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A LOOK AT THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

In the spring of 1954, your editor read a book entitled Flying Saucers Have Landed by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski. From that moment on he was an avid saucerenthusiast.

After investigating the nationwide scene, he found that as yet there were no flying saucer publications that came out often enough to give the news while it was still "lukewarm," although there were several excellent quarterly magazines.

Thus, the idea of THE SAUCER SENTINEL resulted.

All the necessary arrangements were made and on September 15th, issue number one of the new saucerzine was published. It only had three pages, half of which were filled up with pleas to the readers for articles, photographs, and any other usable saucer material they could lay their hands on. Gradually we enlarged until the average issue had seven pages.

We feel that even since September we have come quite a ways.

At the time issue number one was published we had no subscribers.

Now we have subscribers throughout the United States and to this day, we have done no advertising. Our subscriptions have resulted from the free plugs given us in the other national saucerzines and by word-of-mouth publicity.

Our success is due largely to our many friends who have helped us out in one way or another. We wish to personally thank all of them!

To mention a few: Mrs. Benjamin Kessel--she's responsible for the editor's interest in saucers; Harry Ferguson, Executive Editor of the United Press for his kind cooperation; Clarence J. Fiting of the Singer Publishing Company who helped get the Sentinel off to a flying start; Mrs. John P. Hedrick of Birmingham and Alden Dow of Midland for their continuous help and encouragement; Henry Maday of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club for his more than generous interest in our publication; Gray Barker of The Saucerian who is always ready and willing to help a fellow "competitor"; and to all our faithful and patient subscribers for their patronage and kind comments.

In past weeks as the stream of subscriptions coming into our office has grown, we have had to have extra help to keep us from slipping farther behind than we already are. We are now happy to announce that these workers have agreed to become permanent members of our staff. Their names appear for the first time in the masthead of this issue.

Up till now, our slight modesty has kept us from publishing nice comments our readers have sent us. However, we felt that they might have thought their compliments went unappreciated unless we made some note of them. So to all our friends who have taken the time to write us, special thanks! Here are a few of the comments on the SENTINEL.

"A pleasant surprise...Journalistically it is well written and well edited."

"You have done an excellent job on the Saucer Sentinel...I'm looking forward to the next issue."

"I am writing to ask that you enter my subscription to your excellent and interesting paper."

"Good job...very interesting."

"I find your magazine very complete regarding saucer news, and well written. Since it comes out every two weeks it can fill the gap between other larger magazines."

"I received a copy of your Saucer Sentinel and enjoyed it very much."

Not to mention our press reviews.

"We are in receipt of an even newer publication, THE SAUCER SENTINEL, published (believe-it-or-not!) twice every month...This is a neatly mimeographed publication...If you don't want to wait a month or longer for the latest saucer news, we suggest and recommend you send some coin to Mr. Oppermann for his interesting and informative magazine."

Gray Barker in THE SAUCERIAN, the
World's Largest Flying Saucer
Publication.

"One of the most promising of the newer Saucer Publications."

"An interesting and reliably reported publication, now past its boring stage."

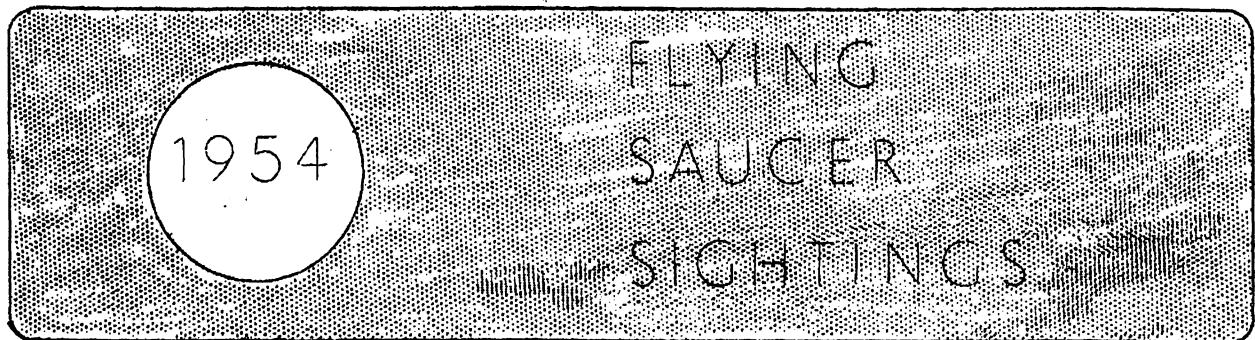
Henry Maday in THE VIMANA, official
publication of the Detroit Flying
Saucer Club.

We were also mentioned in SAUCERS by Max B. Miller and in NEXUS by James W. Moseley.

It is interesting to note that the saucer publication business is one of the few occupations in existence today where all the publishers give free plugs to their competitors.

Of course, the main objective of all of us is to try and find the answer to the flying saucer mystery, but it is rare that you find such a swell bunch of guys as we have found are in the saucer publication business.

Extra copies of this issue are available from the publishers @ 15¢ per copy.



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January 4-Marignane Airport, France-A watchman reported seeing a disc land. Small scraps of metal were found at the same spot where the object had landed.*

January 7-Dieppe, France-A mysterious explosion rocked the area, breaking windows, blasting open doors, and waking inhabitants. Several minutes preceding the explosion, an unusual flash was observed in the sky up to 50 miles distant. A railwayman at Orchies, near the Belgian border, said he saw a flying disc in the sky moving a great speed at the time of the Dieppe explosion.

February 15-Coniston, England-The famous Coniston was seen and photographed by young Stephen Darbishire.*

February 18-Scotland-Cedric Allingham, professional ornithologist and an amateur astronomer, saw saucer land, and a man jump out who was supposedly from Mars.

March 24-Fresno, Calif.-A large metallic-looking disc followed a plane carrying Harold E. Talbott, Secretary of the Air Force. The saucer appeared to be about 1000 feet under and an equal distance behind the plane when it was witnessed by the entire crew. The Secretary ordered the crew to turn around and chase the disc, but as soon as the plane turned, the thing shot away at tremendous speed.

May 20-Bruton, England-Nigel Frapple was cycling home at 2 a.m. when he saw "a terrific light in a field nearby." He lay in a hedgerow and watched the saucer four or five minutes, and then went forward to within 25 yards of the thing while it was hovering. Then it made off at great speed, practically silent except for a slight swishing sound.

* Items in this section followed by an asterisk are described more thoroughly elsewhere in the issue.

June 30-Goose Bay, Labrador-Seven weird black flying objects trailed a British Overseas Airways Corporation for 80 miles.*

July 1-Los Angeles, Calif.-Mrs. H. V. Goodell was aboard a "v" street car when she saw "a large silver-surfaced craft hovering in the southeast." It was shaped like a huge, elongated egg.

July 2-Garson, Ontario-A nickel miner claimed he saw an odd looking space ship, with portholes and 25 feet in diameter, come hurtling down where he was working, and three 13-foot monsters emerge from it.

July 14-St. Louis, Mo.-Five employees of the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation sighted an irregular-shaped milky-white cloud-like substance, described as about two feet across and a foot thick. The weird, amorphous mass was near the ground, was seen from a distance of 200 ft. or less.

August 8-The world's first flying saucer observatory near Ottawa, Canada, observed its first saucer. Wilbur Smith was on duty when the gravimeter picked up something unexpected and evidently unexplainable, and activated an alarm bell system. He rushed to the gravimeter and found that the line drawn by the instrument's electronically operated pen had made a deflection vastly greater and more pronounced than ever before. After watching the instrument a few seconds, Smith ran outside to see what was causing the excitement, but the overcast was down to 100 feet, and whatever was up there and activating his instruments, could not be seen.

August 25-Oslo, Norway-Two women claim they not only had a close look at a flying saucer, they talked to its "dark-skinned, long-haired" pilot.

August 27-St. Louis, Mo.-A Navy officer stationed at the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation plant saw a black object which he estimated to be eight or ten feet in diameter, 1000 feet high, and traveling about 230 mph. Three other witnesses also watched the object disappear after three or four minutes, traveling against the wind.

August 27-Boston Creek, Ontario-Bill Supa reported that at dusk on the evening of August 27th he saw a "machine which seemed to have no wings" come down to land about one mile from where he stood. When he was only 200 yards from the object, it rose into the air very rapidly and he was unable to determine how it was propelled.

August 30-North Bay, Ontario-A 40-year-old mess orderly told of seeing what is probably the most complicated UFO thus far seen. Four others also saw the object which is too complicated to try and describe here.

September ?-New Mexico-A mysterious fireball flashed across six New Mexico cities and in Sante Fe was seen by hundreds of

spectators at a high school football game. Dr. Lincoln La Paz, meteorologist at the University of New Mexico, said the object was not a meteorite nor an ordinary fireball.

September 10-Quarouble, France-An oblong machine about 10 feet long landed on a railroad track. Marius Dewilde, a farmer, walked toward the machine and was paralyzed by a green light.

September 10-Plateau of Millevaches, France-A farmer met a small, mysterious stranger, wearing something like a crash helmet. The visitor entered a cigar-shaped ship which took off with a buzzing sound.

September 10-Newaygo, Mich.-Two Consumers Power Company employees said they watched three jet planes chase a "large shining object" speeding westward at a great height.

September 17-Rome, Italy-The Air Ministry tried to calm thousands of excited Romans who reported seeing a "cigar-shaped flying saucer" traveling across the sky. The saucer was tracked for thirty minutes by radar.*

September 22-Ionia, Mich.-A pair of telescope-equipped amateur astronomers reported to civil defense officials they tracked three glowing but unidentified objects, which traveled across the sky at extreme height and tremendous speed.

September 24-Gardunha Mountains, Portugal-Three peasants were startled by a fast-flying sphere which landed in a field 200 yards from them. Two small creatures emerged and started collecting glass in a brightly polished box. Then, the sphere took off vertically and rapidly disappeared.

September 26-Bridgeport, Calif.-Five police officers reported seeing an object, shooting flames of red, green, orange, and blue, move and stop, rise and drop, before emitting a brilliance greater than any of them had ever seen.

September 30-Maisonelles, France-Two road workers saw a "flying mushroom" eight feet wide land briefly nearby. Next morning three deep imprints were found in the ground.

September 30-Dearborn, Mich.-Lawrence Cardenas reported he saw a flying saucer and its occupants, little men wearing green suits, on the roadside as he was going to work.

October 7-Royal Oak, Mich.-A woman and two girls saw a flat, silver object hanging motionless in the sky. It suddenly flipped up on edge, became a round orange disc and took off across the sky at an incredible speed.

October 5-Paris, France-A roadworker, bicycling to work, noticed an unusual looking creature climbing out of a 30-foot cigar. After the machine had departed, an investigation of the spot revealed skid-marks on the grass and a strange silky substance.

October 12-Los Angeles, Calif.-A man reported seeing a flying saucer land in MacArthur park and "a little man in a white suit get out."

October 20-Detroit, Mich.-A group of DFSC officials reported seeing a flying saucer hover overhead and then zoom off.

October 25-Yugoslavia-Authorities were making a "serious investigation" of shiny "ellipoidal" objects which zipped through the skies over this country, trailing bluish tails, for a half an hour.

October 31-Rome, Italy-Claire Booth Luce reported seeing a flying saucer over the city.

November 11-Louisville, Ky.-A jet tried to track a saucer over this city. The shiny object caught the eye of thousands of persons leaving their jobs in the area.

November 22-Duluth, Minn.-Authorities sought confirmation of numerous reports that a multicolored object with a flaming tail crashed to earth 40 miles west of here.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

(Reprinted from Weird Science-Fantasy's Flying Saucer Report)

On March 1st and again on March 26th, 1954, the United States exploded two colossal H-Bombs.

It was after the 1947 Atomic Bomb tests at Alamagordo, that "Flying Saucers" made their appearance.

What will the H-Bomb tests bring? More saucers? More sightings? Perhaps landings? Actual contacts?

One thing is certain. If there is any possibility of this, the Air Force should be preparing us instead of white-washing the facts!

If there is nothing to the "flying saucers," why was a meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 1954, in Los Angeles between representatives of the nation's airlines and Military Air Transport Service (MATS) to discuss implementation of "The Cirvus Plan"?

The source for the above information also told that between five and ten flying saucer sightings are being made every night by commercial air line pilots.

If there is nothing to the "flying saucers," why did Dr. Clyde Tombaugh instruct his staff at White Sands recently, "Practice estimating distances and speeds of objects flying through the skys, and in the next few months, be on the lookout for an increase in UFOs."

This same Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered the planet Pluto, and Dr. Lincoln LaFaz, Director of the Institute of Meteorics, are presently engaged in a secret government search for tiny satellites that are known to be circling the Earth. They are employing special telescope-cameras that sweep the sky and are able to photograph high-speed bodies invisible to the naked eye.

Are these tiny satellites the launching platforms--the refueling bases--for the flying saucers that have been observing earth closely for the past seven years?

In Ottawa, Canada, Project "Magnet," the flying saucer investigation agency for the Canadian government, tried an experiment. They fastened a 500,000 candle-power aircraft flare inside an aluminum cone and suspended the cone under a large weather balloon so that the flare, when set off, would illuminate the underside of the balloon. At 5000 feet, when the balloon was over an area of the city where there were two drive-in theaters and a stadium jammed with people watching a night baseball game, the flare went off.

The effect was as if a lighted disc had suddenly appeared in the sky. Not one call came in reporting the incident.

A spokesman stated, "It's obvious why so few people are seeing flying saucers! People just don't look up into the sky!"

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ROME SIGHTING MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR

by Gray Barker
(Editor of The Saucerian)

(The following is an answer to a question asked Mr. Barker by the editor: In your opinion, what was the most important event in connection with flying saucers in the year 1954? -Ed.)

In giving an opinion I assume that by "the most important event" is meant that event which did most to prove the existence of saucers to the public.

In this regard I believe the "flying cigar seen over Rome on September 17th was the most important. This was a spectacular sighting, during which time the UFO behaved unlike aircraft we know; it was seen by thousands of Roman citizens, and the visual sightings were confirmed by radar. Because of the number of witnesses involved, the event was not given the usual tongue-in-cheek treatment by the press, and it publicized saucers without ridiculing the subject.

Although so kidded by the press that the public had many doubts, the European landings constituted another major event in 1954 saucerdoings. The "flying jellyfish" seen by the BOAC pilot received widespread sensible publicity, though the objects weren't seen close up and weren't of a sufficient tangible nature to prove anything to most people.

Dr. Herman Oberth's statement in THE AMERICAN WEEKLY that he believed flying saucers were from space lent authority to the theory before thousands of readers.

The English Coniston Saucer provided photographic (though blurred) proof for saucers, was given added weight by the apparent honesty of the witness, but it became so enmeshed in the publicity for the book, FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, that it lost much credence with serious investigators.

What may turn out to be the most important article on flying saucers published during 1954 is a close look at the Adamski book by James W. Roseley in his January, 1955, NEXUS (out this December). If valid, this article may lead to a more careful and critical look at other saucerstories of the personal contact and spectacular nature. If the hoaxes and vagaries of the human mind and emotion can be weeded from the more tangible evidence, the work of the saucer investigator will have become easier and more definite.

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 QUOTES OF THE YEAR

"The most complete deflation of the flying-saucer delusion was written by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, who was in charge of the Air Force's careful saucer investigation from 1951 to 1953. It was printed in the May issue of TRUE MAGAZINE, which had much to do with augmenting the saucer hubbub. Captain Ruppelt's conclusion: visiting space ships are theoretically possible, but there has been no evidence to support this possibility."

---Time Magazine

"Certainly something very strange is taking place in the limitless space above the earth. There are objects of unknown origin which have been seen with the naked eye, tracked by radar, chased by jets and sometimes even photographed. In spite of the mantle of official silence which has worked to keep the American people uninformed, the facts are unmistakable."

---Frank Edward, noted radio news commentator in Real Magazine.

"As far as we know, the problem of unidentified flying objects is little closer to being solved today than it was when Kenneth Arnold first made his sensational reports on June 24, 1947. All that has been done is to produce new evidence that UFOs exist--evidence that at times is so contradictory and bewildering that we are forced to conclude there is no single simple explanation and that UFOs are probably a number of different things."

---Fate Magazine

"There is no doubt in my mind that these flying saucers are inter-planetary craft of some sort. I am confident that they do not originate in our solar system but they may use Mars or some other way station."

---Dr. Herman Oberth, famed German rocket authority and a designer of the V-2 in The American Weekly

"Of course flying saucers are real. If they were not, we certainly would not be exercising the degree of vigilance now in force. We would not be sending jet fighters up to pursue them if they were not there. What they are, where they come from and what they want are matters for conjecture."

---Lord Dowding, famed Air Chief Marshall and head of the British Fighter Command in World War II

"We believe that the public has been confused...that the facts have been muddled...that there is much more to the Flying Saucer than the Air Force cares to admit.

"We believe that the public should be kept informed of all developments in the Flying Saucer story.

"So lift your head up...above the smoke-screen of contrived explanations and half-truths. Look to the skies, America! Perhaps one night you'll join the hundreds upon hundreds of competent civilian and army pilots, scientists, and aeronautical experts who have been termed by the Air Force as 'misinterpreters, hysterics, and publicity seekers.' Perhaps you too, will see a flying saucer."

---The Editors of Weird Science-Fantasy

"Flying saucers do exist and past contradictions were unfortunate."

---Lt. Colonel John J. O'Mara

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THE FOUR MOST IMPORTANT SIGHTINGS OF 1954

-Flying Cigar Over Rome-
(Reprinted from "The Saucerian")

What attracted newsman Michael Chiningo's attention was the strange sound the object made as it passed overhead.

"The sound from this object was not the usual whine of a jet plane or the droning of an ordinary plane. Rather it was like approaching thunder, but with a staccato effect, a series of explosions that grew louder as the object got closer.

"This was followed by a dead silence as the 'thing' stopped, or appeared to, at a height of about five or six thousand feet."

That was the description Chiningo gave of the immense flying cigar which puzzled the Italian Air Force and was seen by thousands of citizens over Rome on the night of September 17.

It wasn't so much a cigar, but that was the only way it could be described, apparently. The Defense Department described it as a "clipped cone" with a smaller surface on the bottom, or as two semi-circular disks, one bigger than the other, with the bigger one on top.

To Chiningo it looked more like an "inverted sawed-off cone." Other observers said the object was silver-colored on one side and red on the other. The Observatory at Ciampino said it had a large antenna amidships.

After appearing to hover for several minutes, it shot upward at enormous speed, trailing milky-white smoke from the rear.

Technicians at Ciampino Airfield outside Rome alerted the air watch center at Practica Di Mare near Rome's Ostia Beach, which picked up the "cigar" at 6:40 p.m. and held it on its radar screen until 7:20. Radar operators said the object flew at 3,600 feet along a 15-mile stretch above the Mediterranean Coast west of Rome, traveling toward the northeast.

Air Force officials disclaimed knowing whether Italy is experimenting with a type of plane similar to that seen, and the Italian Defense Ministry ordered the country's radar stations to be on the alert for further trace of the weird object.

-Mystery Object Lands At French Airport-
(Reprinted from "Saucers")

Military authorities are secretly investigating the story of the unidentified flying object observed on January 4th, 1954, at the Marignane Airport in France. During the night, guard M. Chesnaux saw the strange luminous disc land, bound several times--as a plane would do--then stand still on the landing field. Shining in the dark of the night, M. Chesnaux ran inside a hangar close by to call the control tower. While he was phoning, the mysterious object disappeared. The guard was laughed at.

But in the morning--when the ground was carefully examined--small scraps of metal were found at the same spot where the object had landed. These iron-like fragments were about 15 inches long, curled up at one end and with a little ball the size of a marble at the other end, which was a dark gray. These are being secretly analyzed by the French Government.

-The Coniston Saucer-
(Reprinted from "The Saucerian")

A saucer story, and a convincing, if blurred photograph, came out of England. Thirteen-year-old Stephen Dartshire's photograph of a saucer looked quite like the George Adamski photographs.

It was on the morning of February 15, 1954, that young Stephen, of Goniston, Lancashire, seemed to have an uncontrollable urge to climb a hill behind his home. He and his eight-year-old cousin, Adrian Nyer, went up the hill, taking a small camera along in the hope of taking bird pictures, since bird watching was his principal hobby.

Suddenly Adrian shouted, "Look at that thing!" And there it was, coming from the direction of the sun--a strange silvery round object. It descended to earth about a hundred yards away and disappeared behind some rising ground, came into view again a few seconds later. Then it suddenly tipped up on its side and shot up into the sky with a swishing sound, the only noise it had made during its appearance.

In his excitement, investigation showed Stephen had set his camera on "bulb" instead of the intended 1/25 second, and had taken about a one-second exposure. As a result, the picture was blurred.

"It was a solid metal-like thing with a dome, portholes, and three bumps or landing domes underneath. In the center the underneath was darker and pointed like a cone. At first three portholes were visible, but then it turned slightly and we saw four. There was what looked like a hatch on top of the cabin dome."

-"Flying Jellyfish" Sighted-
(Reprinted from "The Saucerian")

American and British Air Force Intelligence officers studied a log book of Capt. James Howard, pilot of a British Overseas Airways Corporation airliner bound from New York to London. It described seven weird black flying objects that had trailed the plane for 80 miles on June 30th near Goose Bay, Labrador.

The strange story of what he and his crew and some of his passengers witnessed 19,000 feet over the Atlantic is told in extracts from the log book:

"At 0105 G.M.T. on June 30 about 150 nautical miles southwest of Goose Bay. Height 19,000 feet, flying in clear weather above a layer of low cloud, noticed on our port beam a number of dark objects at approximately the same altitude as our aircraft. I drew the attention of the first officer to them. He said he had just noticed them too."

Howard then saw they were moving along a track roughly parallel to the plane and keeping the same speed. Goose Bay radioed there were no other aircraft in the area. It was 0107 G.M.T. as the log book continued:

"During this time the shape of the large object changed slightly, also the position of the smaller ones relative to the big one. Some moved ahead, some behind. The first officer then told Goose Bay what we were watching and they said they would send a fighter to investigate."

The large object continued to change shape, as the entire group still moved along with the plane, about five miles away, possibly much more, Howard estimated. The crew also watched the objects.

"All were agreed they never saw anything like it before. At about 0120 G.M.T. the fighter reported he was approaching and the objects immediately began to grow indistinct until only one was visible. This grew smaller and finally vanished at 0123 G.M.T., still at the same bearings from us."

"All who watched the objects are sure that the large one, at any rate, was no sort of winged aircraft. The small ones were just dots. They left no vapor trails, no lights were seen, just black silhouettes."

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IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS, EVENTS, AND OCCURENCES IN 1954

Detroit Flying Saucer Club Very Active

The Detroit Flying Saucer Club, founded in the summer of 1954 and now boasting a membership of over 1,500, had visits from top saucer lecturers and prepared an open petition to President Eisenhower with a goal of 5,000 signatures.

Keyhoe Cancels Lectures

Retired Marine Major Donald E. Keyhoe, famed saucer expert and author of FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL and FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE, suddenly cancelled all his November and December lectures without giving reason. It was later announced his wife was ill and he was also trying to meet a publisher's deadline.

Comic Challenges Air Force

In the December issue of "Weird Science-Fantasy," a comic book published by the Fables Publishing Company of New York, the editors challenged the United States Air Force stating they believe that the A.F. has constantly contradicted itself in reports on flying saucers and that they are confusing the public in a dangerous manner.

Deputy Commander Says Saucers Exist

Leonard Stringfield, Editor of Newsletter from Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects, out of Cincinnati, Ohio, stated that during a phone conversation with Lt. Colonel John J. O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Air Force Intelligence at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, where reported saucer research has been going on for some time, Colonel O'Mara said, "Flying saucers do exist and past contradictions were unfortunate." He in effect admitted (1) that saucers are interplanetary, and (2) that the U.S. also has saucer-like craft in the skies.

MSC Doctor Predicts World's End and Rescue By Flying Saucers

Dr. Charles A. Laughead, former staff physician at the Michigan State College Hospital predicted that the world would end December 21st and that he would be rescued by Martians in flying saucers. When this prediction fell through, he foretold that he would be picked up by his "outer space brothers" on Christmas during a Christmas carol sing on a front lawn. This prediction failed to come true, also.

Frank Edwards Fired

Frank Edwards, saucerenthusiastic newscaster, was dismissed by his sponsor, the American Federation of Labor. Many jumped to the conclusion that his frequent references to flying saucers was the reason, but apparently the disks were not a major factor.

Russia Comments On Saucers

Although Russia has not yet claimed to have invented flying saucers first, they came up with a solution to the mystery of what the saucers are.

The saucers represent an "American plot" developed by war mongers to scare the people into another war, according to the Soviet newspaper, RED STAR.

"Project A" Comes to an End

Dr. Warren Hickman, dean of Ohio Northern University, threw up his hands on saucers, announced that "Project A," set up within the University to reach some solution to the mystery, was no more. To forestall the flood of letters expected from people who would feel the Project has been closed on request of the Government "or some other organization," Hickman stated such was not the case in a special bulletin announcing the closing. Hickman said the reason for closing was lack of further information needed for research. The Project had asked saucer organizations for loan of their files, but except for one case had received no replies. Also, some of the saucer organizations had closed, and their files were apparently unavailable. An important fact is that Hickman, in ringing down the curtain, isn't poo-pooing saucers: "The information received by Project A indicated that a sizeable fraction of the total sightings throughout the country were sightings made of material objects. These material objects were not standard aircraft."

Leslie "Proves" Photographs Authentic

Desmond Leslie, co-author with George Adamski of FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, said he proved the authenticity of Adamski's photographs used in the book by the use of an "aura biometer," a strange device that allegedly can analyse objects in a photograph and determine their composition. Working on saucer photographs, Leslie declared most of the saucers were metal, possible an iron alloy, and that the radiations indicated living things were piloting them. Photographs of the Coniston Saucer and the Adamski saucer yielded the same radiations. Leslie was able to unmask one "fake" picture wherein the saucer turned out to be an ordinary rock.

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