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SAUCER SENTIMENTS -- THE EDITOR COMMENTS

QUOTE: "Flying saucers are a big business. More than 98 books about them to date. That's just on this planet!" ...Walter Winchell.

NO INVASION: Flying saucers over northeast Philadelphia which had alarmed residents, turned out to be giant bubbles created by an overdose of detergent in a local purifying tank. ...NEWSWEEK.

SAUCERS NO JOKE: Spokesman for CAA says, "We do not regard this business as a joke." Appealed through press to all who saw UFOs to report them. ...REUTERS & LITTLE LISTENING POST.

PREDICTION: Expect a big flare-up in the Adamski-Moseley controversy. SAUCER NEWS (NEXUS) will soon publish a letter by Mrs. Jerrold Baker. According to its editor, it should definitely prove Adamski's guilt. According to Gray Baker, editor of THE SAUCERIAN, he has some more material from Adamski re the argument which will be published in his next issue. At this time, it looks like Adamski will end up the loser, although many of his cohorts are still sticking by him.

SAUCER ON WHEELS: In an article published in POPULAR SCIENCE entitled, "Designer of Speedway Winners Builds a Racing Saucer for Indianapolis," author Ken Kincaid says about the new racing car, "It is as startlingly different-looking as a flying saucer." The car has enclosed wheels, a big tail fin, and a plastic bubble over the driver.

CORRECTION: It has been erroneously printed in several saucer magazines, including THE SENTINEL, that George Adamski's forthcoming book will tell of his visits to Venus. Mr. Adamski has not yet claimed to have been to Venus. In this new book, INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS, he will describe his visits to the mother ships.

GETTING SERIOUS: The Manila DAILY MIRROR reported the Philippines had a death "attributable to a flying saucer." It said Angel Lamer was killed when he came to blows with Mixin Lamer in a dispute over flying saucers. ...AF

PUBLICITY: The term "flying saucer" has been blared in headlines in newspapers and magazines all over the country as a result of the uncovering of the new flying platform by Hiller Helicopters of Palo Alto, California. COLLIER'S had a color photograph of the new machine on the cover of the April 29th issue and boosted the article, THE NAVY COMES UP WITH A REAL FLYING SAUCER (condensed in this issue), via nationwide newspaper and radio advertising. The Associated Press said of the device: "It is a literal flying saucer." NEWSWEEK theorized, "The day is coming when every man can have his own flying saucer."

D.W.O.

Special Report:

ONE THOUSAND ATTEND SE OF CONVENTION

Part 2

by S. A. Desick
Los Angeles Examiner Staff Correspondent

Twenty-Nine Palms, California--We can stop worrying about Civil Defense. The Martians will take care of us, according to Richard Miller, a flying saucer exponent from Prescott, Arizona.

The Martians, Miller says, are prepared to evacuate our whole planet should a catastrophe threaten.

Miller earnestly provided this assurance March 13th to the remnants of the 1000 faithful saucerites who had shown up the day before for the second annual "Spacecraft Convention".

It was an attentive gathering, as serious as a cat lapping milk from a saucer.

Typical of the audience was George I. Ralston, of Los Angeles, who unqualifiedly described himself as "a planter". When a reporter asked him what he planted, he replied, "I plant thoughts instead of seeds."

The convention, which wound up March 13th, was called by George Van Tassel at Giant Rock Airport, a forlorn desert spot 30 miles northwest of here as a saucer flies. Van Tassel operates the airport and the "College of Universal Wisdom", and he has written a tract called, I RODE A FLYING SAUCER.

He provided the outdoor gathering with a galaxy of speakers--persons who claim to have met human-looking, English-speaking Martians, Venusians, Saturnians, Centaurians and Lemurians. Miller was one of the stellar attractions, because, as Van Tassel pointed out, this was the first time he was making his "revelations" public.

Even the proud boast of the only woman on the program, Mrs. Dana Howard, of Desert Hot Springs, that she had had a "beautiful romance" with a Venusian named Lelando failed to dim Miller's star.

Miller said that he was flown for 12 hours in a 150-foot-diameter saucer after he was picked up outside Detroit, Michigan. Rendezvous was made by radio prearrangement.

Miller said he was told by the commander of the vessel, who was named Sol-Tec, that the earth was moving into a huge cloud of deadly cosmic rays.

"Sol-Tec said the Martians and all their interplanetary buddies now have 3,500,000 space ships screening the earth from this cloud of radiation," Miller said.

But if the screening doesn't work out, then they plan to evacuate all the people on earth.

Sol-Tec, however, forgot to mention where this cosmic armada would take all the earthlings.

Miller said there were five crew members aboard the saucer, and "they all wore different colored uniforms to denote their positions; Sol-Tec wore the white tunic of a captain; the electronics engineer, Mel-Ton, was dressed in purple."

*This article originally appeared in the March 14th issue of THE LOS ANGELES EXAMINER and is reprinted here by special permission.

SPECIAL REPORT...

Miller said he was told there are 680 planets in a universal federation. Their policy is not to interfere in earth's internal affairs "except when we come close to using nuclear weapons that might blow up the world." According to Miller's friend, Sol-Tec, that is what happened long ago to a planet called Lucifer. It was blown to bits in an atomic war, and, "now your astronomers know it only as the Asteroid Belt."

Another speaker, George H. Williamson, also of Prescott, said, "Earth's war-like habits caused it to be dropped long ago from the interplanetary brotherhood; it seems we are the only people that still fight among ourselves."

Williamson said he has received Morse code radio messages from the out-of-space visitors that they are dropping in on us to try to bring us back into the Milky Way union before we destroy ourselves.

This crisis is rapidly approaching, according to another speaker, Daniel Fry of Puente.

Fry explained that once upon a time there was a civilization in the Pacific Ocean called Lemuria.

"Just about the time the Lemurians developed space travel they virtually destroyed themselves in a war," Fry said.

The remnants of that civilization left the Earth, he added, and now their descendants live on their ships in rent-free space. These craft, incidentally, are believed to be powered by an antigravity force field.

Fry said that when he was working at White Sands, New Mexico, he was flown all by himself in such a remotely-controlled vessel to New York in 30 minutes. He didn't get air sick, he said, because he felt no motion.

Why was Fry chosen for this trip? Because he has the ability to receive telepathic messages from the Lemurians, he says.

Fry has written up his experiences in a book called, THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENT. He dedicated it "in loving gratitude" to his Lemurian contact, by name of Alan. When Alan communicates with Fry he is very friendly and calls him by his first name. Alan last "talked" to him April 28, 1954, Fry said. At that time, Alan told him: "Good-by, Dan. Do your best."

Fry is.

END

News-Release:

STRANGE OBJECT SIGHTED OVER PLATTSBURGH BY GROUND OBSERVERS

Plattsburgh, New York-Plattsburgh Press-Republican-Plattsburgh has finally been visited by one of the strange flying objects which have caused a rash of speculation throughout the country and the world.

That was the story given by Jim Roddy, a member of the Ground Observer Corps Advisory Council, WEA-V news commentator, who together with observer-on duty Allen R. Roberts, Bridge Street, witnessed a strange sight in the sky early on the morning of April 9th.

"It looked like an inverted dessert dish," Roddy said.

Actually there were three separate sightings of unusual objects, Roddy said, but he and Roberts have concluded that the two of them were connected with the same object.

The strange sequence of events began when both Roberts and Roddy spotted an object which Roddy described as "an orange light of great size" moving away from Plattsburgh toward Grand Isle, Vermont. This was at 1:31 a.m., April 9th.

NEWS-RELEASE...

Shortly after 3:30 a.m., Roddy said, they both observed "strange lights moving at slow speeds through the air," and they tracked a vapor trail to a U F O (unidentified flying object) which "hung motionless in the sky." This object was reported to the Albany Filter Center.

As they prepared to leave the post after 4 a.m., they were stopped short by "a brilliant white light over the Grand Isle area."

Roddy focused on the object with a pair of high powered binoculars. He said that the object changed colors. First it turned red, then pinkish-white, then greenish-blue, then faded to a weak orange and suddenly became "as bright as a signal flare, glowing an incandescent white."

The object remained motionless until the sun began to appear over the horizon. Then it started to rise straight up, slowing for a minute or two and becoming less bright so that the two observers could see its design clearly.

"Underneath the object," Roddy said, "a stream of eight green lights shot to the ground. Then a blast of white flame shot out of the middle-underside of the thing, and it began climbing straight upward."

It disappeared at an altitude of about 60,000 feet Roddy said.

Roddy pointed out that the strange object was visible for about an hour, and that the Air Force center in Albany had been kept in touch with developments all during that time.

When contacted, the 517th Air Defense Group at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, said that no one had reported the strange object to them.

News-Report:

COMIC STRIP FEATURES FLYING SAUCER ADVENTURE

Detroit, Michigan--Smiling Jack, a nationally read comic strip, drawn by Zack Mosley and published in newspaper throughout the country, is now featuring a story on flying saucers.

Mr. Mosley reports: "This new episode is based upon facts, not fantasy, about our last and limitless frontier, outer space. Instead of imaginary trips to the moon, Smilin' Jack will acquaint you with some phases of unclassified out space information and research! For releasable technical data we appreciate the cooperation of USAF Air Research and Development Command, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, and of certain fellow members of the American Rocket Society."

The following passage is taken from some recent strips.

SCENE: Small plane over New Mexico.

Smiling Jack: "Doctor! Listen to his news bulletin on the radio!"

RADIO: "An airline pilot flying at 20,000 feet, reports seeing a flying saucer near the Arizona-New Mexico border!"

Smiling Jack: "Doctor, I realize some of the most secret experiments go on out here, but don't tell me we've actually got flyin' saucers!"

Doctor Von Reich: "You shall see, Smilin' Jock--you shall see!"

Smiling Jack: "Doctor, as much as I've heard about flyin' saucers, I've never believed the stories! I figure it's mostly imagination!"

Doctor Von Reich: "Well, Jock--many folks have reported seeing zem!"

Smiling Jack: "Right--an' that airline pilot surely saw one, unless he was havin' hallucinations! Doctor, look! If you don't see what I see-- I, an' having hallucinations!"

NEWS-REPORT...

Smiling Jack: "Doctor, I see what looks like what I figure a flyin' saucer should look like!"

Doctor Von Reich: "I see it too, Smilin' Jock!"

Smiling Jack: "What an eerie sight--a fiery, purplish disc, hurtling through space!"

Doctor Von Reich: "How fast you zink it iss flying, Jock? Maybe several zousand miles an hour?"

Smiling Jack: "Yes! Doctor, maybe we're goofy from lack of oxygen and have both gone off our rockers!"

Doctor Von Reich: "But, Jock--dot radio news bulletin said an airline pilot also saw it near dis Arizona-New Mexico border!"

Smiling Jack: "Maybe he's nuts too!"

Doctor Von Reich: "No, Jock--dot iss a high-altitude balloon!"

Smiling Jack: "A balloon? How can a balloon look like a fiery saucer and hurtle through space so fast?"

Doctor Von Reich: "It iss in a high jet stream of wind, maybe 300 m.p.h. and ve are flying fast toward it. Dot makes its speed appear terrific! Most "flying saucers" are our translucent high-altitude research balloons! Setting sunrays give dem a fiery glow!"

News-Release:

FIREBALL SEEN OVER NEW MEXICO

Roswell, New Mexico-UP-A "green fireball" with a flaring "tail" was reported seen over several southeastern New Mexico towns, April 5th.

Albuquerque, New Mexico-AP-A large fireball, described as a "brilliant Kelly green", flashed through southern New Mexico skies April 5th and was seen hundreds of miles away.

Residents of Lordsburg, New Mexico, also reported a white, blinding unidentified object fell from the skies 30 miles to the northeast and exploded. But none of the observers reported any sound.

Albuquerque, New Mexico-AF-Scientists tried to untangle the mystery, April 6th, of two unidentified but brilliant objects believed to be fireballs which flashed across New Mexico skies.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, University of New Mexico institute of meteoritics, declared he believed the two objects were "of the same family." He said he does not think they were ordinary meteors since it would be "incredible" for two to fall in New Mexico in one day.

He added: "we'll find nothing most likely when we try to recover what dropped."

The two objects--one brilliant green, the other brilliant white-- flashed through New Mexico skies at almost the same moment on the morning of April 5th. Observers reported they saw "dirt fly into the air" when the white one hit the ground about 30 miles northeast of Lordsburg. END

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Exclusive Report:

BAKER CONFIRMS MOSELEY'S ADAMSKI EXPOSE

When James W. Moseley, full-time saucer researcher, wrote and published in the January issue of his saucerzine, NEXUS, an exposé on George Adamski's tale of meeting a Venusian in the California desert, (FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, British Book Centre) he started what is perhaps the greatest controversy ever among saucerenthusiasts.

Almost everyone has something to say about the argument (but we are still anxious to hear from many of our readers as to their thoughts on the subject).

Although the complete story was published in serial form in THE SENTINEL (issues #9-12) we repeat in condensed form here, Mr. Moseley's charges.

(1) At least one of Adamski's six sworn witnesses no longer upholds the account as presented in the book.

(2) The drawing in the book, supposedly made by Alice Wells while watching Adamski meeting the spaceman, could not have been made from that distance, according to Al Bailey, one of the witnesses.

(3) Jerrold Baker, who worked with Adamski for some time before the famous desert contact, claims the whole thing was pre-planned, and that he had heard a tape recording of what was to transpire--before it happened!

(4) Baker made a sworn statement to the effect that he did not take the picture that appeared in the book under his name.

(5) It was Adamski, not George H. Williamson, who purchased and carried the plaster of Paris, from which casts of the Venusian footprints were made, to the meeting spot.

(6) Shortly before he and Wilbur J. Wilkinson disappeared in an airplane, supposedly looking for a flying saucer, Earl Hunrath had denied that the saucerphotos taken by Adamski were real. Baker also said that on one occasion when he and Hunrath were at Palomar Gardens, Adamski's home, they had seen something that to them resembled a skeleton for building a model flying saucer--a piece of wooden frame in a circular shape with strips of copper, strung in circles on the wooden frame. Baker believed this could have been the framework for a "saucer rock up" that later had been photographed.

Mr. Adamski's answer to the Moseley expose, originally published in THE SAUCERIAN, was reprinted in the March 15th SENTINEL.

In this report, Adamski said: "Naturally I could go into a detailed discussion about the points which Mr. Moseley has brought out in an attempt to 'expose' the truth about my experience.

"But the truth needs neither exposure nor defense. Time itself proves all truth. And so it will in this case.

"Mr. Moseley impresses me as being young and seeking notoriety on sensationalism without firmly adhering to actual fact."

At this time, we take the liberty of reprinting some comments from the NEXUS Letters-to-the-Editor Column re the exposé.

"Congratulations to your admirable handling of the Adamski story."

---Meade Layne, Director, B.S.R.A.

"I enjoyed your magazine immensely, and was glad to read of your exposé on Adamski. I believe you are honest and sincere. Good luck and keep up the good work."

---J.D. Smith, Ridgecrest, Calif.

"I myself and other readers, I think, would be very interested in some additional information (on Adamski). I have read the book and have heard Adamski in person. He sounded sincere but now I wonder. I guess there's little doubt that most of his story is a hoax. Like you say, he might have met this space visitor, but for reasons known only to himself, decided to make a big impressive story out of it."

---R. Thompson, Waukegan, Illinois.

The following are direct quotes from two letters--the first from Mr. Moseley to the SENTINEL's Executive Editor, the second from Jerrold Baker to Moseley.

"I recently received your SAUCER SENTINEL #12, and was particularly interested in Baker's letter, which you published (pages 11-12). It seems many people do not realize that I was aware all along of this original letter by Baker, and of the fact that this letter contradicts the statements Baker is making now. I think one of the faults of my article on Adamski was that I did not make it sufficiently clear that I was aware all along of this contradiction. For this reason I published, in the March NEXUS, letters from Leslie and a Dr. Benincasa, both pointing out Baker's original letter to me.

"After reading the SENTINEL I was going to write you the above ideas and point out in my own words that quite obviously (as I knew all along) Baker was either lying then or else he is lying now; there can be no dispute over the fact that his two statements contradict each other. However, by happy chance I received a letter from Baker today, after a long silence on his part, and he clears up this point himself, and adds a few new points also, which he had not mentioned before. I am enclosing a copy I made of part of his letter."

(The first paragraphs of the second letter tell how Baker was given the cold shoulder at Van Tassel's recent Space Convention--apparently because of his recent revelations about Adamski.)

"Here are several more facts added to those I gave you in the past: (1) Orfeo Angelucci published his "20th Century Times" after receiving guidance through Williamson... (2) Do you remember Hal Nelson whom I mentioned was present when Detwiler brought photos back to Faloxar Gardens Cafe? He and his brother examined those Brownie photos on that day and asked George Adamski "What is that pole doing in the photo?"; to which he (Adamski) stated it was to measure water in well. The three of us went to well--POLE WAS NOT THERE--but WAS in original photos. Did George Adamski destroy those photos for a reason? Because all photos showing POLE were destroyed by Lucy McGinnis in fireplace with negatives, on advice from guidance.

"Many people have asked me why I lied then him in original statement. The answer is simple. I was under the hypnotic influence of the same guidance, and George Adamski. My theory is that much of the spaceman theme on saucers is ADAMSKI PROPELLED. Observe the action of people who are followers of him, or who are visibly impressed by him. Then watch those people:

"List of people who were rational and NOT abreast of metaphysics before meeting, reading or following George Adamski: (1) George Williamson - I know for a fact he was not a medium before meeting Adamski. (2) Al Bailey -

doubtful he knew much of metaphysics, but was drawn in by previous study of chiropractics. (3) Betty Bailey and Betty Williamson - both received automatic writing after meeting him (i.e., Adamski); Betty Bailey became a medium. (4) Dr. C. Laughhead - became a frequent listener and follower of Mrs. Martin, after visit with George Adamski. I cannot vouch for this but believe his attitude was changed completely as a result of meeting with Adamski. (5) Jerrold Baker - speaking for myself, I had only a passive interest which has since developed into a fulltime one, one which impelled me to lie for something I deemed worthwhile, even though I knew I was lying. (6) Desmond Leslie - I know little about him, but he impressed me as a capable, sincere saucer researcher; but did G.A. change him? I know he did, but can only assume the extent by his letter to me condemning my admittal of a hoax - instead of inquiry. Today, because the credibility of G.A. is in question, Desmond Leslie is apt to be "guilty by association" - Therefore to protect himself he must support George - even if he does not place much respect in him, because many go under the mistaken notion that to question him (Adamski) is to destroy saucers. I was under that spell. How many others are?"

As further developments in the Adamski-Moseley controversy come up, they will be published in THE SENTINEL. In the meantime, what do you readers think?

Special Report:

G O M E I N, J U P I T E R

Reprinted from NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

In a meadow 20 miles up the Potomac from Washington, astronomers are tuned in to a series of violent messages from Jupiter. It all started last summer when Carnegie Institution scientists began warming up a bizarre new radio telescope on a Seneca, Maryland, farm. Their receiver is a giant cross, nearly a half-mile wide, made up of 128 interlinked TV-type antennas. The rig is designed to pick up faint emanations from interstellar hydrogen clouds, colliding galaxies, and other electronic hotspots of the heavens.

But once or twice a week the Carnegie astronomers kept getting strong blasts of static, not unlike those that startle a home radio set during a thunderstorm. The bursts had no counterpart in the skinny catalogue of the youthful art of radio astronomy.

"For a long time, we thought it was just the noisy spark plugs of some farm hand driving home late at night," says Dr. M.A. Tuve, the eminent physicist who heads the institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism. "But by autumn we realized this farm hand was commuting on some kind of astronomical time."

Two weeks ago they absolved the jalopy and put the blame squarely on Jupiter, which, it turns out, had been intruding itself across their telescope's extremely narrow, low-frequency "beam". Last week, the telescope's two keepers, Drs. Bernard F. Burke and Kenneth L. Franklin, made haste to break the news in an unscheduled report to the American Astronomical Society meeting in Princeton, N.J. Their hunch: The turbulent atmosphere of the largest planet generates tremendous electrical storms powerful enough to jam their hypersensitive receiver--though much too weak to disrupt a TV program.

Though scientists have eavesdropped on the radio songs of the sun and the moon regularly since the wartime boom in electronics, the jazz from Jupiter marked the first radio note from a planet. Oddly enough the music of this celestial sphere has a more immediate practical aspect than most of the phenomena discussed by the astronomers in Princeton (Does the Milky Way have spiraling arms? Does Mars have a volcanic fallout?). Fuller understanding of Jupiter's weather, particularly its reaction to sunspots and other solar upheavals, can be of enormous help in pinning down the role of the sun on earthly storms.

Department:

L E T T E R S - T O - T H E - E D I T O R

This letters column, a regular feature, is open to opinion on any subject concerned with flying saucers and criticism of any kind, brickbats or orchids. We want to know what's on your mind. Other readers do, too. Write The Editor, The Saucer Sentinel, Saginaw 31, Michigan.

Waiting For The Little Men (Mar. 15)

I was particularly interested in the article you printed about Dornberger.

Dornberger's theory may explain a few sightings for all I know, but he seems to have omitted reference to the saucers built in war-time Germany under the direction of himself and his colleagues. I'll be able to believe his new theory better when he "comes clean" about his own contribution to saucers!

James W. Moseley,
Fort Lee, New Jersey.

New Saucer Research Association Founded

This is to inform you of the founding of a new association devoted to research on the topic of "flying saucers".

We would appreciate hearing from...all persons who may be interested in this subject and, of course, those individuals who have had personal contact and other experiences with these above mentioned "flying saucers".

It will be our privilege to inform anyone interested, of our activities.

Michael W. Kruvant,
Flying Saucer Research Association,
764 Scotland Road,
South Orange, New Jersey.

Complaint -- Slow Service

THE SAUCER SENTINEL for March 15 arrived April 26th. Some record for 2nd class mail! My subscription is out May 1. Kindly discontinue after that date.

Adelaide Morris,
Boulder, Colorado.

(This is a very justified complaint, Miss Morris, and we are only amazed that we haven't received more in regards to the regretfully long delay in mailing our recent issues. We deserve much more than the kind criticism you offered us, but I would like to say a few things on our behalf.

Ever since the first issue of THE SENTINEL was published last September, the editors and publishers of the other saucerzines have been slightly

astonished to watch us publish THE SENTINEL every two weeks and keep anywhere near schedule.

(Most readers don't realize the amount of work, time, and effort that go into the publishing of a single issue of a magazine (ask any of our competitors) and please remember that publishing THE SENTINEL is only a part-time, sideline job here at Olympic Publications.

(You will note that James Moseley, a full-time saucer publisher was forced to change his saucerzine from a monthly to a bi-monthly in order to keep up with publication schedules.

And at the present time, THE SENTINEL is publishing as much saucer news per month (or per three months to include the quarterlies) as any other saucerzine in the country.

(Printing complications arose here this past month, and it has unfortunately taken some time to straighten out the difficulties. However, we are working like mad to get back on schedule and hope that you kind and patient readers will bear with us. -EDITOR.)

Please Note: When commenting on other readers' letters, please send all correspondence to THE SENTINEL so that other readers can share your opinions; i.e., don't write directly to the reader. Complete addresses are given only in special cases, and therefore, most letters mailed to the incomplete addresses will never reach the intended receiver. If you do wish to carry on personal correspondence, complete addresses may be obtained by sending your request to the Editor. Thank you!

SENTINEL CONTEST BULLETIN NO. 9

The points are still piling up as our contest nears its finish. But, there is still enough time for even a new contestant to place first! Just keep rushing us those articles and letters. The odds are at least 10 to 1 that they'll be used.

LATEST SAUCER SENTINEL CONTEST STANDINGS

Top Three Contestants	
1st Harold J. Rivett, Bay City, Michigan.....	820
2nd Ralph W. Mastner, New Braunfels, Texas.....	686
3rd Miss A. Schofield, Saginaw, Michigan.....	626
Total points thus far recorded.....	5,118

Prizes

First: \$4.00. Second: Your choice of any one of the books listed in "Saucer Literature" which will be included again in next issue.

If you would like to know how you stand in the contest, send your request with a 3¢ stamp to The Saucer Sentinel, Contest Editor, Saginaw 31, Michigan.

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In a recent poll taken by SAUCERS Magazine, FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE written by Donald E. Keyhoe was voted the best book on flying saucers. It is a must for all saucer enthusiasts. Pocket edition, 35¢ postpaid from The Saucer Sentinel, Saginaw 31, Michigan

Special Report:

THE NAVY COMES UP WITH A REAL FLYING SAUCER

by James J. Haggerty, Jr.
and Cornelius Ryan

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In a guarded area of the Hiller Helicopters plant at Palo Alto, Calif., two Collier's reporters recently saw a demonstration of a startling new flying machine--a machine whose performance is hard to believe even in a day when science has reduced so much of the unbelievable to the commonplace.

As we watched, Hiller test pilot Phil T. Johnston, hovering several feet in the air, moved a small ring-shaped platform forward and back and from side to side. There was no visible evidence of what was keeping Johnston in the air. Only the staccato bark of engines indicated that here was no form of magic, but a new and revolutionary flying device, forerunner of a possible series of exciting air vehicles unlike anything that has flown before.

Because Hiller's flying platform bears such a marked resemblance to the flying saucers that have so captured public fancy, even an expert's first reaction as it rises from the ground is likely to be a mixture of sheer amazement and the urge to chuckle at so comic a concept. But make no mistake about it. The machine is a major aeronautical development, designed to prove in actual flight a theory of aircraft propulsion that may have a great influence on the design and performance of aircraft of the future.

After we had arrived that morning, the machine had been readied for flight and test pilot Johnston climbed onto the machine and slid between the metal supports of the crow's nest, standing upright in the center of the contraption on a wooden platform.

The area was cleared. A mechanic leaned into the heart of the machine and pulled hard on a starting cable, as if he were starting an outboard motor. There was a sudden engine roar and blue exhaust smoke billowed out from under the machine. The mechanic pulled another cable and a second engine barked into action.

Using a small hand throttle, Johnston increased the power of the engines. As the engine noise gained in volume, the strange-looking vehicle, surrounded by the blue haze of its own exhausts, rose slowly and vertically off the ground, as though an invisible steel cable were pulling it skyward. About eight feet up, Johnston reduced power slightly and the flying platform hovered motionless.

Then Johnston leaned forward, and the machine tilted slightly and began to move in that direction. He straightened up and the platform returned to its horizontal position and again hovered motionless. When Johnston leaned to the left, the machine obediently traveled leftward; when he shifted his weight in the opposite direction, the machine moved to the right. Finally, he reduced the power and the flying platform settled slowly to the earth on its four telescopic legs.

The flying platform, also known variously to those familiar with it as the "flying motorcycle," "flying bathtub," "flying ring" and "flying what?", was built by Hiller under the direction of the Office of Naval Research, a group which is constantly exploring new scientific areas with an eye toward increasing the tactical capability of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The platform has a wide range of potential applications, both military and civilian. It might provide a vehicle for assault troops in beachhead