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SAUCER SENTIMENTS -- THE EDITOR COMMENTS

EAST COAST CONVENTION: Plans are in preparation for a saucer convention to be held in Miami, Florida, this September. M. K. Jessup, author of *THE CASE FOR THE UFO*, reports that there is great interest in Florida and a number of important sightings, but no organization at all. The hotels there are offering off-season rates, and it is believed that the radio and press would be cooperative. This convention would be especially for the East Coast and Mid-West saucer fans and would rival the California meetings. Readers: send me your opinions and comments on this.

BURNED, THEN FINCHED: D.S. Desvergers, the Florida scout-master who made headlines in 1952 by being burned by a saucer, has been given seven years probation for passing a \$350 bogus check. ...Nexus

LARGE CROWD HEARS ADAMSKI: George Adamski, co-author of *FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED*, talked to a crowd estimated at near 1000 at a private sponsor's lecture held at Detroit's Veterans' Memorial Building, May 2nd. Many who attended were disappointed because, although it was promised that those who attended the private lecture would have a chance to ask Adamski all the questions they desired, the overwhelming turnout made this impossible. A more complete account of Adamski's Detroit lectures is scheduled for the next issue.

IN THIS ISSUE: Readers will find a special report on Dr. Lincoln LaFaz, the famed New Mexico fireball investigator, on Page four. Latest news on saucer-prominents such as Adamski and Keyhoe are given in an article by the Sentinel staff on page five. By popular request, Harold J. Rivett, a saucer-enthusiast from Bay City, Michigan, gives forth with some more of his theories on our visitors from outer space (page seven). A regular feature, "Available Saucer Literature", which has had to be deleted from the last several issues, will be found on page eight. For our readers' added enjoyment, we are publishing in this issue a poem by science-fiction poet Kenneth Ford of California. Mr. Ford's poems have been published in *THE SAUCERIAN* and such sci-fic mags as *DIFFERENT*, *STARLINES*, and *ARION*, and he is publishing a volume of poetry in London later on this year.

MUD-SLINGING ON THE UPSWING: The past couple of months has seen an unusual amount of name-calling and general mud-slinging in the saucer field. Almost all saucer-prominents have been involved. A complete resume' on this battle will be published in our next issue. No one can afford to miss it!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "As you probably know by now, the Masonic showing of the documentary "saucer" film was called off (*WE HAVE SEEN THE SAUCERS*)...Mr. Maday called from Detroit and revealed that a particular part of the film was undergoing investigation as indications are that the part is a fake." -FSNS Bulletin.
EXCLUSIVE news on this in a future issue! Watch for it! -DWO

Special Report:

LaPAZ, FIREBALL CHASER, NEARLY ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

by Steve Lowell

Albuquerque, New Mexico—If anybody every catches up with the fireballs which are reported frequently over the Southwest, it's a good bet that Lincoln LaPaz won't be far behind.

What are the fireballs? Nobody knows for sure. And nobody wants to know more than LaPaz, who runs, at the University of New Mexico, the only Institute of Meteoritics in the United States.

LaPaz feels that while the reports have touched off controversy as well as a sensation, there has been enough documentation to warrant a thorough investigation. And recently he has been so busy that it's hard for his family or anyone else to keep up with him.

This spring brought a new rash of the reports, which over a period of years have been made by ranchers, bus drivers, airline pilots, state troopers, and persons in many other walks of life.

During the week beginning April 3, five fireballs were reported in New Mexico and two in Northern California. Mid-morning of April 5 brought many reports, although LaPaz said it was finally concluded that only three objects were involved. This, he said, was a record.

Descriptions vary so widely that they could be applied to almost anything from an exploding star to a runaway traffic light.

They come by day and by night. Most often the fireballs are reported at night as yellow-green. But various other colors, including white, blue and red, creep into the descriptions.

During the week of April 3, for example:

Three men working on a derrick near Oil Center, New Mexico, reported an object, which appeared to be about 12 inches across, exploded soundlessly only a few feet away. They found no fragments, but an airline pilot reported seeing apparently the same object said it "definitely" exploded.

Four Albuquerque residents said they saw an object streak across the evening sky and disintegrate. One witness described it as a "big as a street light."

Tower crewman at Oakland (California) International Airport reported an unidentified object so bright that a pilot thought it was a flare from another plane.

LaPaz has found it hard to apply the hard, cold logic of mathematics, in which he holds a Ph.D., in seeking to track down the reports.

"There's no definite way to measure the size of the fireballs," he says. "There's nothing to compare them with side by side, the distance they are from the observer is unknown and no remains of any have been found."

One theory is that the fireballs are a form of meteorites, but LaPaz says he's sure they're not normal meteorites because they are not accompanied by sound.

"If you saw a falling meteorite the size of most of these fireballs the noise would scare you to death," he says.

For the moment, at least, LaPaz is just plain stumped. He says he has no definite theory as to what the fireballs are.

Air Force planes have occasionally been sent to search areas where fireballs were reported. So far they have found nothing, but a spokesman at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas, says the matter "is by no means closed."

LaFaz has asked the public to notify the Institute of Meteoritics every time a fireball is spotted. And he spent the Easter holiday on a tour of areas where sightings had been reported.

His unending chase has made LaFaz something of a legend in the Southwest. For example, a Santa Fe newspaper recently published a cartoon with the tagline:

"A fireball was spotted last night with Dr. Lincoln LaFaz in close pursuit."

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LATEST NEWS AND REVIEWS FROM THE PUBLICATION WORLD

News

THE CASE FOR THE UFO (Citadel Press) is having a considerable degree of success in many localities, reports Mr. M.A. Bassett, distribution manager of the Library Research Group which is handling sales of the book.

"So far we have had only one adverse criticism, and that applied largely to format and omission of bibliography and footnotes," Mr. Bassett said.

"I understand sales are going well and the publisher is rather well pleased," he added.

The book received a good deal of publicity from two full page ads in The New York TIMES (April 3rd and 24th) and one in the Chicago Tribune (April 24th).

Copies of THE CASE FOR THE UFO are available at \$3.50 plus 20¢ for postage and handling from the Library Research Group, 406-A International Building, Washington 4, D.C.

INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS (Lelard-Schuman), the second book on flying saucers written by George Adamski, is scheduled for publication on July 25th.

Contrary to what has been previously published in several saucer magazines, the book will relate Adamski's visits to the mother ships (he has not yet claimed to have been to Venus) and will be illustrated with 16 photographs and drawings, mostly of mother ships. The main group of these photographs were taken in April, 1955, and neither the photographs nor a description of them has ever been published before.

THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY (Henry Holt), the third saucer book by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, is due out this month reports NEXUS. Major Keyhoe has also been retained by Columbia Pictures as technical adviser for a science-fiction movie they are making based on his current book.

Reviews

THE VENUSIANS (New Age Publishing Company): "From California comes the greatest insult yet to Man's intelligence, in the form of a \$2.00 pamphlet entitled THE VENUSIANS.

"In an almost incoherent style, the author tells us of two trips he made to Venus and of 'Brother Bocco', a Venusian who obligingly posed for a studio portrait photograph in Los Angeles.

"The author informs us that he felt sick to his stomach upon his first arrival on Venus. This is just about the state in which the book left us, and we would not recommend it to anyone, not even for laughs."

...Nexus

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FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS (Cedric Allingham, British Book Center): "This book describes how the author saw and photographed a Saucer which, he says, landed at Lossiemouth, in Scotland, on

February 18th, 1954, and how he also 'conversed' (by signs)--and photographed--the occupant. The 'contact' itself takes up but a small part of the text; the rest of which...though obviously 'padding', will be of interest at any rate, to the Saucer-layman.

"The tale is told in such a matter-of-fact style, and the meeting so un-earth-shaking, that I found myself thinking that this would be just the way I should want to describe such a meeting...but on closer study, a number of snags loom depressingly into view.

"Mr. Allingham's pictures...have an 'atmosphere' which, in my own--not inconsiderable--experience, is synonymous with...table top photos. That is to say, very little depth-of-focus and also an inescapable 'nearness'.

"It's a pity, too, that the one witness to the affair cannot be traced--even by the DAILY MAIL, and also that Mr. Allingham 'saved up' the affair for a book, rather than reporting it as soon as possible.

"Whether you believe his story or not, Mr. Allingham is very readable (he writes thrillers under a pseudonym) and his book makes for continuity in the Saucer Saga."

...Flying Saucer News

"Not recommended."

...Saucers

SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER (Leonard G. Cramp, British Book Center): "Briefly, this book, I believe, is probably the most comprehensive volume contributed to the flying saucer field so far in the 1954/55 period.

"The author advocates the development of a gravitational field (G-field) form of propulsion over the present conception of the chemical reaction engine advanced by COLLIER'S and others.

"SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER contains excellent background information and makes for interesting reading."

...Saucers

"Fascinating reading."

...Detroit Free Press

THE CASE FOR THE UFO (M.A. Jessup, Citadel Press): "Reason to think this may smash barriers."

...Little Listening Post

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...Frank Edwards

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Signed Opinion:

AN IMAGINARY LOOK AT OUR SPACE VISITORS

by Harold J. Rivett

///In the Letters-to-the-Editor column in the March 1st SENTINEL, Mr. Rivett expressed his theory on space travel and saucer propulsion. Since that time, he has received several letters from readers, asking for more of his opinions on the saucer subject. He answers some of their questions here.///

Q - Where do the flying saucers come from?

A - They could come from anywhere in space, but let us look over the possibility of planets in our own solar system.

First there is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Recently, another has been discovered, very close to the sun. It has been named, "Indiana".

The most likely is Venus; it is referred to as Earth's twin. Its diameter is 7700 miles, its mass is 0.82, density 0.89, and surface gravity 0.86, as compared to Earth. Its mean distance from the sun is 67,270,000 miles as compared to Earth's 93,000,000 miles. Venus is always covered by an impenetrable cloud, so our observations of this body are never sharp. Different light frequencies have been tried, but they still cannot break through this atmosphere, even though under most favorable conditions, when Venus approaches Earth to within 24,000,000 miles.

The cloud could be composed of carbon dioxide, or it could mean the presence of water. I believe the dense atmosphere is to protect the planet from the radiation of the sun. This planet revolves about the sun in 224 days, and undergoes the four seasonal changes. Now that we have found them a home, let's see what else we can measure out.

Q - Do they have agriculture, and what do they eat?

A - Yes, we can assume they have farms, but not the way we picture them. The Venusians are most likely vegetarians, raising food that would seem impossible to us. This is not saying, however, that they don't raise animals.

Their food is prepared with a very wide variety, duplicating the taste of a delicious broiled steak. The food is cooked in a matter of seconds by the use of radiant energy.

Q - What do they do for a living, and do they have industries?

A - Naturally, they must have jobs. What kind of a world would it be if no one worked--just sat around all day? They don't work hard--more or less a push button world--mazes of electronic gear. They must have factories; the saucers were made someplace. Consider the genius of works in the production of saucers; it must be high precision equipment to even attempt the basic structure.

Q - What kind of houses do they live in?

A - Their homes would probably amaze us. Walk up to their front door, and by showing some certain object, the door would open. Immediately upon

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entering there would be soft music and the fresh scent of flowers. One wall would be a television screen, capable of turning into the past. The communications would be wireless, operated only by telling a machine the numbers of desired party, and instantly being able to talk to someone on the other side of the planet.

Homes would be heated by a central heating plant, located hundreds of miles away. The heat is transmitted through space, in the form of radio waves, a receiver changing it back to heat waves, again. Maybe it's heated by solar energy.

You would find no beds as we know them. Instead, electro-magnetic waves holding you up to fit the contour of your body and producing heat to any degree.

There would be no bathtubs or showers. Their bodies would be cleaned by high frequency sound waves; laundry the same way. Some of these things we have here on earth, but not nearly so perfect.

They would be able to perform operations without cutting the skin. By turning certain lights on the body, it would break down the molecular structure of the skin. A doctor could reach in, by wearing a certain glove or instrument, and removing the bad part, turn the light off. The body would be healed in a matter of seconds.

To better imagine this miracle, suppose they had a newly born baby that had trouble with its heart. Then let's assume a light that would break down the structure of the skin would have to have a frequency of four quadrillion (4,000,000,000,000,000) cycles per second, but in order to break down the structure of the heart, its light frequency must be four and a half quadrillion cycles per second. Therefore, the heart would remain solid, but the skin would be 4th dimensional and would become invisible.

Q - What of their cities?

A - Their cities would be small and unique, perfection in every detail. Every family would own a saucer of some sort. Of course, not all would be equipped for space travel, but for travel such as we use an auto.

These are some of the few things I believe may be in store for us when proper contact is made. Will these people show us the miracles of science. Time will tell. As the sightings of saucers increases, so increases our wisdom.

Department:

AVAILABLE SAUCER LITERATURE

Books

- ✓ Behind the Flying Saucers, Frank Scully, Henry Holt and Company, \$2.95.
- ✓ Flying Saucers Have Landed, Desmond Leslie and George L. Janski, Werner Laurie and British Book Centre, \$3.50.
- ✓ Flying Saucers from Outer Space, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry Holt and Company, \$3.00.
- ✓ Flying Saucers on the Attack, Harold T. Wilkins, Citadel Press, \$3.50.
- ✓ The Coming of the Saucers, Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, privately published by the authors, \$4.00.
- ✓ Aboard a Flying Saucer, Truman Bethurum, DeVorss and Company, \$3.00.

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- ✓ The Saucers Speak, George Hunt Williamson and Alfred Bailey, New Age Publishing Company, \$2.00.
- ✓ The White Sands Incident, Daniel W. Fry, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.50.
- ✓ I Rode a Flying Saucer, George W. Van Tassel, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.00.
- ✓ Space, Gravity and Flying Saucers, Leonard Cramp, British Book Center, \$3.00.
- ✓ Flying Saucer from Mars, Sir Cedric Belfrage, British Book Centre, \$2.75.
- ✓ To Men of Earth, Daniel W. Fry, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.00.
- ✓ We Come in Peace, Dr. Franklin Thomas, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.00.
- ✓ The Secret of the Saucers, Orfeo Angelucci, edited by Ray Palmer, Amherst Press, \$3.00.
- ✓ The Venusians, author unknown at this time, New Age Publishing Company, \$2.00.
- ✓ The Case for the UFOs, M.K. Jessup, Citadel Press, \$3.50.
- ✓ Cataclysm Has Begun, George Hunt Williamson, publisher unknown at this time.

Forthcoming Books

- ✓ Flying Saucer Conspiracy, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry Holt and Company, \$3.00(?)
- ✓ Inside the Spaceships, George Adamski, Abelard-Schuman, \$3.50.

Magazines

- ✓ CRIFO Newsletter, published monthly by Leonard Stringfield, P.O. Box 1855, Cincinnati, Ohio. \$1.00 for six months.
- ✓ Flying Saucer News Service Research Bulletin, published by Thomas M. Comella on the 21st of each month. \$2.00 per year. Flying Saucer News Service, 20019 Scottsdale Boulevard, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.
- ✓ Little Listening Post, released every so often by Clara John, 4811 Illinois Avenue, Washington 11, D.C. Four issues, \$1.00.
- ✓ Nexus, now Saucer News, published bi-monthly by James W. Moseley, P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey. \$1.00 for three issues, \$2.00 per year.
- ✓ Saucerian, edited and published approximately quarterly by Gray Barton, Box 2228, Clarkstown, West Virginia. Single copies, 35¢. Six issue subscription, \$2.00.
- ✓ Saucers, edited by Max B. Miller, published approximately quarterly by Flying Saucers International, P.O. Box 35034, Los Angeles 35, California. Four issues, \$1.00.
- ✓ Vimana, official monthly publication of the Flying Saucer Council of America, 6432 Cass Avenue, Detroit 2, Michigan. Single copies, 25¢. Five issues, \$1.00.

We have listed above, only those saucer magazines which are published in this country. There are many more published abroad; too numerous to be published here.

At the present time we know of two magazines that are not saucer publications but include a good amount of saucer news: Mystic, published by Ray Palmer, and Fate, published by Clark Publishing Company, Evanston, Ill. They may be purchased at your local newsstand.

If you can offer any additions to the above list, please write to the Editor, The Saucer Sentinel, Saginaw 31, Michigan. Thank you!

Sentinel Extra:

ROCKET FIELD CHILDREN

by Kenneth H. Ford

Bright-eyed children came to watch
The steel ships at evening-tide lift
Belching over the flat glass-homes,
And more than one father,
Laying down his pipe and evening paper
Was on the rockets.

On the 8:00 p.m. Venus-Earth Run
Children would stand clutching
The spread wire fence. "There!
There goes Dad!" one child would sing.

"There comes Big Brother!" from another.
"Sis's coffee-jockey on the Moon Run."

Dying sun beyond the busy rocket poet,
We watched far into the night
Until the big ships were only
Flaring patches appearing
In the child dreaming darkness.

Yes. We dreamed, as small children, of space
And how one day we as pilots
Would stare out on the dark infinity,
Returning in the morning to our beds
And the still wet newspapers,
After long breakfast cigars.

SENTINEL CONTEST BULLETIN NO. 10

The Sentinel Contest which began last October will end June 1st, 1955.
This is the deadline for sending in any more articles, letters, manuscripts,

LATEST SAUCER SENTINEL CONTEST STANDINGS

| Top Three Contestants | |
|---|-------|
| 1st Miss Margaret Whiteford, Plattsburgh, New York..... | 950 |
| 2nd Harold J. Rivett, Bay City, Michigan..... | 820 |
| 3rd Ralph W. Kastner, New Braunfels, Texas..... | 686 |
| Total points thus far recorded..... | 5,628 |

Prizes

First: \$4.00. Second: Your choice of any one of the books
listed in "Available Saucer Literature"

etc., for contest credit. Any received after this date will not receive the usual amount of contest points. The winners will be announced in our June 1st issue which will be published about June 4th.

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.///

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ADAMSKI CANCELLED ALL ENGAGEMENTS AFTER MAY 11TH. SAGINAW IMPOSSIBLE.
 Laura Marxer,
 Detroit, Michigan.

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AIRPLANE PILOT SAYS HE KNOWS WHERE SAUCERS COME FROM

by D.W. Oppermann

In the May issue of CHALLENGE Magazine, the feature article is entitled "Challenge to President Eisenhower--I Know Where Flying Saucers Come From."

The author of this story, William Brenton, is a commercial airline pilot who, two years ago, had an encounter with a group of flying saucers. Until that time an unbeliever in the whole idea of flying saucers, he became a convert to fact of their existence.

In the introduction to the article, the editors of CHALLENGE state: "Because of the skepticism he found on all sides--official and otherwise--he became almost a crusader in the field. He talked to witnesses, scientists, government officials; he researched among the world's top scientific works. And he has come up with what he considers the most complete story available to the general public." (I definitely challenge this last statement.)

In his article, Brenton describes his sighting of six brilliant coin-shaped objects which he and his co-pilot estimated were traveling 12,000 miles per hour.

He states, "The fact that flying saucers exist is no longer a question in the minds of the Air Force personnel and the scientists who investigate them. We know this by public admission and by simple logic."

Brenton believes that saucers come from another solar system because (1) there has been no evidence of crack-ups, (2) there is definite evidence of the establishment of space stations, (3) they have not openly contacted us, (4) their life span could be much longer than ours, (5) they could travel fast enough, (6) they seem to be human-like, (7) our astronomers agree that other planets in our solar system will not support life as we know it, and (8) Dr. Harlow Shapley's conservative computations* indicate

*Dr. Shapley, for years head of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard University, says the chances of life in other solar systems are tremendous, even when computed conservatively.

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amazing possibilities of life in other solar systems.

Reviewing Mr. Brenton's reasons, I find some that supposedly contradict present saucer theories.

His first reason is contradicted by the report in the March 15th SENTINEL of a Mexican saucer crash (pp. 6-7) and by other reports of saucer crashes such as are reported in BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS by Frank Scully.

I am able to find no sense at all in reason three. If the saucers are from a planet within our solar system, why would they be any more likely to contact us than those from another solar system. Also, if the saucers are earth-made and secret devices of our government or Russia's, this certainly would account for "no open contacts" because of the secrecy involved.

Reasons four through six are not facts but rather suppositions or "ifs" and therefore can hardly be used as conclusive evidence.

As for reason seven, our scientists are constantly contradicting one another or reversing their opinions as is pointed out in a recent issue of the FLYING SAUCER NEWS SERVICE RESEARCH BULLETIN.

The article states: "For years now astronomers have been telling us how much they know but actually they really cannot be sure of what they know. Before you get any more confused we will say what we have to say and let you judge for yourselves. It has been rather accepted among astronomers that, since Venus receives twice as much heat than the earth, its average temperature is twice that of ours. Thus the theory was formulated that hardly any water exists on Venus and probably none at all.

"Now, however, Professors Whipple and Menzel (yes, the same one who said saucers were mirages) claim that Venus must be covered by oceans. This was the outgrowth from a previous theory holding that the Venusian clouds are saturated with water vapor. Astronomers have gone from one extreme to the other; for all we know the truth is in between."

In conclusion I might suggest that Brenton's statement, "I know where flying saucers come from" is just as presumptuous as the "non-believer" who says, "Flying saucers cannot exist because the whole idea's preposterous."

Special Report:

THE SPACE SHIP

by Vaughn Maynard Green

Reprinted from The Saucerian

The Winter issue of THE SAUCERIAN drew a most amazing narrative from a man who experienced a most unusual and close-up space ship sighting. I had just received the issue in the mail and had stopped into a corner drug store for a sandwich.

I was looking over the issue at the counter when a man next to me asked what I was reading and a long conversation about flying saucers ensued. But it seemed the man was wanting to tell something but yet was afraid to do so.

He was formerly a Canadian who served with the R.C.F. during the war, then came to settle in the U.S. We were swapping aircraft experiences, but I could tell by the way he was hedging around he had something very important to say. Finally, after we had bought each other a couple of jokes, I wormed the following story out of him.

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He was serving on air patrol duty in Australia as a turret gunner in a squadron of Blackburn "Skuas" (torpedo) planes. They began receiving calls from fishermen on the south side of Tasmania who reported seeing lights at night at sea, so a patrol was set up on the underside of Australia, for they feared the lights could be Japanese submarines.

They spotted nothing until one day when they were about 500 miles out, not too far from Antarctica, about four o'clock on a very clear afternoon--the usual South Pacific weather, sunlight and a few scattered clouds.

As they were emerging from one of the few cloudbanks, the flier received the shock of his life.

Flying parallel to them, only 100 feet away, was an intense bullet-shaped craft! They were cruising at 190 miles an hour, and he estimated the other ship was doing perhaps 230 miles per hour.

More than 200 feet long and about 30 feet in diameter, it seemed to be made of a dull but glistening blue-black metal. On its nose was a long snout, which seemed scalloped, and there was a long black slit up front which apparently was the cabin cockpit, because he saw some kind of movement inside which he thought might have been the reflection from metal helmets.

The sides of the ship had scars and pits in it, and the tail was diamond-shaped, but about it and beneath it there were electrical-like flashes of blue fire.

Now here is the most incredible thing--and I questioned the man very carefully about it. I tell it at the risk of the entire story's being laughed at soundly, but, after all, it is a part of the account and could be most important.

Just in back of the forward slit there was a large painted (not really painted but more like inlaid art work) circle with a picture of--believe it or not--Mickey Mouse! The figure was shown walking with one hand thumbing its nose, and a large grin. Frankly I can't figure this one out, nor could the witness. It is the first time I have heard of the disks acknowledging our culture in any way--therefore, it must have some significance.

Both ships flew parallel to each other, and then, as if both pilots suddenly recovered their wits, both ships veered sharply away from each other.

As the large rocket veered it increased acceleration at a fantastic rate and went into a long banking dive. At the termination of the dive it went into the ocean! It seemed to hit the water about 10 miles away at a speed of at least 700 miles per hour. As the ship veered off it had revealed its underside and the gunner noticed two triangle-shaped fins protruding from the belly.

After the plane returned to base the men compared notes and agreed not to mention what they had seen to anyone, for fear of becoming the laughing stock of the squadron.

The gunner had never mentioned the incident to anyone until he told me the story, feeling, perhaps, at last here was a person who would not laugh at the fantastic story.

You're not likely to believe this story. Neither would I, perhaps, had I not heard it from the man directly--had I not heard his voice break slightly as he nervously fidgeted with the Coke glass to regain control. END

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The Saucer Sentinel, Saginaw 31, Michigan

Signed Opinion:

THE PIONEER IN SAUCERIAN RESEARCH STRIKES BACK AT SOME LIBELS

Part Two

by Frank Scully

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By the fall of 1954 the book of the other Wilkins (Harold T.) had appeared in America. The moon had been dropped out of its title. Indeed it was retitled FLYING SAUCERS ON THE ATTACK. The price had dropped, too, from \$4 to \$3.50 - but the book otherwise was the same as the British edition.

It was subtitled "Startling NEW revelations of one of the most incredible stories of our age". It contained nothing startling and certainly nothing new, except a new accumulation of misinformation and a curious method of reprinting old stuff with blind credits like: "A friend of one of my American correspondents"; "sensational reports of eye witnesses"; "A friend in Australia, whose son is an officer in the Australian Air Force"; "A man in Oregon wrote a letter to a friend of mine in Oklahoma about what his son, a U.S. Marine, heard"; "A gentleman, from Virginia, tells me these stories of encounters with saucers are running all through California like a prairie fire"; etc., etc.

Once he even went to these lengths to conceal his authorities: "I am informed by a well-educated American who lives in Los Angeles, California, that in the summer of 1952 he knew an American scientist and physicist who had been given by a high authority in Washington, D.C., the job of preparing a report to a high authority..."

As Sgt. Friday would say, "Give us the facts, ma'am, just the facts."

Wilkins has an appendix that runs 16 pages, a bibliography that runs three pages, but nowhere has he found space to name Scully, Heard, Keyhoe, Adamski, Van Tassel, Fry, and others to whom he is clearly indebted. This is research? This is scholarship?

On Page 269 Wilkins quotes a garbled source as follows: "October 8, 1953: Yesterday, in New York City, a high, thing voice interrupted a radio show which was boosting a book on saucers. It said: 'You earth-men will soon be annihilated, and your planet, unless you stop talking about flying saucers. I am speaking from a space ship over Los Angeles, California'. Later the same voice came on the air saying: 'I am over Salt Lake City. You cannot see me, but I could reach you easily. If you saw my hideous face, it would scare you to death'. The radio concern and author and publisher deny any knowledge of this affair. - N.B. It is an admirable coincidence that the unseen speaker should have spoken over the air by using a private telephone number of a National Broadcasting Company producer, which number is not listed in the New York Telephone Directory. Also, the publisher, some years before, had issued a book by a well known character from Hollywood, who subsequently admitted publishing a book about little men from Venus, which he was badgered by the U.S. Magazine TRUE into admitting was a hoax."

Let's start with the last thing first. The only publisher who up to this time had published two books by different authors on this saucerian subject was Henry Holt & Co. The books Holt published were BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS by Frank Scully in 1950, and FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE by Donald Keyhoe in 1953. This unmaskes the first part of Wilkins' attempt

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to cover himself in retreat, in case he's threatened with a libel action.

There are many well known characters in Hollywood but I am the only one who is well known because he wrote a book about flying saucers. I am charged here by Wilkins or his authority with subsequently admitting publishing a book "about little men from Venus which he was badgered by the U.S. magazine TRUE into admitting was a hoax."

As I have not admitted anywhere to anybody, anytime, that it was a hoax, it is up to characters such as Wilkins, Leslie, Moseley, et al to put up or shut up. They've had a field day up to now because I have been so busy writing other books I haven't had time to bother with these schnooks. But I am serving notice, as of this moment, that they retract their libels or hire themselves a good lawyer.

The story of TRUE and Cahn is pediculous with libel. Actually, it started out by Cahn coming to see me when out of a job, quite sure he could make a million dollars in exploiting the flying saucer mystery. He subsequently accepted whatever TRUE would give him to spit on those who had befriended him. TRUE told the world it was going to publish the real facts of the little men. It allowed Cahn to spend 25,000 words throwing irrelevant mud around--even to admitting he was a self-confessed thief--and never did get to the little men. That's how much you can believe TRUE.

In assailing the personal lives and characters of two witnesses involved in the saucer story they never nicked anything off the Scully story itself, but so much of the mud got in the eyes of people like Wilkins, Leslie, Moseley, et al, that they even thought they saw Scully quaking while his brain was being washed. They even imagined they read he had admitted he had perpetrated "the biggest hoax since the Cardiff giant". He had not admitted anything of the sort.

Any scholar who would put BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS and the TRUE story in juxtaposition and check them page by page, would have to come out with the conclusion that nothing in the Scully story, as such, was exposed as a hoax and even the attempts to do it were done by garbling and misquoting the actual text so as to make it easier to knock down what was never said in the first place.

As for James W. Moseley, who lists himself as a writer, he did not make that claim when I first met him. He came to me claiming he was collecting data for a writer who would then write the book in Moseley's name. He showed me a letter from the writer as proof. This is no disgrace, but it does not make Moseley a writer. Bethorus's book was ghosted for him, too (as was Adamski's. -DWO).

Moseley says he considers himself a "thorough investigator" but who gave him his credentials is not established. He starts out with "a predisposition to disbelieve stories of captured saucers and little men." He makes the flat statement that "Scully's book was 'thoroughly' (he loves that word!) discredited in a long article in TRUE magazine as elsewhere". He doesn't apparently like my use of Dr. Gee but he covers his own tracks with a "Mr. X" and a "Miss Y" and even a "Mr. Z". The TRUE article did not disprove anything Scully wrote on little men or flying saucers. It merely tried to hang a dubious business transaction in a totally unrelated field on two of the hundreds of persons I had quoted in BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS. In the main I gave credit wherever it was possible to give it without kicking back on the source. This didn't work out as a complete success, but nobody and I mean nobody has come up with proofs that the story as related didn't happen.

(Concluded in the Next Issue)