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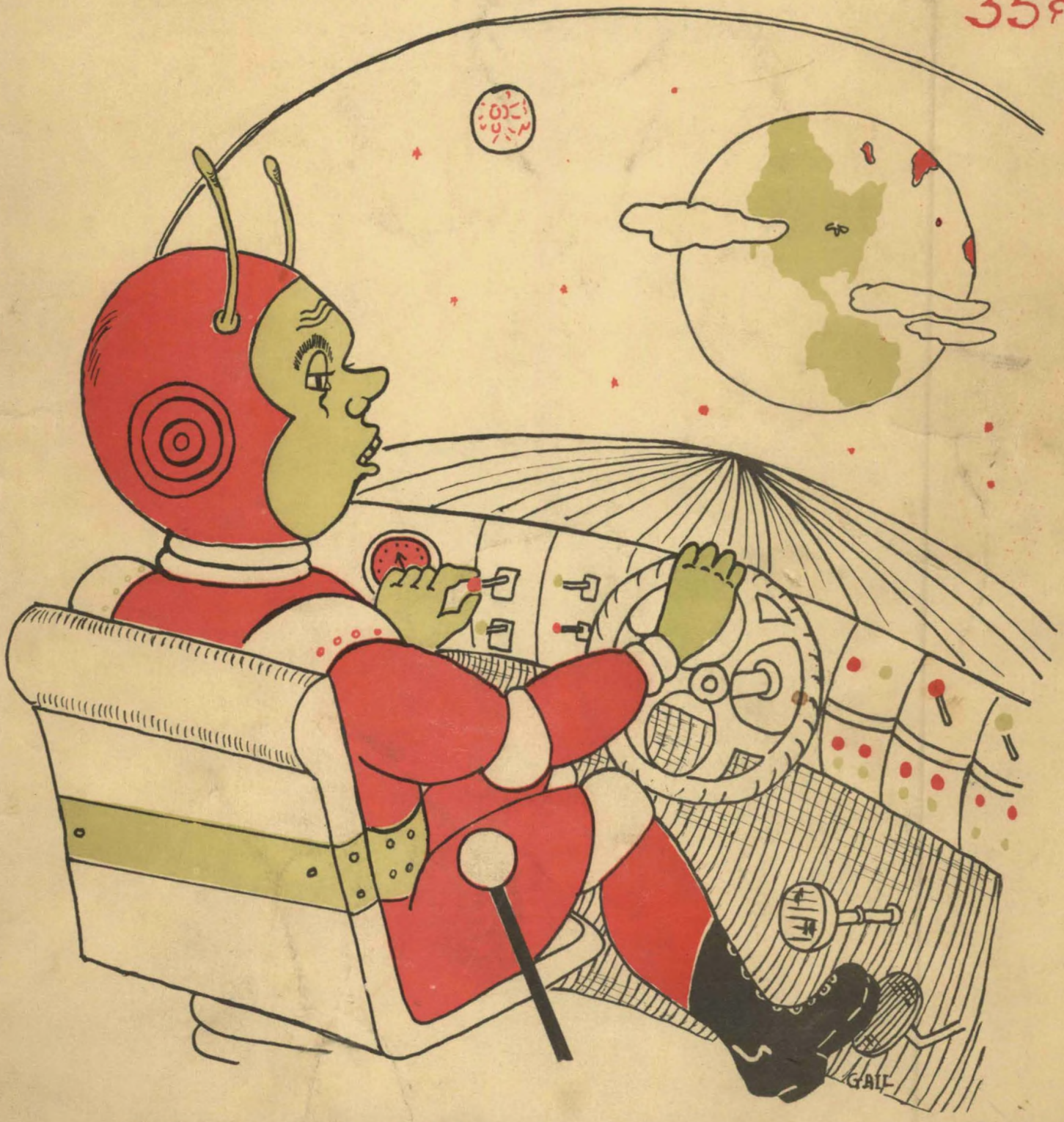

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"Keep your head in the stars------And your feet on the ground"

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EDITORIAL

THE I.F.S.B. CLOSING

Since the closing of the International Flying Saucer Bureau has been the subject of much attention among those interested in flying saucers and those publishing saucer information, we take considerable editorial space to tell what we know of the matter, to speculate upon it, and to offer what opinions we can draw.

As a person who was closely allied with the organization, and as a friend of its director, Albert K. Bender, we do have information which may not be available to most readers, and heads of other organizations. At the risk of disappointing you, let us, at the outset, make it clear we consider ourselves yet greatly uninformed on the matter.

Let us also make it clear there is no information we have that is being witheld; that we do not have the supposed "answer" to the saucer mystery; that we know of no scandals we are keeping secret to protect anyone.

Let us then outline what little we do know, hoping it may be helpful and clear up some of the wild rumors circulating among former members of the organization, and others interested in saucers.

The International Flying Saucer Bureau, hereafter referred to as IFSB, was formed in 1952 by Albert K. Bender. The main aim, as outlined on the prospectus issued by the organization, was to try and make friendly contact with the disks if they ever landed. Such an organization would collect and organize information on the saucers, and try and find out just what they were. Evidently the organization was most successful in some of its aims, for it soon attracted an impressive list of members and, according to Bender's recent announcement, reached some definite conclusion regarding the saucer mystery.

The Editor joined the organization in November, 1952, and in December of that year accepted the position of representative for the state of West Virginia. Such representatives were appointed for most of the 48 states, and in some foreign countries, for the purpose of soliciting memberships, and acting as investigators, collectors of

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saucer information, and so on, for the respective localities. Such representatives were not paid, though they did receive free memberships.

In February, 1953, Bender set up a Department of Investigation for the purpose of investigating and evaluating sightings and photographs received at headquarters. I accepted the post as Chief Investigator, and the four-member team serving in the Dept. were: Dominick C. Lucchesi (Aeronautics), Jersey City, N. J.; August C. Roberts (Photographer), Jersey City, N. J.; Lonzo Dove (Astronomer), Broadway, Va.; and S. L. Daw (Clergyman), Washington, D.C. The Dept. began functioning in June and handled four rather routine cases before IFSB closed.

The Bureau published a quarterly review of its activities, SPACE REVIEW, first issue of which was dated October, 1952. During 1953 SPACE REVIEW hinted that a "startling announcement" would be published in the July issue, which never materialized. The October issue, however, contained information very startling to most IFSB members and to others who received it. The issue announced that "Effective January 1, 1954, we will no longer be known as the International Flying Saucer Bureau, it has been decided to completely reorganize."

Refunds were offered to all members, though they could accept issues of another publication, the organ of information for a new organization which would not be concerned with flying saucers, but questions of the universe in general. We have checked and found that members who preferred cash refunds instead of the new magazine did receive their money back. Details of the new organization have not been announced, though SPACE REVIEW said there would be no paid memberships available, and memberships would be restricted to specialists in "his or her particular field."

Readers were mystified by this information, but were astounded by further text on the front page of the publication:

"The mystery of the flying saucers is no longer a mystery. The source is already known, but any information about this is being witheld by orders from a higher source. We would like to print the full story in Space Review, but because of the nature of the information we are sorry that we have been advised in the negative.

"We advise those engaged in saucer work to please be very cautious."

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Our first indication that something unusual was going on was a letter of September 16, 1953, from Bender, advising us to accept no more memberships for the Bureau until we had seen the October issue of SPACE REVIEW. At that time we assumed there were some minor changes to be made and thought little of it. However I received a telephone call from a friend a few days later advising me of the forthcoming closing. This person had been talking with Bender on the telephone when Bender suddenly announced, "I know what the saucers are," and told about the closing of the Bureau.

I then telephoned Bender, who confirmed the same information.

Bender said he could not divulge the secret he had learned, since he was on his word of honor not to reveal it. He also told the person

who called us, in a later interview, he was afraid to tell for he could go to jail for a "mighty long time." Later, in a personal conversation with us, he said he would not go to jail if he told, but that "they could make it mighty tough for me (for Bender)."

Interviews subsequent to the telephone conversation, by my source of information and myself, disclosed additional information, but led to more confusion in regard to what Bender said he had found out.

As nearly as it could be put together from different conversations, Bender had the idea of what the saucers are in his mind for some time. Recently, he said, he had received "proof" consisting of "diagrams and names," though he wouldn't say what the diagrams were about or what the names were. Some of the information, he said, came to him in a dream. He said he often dreamed plots for stories and plays which he would like to write professionally.

Bender said he submitted this theory to some person, whom he could not name, for consideration. I couldn't learn whether it was for confirmation of the theory or for publication. Shortly thereafter, THREE MEN, IN DARK CLOTHING, CAME TO HIS HOME UNANNOUNCED AND ENTERED HIS ROOM WHERE HE HAPPENED TO BE AT THE TIME IN A RATHER DISCOURTEOUS MANNER. They had the information he submitted with them. Evidently these persons talked rather roughly and threatened consequences if Bender disclosed the information, which, apparently, they confirmed as being correct. Also, as I get it, they gave Bender additional information about saucers. The information evidently was frightening, for Bender said he was sick for three days afterward and couldn't eat. A person who visited Bender shortly after the alleged visit confirmed that Bender seemed to be disturbed and was not quite his usual self.

Although Bender <u>never did state it definitely</u>, he left the impression the men were from the Government. The visitors were human, he assured us. It is rather mystifying to us why Bender will not say what agency of the Government was involved, nor give the date of the visit. It also struck me as unusual that Bender was quite willing to be interviewed and be asked hundreds of questions concerning the matter, though this may well have been because of the friendship involved, and likely we were imposing upon him. Most questions concerning saucers, or leading questions which might be answered with some indication as to what the "answer" was, were answered with "I can't answer that."

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If Bender has some information he has given his word not to disclose, and also fears prosecution or pressure if he releases it, it is quite illogical that he should tell me or anyone else what it is all about. Throughout the period following the IFSB closing, we have records of many interviews with Bender, and made a trip to Bridgeport to talk with him personally. By studying these interviews and reflecting upon our own, we can form an imaginary picture of what Bender might know, drawn from the general tone of the conversations and our own impressions.

The reader is cautioned that in drawing such inferences one can arrive at most anything, and that the following is likely <u>incorrect</u>. Nevertheless we think we should outline our opinions, though caution you again to take them as opinions only, and perhaps unreliable ones

at that. These opinions are given, also, in the consideration that Bender's story of the visits is basicaly correct, a premise we have never accepted rather than temporarily, upon the word of Bender, which we have always found reliable.

Our impressions from talking with Bender is that his information discloses the saucers to be a threat to the world. There is no defense against whatever is involved (Bender said a later visitor, arriving alone, gave him additional information, which made the picture somewhat brighter). He said the people will have to know about the thing soon, and that an announcement is scheduled for around the first of the year. There will be a preliminary announcement, he says, to help condition the people, after which the President will go before the UN in much the same fashion as he did with the matter of sharing atomic information.

Bender said as he was listening to Eisenhower's speech before the UN he was sure the President was going to reveal the flying saucer mystery, when he began his speech by saying the world is faced with a great danger. At another time Bender said he didn't think Eisenhower had been told about the matter. He says that any atomic war will have to take place quickly if we ever have one, because evidently we will have to work with Russia in the saucer matter. Bender said the U.S. Constitution will have to be changed to take care of new conditions brought about by the saucer mystery.

The information, when revealed, is going to put a dent in science, Bender believed, and it would also affect religion in some manner. He would not say whether he felt the saucers were interplanetary.

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Adopting the premise temporarily that Bender's account of the visit is absolutely true, there is further danger in taking the information printed above as the truth. If we were Bender, and had encountered the experiences he alleges to have had, and be so obligated to silence, we would not give out even this much information. We might find it necessary to deliberately mislead someone questioning us, otherwise we might unconsciously give them information that would lead to the disclosure of the secret I was necessarily witholding. So this report of Bender's statements is again qualified, and we do hope this is not considered as absolutely factual information. Instead it is intended only as a guide for further speculation and delving into the thing by anyone who chooses.

When we first heard of the matter, from Bender, we believed the thing implicitly, without any doubt whatsoever, and was disturbed by the information, as a letter sent to SAUCERIAN readers disclosed. However I felt it best to refrain from publicizing the matter, and preferred to keep silent about the whole thing, fearing that disclosure of what I had found out would prejudice Bender's position and leave the impression he had told me more than he really had. If the Government had something it didn't want told, and Bender knew about it, I felt that publicizing the matter would only lead more questioners to Bender and perhaps get him into trouble. At the same time, however, I was worried, not about what the strange information Bender had run across consisted of (though like everyone else I was very curious), so much as that perhaps the Government was in some way abridging the rights of citizens.

On November 22, however, the Bridgeport Sunday Herald published a story containing some of the same information I had obtained.

Since the story had already reached public print, I felt I had no reason to withold it any longer, and sent a special release to SAUCERIAN readers quoting the story verbatim. I also sent a copy to Bender, so that he would know I had released it, though he never seemed to be disturbed by my circulating it.

When asked about the story, Bender told us the reporter had got wind of the affair and called him for a story, which he refused to give the paper. The information in the story, according to Bender, must have been obtained through some other source. The story did contain a great deal of rehash on older stories they had formerly printed about Bender, which was built around the three-men story.

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My personal relationships with Bender were that of a very good friend, though I did not meet him personally until I went to Bridgeport on December 13th. This discussion does not, I feel, in any way prejudice my friendship with him, nor alter a high personal regard I have always held for him. After all, to me friendships are far more important than flying saucers.

Bender lives with his stepfather at 784 Broad St. in Bridgeport, Conn. He is chief timekeeper at Acme Shear, in Bridgeport. He came to Bridgeport from West Pittstown, Pa., about ten years ago. He is 32, unmarried. During the war he served with the Air Force.

While talking with Bender we usually were completely confident of his sincerity and still accept, temporarily, his complete story. We feel, however, there is no obligation to refrain from considering every possible angle. In fact we feel we have a definite obligation to readers, considering the widespread publicity the matter has gained, to delve into all possible aspects of the case. We have told Bender that while we accept his story temporarily, we shall not exclude the possibility that there could even be hoax involved, or circumstances not exactly as revealed by him.

At this particular time, here is our own personal impressions of the matter:

There is some definite basis to the story, but a great deal of misconception has arisen among those hearing it. It could be that in an effort to keep the information entirely confidential, Bender has found it prudent to deliberately mislead us. If this be true, and he is acting upon his best judgment, we cannot criticize him for that. Or, and we would rather believe this, there are other circumstances involved, which for personal or other reasons he thinks are necessary, are being hidden by telling the three-men story.

The inevitable rumors arose concerning IFSB. While it is a good idea to explore such angles, there is the danger that others hearing the rumors repeated will accept them as proven truth -- and thus be led farther from the truth, while at the same time damaging the reputation of some innocent person.

One of the rumors had it that IFSB was backed by a well-known science fiction publisher, who, for some reason, also the subject of rumors, withdrew the backing, making it necessary for IFSB to fold. One rumor had it that the intrusion of the Government had frightened the backer, or that the backer had disagreed with Bender's policies, particularly regarding a fragment of the New Haven, Conn., "fireball"

(see "Saucernews" this issue) which Bender had supposedly sent to Oak Ridge for analysis against the backer's wishes. According to another rumor, the backer had known Communistic affiliations, and that Bender had found this out. Such a condition, according to the rumors, may have frightened Bender, who didn't want to be involved with Communist activity. Then Bender either created the story to frighten off the backer, or the visitors were from the Government, and told Bender about the background of the backer.

The backer, according to the rumors, used IFSB to gather information from members for use commercially in his magazines.

While the theory is not without its possibilities, we cannot ourselves see why IFSB was in need of financial backing. With 600 members (according to the newspaper story), some of the later ones paying $1.40 per year as dues, it would seem that ample funds were available. Main expense was publishing SPACE REVIEW four times a year. The membership fees, according to our small knowledge of amateur publishing, should have provided enough money for printing SPACE REVIEW, with enough left over for postage, and the small administration expenses. Then people running flying saucer organizations, or publishing things like THE SAUCERIAN, expect to dig into their own pockets occasionally and make up the deficits involved. Rumors that one member of the Investigation Staff was paid a salary does not check out, and we can find no indications that anyone else received a salary, nor any indication of any unusual expenditures by the Bureau.

Let us state here and now we do not think Bender is a Communist, nor have we seen any indication of any such activity within the IFSB, nor we cannot concieve of Communists using it as a front. We believe Communists would go crazy trying to keep a flying saucer organization in tow.

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Another matter has come to our attention which lends credence to the story of the secret information and the three men, and provides ground for further speculation.

This information is as reliable as the man involved, and as far as we can find out, he is a completely sincere and honest individual. He is E. R. Jarrold, president of The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. Latest issue of that Bureau's publication, THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE, contains some hint of the things here reviewed, and, incidentally, as far as we can find out from reading the magazine, Jarrold is as greatly mystified about Bender and IFSB as all of us.

JARROLD WAS VISITED BY A MAN, WHO SAID HE WOULD DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT SAUCERS IF JARROLD WOULD GIVE HIM HIS WORD NOT TO REVEAL IT TO ANYBODY.

Though such a promise was contrary to Jarrold's feelings and policies, since he felt information should be made available to everyone, he did give his word in order to obtain the information. The information disclosed by the man, who showed credentials and qualifications which led Jarrold to believe he knew what he was talking about, apparently was similar to that Bender affirms he has. Jarrold evidently was not emotionally disturbed by the information, which he termed "amazing," and which in his opinion could have made Bender ill, depending upon how greatly he took certain implications to heart.

Latest issue of Jarrold's publication contains comment which may have some bearing upon what he was told; we do not know whether this was written before or after the visit, though assume the latter.

In discussing the closing of the IFSB, Jarrold states that "The first intimation the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau received of anything unusual came like a bombshell during AFSB, CSI (N.Z.) and IFSB discussions regarding proposed joint investigation into a certain U.S. theory re saucers supplied by Mr. Bender, Director of the IFSB."

This remark may mean that the theory Bender submitted and had confirmed by the three men, was this same theory they were discussing. We don't know.

Interpret the following quotation from Jarrold's publication as a hint about what the man disclosed, though may very well be wrong:

"Analysing the events leading up to the fate of IFSB, and the last issue of SPACE REVIEW, one immensely important conclusion can be drawn--and that is, that if the facts are exactly as they appear to be, the surfeit of theories regarding actual flying saucer origin has been drastically reduced to no more than two. One of these is THAT SAUCERS ORIGINATE FROM MARS -- WITH ALL THAT THAT MOMENTOUS FACT CONVEYS AND IMPLIES.

"THE OTHER THEORY INVOLVES A STAGGERING EVENT WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, FOR VERY VITAL REASONS, CANNOT BE REVEALED -- OR EVEN DISCUSSED THEORETICALLY -- BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFSB UNTIL SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL DATE (NOT CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE AFSB) HAS EITHER ESTABLISHED OR REJECTED WIT WITH POSITIVE CERTAINTY. ALL THAT CAN BE CONVEYED HERE IS THAT THE PARTICULAR INFORMATION EMPHASISES THE CAUSE OF FLYING SAUCERS RATHER THAN THEIR ORIGIN!" (All capitals and underlining is ours--E.B.)

Although the information about Mr. Jarrold lends support to Bender's story, let us further reflect upon it.

The following point may be quite important. One would infer the visitor was from Jarrold's government, but JARROLD DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT TO BE THE CASE. He has stated that his organization has not officially entered into any agreements with the government to withold information. If one underlines the word "officially," that would still allow the government to be involved; however we think the statement reads more logically the opposite way.

BENDER HAS NOT STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY his visitors were government men. We are wondering if we all could be on the wrong track in this respect. Bender has persistently refused to divulge what branch of government was involved, nor will he tell the exact dates of the visits. Jarrold, however, has stated the exact dates of visits to him.

It is universally rumored and believed among saucer organizations and saucerenthusiasts that the Government is closing down such organizations. THERE IS NO DEFINITE EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS FACT, and we disbelieve it and feel this idea has been greatly overemphasized. Jarrold's visitor was surprised when Jarrold mentioned such a course, and assured him the organization would perhaps be more important than ever.

When we visited Bender he told us he thought APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., had been closed. Correspondence with its very charming and capable director, Mrs.

Coral E. Lorenzen, disclosed that APRO was still very much alive. It is also regarded as gospel that the CSI (Civilian Saucer Organization) of the West Coast (Not CSI of New Zealand) was closed. We have just talked with a writer who has been on the West Coast gathering material for a forthcoming saucerbook. He has gone into the matter and learned from CSI officials that their cessation of activities was voluntary and not connected with any answer to the saucer mystery. They believe they have gone the limit in gathering information and want some reliable scientific group to take over the data for analysis. They feel they are not qualified to reach conclusions, and, as I get it, they are perhaps bored and tired of the whole saucer matter. Of course the suspicious reader could say CSI is simply "covering up," but we doubt it.

It all adds up to our being extremely overimaginative about the Government's concern about saucer organizations, and perhaps the Government's concern about the ENTIRE SAUCER SITUATION.

BENDER HAS NOT STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT CLOSED HIM DOWN. We believe that if one knew all the facts external to the saucer situation which are connected with IFSB, a much more logical explanation could be advanced.

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Let us all face the facts. The most of us in the saucer hunting business have a tendency toward over-dramatizing, and I include myself as one of the worst offenders, though this is tough to admit. In order to hunt down saucers we must possess above-average imaginations. Many of us grew into the saucerbusiness from science fiction fandom, and we can accept immediately any fantastic situation as truth without evidence. While such mental attitudes are very likely necessary in understahding and arriving at conclusions regarding a fantastic subject such as flying saucers, those attitudes may also be our downfall.

There is a time in every saucerenthusiast's life when he should walk outside, look down at the ground, pick up a handful of dirt and rub it in his own face, saying, "I swear that I am going to stay down to earth this day, if no other." And if anyone is serious in participating with us in such earthy ablutions, let him come forward. He can throw the dirt in our face and we will throw the same into his.

And while on terra firma, let us now preach to our fellows on another text. It is perhaps a sin to preach, but we are not without sin.

While saucer organizations should freely circulate information and findings among themselves, we find this is not always the case. Instead there are jealousies and bad feelings involved, at least among some of them. While such attitudes add to the adventure and feigned drama of the saucerhunting business, it militates against real progress. This also goes for individuals without groups, who collect information and may or may not publish.

We have run into individuals and groups who impress one as having top secrets and startling information you'd give your right arm to have. Finally, after hours of persuasion, they dig the information out, look all around them to make sure no one is looking, then let you have it. Finally in possession of the information, you wonder why it was considered so important, since is usually is unchecked rumor or something unimportant or indefinite.

To the ordinary individual, who hasn't the opportunity to know many of the more famed enthusiasts personally, it seems he is surrounded by a great world-shaking mystery which, on December 10th, or September the Octeenth, will be dramatically revealed to a quaking world. Even officials of saucer organizations, and those who go into the matter deeply on an independent basis, think others have startling information not available to them. Thus by the process of imagination there builds up an impression of immense intrigue, of earth-shaking knowledge withheld by the Air Force, of people being mysteriously "Shut Up."

In all the foregoing preachments I include myself as a subject to be similarly preached at -- our readers alone know how overly-excited we can become when we issue a special bulletin.

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Is it possible that Bender and Jarrold have experienced some basis for a conclusion, and, with complete sincerity, have inflated that basis to proportions far too great? And, once the rest of us are in possession of the information they release, do we not, with our imaginations and propensities for rumor-mongering, build up the story with geometrical progression?

There is a good possibility these stories we are hearing are entirely perspective and that some great revelation is impending. But we would rather suspect there is a simpler explanation.

We cannot believe the Government would act as described in the IFSB case; neither can we believe the Government closed down that organization. The alleged actions of the three men have resulted in exactly the reverse of the supposed motives, in that the matter is gaining nationwide importance. We would rate the intelligence of the Government much higher than that. If Bender had a theory, which was unconfirmed, it should have been no more important than the dozens of other unconfirmed theories, some of which are included later in this issue.

But editorially we shall still accept these stories as correct, since the men involved are in our knowledge honest and truthful. But our editorial responsibility should permit us the privilege of analyzing their stories. This we feel we can do without prejudicing the mutual friendship and trust enjoyed by the principals involved.

When one goes to the trouble to check into alleged cases of Air Force personnel shutting up people who have seen saucers and have had weird experiences, the facts do not hold true at the bottom of the matters. In many cases it is found that the individuals involved are irresponsible and without reputation for truth and stability.

One author, who has gone into the Pentagon saucer situation as described in Keyhoe's book, is of the opinion we are rating the Government's information about saucers far too highly. The Keyhoe book, for example, appears much less dramatic in the light of such investigation. If there exists captured saucers, or answers to the mystery, this is not possessed at ordinary Wright Field levels in our Government, would have to be, in this author's opinion, a secret held by a small project at the very top of government, a project more secret than the one which created the A-Bomb. The confusion and red tape evident, and the conflicting statements coming from the Air Force, are, our informant feels, a natural consequence of government, the result of confusion, differences of opinion, and lack of real proof within the Government.

The reader is further cautioned that the material in this issue is not to be taken as absolute truth, though we try our best to get at the bottom of things. A great deal of our material is obtained from newspapers and other sources impossible to check.

Most of THE SAUCERIAN may be written in a dramatic fashion--perhaps over-dramatic--or you wouldn't want to read it. We do not, however, print anything as facts which we know are untrue, and swear to you we will never knowingly participate in spreading a hoax. Where we can check validity we do; otherwise we try to qualify the information. The "Monster" story in our first issue was a first-hand account of our own personal investigation, but other information we have published can more easily contain inaccuracy.

We have stated before editorially we felt the saucers were so complicated no one probably would be able to figure them out. We rather still feel this to be the case. At first we were caught in the stream of talk about forthcoming Government announcements and believed it. At this time we believe there will be no Government announcements of the magnitude expected; we do not believe the Government is in possession of any complete answers.

If we are wrong, and there is a Government announcement explaining saucers, we doubt if we shall believe it implicitly. In that event THE SAUCERIAN will continue to speculate, as an organ of information that will check the theories announced as fact. With any such announcement the need for a SAUCERIAN will be great.

And a favorite theory is again aired: That within a few years we will have our own saucers in the skies, and that then we cannot easily distinguish ours from THEIRS. Then the saucer interest may gradually die out. If such a situation develops we hope our readers will still point doubting fingers at the stars.

We reiterate that flying saucers are real, but that we simply don't know what they are. And our theory is that no one else does, as far as proving it.

We also predict that tomorrow we shall again have our head in the stars, and our feet slightly off the ground. Tomorrow we shall believe the three men story implicitly. Tomorrow we shall imagine that at any moment some dark agency of some secret society will come into our office; or that some green man will abduct us in a saucer. And we shall thus shudder with an excited and ecstatic expectancy, while the everyday problems of the business world vanish and we again tread golden streets of the Planet Pie, which is there only if you look for it, right there in the sky. We shall send out green bulletins with dire warnings. We may even tell you we have the ANSWER.

And this joyful state will continue until some other dark day when we again may touch earth, sit down and write something else like this.

While we are Dr. Jeckyll, we probably will be Mr. Hyde tomorrow, or it may be the other way around, who knows? Whether right or wrong, we believe we are relatively secure from exposure.

(END--GB)

SAUCERNEWS

Strange Events--Saucerian and Otherwise

As THE SAUCERIAN went to press, saucers were still very much in the news. Even if many people disagreed about what the saucers were, most of them swore they did exist. To a philosopher perched high on Mt. Palomar they were from Venus; to some they were devils; but to the man on the street they were mundane--experiments of the Air Force.

And many looked down in wonderment at trembling earth, as the ground quaked in unusual places, or pointed to the sky, where mystery lights still floated eerily.

High on a Himalayan peak an "abominable snowman" joined a priest in his meditations; in Malaya weird man-like creatures with fangs frightened rubber plantation workers; and in an American living room a ghostly face leered from a TV set at trembling children--a face that wouldn't go away.

Demon-ridden Mt. Shasta, in California, claimed another victim. A Swiss mountaineer, one of a party of eight, headed by Jon Lindberg, tumbled down an 800 ft. wind-blasted slope. The famed "White Lama" (Theos Casimir Bernard, of Santa Barbara, Calif., and New York, who disappeared in Tibet in 1947) was pronounced officially dead, and his $25,000 estate was disposed of.

In the eastern part of the U.S. drought conditions prevailed, threatening water supplies in many cities. In Wheeling, W. Va., a foamy substance in the Ohio River added to the headaches of water-board officials. The foam which looked like the head on a glass of beer was accredited to soap detergents, though little was explained why such a concentration could have been present. When samples of the substance were brought into a warm room, investigators declared, "It returned to its liquid state and was as black as a pair of shoes."

Somascope, utilizing high frequency sound, and described as a radar-like device, was enlisted in the war on cancer, according to Dr. D. H. Howry, instructor in radiology at the University of Colorado. He said the device could detect internal growths and in some cases distinguish between benign and malignant tumors. Like radar, the device was not without its faults, for sometimes Somascope picks up phantom images of organs that do not exist, according to Dr. Howry. Maybe they're internal flying saucers!

In Lawton, Oklahoma, a memory expert forgot his briefcase. Chuck Parker, in Lawton to make a lecture on "How To Remember," sheepishly admitted to a newspaper office, where he came to submit an ad, that the copy was in the forgotten briefcase. In Los Angeles, another memory expert, Sigmund Blomberg, forgot his hat when he left after giving a talk, "How To Train Your Memory," to the Optimist Club.

MORE SAUCERS

SAUCERIAN reader Otis McAllister advises how Sabre jets failed to catch a saucer over Moscow, Idaho, on August 9. Later the Air Force said the disk was a mirage. But in the opinion of Daily Idahoian editor, Louis A. Bass, the noise certainly wasn't a mirage, for "It woke up the whole town."

The Air Force said it sent up several jet fighters from the Moses Lake, Wash., Air Base, after two volunteer ground observers reported a mysterious "bright flat object perhaps 200 ft. in diameter" darting overhead.

Capt. Homer Stewart, of the Othello, Wash., Air Force Direction Center, said the pilots concluded the object was the reflection of lights from the nearby town of Potlatch on a low cloud.

New Haven, Conn., residents wondered for the second time within a week what a fiery red ball, believed by the Yale University observatory to have been a meteor, really was.

One observer said the object appeared to be about the size of a golf ball, "the color of green fire and about 60 degrees over the horizon, heading due west," and another described the object as "like a huge yellow fire balloon with a long red tail." The New Haven Filter Center had received many reports concerning a similar object seen earlier in the week, on September 29. The latter phenomena occurred October 2.

New Haven residents still had no explanation of the fireball that burst through a signboard there earlier in the year (See Sept. SAUCERIAN). More than one independent laboratory examined remains of the thing and found it to be copper and copper oxide. The thing didn't behave like a meteor or a bullet: after it went through the sign, it went over a hill about a half-mile away.

SAUCERS AND THE NEW REPUBLIC

Motorists reported watching a saucer land on the farm of Michael Straight, near Alexandria, Va., on September 23. Straight, publisher of THE NEW REPUBLIC magazine, did not see it himself, but witnesses described it as a bright glowing object about 20 ft. in diameter which settled to the earth for a few seconds, then shot upward at fantastic speed.

Gail Sprague, who does some of the art work appearing in THE SAUCERIAN, sends an interesting story about a lady she knows who had a strange experience while berry picking.

"While wandering about, she found a round object about the size of a pie pan lying on the ground. When she picked it up to look at it, she noticed a glow given off by the object. Whether she said it was plastic or metal I don't recall. Unable to carry the object with her, she decided to hide it until she finished picking berries. She put a heavy stone over it, but when she returned to get the object it was gone."

AIR FORCE CAMERAS

The Air Force said 75 of the new "flying saucer cameras" had already been delivered to various points across the nation. According to our information they are Videon 3-D cameras, something like

the Stereo Realist, though a less expensive make. One of the two lenses takes a conventional 35mm frame, but a diffraction grating is mounted over the other lens, which takes a simultaneous frame on which a spectograph is produced. By analyzing the spectra it is felt it can be learned whether moving lights thus photographed are merely insubstantial glows or come from identifiable material objects.

If, for example, a picture of an electric light bulb were taken (as an experiment--we aren't saying the saucers are light bulbs--Ed.), the spectrograph would show the light to be coming from tungsten, the material of which the filiament is composed. If the saucer were burning some sort of fuel, the diffraction grating possibly could produce a spectrograph analyzing the exhaust flames.

When asked about the results obtained with the camera, the Air Force said so far they hadn't got any pictures.

WHITE-HOT BARS OF STEEL AND BUSHEL BASKETS

A bluish-white light, changing from red to blue, passed over northern Iowa in October, where it was witnessed by a number of observers. At Independence and Maquoketa, Iowa, it was reported as two lights, one which changed color and the other, a larger white light. The state filter center in Des Moines said no sightings of unidentified objects had been received from members of the Ground Observer Corps.

"If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it." Those were the words of patrolman Kermit Ziegler of Allen Park, Mich., a former navy flier, who described what another patrolman, Louis Kozma, said looked like a white-hot bar of steel that had just come from a blast furnace. Kozma thought the object was about six feet long and two or three feet wide. It moved slowly -- so slowly that at first some thought it was suspended in the sky -- in the direction of Canada and finally disappeared. Observers estimated the height at 10,000 ft.

A Canton, Ohio, filter station declined to elaborate on a report by Mrs. Theodore Ashbaugh, who told reporters the station had alerted nearby Calcutta Ground Observer Corps station to watch for an object about the size of a bushel basket and trailing a bright stream of light. Mrs. Ashbaugh, night supervisor at the Calcutta station, said the center advised that the object had been seen traveling about a mile high over Youngstown, and that jet interceptors, based at Youngstown, were unable to catch it.

MORE ABOUT CANADIAN SAUCER

Laimon A. Mitris (see his Report From Canada this issue) points out an error in our November issue. Seems we had the proposed Canadian saucer estimated to fly fifteen-<u>thousand</u> miles per hour, when the announced speed was a pedestrian fifteen-<u>hundred</u>. That shows you how a slip of the linotype and an extra zero can do to facts.

Mitris also mentioned that Britain's top rocket expert, Dr. L. W. J. Newman, visited the Avro plant, where the saucer is being designed. He said it is now "technically" but "not economically" feasible for man to fly to the moon. "But who wants to fly to the moon?" he asked. "Not I, anyway, and I am sure my wife would not approve." Dr. Newman said the visit to the plant had no connection with his remarks.

Further in regard to our November issue, Harold T. Wilkins, of England, comments on our story about the fate of Oliver Lerch (page 6), allegedly snatched up into the air by something in 1890, by asking, "Have you ever tried to find whether people named Lerch were known to live near South Bend, Indiana?" "I have," continues Wilkins, "and over 25 years back concluded the yarn to be a hoax." Wilkins will publish a book, FLYING SAUCERS ON THE MOON, in March, described as "a book of facts that is more fantastic and unbelievable than science fiction, and which is an introduction to events that may dwarf our civilization." Wilkins is well known for his books about lost civilizations of South America.

SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLES

Further evidence of the limitless frontiers of the universe was an announcement by atomic scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer, who said physicists have discovered a new "sub-atomic world" populated by mysterious particles which "without exception are unstable, disintegrating after a time which varies from one-millionth of a second to less than one-billionth of a second into lighter components. Some of these components are in turn unfamiliar to physics and are themselves unstable."

And when Salem College, Salem, W. Va., announced a forthcoming speech on atomic energy by Dr. Hubert N. Alyea, students were assured the lecture wouldn't be stuffy or boring, since the Princeton University scientist had promised to illustrate it with "32 experiments and explosions."

MRS. SANDERS REPORTS

SAUCERIAN reader Mrs. Glenn Sanders is also on the lookout for saucerstories. She reports a July 23, 1953, sighting at Dunsmuir, Calif., by George Ince and a crew of seven laborers, about 11:40 a.m. They saw a shining object about 5½ ft. in diameter, almost stationary in the sky. It was a glowing disk, described as too bright to look at steadily. Finally it moved off in a western direction.

At Chiloquin, Oregon, an object shaped like a top, about the size of a plane, with a brilliant white light apparently suspended beneath it, was described by residents. On Sept. 11, 1953, the object appeared about 7:30 p.m., flashed over the town, slowed up, stopped, then seemed to move back and forth. It hovered over a bluff for about an hour. The object payed the town a repeat visit the following night, September 12; then on September 13 two of the same kind of object returned, this time from the opposite direction. Glenn Kircher, trained radar screen observer, watched the two objects through binoculars, and could see their top shape clearly. They definitely revolved, stated Kircher. Chiloquin is a small town of 400, is 35 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon, according to Mrs. Sanders.

WEIRD DISKS AND RED TAPE

The rounds a recent letter we wrote concerning saucers may be interesting. Elliott Rockmore, of Flying Saucer Researchers, Brooklyn, N. Y., had sent us a 1949 clipping about two weird disks found in an abandoned barn in Maryland by state police. The twin disks, six feet in diameter, and each equipped with a propellor and motor, had been made by Jonathan Caldwell, an inventor, the police were informed. It was also reported Caldwell and his family had disappeared in 1941.

We wrote the Maryland State Police, checking on the story. They replied that since all such matters were turned over to Federal authorities, they had forwarded my letter through the proper channels. Then I received a letter from the headquarters of Air Research and Development Command, in Baltimore, who said they had no information available but had forwarded the whole thing to ATIC at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for action.

Wright Field evidently sent the letters back to Washington, for finally I received a reply from R. C. White, of the Air Force, which stated they were unable to find any information on the matter in their files. They enclosed the latest release concerning Air Force attitude on saucers.

SNAKE CHARMERS

That the Indian snake charmers may have had something on the ball with their strange piping was more widely accepted after a sound truck, playing a snake charmer number recorded in India, lured a 44-inch cobra out of hiding in Springfield, Ill.

Skeptics said cobras couldn't hear music because they had no ears, but employees of the Reynolds Manufacturing Company, from under whose warehouse the snake came slithering, were quite convinced as they beat the cobra to death with a 4 by 4.

Still unexplained was the killing of ten hooded cobras in the eight-block area. The owner of a pet shot there said he once kept such snakes, but hadn't stocked them recently.

Other crawling beasts were news. A four-foot brown snake, which an A.S.P.C.A. man could not identify, invaded a Manhattan apartment, frightening Sigmund Hauser considerably, who found it in his kitchen.

A crab nipped a cop in Baltimore. Sgt. Paul Aires was searching a house for numbers slips, lifted the lid of a pot and ran his hand inside. A crab grabbed him by the finger, but the search continued when he got free, and he found the evidence he was after.

A Fortean kind of beast was reported near Shinnston, W. Va. Ardel Lazier told how hunters and youths had been frightened by an animal which cried like a wildcat, but sounded like a horse when heard running through the bushes.

William Mayers, of Washington, D. C., who claims he has hypnotized more than a million people, including audiences of thousands at a time, was one of thirteen hypnotists who got together in that city in an effort to find means to eradicate the popular conception that hypnotism is a kind of voodooism or black magic.

Mayers told a reporter that not once did any of them glare into each other's eyes, mumble incantations or snap their fingers weirdly, but that means of using their strange gift as an adjunct to the medical and psychiatric professions were discussed.

In Miama, Fla., 9-months-old Billy Gillespie whistles at that tender age. His mother, Mrs. William C. Gillespie, had a habit of whistling at the baby to amuse him, and one day the baby whistled right back at her. The kid can't carry a tune yet, however, Mrs. Gillespie further disclosed.

"ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN"

The "abominable snowman" which the recent Mt. Everest expedition reports to have seen, was again in the news, when a Tibetan lama related how one of the creatures, who some think may be the missing link between man and ape, joined him in his meditations on a high mountain peak.

The priest, Tsultung Zambo, described as Tibet's greatest scholar-lama, said he met the snowman when he went on a pilgrimage to the Chari Mountains in the Adnago area across the Eastern Tibetan border. The snowman came along as he sat meditating on the peak, and did not try to harm him. In fact the lama believed the snowman "positively helped me in my meditations." Although the thing was unable to speak, the lama said it was "very intelligent."

The lama reporting Zambo's experience to newsmen said he himself had seen mummified snowmen preserved in two Tibetan monasteries. He agreed with Zambo as to the eight-foot height of the creatures, and added they were ape-like with dark skins and that their face and body was covered with half-inch long hair.

Four Nepalese runners, returning ahead of the recent Mt. Everest expedition, delayed their trip to give the world the good news that the mountain had been conquered to hunt four of the snowmen whose five-toed, seventeen-inch tracks they followed. They got close to the snowmen, but when the snowmen spotted them one of them shouted something in sing-song fashion, a female screamed at her offspring, and three of them disappeared down a crevasse. One male took off in an opposite direction, obviously in an attempt to divert attention from his family. The male had a crude scaling hook in his hand, according to reports. Seeing the snowmen were somewhat human in appearance, the runners declined to shoot at the creature, and abandoned the chase.

A British expedition will try to capture an "abominable snowman" this year.

LOCH NESS MONSTER SIGHTED

The Loch Ness monster, the famed sea serpent, was seen by five men on their way home from work, according to a dispatch to the Chicago Tribune. The men watched it through binoculars until it disappeared, and their descriptions tallied with others of the past.

Truman Bethurum, the man who our September issue reported had been inside a flying saucer and there talked to a sexy female captain, advised THE SAUCERIAN he has written a book about his experiences and hopes to line up a publisher soon.

Recent pictures in LIFE magazine make us wonder if rockets such as that pictured in a wind tunnel test could have something to do with saucer sightings. In the hypersonic tunnel, a 9,000 miles per hour air stream created such friction that nearby air heated to incandescence. Is that the reasons saucers often glow eerily?

In Detroit, Mich., flying saucers got Thomas Skolski into marital troubles. His wife divorced him, charging he had become "obsessed with the idea that space ships will land on earth. He reads pulp magazines and comic books for hours, excluding me from his company."

HAIRY MEN WITH FANGS

Three hairy manlike creatures with fang-like teeth, and wearing loincloths, frightened Chinese and Malay rubber plantation workers almost out of their wits. In Kula Lumpur, Malaya, the police jungle squads in Perak State stopped hunting Communist guerrillas to try and catch the creatures.

The great terror was set off by the weird appearance of the hairy men, who did not appear to act unfriendly, according to G. M. Browne, manager of the rubber plantation. Immediately some authorities suggested the creatures were disguised Communist guerrillas, or former Japanese soldiers who had been in the jungle for eight or nine years.

But Browne pointed to the fang-like teeth and discounted the theory.

NEON AND NUDE WOMEN

There was another strange jungle tale. That an isolated tribe in New Guinea may have perfected a system of artificial illumination equal, if not superior, to twentieth century neon tubes was suggested by C. S. Downey, delegate to a conference on street lighting in Pretoria, South Africa.

He related stories of traders who had penetrated a strange valley near Mt. Wilhelmina, where they were "terrified to see many moons suspended in the air and shining with great brightness all night long." The "moons" were described as stone balls about 12 ft. in diameter and mounted on high columns.

The tribe, according to Downey, is ruled by women, who imprison their men in caves, tolerating them only during the mating season. Speaking of the manner of dress customary in the village, Downey affirmed there was none, and said the women go about their work completely nude, "disdaining even the tufts of grass worn by women of other tribes."

SMOG AND QUADRUPLETS

A weird smog which residents of Dravosburg and Lincoln Place, Pa., say smells like sewer gas and smarts their eyes, seems to get worse every year. The smog evidently comes from some location between the two places, and the wind decides which district gets the most of it. Mrs. Peter Mathos, of Lincoln Place, who complained to Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporters about the vile-smelling smog, said it turned the paint on her house black overnight, and that many of her neighbors are complaining about their silverware being tarnished and the silver peeling off mirrors.

British tax collectors were receipiants of a "curse from the grave" from Eric Vincent Poore, whose will declared: "From the grave I curse the board of inland revenue which have ruined my life. All inspectors of taxes are sadistic and depraved individuals with no sense of equity, justice or even common decency."

A Weymouth, Mass., woman had her fifth child in fourteen months (four of them quadruplets) and British Columbia officials issued regulations prescribing the volume and tone of Diesel horns on Canadian railways, which were confusing moose and playing havoc with their sex life. In banff, Alberta, Canada, police were looking for "The Great Dr. Zomb," a stage hypnotist who had put a 19-year-old waitress to sleep at one of his performances. They wanted him to unhypnotize the waitress, who wanted to sleep all the time and refused to eat.

SAMPLES OF SAUCERS?

Evidently a saucerenthusiast himself, radio commentator Frank Edwards, regularly broadcasts news about the disks. His Nov. 24 broadcast was interesting, particularly when he stated: Top scientists, whose identity I am not at liberty to reveal...have been investigating the phenomena of unidentified aerial objects since 1947; analysing samples of various types (underlining ours--Ed.); inspecting every bit of evidence, for whatever could be learned from it. With their permission I can read to you this one significant paragraph from their statement to me, dated September 8, 1953.

And Edwards quotes: "Our research in this matter leads us to believe that these unidentified flying objects are observation vehicles from another planet and further that this information is being kept from the people. A statistical analysis of the evidence collected thus far proves without doubt that we are dealing with extra-terrestrial influences from an unknown source."

Edwards is heard at 10 p.m., E.S.T., over most stations carrying the Mutual Broadcasting System.

UFO's

An American Weekly article dated Nov. 22, and described excitedly as "The Official Truth about Flying Saucers," turned out to say very little, except to reiterate that many UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) are still unexplained by conventional means. Navy cooperation was intensified after a plane, in which the then Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball, was riding, was buzzed over the Pacific by UFOs.

Ostensibly written by Capt. Walter Karig, Special Deputy to Chief of Information, U.S. Navy, the article describes some of the objects as "vari-sized illuminated shapes, evidently solids, that travel at speeds never achieved by human beings but giving every indication of being guided by intelligent minds." Yet the author wonders why rational living creatures would want to bounce and cavort in the manner of saucers. Their action in apparently flying in close to inspect aircraft remind him of a pack of curious puppies.

HOAXTERS IN THE NEWS

Hoaxes were also very much in the news. La Suisse, leading newspaper of Geneva, Switzerland, sold like hotcakes on Nov. 21 after placards throughout the city announced: "Flying Saucer Lands at Geneva Airport." Disappointed readers learned the placards were counterfeits posted as a joke by Geneva University students.

If Russia were revising encyclopedias and textbooks to eliminate reference to Beria, educators in U.S. and England were faced with a similar problem. For three British scientists, reexamining the skull of the famous "Piltdown Man," declared the fossil was a fake, a hoax created by some scientific prankster. The bones, accepted for 40 years as a relic of man's earlest history, were found to come partly from a modern ape, although the cranium itself is a genuine fossil, the scientists said. The cranium is only 50,000 years old, less than half the original estimated age of the remains. The bones were treated with chemicals to create the hoax, they declared. Although embarrasing to the world of science, the exposure at least indicated the scientists were quick to announce a mistake.

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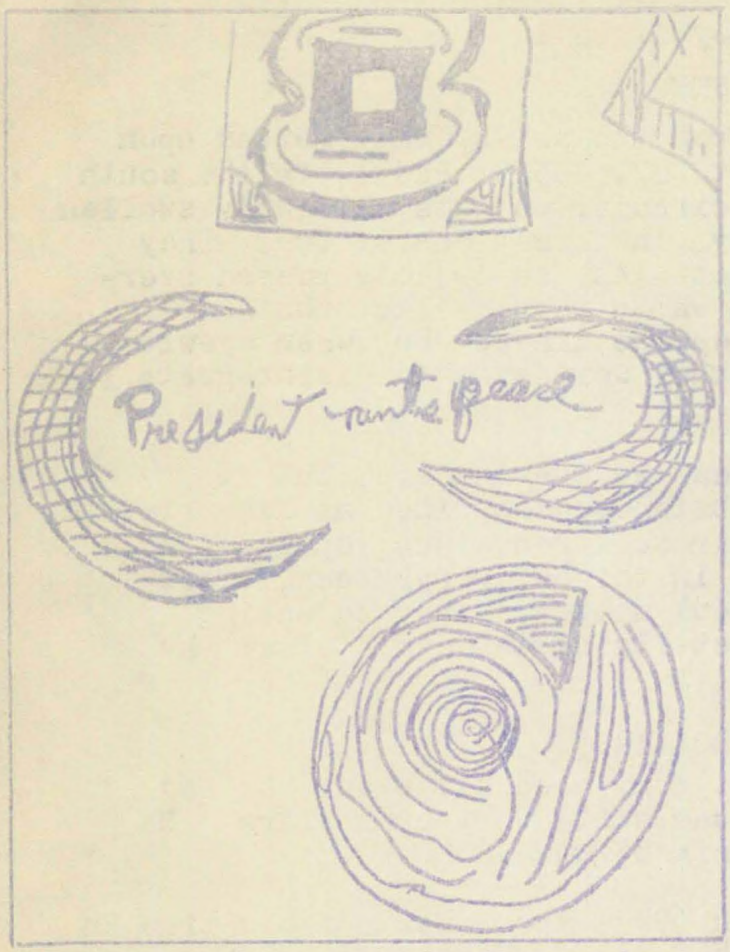


They probably weren't discussing flying saucers, but Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' doodling at the Big Three foreign ministers conference in London is nontheless interesting.

EARLIER SIGHTINGS REPORTED

Early 1953 reports, and saucer sightings older than that, arrive regularly, and at the expense of freshness we nevertheless include this news.

On February 15, 1953, the Belgrade radio explained that saucers seen whirling over the roofs of Kotej Nemar, a district of Belgrade, were an experiment by the Yugoslav Air Force. The broadcast said the saucers measured about 40 inches across, weighed about 4½ pounds, and were controlled by wireless. Their speed was estimated at 31 miles per hour.

Carlisle, Pa., and adjacent areas have been surveyed, perhaps thoroughly, by saucers, believes SAUCERIAN reader C. E. Hoover, who reports:

"In July, 1951, a friend, whose integrity I'll vouch for, saw a small craft, apparently remotely controlled, moving about the north edge of town; he had the presence of mind to stop a passing motorist for confirmation and they exchanged addresses. In 1952, during the nationwide flurry of sightings, a village two miles east of Carlisle was leisurely reconnoitered by a craft described as comparable to a small plane in size. A red glow came from its concave under-surface; a white light shone from a turret-like top. This was seen at 10 p.m. by dozens of people. Another friend was 'watched' for several minutes by what he described as a 'white-hot welding rod' that hovered overhead while he and his helper were repairing a piece of road machinery in a mountainous district about five miles south of this place about sundown last summer." Mr. Hoover feels that all the witnesses reporting the sightings are reliable and honest.

Although it happened a year ago, on Jan. 17, 1953, Mrs. A. D. Martell, of Little Rock, Ark., reports some interesting doughnut-shaped saucers. "They were above the clouds. The clouds moved on under them and made them look more pink. First you know that when steel is red hot it is not only pink but blue. That's the color they were, only the sky was covered with them. As they blinked out another would show up much brighter in a different direction. There were many. The hole in the middle was the sky, and they all had the same blue centers and were round. Weeks later just before sundown I saw a huge ball of silver rolling west in the sky behind the small red clouds that form at sunset. As it moved, a silver train spread that reached a long way down as it traveled. It traveled 20 minutes or more and was still going west till it went behind our capitol building. I watched as I walked two blocks, then stood still and watched the object with some other witnesses. A few days later our paper stated that a lady found tin foil all over her front yard and

her husband came in at noon to announce his field was thick with tin foil. I don't remember what state they lived in."

THREAD FROM THE SKY

There was another tale of stuff from the skies, that melted upon touch, although this dates back to Oct. 27, 1952. People in the south of France reported a series of white circular objects, slightly swollen at the center, spinning across the sky, in formations of two. They were grouped around a cigar-like object. As the objects passed overhead they let fall a string of bright white thread-like substance, which settled gently on trees and telephone lines. But when eyewitnesses tried to pick up the threads, they were said to disintegrate "like melting ice."

Police officers said no authorities saw the saucers, but two policemen had tried to pick up the substance, described as like glass wool and melting upon touch. A similar occurrence was reported on Oct. 29, 1952, in the town of Oloron, in the Lower Pyrenees, where about a dozen people, including a school master, reported seeing saucers surrounding a cigar-like object flying through a clear sky at about 6,000 ft.

CORPSE ASKS FOR FIVE DOLLARS

In Chicago, James F. Gardiner, 60, convinced his wife, who had buried him two weeks before, that he saw still very much alive. He telephoned her and asked her to send him $5.00.

Gardiner, who had left his wife in 1947, spent most of his time in the city's skid row districts since that time. Fingerprints of a man found dead on the street were traced to Gardiner's jail record, and Mrs. Gardiner had identified the body as that of her husband. Puzzled police will exhume the body buried in Gardiner's name and reopen the inquest.

Mrs. Gardiner tried to convince the caller he was not her husband, telling him about the funeral, but the voice assured her, "I'm alive and I'll be happy if you'll send me $5.00.

SAUCERS INVITED TO AIRSHOW

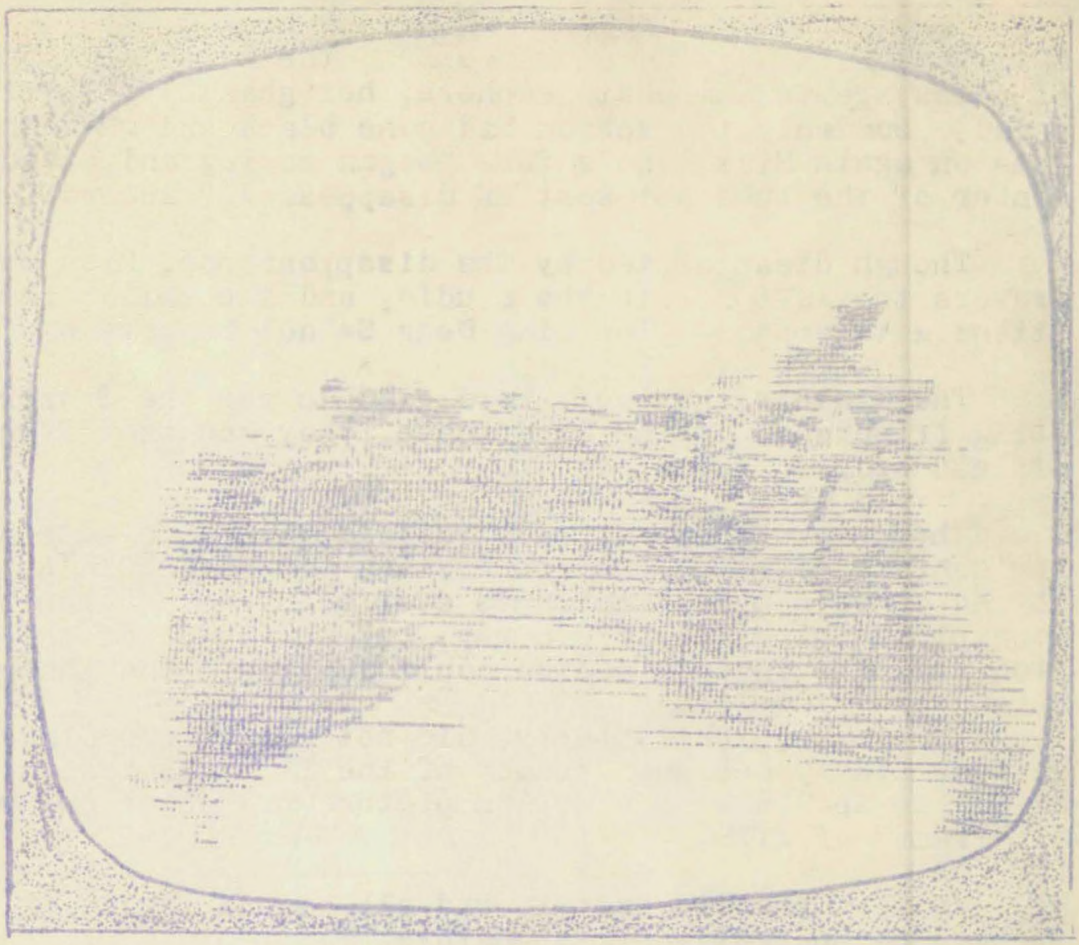
How do you go about sending an invitation to a saucerman? The San Diego Citizens Committee for a recent airshow at Miramar Naval Air Station, Calif., worded theirs as follows:

"The Citizens Committee believes that Air Power Day, Nov. 22, would be a fitting occasion for the first public appearance on earth of any inter-stellar or inter-planetary space ships which may be operating in the vicinity of planet earth. Accordingly, the committee extends an invitation to the pilot or commander of any such space vehicle to land at the Miramar Naval Air Station during the air show program, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Suitable landing area will be available on the ground and adequate security facilities will be provided for protection of the visiting aircraft and crew."

No saucers showed up at the show, according to later reports.

FROZEN FACE ON TV SET FRIGHTENS FAMILY



Although the original photograph is much clearer, this ditto print reproduces position of face on the TV screen. Face of singer Francey Lane is at right of the screen.

The kiddies were watching the Ding Dong School when the Face got in the way. The Face that leered out from one side of the TV screen, puckered for a kiss.

When Mrs. Jerry Travers, of Long Island, N. Y., went to investigate, she became more frightened than the terror-stricken children, and turned the screen toward the wall.

Along with the hordes of curious visitors to the Travers home trouped TV repairmen and technicians who tried to figure out why the image of singer Francey Lane, who had been on the Morey Amsterdam show the morning of December 9, before the kiddie program, had stuck on the screen, and refused to budge no matter what channel was tuned in.

"It can't happen," a CBS man flatly declared.

But to Mr. and Mrs. Travers, the many visitors and reporters, it was real. The set had given them trouble before, but never had showed ghostly faces. TV experts had never heard of similar occurrences.

Efforts to find a logical explanation were fruitless at first. Engineers at RCA, NBC and CBS doubted it had happened. Finally the Telechrome Color Television Laboratory at Amityville, L. I., answered the Travers' insistent demands and gave an opinion. Ray Clurman, chief engineer, agreed with some who had suggested an electronic "explosion" had burned Miss Lane's image into the phosphoresdent inner coating of the TV tube, and predicted if that had happened, the weird image would disappear within 48 hours.

Evidently Clurman called his shots with near accuracy, for when

Miss Lane made a grand entrance into the home, accompanied by a retinue of press agents and photographers, her ghastly 51-hour encore had ended. Suddenly the screen had gone black and when the picture had come on again Miss Lane's face "began moving and moved right to the center of the tube and sort of disappeared," according to Mr. Travers.

Though disappointed by the disappearance, Miss Lane asked the Travers to visit her in the studio, and the children were invited to attend a telecast of the Ding Dong School in person.

The Travers, however, were glad to see the frozen face depart. Still frightened by the experience, they had the offending set hauled off and ordered a new one.

Though probably entirely rational, in an electronic way, the incident is nevertheless interesting to THE SAUCERIAN, which wonders why no other similar incidents ever occurred. Scientists are quick to explain things their own way, but we wonder if the engineer who predicted the image's demise could duplicate the phenomena.

The image, incidentally, did not move, according to our information, likely was one "frame" of the TV transmission, much the same as if one should stop a motion picture projector and show one "still" or "frame" of film.

Walter Winchell felt it had all been a publicity stunt and named the man he thought was responsible.

SWEDISH PILOTS SEE SAUCER

We didn't hear the radio reports, and print this on hearsay, but it seems two Swedish pilots, flying over Scandinavia, flew over a saucer, described as a large ship flying at high speed. It was coming from the direction of Soviet air bases. From the reports we have, the pilots got an extremely close look at the saucer, one of the closest yet. Only thing the newspapers published that we have on the sighting is the standard debunking account, printed after most saucerstories break. According to this story, a Swedish businessman said the saucer was one of his huge American-made balloons carrying the message, "Merry Christmas."

The Swedish chiefs of staff had ordered an investigation of the "missle" seen moving at "super-sonic" speed, and the newspaper report added that a defense staff spokesman said a preliminary check made it "improbable" that the object sighted was a balloon.

We may be mixed up on this story, but as we said, we got it through hearsay.

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS CRASH

A British Comet jet airliner exploded in the air over the Mediterranean on January 10, according to Italian fishermen who witnessed the strange accident which occurred during perfect flying weather.

Bodies of some of the 35 on board had been found at this writing, and the others were feared to have been lost.

"Flying conditions were ideal," said the pilot of a South African Airways plane which left Rome half an hour after the Comet. "I just can't understand what happened. There was no turbulence in the air."

How To Talk to Saucermen: (See illustration at right) This strange saucerian alphabet was found on the wall of William J. Wilkinson, Los Angeles electrician, thought to have been kidnaped by a flying saucer. In the case our readers have an occasion to talk with saucermen, we can supply part of the translation. According to English words Wilkinson penciled under some of the symbols, "Lesh-Tal" is translated "Creat Life," "Xen'ph-Mau" means "Poseid Returning," and if you say "Josh-Tau-Mauth" to the little green man, he'll know you mean "Births give cataclysms." While admitting this partial translation will allow no conversation of great variety, it is the best we can do, in that the Editor's knowledge of interplanetary tongues is limited. If this translation fails you might try sign language or telepathy. --GB. (Story follows)

WIFE FEARS HUSBAND IN SAUCER KIDNAP

In Los Angeles a flying saucer gobbled up saucerenthusiasts Wilbur J. Wilkinson and Earl Hunrath, airplane and all.

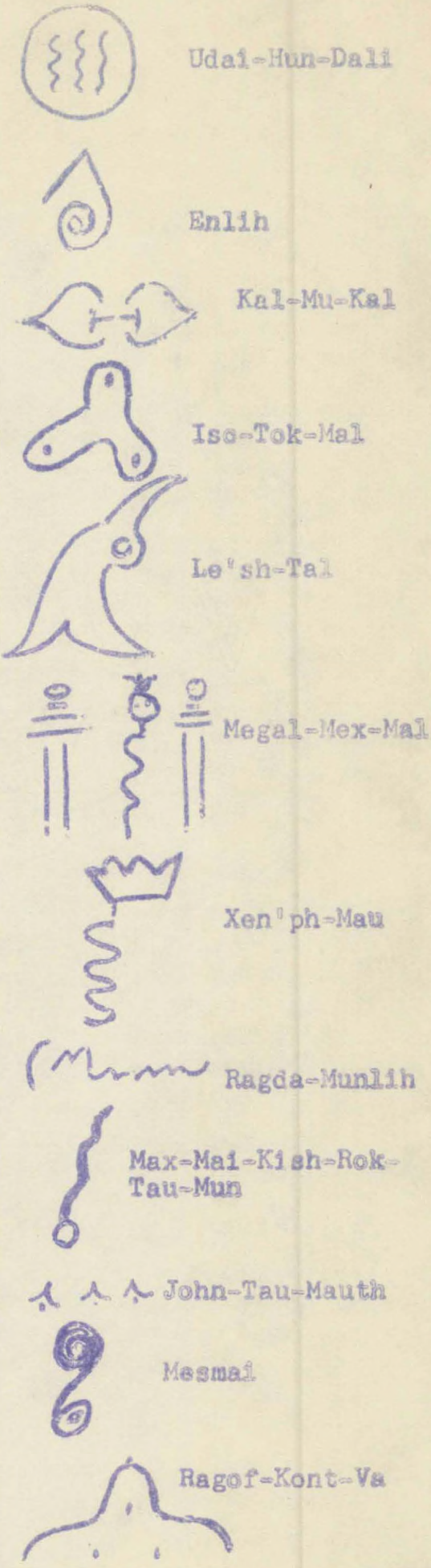
At least that is the opinion of Mrs. Wilkinson, who is sure a saucer they were searching for kidnaped them.

No trace of the airplane or its occupants have been found.

Mrs. Wilkinson related how the pair believed that little men from the planet "Maser" were ready to invade and that the world was coming to an end. Hunrath claimed to know the whereabouts of a saucer that had recently landed, and talked Wilkinson into renting the plane and going to look for it.

Investigators found Wilkinson's den full of electronic equipment, tape recorders and radios. The walls are lined with flying saucer pictures, weird signs and formulas, which his wife says were supposed to be the new interplanetary language (see illustration at right).

She told how Wilkinson had tape recordings of conversations with men from other planets and pointed out a message tacked to the wall, supposedly received by radio from a "Prince Reggs of the Planet Maser."



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DOES RUSSIA HAVE THE SAUCER?

A strange tale of a Russian flying saucer and the secret police came out of the Soviet zone of Germany, as the M.V.D. searched franticaly for a witness who escaped.

An observer for the British INTELLIGENCE DIGEST, said to hold an important position in Berlin, and a man "not readily susceptible to sensational rumor," doesn't report it first-hand, but got the report, he said, from an eye-witness whom he has "known both personally and officially for many years." The name can't be used, the DIGEST relates, because the man is hiding from the secret police who would like to have him quite badly.

Between July 19 and 26, inhabitants of some of the towns and villages on the German-Polish border along the Baltic coast, especially in the neighborhood of Stettiner Haff and mouth of the Oder, saw saucer-like objects, generally flying in groups of six or more, traveling at terrific speeds with the usual abrupt twists and turns. They saw most of them around dusk and early morning, but glowing objects were also seen streaking across the skies at night.

The regular appearance of the objects aroused much interest among the observers and reports were made to East German and Polish police, as well as to the intelligence services of both countries. Both services sent investigators, but on July 20, officials began to deny the evidence, apparently lost interest in the reports, and made it known it would be unpopular to see any more saucers. Any more reports would brand the observers "imperialist rumor-mongers." Although they said little about it, the people continued to see the objects, just the same.

The flights stopped suddenly from July 26 to July 29, but from July 29 to August 1, they resumed.

But the strangest event occurred on a stretch of railroad connecting the towns of Miedzysaraje and Wolin. Seven workers (five Poles and two Germans) saw one of the objects land. It descended at great speed, finally settled to the ground slowly with little noise. The seven observed the object for about 20 minutes, after which they were joined by a Polish policeman who then went away to make a report on it.

Meanwhile the witnesses, seing no motion, nor any people, about the object, approached it for a closer look. The description they gave was perhaps crude, for one of them was a technician of any sort. They said the saucer had a spherical center, with a large flat ring around it, from which wide exhaust pipes, similar to jet nozzles, protruded. The saucer was made of metal. No openings were apparent, and if there were anyone inside, he or "it" wasn't moving around.

On both the central sphere and ring the witnesses saw Russian inscriptions!

As soon as he had taken a look, one of the Germans thought it wise to disappear before authorities arrived. The exit was well-advised, for soon afterward (we don't know how it was learned, unless the witness was hiding somewhere looking on--Ed.) M.V.D. officers arrived in a Soviet helicopter and immediately closed off the area. None of the six remaining witnesses, nor the policeman, has been seen or heard of since.

The area was cordoned off for a week; after that there was no further sign of the saucer. Until August 10 no further flights were observed, but a few more were noticed up to August 15, the last report from the observer.

Russian authorities know the escaped man's name, but a police net was unable to catch him. Police and troops combed a wide area in vain.

Many wondered if Russia has flying saucers in the sky, and, if so, if they account for American and other sightings. It is rumored that Russia nabbed Germany's top scientists after World War II, scientists who already had built two saucer models. Still others wondered if Russia could have made a pact with interplanetary saucermen.

The author of an article in a German magazine, FRANKFURTER ILLUSTRIERTE (issues of Nov. 14 and 21, 1953), believes he has proof that the saucers are made in the Soviet Union.

He states that a group of German officers went to Russia in 1928 under the program of exchange between the Red Army and the German Reichswehr. A certain Horst Pinkell, specialist in high frequencies, went with the group. In July, 1929, one year later, the officers returned, but one was missing -- Pinkell. In 1945 his name was again heard: he was a professor at that time. Later he received several high decorations from the Soviet government.

The German author then asks, what did the Russians get from him? The writer believes they received the ideas of Pinkell's former friend, Dr. Walter Lewetzow, who was generally regarded as a crackpot, and whose small booklet about unknown rays in the universe was largely discredited.

Basicaly, Lewetzow's theory concluded that all the universe is filled with some unknown rays which are coming from all the possible directions and likewise going in all directions, thus causing an equilibrium. The rays, thought Lewetzow, cause certain pressure on bodies in space, but because they are coming from all directions, they make the bodies weightless.

The equilibrium is destroyed as soon as two bodies come close to each other. The rays, after going through the two bodies, are weakened, causing what we know as gravitational attraction -- or "gravity." Both the bodies are pressed from one side by the yet strong rays while the rays between them are weak. If one of the bodies is small, it will be pressed to the bigger one. Lewetzow said that some day man will learn how to weaken these rays artificially and so gain access to an unlimited source of energy. He discussed possibilities of building an aircraft which could use this energy for propulsion.

The author of the German magazine article further states that Pinkell, the friend of Lewetzow, was working in the Ziakowskij

Institut of the VAIM near Kaluga since 1930. Around 1938 he conducted experiments which proved the existence of the Lewetzow rays, and in about three more years was able to develop an instrument for measuring them. Then a special laboratory was built for Pinkell in Magnitogorsk. In September, 1943, Pinkell released a report advising of his success. Then the military took over, and a new place was chosen for further work -- the Valley of Belaja in the South Ural Mountains.

Professor Andrij Gorjew, until then absolutely unknown among the top Russian scientists, was assigned chief of the expanded project. Later Prof. Gorjew received the Stalin Prize and a whole collection of decorations from the Kremlin. Pinkell was arrested and sent to a concentration camp.

How did the writer get all this information? He claims to know about a secret file belonging to CIA-250/eE, and tells about agents who were sent behind the iron curtain, only one of which returned in August, 1949, with photos, notes, newspapers and copied documents. This agent had been working in one of the Russian research centers as an assistant of some kind.

The writer, who believes Russia has had the saucer since Jan. 13, 1944, gives the text of a report released by the Zialkowskij Institut in February, 1952, which tells about the space platform the Russians are constructing. They said the space platform would be constructed in the same way as a certain kind of aircraft, which had been in production for a long time, using some kind of recently-discovered natural energy.

THE SAUCERIAN hasn't seen the German magazines, but the correspondent who quoted them is most reliable, although he stated his German wasn't very good and the articles had been translated with some difficulty. The correspondent also urged caution in accepting the story as fact, pointing out hoaxes that had appeared previously in German publications. He had read the Lewetzow theories two years before the saucers gained publicity, and believes the article is factual to that extent.

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Although it was declared a hoax by Civil Defense, William McMican, 30, from Patton, Pa., said four "enemy agents," thought to be Russian saboteurs, had landed on the Lake Michigan shore north of Chicago on Dec. 4.

They got off a raft and spoke among themselves in some foreign tongue, presumably Russian, then asked him in English where the nearest Air Force base was located -- all this according to McMican, who was hired recently as a maintenance man and watchman for the swank Moraine-on-the-Lake Hotel.

Gen. Robert M. Woodward, Illinois Civil Defense director, told how the Coast Guard and defense units had received reports the night before of mysterious flares that appeared in the sky over the lake. McMican was taken into custody by Federal authorities, though the U.P. report reaching THE SAUCERIAN didn't explain what the charges were.

Maybe the event was less a hoax than the reporter was led to believe.

REFLECTION

--By Doris C. Miller--

What could a flying saucer hold,
a man of a different breed
a stellar inhabitant who could unfold
strange tales of outer space?

Did he leave some planet that gave us birth
in search of our errant star?
What could he hope to find on earth
that he comes searching afar?

Material treasures of mines or man-made,
such possessions as earth men desire?
A response of evil? Wealth of soul displayed
as spirit from spirit strikes fire?

Only one answer is very sure,
whatever he seeks he will find,
for the good and the bad, the obscene and the pure
reflect from within a mind.

Pleasure and power and the rose of the meek
are all manifested here,
and each soul finds wealth it is moved to seek
on this or another sphere.

Go explore, saucer man, if you will
for a man after your own heart:
a palace, a hovel, a cross on a hill
holds somewhere your counterpart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Doris C. Miller is editor of ECHOES OF WEST VIRGINIA. This 50-page quarterly poetry magazine was founded in 1949 by Doris Enfield Hicks, business manager, to encourage and publish creative writing by West Virginians.

THE SAUCERIAN feels honored to have a real, honest-to-goodness poet as a contributor. The author of "Reflections" has published a book of poetry, WHO BURNISHES THE LAMP, available at $2.00 from the ECHOES office, or you can order from THE SAUCERIAN. In commenting on "Reflections," the author observes "that a saucerian might find surface differences (if visiting the earth), but the essentials here would be about the same he left at home. Perhaps his sphere has about the same elements as ours, and the same sort of people: good, bad, indifferent, and the different, such as you, me, and Lilith Lorraine!" And so there you have a poet's view of flying saucers.

We have a feeling that any reader who likes good poetry will like ECHOES OF WEST VIRGINIA. Some of its contents have a good old-fashioned flavor, a smell of the wood fire, a feel of the hill-locked mountaineer. You cautiously tread across a frozen brook, on the way to church, or walk, as a child, along the roads of spring; and though the mud may squash between your toes, you recapture a half-remembered thrill. Nor is the verse without its devils, wicked and mountain-spawned, though ingratiating in their own ways. From the pastoral to the intensely modern, the poetry provides refreshing variety. Literary standards are high. Subscription: $2.00 for four issues. Address 126 Hill Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va. Fifty cents very likely will get you a sample copy.

I WAS JAILED FOR HUNTING SAUCERS

--By Paul Spade--

Editor's note: In our November issue we carried a report on the Brush Creek, Calif., flying saucers said by miners John Black and John Van Allen to have landed twice near their titanium mine. On one occasion Black said he saw a four-foot man get a bucket of water from the creek and fly away in the saucer. Paul Spade investigated the matter for THE SAUCERIAN, and most of our report was based on his findings. Since the sightings were reported to have occurred on the 20th of each month, Spade decided to visit the site on September 20. Spade was thrown into jail and told not to visit the section again. The Editor wonders if there may be some reason why officials may be discouraging further investigations Spade's report follows.

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I arrived by Greyhound at Oroville in the afternoon of September 18 and caught a ride to Brush Creek on a lumber truck. At the Brush Creek store I inquired if the two miners were still in the area, but was disappointed to learn they had already left for the season. When I asked why they had left so early in the season, since they had told me they were not in the habit of leaving until the first storms of winter drove them out, I was told the dampness of the mine in the fall weather was damaging their health. I also learned that assayers found that their ore was not titanium or anything else of value.

I then went to the mining camp eight miles up the road from Brush Creek. When I reached the miners' comp site I put my pack and canned goods in the framework for a tent they had left there for their return next season, got into my sleeping bag and retired.

The next day I went to the landing site at the junction of Jordan and Marble Creeks, and took an all-day hike downstream from this point to see if I could find evidence of any new landings; but the search proved futile and I returned to my camp site. I was eating supper when I heard a car coming down the road. It was a ranger in a jeep. He stopped and gave my camp site a "fishy" look, and did not give me the friendly "howdy" I had heard so often from the lumbermen and other friendly natives of that area. So I continued eating and didn't give him more than a sideward glance. He left shortly, and when I was through eating I went to a spot overlooking the landing site and sat watching it until twilight; then I returned to camp where I chanced to glance up and saw a hovering, glowing light about the size of Jupiter under 50x magnification. I hoped at first that it would land, but it began moving from its position east of me in a southerly direction, and soon passed from sight. It was light amber in color and made no audible sound. I had no watch with me, but the time can be approximated somewhat from the fact that it was twilight with no stars yet visible. I continued watching the sky for some time after that, but nothing further showed up, so I retired.

I was awakened later that night by someone shining a flashlight in my face. When I opened my eyes I saw a sheriff's car with two men in it. A third was approaching me shining a flashlight in my face.

He asked me if I was comfortable and when I assured him that I was, he asked me to gather up my things and come along. I asked him what the charge was, and he said he wasn't taking me on any charge, but

for my protection. He said I was in dangerous bear and cougar country and I should be armed. He also said ...e ranger who turned me in was afraid I might start a forest fire. I told them I didn't smoke and was eating my food out of a can and had no intention of starting a campfire. On the way to Oroville, which by the way is thirty-five miles from the place they found me, I began to wonder if perhaps they suspected me of stealing something from the mine. So I told them I had come to the area to see if the saucers came periodicaly on the 20th as the miners had claimed.

They asked me if I had seen any saucers while I was up there and I told them about the sighting just before they had arrived. I also told them I had at one time belonged to a saucer research group in San Diego. When we reached Oroville it was midnight and they asked me where I lived, the names of my parents, etc.

They put me in a solitary cell in the Butte County jail. They didn't provide me with a spoon at breakfast the next morning, so I began eating with a piece of bread. When one of the attendants came down the corridor, I asked him for a spoon. He slid one to me under the door, across the dirty floor. A little later I noticed there was a service bell, so I rang it in hope they would tell me on what charge I was being held, and now long they intended to keep me. When someone came, I asked him what the charge was, and he smiled and said, "Don't you know?"

I asked him if my parents had been notified and he said they had, which I found out later was not true. That afternoon the sheriff who brought me in, came in and told me he was going to release me but I couldn't return to the mountains. I told him I was not fully prepared to give the idea up and still wished to return. He then asked me if I had ever been in a mental hospital. I told him that I hadn't, and he said they were worried about my mental health and explained that if anything happened to me while I was in the mountains the blame would fall on the county.

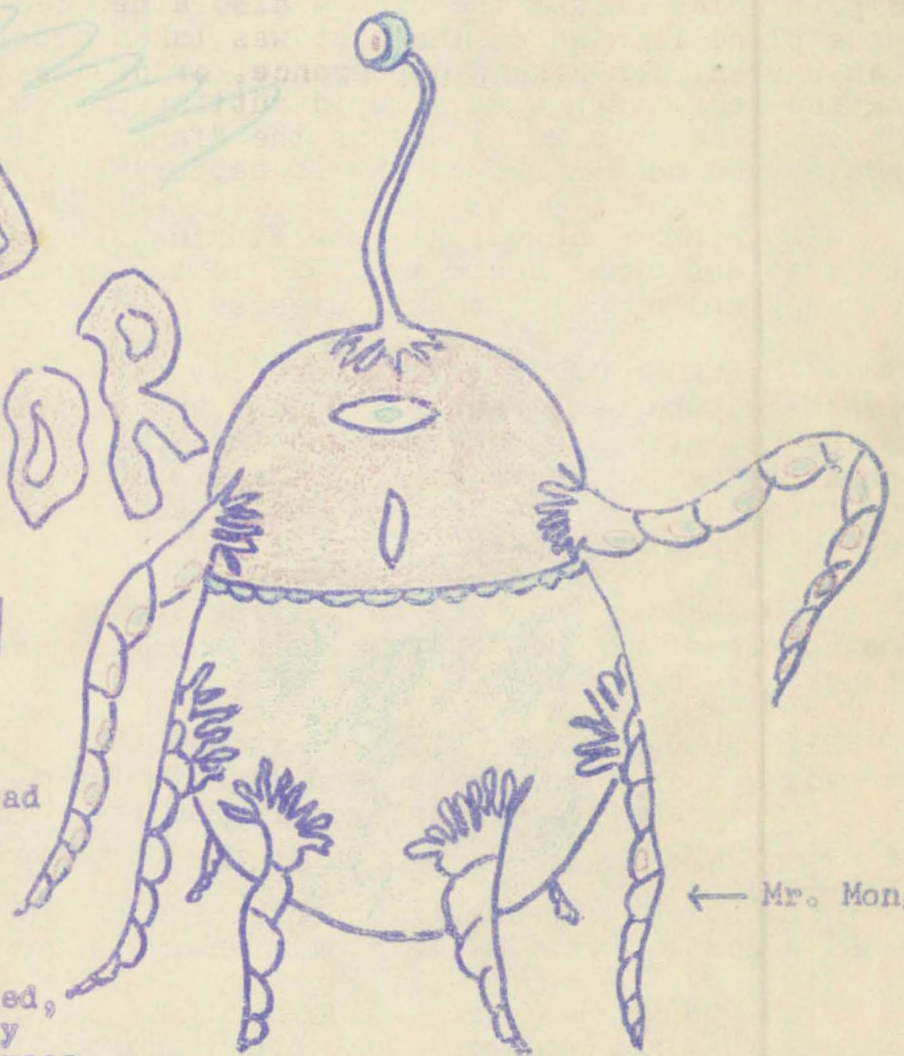
He said that since I still wished to go to the mountains, I would need official permission, and he would arrange an interview with the district attorney, but in the meantime I would have to return to my cell. I asked, "Do you think it's good for a person's mental health to be kept in solitare?" so they saw that I got some company in the drunk tank.

Next afternoon I was taken to the Oroville district attorney's office where I was asked to give a review of my reasons for wanting to go back to the mountains. I told him the same thing I had told the sheriff: that I had at one time belonged to a saucer research group, and was there to see if a saucer would show up on the 20th. Of course it was already the 21st, but I still had hopes I might see something further, as I had on the 19th. The district attorney said he would give the sheriff a ring a little later to let him know if it would be all right for me to return to the mountains. But night came and I was still in jail. The next afternoon I was taken to an upstairs room where I was fingerprinted and photographed. Then I was taken to the court house, where I was given a paper ordering a hearing for me as a mentally ill person. The court was called to order and I was questioned by a psychiatrist, with the sheriff and district attorney as witnesses. I was asked, among other questions, if I were sure that

what I saw on the 19th was a saucer, or if it could have been car lights farther up the road. Was I positive that was what I had seen? There were a few questions about the research group to which I had belonged. I assured them all they had to do to verify that was to call any of the names of group members I gave them. After a few more questions the psychiatrist said he saw no grounds for a mental hearing and suggested dismissal of the case, and the judge acted accordingly.

I asked the judge if there was any law to keep me out of the Sierras. He said there was not, but advised me not to go there. When I went back to the sheriff's office to gather my belongings the sheriff came up to me and said, "I hope you don't have any hard feelings. We were doing this in your interest and for your protection." (END--PS)

THE WILD RUMOR COLUMN



← Mr. Monger

--By R. Monger--

With contacts spread over the entire nation, THE SAUCERIAN receives information on saucers almost daily. Some of this information is fragmentary, is unchecked, and has followed hearsay through two or more sources. Some of it is downright fantastic. While these bits of information may contain a great amount of fact, at this moment they fit into the rumor category. We know more about the authenticity of some items than others, but are putting them all into a comumn which we believe is aptly titled.

If wild rumors do not always involve facts, we feel they are nevertheless interesting, at least as fiction. But the reader can be reasonably assured that he is not reading fiction altogether.

WILD RUMOR: A test pilot's plane was magneticaly levitated by a saucer during a recent test flight.

WILD RUMOR: The Ground Observers Corps was set up for the

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purpose of sighting saucers more than for spotting enemy planes.

WILD RUMOR: A senator interested in Civil Defense will ask Congress for 500 million dollars for 1954 operations -- fourteen times the allocation granted for 1953.

WILD RUMOR: The Government planned to make a public announcement in December regarding saucers, but decided to put it off until after the yuletide season.

WILD RUMOR: The press is censored regarding saucer news at a wire service level

WILD RUMOR: Among closeup pictures of UFO's recently shot directly above the objects is one showing clearly a turret or conning tower, and port holes around the rim -- also a new feature. An eyewitness in the plane from which the shot was taken described the extra feature as an uneven, fan-like protuberance, or device (light?) flaring out from the rear, with a very rapid cutting motion of bands of light, or blade-like bars going across the "fan." (If we could wave our hands at you we could describe it better)

WILD RUMOR: Desverges, the Florida scoutmaster burned by a saucer at West Palm Beach in 1952, is in the hospital, suffering from a strange and mysterious skin disease.

WILD RUMOR: A scientist recently attended a meeting of fellow scientists, who were real VIP's, and who exhibited photographs, letters and charts, offering concrete and indisputable evidence of extra-terrestrial visitors to earth. The visitors are greatly advanced, come from Jupiter, are a great deal like us in appearance, have abolished wars, disease, etc.

WILD RUMOR: The Canadian flying saucer, described in the press as still in stages of design, is in the skies already, and the official releases are being used as a blind.

WILD RUMOR: After being spotted close to a UFO, one jet plane crashed, and another disappeared when it "merged" with an unidentified mass on the radarscope. Information on the condition of the bodies was shushed up.

WILD RUMOR: Greatest concentration of saucers is occurring around areas connected with atomic energy experiments.

WILD RUMOR: The saucers do not land because they fear earth people. They have weapons that could annihilate us but don't want to use them. Government will try and prepare us to meet and understand the saucermen.

WILD RUMOR: U.S. has miscalculated Russia's progress on hydrogen weapons, which were in the planning stages earlier than 1950, much earlier than had been thought. Russia is rapidly developing methods of launching these bombs which will endanger the U.S. to an extent hitherto unknown and undreamed of. BOOM BOOM!

WILD RUMOR: The earth may suffer a drastic change in orbit soon as a result of the growing ice cap at Anarctica--unless world governments cooperate in using atomic power to release some of the weight in the form of ice bergs. If the earth should fall over, it's goodbye people.

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REPORT FROM CANADA

WORLD'S FIRST SAUCER STATION

By Laimon A. Mitris

Coming on the heels of details about a saucer-shaped aircraft being built in Canada was an official announcement that the world's first saucer sighting station was under construction at Shirley's Bay, ten miles northeast of Ottawa.

Wilbur B. Smith, who is engineering the station, which has been designated "Project Magnet," believes if there are any interplanetary flying saucers, "They must work on some technology which has something in common with our own basic physics. If that is so, our equipment will be able to detect them."

The equipment, said to be capable of proving or disproving existence of flying saucers, includes every conceivable type of recording device, and will be manned 24 hours a day. Devices include radar, an ionosphere recorder, a magnetometer, a radio set running full volume at 530 kilocycles, and a gravimeter, the latter described as a new device to "calibrate the acceleration and decelerate the gravitational pull."

A bell will ring when any instrument is activated, and personnel will be instructed to make visual observations also.

A long article in the Toronto Daily star said the station would be ready by the end of 1953, but that the real worth of the project would not be established until the summer of 1954, when another cycle of saucer sightings is expected. The paper noted that "Project Magnet" researchers have found that saucer reports have come in flurries about two years and two months apart, occurring when Mars is nearest the earth.

In further commenting on saucers, Smith told reporters there is a 90 to 95 per cent probability that the sighted phenomena actually exist, do not represent hoaxes or delusions. Broken down, the 90 to 95 per cent includes a 60 per cent probability that the objects are "alien vehicles," a 10 per cent probability that they originate on the earth, and a 30 per cent probability that they constitute something of which man knows and can conceive absolutely nothing; for example, some type of time travel involving a form of life other than protoplasm.

The Daily Star further commented: "Mr. Smith's personal belief that saucer sightings are related to alien vehicles, probably powered by electromagnetic propulsion, and coming from outer space, may at least be argued consistently. Scientists have long been aware that the creation of a magnetic 'sink' -- a collapse of the earth's magnetic field -- would release electrical current and could be used to develop powerful reaction forces capable of driving a suitably designed aircraft at fantastic speed. Laboratory researchers have satisfactorily proven the theory but so far they have been unable to create a 'sink' which lasts for more than a fraction of a second."

The paper further remarked that the magnetic "sink" explanation had nothing to do with the saucer-shaped aircraft the A. V. Roe Company

is designing at Malton. It will use jet propulsion.

Smith's regular job was engineer in charge of the broadcast and measurement section of the telecommunications division of the Canadian Department of Transport. He and members of his staff have carried on saucer investigations for the last five years as a hobby and now have had their spare-time efforts approved as an official project.

"We have found no information that we would accept as evidence of any extra-terrestrial visitations, but I am keeping an open mind on the subject," Smith stated.

Most amazing point in Smith's announcements was his giving a 30 per cent probability to time travel, or a similar intangible factor, as an explanation for saucers. Although hard to believe, the theory would help explain many of the puzzling performances accredited to saucers.

Questioned by a U.S. citizen in a letter about his views on saucers, Smith replied, "With respect to our expressed opinion as to the saucers being alien vehicles, we mean precisely that. The word 'alien' could, and of course includes, interplanetary vehicles, but we are using it in the broader sense." This reply would add further confirmation to Smith's allowing the possibility of earth-based saucers.

Associated with Smith are Dr. James Wait, theoretical physicist of the Defense Research Board; Prof. J. T. Wilson, of the University of Toronto; Dr. G. Garland, gravitational expert.

After the initial stories were out, Dr. O. M. Solandt, chairman of the Defense Research Board, professed complete ignorance of the station. "I did not know a thing about it," he said; adding, "of course it has nothing to do with the Defense Research Board." On the same day, November 13, Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport, announced his department was building the station for the Defense Research Board, after which Solandt modified his original denial and said that the Board was not associated with the research on flying saucers, but they were continuing to study new reports and "alert to the possibilities of discoveries of that nature."

Following the statements by only one day was an announcement, on November 14, that the station had actually gone into operation the day before, while officials were double-talking about it. The Daily Star called the station "the unwanted, virtually disowned child of the Canadian government," and commented:

"Sheepish government officials, reluctant to confess that they regard stories of flying saucers as anything but utter nonsense, have been inclined to dismiss the very existence of the sighting station with a snort and a sweep of the hand."

It is likely the information about the secret project leaked out somehow and the "brass" was unsuccessful in plugging the leak, resulting in many headaches for Solandt.

Solandt stated the Defense Research Board will continue its investigations of saucer reports as usual, and said the Transport Department has a standing order to ship captains, at sea and on lakes, to meteorologists, and to all its agents in all sections of Canada to report sightings of the "objects."

I have just returned from a trip to the northern country, where I traveled with two friends who are mounted policemen and were on an inspection tour through several Indian reservations. I went with them because I was interested to hear what the Indians have to say about saucers.

It looks like the Indians are not surprised at seeing these things streaking across the sky. They say they have seen them all the time; their grandfathers have seen them and there are legends that the saucers have existed since the First Day.

To the Indians they are not "saucers," "disks," "cigars," or what the white man calls them -- they are the Demon Windigo and his fiery feet. There could be something to this Windigo business, for there is a Windigo Lake in northern Manitoba and also one in the area of Sawbill Lake and Steep Rock (Remember the landing report near the Steep Rock Iron Mines reported in the Feb.-March, 1952 FATE?).

People tell me the Indians in Northwest Canada have preserved more legends. Maybe I'm just wasting my time by fooling around with these things, but somehow the old legends are fascinating to me. Maybe there is more truth in them than we think. (END--LAM)

REPORT FROM ENGLAND

VISUAL SIGHTINGS CONFIRMED BY RADAR

--By W. Jolliffe--

The last few weeks have seen queer goings-on in this part of the world. More startling than anything was the fact that the saucers appeared with a bang on the front pages of leading newspapers, for up until now the British press has treated the subject with noticeable reserve.

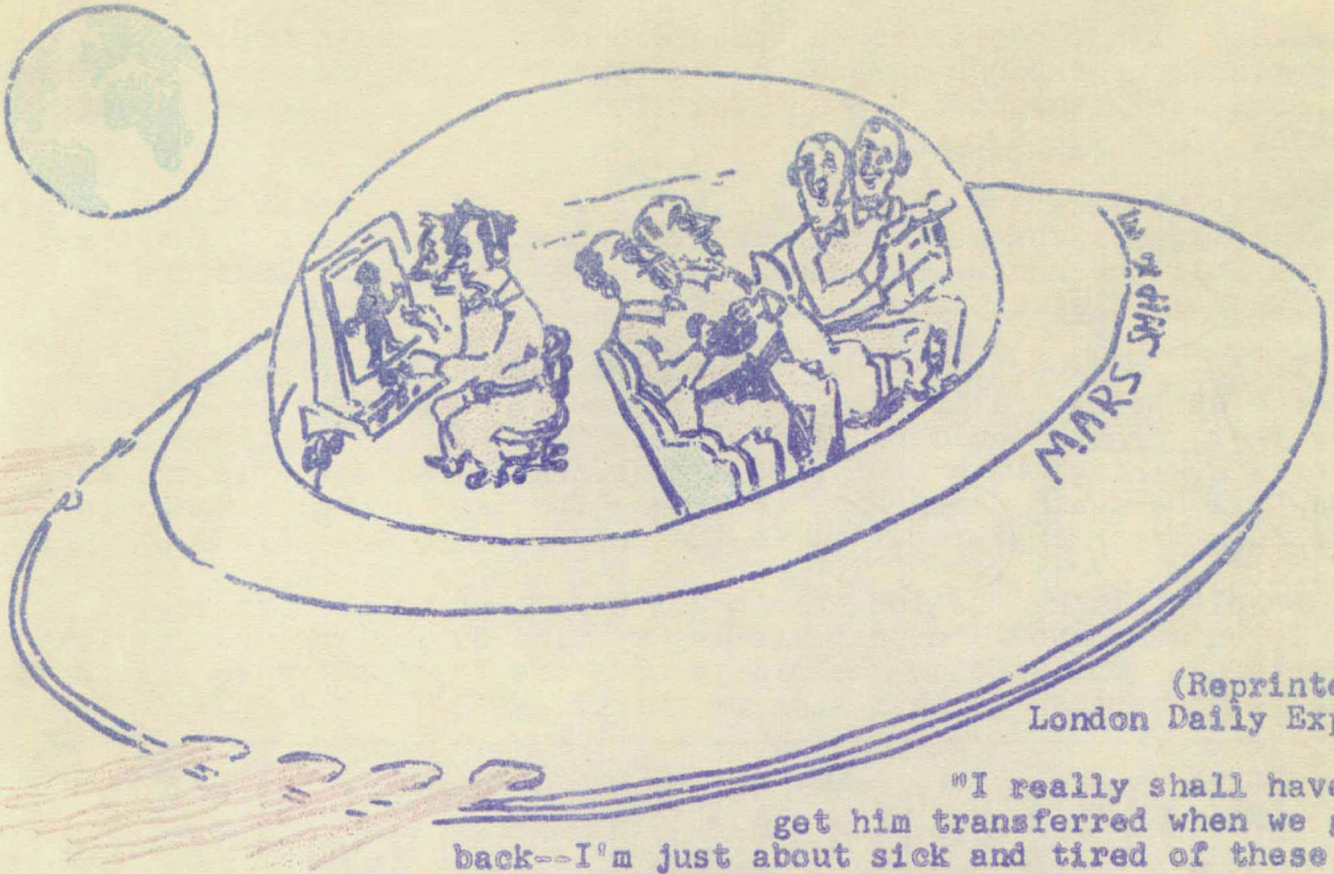
Something untoward was seen and reported on Nov. 3, 1953, by two R.A.F. pilots.

Flying Officers T. S. Johnson and C. Smith, flying at 20,000 ft. over Kent in a Vampire jet, saw the circular object which passed over them much higher than they at tremendous speed, emitting or reflecting a fierce light. The object apparently was in level flight.

Expecting to be laughed at, they told their story rather hesitatingly at West Malling air station, but Group Captain P. H. Hamley appeared to be greatly interested and put in a report to Fighter Command, which department sent for the two officers and questioned them for an hour and a half.

Further confirmation of British saucers came from the War Office, which reported that an object, appearing to be circular or spherical and white in color, had been tracked by radar for 40 minutes the same day.

The report stated, "After approximately ten minutes the object began to move away very slowly, its bearings remaining constant. Finally it passed beyond radar tracking range at 15.10 hours. At this range the angle of elevation had decreased to 24 degrees. Finally the



(Reprinted from
London Daily Express)

"I really shall have to
get him transferred when we get
back--I'm just about sick and tired of these
fantastic stories of ONE-headed men on the radar screen."

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object was estimated at 61,000 ft., 11½ miles up, before it lost altitude, flew away at 43,000 ft. The object was also observed through a telescope at the same time, appeared "like a tennis ball." Earlier radar trackings of strange objects, between September 14 and 22, were also disclosed by the War Office. In each case the radar echo was equal to that given by a large bomber between 100 and 200 ft. in width.

Air Ministry officials said that regular interchange of information between Britain and the United States has begun, regarding saucers.

The sixteen-day time lag between the reports from the R.A.F. pilots and the official statement about the radar tracking suggests that there was much deliberation before releasing the statement, a point which may throw some light on what followed.

Evidently taking this official release as the green light, at least four widely-read papers gave the story much prominence, their accounts, as usual, differing in detail. One had it that the air sightings occurred some four hours, that is about 11:30 a.m., before the radar spot, another that it was made at night. Perhaps it was both. The reported size of the radar echo also varied from the equivalent of a large bomber to three or four times larger than the largest airliner. Inconsistencies apart, the publicity build-up was impressive, and quite unprecedented. One wondered if it were the prelude to some big announcement.

But anti-climax, or the soft-pedal, was in store.

Next day an Air Ministry spokesman suggested the cause of the bother may have been a balloon sent up from Crawley Weather Station at 2 p.m. Since during daylight hours two balloons are released at the station

daily at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., the second one could account for what was seen on radar that day, but does not seem to tally with the reported times of the aircraft sighting, or sightings. However it was clear that no detailed explanation could be expected from official sources, whereupon the incident vanished from the front page as quickly as it had arrived. Presumably at this point news editors and the War Office (which, we were asked to believe, had never, never heard of balloons) returned to lick their wounds.

Questions later were asked in Parliament and a Government minister reiterated the official line. "There was nothing peculiar about the objects seen on November 3," he said. "They were weather balloons."

And he added, with undue optimism, "I hope we will have no more trouble."

In the course of the general uproar, the Air Ministry revealed, apparently for the first time, that it too has an unexplained percentage -- in this case 5 per cent, although one paper managed to make it 10 per cent. Commenting on this lamentable fact, they said, "We have no evidence to prove that flying saucers do not exist."

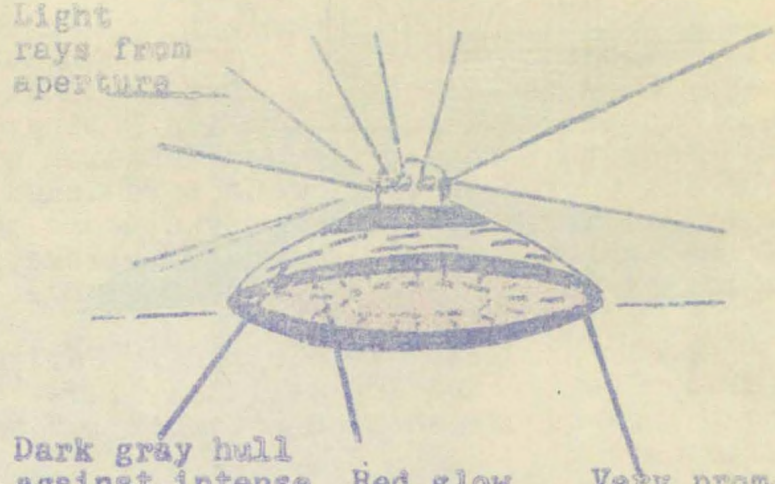
But saucers did not stay out of the news for long. Objects described as "large flat disks" and "shining spheres" were reported hovering in the skies over Lancashire. Observers considered them too big for weather balloons, but balloons they were, according to a local weather official. On Novembember 25 a large brilliantly-lighted globe was seen at Glasgow, Scotland. The paper reporting the sighting was careful to emphasize that the Glasgow airport knew of no balloons being in the area at that time.

On the night of December 1, hundreds of people in the Midlands and elsewhere saw mystery objects, all between 6 and 7:30 p.m. "Probably meteors," said the Royal Observatory. "Cloud halos caused by refraction," suggested a weather official.

At southend-on-sea, Essex, something was seen by four men in the airport control tower. Described as "bluish-white with a large circular end," it was flying north at 6:30 p.m. It seemed fairly low, although the tremendous speed and glare made it impossible to judge the height. Sparks were coming from it. The object was seen again an hour later. One Mrs. Ryan, who nearly collapsed after watching it for 30 seconds, said, "When it disappeared, one end, which was like two long fluorescent tubes, seemed to break away from the circular part, leaving a space between."

At lunch time the next day several directors of a Birmingham firm saw a large sheet of flame heading northeast at about 3,000 ft. It broke into smaller pieces, which burned out, and a charred fragment was seen to fall eight miles away. There was no explosion, but a sound like the chugging of a World War I aircraft was heard. Night brought more fiery balls and streaks of flame, seen by hundreds. Theories that they were meteors, shooting-stars, etc., were discounted, according to a news report. Professor H. Dingle, president of the Royal Astronomical Society, stated, "I cannot explain them away scientifically. They must be man-made and part of some experiment on earth."

All of which may seem ordinary stuff to hardened saucer fans, but the interesting fact is that since the first big splash on November 19, saucers have been more often in the news than out. The impression I have is that the news people have been straining at the leash for some time, and when that first chance came, there was no stopping them. It's too early to say whether it will last or eventually die a natural death.



EARLIER SIGHTINGS

Nor had the saucers been inactive before the November flurry. On September 7, the day Neville Duke broke the airspeed record from Tangmere, Sussex, a saucer was seen hovering over the airfield by several R.A.F. men. It was thought to be a balloon until it moved off at terrific speed toward the Channel.

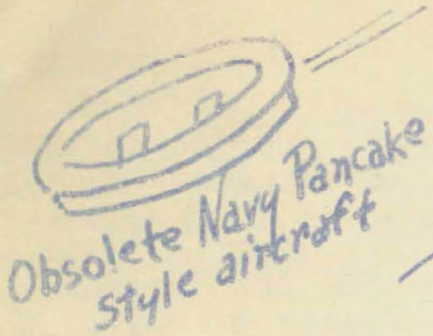
On October 6, F. Potter, an amateur astronomer of Norwich, Norfolk, saw a bright very large object at 7:15 p.m. flying on a level course for 3½ minutes. A telescope showed it to be a disk surmounted by a dome. The dome, which did not rotate, had apertures at intervals around it, and light from these made the disk part visible. Under the disk was a cavity which glowed a dull red. At least seven others saw it independently and the report contained a drawing, reproduced on this page. It has a familiar look about it.

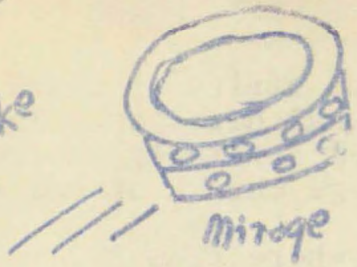
On October 9 two pilots of British European Airways saw a sky object on their way from London to Paris. After returning to London they learned that the airport's radar had been plotting an unidentified object which circled at 50,000 ft. for two hours.

An employee at the Crawley Weather Station told me that on November 11 at 4:30 p.m. he saw a faintly glowing object cross the sky north to south in five minutes. Some radar technicians, who were installing equipment at the site, also saw it and seemed to be quite familiar with the thing. They had seen it several times back in the summer, always about the same time, and had ascertained its height, presumably by radar, as 400 miles. They regarded it as an artificial satellite, but were not willing to give more details. They further hinted that the firm of Canadian Avro already has a saucer-shaped ship flying, the recent stories about it being in the drawing-board state being an official blind.

And bringing things up to the date of this report, a flying object, "like a smoking cigar," was seen twice over Belgium, in daylight and six miles up. (END WJ)

(Thanks to Otis McAllister and Capt. E. L. Plunkett, for sending clippings and information to supplement Mr. Joliffe's report--Ed.)

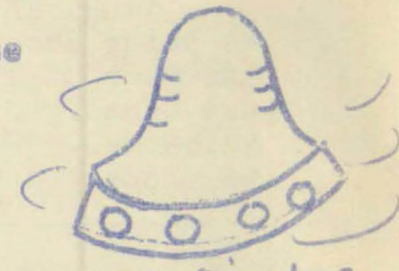




HOW TO IDENTIFY FLYING SAUCERS

Illustrated by Celia Block

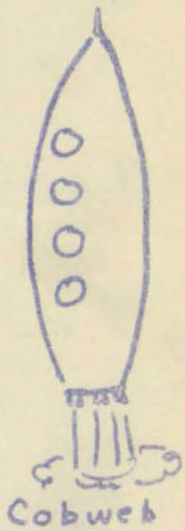
There has been a long-felt need for a guide for use in identifying unidentified flying objects. How much easier the saucer investigator's job would be if the sighter could state at the beginning, "Detergent bubble observed 20 degrees northeast"! The long correspondence, the sighter's labored art work, the long consultations with the Air Force would not be necessary.



We may be accused of stealing this information from the Air Force, a point which we hereby deny at the outset. It should be obvious that there is no similarity here between this information and official Air Force Releases.

THE SAUCERIAN will appreciate comments on our following classifications, and is still open for suggestions if they can be improved upon:

OBSOLETE NAVY PANCAKE STYLE AIRCRAFT. Easily identified, since this usually travels around 25,000 miles per hour and does impossible maneuvers.



HALLUCINATION. Changes suddenly from silver to bright red, then to a dazzling blue. When seen on the ground, makes an odd humming sound. Earth is scorched for weeks after it takes off.

MIRAGE. Usually explodes with terrific noise, breaking store windows.

PLANET VENUS. One of the phenomena most generally misinterpreted as rocket ships or flying saucers. When jet planes chase it, that is the end of the flying.

JET AIRPLANE. Quite obvious, no explanation needed.

COBWEB. Shows up as a rapidly moving disk on radar. When intercepted, the Cobweb usually takes a dive at the jet plane and scares the pilot almost out of his wits. It usually changes course suddenly just before a collision. Sometimes it doesn't.

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DETERGENT BUBBLE. Often drops strips of stuff variously described as tin foil, paper, or what have you. The stuff usually disintegrates before being examined carefully. Often these Detergent Bubbles have dropped large chunks of rocks, or other trivia.

SKYHOOK BALLOON. This is anywhere from 300 to 500 ft. wide and travels at fantastic speeds. Always denied by scientists who say that no skyhook ballons have been sent up, when it is obvious to the observer that is what he has seen.

LIGHT INVERSION. Caused by cold air and hot air. Distinguished by being absolutely solid when run into by an airplane. Not much is known about light inversions because the plane occupants they encounter are usually disintegrated before they can consult Menzel's book for guidance. (END--Written by Stanley Gooch. We absolutely refuse to be connected with this writeup--Ed.)

FLYING SAUCER CLUB

FLYING SAUCER NEWS, official journal of the Flying Saucer Club, 42 Rothbury Road, Hove 3, Sussex, England, is an informative 12-page mimeographed publication, reporting activities of the group and containing much interesting saucerinformation.

It is edited by Richard Hughes, secretary of the club, who is able to combine documentation with a newsy style, making for quite interesting reading. The Autumn, 1953 issue contains the recent English sightings, also reports from Norway and New Zealand, along with a great many U.S. saucer items. Hughes has coined a word, MENZELFORMS, to cover all things that might be described as "natural phenomena," taking the name from the villianous "guess who" who recently wrote a book along those lines.

Membership includes subscription to FLYING SAUCER NEWS, a badge and membership certificate. Copies of the publication are also available to non-members.

We also understand Capt. E. L. Plunkett, former representative in England for the U.S. International Flying Saucer Bureau (see Editorial this issue), has formed a new organization, made up of former English members of the now defunct U.S. organization.

NEXUS

NEXUS, a small hectographed publication, is issued by Dominick C. Lucchesi and August C. Roberts, of Jersey City, N. J. Designed as "a connecting link between the various organizations associated with.... flying disk phenomena," NEXUS will be limited in circulation and will be sent mainly to officers of those groups.

The first issue contains speculation that saucers may be from Venus, which the editors think must be a watery globe, and be based in our seas. They also wonder if the saucers might be based on some unexplored area on the earth. Roberts reports on a strange kind of writing he found in an old manuscript, which he says is similar to that allegedly returned to George Adamski on a photographic plate by a Venusian (See "The New Saucer Books" this issue). Roberts said he used the Shaver "Mantong" alphabet to translate the message reproduced in Adamski's book, but that the editors "are fearful of reproducing this message at this time, due to the resulting consequences that may occur." Throughout the publication the editors leave the impression they have a solution to the saucer mystery, though no answers are divulged.

WHAT ARE THE SAUCERS?

By Our Correspondents

What are the flying saucers, anyway? Although few claim to know the answers, many have advanced interesting theories concerning the disks and why they're here.

The interplanetary theory is perhaps the best known and most widely accepted. But once accepted, the theorist is faced with other questions, among which "Why are they here?" and "Why haven't they contacted us?" are most disturbing.

There are others who believe the saucers may be experimental craft of the U.S. Air Force. This the Air Force denies, and, after all, is it logical that the Government would carry out experiments with new types of flying machines over populated areas in plain view of everybody?

Then the theory has been advanced that the saucers are from some unknown part of the earth, perhaps based in underground caverns, or at the South Pole.

Saucerian motives have been speculated upon variously. Probably the most popular theory is that the Martians or some other interplanetary neighbors are disturbed by atomic explosions and have come here to investigate or to stop us from blowing the earth to smithereens. There are also those who aren't sure the visitors aren't up to mischief, may even be getting ready to invade.

DIRIGIBLES

A New Jersey correspondent, who doesn't wish his name used, hints the cigar-shaped craft may be quite down-to-earth:

A "Brainstorm"? There were once metal-covered dirigibles made for the Navy by the Aircraft Development Corp. in Detroit, about 1929, with the designation ZMC-2. Research showed that an all-metal aluminum-covered ship actually weighed less than the fabric-covered type.

It was lighter because the metal "skin" acted as cover, gas container, and carrier of all the weight at the same time. No internal framework, found on all other airships, was necessary. IMAGINE HOOKING A JET TO A LIGHTER-THAN-AIR SHIP. Such a ship could hover and ascend at will. Also imagine a thousand-footer that could stay at an altitude of 12 miles and serve as a floating airdrome for rockets and experimental jets which cannot take off the ground. At times by accident something could be dropped, striking the ground with quite a velocity. An atmosphere station 12 miles high? COULD BE.

WHY DON'T THEY COMMUNICATE?

In considering the interplanetary theory, W. Jolliffe, of Sussex, England (see his Report From England this issue), finds a possible objection which has always seemed puzzling to him: the failure, or refusal, of the alleged space visitors to communicate with us. Mr. Jolliffe observes:

It seems strange that intelligent beings should travel millions of miles through space only to cruise around for years on end completely indifferent to our presence here. Such behavior is illogical in my

opinion and, judged by our own human standards, highly unnatural as well.

Although this objection is not necessarily decisive, it does justify exploring some quite different approach. I have occasionally seen claims that the saucers are manned by non-physical beings or beings not physical in the same way as ourselves.

I have recently read a remarkable book by René Guénon, which carries a sub-title, "The Signs of the Times."

It discusses at some length the main tendencies of the modern world and how they are likely to develop in the not-so-distant future. One of the arguments advanced is that the terrestrial environment, understood not only in the physical sense, undergoes changes in the course of time which coincide with man's changing view of the world. For instance, during the period which saw the rise of science and a more materialistic outlook, the environment itself actually became more materialistic in nature, thus appearing to confirm the then current scientific "explanations" of the world.

This materialistic phase, it seems, reached its peak toward the end of the last century, when science was confident that the universe worked like a large piece of machinery. Since then, the argument runs, the world has changed still further, becoming less materialistic or "solid" and tending toward what may be called the psychic.

Correspondingly, the scientific attitude has become less rigid, less sure of itself, and more vague and abstract on its theoretical side. Studies of the non-physical side of things, such as psychology and psychic research, which in their early days were scorned by official science are now accepted as respectable. Logically, one might anticipate that the latest arrival, psychic research, will assume greater importance in time and even occupy the position now held by physics. By so doing, science would simply be confirming to the drift toward the psychic which, according to Guénon, is the governing tendency of the present period.

This novel data, of which I have given only a very bald account, could provide a new slant on our friends, the saucers. Judging from the details of some saucer reports, such an approach is not entirely improbable. It is difficult, however willing one is, to accept physical objects which move at immense speeds in silence, seemingly able to defy laws of gravity and inertia and to elude every attempt at closer investigation. But if we postulate that they are not physical (and at the same time real, perhaps even more so), then the more fantastic aspects of saucer behavior becomes a little easier to understand. Our present bewilderment may be due to the natural, but wrong assumption that these things are physical objects, and therefore subject to normal physical laws.

PROBING THE UNKNOWN

August C. Roberts, of Jersey City, N. J., sends us a writeup which he titles, "Probing the Unknown--or Are the Saucers Still a Mystery?" Whether or not Mr. Roberts actually knows the answers to the saucers, we don't know, but here give the stage to him:

Ever since July 28, 1952, when I was exceptionally fortunate to photograph a flying saucer over New York City, I have been working in

conjunction with a number of people over the country trying to prove that saucers do exist.

Just a short time ago all information coming to me from certain sources became well seasoned with mystery. Adding to the confusion were reports that some saucer groups about the country had been put out of action. At first I thought nothing of it, assuming they had either quit because of the lack of funds or that the novelty had worn off. Actually it was not substantial reasoning since each group had charged a small fee to join and had more than enough members to cover the small cost of postage and other small details. Then why stop on the brink of discovering the saucer mystery, I asked myself. Why, also, when I tried to find out through letters, phone calls and recordings, should I receive either complete silence or answers that made me wonder all the more just what really was going on. I contacted other groups which I knew were still in operation, but if they did know the answers, they too wouldn't talk; others were just as mystified as I.

Instead of directing my search to the main source of information, I began probing deeper into the matter at hand, seeking former members of the groups put out of action, thus searching for any clues which might fill in the gaps I didn't have. From some I received a few "gems" of information. Some of these I will pass along:

Apparently a branch of the United States Government is closing down all the groups who know the true answers to the saucer mystery. Eventually even those groups knowing nothing at all will be forced to close just because they work on a national and international scale.

The bottom almost fell out of the saucer mystery a short time ago, but the time was not ready for either the saucer groups or the Government to disclose it. The Government does not want the saucer groups to tell the world what the mystery is, fearing panic.

The resultant idea of the Government is to put the public on the wrong track through certain writers, etc. The idea is simple; just keep people thinking about something else and the real secret can be kept well guarded. For example, when you chase the stars for a solution to a problem you would rarely look at the ground in your own back yard. A certain well-known writer, in his recently published book, referred to what I had seen and photographed. His opinion reads very well, but I doubt his logic.

So many falsehoods have been told about the saucer mystery, you might find the truth hard to believe, even if I would reveal it. THE SAUCERS ARE NOT WHAT MOST PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE.

Before 1953 rolls by the public may know most of the true answers. What they learn should be startling. Why 1954? Simply because a time element is involved and the public must be told before much longer. How they take it is another story. A friend of mine once said most people react like the man who ran out of his house, jumped on his horse, and tried to go in all directions at the same time.

If you would only slow down your pace, and give this saucer mystery a good thinking over, you too might find the answer. Only then will you know why the Government is handling the matter in this, the best and most intelligent way possible.

As Mr. Roberts hints, maybe the answer to the saucers is something so close at home, we haven't looked for it. The following, by Dominick C. Lucchesi, has no connection with the ideas of Mr. Roberts, and is printed following it only to illustrate the point involved. Mr. Lucchesi asks:

Is it possible that contrary to popular belief, the claims of funds supposedly directed to the manufacture of atomic missles has in fact been channeled to the fabrication of interplanetary craft?

Is all the red tape and mystery surrounding the flying saucers nothing but planned confusion while the blasting of atomic bombs has been done to cover up the takeoffs of massive parts and equipment to construct a Lunar base?

It is a well-known fact that we have the technology to reach the moon, and the know-how to construct a space platform -- the only thing needed is unlimited power. Could it be possible that our scientists have unlocked the secret of such power and have used the moon as a jumping-off-place to reach Mars or the other planets? If they have reached Mars, what better way to signal our earth, in the event their radio signals did not reach that far, than by setting off atomic bombs whose light flashes could be seen by our lookouts?

If that is the case, then that would be why the Government does not want to reveal what the flying saucers are at this time. It may be the Government has found a new type of power that will have a great effect upon almost all of the large industries in the country, and when revealed, is going to put many fuel industries out of business overnight. The Government may want to tell the world what the saucers are, but just don't know how to do so without causing a great effect on business -- and VOTES.

FISH IN A BATH TUB

Many others advance the theory that perhaps the Government is farther along on space travel, and/or an artificial satellite than one is led to believe. Laimon A. Mitris, of Quebec, Canada (see his Report From Canada this issue), asks, "Did you ever hear about the Aphrodite Project?" Then he elucidates:

I suppose most people have forgotten all about it. Checking some old files, I came across it and read it again. It really makes me wonder. Do you really believe that the Air Force or Navy stopped all their experiments with the high altitude rockets after reaching the height of some 250 or 300 miles, or that the Government would spend all the taxpayers' money on "planning" a space platform before trying to reach the altitude, where the space platform will be placed, without sending an unmanned rocket first? Maybe I'm trying to catch fish in a bath tub, but somehow I feel they are witholding a lot of information (and I don't blame them) about <u>our own</u> space craft.

Wilson Tucker, science fiction writer, was also speculating that an unmanned flight had already taken place, in his opinion to the moon, in a statement given to writer Gerry de la Ree, who prepared an article on what experts in various fields thought would be the first date of space travel. Tucker stated:

I base my suspicions on the fact that in February, 1949, an army-sponsored two-step rocket from White Sands reached an altitude of

250 miles, the highest ever, and since then there has been a virtual blanket of silence on further tests. I find it difficult to believe that the Army stopped with that, and did not send more rockets still higher into space. I suspect they have landed some sort of missle on the moon -- but of course it will be several years before such news, if true, is released.

TO GET A PAIL OF WATER

We have often wondered why some correspondents were interested in newspaper clippings about water shortages. Maybe they're intrigued by the same theory advanced by Barry Sheehy, in the August, 1953, issue of THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE. Sheehy believes the saucers come from Mars, where, considering all those canals, there must be a water shortage. With the remaining water supply gradually disappearing, owing to Mars' low gravitation, maybe the Martians are running tankers here to get a commodity we'd never suspect would be valuable to interplanetary visitors.

Such a motive would explain their reluctance to be seen, believes Sheehy, who further suggests the disks may be water-carriers, while the cigar-type ships probably carry passengers.

Fantastic? Indeed. But after all, Mr. Sheehy may have hit onto something. By the way, WHAT ABOUT mysterious water shortages that crop up in city water systems, defying explanations of how large quantities of water vanish? We remember a FATE article which described a saucer siphoning water from a lake (February-March, 1952, issue) and, of course, the little guy getting water in a bucket at Brush Creek, California (See November SAUCERIAN).

Of course the little guy might have simply been re-fueling. Rocket experts have speculated that given atomic power for a rocket drive, some sort of medium for expelling to give thrust would be necessary. They suggest hydrogen, easily extracted from water, likely to be found on any inhabited planet.

We hope the Martians don't become hoggish and take all the water away, though we have heard of some hardy souls who avoided water, both as a drink and for ablution, throughout their lives.

IMMATERIAL SAUCERS

Our review on the activities of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates, in the September issue ("Where Science Fears to Tread," page 28) touched on the saucer theory advanced by that organization, headed by Dr. Meade Layne, director.

The BSRA theory, termed by Dr. Layne the "Etheric Explanation" of the "Aeroforms" does fit most saucer phenomena, though is difficult to understand on casual reading. Dr. Layne here comes up with a digest of the theory, which is also quite specific and clear, so let's turn the stage over to him and let him explain:

The Aeroforms (flying disks, saucers and other forms) are <u>emergents</u>, i.e., they emerge onto our plane of perception from a space-time frame of reference which is different from ours. This process may also be described as a conversion of energy and a change of vibratory rates.

When the energy or vibration rates are converted, the Disk

visible and tangible.

becomes visible and tangible. It appears to be, and IS what we call solid substances until the energy is again converted. This amounts to a process of materialization and dematerialization (mat and demat).

Just as there is a spectrum of sound and of color (sounds we do not hear and color we cannot see), so there is also a spectrum of tangibility -- matter which is too dense to be touched. The ordinary matter of our plane is a rarefaction; the interspaces between the nucleus and the electrons (e.g.) are relatively enormous. The extremely dense matter of the ether(s) passes through such earth substances much as water would flow through a screen with meshes a mile wide. If the vibratory rate of an etheric object is slowed down, it becomes less dense and may enter our range of perception.

Etheric matter is subject to the play of the finer forces, including the "energy" of thought. Any etheric object can be thought into existence, and controlled by the same means. The etheric worlds are as "real" as ours, or more so, on account of the enormous density of the ethers. They are invisible on account of their high vibratory rates.

The operators of the aeroforms come from many parts of space (or ethers) and belong to different races and cultures. They differ in character and motives and it is impossible to generalize about them. Those who are called Guardians seem to have no fixed habitat, but visit all bodies in the solar system, for exploration and scientific study. To describe them as Venusians or Martians gives only a small part of the truth.

The problems of space travel as we see them -- space, time, gravity, cosmic ray emanations -- do not exist for the people of the Disks. In converting from one space-time frame of reference to another, there is no "crossing of space" and no lapsed time. Operations within the earth's gravitational field involve a "riding" of the magnetic meridians and the equivalent of a gravity shield.

There is said to be a small planet behind the moon which is inhabited by a race of people similar to our own. It is possible that comparatively short distances such as this may be traversed by different means than those required for interstellar distances.

There is an extensive historical record of visitations similar to this present one.

Mother ships of great size are in frequent use, and convey a considerable number of the smaller Disks which can be released when in vicinity of the earth or any other objective.

The basic situation in which our planet is now involved, goes back to a cosmic condition connected with what is known as the red shift.

The above concepts are believed by us to be approximately correct, and to cover all phases of the phenomena when properly understood. More complete information may be had on request from the Borderland Sciences Research Associates, 3525 Adams Ave., San Diego 16, Calif.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP

THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE, publication of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, is edited by E. R. Jarrold, president of the organization.

The August, 1953, issue, is a sixteen-page printed publication about 5x8" in size, has a saucer photo, taken over New York City, on the cover. Although some of the issue is devoted to news of the Bureau, of interest to members only, greater part of the wordage concerns outstanding saucer sightings throughout the world, theories expressed by members and other saucer material. According to a back cover announcement, the November issue was to contain an article titled, "Is Communication Possible With Saucers Now?" Non members may subscribe, and it is suggested that for information about membership or subscriptions, Mr. Jarrold be addressed at: 3 Ferguson Avenue, Fairfield, New South Wales, Australia. (Note--For further news about this publication, see Editorial in this issue--Ed.)

"APRO"

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, known to most by the initials, "APRO," is an investigative group, and according to Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, national director, "Takes a scientific approach to all information regarding unidentified flying objects. We are composed of men and women in all walks of life, and most of us are confirmed skeptics."

Lorenzen, who heads the non-profit group, is a 28-year-old housewife, who first became interested in saucers in 1947, when she saw her first disk. APRO was founded in January, 1952. The organization issues a bulletin about its activities in which saucer information submitted by members is printed. The bulletin also contains information about the investigation and research being done by the organization. Although APRO follows a strict policy which prevents entering subscriptions to non-members, qualifications for membership are not stringent. "Our qualifications are that an individual be sincerely interested, forward any and all information which comes to his attention to headquarters for insertion in the Bulletin. A statement of non-Communist affiliation must also be signed."

The director stated that as far as she had been able to ascertain, APRO is the only civilian organization whose director has been consulted by Wright-Patterson representatives. Prospective members should address APRO, P.O. Box 358, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, for additional information. THE SAUCERIAN can recommend this organization highly.

S-P-A-C-E

S-P-A-C-E (Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enquiry), of West Haven, Conn., is a local investigative group, which at the present time does not solicit members outside that general area, but which corresponds and cooperates with other groups throughout the country. Correspondence with the group discloses S-P-A-C-E to be objective and level-headed, and willing to cooperate in solving the saucer mystery. Frank Suraci is president, though our contacts have been with Joe Barbieri, director of research.

The organization maintains a research library of sightings, explanations and other pertinent data, and sponsors a series of public lectures on flying saucers and space travel. (END--GH)

I SAW THE DEVIL IN A FLYING SAUCER!

--By William C. Lamb--

Editor's Note: THE SAUCERIAN has always avoided religious arguments about flying saucers, which run the gamut from a belief in paternal entities concerned with A-Bomb explosions to the insistence that saucers are driven by angels. However W. C. Lamb's story, told to us in several detailed letters, is interesting, we feel, aside from the religious beliefs advanced.

The Editor recalls tales of strange hoofprints seen in England, as described by Charles Fort and other writers. The tracks passed over housetops, much in the same manner as Mr. Lamb describes how the tracks he saw traversed inaccessible places. We wonder if there is any connection between the phenomena.

We have purposely eliminated some details that might seem even more unbelievable than those printed, and anyone interested in going further into the story may write Mr. Lamb, at Lock Box 845, Newcastle, Wyo. Mr. Lamb's description of the events are so vivid we believe he did see SOMETHING, though are not prepared to comment on his interpretation of what he saw.

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Witness's rough drawing of 8 ft. figure he saw in 1922. Mr. Lamb thinks it was Old Nick himself.

Flying saucers are seen everywhere. Some say they are experiments of the Air Force, or come from Russia. Some believe they're interplanetary. But I know where they're from, FOR I SAW THE DEVIL LAND IN A FLYING SAUCER!

My story begins in 1904, when I noticed strange tracks in the snow. The tracks always appeared to be freshly made, resembling hoofprints, and were always in a straight line, from three to several feet apart. They ranged from the size of a mule's hoof to the size of elephant tracks.

I became very interested in the tracks, and being puzzled, made a practice of going over the route they took. Surely enough, right after a fresh snow the tracks would appear, following the same route. They went over hills, crossed ravines and creeks, negotiated steep banks, and went through hedge fences impossible for animals to penetrate.

But the terrifying event that changed my entire life happened on the morning of February 22, 1922, when, in the course of reaching

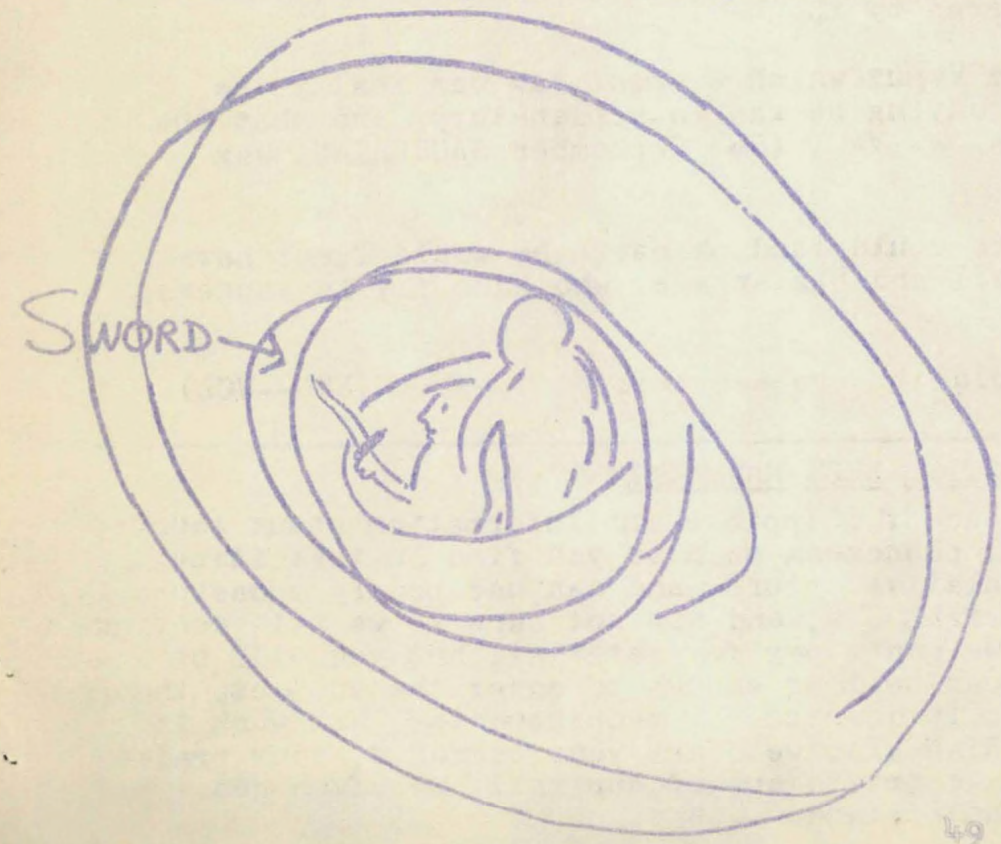
the spot where the tracks had been seen, I had to cross a creek. Going down the creek bank I heard a commotion above my head as if some giant bird were flying.

Instantly I saw a brilliant flash, and the snow reflected a rush of changing colors. As the snow turned alternately green, blue, orange and yellow, the sky became hazy and I heard a whistling sound overhead that sounded as if something in flight had made a turn about a mile in diameter.

I rushed up the bank and hid behind a large cottonwood tree on the rim of the meadow; then hearing nothing else, I stepped out on the meadow. There was another blinding flash of light, which seemed to dissolve into a creature about eight feet tall, of human shape. Although I was stricken with terror, I do remember that the being had a high forehead, with broad shoulders, and piercing eyes. Its face was extremely white and lusterous. It had a covering of some light green fiery material, as if wearing a mantel.

As the thing materialized from the flame it bounded along with its feet touching the ground until it had slowed down, then the flame surrounding the creature vanished, and the brightness still around it diminished as it approached. Its feet moved so fast in running they evidently were not observable, but they left hoofmarks after it had passed by.

I started to run, but had gone only about 50 ft. when I looked back and discovered the creature had advanced about 80 rods. I was then so frightened I froze in my tracks, though I do remember that I then heard a terrible commotion in the air over my head like the beating of wings and great combat. When the noise subsided I was conscious that the strange creature passed by me within 40 ft., making a noise like burning buildings, and also a sputtering which sounded like a swarm of bees, only much louder. It went through a barbed wire fence, turning the wires blue with heat, although not breaking them. My attention was turned to the fence, smoking from the heat, but was diverted by an intensely red fireball overhead, at least 30 ft. in diameter. The ball seemed to be disk-shaped, with a hole in the middle, and turned sidewise. Within the opening I saw two strange beings which I interpreted as angelic. One seemed to be in a sitting position, the other had its back toward me. The (continued next page)



Angelic beings in saucer threw fireball at the monster; otherwise Mr. Lamb would really have been in trouble. (Rough sketch by Mr. Lamb at left)

one in the sitting position raised a fiery sword, which became a fire-ball as it was thrown in the direction the running figure had gone.

After the phenomena had subsided, I followed the tracks the running creature had made for about five miles. They went up steep banks, as usual, across steep gullies I could not cross, and even over haystacks. Some places they went across frozen streams, and I found tracks in the mud under the ice. The ice had not been broken!

It was not a flying saucerman I saw, but THE DEVIL HIMSELF! This old bird is being seen in many parts of the world, and is the lowest down creature in the universe. Called the Old Snake, he deceiveth the whole world (read your Bible).

Flying saucers are not from the planets, are not metallic, but are spiritual beings and alive--either demons or cherubims. The Devil and his angels are inhabitants of this planet, are shut in here and cannot leave the earth. ("Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and the sea, for the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth he hath but a short time"-- Rev. 12:12). The cherubims, or angelic beings, seeing the world is inhabited by the Devil and his angels, travel in flying saucers, called by Ezekiel, 10th chapter, "Wheels within a wheel," etc. The Devil is the worst liar in the universe, and has the "guts" to personify himself as an angel of God, and tries to imitate the cherubims and their flying saucers.

I am convinced that without the assistance of the Cherubims, I would have been picked up by the Devil, as he snatched James Greer and Leroy Thorpe (see September SAUCERIAN, page 6). The Devil probably knew what I was doing from a Biblical and astronomical standpoint, and tried to head me off, with the idea of introducing himself as an angel (he even called out a Biblical reference as he came down). When I started to run he probably decided to attack me, but was stopped and driven away by the cheribums with the fiery sword. I believe Greer and Thorpe were murdered by the Devil.

I believe the man from Venus which Adamski saw was really the Devil in disguise, falsely saying he was interplanetary, and that the "monster" seen at Flatwoods, W. Va., (See September SAUCERIAN) was also the Devil.

Before a man from Venus could land on earth he would first have to whip hell out of the Devil and his angels, who also fly in saucers, before he could even land.

And believe me, he wouldn't have a chance! (END--WCL)

WE STILL NEED MATERIAL!

THE SAUCERIAN is in need of clippings and information about saucer sightings and other unusual phenomena such as you find in this issue. We need articles of a speculative ture, and can use poetry occasionally. We have plenty of fiction right now, and are not sure if we will continue printing fiction. Sorry, we can't pay for material, but you will be fully credited. Material can be long enough to cover the subject, though we reserve the right to cut it down to our requirements. Art work is also solicited. THE SAUCERIAN also welcomes your comments, your praise or condemnation. Although we try to answer our mail, we often get behind, so we hope you'll understand----GB.

NEW SAUCER BOOKS

BOOK REVIEWS
By Gray Barker
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Two new books, dealing with flying saucers, hit the best-seller lists. For those who haven't read them, and for those who have asked us what we thought of them, here are our reviews.

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FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, 232 pages, Published by T.Werner Laurie Ltd., order from the British Book Centre, Inc.,420 West 45th St., New York 36, N. Y. $3.50

They had just finished roasting the sheep and the Abbott was ready to say grace when one of the brethren of the monastary came running in, shouting about a great portent in the heaven.

The Abbott had to think fast when, "Lo! a large round silvery thing like a disk flew slowly over them and excited the greatest terror." It isn't

That was A.D. 1290. So begins Desmond Leslie's part of the book, FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, co-authored by George Adamski. The preceeding report, taken from an old manuscript, kicks off "The Flying Saucer Museum," one of the first chapters in a most unusual commentary which departs considerably from the works on modern flying saucers and sets out to develop an argument for their ANTIQUITY. Throughout the book Leslie points to similarities between saucers of old and the saucers of Keyhoe. And from the report of the saucer-frightened sheeproasters, it would seem interpretation of the phenomena has changed very little through the years: the finger of fear is still pointed at the sky, and many of mankind is not sure but that their sins are being visited upon them by the mysterious disks. In the Abbatt's day the libido was accused; nowadays we have the Bomb!

Leslie next relates a succession of saucer sightings beginning in 1619 and extending through the centuries to publication deadline. To impress the reader how many saucer reports are coming in currently, he quotes Elliot Rockmore, of New York, whose FLYING SAUCER REVIEW for a typical month, April, 1952, is printed verbatim. Rockmore collects clippings, from time to time publishes the complete record of sightings.

All this, says the author, is to condition the unbeliever to believe in flying saucers, and under the weight of the evidence he feels that there should no longer be any doubt. For acceptance of the saucers as real is necessary before Leslie's ace card can be appreciated:

Ancient manuscripts, dating back through prehistory to Atlantean days, not only tell of man-made flying saucers very much like those now in the skies, but GIVE RATHER COMPLETE DIRECTIONS FOR BUILDING THEM!

The Vimanas (air-boats) of the Atlanteans were constructed of either wood or metal, were propelled by engines utilizing mercury, though the exact methods of propulsion are not given. The energy was directed through nozzels or jets, turned in different directions to steer the craft. Although the Vimanas could travel at only [illegible] miles per hour, it is hinted advanced machines could travel to the stars. Apparently Noah's Flood, a catastrophe running through the histories and traditions of peoples throughout the world, wiped out these ancient saucer-building civilizations as well as their wonderous flying machines.

Weapons of war similar to modern atomics can also be found in ancient manuscripts, Leslie declares. He feels the asteroid belt may once have been a planet whose scientists succeeded in blowing themselves skyward.

Nor were all the saucers of old propelled by what we might today consider physical means. Pointing to Saint Teresa of Avila, reported to be able to rise in the air, the author believes she may have mastered an amazing and abundant kind of power, the control of [illegible]

whereby uttering or producing certain kinds of wavelengths could oppose gravity and cause a body or building stone to be levitated. If a properly pitched note can break a mirror, "is it beyond the realms of possibility that if sound were completely understood...it might be harmonized to the electrical magnetic forces that produce levitation?" Leslie suggests that prehistoric flying saucers were literally "flown with a song," and the modern counterpart may utilize similar secrets of tapping the energies of the universe. The mystical "Abracadabras" and "Open sesames" of legendary magicians may be half-remembered sounds which could move mountains and build the Great Pyramid.

That might explain how the fifteen-ton polished casing stones of the Great Pyramid were lifted and fitted to incredible tolerances without modern machinery, that is, <u>if</u> it would be possible, even <u>with</u> modern machinery.

If great natural sources of power in the universe could be tapped by the ancients, why could not the same be done today? Although Leslie shares the views of many occultists that the realms of what many term the supernatural may one day be the great frontier of science, it is difficult for scientists to discard preconceived methods which lead them against a stone wall. As an example, the author points to electricity and asks what it <u>really</u> is, remarking that so far scientists have been unable to tell him what makes his TV set <u>actually</u> work, though they are expert at building circuits to control the electricity flowing through its tubes. Although engineers can tell him much about the <u>how</u>, Leslie thinks an understanding of the <u>why</u> would lead to far greater developments.

The man from Venus as sketched by Mrs. Alice K. Wells, one of Adamski's witnesses. She observed the figure through binoculars.

Picture on Page 51 is from London ILLUSTRATED, and is an artist's conception of the man described in Adamski's account.

But man's understanding of his environment and limitless possibilities are expanding. At one time it was believed the human body would disintegrate if the horse were abandoned for the fantastic speeds of locomotives; later the sonic barrier, through which no plane could pass without supposed disintegration, was penetrated; now the speed of light is deemed unsurpassable.

So with the scientific fancy freed from mundane limiting horizons, the reader is thus prepared for and ushered into the piece of resistance, the second part of the book, wherein one George Adamski actually meets a space visitor and draws an amazing discourse from him.

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Adamski lives at Palomar Gardens, 3,000 ft. in altitude, on the slopes of Mt. Palomar, where the 200-inch telescope is located. Describing himself as "philosopher, student, teacher, and saucer researcher," he takes care to point out that he has no connection with the staff of the observatory. Although his regular occupation is not stated, Adamski is connected with the restaurant at Palomar Gardens,

LESLIE BELIEVES:

*Saucers are interplanetary, coming from within and without our solar system.

*Earth has constantly been visited since prehistory.

*Saucers were once built on earth and could be flown to other planets.

*Sound may have been a power source for the ancients, much as our modern science is based mainly upon the control of heat.

*Ancient manuscripts describe saucers and other marvels of prehistory.

*Saucers are not to be feared and likely are a blessing. The asteroid belt was once a planet whose scientists destroyed. Saucers are here to prevent that from happening to the earth.

though not the owner of it. He also states he has no college degrees.

Adamski first became interested in space craft in October, 1946, when during a meteor shower he saw an object like a giant dirigible in the sky, which soon pointed upward and shot out of view with a burst of flame. At the time he thought little of it, but the widespread talk of flying saucers, after Kenneth Arnold publicised them in 1947, led him to watch the skies. With two telescropes, one of which had a camera attached, Adamski said he was able to observe and photograph hundreds of saucers, though few of the photographs turned out well. Remarking about the comment of some people who wonder why he sees so many saucers, Adamski says that anyone can see them if he forms the habit of watching the sky. "These ships are there and they can be seen by those who look up whenever they are out of doors -- not always, but sooner or later the searcher will be rewarded."

But it was on November 20, 1952, at 12:30 noon, that Adamski got his closest look at a saucer, and talked with a long-haired man from Venus. Hearing that saucers had been landing in nearby deserts, presumably from groups of persons who had allegedly contacted the occupants, Adamski decided to try his own luck. Gathering four friends, his secretary and the proprietor of the restaurant, he set forth early one morning. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bailey, of Winslow, Ariz., Dr. and Mrs. George H. Williamson, of Prescott, Ariz., Mrs. Alice K. Wells, owner of Palomar Gardens and operator of the restaurant, and Mrs. Lucy McGinnis, his secretary (who we understand also owns part of the business). Adamski located the meeting spot, on a desert about ten miles from Desert Center toward Parker, Ariz., mainly by hunch, since he had developed the habit of following hunches or feelings. Stopping for a picnic lunch, the party noticed considerable aircraft circling the vicinity and then a large cigar-shaped craft. Following another hunch, Adamski told the rest of the party to wait while he went to a spot about a half mile from the highway. The ship seemed to follow the car as they drove him part of the distance to the location, then stopped when the car stopped.

Adamski spotted a small saucer drifting through a saddle between two mountain peaks and hurriedly turned his telescope on it, shooting pictures. Then the saucer disappeared. But soon afterward he was aware of a figure beckoning to him, which, upon closer observation, proved to be the person from the saucer.

The man had long hair, finely chiseled features, and was dressed in an odd one-piece suit, apparently without seams. The trousers

resembled ski pants, were rather full, and were held at the ankles as if by close-fitting bands. So were the arms drawn in at the wrists, and a band fitted around the waist. The man appeared to be about 28 years old and to weigh 135 pounds, was about five feet, six inches tall.

The man appeared friendly, was smiling, and Adamski hurriedly tried communicating with him. Although the person spoke in an odd language somewhat like Chinese and didn't understand English, Adamski states he was able to talk to him through sign language and mental telepathy.

He had come here from Venus, it developed, though flying saucers came from many different planets, including those in our solar system and from outside. All of the planets in our solar system are inhabited, according to the visitor, and his job appeared to be checking on radiations caused by atomic bombs. To express the danger of the bombs to our own earth, the visitor pointed to the ground and said, "Boom! Boom!" The man believed in God, though led Adamski to believe that on his planet people adhere more to the laws of the Creator than man does on materialistic earth. Physically, men from all over the universe are much alike, the visitor observed.

The Venusian objected to being photographed, so Adamski didn't insist, though the man asked for one of the photographic plates that had been exposed earlier promising to return it later. Refusing the disappointed Adamski a ride in the saucer, which was nearby, the visitor concluded the interview, got into the contraption and sailed away. Twenty-three days later the saucer buzzed Palomar Gardens and dropped the photographic plate to the ground. Upon development it disclosed curious writing, reproduced in the book.

THE SAUCERMAN SAID:

*People like us live on other planets.

*They visit the earth.

*They do not land in populated areas for fear of violence.

*There have been many landings and will be more.

*They believe in a Creator.

*Their saucers are operated by the "law of attraction and repulsion."

*They are here because of the Bomb.

*Saucers are transported through space in mother ships.

*The small disks are "television eyes" and can be destroyed by remote control.

*We have been responsible for many saucerman deaths.

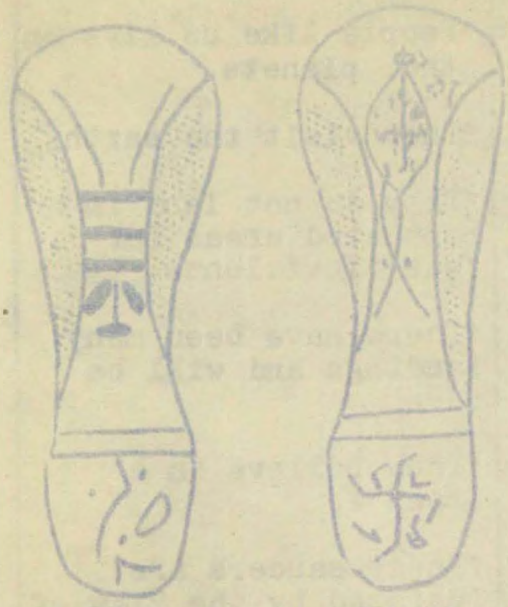
*Men from Venus now walk among us unnoticed.

The visitor also left footprints at the site of the desert meeting (see illustration on next page), and casts of these were made with plaster of Paris, disclosing more symbolic markings. Experts are trying to decipher the messages and a book on the subject is promised for future publication.

Although the desert photographs were spoiled, apparently by radiation from the saucer, the pictures taken of the saucer on its return visit are corkers. They show the saucer in great detail, including interesting ball-type landing gear, and also are reproduced in the book.

We have tried to sum up the book in a literal manner because there

FOOTPRINTS OF THE MAN FROM VENUS



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Adamski said these footprints were left by the visitor. Shaded areas show extent of the wedge-like built-up part of the sole. Two lines in front of heel indicate the instep.

is little chance of proving or disproving either part of it. Leslie's theories of early saucers are connected with ancient manuscripts, admitting of a pay-your-money-and-take-your-choice interpretation. We hereby refuse to get into the subject of ancient manuscripts, for the present saucer situation is confusing enough; and our profound ignorance of the various ologies involved is enough to make us throw up our hands. Even if they could be discredited, Leslie's theories are so darned interesting we don't want to try and kick them around.

As far as picking Adamski's story apart, we believe that also is quite impossible, for it seems to border the fields of religion and philosophy, precarious grounds on which we refuse to roam.

Apparently Adamski had witnesses, but they were a half mile away. One of them had a movie camera, and Adamski does make what seems to be a weak excuse for not photographing the cigar-shaped craft. While it was hovering, the lady with the camera was too nervous to adjust the camera; by the time she had adjusted it, the ship was moving. Knowing most movie cameras, we can say there isn't much adjusting to do, and we wonder why she didn't shoot after the thing started moving again. Adamski doesn't mention whether they shot any movies of the meeting, but maybe it was too far away. One of the witnesses did watch the proceedings through binoculars and was able to draw a sketch of the visitor.

There is a tone of honesty we get from the book, and we rather believe that Adamski is telling the truth as he sees it. But we receive another coexistent impression: that there probably was a flying saucer, and an alien life form, but that interpretation of such stimuli could have been much different if seen from the viewpoint of a different observer. The religious tone of the experience is evidenced by Adamski's remark, "Yet there was and is an inexpressible joy for the privilege I had been given of glimpsing friends from a world beyond this Earth--and the ecstasy of a visit with one of them." Evidently it was an experience of worshipful adoration, much the same as may have happened, we feel, many times in the past, by people who wrote religious works.

After all, there was no communication by actual language as we know it; talking was done with sign language and telepathy, both admitting of possible errors of interpretation. And more and more we believe that saucers come nearest being that which is "all things to all men." We believe saucerians behave much like terrestrials believe they behave. The little men seen by devilish terrestrials probably have horns; it is greatly to Adamski's credit, by this reasoning, that the visitor appeared to be kind and good, Christ-like in demeanor and speech. If our inferences be logical, surely Adamski, regardless of what he saw that day in the desert, and how accurately he has reported

the occurrence, has a charitable and benignant soul. For he would see only good coming to manking from the saucers, a reflection, perhaps, of his own hopes and ideals.

But whether charlatan or prophet, crackpot or sage, the Palomar saucerhunter has written an interesting, if not always literary, story.

And whether factual or faked, Adamski's photographs, appearing in liberal numbers throughout the volume, are interesting. We would point out, however, that Plate 10, showing a saucer said to be photgraphed by August C. Roberts over New York in July, 1952, does not fit in with the caption. Roberts did take a photo on that date, but it did not come out well, though it has been reproduced widely. The photograph reproduced in the book is what Roberts terms one of his "flash bomb photographs," taken at an earlier date, while the Air Force was conducting an experiment with flash bombs. Roberts, not interested in saucers at that time, took routine photographs of the tests, but did not make prints until a year or two later, when the occasion for examining the negatives disclosed the odd object pictured. Roberts, who is an experienced photographer, cannot figure how any lens reflections or other technical flaws could have produced the images, and experts to whom he has submitted the shots agree with him. Although some of the "saucers" in other photos appeared underneath the flash bomb explosions, the picture reproduced in the book is a time exposure with a street lamp in the foreground. The saucer-like object seems to be material, illuminated by the street lamp.

Critics have accused Adamski of faking the entire lot of pictures, and letters-to-the-editors columns have pointed out the similarity of the Venusian saucer to table lamps. The book quotes Pev Marley, associate director of photography for Cecil B. DeMille's THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH, who stated that if faked, the photographs were the cleverest he had seen. We wrote a letter to Marley, to check his statement, but received no reply.

In an article prepared for SAUCERS, publication of Flying Saucers International, Hollywood, Calif., Adamski stated he recognized several saucermen circulating among the crowds attending the organizations recent convention in Hollywood. Adamski feels the visitor didn't want his picture taken for fear its publication might set the public wise to the appearance of saucermen, so they might be recognized, a perilous thought for aliens, considering that a frightened public might tear them to pieces.

Further comment on Adamski is furnished by a SAUCERIAN correspondent who has visited him at Palomar Gardens. "I met Adamski about a year ago in his cafe on the road to Palomar Observatory. He is a very pleasant chap and quite an extrovert. Upon nearly every occasion I have visited him he has entertained the people at the cafe by striking up conversations about the saucers. Here are some of the things I have heard him say: 'The government is shooting down saucers with cosmic rays'; 'Saucer people are living incognito among us. On one occasion on a back road a car overturned and a saucerman set the car upright and hurried off before he could be thanked'." Adamski also said he couldn't photograph the man he met on the desert because he was a manifestation of too high a vibratory frequency." Another correspondent, telling of seeing Adamski on a TV show, said "He is a nice looking, older man. He spoke with an accent, and had a quiet, unassuming manner. When asked if he had actually spoken to a man from Venus, he raised his hand and said, "As God is my judge, I swear it is true'."

FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE, by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. Marine Corps (ret.), 276 pages, Published by Henry Holt and Company, New York City, $3.00.

It looked as if earth were in for a full-size invasion from Mars -- or some other equally hostile interplanetary location.

Keyhoe couldn't understand why the Air Force had cleared it, but there the release was, in his hands. And the byline was Colonel W. C. Odell, only the Air Force connection and rank couldn't be mentioned.

"PLANET EARTH -- HOST TO EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE"

That was the title, and the writeup developed one hair-raising suggestion : that some dying planet is seeking a new home. The writeup asked, dramatically, "Why should the earth be singled out?"

If the Utah films would scare the public, this would give them fits. Besides, the reporters might remember another statement from the International Medical Conference, about possible ways of prolonging life indefinitely, and the consequent overcrowding of the earth.

So Major Donald E. Keyhoe's cook's tour of an apparently befuddled Pentagon comes to an end with the Air Force still puzzled about what to tell the public about the disks.

Keyhoe believes the people are ready for the information, for "The American people have risen to supreme heights before." Then there is the possibility the Russians might claim they have the disks and stage an atomic invasion while Americans go into panic.

While Keyhoe knows a slick phrase when he types it, and lays it on with all the aplomb of a Hollywood "B" flicker script, he does bring a decided new note to saucerbooks: the idea that saucers may be hostile and it might be better to get ready to meet them with guns instead of Anglo-Martian dictionaries.

Of course there might be other reasons for the saucers, now almost officially termed interplanetary -- straight from the Air Force Press Desk of Albert M. Chop himself.

They might be concerned about our high-altitude rockets, and the possibility the earth might be ready for interplanetary flight. Or if the earth were blown up by the Bomb, or its orbit changed, other bodies in sour solar system would be affected, possibly disasterously. Or the saucerpeople might be running out of uranium and figure we had a plentiful supply, looking down on so many mushroom clouds. There is also a 50/50 possibility they mean no harm and have other reasons for the surveillance.

The green fireballs, seen mainly in the Southwest, must be guided missles, believes Keyhoe, but they don't bother him so much as the red spray cases. On three successive nights, at the same place and same hour, a red light came down at Albuquerque, N. M., to 200 ft. and exploded in a red spray. It seems the saucermen were deliberately demonstrating what they could do if they wanted to.

Bulk of the book is the tale of classified files and secret reports, and a revealing film that if released might cause a scare.

Obviously intended for the general public as well as saucerenthusiasts, FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE reads like a mystery thriller as Keyhoe delves into the intricacies of official secrecy and internal dissent over how to handle public relations on saucers. Three groups are involved. The first believes sightings should be made available to prepare the public for the solution, once it were found. The second group is afraid such information will scare the people, and the third group is composed of skeptics who just don't believe in flying saucers at all. Along with all this, Keyhoe works in the standard widely-publicised saucer sightings, with a few new angles and cases. There is the suspicious fate of a Northwest Airlines DC-4 that went into Lake Michigan and led Mutual commentator Frank Edwards to wonder if it collided with a saucer. It crashed after a prolonged flash in the sky. Only thing recovered from the lake were small fragments---no bodies.

Keyhoe attached great importance to "The Utah Pictures," an amateur color motion picture shot by a Navy warrant officer near Trementon, Utah. Keyhoe is told the film proves the objects photographed were round machines of some kind, making maneuvers no plane could duplicate. Apparently the Air Force and Navy cannot agree at the same time about whether to release them, and the subject kicks around through most of the pages. The Air Force had a notion to show them to the press and say they were birds, but felt the press wouldn't swallow it. It is not too clear why the pictures should put the public in a tizzy such as imagined.

The book could be a thing carefully planned by the powers that be, designed to prepare the people for more startling wordage to come, but we suspect the motivation is more mundane. The book is slickly written, and is selling extremely well, though Keyhoe alleges he is losing money because of the high cost of research between saucerbooks. Though quite a relief from more fanatical manuscripts now reaching print, the book will be a disappointment to the reader looking for revealing facts. Keyhoe is able to make routine speculation and few new facts intensely exciting, however, and knows how easy it is to read a book with conversation in it. For adding a frenzied excitement to prosaic goings-on in the Pentagon, the author is a master.

The reader unacquainted with checking facts may not suspect that many of Keyhoe's utterances may be over-dramatized. Take his handling of the West Virginia "monster" (see Sept., 1953 issue), for example. Keyhoe apparently reports newspaper stories and hearsay tales, and although the sources are usually qualified, the hasty reader will accept all of it as gospel. When he says it was rumored that two magazine writers were investigators in disguise, to many it automatically becomes fact. Since this incident happened almost within shooting distance of this writer's farm home, we likely would have heard about any magazine writers present. Far as we know, we were the only one there who might be remotely classified as a magazine writer, doing the story for FATE, and if we're an official investigator of any kind, it's a new one on us. I wrote Keyhoe asking for information needed in running down some of the statements, but he never did answer. I suppose he is quite loaded down with mail.

We have a report from another prospective saucerbook author, who recently was in Washington checking Air Force files and remarked, "I find that all the saucer sightings are apparently unclassified and I was able to see them without any Air Force clearance at all. Furthermore, Keyhoe never had any such clearance either and the material is available

to any other person sufficiently interested in saucers. I understand the 3500 sightings reports, including many photographs, at Wright Field, can also be viewed. Keyhoe is accurate as to facts in the reports but is very inaccurate as to the difficulties of finding out saucer information from the Government. The reports I read had 'Secret' and 'Confidential' written all over them, but apparently are not secret at all."

Really it all adds up to more of the organized confusion many suspect. Either that or the Air Force truly doesn't know how to handle the public information angle. And one is left with the suspicion that if such concern is held by the Air Force, there must be more startling information involved than contained in Keyhoe's book.

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Keyhoe's report on the Lake Michigan DC-4 crash reminds of of another item in the news, this one a few weeks ago. The "Flying Boxcar" that crashed during a paratrooper practice drop at Fort Bragg, N. C., on November 17, apparently hit something responsible for the accident. One of the survivors of the accident which killed fifteen men, five aboard and ten floating down in parachutes, said the plane hit something that "sounded like two automobiles hitting." Could it have rammed into a saucer?

I RODE A FLYING SAUCER, by George W. Van Tassel, 51 pages, Published by New Age Publishing Co., 1542 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif. $1.00. (Second edition, revised, here reviewed)

After reading George W. Van Tassel's account of how "I RODE A FLYING SAUCER," we had the feeling the saucermen should have dropped him overboard. For after building ourselves up after seeing the exciting title, we found he wasn't taken for a ride after all, at least in reality. In fact he doesn't even claim to have taken the trip: "The intelligences that operate the saucers <u>claim</u> I <u>was</u> abonrd."

The book contains mainly messages of the type Van Tassel says he receives from saucermen "while in attunement with the vibratory frequency of the communicating intelligence and usually in a state of involuntary physical sensing." Translated, this probably means a kind of trance mediumship. Maybe we'd better not spoil the book for you, but we can't resist quoting a typical saucerian communication:

"Greetings. I am senior in command, first wave planet patrol, from the realms of Schare. We have been instructed to contact this point at any time you are in session. We bring you our greetings and our power from the Center. Lutbunn."

Tons of the messages indicates some kind of military organization among the saucerpeople. They say they travel by polarized light direction, which is something like magnetism as we know it. One message indicated the saucers are protecting us from the cigar-type ships, which they are concerned about. Their greatest concern is evidenced about the H-Bomb, which Ashtar (commandant quadra section, patrol station Schare, all projections, all waves), declares will extinguish humanity if exploded.

Van Tassell gets these messages near a queer-looking rock near Twenty-nine Palms highway, in California. He recites them as received and someone takes them down in shorthand. Further messages from the saucerpeople will be disclosed in another book, to be published soon.

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CORRECTION

"The Wild Rumor Column (pages 31-32) mentions a meeting of scientists who found proof that extraterrestrial visitors were from Jupiter. This is incorrect--should read "Venus."

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

Thanks to all of you for your comments on THE SAUCERIAN, and for your subscriptions. We shall continue to produce the best publication within our power and financial limits. This issue was held up so long by the exigencies of our regular business that when it did come out it turned out to be quite bulky. In issuing such a volumnious SAUCERIAN we do not commit ourselves to this size all the time. To the reader seeing this issue as a sample copy, it's only fair to tell you the regular size runs around 30 pages, more or less.

While much of our material may turn out to be fiction someone has disguised as fact, we have dropped fiction as such from this issue, and may drop it permanently, depending upon what readers think. After all, even the truth about flying saucers is much more exciting than fiction.

With this issue we go on a quarterly publication schedule. Next issue may be out next month, in two months, or in four months, depending upon material and other conditions, but we definitely will have four issues per year. We still prefer to accept subscriptions on a six-issue basis, just in case we should step up publication frequency.

ABOUT THE NEXT ISSUE

Before this issue went to press, the next one was in the planning stages. A writer of a forthcoming saucerbook will give readers an inside look at West Coast saucerhunters, fact and foible. We hope to put you on the inside with Adamski, and tell you about the two authors (not Leslie & Adamski) who can't even agree on their own book, as to just what happened. You'll read about a stormy saucer club meeting, at which Robert Coe Gardner and Truman Bethurum "had it out."

Mars is coming closer, and we hope to give you a look at the Red Planet, with some amazing facts and figures in the next issue. We are in touch with a man who has gone so far as to make a time table of future saucer landings! For the inside on the saucers, and even a laugh here and there, better keep your eye peeled for THE SAUCERIAN!

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