tremendous, and we shall always be grateful. Meanwhile, August C. Roberts of Wayne, N.J. has joined us as a Special

Consultant. Mr. Roberts was one of the founders of our magazine back in 1954, and continues to be active as a UFO researcher and photographer. His collection of saucer photographs from all over the world is second to none....Bill Lutters, who has the distinction of being S.A.U.C.E.R.S. Member #1, is starting a quarterly magazine called "UFO Report." This is a publication that we can highly recommend. If interested, send \$2.00 to Dept. SN, 227 Old Tavern Road, Orange, Connecticut 06477.

Letters to the Editor

Permit me to respond to your letter of Oct. 10th to Dr. Condon....Dr. Condon and I are extremely grateful for your offer to assist. We are still in the beginning phases of our work, in which we are exploring the question of methodology. Hence, we don't know yet how, when we get into the substantive phase of the investigation, we will proceed....

I will certainly see that your invitation to Dr. Condon to attend the Convention in June is brought to his personal attention. If he is unable to make it, and he is terribly busy, so that the chances are not too good, would any of the others of our investigating group be welcome?

ROBERT J. LOW, Project Coordinator,
University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

(We have written Mr. Low assuring him that he or any other member of the Staff would definitely be welcome. - Editor.)

In your Winter issue, you published an article entitled "The Motive Power of the UFOs," by Hans Lauritzen. It is a very good article, and I found it very interesting. It talks about a "Mechanical Accelerator."....I am wondering if you will give me his address....

JOHN N. EDWARDS, Hawthorne, California

(Mr. Lauritzen can be reached at: Hojdedraget 30; Valby; Copenhagen, Denmark. The second part of his article will appear in our Summer issue. - Editor.)

I found Hans Lauritzen's article extremely interesting. It amazed me, because I have suspected for a long time that the ideas he expressed could be the answer to the propulsion of at least some of the saucers. I have my own ideas on this subject, and his ideas sound almost identical to what I have been working on: Last year, I built a workshop where I could experiment with what I had in mind. I have almost completed a model of one version of a Mechanical Accelerator....This is an extremely uncomplicated device, using water for the weight. I used this method because it was, in my opinion, the easiest way to demonstrate the concept.

RALPH H. SHERMAN, Georgetown, Mass.

In regard to your Winter issue, I especially enjoyed reading the two book reviews. The second review - the one about Gray Barker's new book - definitely reflected on the quality and reliability of Mr. Barker's article elsewhere in the magazine. Although there is no doubt that Gray is a good writer, I think his "Did I Contact A Spaceman?" should have been inserted in one of numerous science-fiction magazines rather than a top-notch UFO zine....

RONALD TARR, Rockport, Mass.

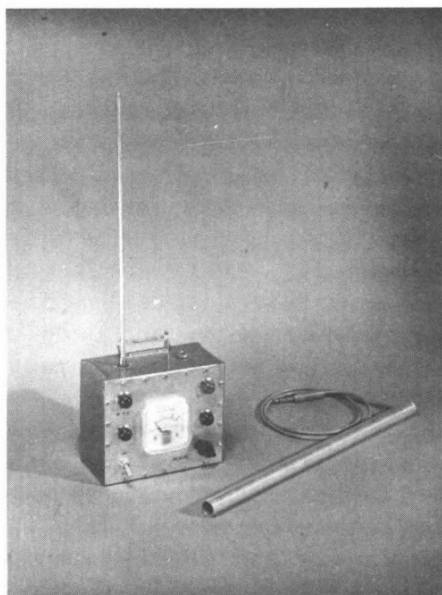
I, too, feel bitter toward NICAP. Many people, including myself, have done things for this group, and we never hear one word of thanks. If you send things to SAUCER NEWS, at least you get an answer....and this is something that a self-centered group like NICAP will not do! Hats off to SAUCER NEWS!

RAY KLOTKOWSKI, Franklin Lakes, N.J.

NEW ELECTRONIC SAUCER DETECTOR PROVIDES SCIENTIFIC UFO EVALUATION

- by Sanford Teller (Photos by Sam Vandivirt) -

A revolutionary "saucer detector" is now being offered to the public for the first time. Designed to scientifically establish whether or not an object sighted by a saucer researcher is more than a conventional aircraft or an optical illusion, the compact detector (pictured below) belongs in the hands of every serious Ufologist.



This device will react to the presence of light, radiation, radio frequency interference, and magnetic field reaction.

The device is based on the data common to most UFO sightings, i.e., reactions that have occurred in the physical world have been in the four above-mentioned categories. Devices for discerning the presence of these four reactions in tandem have now, for the first time, been combined into a single instrument.

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2. Radiation is read in terms of gross sensitivity to ionizing radiation as long and short gamma rays, and an intense alpha particle field. The presence of radiation, rather than the intensity, is registered by the device.

3. Static, i.e., radio plus interference, is read on alternating indicators which note in their response a pattern or lack of pattern. The device will not react to radio transmitters per se, but rather to uncharacteristic radio plus interference.

4. The presence of a magnetic field is detected in terms of an off-on switch and indicator, which detects both DC fields and low-frequency AC fields. The presence of each is an exclusive phenomenon.

In each category of detection, the device is sensitive in that it notes the presence of the four reaction areas rather than their intensity. This is done in order to make the cost of the device (about \$80) within the reach of most researchers, and to allow the non-scientist to perform effective work in a field of interest without intensive training.

The device was conceived and developed by Martin Gersten (pictured at right, above, with Long John Nebel), Director of Engineering for RD&E, Inc., 289 West 4th St., New York City. Mr. Gersten believes that the time has come to introduce a much-needed solid scientific approach to flying saucer research.



YOUTH WILL SHOW THE WAY

- by Brinsley Le Poer Trench -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Trench, a leading British UFO investigator for many years, is the author of several books including a current one called "The Flying Saucer Story". He is also one of the Honorary Advisers for the 1967 Flying Saucer Convention to be held in New York City.)

A new wind of Cosmic awareness is blowing across the world - the forerunner of big events - one of which will be the eventual re-establishment of open contact with our friends, the Sky People.

Since June 24th, 1947, when Kenneth Arnold sighted nine gleaming objects near Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington, U.S.A., there have been over a quarter of a million recorded sightings all over the world. Actually, that is probably a conservative estimate, as a recent Gallup Poll in the United States established that five million people in that country alone claim to have seen flying saucers.

These amazing craft have been seen over every country, every ocean and even the polar regions. They have been observed by military and civilian pilots, naval personnel, coast guards, police, farmers, businessmen, and people in every walk of life. They have been photographed, filmed, and tracked many times on radar.

Despite all this ever-mounting dossier of evidence, the authorities have not announced that the UFOs are real. Neither have they made any attempt to educate public opinion and prepare the way for an eventual announcement. I would emphasize that this silence on the subject stems more from the big powers than from the smaller countries. Indeed, there is considerable interest in the saucers among some of these countries, as you will see from the account in this article of my recent trip to Japan.

I have a hunch that general recognition of the flying saucers will come from the people themselves, and that the young people of the world will achieve this end. If our Elders and Rulers will not tell the people, then thousands of young men and women with uncluttered minds will take the initiative. Already, they have begun this wonderful work. This is one reason why the International Sky Scouts have been formed. It was a great Teacher who came to this planet nearly 2,000 years ago and said: "A little child shall lead them."

The Sky Scouts now number over 10,000, and have members in eighteen countries - Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Germany (East), Germany (West), Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, U.S.A., and Venezuela.

The Headquarters of the Sky Scouts is in Japan. In that country there is a very large and progressive flying saucer group called the Cosmic Brotherhood Association (CBA). The Head Counsellor is a very enlightened man, a former test pilot, named Yusuke J. Matsumara. He has done wonders to spread the reality of UFOs in his own country. The CBA also has about 10,000 members, including a junior section with half that number. The latter are now all Sky Scouts, and constitute half of the international membership.

I have the honor to be Chairman of the International Committee of Sky Scouts, and it is part of my work to appoint International Committee members in various countries and liaison between them. These Committee Members recruit Sky Scouts in their respective countries, and arrange local activities.

These activities are many and varied, including regular Sky Watches, lectures on many aspects of flying saucers, discussion groups, listening to tape recordings, saucer exhibitions, the study of gravity, astronomy, electronics, model-making, and in some countries films can be rented for a nominal fee showing our own astronauts in flight. Then too, most countries have their

own legends of space people coming from the skies in ancient times, and study should be made of these, together with visits to archaeological sites of interest, where our Visitors may have landed.

Local Sky Scout libraries should be started and people encouraged to donate books for the use of members. Suitable books about flying saucers, cosmology, astronomy, ancient civilizations, and space age subjects would be included. Sky Scouts should also be encouraged to arrange their own group activities. Obviously, some guidance and assistance should come from National Committee Members, but self-reliance and initiative are needed to make Sky Scouting a live and healthy movement.

It was, therefore, as Chairman of International Sky Scouts (ISS), that Yusuke J. Matsumura and the CBA invited me out to Japan. My actual trip was just like a fairy story, except that in this particular instance it happened to be true!

I do not wish to appear to be boasting in this article about my marvelous reception and all the wonderful things that happened to me in the Land of the Rising Sun, but I feel that it is important that your readers should have the full facts, and appreciate the progress that the CBA has made in getting the subject sympathetically considered by many important people there. The CBA is a very live movement, not only in numbers but because every one of their 10,000 members is doing something. They are all participating in the varied work and not just subscribing to magazines. They have a fine arts division which makes its own posters and banners. That is just one example of what I mean by member participation.

As I came down the gangway from the BOAC Boeing 707 at Tokyo International Airport on the evening of June 16th, 1966, I found myself in the midst of a tumultuous reception. Cameras were flashing from every direction and a big crowd on top of the terminal building was waving and cheering. After going



through the airport formalities I was ushered into the VIP lounge where I met my host, Mr. Matsumura, his wife and his sister, as well as various officials and members of the CBA. Half a dozen attractive girls in kimonos presented me with bouquets of lovely flowers. There were speeches of welcome and champagne, and I must have bowed to and shaken hands with a hundred or more good people. Outside, a huge American car with a Union Jack flying awaited me, and I was driven off to the Imperial Hotel, complete with enough flowers to start a flower show.

On arrival at the hotel I was escorted up to the Imperial Suite, and there I had a much-needed sleep after the long flight, right through to the middle of the next afternoon. That evening I attended a special reception given for me in the hotel's Plum Tree Room. Over 300 people, including several Ambassadors to Japan, were at the reception, which went on for three and a half hours.

On June 19th I had two talks in Tokyo's Chamber of Commerce and Industry - one in the morning to Sky Scouts, and the other in the afternoon to senior members of the CBA. There was a capacity audience of about a thousand people on each occasion. As I came on to the stage, the British National Anthem was played and the whole audience stood up. More flowers were presented to me before I began my lecture. This happened both in the morning and in the afternoon. Both talks were enthusiastically received.

In the afternoon before I gave my talk, Mr. Matsumura showed some interesting slides of flying saucers and of ancient sites in Japan where the Sky People landed long ago.

A very important event occurred just before I gave my talks. A picture of the President of the Phillipines, Ferdinand E. Marcos, was flashed on the screen at the back of the stage, and the following message from the President was read out and shown on the screen at the same time. The message was:

"The possibility of our planet's receiving Visitors from Outer Space is, I am certain, not remote in the face of the wonders that we, right here, have witnessed; and indeed it is a thought, an idea, that brings intense and magical excitement which I, for one, would not unduly set aside until all avenues pro and con have been examined.

"I am often staggered by the thought of the vastness of our Universe and the massive secrets the skies hold, which we on this earth have barely scratched. Since I am of an adventurous bent, I shall not be the first to say that it is not possible for other planets to be inhabited, nor that people in Outer Space, or whatever creatures they are, do not have the capability which earth people are now developing to travel through space and perhaps discover other planets.

My good wishes therefore go to your conference, which I sincerely hope will be able to present more concrete evidences of this most tantalizing idea of 'sky people' among us."

This wonderful message from such a distinguished and exalted man gave us all great encouragement, and buoyed me up with enthusiasm for my assignment in Japan.

Another message was received by the CBA from no less a person than President Nasser of the United Arab Republic. This was sent on behalf of the President by Mr. Saleh Khalil, Ambassador of the U.A.R. in Tokyo. It, too, offered sincere good wishes for the occasion.

The next day I flew to the South of Japan. As my plane landed at Kumamoto, I was again given an enthusiastic welcome by the local members of the CBA, and another huge car and chauffeur were put at my disposal. There were more flowers and a splendid suite at the local hotel.

Then I was driven to Kyushu, where I toured local ancient sites of interest, including the famous "Chip-san" tomb. It was on the walls of this tomb that I saw depicted an ancient Japanese Sun King holding up his arms to greet

seven sun discs. Incidentally, the words "chip-san" in the Ainu language mean "the place where the sun came down." Draw your own conclusions!

Another airplane took me to Kyoto, where there are some lovely gardens. The Japanese are well known for their own traditional style of garden. I then returned to Tokyo on the famous crack train that travels at over one hundred miles per hour; but as the train runs so smoothly, there was little sensation of speed. The train was spotlessly clean, and very comfortable and spacious.

On June 24th I was flown, together with diplomats and members of the press, in a specially-chartered Boeing 727, from Tokyo to Chitose Airport in Hokkaido Island. This is in the north of Japan. From the airport we traveled in a fleet of cars to Haiopira, where the special Sun Pyramid Ceremony was to take place.

During the past year, the members of CBA themselves had built this fantastic Sun Pyramid as a memorial to Okikurumi-kamui, who, according to the legends of the Ainu people - a very ancient race - had landed on that spot at Haiopira aeons ago, bringing them much wisdom, including a knowledge of agriculture and of Sun Worship. Eventually, Okikurumi-kamui went back to his home in the skies aboard a "shinta," which means "golden cradle" in the Ainu language. Today, the Ainus say the "shinta" was bright silver in the daytime and red at night.

The date chosen for the inauguration of the Sun Pyramid, June 24th, was also International Flying Saucer Sighting Day, and the anniversary of Arnold's famous sighting nearly twenty years ago.

It was my privilege to inaugurate the Sun Pyramid. I am happy to state that nineteen Ambassadors to Japan from various countries attended this ceremony - an unheard of thing in the history of Ufology! Those present included the Ambassadors from the Argentine Republic, Austria, Cambodia, Chile, China (Formosa), Iraq, Italy, Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Uruguay, and Venezuela. In addition, the Egyptian Embassy sent members of their staff.

Although the British and United States Embassies were conspicuous by their absence - although they had been invited - it was most encouraging to have the support and friendly interest of so many diplomats on such an occasion.

I inaugurated the Pyramid by cutting a tape stretched across the base of the immense structure. Then, I started my long climb up the 197 steps which go right up the face of the Pyramid. The CBA had installed microphones on a platform at the summit. There, I delivered a short Inaugural Address.

The ceremony ended with some traditional dancing by the Ainu People. The assembled Ambassadors came over one by one and gave me their congratulations. Afterwards, everyone relaxed in a very large marquee adjoining the site, where refreshments were served.

My last few days in Tokyo were taken up with some sightseeing, shopping and talks with the CBA. Finally, I came home by BOAC after a tumultuous send-off at the International Airport. All in all, it was a two weeks that will remain etched in my memory forever!

I think that we in the West should congratulate our Japanese friends on their great achievements, not only in building up a big and lively flying saucer movement, but also in attracting the interest and attention of so many diplomatic representatives. They were really doing a marvelous job in putting over the biggest and greatest event in the history of Mankind - the reality and coming of the Sky People.

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The fabulous 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists will be held at the Hotel Commodore in New York City from June 22nd through June 25th, 1967. There will be four sessions open to the public, each approximately 2½ hours long, and each featuring at least two of the personalities on the above list. The public sessions will be held on the evening of Friday June 23rd, the afternoon and evening of Saturday June 24th, and the afternoon of Sunday June 25th, 1967.

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The Hotel Commodore is a luxury hotel located at Lexington Avenue and 42nd St., (opposite Grand Central Station), right in the heart of midtown New York City, and only minutes away from Times Square. Since all Convention sessions will be held at the hotel, out of town guests will find it very convenient to make the Commodore their home while visiting New York.

If you wish to make reservations at the Commodore, please use the following procedure: Send your name and address, together with the cost of one night's lodging (\$9.75 for a single room, or \$16.50 for a double) to Anthony S. Morelli, Banquet Dept., Hotel Commodore, Lexington & 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Indicate exactly which nights you wish the room to be reserved for you. The above is a SPECIAL WEEKEND ROOM RATE - unusually low for a luxury hotel in New York City - and even includes a free breakfast! This bargain rate is effective only on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday night. The Commodore's regular rates (\$14.70 for a single, or \$19.95 for a double) will be in effect on all other nights.

No reservations will be accepted without a deposit, and the deadline is May 15th, 1967. Because many out-of-towners are expected, we urge you to get your reservation in as soon as possible. Please do not send any money to us for hotel reservations; but if you do intend to make a "firm" reservation, check the first box in the form below and send the form to us, so that we can keep our own records of how many people are coming.

"CLOSED" SESSIONS: On the afternoon and evening of Thursday June 22nd, and on the afternoon of June 23rd, there will be Convention sessions not open to the general public. Whereas the public sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, seating more than 2,000 people, these "closed" sessions will take place in a much smaller hall, and will be open only to authorized representatives of legitimate UFO organizations. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss and vote on matters of importance to organized ufology. The format will be similar to the closed sessions of previous Congresses, which were held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1964, 1965, and 1966.

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RECENT NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO GIVEN AIR FORCE UFO GRANT: In early October, Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado announced at a press conference at New York's Hotel Commodore that he has been appointed head of a team of scientists who will investigate UFOs for the Air Force, under an 18 month contract, and with an appropriation of about \$318,000.

The press conference, attended by SAUCER NEWS' new Managing Editor, as well as by several dozen science editors from the New York area, ended weeks of speculation as to which American university would accept the Air Force's UFO contract. A rumor that MIT was the recipient had been denied by the Air Force, and as time went on, it became evident that the Government was having considerable trouble finding a respectable institution willing to take over the controversial project. An article in the New York World Journal Tribune, dated September 18th, headlined, "Research Secrecy Hit Here," stated that "several universities have turned down a Pentagon grant of one million dollars to investigate flying saucers. No school wishes to leave its reputation in the hands of the Government, because the results of the probe would be classified - whatever the results might be."



The Air Force insists, however, that Colorado University will be free to publish the results of its investigation, and that nothing will be hidden from the public except classified military matters (military aircraft, etc.) and the names of saucer sighters who request anonymity. As for Doctor Condon (pictured at left), he is a scientist with a controversial and extremely outspoken past; and as he himself says, "I raise a little hell when I run things." Condon, who clashed with the government several times in the 1940's and 1950's, and had his security clearances suspended for many years, is hardly the man that the Air Force would have chosen if they wanted this probe to merely be a

"cover-up." So it might be best to give the Colorado team the benefit of the doubt, regarding the sincerity of their intentions, unless future events recommend a more cynical attitude.

The new project's headquarters will be on the Colorado University campus at Boulder, Colo., but the Air Force will help with personnel, and will transport investigation teams to sighting sites. Project Blue Book will continue to operate, as before, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio; but the base will notify the University of events which seem to merit special investigation, and allegedly, no pertinent data regarding past or future sightings will be withheld from the University. The plan is for Colorado to provide specialists in such fields as astronomy, meteorology, and psychiatry, to help evaluate UFO witnesses' stories. The Air Force will (allegedly) not interfere in any way in the conclusions drawn by the University regarding a given sighting.

There can be little doubt that the public furor following the March 1966 Michigan "marsh gas" explanation was a large contributing factor leading to this long-overdue setting up of a university team. There is equally little doubt, in view of his recent public statements, that Dr. J. Allen Hynek himself worked hard behind the scenes to persuade the Air Force to take this historic step.

Incidentally, part of the text of a friendly letter to SAUCER NEWS from one of Dr. Condon's associates at Colorado is printed on Page 4 of this is-

sue. The letter was received at our Headquarters just before we went to press. (N.Y. Times, 10/7/66, 10/8, and other sources.)

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: On October 21st, our guest was Bob Golka, head of an engineering consulting firm in Massachusetts, who gave our audience an extremely informative outline of his theories regarding the propulsion system of the UFOs.

In November, our speaker was Richard Basile, another newcomer to our lecture podium, who held the audience spellbound with a dramatic presentation of his theories regarding the motives and philosophy of the Extraterrestrials. Both Golka and Basile are expected to appear at our Convention this coming June.

For December, we had scheduled famed naturalist Ivan Sanderson to return to our speaker's platform after a 3-year absence. Mr. Sanderson found he had to cancel because of a more important undertaking, and we therefore substituted with Glenn Cohen, a young engineer who gave a fine scientific presentation of the probabilities regarding life elsewhere in the Universe. Sanderson is still expected to be one of the featured speakers at the Convention.

Please remember that these lectures are held at the Hotel Woodstock, at 127 West 43rd Street in New York City, on the third Friday of every month. Notices are mailed to all interested parties a week or so before each meeting. If you live in the Metropolitan area and are not yet on our special lecture mailing list, simply drop us a line and we will see that you receive these notices in the future.

DEPUTY SHERIFF'S LIFE RUINED BY SAUCER SIGHTING: On Pages 24-25 of our Fall issue, we gave a brief account of a close sighting of a UFO made last April 17th by several police officers who chased the brilliantly-lighted low-flying object in their patrol cars for almost an hour, from eastern Ohio into western Pennsylvania.

In early October, an AP wire service feature story appeared in apparently hundreds of newspapers all over the United States, telling the tragic fate of Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur, one of the officers involved in the chase. In the 14-year history of SAUCER NEWS, never before have we been sent the same newspaper article by so many people in different parts of the country. It is almost as if there was a calculated campaign, by the Air Force or someone, to give this story saturation press coverage - perhaps as a warning to others who might be tempted to publicize their sightings in the way that these men did.

To make matters worse, most versions of this article included an insert reminding readers that the Air Force had "solved" this case as involving nothing more mysterious than an artificial earth satellite and the planet Venus - thus heaping further ridicule on Spaur and the four other police officers who took part in the incident.

What has happened to Dale Spaur? He is no longer a deputy sheriff. His marriage is shattered. He has lost 40 pounds; and he lives on one bowl of

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cereal and a sandwich each day, hiding out in a tiny motel room in Solon, Ohio. He walks three miles a day to a \$80 per week painter's job. His motel room costs \$60 a week, and the court has ordered him to pay \$20 a week for the support of his two children - thus leaving him exactly nothing. Said Spaur to an AP interviewer: "If I could change all that I have done in my life, I would change just one thing, and that would be the night we chased that damn saucer!" For it was then that the nightmares, the scorn and laughter of fellow citizens, and the general downward trend of his life began.

Special Deputy W. L. Neff was in the same police car with Spaur on that fateful April night, but he no longer will talk about the incident at all. His wife, when interviewed, stated: "I hope I never see my husband again like he was after that chase. He was real white, almost in a state of shock. It was awful....And people made fun of him afterwards. He never talks about it any more. Once he told me, 'If that thing landed in my back yard, I wouldn't tell a soul.'"

Another officer involved in the chase, who, like Spaur, turned in his badge, had this to say: "Sure I quit the force because of that thing. People laughed at me - and there was pressure. You couldn't put your finger on it, but the pressure was there...." This former policeman now drives a bus in Seattle, Washington.

The mystery object, described by the Air Force as "a satellite and the planet Venus," was described by the police officers as being 50 feet in diameter, 15 to 20 feet high, and having a large dome on top. An antenna jutted out from the rear part of the dome. The UFO, which gave off heat and a blinding white light, was seen at an altitude of less than one hundred feet, directly over the patrol car driven by Dale Spaur. A humming sound was heard from the UFO at the time it was first seen rising out of the woods near the highway, just before the infamous 100 miles per hour chase began.

Yes, the planet Venus has been acting up, again; and its effect upon certain mid-western policemen has been entirely negative. (Our thanks to the 40 or more friends and subscribers who sent us this article, and our apologies for not having enough space to list their names here.)

SCIENTISTS EXPRESS VARYING OPINIONS ON UFOs: Now that flying saucers have almost become "respectable," at last, statements about them by reputable scientists are appearing in the press with surprising frequency. On Page 13 (bottom) of our Winter issue, we discussed the interesting theory set forth by Phillip J. Klass, Science Editor of "Aviation Week & Space Technology." Mr. Klass, as expressed in a long article for that magazine, believes that all otherwise unexplained UFOs are merely "plasmas" or "ball lightning" of various sizes and characteristics. While we cannot agree with all his conclusions, there can be no doubt that this theory probably accounts for at least a few UFO sightings.

Another fascinating, though to us "far-out" theory is expressed by Norton T. Novitt, an amateur scientist who is an illustrator working with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, Colorado. Three years ago, while satellite-spotting with a small telescope, Novitt saw what he thought were two UFOs moving at very high speed. When they eventually landed in front of a nearby garage, he found nothing more mysterious than two winged ants. What he had observed through the telescope was sunlight glinting from their iridescent bodies. Further research proved that winged ants, which sometimes fly together in swarms of many millions, can pick up electrical charges of different sorts and thus be seen as a glowing mass at night. They would, of course, make a humming sound when flying at low altitude. Mr. Novitt apparently is willing to admit, however, that his theory can explain only a small percentage of the Air Force's "unknowns."

Dr. Charles H. Smiley, director of the Ladd Observatory at Brown Univer-

sity in Providence, Rhode Island, came up with some rather cryptic remarks while discussing UFOs in a recent interview. Smiley, who claims to have been a researcher of the flying saucer phenomenon since 1956, boldly stated that "I can definitely say we are seeing something different in the sky today that wasn't there 25 or 40 years ago! (Did someone tell him about airplanes and satellites? - Editor.) Dr. Smiley went on to say, however, that his research has failed to turn up "a single case of a UFO coming from the proper direction to indicate it originated on Mars or Venus." On the broader question of what credence he gives to UFO reports in general, the Brown professor did not rule out the possibility that some sightings might be valid. He stressed, however, that "many recent reports of red flying saucers have been scientifically attributed to experimental work with laser beams." What he means by this last statement, we don't quite know.

Dr. Serge Korff, Professor of Physics at New York University, joined the discussion by stating that he has been responsible for the launching of many of the UFOs sighted in the United States and Canada during the past few years. Korff, who supervises the cosmic research program at the University told a recent lecture audience that the giant balloons he has sent aloft to probe the upper atmosphere - some of which are 400 feet in diameter and assume weird shapes - account for the sightings.

The strangest opinion of all comes from an amateur scientist named Brad Coley, who claims UFOs are nothing more than optical illusions. "When I was a youngster," said Coley, "there was an old light fixture in the house. Every time I'd snap that light off, I'd see the figure of a dragon where the illumination had been. It was an optical illusion, but it scared the devil out of me." Coley admits he has not studied many UFO reports, but nevertheless feels his theory is "a logical explanation for 99 percent of the flying saucers spotted."

On a more positive note, Dr. James McDonald, a senior physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, broke sharply with scientific opinion in an interview in early October. He admitted that he believes UFOs come from outside the earth's atmosphere, and are "operated or controlled in some way by thinking beings." McDonald stated that these objects are probably extraterrestrial in origin, but added: "I have absolutely no idea where they come from or how they are operated, but after ten years of research, I know they are something from outside our atmosphere."

Responding to Dr. McDonald, Dr. Edward Ney, professor of astrophysics at the University of Minnesota, snorted that "respectable scientists don't even discuss UFOs in serious terms."

The recent pro-saucer statements by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's chief scientific consultant, have already been discussed on Page 12 of our Winter issue. (N.Y. World Journal Tribune, 9/21/66; The Burlington, N.Y. Free Press, 9/29; Boston, Mass. Globe, 10/24 & 10/26; and other sources. Credit: Gladys Fusaro, Michael Veprauskas, Joseph Ristuvecia, and John Albano.)

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- Oct. 5th - Jack McKinney Show, on WCAU, Phila., with Philip Klass.
- Oct. 11th - Lecture to Edward Williams Jr. College, Hackensack, N. J.
- Oct. 14th - Bob Kennedy Show, WBZ, Boston.
- Oct. 16th - Lecture to Two State UFO Study Group, Scituate, Mass.
- Oct. 26th - Taped interview on Joyce Brothers' show on WNBC, with Daniel Cohen, Managing Editor of "Science Digest."
- Oct. 28th - Joe Franklin's radio show, WOR.
- Nov. 3rd - Speech to the Fair Lawn, N.J. Rotary.
- Nov. 4th - Lecture at the West Side YMCA in New York.
- Nov. 4th - Long John's all-night radio show on WNBC, with saucerer Dan Fry and Lee Castle, leader of the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.
- Nov. 5th - Lecture at the West Side YMCA.
- Nov. 13th - Speech for a charity benefit in Boston.
- Nov. 14th - Interview on Bob Kennedy's show, WBZ-TV, Boston.
- Nov. 16th - Lecture to Port Huron (Michigan) Junior College.
- Nov. 18th - Joe Franklin's TV show, WOR-TV (Channel 9).
- Nov. 19th - Taped interview for WSOJ in South Orange, N.J.
- Nov. 29th - Speech to the South Hackensack, N.J. Rotary.
- Dec. 1st - Interview on TV Channel 47, Newark, N.J. Half-hour.
- Dec. 1st - Interview on "Disc-O-Teen," Channel 47, Newark.
- Dec. 8th - Lecture to Worcester (Mass.) Junior College.
- Dec. 13th - Taped interview on Joe Pyne's syndicated radio show, originating in Hollywood, California.
- Dec. 14th - Taped interview on Joe Pyne's TV show on the Metromedia Network, originating in Hollywood.
- Dec. 20th - Speech to the Cranford, N.J. J.C.'s.

NEWS BRIEFS: As mentioned in our "Press-Time Bulletins" on Page 16 of our Winter issue, the Air Force has been asked to investigate a strange rocket-like device which was discovered by treasure hunters in 40 feet of water off the coast of Florida. The rocket, five feet in length and $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter, was called to the attention of officials at Homestead Air Force Base, near Miami. A spokesman for Homestead professed to have no idea of the origin of the rocket, but officials there were interested enough to schedule a mission to recover it and bring it to shore. What became of this mission, or the rocket, we do not know for sure, as there was never any mention of it in the newspapers after the original AP article. However, in a letter to SAUCER NEWS subscriber Roger Charney, an Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon later had this to say: "The object, a 200-pound rocket engine, was part of a rocket fired from the Air Proving Ground Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The engine was retrieved by the Naval Ordnance Test Facility, Ft. Lauderdale. It is believed that the engine hit the ocean floor and came into the Miami area with the tide. (Hartford, Conn. Times, 9/27/66. Credit: David Martin, and our special thanks to Roger Charney.)

Last October, a 15-year-old English schoolboy named Joseph Pittman made a rare sighting of an Irish lake monster which is said to be as fearsome as the more famous Loch Ness Monster of Scotland. The Irish beast inhabits Lough Brin, but occasionally comes out onto the nearby land. When Pittman came upon the creature, it was tossing hay all over the place in a meadow. he described the monster as "bigger than a cow, and having a tail like a fish." It eventually disappeared into the lake, as it has done many times before, over the years, according to people living in that vicinity. (Credit: Ronald Tarr.)

Six University of Notre Dame professors, after an overnight investigation of two haunted houses in nearby Osceola, came away without having been able to shed any light on the mystery. The two houses, about a mile apart and owned by members of the same family, were both subjected to a rash of poltergeist phenomena - tables hopping, pictures which fell from walls, ash trays breaking, and rocks jumping from the ground to hit the side of the house. Neither police nor the University investigators could find an explanation, but the professors indicated they might return to the houses for further research. (Hartford, Conn. Times, 10/13/66. Credit: David Martin.)

Another "haunting" case, which seems to be a cross between UFO phenomena and poltergeists, occurred in Newport, Oregon, last October, and attracted the attention of Duke University's world-famous parapsychology team headed by Dr. J.9. Rhine. The Newport case, consisting mainly of night sightings of very small mystery lights, caused the Reeves family of that locality to move from their home in fright. Mrs. Evelyn Reeves told reporters that the lights - between one and thirty inches in diameter - became so troublesome that sheets had to be tacked over the windows in a vain attempt to keep them from shining in. On one occasion the entire house was filled with an eerie red glow. It was after this incident that the family decided to flee. Similar sightings have been made by at least 25 other people in the vicinity, and there has even been an unconfirmed report of a one-eyed monster spotted in another portion of the same rural area. (Portland, Oregon Journal, 10/20/66; Spokane, Wash. Spokesman-Review, 11/18. Credit: John Keel.)

On the back page of the August-September issue of Major Keyhoe's "UFO Investigator," NICAP discounts the reality of Barney & Betty Hill's saucer contact, as related in John Fuller's current book, without ever having read the book. Similarly, in an article on the same page entitled "Who Is the Liar?", NICAP attacks Dr. Frank Stranges' documentary UFO movie "Phenomena 7.7" as "ridiculous," without ever having seen the film....Incidentally, we are intrigued with a portion of the advertising lay-out which the Fieldcrest Publishing Company is currently using to sell a new edition of one of Major Keyhoe's books. Under the heading, "Who is the official who dared write these amazing disclosures?", the text reads as follows: "....We recognize Major Keyhoe as a responsible, accurate reporter. His long association with the Air Force (italics ours) qualifies him as a leading authority. (signed) U.S. Dept. of Defense." Needless to say, Major Keyhoe did not authorize this text, and has complained bitterly about it; but we wonder if Fieldcrest has really stumbled onto something important!

The rock-and-roll group known as the "Byrds" has had themselves insured by Lloyd's of London for one million dollars, against being kidnapped by creatures from outer space. By co-incidence, the group currently has a hit record called "Mr. Spaceman." (Credit: Pamela Spelman.)

The latest saucer contactee to attract nation-wide attention is Mel Noel of Hollywood, California, who claims that while serving as an Air Force pilot, several years ago, he was attached to a group of four F-86 jets which were assigned to hunt down and photograph UFOs. Noel claims that he saw and photographed UFOs on two of his missions for the Air Force, but was never allowed to see the thousands of frames of movie footage which were shot by the group. Currently, Noel is trying to arrange a meeting between "Martian pilots" and U.S. military personnel, according to Drew Pearson's column of September 25th.

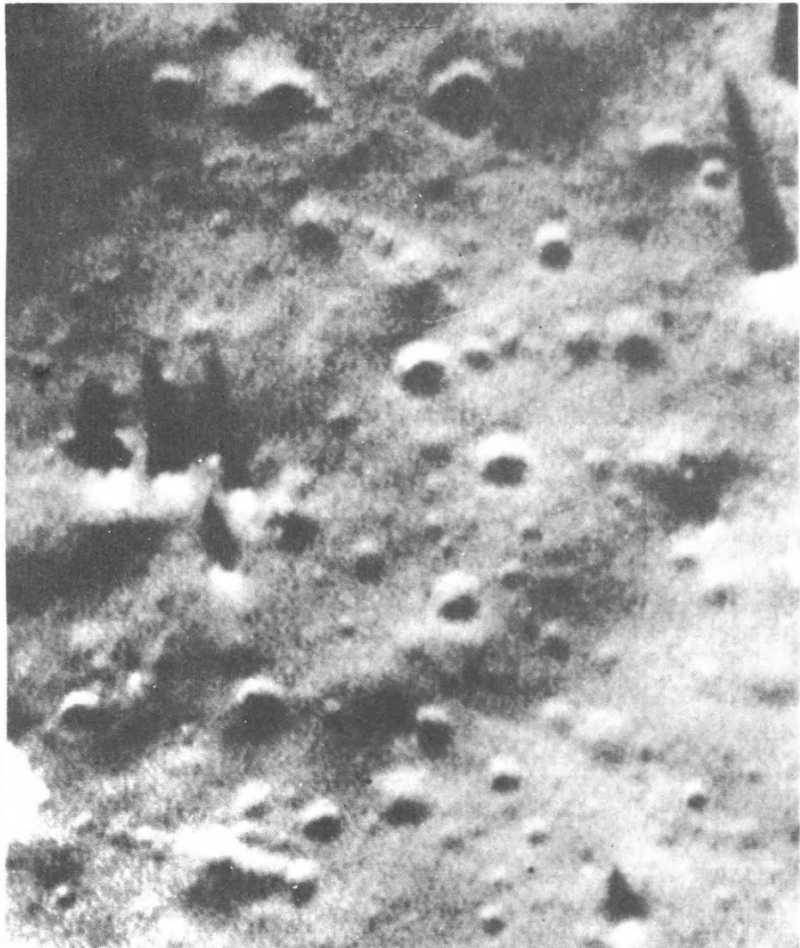
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PHOTOS SHOW POSSIBLE ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES ON THE MOON: On November 21st, six statuesque and deeply mysterious shadows on the Moon were photographed and relayed to Earth by Lunar Orbiter 2. (See official NASA photo at the right, published here by special permission from that agency.)

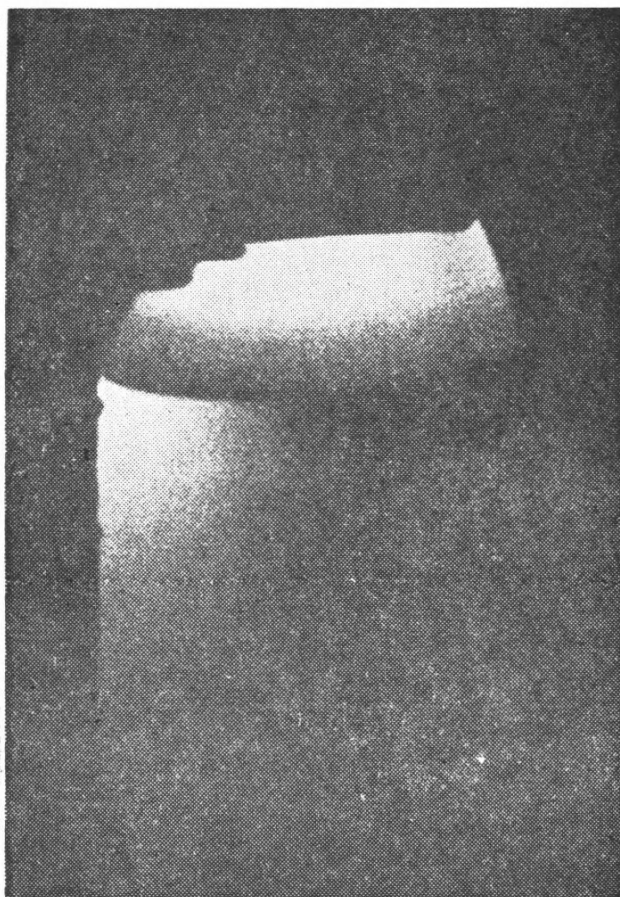
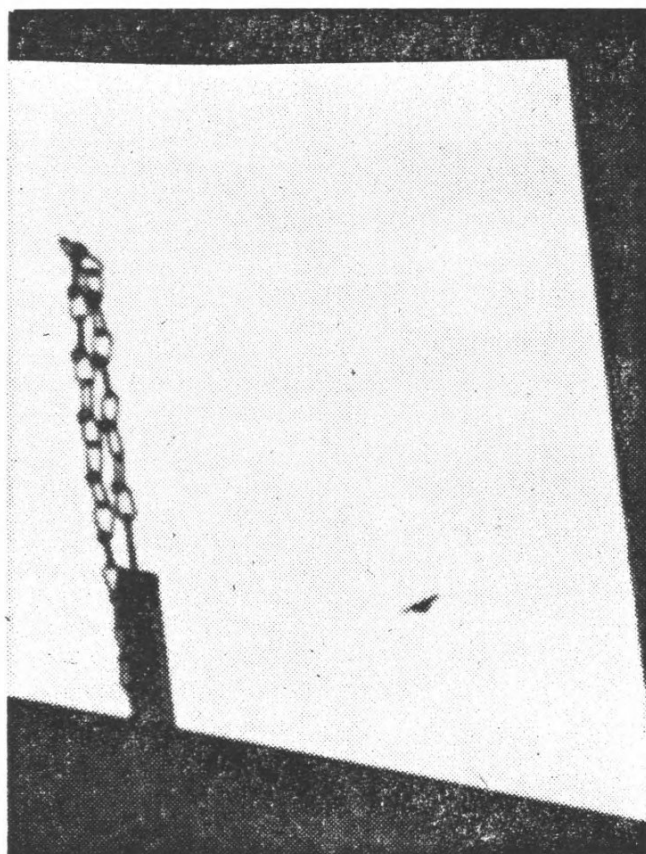
The shadows range in size from 20 feet in length to one which, according to a writer for the Washington Post, "would be cast by something resembling the Washington Monument." In other words, the shadows, as plainly visible in the picture, are geometric in shape and of absolutely unknown origin!

Several leading scientists are referred to in the newspaper article we have in our files, though none are named. All of them seem to be in agreement on the fact that they have "no idea" what is casting these fascinating shadows. The picture above, which has stirred up this important round of speculation, is one of many taken by Orbiter's 24-inch telephoto lens, which is capable of revealing objects on the Moon the size of a manhole cover. The photos were taken from an altitude of about 30 miles. The one shown here is No. 66-H-758, available free of charge to accredited news media from NASA at 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. (Credit: Gray Barker, John Keel, and others.)



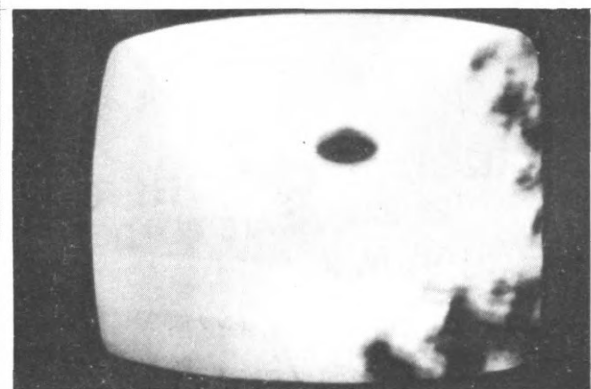
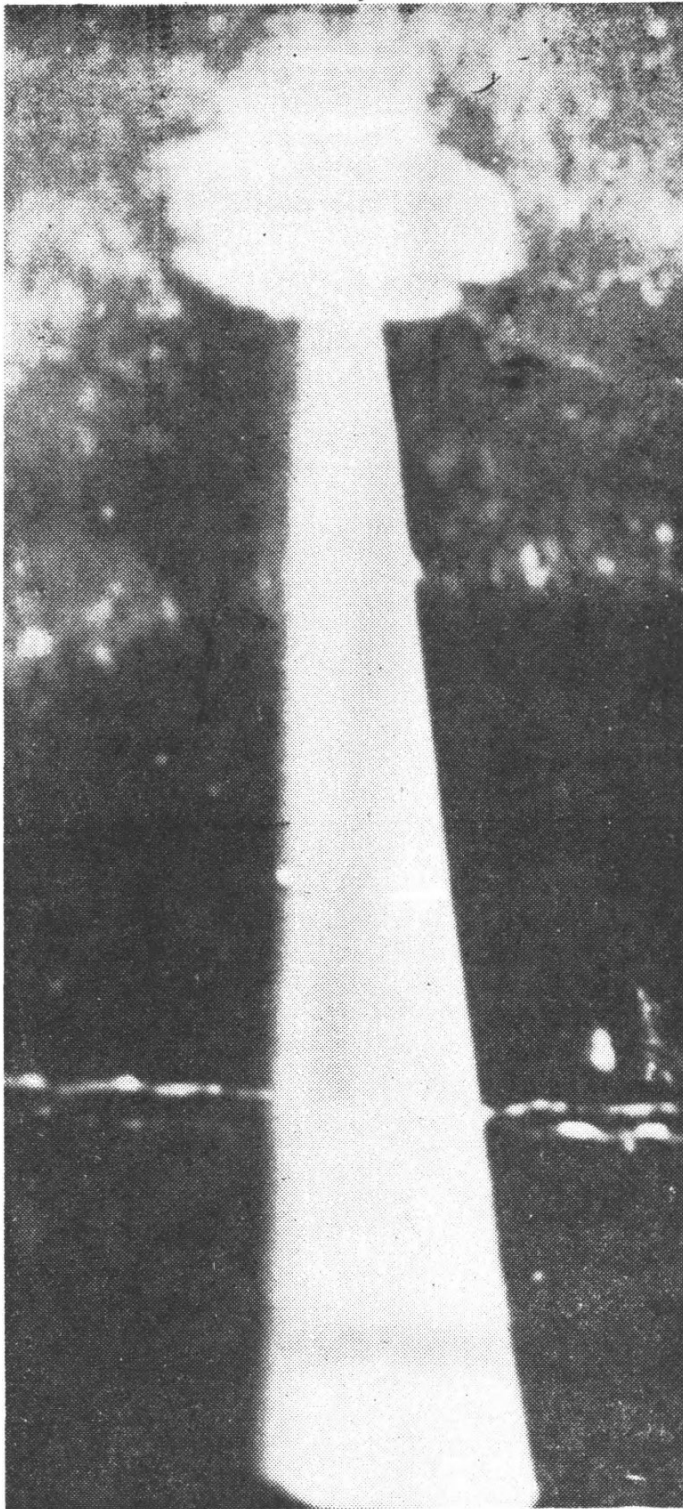
SAUCER NEWS EDITOR SCHEDULES UFO BOOK FOR JUNE 1967: Not wanting to remain any longer as the only "leading researcher" who has not written a book, James W. Moseley announced in November that his long-awaited book will be published by Saucerian Press of Clarksburg, W. Va. in time for the New York Flying Saucer Convention. Moseley will reveal, in detail, how he saw secret Air Force files in 1953; his investigation of a captured saucer allegedly held at an Air Force base in Ohio; and other events in his 14 years of UFO research.

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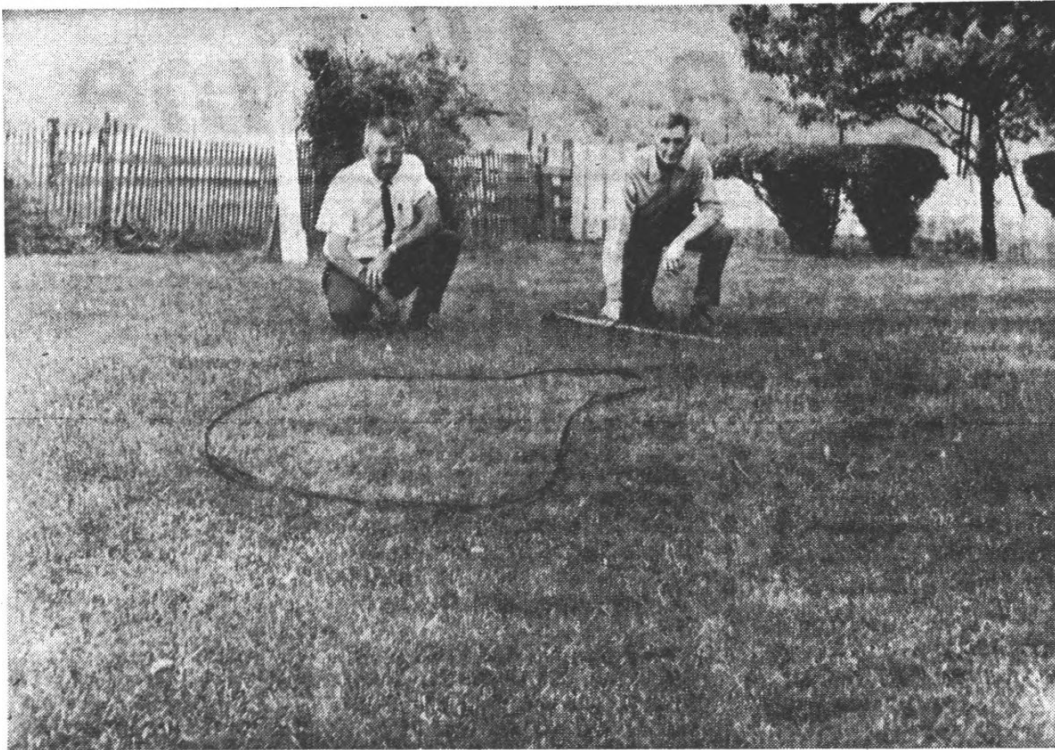


ABOVE LEFT: The second of two UFO pictures taken on the afternoon of Oct. 1st, 1966, by Pasquale Riccitelli, a 20-year-old resident of New Haven, Conn. As he was taking a routine series of outdoor photos, "something strange" caught his eye just for an instant. He was not sure of the object's shape until he had the pictures developed. ABOVE RIGHT: One of an impressive series of pictures taken on the night of Oct. 29th, at the height of the saucer flap over Long Island, N.Y. The photographer, named Leonard Victor, is a former pilot and an experienced sky watcher, formerly with the Sperry Astronomical Society. The object, seen over North Brentwood, N.Y., was ten times as bright as the brightest star or planet, and had, to the naked eye, a more symmetrical shape than shown here. Apparently the camera picked up a weaker cone of light around and below the object. This is not the first time that a UFO photo has shown an "aura" of some sort, invisible or almost invisible to the human eye. LOWER RIGHT CORNER: A UFO display set up for a recent science fair by S.A.U.C.E. R.S. member David Dame of Pittsfield, N.H. The display includes recent newspaper articles, photos, and drawings of flying saucers, centered by a model of a typical saucer-shaped craft. (New Haven, Conn. Register, 10/23; Long Island Press, 10/31. Credit: Barbara Doolittle, Donald Swegly, and David Dame.)

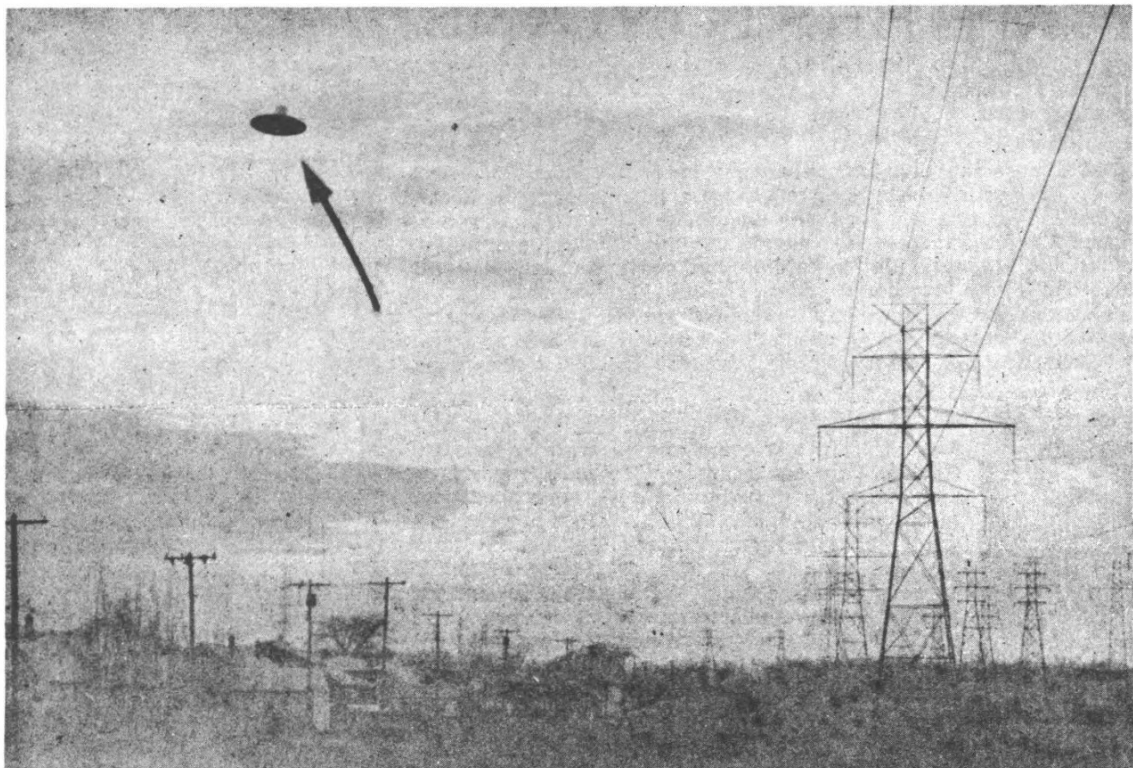




LEFT PHOTO was taken about six years ago in Pa., and has been erroneously associated with the recent UFO flap in Wanaque, N. J., due to the fact that the wife of one of the Wanaque police officers was sent a copy of it. RIGHT TOP PHOTO shows a novel car hop in Mass. RIGHT MIDDLE photo shows your Editor being interviewed on Terry Bennett's TV program; and RIGHT BOTTOM picture shows the Lost Creek UFO film (described in our Winter issue) being shown on TV. (Photos on this page courtesy of August Roberts)

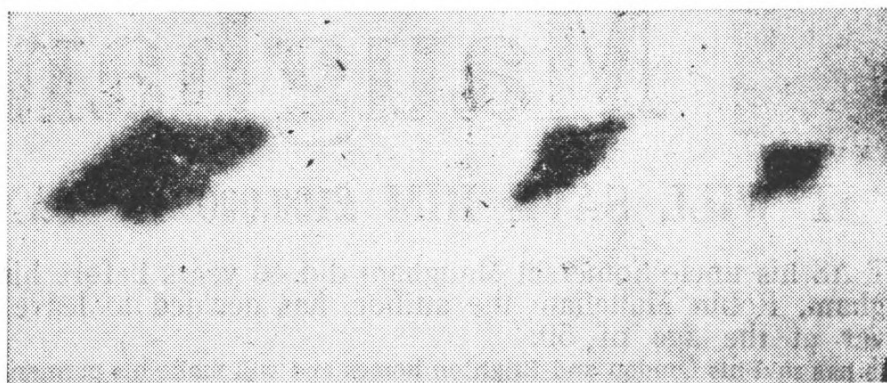


ABOVE: Mel Troyer, left, and Perry Prough, inspect an area in the Prough yard believed to be the site of a UFO landing which occurred in Middlebury, Indiana on the night of June 22nd, 1966. The "padded down" area in the grass is about six feet long and $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide. The landing was witnessed by a neighbor, who saw "white blinking lights" in the yard. An investigation by a sheriff's deputy threw no further light on the case. (The Goshen, Ind. News, 6/24/66. Credit: Lamar E. Gohn.) BELOW: Photo published in the 5/26/66 edition of the Amherst (N. Y.) Bee, showing a UFO spotted by three local high school students.





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MIDDLE PHOTO shows 3 UFOs seen in March, 1966, by 15-year-old Stephen Pratt of Conisbrough, England. Each has a dome on top. The objects hovered about 200 feet above a group of houses for a period of about 10 minutes before moving away quickly. The picture was subjected to X-ray tests by experts of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Association, and was only recently, after prolonged study, accepted as genuine by the group. (London Daily Express, 11/17/66.)



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UFOs AROUND THE WORLD - Edited by Timothy Green Beckley and Edward J. Babcock, Jr. -(Published by Interplanetary News Service, \$3.00)

- Reviewed by Glen White -

With the possible exception of "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," published some years ago by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), there have been very few books issued by civilian saucer organizations which have gone to any great length to present either a scientific or a journalistic appearance. However, in "UFOs Around the World," the editors have accomplished both these goals nicely. Moreover, they show a deep understanding of the subject, and a careful consideration of the evidence - in sharp contrast to other volumes which have appeared in the past, almost overnight, as if to capitalize on a ready financial market.

The editors, both hardened researchers in their own right, have somehow managed to bring together, under one cover, a collection of UFO manuscripts and related material from some eighteen leading scientists and UFO authorities representing over fifteen different countries. Such well known and respected writers as Ivan T. Sanderson, Antonio Ribera, Professor Hermann Oberth, Jacques Vallee, and Dr. Elidio Hernandez have contributed their time and effort to this unique volume.

Not only is this book highly interesting and informative, but it is also scientific in appearance. It has a large and rather impressive collection of references and footnotes at the end of most chapters, as well as nicely-done illustrations that enhance the text.

Probably the most important chapter is by Stan Seers, Director of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau in Brisbane, Australia. He contends that flying saucers are in some way related to the vast increase in earthquakes which have occurred all over the world during the past five years. Although at the start one may be rather skeptical of any possible correlation, it is evident from the graphs and charts supplied by the author that there indeed may be some strange relationship here that warrants further investigation. Seers' manuscript, which is unfortunately somewhat lengthy and overly technical in spots, is backed up by an extremely well-written piece entitled "The Wandering Poles and Orthoteny," by Hank J. Hinfelaar, the well-known editor of New Zealand's "Space-View." Hinfelaar believes that our Earth is going through a period of great change, which may in some way affect the entire solar system. He feels that it is for this reason that we now find ourselves the center of interest of our "Cosmic neighbors."

Horacio Ganteaume's contribution to "UFOs Around the World" is likely to be the favorite of most readers. This chapter shows that UFO flaps in other countries, such as the one in Venezuela in June of 1957, make the Michigan flap of March 1966 look like a Sunday School picnic. The Venezuelan incident, in fact, got so out of hand that the National Guard had to be called out to search the Andean Mountains for a huge mother ship that had apparently crashed there, causing gigantic earth tremors. The people of the countryside were in such a state of shock and bewilderment that the governor of the province had to quickly make a public speech in order to quell possible panic.

If this book fails in any important respect, it is the fact that the editors were, unfortunately, unable to get the book professionally published in hard cover. Instead, they provide us with a soft cover edition that is otherwise nicely done. All in all, we honestly believe that "UFOs Around the World" should be among the most prized possessions of long-time researchers as well as those who only recently became acquainted with this fascinating enigma.

INTERRUPTED JOURNEY - by John G. Fuller (302 pages. Dial Press. Price: \$5.95)

- Reviewed by John A. Keel -

When Look Magazine published two segments of this book in the Fall of 1966, their circulation suddenly doubled! Somebody out there is obviously very interested in flying saucers and in "contact cases." And the story "Interrupted Journey" is the most thoroughly documented contact case to date. John G. Fuller, author of "Incident at Exeter," has once again done a cautious, over-detailed and understated examination of a startling UFO incident, basing most of the book upon the transcripts of tape recordings that came out of the principals' sessions with a famed Boston psychiatrist.

To summarize briefly, while driving through New Hampshire on the night of Sept. 19th, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill saw a low-flying circular machine, and, inexplicably, could not remember what happened during the next two hours. Later, a series of bad dreams and nervous traumas sent them to the couch of Dr. Benjamin Simon, a highly qualified psychiatrist with very impressive credentials. He probed their subconscious with hypnotherapy and unearthed what may have happened during those two "lost" hours. These sessions produced a tale of a UFO landing and the appearance of several short (less than five feet) creatures who somehow rendered the Hills helpless and dragged them aboard a saucer, where they were physically examined and then released unharmed.

Fuller tediously spares none of the details, and the book is often painfully repetitious, because psychiatric technique demands that the same ground must be covered over and over again. The early chapters tell the story, while the later chapters merely repeat and reinforce it.

Paradoxically, many staunch UFO believers scoff at the Hills' story. It is one thing to accept the existence of unidentified flying objects, and quite another to accept the possibility that there might be some sort of humanoids riding around in them. Those who have followed the UFO mystery for a long period will receive several jolts while reading this book. The Hills have described the same kind of creature which has been reported in Brazil, France, Australia, and many other places over the past few years. The large cranium... the pointed chins...the lipless mouths...the long, slit (Oriental-type) eyes. The creatures were wearing black jackets and apparently communicated telepathically in some manner. Under hypnosis, Betty Hill claimed that she had had some kind of conversation with the leader and that he did not understand the concept of time, nor did he understand what vegetables were. And, apparently, he was color blind. Everything inside the space ship was sterile, colorless, and illuminated indirectly by some unseen source. (Nearly every contactee from Adamski on has claimed that the saucer interiors were lighted in this way.) He produced a map of the stars and pointed out "trade routes" to Mrs. Hill, but was curt and cagey when she asked him where they were from.

There are other interesting sidelights which Fuller chooses to gloss over. It appears that the Hills had taken their trip on an impulse, and this may prove to be quite significant, if their story is true. In his sessions with Dr. Simon, Barney became hysterical as he recalled his initial sighting of the object, and told how the "Leader's" eyes seemed to float in front of him and take control of him. The far-out fringe of Saucerdom has been bleating about "mind control" and "telepathy" for years. Reading this book, one has the uneasy feeling that maybe the lunatic fringe has been right after all!

Fate has been kind to the Hills in recent months. They share, with Fuller and Dr. Simon, the profits of a best-seller. Look paid five figures for the privilege of publishing excerpts from "Interrupted Journey." A movie deal is in the works, and the Hills have been touring the country, lecturing. But Barney Hill wants only to return to anonymity. And John Fuller recently de-

clared that he wants to get out of the flying saucer field altogether. In Hollywood they have a phrase for it...."Take the money and run."

None of the people involved - Fuller, Dr. Simon, or the Hills - claim that "Interrupted Journey" is true. They merely say that this is what came out of the hypnotherapy sessions. But they have produced a provocative document which will be discussed and argued about for years to come. Who knows? Time may yet prove that they have given us part of the answer to the puzzling UFO enigma. At least they have helped to popularize the subject and bring the humanoids to public attention for the first time - something that the UFO organizations have been unable to do in twenty years of ranting and conflict.

(Editor's Note: SAUCER NEWS was the first UFO magazine to bring the Hill case to public attention. Our article about this case appeared in our March, 1966 issue, and was taken from contemporary newspaper accounts.)

FLYING SAUCERS: THE STARTLING EVIDENCE OF THE INVASION FROM OUTER SPACE - by Coral Lorenzen. (Published by Signet in paperback. 278 pages. 75¢ per copy.)

- Reviewed by John A. Keel -

Would you believe that a simple day laborer was kidnapped by a flying saucer near Brazilia, Brazil, early in 1965, and was flown to another planet where he was put through two weeks of "rigorous physical-strength tests"? According to the report published in this new, vastly updated paperback version of Coral Lorenzen's 1962 book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," this abductee saw thousands of UFOs on a planet that was pock-marked with craters and had an atmosphere so thin that everyone lived indoors in specially outfitted quarters. Mrs. Lorenzen tells this and many other stories, all equally weird, with conviction, objectivity, and impressive documentation. Skillfully written, with great attention to details and a meticulous respect for facts, this comprehensive survey of twenty years of UFO activity is a major contribution to flying saucer research. It is also a bone-chiller!

This book goes far beyond mere presentation of endless sightings and reports. Mrs. Lorenzen has managed to sort out some of the patterns betrayed by these objects, and offers some solid educated speculation about their technology, origins, and motivations. Her basic conclusion is that the UFOs may be hostile, and she backs this with well-founded evidence, relating incident after incident leading to an apparent pattern of carefully planned military reconnaissance, - a reconnaissance that might possibly culminate in a world-wide invasion, preceded by the drugging of our water supplies. And she offers this grim hypothesis in a straightforward, rational, almost brilliant analysis.

A large portion of the book is based upon the research and theories of a single source - Dr. Olavo T. Fontes of Brazil. Some readers may question her almost total faith in Dr. Fontes' reliability. However, Dr. Fontes recently passed through New York; and this reviewer was fortunate enough to have been able to spend a considerable amount of time in his company. Our conclusion is that Mrs. Lorenzen was fully justified in devoting so much space to the Fontes reports.

Mrs. Lorenzen offers some very valid reasons for not pursuing the popular but rather futile attack against the Air Force. She also slyly raps the wrists of other UFO organizations which have long maintained their own form of self-imposed censorship by ignoring the numerous landing and creature sightings. These, she feels, may provide important clues to the final solution of the saucer mystery; and the cases she has chosen for the book do tend to support each other and open new areas for speculation. Many of these incidents have never appeared in print before, and some of them are real eye-openers. A few offer details similar to those presented in the celebrated Hill story.

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RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

MORE MONSTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA: Readers of our Winter issue of SAUCER NEWS will recall the Erie, Pa. incident in which a saucer landed, a monster was seen by occupants of a parked car, and mysterious geometrical tracks were found on a deserted beach.

Now, John Keel, a careful researcher and a "specialist" in monster reports, has come up with additional information, based on a personal visit to Erie and a search of police files there for the period from late July to early August, 1966. The most spectacular incident he uncovered - one of the many which never even appeared in local newspapers - involves a woman who saw a strange creature on an Erie street, during the early morning hours of August 3rd.

The lady, who has asked that her name not be revealed (though we have her name and address in our files), was awakened at 5:30 a.m. by the barking of neighborhood dogs. She looked out a window and saw what she described as a "human-shaped being" about 5½ feet tall, clothed in a yellow jacket and yellow trousers with no discernable pockets, belt, or other features. The creature's head was huge and "moon-shaped"; and when seen from the side, the back of its head appeared to be flat. The head was covered with "straggly," muddy-colored hair, according to the witness.

The creature had very large shoulders and a slender build. It moved with a stiff, jerky, mechanical motion, holding its arms very close to its sides, so that they did not move at all, as a normal human's arms would do. (This jerky, mechanical motion, incidentally, is found in a great many of the "little men" reports from around the world.) In addition, the legs did not bend at the knees. The over-all impression was that of looking at a mechanical wind-up toy, which jerkily simulates human movement but does not duplicate it.

Local dogs were barking at the creature's heels, but it ignored them. Eventually, the strange Being simply walked out of view, along Erie's West Third Street, near the United Oil Storage Tanks which are a well-known landmark in that neighborhood. The lady completed her report by stating that the creature frightened her so much that she awoke her husband, so that he could see it too; but since he was not wearing his glasses, he could only report a "movement," without being able to give any details.

John Keel, after talking to this lady at length, was convinced that she is a sober, sincere person, and not the type who would be given to publicity-seeking, especially as she was so anxious to keep her name from being used in his account.

Keel also tells us that another woman in the same area saw a similar creature the same week. This woman, who refused to give him her name, said she was driving down Third Street late one night when a monster came up to her car and pounded on the hood, before moving off into the darkness.

It is to be presumed that many other similarly sensational accounts have been lost forever to researchers, because of the sad but understandable fear of ridicule which people have after making a sighting of something totally outside their normal range of experience.

CLOSE SIGHTINGS IN INDIANA: An important saucer flap occurred in various parts of Indiana in the early morning hours of September 24th, but the Air Force quite literally clouded the issue by connecting the sightings with a NASA experiment which occurred later that same morning. Following the pattern of confusion set by the Air Force, most newspaper accounts imply, incredibly, that the sightings are somehow "explained" by the NASA experiment which is clearly stated to have occurred at 5:13 a.m., Central Daylight Time, whereas most of the sightings were between 4 and 5 a.m., CDT. The experiment, inciden-

tally, consisted of ejecting barium and copper oxide from a four-stage rocket at a test range over the Atlantic Ocean - quite a long way from Indiana!

Witnesses to the sightings included Indiana deputy sheriffs, state police, and security guards in several communities, including Charlestown, Shelbyville, Greensburg, Franklin, Portland, Columbus, and others. The closest observation of the UFO was made by Henry Fox, a security officer at Anderson College, who saw the object hovering over a football field at about 4:30 a.m., CDT. When he approached and turned his flashlight on it, the UFO appeared to be a solid object surrounded by a "gassy glow." Fox described it as a disc about 150 feet in diameter. He watched it for fifteen minutes before it sped away (perhaps on its way back to the NASA test range in the Atlantic Ocean!?) (The Indianapolis, Ind. News, 9/24/66; The Indianapolis, Ind. Star, 9/25; The Long Island, N.Y. Press, 9/25. Credit: Gladys Fusaro, W.F. Keeler, Floyd Lehrhanpt, and David Martin.)

CLOSE UFO SIGHTING IN TEXAS: The following account, referring to an incident witnessed in Dallas, Texas, by Fred Lovern and his wife Theresa, was sent to us exclusively by SAUCER NEWS subscriber F.F. Mays, Jr., who interviewed the couple by telephone. Mr. Lovern's written statement is as follows:

"On the night of September 28th, 1966, at about 11:35 p.m., I got out of bed to get a drink of water in the kitchen, and glanced out the window, as I noticed a bright light outdoors. I ran outside in my pajamas and saw that the light seemed to be flashing. In a moment I could see that there was not just one light, but four or five white lights grouped together on an object, and that the remainder of the circumference of the object contained three other bright lights spaced at equal distances from each other. On top of the disc was a red dome barely visible.

"The object went directly over my house, moving southward with a dipping motion. I would estimate that it was 300 to 400 feet above the ground as it passed over the house. It was 30 to 40 feet in diameter, and traveling 70 to 80 miles per hour. I watched it go southward and make a banking turn toward the west. At this point I ran into the house and called my wife to watch it with me from the front yard. The object had awakened her with its loud humming sound - like that of a generator, - a sound which I also had been hearing. We both watched the object as it moved along west of downtown Dallas. It then made another banking turn and came back toward us. It covered about half the distance back to our house before turning again to the north, eventually going out of sight. I watched it for about ten or fifteen minutes altogether, and my wife watched with me for about half that long. The moon was almost full that night, and there were no clouds in the sky."

Mr. Lovern is a 33-year-old employee of a Dallas firm which installs fire protection sprinkler systems in buildings. He has been with the firm for nine years, is a Korean War veteran, and is the father of five children. It would certainly appear, therefore, that he may be considered a reliable and competent witness. (Credit: F. F. Mays, Jr.)

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CONTINUING SAUCER FLAP IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: As we have reported in several previous issues, there seems to be a continuing UFO situation of some sort in the vicinity of Wanaque, N.J., as well as in other nearby towns, all just a few miles from New York City. After flaring sporadically all summer, the flap got into high gear again on the night of October 10th, when several policemen and others again made close sightings near the Wanaque Reservoir, touching off a saucer alert which is still going on at the time this article is being written!

At about 9:45 p.m. on the night in question, a bright object passed over Pompton Lakes, N.J., a few miles south of Wanaque, and was seen by a policeman and his wife as it moved north at about 20 miles per hour. The strange object was traveling at low altitude, and was seen to barely clear a 550-foot-tall television tower before disappearing from sight behind a high hill near Wanaque.

Next, the same object was seen by Sergeant Benjamin Thompson and Patrolman Edward Wester, of the Wanaque Reservoir Police. Said Thompson: "The light was brilliantly white, about as big as a car. It lit up the whole area for about 300 yards. In fact, it blinded me when I got out of the patrol car to look at it, and I couldn't see well for about two minutes afterwards." Thompson went on to say that the UFO must have been moving at extremely high speed, as it circled an area a half mile in diameter "six or eight times" in the few seconds it took him to get out of his car. It made no sound. It was making "exact square turns," i.e., turns at an amazing 90 degree angle. The Sergeant also stated that the UFO "went straight up or straight down just as fast as it went east or west," before finally disappearing in the distance.

The Wanaque police, whom we interviewed by telephone later that same evening, assumed from what they had seen that the object had crashed to earth in the woods beyond the Reservoir. When asked by SAUCER NEWS if they intended to search the area that night, a spokesman said, "I wouldn't care how many saucers are down in those woods. We're not going out there until daylight." It developed that their fear was not of Martians as much as of poisonous snakes, several of which had recently been killed in the vicinity.

The search, when made the next day, turned up nothing. Air Force promises to investigate the incident also failed to materialize, though the Wanaque police reported having seen several planes and helicopters over the neighborhood immediately after the sightings. Despite the presence of these helicopters and what appeared to numerous witnesses to be jet aircraft, a Pentagon official denied all knowledge of the incident. "We have had no report on this; we do not solicit reports; and we don't investigate anything that isn't officially transmitted from the nearest base," said Col. Maston M. Jacks, the Air Force spokesman. The Wanaque police expressed, in restrained terms, disgust over the Air Force attitude.

Also on the night of October 10th, almost at the same time the UFO was in the skies of Wanaque, there was a monster sighting in Elizabeth, N.J., some forty miles to the south. This incident was reported exclusively to SAUCER NEWS, and was investigated two nights later by your Editor, John Keel, and several others, including New York television star Chuck McCann.

The monster was seen by two sixteen-year-old boys who were walking home from the nearby New Jersey Turnpike early that evening, when they spotted; from only ten feet away, a six-foot-tall creature wearing a "green metallic suit" and a "black utility belt." The oval face contained small beady eyes, a huge mouth, and no ears. Terrified, the boys ran away. Their complete story, as told in detail to our group of investigators, rang with evident sincerity; but our attempt to follow up other confirmatory leads on the same case proved futile.

In the days and weeks that followed, a virtual hysteria gripped the Wanaque area, with hundreds of carloads of people cluttering the rural roads

around the Reservoir. Local police cracked down, issuing a great many tickets for illegal parking, and at one point there was even a rumor that the National Guard was going to be called in. For the most part, the visitors went away disappointed. The few sightings that were made could mostly be accounted for as misinterpretations of conventional objects such as bright stars.

But on October 16th, at least three persons near Wanaque saw a solid, aluminum-colored object, rounded on top and flat on the bottom, with a beacon. This sighting occurred at 4:55 p.m., while there was still a good deal of daylight left, and the UFO was in view for about half a minute, according to the witnesses.

In early November, two youngsters living in Bloomfield, N.J., took a series of low-level photographs of a UFO - one of which is reproduced at the right below. The pictures are suspicious for several reasons - and especially because of the immediate efforts of the boys' parents to "cash in" by selling the photos to Life Magazine for a high price. (Life was not interested, however.)

On November 19th there occurred a sighting with a great deal more substance than the above-mentioned one. It took place at about 7:50 that morning, in Bayonne, N.J., a town almost completely surrounded by bodies of water. The incident, as investigated in person by SAUCER NEWS Assistant Editor John J. Robinson and others, involved an exceedingly strange object, spherical and about four feet in diameter, seen proceeding slowly through the air from north to south at a speed of 15 miles per hour and an elevation of about 125 feet. The two witnesses, named Dave Millinger and Charles Warren, stated that the UFO appeared to be metallic. It was of a dark gray color, and had about fifteen seven-foot-long tentacles or antennae sticking out from its upper portion, making it look like "an octopus standing on its head."

Suddenly, as they continued to stare at it, the object started downward and passed from view behind a building. Its direction of travel would have led it right into Newark Bay. The two men hastened to telephone local police, who in turn contacted the U.S. Coast Guard, which dispatched two patrol boats to the area. Coast Guard authorities refused to comment on their findings, if any.

The following evening, two sisters living about a mile apart in the vicinity of Union City, N.J., made a close observation of a UFO. These ladies, named Edith Neilsen and Adelle Schakales, observed a brilliant light, "like a gigantic glowing silver pumpkin," moving slowly through the skies. When seen at close range, it, too, had an antenna of some sort, on the rear, and it also had some kind of ball-shaped device affixed to the top of the antenna. The most convincing and significant aspect of the sighting, to us, was the fact that when passing over a large apartment building near Mrs. Schakales' home,

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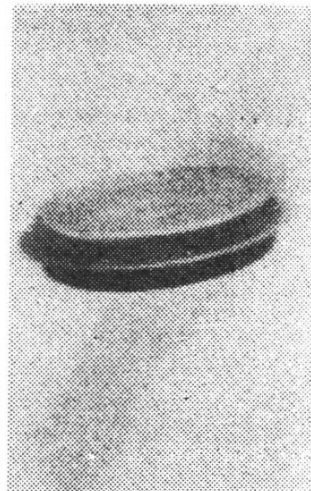
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the roof lights on the apartment house could be seen reflecting from the underside of the craft - thus proving that the mystery object was not only solid but at very low altitude indeed! (Newark Evening News, 10/11/66, 10/13, 11/9, 11/16; The Herald-News, 10/12, 10/17; The Bergen Record, 10/12, 10/13, 10/17; Newark Star Ledger, 10/16; The Hudson Dispatch, 11/21; The Jersey Journal, 11/21. Credit: John J. Robinson, Mel Stiriss, Gladys Fusaro, Lawrence Gasper, Sid Kleiner, Mrs. Lorraine Cipullo, and Marty Marino.)

SENSATIONAL SAUCER LANDING IN WEST VIRGINIA: On the night of November 2nd, a salesman named Woodrow Derenberger was driving on Interstate Highway #77, returning from Ohio to his home in Parkersburg, W. Va., when he had the most fantastic experience of his entire life. As he approached to within a few miles of Parkersburg, he saw a "long, dark object" traveling at about the same speed as his panel truck. The UFO then cut in front of his vehicle, and continued to travel "sideways" for some distance. Then, with a "soft fluttering noise," it moved along the highway, only 8 to 10 inches from the pavement, and finally stopped, blocking his way!

Derenberger later told a news conference that a door opened in one side of the mysterious craft, and a "man" stepped out. The alien creature approached Derenberger's truck, and told him to roll down the window. There followed a five to ten minute "conversation," during which the Visitor communicated by means of thought waves or ESP of some kind. His lips were closed in a fixed smile, as if his mouth were merely painted on.

The creature was 6 feet tall, 35 to 40 years old "by our standards," and weighed about 185 pounds. He had dark hair, a dark complexion, and wore a short topcoat, with trousers visible below the coat, and a shirt buttoned at the neck. His clothing was described as "blue in color and quite shiny, having a glistening effect." Derenberger added that the man described himself as a "searcher" and gave his name as "Cold". Among the thoughts that were communicated to the startled Earthman was the fact that the craft came from "a country much less powerful" than the United States. The Visitor apparently did not describe his point of origin any more clearly than that, but he urged Derenberger not to be afraid.

The craft itself was unlighted, charcoal gray in color, and was "apparently made of some kind of metal." It was shaped something like an old kerosene lamp globe, having a flat bottom and a dome-like top. This weird machine hovered at a height of 50 to 75 feet above the highway during the period of time that the interplanetary conversation took place. When the alien was ready to return to the craft, the UFO descended to lower altitude, and another occupant of the saucer reached an arm out the door to help his companion back

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aboard. The door then closed, sounding much like a car door, according to Derenberger, and the craft burst into the sky at tremendous speed, disappearing rapidly from view.

Before leaving, the Visitor told Derenberger that he would contact him again some time in the future, and also advised him to notify local authorities about the incident. Badly shaken, the salesman hurried home and telephoned Parkersburg police, who in turn notified the Air Force. A press conference was held the next day, at which a local Air Force representative was present. It was indicated that Derenberger's story would be passed on to higher military authorities, either in Washington or at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

It seems evident that in the course of his "five to ten minute" conversation with the Visitor, Derenberger must have learned a great deal more than the scanty information contained in the various newspaper articles we have read. Although repeated attempts by SAUCER NEWS to contact Derenberger by telephone have been in vain, West Virginia's intrepid researcher, Gray Barker, managed to obtain a long personal interview with the man recently. We had been suspecting an Air Force-inspired "hush up" of some sort, but instead, Mr. Barker discovered another sinister pattern which has become common in major UFO cases: NICAP representatives in eastern Ohio and western West Virginia visited Derenberger and made him promise not to tell his story to anyone else. They also hounded him over a period of weeks, tried unsuccessfully to persuade him to go under hypnosis, and in general made themselves a nuisance. Barker's full account of his findings will be published shortly.

Meanwhile, other sightings were coming to light in the same general area, tending to confirm Derenberger's fantastic account. Mrs. William F. Hudgins told reporters that she and her two teen-aged children saw a mystery object at tree-top level at 6:45 p.m. on November 4th, and watched it for about five minutes. Her description of the shape of the UFO tallied closely with that which had been given to police by Derenberger two nights earlier. And, at almost the very same time that Derenberger made his "contact", on November 2nd, many people in the vicinity were having unexplainable troubles with their television reception, while others were seeing unidentified lights in the skies. State police admitted receiving numerous telephone calls regarding "unusual happenings" of one sort or another. These leads are now being investigated by Gray Barker and by John Keel, who is another of our SAUCER NEWS associates.

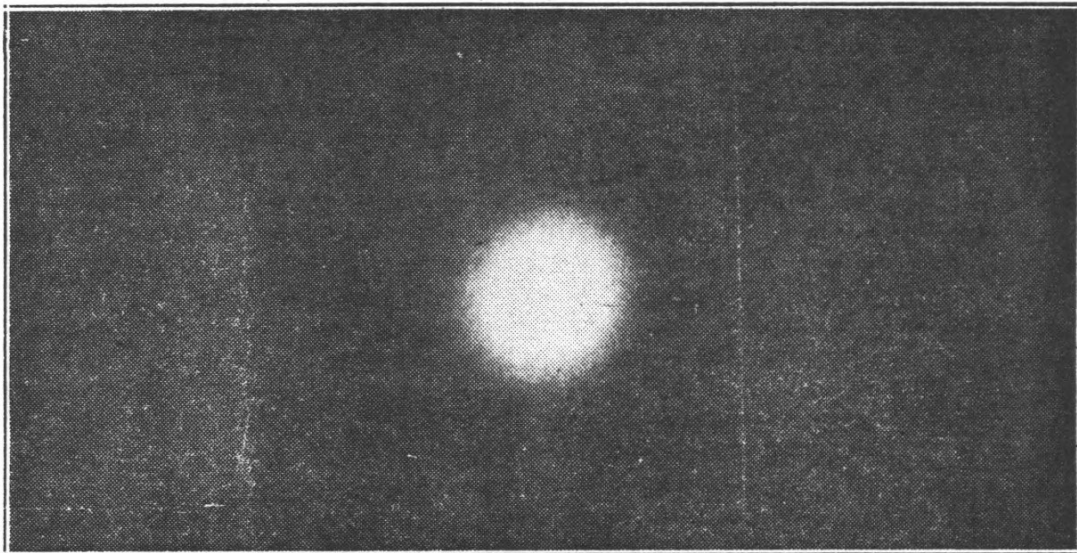
Incidentally, our readers will recall that the motion picture film described in our Winter issue was taken in late July in a rural area only a few miles from the site of the now-famous Parkersburg landing - thus indicating that this section is, indeed, a fertile source of sensational UFO events. (UPI, 11/4/66; The Parkersburg, W. Va. Sentinel, 11/4, and several other sources. Credit: Gray Barker, Victor Alshansky, and Christine Fruth.)

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SAUCER FLAP ON LONG ISLAND: During October and November, there was a well-publicized saucer flap in various towns on Long Island, New York. Lack of space prevents us from recounting all of the incidents here; but perhaps the best-documented was the sighting on the night of October 22nd, when at least three policemen at Patchogue, L.I., spotted a distant, extremely bright sausage-shaped UFO which hovered, zig-zagged, and changed colors during a five-hour period of observation. James Mooney, a photographer from the New York News (a paper which has always taken an extremely negative approach to UFOs) was dispatched to the area, and snapped a series of about twenty pictures, one of which is reproduced above. The object in question was so far away that no accurate estimate of its size could be made. However, the Air Force was impressed enough to request copies of the picture.

In early November, as the Long Island flap continued, the Suffolk County (N.Y.) Air Force Base released a report stating that, of 41 sightings investigated, 35 were of common objects such as satellites, aircraft, and stars. The remaining 8 cases were "still under investigation." It was not made clear whether or not the Patchogue report was in the solved or unsolved category.

The most interesting report to come out of the flap was one relating to a much earlier incident. On April 14th (1966), two women in Amagansett, L.I., had claimed to have seen a large round object with a red light on top, which landed in a field near them. The landing spot was visited by Seymour Becker, chief of radiation control for the Suffolk Health Department. This official found no indication of radiation there, but when he returned the next day, he discovered a 30-foot circle of flattened grass, and saw that nearby trees had been stripped of their bark "just like you would peel a banana." Becker admitted to being completely mystified, and sent a report of his findings to the Air Force's Project Blue Book.

There was also a rumor of another landing on Long Island during October, about which SAUCER NEWS was unable to obtain any details. (The Long Island Press, 10/22/66; The Long Island Advance, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3; The New York Times, 10/22; The New York Daily News, 10/25, 11/14; The Washington, D.C. Daily News, 11/2. Credit: Gladys Fusaro, Murray Weissman, Evelyn Balchunas, and others.)

SAUCER BRIEFS: We have an interesting follow-up to the sensational Brazilian saucer murder mystery, described on Page 29 of our Winter issue. Brazilian police now say that they have received an anonymous phone call from a woman who claims to have knowledge that the two dead technicians were robbed and murdered by a group consisting of three women and two male accomplices.

Having been seen in Rio de Janeiro carrying a large sum of money, the pair was lured to the lonely hillside by this band of criminals, where both were asphyxiated. This explanation would account for the fact that a woman's handkerchief was found at the death scene, but it does not clear up the mystery of why the police autopsy could find no recognizable cause of death. The investigation is still continuing. (Credit: Henning Von Hippel.)

Although UFO sightings in the United States even by non-military planes no longer seem to get into the newspapers, for some strange reason, other nations still report as many pilots' sightings as ever. The latest to come to our attention occurred on September 11th, 1966, and involved the entire crew and passenger list of an Argentine Airlines flight from Santiago de Chile to Buenos Aires. While flying over Mendoza, the pilot and co-pilot noticed a hovering UFO changing colors high in the sky. The control tower at Mendoza, as well as the one at nearby San Luis, confirmed the sighting, and so did all the passengers on the aircraft, many of whom took pictures. According to Carlos Alberto Flores, captain of the aircraft, the UFO was too high for any details to be seen. The sighting lasted for several minutes. (Credit: Henning Von Hippel.)

A mysterious large metal sphere, which caused a great deal of excitement when it was found in a heavily wooded area of Vilas County, Wisconsin, last October 14th, turned out to be debris from a space vehicle, according to Air Force officials who examined it at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The sphere, 47 inches in circumference, had printed numerals on its surface, and was made of a non-magnetic material 1/4th inch in diameter. It was hollow and had two holes where the metal appeared to have burned away. Officials declined to say whether the object was American or Russian. (AP, 10/15/66, 10/24. Credit: Mrs. Duane Goetsch and Daniel Wahrer.)

A recent issue of Life Magazine featured a full-page reproduction of a color UFO photo taken in Brazil by a respected aviation executive named James Pfeiffer. The picture, too large to reproduce here, impresses us very favorably, because it shows the object hovering over trees on the far side of a large expanse of water - thus eliminating the possibility that a small object was thrown up near the camera. Says Pfeiffer: "It was spheroid-shaped, roughly 70 feet in diameter, and very smooth in construction. It hovered at an altitude of about 1,500 feet, then zoomed away at 200 miles per hour, made a right-angle turn, and landed in the woods, making a low-pitched whining sound." The sighting was confirmed by numerous other witnesses.

A mysterious object - apparently not a conventional meteorite of any kind - crashed to earth near Brewster, New York, at 3:30 a.m. on October 9th, and the event was witnessed by a local policeman, who described an explosion followed by big balls of flame. But, as there was no sizeable indentation in the ground, as would occur in the case of a meteorite or other object traveling at high speed, the incident became extremely perplexing. In addition, the material, when handled, was like "soft coal," and not at all like the extremely hard metal of which meteorites are made. Small pieces of the strange substance were given to geologists summoned to the scene by state police, while other fragments were rushed to meteorological laboratories in Albany. (New York Journal Tribune, 10/9/66.)

WEST VIRGINIA "MOTH MAN" TERRORIZES MANY: Continuing the rash of strange occurrences in the far western portion of West Virginia, we learn through Gray Barker and other informants there of a fantastic "moth man," seen first by a group of four young people, and later by many other witnesses who reported the creature independently.

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in mid-November and is still continuing as of this writing, began when Steve Mallette and three companions went for a midnight ride four miles from Point Pleasant, W. Va. As they came over a little rise in the road, they noticed glowing red eyes, six inches apart, staring at them from the nearby bushes. They drove on, thinking the creature probably was some conventional animal; but a short while later, they spotted the same creature again. This time its man-like form was revealed. The monster stood over six feet tall, according to the witnesses, and had gigantic wings protruding from its back, "like an angel." Its torso resembled a human's, except that it had no arms, and the face was hard to distinguish. They also noticed that it walked clumsily, like a penguin. The creature then raised its wings, revealing a ten-foot wing-span, and "went straight up," frightening the two couples out of their wits.

On the nightmare-like trip back to Point Pleasant, the group drove at speeds between 100 and 105 miles per hour; but the fantastic winged monster kept following them, hovering over the car and "casting a dark shadow on the rear window." Said Mallette: "No matter how fast I went, it kept gliding over the roof, sort of moving from side to side. We could hear a flapping noise." Then it swooped down at the car, apparently in a purposeful attack, making a squealing noise like a mouse.

The terrified witnesses contacted city police, who returned to the scene with them, heavily armed. At least two of the deputy sheriffs in the party made inconclusive sightings of the same creature, and a daylight search revealed oval-shaped footprints about 4½ inches across, as well as fresh animal droppings which none of the people in the group could identify.

Elsewhere in the same county, a grave-digger saw something fly past him which looked like a "brown human being" gliding through the trees. It was in view for about a minute. And among the several other confirmatory sightings to come to our attention, the most intriguing was by a contractor named Newell Partridge, whose German shepherd dog disappeared forever into a field where something with "eyes like red reflectors" had just been sighted. At the same time, Partridge's television set "began acting up like a generator." There was absolutely no trace of the dog in the morning, but the poor animal's tracks came to a dead end at a specific point in the field!

Robert Smith, Associate Professor of Wildlife Biology at West Virginia University, told officials that the descriptions sound like that of the sandhill crane, the second largest variety of cranes in America. This explanation failed, however, to account for the human form, the ten-foot wing-span, or the ability to fly at one hundred miles per hour! (The Wheeling, W. Va. Intelligencer, 11/17/66; The Martins Ferry, W. Va. Times-Leader, 11/19, and other sources. Credit: Gray Barker and Ranny Parks.)

PRESS TIME NEWS: On the night of Sept. 23rd, UFOs caused three interruptions in the power system of the resort city of Cuernavaca, Mexico. The objects were seen by hundreds of residents, and by two pilots en route to Acapulco. (From the English-language Mexico City News, 9/24/66)....In an official statement dated Oct. 11th, 1966, the CIA has denied any current involvement with the Government's flying saucer investigation. (Credit: John Keel)....The Gemini 12 astronauts described a possible sighting of four UFOs in the course of a report dated 11/23/66. (Credit: John Keel)....A UFO hovering over treetops in North Westminster, Vt. was photographed on Nov. 25th by two local teen-agers. The pictures, too poor technically to reproduce here, show a huge dark form in the sky. The boys described the object as glowing, about 25 feet wide, and hovering at about 100 feet. (Credit: Ronald Tarr)....On the night of Dec. 1st, a blinking, circular UFO soaring silently just above the treetops brought terror to a carload of children in Caroline County, Md. (The Baltimore News-Journal, 12/2/66. Credit: Vernon Miller)...JOAN WHRITENOUR OF ST. PETERSBURG REPORTS ANOTHER LANDING, ON 12/4, AT BROOKSVILLE, FLA! DETAILS NEXT ISSUE!

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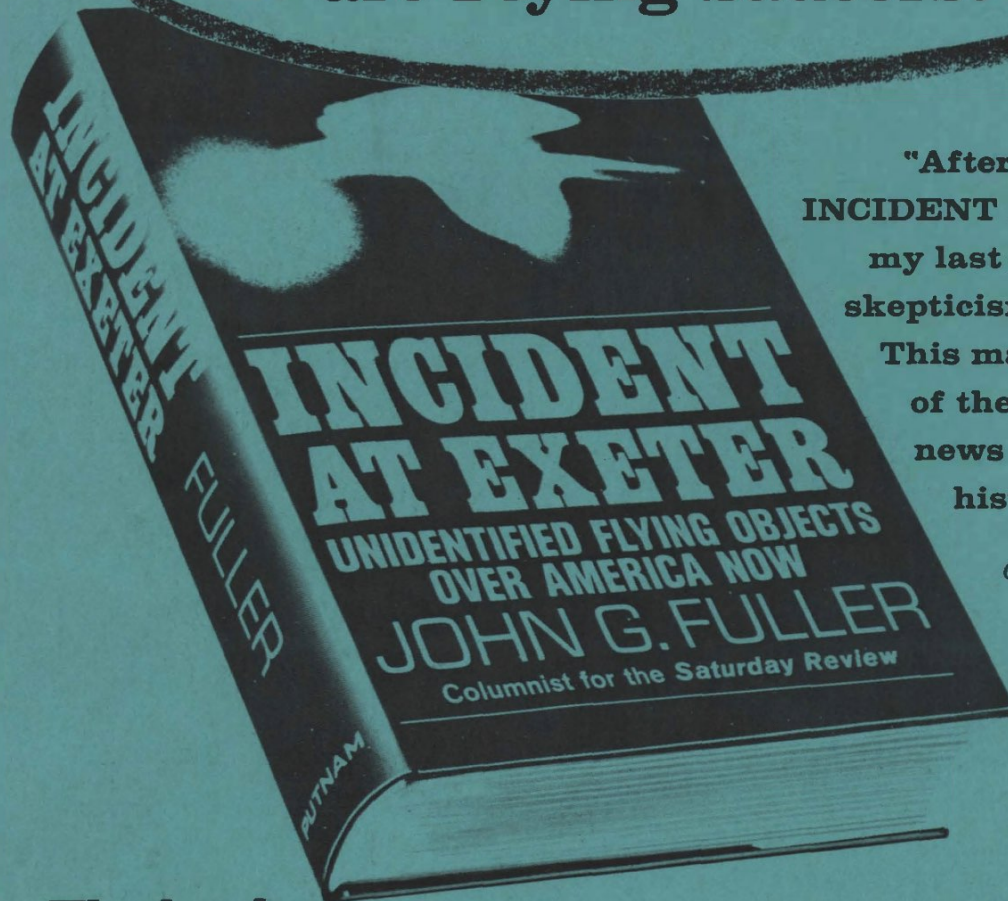
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