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-- DEDICATION --

This issue is dedicated to August C. Roberts, of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has given the editor much assistance and moral support during the saucer hunt. It was he who gave us much help when we were a neophyte in the saucer mystery, and we give him our best wishes in his search for the truth behind the great enigma. G.B.

WE STILL NEED MATERIAL!!

THE SAUCERIAN needs clippings and information about saucer sightings, and other unusual phenomena such as you find in this and other issues. We also need articles of a speculative nature, concerning the you-know-whats. We cannot use fiction. Sorry, we can't pay for material, but you will be fully credited. Material can be long enough to cover the subject, but we reserve the right to cut it down to fit our space requirements. Art work is also solicited, but write first to learn requirements for photo-offset reproduction. Although we try to answer our mail promptly, we occasionally get behind, so we hope you'll understand.

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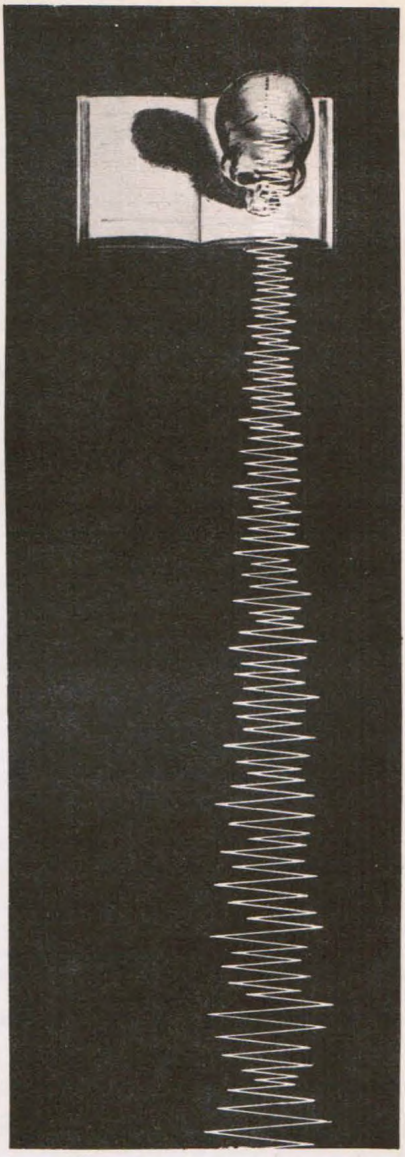

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EDITORIAL

After putting a 48-page issue to bed, and editorializing every now and then all through it, we're rather well run down at the mouth at this moment, but since it seems to be the custom for magazines such as this to have an editorial -- by gosh we'll have it!

But we'll try to make it short here and let our garrulity (Webster: "Incessant and inconsequent loquacity") spring out at you, instead, throughout the pages ahead. After you're through reading this issue, we'd like to know just what you thought about it -- bad comments welcomed too. Ourselves, we think it's the best we'ever brought out, but then we think that about all issues, after we've been working on them and are all enthusiastic about the new material. We don't commit ourselves to 48 pages all the time; it usually will be around 40 pages.

Some have written in asking what the "Exp." means on the little label on which your name and address appears on the mailing envelope. This is a new way of keeping track of when your subscription runs out, and it will provide that information to you, as your subscription progresses. For example, if the label on this issue reads, "Exp.6," that means your subscription will expire when you have received Issue No. 6, which will be our next issue.

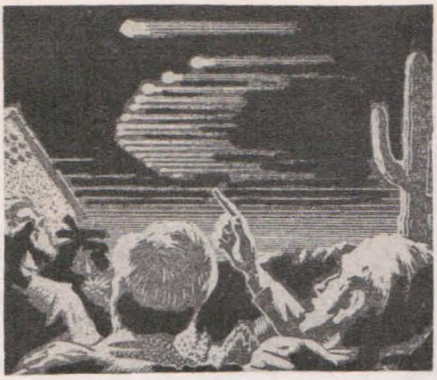
Incidentally, we would appreciate it if everyone who has that designation on his label would sit down right now and send in a subscription renewal. With THE SAUCERIAN improving issue by issue, naturally all this costs money, and we have to depend on our valued subscribers to help keep the ball rolling. Although the subscription list is growing fast, it will take a great many more subscriptions to reach a point where THE SAUCERIAN can break even. As you will note, we have, with this issue, increased the number of photographs and illustrations, and reproduction of this material costs additional money. We feel that with a growing subscription list THE SAUCERIAN will get bigger and bigger -- and better and better.

THE SAUCERIAN has never asked for donations, for it wanted to be strictly on its own, but here is something you can do for us if you like our publication and want to support it beyond the call of duty of subscribing. In this issue you will find some very reliable advertisers, and if you will buy their merchandise (just slightly mentioning THE SAUCERIAN when you write to them), it will assure our obtaining additional support from these advertisers. And we have no objection to your taking an ad with us yourself. Advertising rates and mechanical requirements will be sent upon your request.

To those who would like to receive a saucer magazine (and a very fine one!) every month, we recommend NEXUS, published by our own eastern editor, James W. Moseley. Although this magazine doesn't have as many pages as THE SAUCERIAN, it comes out more often and as a result some of the news is hotter. Price: 35¢ per single copy; $1.00 for four copies; $3.00 per year. Write NEXUS, P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, N.J.

We are in receipt of an even newer saucer publication, THE SAUCER SENTINEL, published (believe-it-or-not!) twice every month by D. W. Opperman, Olympic Publications, 6 Holland Court, Saginaw, Mich. Single copy 20¢; 3 issues 40¢, 6 issues 75¢, 12 issues $1.35. This is a neatly-mimeographed publication; current issue has seven pages. If you don't want to wait a month or longer for the latest saucernews, we suggest and recommend you send some coin to Mr. Opperman for his interesting and informative magazine.

THE SAUCER SENTINEL keeps abreast of the latest saucernews, publishes reviews of magazine articles and saucerbooks in short digest form. Maybe the reason we think this saucerzine is so good is because the editor kindly published a very (to this editor) interesting review praising THE SAUCERIAN considerably, and although we ourselves sit and read this review over and over again, unable to take ourselves from it, you will no doubt find the other features just as interesting. --G.B.



SAUCERNEWS

What's Doin' With the Saucers ----- Data Collected From Here and There

Saucerwise it had been an interesting year.

Mars was close again and with the Red Planet came teeming myriads of the unexplainable. Walter Winchell reported that Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce "swears she saw a flying saucer over Rome," and elsewhere it seemed that everyone else was seeing them.

The big Martian invasion some forecasted didn't come off, at least by press time. But as officialdom slightly changed its tune it seemed people were being readied -- for SOMETHING. Lt. Col. John O'Mara definitely "admitted" that saucers exist, and, in effect, stated they were interplanetary. In Germany Dr. Herman Oberth, V-2 rocket expert, added weight to the pro-space theory by announcing his beliefs in THE AMERICAN WEEKLY.

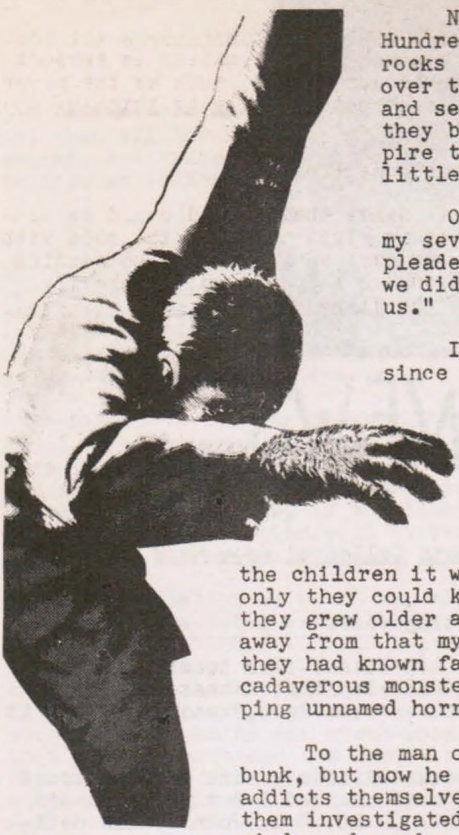
At a flying saucers convention at Giant Rock, Calif., Frank Scully, saucerbookauthor, made what was probably the most apt diskexpression of the year: "Flying saucers, like girls, are here to stay."

Elsewhere it appeared the H-Bomb was here to stay, though some wondered if we human beings were.

Europeans reported a widespread invasion of little men, floating in on magical barks of all shapes and sizes, including flying chamber pots. Whoever the little men were and whatever they were there for, they seemed very timid and uncommunicative, usually fleeing at the sight of humans of which they were probably more frightened than the humans were of them. One brave little gremlin departed from saucerian propriety when he ran up and kissed a farmer on the cheek (See "Little Men" article elsewhere this issue). Two taller saucerians offered some peasants a ride in their saucer, and when the offer was declined, took off, it seemed disappointedly.

With the deluge of saucermen in Europe, Australia was troubled by a rash of monsters. One of them, seen at Berri, near South Australia, was "six feet long, with an odd-shaped head and big eyes, and a scaly-backed body tapering to a long tail." Residents said it hissed at them from a tree from which it hung by a prehensile tail. That it was described as being "like an animal from another world" was perhaps the understatement of the year.

In Glasgow, Scotland, it was the children who sensed something wrong. Only they knew the grip of fear that led them, in a mob, to the city cemetery, shouting, "The monster must die."



Nobody knew how or why it all started. Hundreds of children armed with sticks and rocks overwhelmed gravediggers to swarm over the eight-ft. walls of the cemetery and search among the gravestones for what they believed was a huge, iron-toothed vampire that had strangled and devoured two little girls.

One mother told newsmen: "Last night my seven-year-old son ran home crying and pleaded with me to close every window. If we didn't, he said, the vampire would get us."

It was the biggest movement of children since the Pied Piper. Last reports had police still trying to stop the mobs, which included children just able to walk and little girls sobbing with fear.

To the educators it was comic books, or a science fiction movie playing at local theatres, but to the children it was something real. Just what it was only they could know, and only they could forget as they grew older and found themselves drifting farther away from that mystical land of childhood, where once they had known fairies dancing in the wood, or a cadaverous monster of the tombs, its foul teeth dripping unnamed horrors.

To the man on the street saucers had been the bunk, but now he wasn't so sure. It was the saucer-addicts themselves who were now skeptical, as some of them investigated the dark untrodden ways of the human mind, and wondered if craving emotions might not build saucers, and if the disks traveled on other but magnetic drives. But to those whose saucers were in the heart, it didn't matter too much.

The man on the street began to call them interplanetary as he enjoyed unaccustomed sophistry. But to the thinkers the interplanetary answer, if convenient, was still not quite enough. If people from other planets, even from distant stars, piloted the saucers, surely they were not people like ourselves; surely their sciences seemed to regard our touted laws of physics with the proverbial grain of salt -- if they have proverbs. If they have salt.

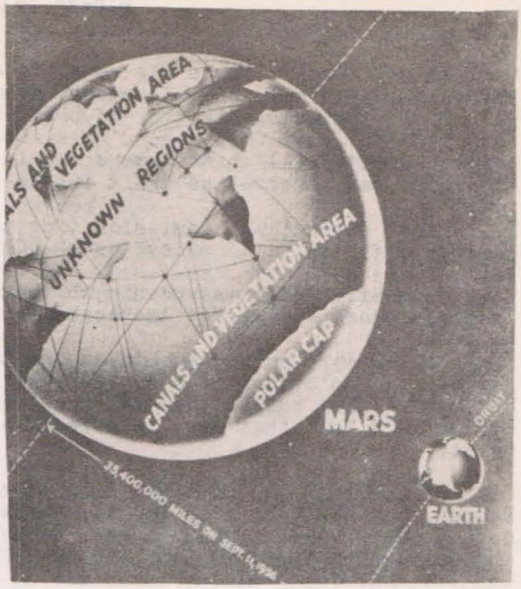
Meanwhile strictly earthian matters helped people pass the long summer days. The swallows came back to Capistrano, it looked like McCarthy would be censured, and Tin Pan Alley's newest headache was a 70-year-old dowager from St. Petersburg, Fla., who claimed her tune, "I'm Just a Puppy In Love," was written by her pet Pekinese, which barked out the melody to which she merely added the words.

A woman in England claimed she could see the moons of Jupiter with the naked eye, a West German Inventors' Society meeting featured an umbrella with a built-in lightening arrestor, and a man in St. Johannesburg, South Africa, said he woke up to find that his false teeth had been dissolved by the whisky he had drunk, or so he complained to the South African Bureau of Standards.

In Madrid a 74-year-old waiter hasn't slept in 31 years, he told three doctors. "In 1922 my fiance eloped with a frontier guard, the day before we were to be married. Ever since I haven't slept a wink." He goes to bed at 11:30 and stays there until 8 a.m., but doesn't sleep, for "I just think and think and think," he said."

San Francisco scientists said they were planning to grow "fantastic forests"of limbless trees, stain them with decorators' colors, and then

fell them by powerful atomic beams. All this can be accomplished in 50 years, they said. And the Tass News Agency said Russian scientists had invented the helicopter two centuries ago, on July 12, 1754.



Life On Mars

Maybe it was the impending saucer showdown that made people gay and zany, or maybe such foibles were normal, and probably happened every summer when the sun was hot and bright. In Little Rock, Ark., for example, the Planet Mars Development Corp. was formed by three men "to subdivide and convey title of such area or areas to persons for suitable renumeration."

The incorporators, Rex Sutton, George B. Pratt and R. B. Ramsey, had articles of incorporation drawn up and submitted to the secretary of state.

Mars would be a dream planet on which to build a home, they pointed out, since a person would live twice as long (there are 687 days in a year) and since Mars has a mean temperature of 48 degrees, which they described as "not too hot, not too cold."

Because there are no mountains, road building should be easy. There would be no drainage or irrigation problems: <u>there is no water</u>.

In Phoenix, Ariz., a county recorder accepted a claim, filed by Harold Rothman, for 100,000 acres of the moon. Earlier two men of Sweickeley, Pa., had their claim to a similar area of moonland turned down by the Bureau of Land Management with the excuse that the sovereignty of the United States has not yet been extended to the moon.

News about Mars was at last leaking out from the Mars Committee, which went to Bloemfontein, South Africa, this summer, to study the planet.

"Mars is alive, it has to be," said Dr. E. C. Slipher, one of the committee, from the National Geographic Society and Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Ariz. Now studying 20,000 photographs and a mass of data gathered from the study, Dr. Slipher said preliminary work uncovered new evidence that plant life, at least, exists on Mars.

"If things did not grow there, changing with the seasons, dust from the red deserts of Mars would have settled long ago over its entire face. The planet would be all one color."

He believes any vegetation on Mars must be "extremely simple in nature." With little oxygen and less water, "there seems less than scant possibility that any animal life similar to earth's could exist under Martian conditions."

But the casual reader would not see one word in the sentence: "...that any animal life <u>SIMILAR</u> to earth's..." If the Mars Committee had not found out too much, and the lack of Martian news from that source had been scarce for that reason instead of an official clamp down, Dr. Slipher added there would be another chapter in the exciting serial, because, he said, the investigations were only a dress rehearsal for September, 1956, when Mars will come even closer. With Mars then only 35,000,000 miles away, contrasting to 1954's 40,300,000, who knows what may be seen? Or what already has been seen?

O'Mara Talks!

Either the Air Force was ready to end the official secrecy or the spokesman was simply in a desultory mood, but in an interview with Leonard H. Stringfield, director of CRIFO (Civilian Research, Interplanetary Objects), Lt. Col. John O'Mara, Deputy Commander, Intelligence, in effect admitted (1) that saucers are interplanetary, and (2) that the U.S. also has saucer-like craft in the skies.

First sensational admission (for the Air Force) was that flying saucers definitely "do exist" as the Colonel put it.

Then Stringfield asked him whether there were two kinds of saucers: interplanetary and secret American missiles.

Col. O'Mara corrected him on the term, "missile," but, as we understand it, didn't admit flatly that the Air Force has saucer-like craft. But when O'Mara suggested a third category be added, "natural phenomena," Stringfield felt that was, in effect, an admission that our own saucers exist.

Stringfield couldn't get a definite statement on the interplanetary saucer, but was told that the Air Force was "gradually getting more data." When asked if all saucers seen by Americans were U. S. devices, the Colonel replied, "Definitely not! Something does exist!"

A statement will be forthcoming soon, which will explain some of the past contradictions in reports released by the Air Force, the Colonel led Stringfield to believe.

Other pertinent information from O'Mara: the "earth satellites" being investigated at White Sands, N.M., are not necessarily "rocks," since he had not received word they were "rocks," but that scientists in White Sands were "still working very hard and have lots of things to work on"; the Mars Committee has remained silent about their recent findings because "they are in disagreement" as to what they found.

Was Jet Crash Result of UFO?

Near Utica, N.Y., a starfire jetfighter crashed and killed four people, after being sent up after what some surmised must have been a UFO.

The pilot and radar-man survived the crash, on July 3, by bailing out when the cockpit became unbearably hot. The mission was officially described as "an active air defense intercept mission," which was "successful," though nothing was said of what the plane, armed with rockets, was sent up to intercept. The plane killed the four people when it crashed into a car and buildings.

If it was a UFO the jet was after, this might be a parallel with the Mantell case, though with a happier ending.

A stewardess and a passenger were injured on April 15 when the pilot of a United Air Lines DC-3 threw the plane into a steep bank over Long Beach, Calif., to avoid what he said he thought was an approaching plane, though no planes were known to be in the immediate vicinity.

The plane was 5,000 ft. over Long Beach when the pilot thought he saw the lights of another plane approaching him on a collision course. When reporters tried to reach the pilot they were told, "The Captain has had a rough day and I don't think you ought to bother him."

Flying Cigar Over Rome

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

"The sound from this object was not the usual whine of a jet plane or the droning of an ordinary plane. Rather it was like approaching

thunder, but with a staccato effect, a series of explosions that grew louder as the object got closer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flying cigars were also being seen in Southern Finland, and elsewhere in Europe there was a rash of "little men" reports, many of them connected with cigar-shaped craft.

In Yugoslavia authorities were making a "serious investigation" of shiny "ellipsoidal" objects which zipped through the skies over that country, trailing bluish tails, for half an our on October 25. An official emphasized the mystery was being "taken very seriously," said the objects were reported by astronomical observatories, weather bureaus, airfields, and hundreds of amateur observers, but that the official attitude was one of reserved silence until the investigation was completed.

NEWS FLASH

SCIENTIFIC CASE FOR THE U. F. O.

The LIBRARY RESEARCH GROUP of WASHINGTON, D. C., is enthusiastic in announcing that, at long last, the Positive, and Scientific, case for the U. F. O. is to be presented by a Scientist, in book form. The negative stand of certain scientists, based merely on the smug statement that "There ain't no sich animal",will be refuted with diverse data from their own professional archives, with endorsement by a popular radio commentator. Many "Oddities" of the past have been marshalled in support of U.F.O. activity,covering many thousands of years. There are some astounding revelations; particularly of Astronomical observations of the U.F.O. in their natural space habitat,which is now disclosed forthe first time.There are explanations of the forces used;analyses of speed and acceleration Formations and Mother-ships seen by 19th Century Astronomers; Russia's possible part in U.F.O. manifestations and explanations of the solid,but invisible, masses showing such terrific accelerations.SAUCERIAN Readers are invited to make reservations for the first 1000 numbered copies to be autographed by the Astronomer Author, who tells you where to look in space for the Mother-Craft of the U.F.O. Please do not forward any money until requested to do so, but you may specify COD shipment for when the book comes off press

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Frank Edwards Fired

When Frank Edwards, saucerenthusiastic newscaster, was dismissed by his sponsor, the American Federation of Labor, many jumped to the conclusion that his frequent references to flying saucers was the reason.

But apparently the disks were not a major factor. In a communication to THE SAUCERIAN, Edwards stated: "I doubt that the UFOs had much to do with my dismissal by the AFL. George Meaney, AFL president, mentioned them in desperation because he dared not admit the real issue was censorship....I could not live with my conscience if I permitted him to compromise my principles."

We understand the main issue was the request that Meaney be allowed to screen all scripts used on the program, and to limit Edward's freedom in ferreting out the real news behind standard Washington press handouts.

"At one time," said Meaney, "he asked his audience whether they wanted him to continue his nightly broadcasts on flying saucers. We were swamped with mail about flying saucers, and saucers are not what we are especially interested in." To ask listeners to write in concerning their views on specific questions was in violation of a policy directive, according to another AFL spokesman.

Edwards

Edwards received thousands of communications from listeners as a result of his radio request, and they were 500 to one in favor of saucernews. We understand the present commentator, Harry Flannery, who doesn't push saucernews, is not holding the wide audience enjoyed by Edwards.

After going off the air Edwards published an article, "They're Not Telling You the Truth About the Spies From Outer Space," in the November issue of REAL magazine, in which he blasted official secrecy surrounding saucers.

Six Cities See Fireball

A mysterious fireball that Dr. Lincoln La Paz, meterologist at the University of New Mexico, termed "something queer," flashed across six New Mexico cities in late September, and in Sante Fe was seen by hundreds of spectators at a high school football game.

Described as yellowish white, gradually changing to a "blinding" bluish-green, and appearing "like a tremendous sky rocket," the fireball resulted in hundreds of telephone calls from worried citizens.

Dr. La Paz, who has investigated the mysterious green fireballs that mystified that section of the nation in past years, said the object was not a meteorite nor an ordinary fireball. It disrupted radio and TV reception, with interference that negated all the anti-interference devices in use by airport radiomen.

"Interplanetary" Thinks Rocket Expert

Dr. Herman Oberth, who helped build Germany's V-2 rockets in World War II, believed flying saucers were "Vikings from another planetary system."

In an article for THE AMERICAN WEEKLY he believed the saucers have been sent out to "conduct systematic, long-range investigations, first of men, animals and vegetation, and more recently of atomic centers, armaments and centers of armament production."

Since the possibility of life on other planets in our solar system rule out saucers from planets we know, Dr. Oberth believes they are coming from a planet revolving around another star, such as our sun, but far out in space.

He didn't believe they were here as invaders, but only for scientific investigation. Since they probably are from some planet with a

set of conditions entirely different from ours, they probably would not resemble humans in appearance nor in adaptation, and would probably find it as difficult to live on the earth as we would find living on the bottom of the sea. That point, Dr. Oberth thinks, is probably fortunate, since there would be little likelihood of such saucerians getting the idea to colonize us.

Why have they not communicated with earth? Probably because they have no common ground or method of communicating. Maybe the only way they can communicate is by some sort of ray or para-psychological power, which only some humans have developed, as telepathy, to any extent. It might be a good idea to try radio signals on them, he concluded.

While some saucerenthusiasts debated the logic of Dr. Oberth's theories, others felt the article was a "plant," another move by the powers-that-be to gradually prepare the public for the eventual shock of learning they are being visited by intelligences from another world -- an announcement that might now come any day. What would the reaction be; would they stampede as some did when they heard Orson Wells' "Martian" broadcast? What would be the effect on religion and man's great ego when he found out he was not alone in the universe? Would he repudiate his religion for an era of materialism, or would he ascribe religious connotations to the disks, creating a pantheon of new gods? To those pondering these questions it seemed only time would tell.

Little Men With Magnetic Rays

The mystery of the widespread windshield pitting which gave many cause for wonder the past spring was strictly saucerdoings, according to Dr. Hans Larsen Loberg, Norwegian scientist and chief of an investigating team looking into a saucer crash on the tiny island of Helgoland, in the North Sea off the German coast.

The secret investigation, reported by SIR magazine and other sources, was said to disclose that the crashed saucer carried instruments to produce magnetic rays, and Dr. Lobert believed there was some connection between the magnetic powers of the disks and the windshield mystery.

Although the landing was forced, the saucer was relatively undamaged, according to reports which had the bodies of seven men, burned beyond recognition, found near the craft.

Investigators regarded the saucer from a safe distance for a couple of days, then went inside it and looked around. There were no bolts, rivets or screws on the saucer, and two metals were found that were "entirely unknown to us on earth at this time." Outer shell of the ship was light, resembled aluminum, but fifteen thousand degrees Farenheit failed to melt it down. The craft was so light two men could easily lift one side of it.

Inside were wall-enclosed bunks, the inevitable container of heavy water, a mysterious radio device, and books in unknown script as yet undeciphered.

The little men found near the saucer were believed to have been thrown out of it. Their clothing had been burned off, and they appeared to be between 25 and 30 years old. They were about 5' 8" high, were described as having "excellent teeth."

Another familiar-sounding bit of data was that the saucer was 91 ft. in diameter, the cabin 70 ft. and that "all the dimensions are divible by seven."

This report is either confirmatory to the Scully story (in BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS), widely denounced as a hoax, and other reports which have come to the attention of THE SAUCERIAN -- or it is the same story in a slightly different dress. When a SAUCERIAN reader sent in two bucks for a subscription for Dr. Loberg, the airmail letter we sent, and the magazine itself, addressed "Olso, Norway," were returned "unknown." And when Mrs. Walton Colcord John checked up on Dr. Loberg at the Norwegian Embassy and the Library of Congress, she could find no proof he existed!

Odd Shaped Saucers

Saucers were coming in all shapes and sizes. While flying cigars were being reported in Europe and elsewhere, other odd things were being seen.

A school teacher at Kapunda, Australia, said he and some others had seen a "flying umbrella," or something very much like one. It could not have been a plane, the observers declared, as they speculated if it could be a guided missile from the Woomera rocket range.

In Sydney, Australia, a resident swore he had seen a "flying bus," or it might have been a "flying railway carriage." It was described as "a glowing object which approached from the north, at a height of about 1000 ft. It looked like a single-decker bus, about 440 ft. long and 30 ft. wide." Several other people saw the object, one of whom said colored flames were shooting out the back of the thing.

Elsewhere in Australia Capt. Douglas Barker, a veteran airways pilot, reported seeing a "semi-transparent object, shaped like a mushroom with a stalk, oscillating rapidly in and out of the thin cloud and traveling faster than any jet."

In England a Mr. B. James, of Newton-road, Cheltenham, saw a brilliant silver disk, "like a flying dustbin lid," high in the sky.

It is rather hard to picture what was meant by "a saucer standing up," but that was exactly what Mrs. Helen Gardner, of Davenport, Iowa, reported seeing.

In Alaska, William Spain, a pilot, recalled seeing, in 1952, a saucer he could describe in no other way than a "flying dumbbell." He was flying a Grumman Good at an altitude of 2000 ft. on his way from Sitak to Angoon, when he saw the peculiar object, on the level with his plane and flying at right angle to him two miles ahead.

The object appeared to be two metallic balls connected by what appeared to be a rod. There were no lights on it and no windows. When Spain made a right turn to follow it, he had to turn into the sun, and when he came out of the blinding light he couldn't see the object any longer. He was positive that what he saw was a solid object of some kind and not a reflection. "The weather was clear," he said, "and I got a good look at it." A check with local Coast Guard, National Guard and weather bureau officials failed to disclose release of any balloons which might fit the description.

Eric Marshall Hardy, an angling expert and author, had an explanation for strange globe-shaped objects racing across the skies in Twickenham, Richmond and Putney, England. He said they were flying soapsuds.

They were whipped up by the winds from one of the Thames tributaries he reasoned, where detergents and soap powder washed in from thousands of kitchen sinks.

In Stropshire, Hereforshire and Worcester six saucers, which had created quite a sensation,were explained by a garage man who works near a sewage farm. He had seen the six saucers, really soap bubbles, take off, he said, and remarked it often happened when the weather was warm.

Saucer Bends Light Beam

John Otto, saucer lecturer of Chicago, believed almost anything can happen, even with so-called "natural laws," when saucers are involved.

He exhibited blow-ups from 16mm movie frames showing a searchlight picking up a saucer. What the original photographer hadn't noticed, however, was most interesting to Otto, who discovered that although most frames showed the saucer stopping the light beam, in one frame the saucer moved and the beam of light bent to follow it as if the light had been

sucked after the object!

Otto's pet dream is a national TV program, devoted to flying saucers, and calls on researchers for assistance. Events such as the DesVergers and Adamski affairs would be dramatized, and people who had unusual saucerexperiences would be asked to relate their stories on the program.

Such a program, he feels, would also come in handy should there be a saucer landing of great public importance. And in the event saucer movies were released, whether authentic or faked, the TV show would be a good medium for mass reviewing.

Demand Ike Spill Saucersecrets

The Detroit Flying Saucer Club demanded that President Eisenhower bring the official secrecy surrounding saucers to an end in a petition sent to Washington in September:

"We ask that our government come forward and make an honest and forthright acknowledgment of these phenomena, and inform the citizens of such pertinent facts as are now available.

"Such a clear acknowledgment, emanating from the head of our nation, might divert mankind's attention from the spectre of impending atomic war," the petition read in part.

At the meeting at which the petition was announced, Desmond Leslie, co-author with George Adamski of FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED and a cousin of Winston Churchill, told members the saucer people are "far superior to us."

"With no wars, they're thousands of years in advance of us. Look what they could teach us. In fact, it is possible they are trying to save us from ourselves -- from the oblivion of an all-out atomic war."

Leslie said he was showing a saucermovie outdoors to 700 people in California recently when four saucers suddenly appeared above the group. "I just turned off the projector and the rest of the show was on the house." Leslie was in California working with Adamski on a forthcoming saucerbook.

Yapping Dogs Scare Saucers

Seventy saucerenthusiasts who thought they might contact saucerians telepathicaly got a disappointment near London, when the spacemen failed to show -- either mentally or materially.

But several in the party brought along their dogs, which, when they got together, set up such a yapping that it was the general concensus the confusion had discouraged any visitations from the blue.

"Of course a flying saucer did not come," one woman complained to reporters: "If some people will bring their dogs how can we possibly project our thoughts into space? Just think what harm a few yapping dogs do to such an experiment."

The group, a band of archaeologists and spiritualists at Avebury, Wiltshire, had trekked to ancient stone age ruins, feeling the monolithic remains and the weird windswept plains would be the perfect setting for the attempted communications.

One of the spiritualists, George King, said he had some limited success, had contacted a party on Venus who said Venusians wanted to help humans because they were frightened about what was being done with the Bomb.

As to coming to Earth right away, Mr. King's Indian Guide, "Grey Fox," had pregnant comments: "Some of you would be frightened if we came today. There is too much difference of opinion on earth."

But if they failed to find saucers, it could be agreed the dogs had a lot of fun.

Saucers Puzzle Policemen

Back from a hunting trip in the High Sierras, Los Angeles Police Sgt. Al Barr and four other officers reported seeing an amazing aerial object above their camp seven miles west of Bridgeport, Calif.

While they watched through binoculars, Barr said, the officers saw the object, shooting flames of red, green, orange and blue, move and stop, rise and drop, before emitting a brilliance greater than any of them had ever seen.

They all agreed the strange object had been watched for almost four minutes shortly after 9:30 p.m. on September 26.

Another policeman, Jack Prince, of Barstow, Calif., was also puzzled by an aerial object, this one surrounded by an orange light with red around the outer edge. It also had a bright light apparently attached to the main body, and the light emanating from the thing seemed to slowly wane in intensity, Prince said. After about 30 minutes it disappeared in the direction of Los Angeles. Four other witnesses were present.

Another puzzled policeman, Sgt. Charles Hughes, of South Pasadena, Calif., turned in the following report:

"While on routine patrol checking for stolen cars we proceeded to a hill overlooking Sheep's Hollow. Upon reaching the top of the hill, we stopped for a few minutes, and then started back down the hill. As we completed a turn and were heading north, an object flashed across the sky about midway of the windshield.

"The object appeared to be about two ft. in diameter and oblong. The object appeared to be a subdued blue and traveling at a high rate of speed. In fact, the object was traveling so fast that from the time we saw it until it disappeared from view the time elapsed was 1½ second. It looked to be about 500 to 600 ft. in the air."

Two other officers witnessed the same thing. No exhaust was seen, nor was there any sound, according to Sgt. Hughes.

UFOs Sighted At Airport

Comdr. Robert W. Jackson, a Navy officer stationed at the McDonnell Aircraft Corp. plant, saw a black object over the Lambert-St. Louis, Mo., Airfield, on August 27, which he estimated to be eight or 10 ft. in diameter, 1000 ft. high and traveling about 230 miles per hour. Airport control tower personnel did not see it, however, but three witnesses with Comdr. Jackson did. The object disappeared after three or four minutes, traveling against the wind.

Earlier, on July 14, at least five employees of the McDonnell firm sighted another kind of object, an irregular-shaped milky-white cloudlike substance, described as about two ft. across and a foot thick. The weird amorphous mass was near the ground, was seen from a distance of 200 ft. or less while they were going to work. It was traveling at slow speed, made no noise, hopped over or swerved around objects such as automobiles and fences, made its exit by making a sharp right turn and climbing into an overcast sky. Both sightings were written up in AIRSCOOP, McDonnell employees' publication.

THE SAUCERIAN, hardened by the number of conventional sightings coming across the desk, feels cases such as the latter should be the ones most reflected upon. Here is something completely out of our realm of reason, by conventional scientific standards. It is quite easy to believe solid objects come from some other planet -- but this kind of UFO, having no solidity or shape as we would know it, makes one stop and consider the theories of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates a little harder: that saucers come from other dimensions than we know, do not consist of matter as we conventionally think of it.

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We have a war department, but not a department of peace.
....Truman Bethurum

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EUROPE INVADED BY

LITTLE MEN

THEY COULDN'T BELIEVE THEIR EYES!

-- By The Editors --

It was a sunny August day, and two Norwegian women, Mrs. Aasta Solvang and her sister, Edith Jacobsen, were picking berries.

Suddenly a man came out from behind some nearby bushes. He looked like an ordinary man, but for the long black hair.

The sisters were frightened at seeing a strange man pop out from behind the bushes, but he appeared so friendly they decided not to run. He stepped toward them.

"One of us," the sisters said, "addressed him in Norwegian, French, and German. If he understood us, he didn't act like it, for he apparently didn't catch a word of what we said. Then he withdrew a piece of paper and started drawing circles and what looked like pictures of various heavenly bodies on it."

They took a better look at the man. He was about 25 or 30, was fine featured with a dark, olive complexion, brown eyes and long black hair "that glistened like a raven's wing in the sunlight. There was certainly nothing sinister about him, because you couldn't help but feel friendly toward him."

But the surprises kept coming. Failing to make them understand his writings, he led them to an unusual-looking machine, which resembled two deep saucers sandwiched together and was about 15 ft. across.

Then the visitor opened a hatch on the thing, but the sisters could see no opening nor door of any kind before he opened it. He crawled inside and in a few moments the machine rose from the ground, whirling first slowly, then rapidly.

Then it disappeared "at incredible speed."

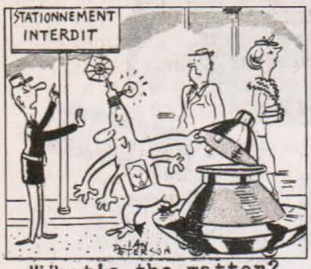
Soon after the story hit the press it was "explained." An American pilot, Baily Faurot, stationed at a base in Stuttgart, Germany, said he had landed in the Norwegian hills in his helicopter and talked to two women. This explanation was offered by a Norwegian mechanic who said he talked to Faurot at Fornebu Airport, but who did not explain how the two women could have described a helicopter as "two deep saucers sandwiched together."

Landings In France

So went the first of a rash of stories of saucer landings and little men all over the world. The saucerians ranged from helmeted pygmies to a hairy creature with an orange corset, and their saucers came in a variety of sizes, shapes and colors. Witnesses were reporting flying

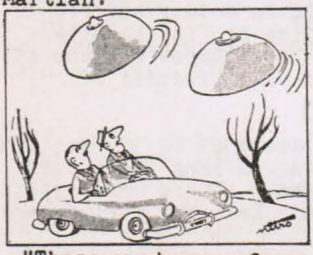
cigars, mushrooms, barrels, spheres and even flying chamber pots.

In Scotland Cedric Allingham has written a book about a meeting with a Martian in a wonderful machine, even took a blurred picture of the short, dark-haired man.



"What's the matter? Can't you read?"

"And I suppose that's a Martian?"



"Those must come from Venus!"

"Come on -- we'll show you OUR moon."
(France-Dimanche)

Above: French press kids little men landings in cartoons.

But most of the tales were from France. In Quarouble, near Lille, on the night of September 10, Marius Dewilde went outdoors to see what his dogs were barking at. There, parked on the railway at the bottom of his garden, was a 10 ft. oblong machine that looked like a cheese dish cover. Before Dewilde could make some appropriate exclamation, as Frenchmen are supposed to do, he spotted three small creatures about three ft. tall, walking along the tracks! The little men didn't have any arms, but they did have "enormous shoulders, and were wearing vast divers' helmets."

Dewilde must have been a fearless Frenchman, for he decided to take after the little men.

But wham!

A Green light shot from the saucer, paralyzing him, and the next thing he knew the thing was rising from the railway, hissing and emitting black smoke.

Police didn't believe the 34-year-old steelworker, but weren't so sure after they noticed scorched stones and strange markings on the railway, which suggested something with a tripod undercarriage had rested there.

Dewilde's story was somewhat confirmed, and a strictly Freudian note was injected, when, on the same evening, a farmer named Antoine Mazaud, of the Plateau of Millevaches in Southern France, told a similar tale.

He was walking home when he ran smack into a little guy wearing what he thought was a crash helmet. Although the farmer was not greatly frightened, he decided to play it safe and held up his pitchfork in a menancing manner.

But the small stranger wasn't offended: he held out his hand in a gesture of friendship, and when Mazaud put down his pitchfork the creature walked up, said a few unintelligible words and kissed him on the cheek.

Before Mazaud could recover his poise the saucerian climbed over a roadside hedge, hopped into a cigar-shaped contraption and zoomed away with a buzzing sound.

Another farmer, Yves David, of Chatterault, also met up with an affectionate saucerman. The little gremlin, dressed up like "a sort of diver," came up to him on a lonely road, caressed his arm and burbled unintelligible noises to him. Then it went off toward its saucer. This particular saucerian, however, shot a green ray at the farmer as the machine whizzed away, and this temporarily paralyzed him.

All over France the saucerians appeared to be friendly creatures, if somewhat timid. Except for a paralyzing ray, aimed at humans who got too nosey, it seemed they were trying to harm no one.

A hairy creature three ft. 11 in. tall, and wearing a large orange corset with a plush helmet, quickly scrambled into a 30 ft. cigar-shaped thing and flew away when a Frenchman, Gustave Narce, said "good morning" to it. This was on October 5 at 7:15 in the morning when Narce was riding a bicycle to work near Wassy and saw the saucerian climbing out of the craft. They stared at one another for a moment before the creature took flight.

On September 30 at 5:10 p.m. a flying mushroom, which seemed to be made from aluminum, left three deep imprints on the ground, apparently made by the three crutches it had rested on. Bernard Goujon and Armand Pichet were working on the road between Maisoncelles and Meaux when the eight ft. contraption settled gracefully nearby. When they started to take a closer look at it, the mushroom took off, "spiralling like an autumn leaf." One of the men said as he got close to it he seemed to become paralyzed. "I felt little pricklings as though I were being electrocuted. My head swam and I had the coldest sweat of my life."

Offered Ride In Saucer

And in the Gardunha Mountains near the Spanish border on September 24 two (in another report there were three) tall creatures dressed in aluminum suits offered three Portugese peasants a ride in their saucer.

In a letter to the Portugese newspaper, Diario De Lisboa, one of the peasants, Cesar Cardoso, told how he saw the saucer land on a mountain near the village of Almaseda, and three men, about six ft. seven inches tall, get out. They began to cut flowers, shrubbery and twigs and put them into a shiny box. When the tall saucerians spotted the peasants they walked over toward them and motioned for them to climb into the machine, but the offer was fearfully declined. They could see through the hatch of the saucer, where moving shadows could be discerned behind a semi-transparent central section.

When the offer was declined the strangers got into the saucer, and it rapidly disappeared, climbing vertically.

Elsewhere saucerian botanists were less polite while collecting specimens. In Florence, Italy, a peasant woman said two three-ft. men snatched a bunch of carnations out of her arms and then took off across the skies in a cylindrical machine.

One saucerian who met Roger Barrault near Lavous, France, was described as having brilliant eyes, an enormous mustache, and wearing rubbers. He also spoke Latin. Another, bearded, with a single eye in the middle of his forehead, asked Pierre Lucas, a Breton baker, for a light. Lucas was so disturbed over the incident he couldn't remember just what language the saucerian spoke.

And a traveling salesman of the Cotes-du-Nord saw a quite unusual phenomenon. It was a rose-colored flying cigar. Out of it stepped a zebra-striped creature which changed color, from red to green, like a chameleon.

Mayor Forbids Saucers

The situation in France grew so demanding that in the little village of Chateau-Neuf-Du-Pape, population 1600, the mayor issued a decree forbidding flying saucers to land. Ordering the local constabulary to impound any saucers that might disobey the order, he explained such a decree was necessary because the saucers "would be of a nature to disturb public order and the tranquility of the inhabitants."

THE SAUCERIAN, always fond of collecting instances of legislation against UFOs, was reminded of the Brush Creek, Calif., saucer, and Ralph Holton, enforcement officer for the Immigration and Naturalization

Service, who provided perhaps the world's first interpretation of immigration laws re little men.

"Brush Creek is not a port of entry," he said.

"Men from Mars are not citizens. Non-citizens are aliens. Aliens without visas issued by American Consulates cannot enter. There is no American Consul on Mars or anywhere else in outer space."

But such visitors would not be sent away without a hearing, according to Holton, who further observed, "It is inconceivable, however, that the outcome would be other than an order of exclusion and deportation to point of origin, aboard whatever carrier brought them here -- and at the carrier's expense."

A Mr. Pre at Locronan, France, published an ad in the Brest Telegramme offering a reward of 10 million francs ($28,000) to anyone "who brings me a live inhabitant of the planet Mars."

"Now remember--all back to the ship by eleven and no drunkenness. I don't want the local inhabitants making complaints."

Sunday Dispatch, London

Germans See Saucers

Germans were also seeing saucers. In Muenster a 42-year-old movie projectionist, Franz Hoge, said he watched some weird little men get out of a cigar-shaped craft. He first noticed a bright blue light and thought it must be a crashed airplane. But upon closer examination he saw the strange machine hovering about six ft. above the ground and giving off a brilliant blue radiance which nearly blinded him.

Then he saw four creatures about three and one-half ft. in height. They had "thick-set bodies, oversized heads and delicate legs," and wore rubber-like clothing. Hogue observed the machine and the little men for about ten minutes from about 200 ft. away, but was afraid to go any closer.

Russian Saucers?

If other saucerians had long black hair, kissed earthians and took on other Freudian connotations, a saucer pilot in Sardinia had a political axe to grind.

Giuseppe Milla claims to have seen "an aviator clad in luminous overalls" alight from the saucer. The aviator is said to have fled when Milla approached but to have left a package containing anti-Communist propaganda, printed in Hungarian, behind.

Freudian connatations?

A flying saucer pilot that spoke Russian and asked how far it was to the German border was reported by a Czeck workman from St. Remy near Epinal, France. The workman, Louis Ujvari, 40, told the police the saucerian, who held a revolver on him, was heavily-built, wore a crash helmet and shining epaulettes. He asked whether he was in Italy or Spain, then said goodbye in Russian. The saucer looked like "two air plates (whatever that is -- Ed.) face to face," with a periscope sticking out. As it flew away it made a noise like a sewing machine.

In Russia, where it was unpopular to see saucers, no sightings were reported. Don't worry about a saucer attack, the Communist party line assured the world.

They are not an unknown weapon, but simply large pieces of cardboard, wrapped in silver paper, attached to balloons and lighted with 15 lamps powered by a battery.

This statement came from the newspaper Contempranul, published in Communist Romania.

The Reds further reflected, "With this primitive instrument which it has brought to Europe, the United States wants to impress those people who believe American propaganda, and wants to stir up against Moscow a flying saucer psychosis."

Meanwhile some wondered why Russia, like the U.S. Air Force, was talking down saucers, as they recalled rumors of strange aircraft seen near the iron curtains. They wondered if there could be any truth to an article in the German picture magazine, FRANKFURTER ILLUSTRIETRE (Nov. 14 & 21, 1953 -- See Feb., 1954 SAUCERIAN), about the captured German scientist, Dr. Walter Lewetzow, generally regarded as a crackpot, but whose anti-gravity theory, it was said, had been developed into a power source by the Russians, who were actually powering saucers with it.

The Germans were also having a crack at theorizing. Hans Haffner, an eminent German astronomer of Hamburg, had the opinion that the saucers -- apart from those which could be classed as hallucinations or reflections in the air -- were "balls of lightening at great heights." All this in an article in the West German weekly newspaper, Die Zeit.

Fact Or Fiction?

THE SAUCERIAN wondered if most of the little men tales were hoaxes or of the imagination, touched off one by the other. Or if they were mainly true, it would seem there were a variety of saucers and saucerians giving earth a look-see.

In England, Patric Campbell, who writes a popular column, "Patric Campbell's Piece," for the Sunday Dispatch, said the stories "all have an increasingly powerful tendency to make me think."

"The arrival of these spacemen will, of course, have a profound effect upon all existing international and racial animosities. Broadly speaking, indeed, the arrival of the spacemen might well bring about in a few moments the ideal of world unity that has eluded for centuries the most devoted efforts of human beings.

"Personally, however, I have less interest in the global effect of such a landing than in the question of what for the love of Mike I'm going to do when I see one of these child-size figures in transparent sacking looking at me, with intentions I cannot possibly define.

"I don't imagine...that I shall jump up immediately and rush out of my shed, extending the glad hand of welcome. There's bound to be an interval of several minutes for prickings, vertigo, cold sweat and shortage of breathing. It will be up to me, then, to demonstrate that my feelings toward the visitor are warmer and less susceptible to change even than the love of Romeo for Juliet, or vice, if necessarily versa. Because, of course, I shan't know for some time if the visitor is male or female -- or whether the visitor thinks I'm male or female. Indeed, under the circumstances, I'll be pretty lucky if I know myself.

London Dispatch

"But how can I find a practical method, in which there must lie no possibility of misunderstanding, of showing this great love? I'm not so sure about the glad hand of welcome. I can't see if the visitor's got any hands, himself. If I advance upon him, sticking out five pink tubes, he may think it's my death-ray gun and let me have a taste of his before we have a chance to clear up the confusion.

"What about smiling? I have no guarantee that they have smiles where he comes from. I don't even know if they've got teeth. If he sees me bearing down upon him with a great gap in my face fitted with two snapping, serrated edges, he may think I'm going to bite him in the helmet and let in the deadly terrestrial air."

Some who felt that saucers and psychology have something in common asked famous Swiss psychiatrist, C. G. Jung, what he thought about the little men landings.

"Something is being seen," said Jung. But he added:

"What is seen may be, in the case of a single observer, a subjective vision. In the case of several or many observers, it may be a collective vision. Such a psychic phenomenon...could be a spontaneous reaction of the subconscious to the present conscious situation: the fear of an apparently insoluble political situation in the world...At such times eyes turn heavenwards...and miraculous forebodings of a threatening or consoling nature appears from on high."

If THE SAUCERIAN editors felt the explanation was a bit too pat, they did feel it prudent to stop and think about another remark of Jung, made when questioned about what would happen if saucers turn out to be really extra-terrestrial.

That could result in an awful mess:

"We would be placed in the very questionable position of today's primitive societies that clash with the superior cultures of the white race. All initiative would be wrested from us. As an old witch doctor once said to me, with tears in his eyes: We would 'have no more dreams.'

"Our sciences and technology would go on the junk pile. What such a catastrophe would mean morally we can gauge only by the pitiful decline of the primitive cultures that takes place before our eyes."

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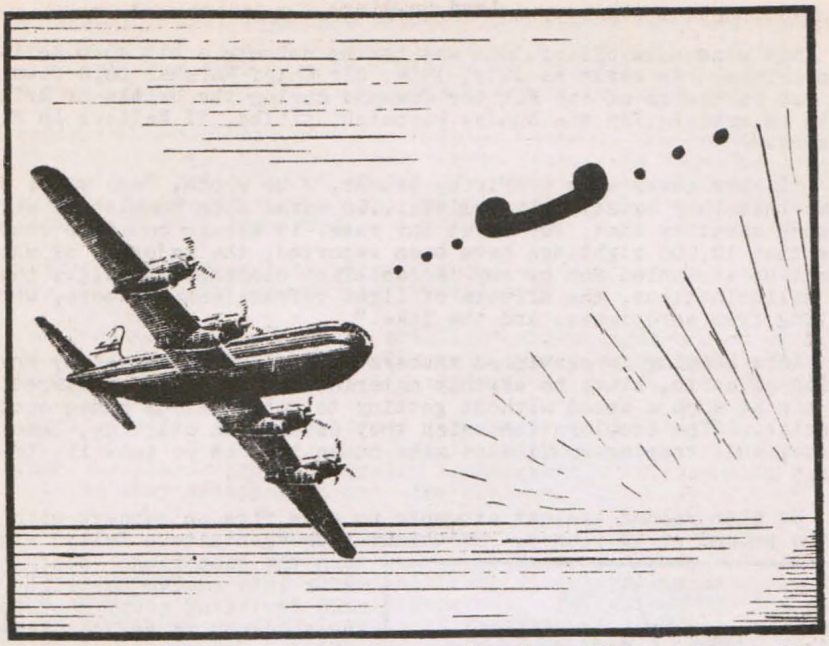
Some day I shall look over old stories of demons that have appeared sulphurously upon the earth, with the idea of expressing that we have often had undesireable visitors from other worlds; or that an indication of external derivation is sulphurousness. I expect some day to rationalize demonology, but just at present we are scarcely far enough advanced to go so far back.---Charles Fort, in The Book Of the Damned.



Courtesy "Flying Saucer News"

ENGLISHMEN PONDER "FLYING JELLYFISH"

By W. Jolliffe

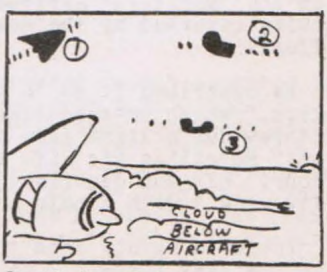
Englishmen are still discussing the "flying jellyfish" seen by Capt. James Howard, members of his crew and some passengers, while flying a BOAC airliner near Goose Bay, Laborador (See Sept. issue and illustration above--Ed.).

A formation of seven weird black objects flew parallel with the plane for almost twenty minutes, and this was so impressive to Capt. Howard that he wrote about 800 words about it in his routine flight report.

After the incident had gained worldwide publicity and had been printed in newspapers all over the world, the inevitable explanations were put forth by officialdom.

The objects were reflections of the aircraft on clouds (which were non-existent at that time), or were a flock of birds (traveling 274 miles per hour for 80 miles, at a height of 19,000 ft.), or were a reflection of the solar eclipse which took place at that time.

That the objects changed shape during the sighting might indicate some sort of mirage caused by temperature inversion, but this is perhaps also a far-fetched explanation. Capt. Howard has flown the Atlantic 265 times, knows all about inversions, but has never seen anything comparable before. Members of the crew were convinced they "saw something solid, something maneuverable, and something that was being intelligently controlled."



Reproduction of sketch Capt. Howard made showing the changing shape of the large object and the different positions of the formation.

But regardless of whether the "jellyfish" were mirages or saucers, the incident had gained widespread publicity for the disks.

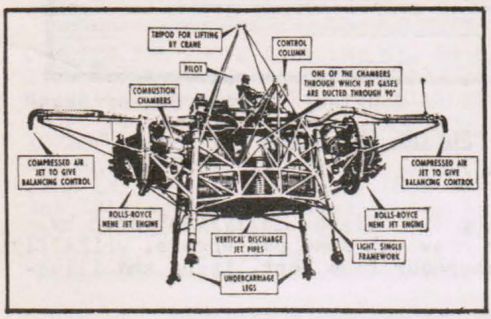
Lord Dowding

But elsewhere officialdom was taking saucers a bit more seriously than before. As early as July, 1954, Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, who was in charge of the Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, wrote an article for the Sunday Dispatch, titled, "I Believe In Flying Saucers."

"I have never seen a 'Flying Saucer,'" he wrote, "and yet I believe that they exist....My belief....is based upon cumulative evidence in such quantity that, for me at any rate, it brings complete conviction. More than 10,000 sightings have been reported, the majority of which cannot be accounted for by any 'scientific' explanation, e.g., that they are hallucinations, the effects of light refractions, meteors, wheels falling from aeroplanes, and the like."

Lord Dowding is convinced saucers are not manufactured by any nation of earth, since no earthly materials known could be forced through the air at such a speed without getting to hot to allow human occupants to exist. "The acceleration which they develop in starting, changing course, and stopping would also make human life as we know it, impossible."

He also warned against attempts to open fire on saucers with guns on the ground or in planes. He thinks such "gratuitous folly" might well turn the saucerians' neutral curiosity into active hostility and make earthians sorry they forced the spacemen to defend themselves.



England's "Flying Bedstead," a new vertical-rising aircraft, built by Rolls-Royce. Could secret government developments be mistaken for most "saucers"? Lord Dowding thinks not.

"We should be guilty of criminal folly if we were to do anything to hinder a contact which may well bring untold blessings to a distraught humanity."

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I have always been curious about governmental attitudes on saucers. Unfortunately, the subject appears to be far beneath the dignity of Her Majesty's Government, at least as far as making any sort of comment. There may be much interest and feverish activity behind the scenes, but, if so, it is well concealed. Traditional British reserve and all that, what?

"Crab Ships"

Canadian nickel miner Ennio La Sarza's description of the saucer in which the "monsters" arrived (See Sept. issue--Ed.) reminds me of an odd sighting reported by the Rev. Cedric Wright, Vicar of Seighford, near Stafford.

He described it as "a great, illuminated crab-like thing with feelers," which hovered like a helicopter about 80 ft. above the ground and threw out a light like burnished gold. It kept moving back and forth. He called his wife and 22-year-old son, and they watched it for an hour. His son described it as "a dome, like half an orange, about 25 ft. wide," with a halo above it and a noise coming from it.

There is hardly room to report the overwhelming number of sightings since the last issue. I can only summarize a few of the more spectacular ones briefly:

An object very similar to the "crab ship" appeared over Regents Park for an hour and a half. One of the six witnesses said that it

seemed to change shape, sometimes resembling a bowler hat, and that two lines, at the end of which was something that looked like a shimmer plate, shot out from each side of the saucer. Then it seemed to divide into two equal parts, and little objects came off the main body.

A saucer-shaped object over the Bristol Channel, the bottom of which "appeared to be red hot and radiating a heat haze," was reported by E. G. Emery. He said it had a turret on top, two projections similar to wireless aerials. He was driving a van, stopped and watched it for about two minutes until it disappeared.

A mushroom-shaped object, pulsating and changing shape, was seen over Barry, and also by some Cardiff residents.

In Hengistbury Head, Hants, a brilliant white cigar-shaped object, described as larger than any known aircraft, was watched by five people for about three minutes. It shot off at terrific speed.

In Great Easton, Leics, a farmer witnessed "something like a full moon, saucer shaped and almost flat," following jet planes. It was much bigger than the planes and practically transparent. It gradually gained on the jets as they disappeared over the horizon.

Comet Disasters

In further regard to the Comet aircraft disasters, reported in the past issue, public inquiry is now in progress. The reason for the crashes, as presented by the Director of Farnborough Research, is metal fatigue, which caused the pressurized cabin to explode. The theory is not put forward as 100% infallible, but as the one which best fits all the known facts. Collision with saucers is considered "an extremely remote possibility."

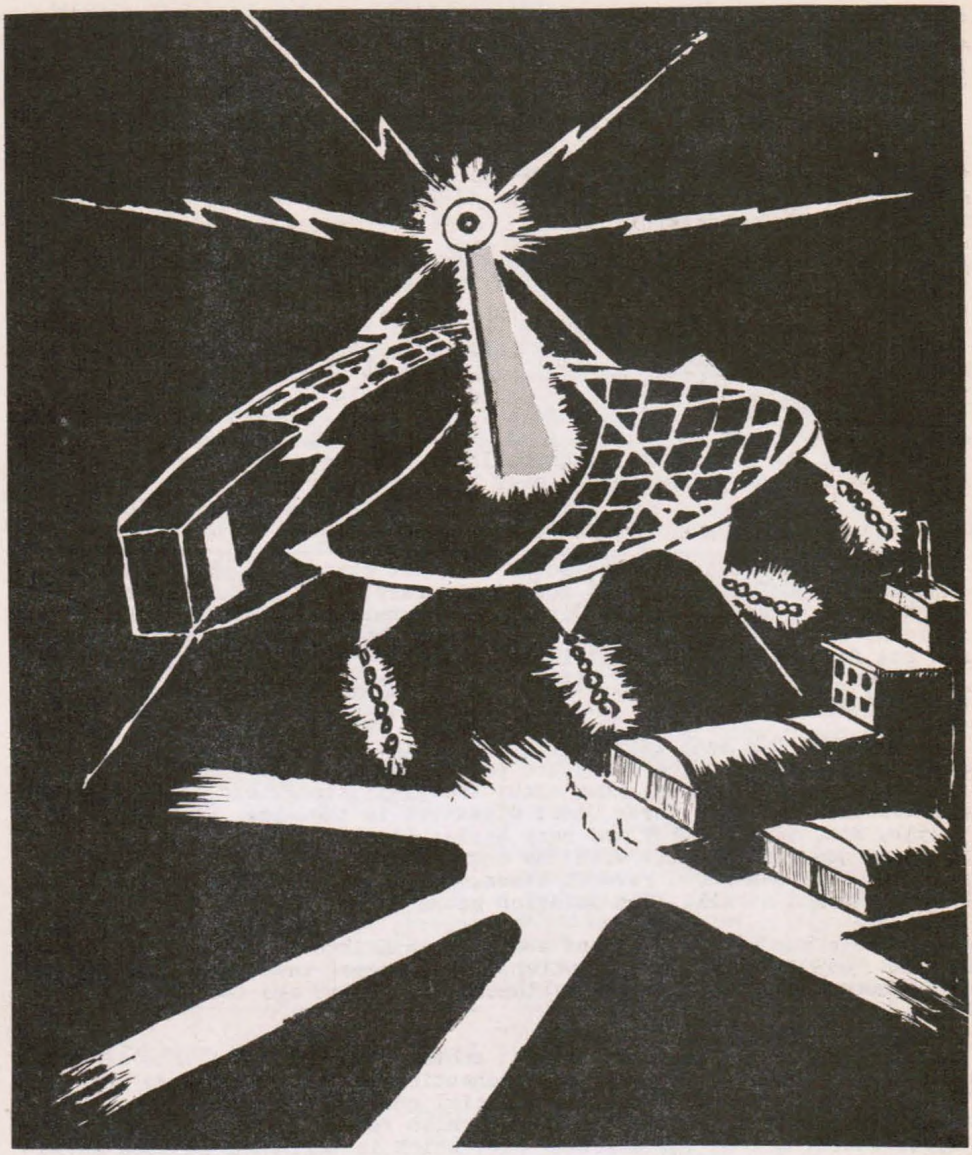
Some mud has been stirred up because the Farnborough investigators discovered cracks in the structure caused during manufacture. The manufacturers, De Havillands, knew about these all along, and so, apparently, did BOAC. There were three Comet disasters in the air: at Calcutta (1953), Elba (Jan., 1954) and near Naples (April, 1954). The inquiry is concerned specifically with the one at Elba, and although the Naples case has been mentioned several times, the Calcutta incident has not yet been mentioned at all. The omission seems rather curious.

The latter is the incident about which Keyhoe theorizes in FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE, and which, furthermore, was the subject of two distinctly ambiguous official statements some time ago (See Sept. issue--Ed.).

The inquiry is expected to last another two weeks. A late development is that Bruno Jablonsky, an aeronautical expert, claims to have a theory which is simpler than the official one and which does not involve metal fatigue. Apparently this theory also refers to the Elba and Naples cases, not to the Calcutta one, which is beginning to look as if it belonged to a different category from the other two. However, we shall see.

Ghost Story

The ghost of a Cheshire farmer's long deceased father appeared in the house one day, followed by the farmer's pedigree pigs dying -- all 53 of them. Five veterinary surgeons examined the bodies, and were utterly mystified as to the cause of death. Two days after the last pig died a large black could about seven ft. high, shapeless except for two prongs sticking out of its back, was seen moving about in the farmyard. The cloud was seen four times in all, and on its last appearance was chased by the farmer's dogs. It moved along the ground with the dogs snapping at it, then rose into the air and vanished. An expert on ghosts, who investigated the incident, was certain that it was a poltergeist and was the cause of the pigs dying. The ghost of the farmer's father appeared dressed as in life, and with a long ash hanging from his cigarette, a characteristic of his. It slowly faded away after appearing for only a few seconds.



STRANGE OBJECT IN CANADIAN SKIES

-- By Laimon A. Mitris --

The early morning of August 30, 1954, was just like any other morning during the last days of the departing summer. At 5:40 a.m. the sky was clear and getting light. There was stillness in the cool morning air over the RCAF station in North Bay, Ontario, when Henry Durdle, a 40-year-old mess orderly, stepped outside to receive the greatest shock of his life.

As Durdle stood at the doorway of a station building he saw something bright coming toward him from the northeast at a terrific speed. His first reaction was that it was a plane crashing, but at the same moment he realized that the object was noiseless. So he placed his body in the shelter of the doorway.

Then suddenly the "plane" stopped!

By this time it was so close he was able to make out the outlines and momentarily he rejected all ideas that it could be a conventional aircraft. There was a brilliant light or glow in the center and the shape of the object was more than odd!

The top part was a circle with a sort of rectangular box hanging down at the bottom. The light came from a cone sticking out in the center of the circle with a globe at the top which revolved very rapidly and emitted sparks of light. The light cast on the circle and the top of the box made it possible to see a sort of lattice work. As he watched, the whole thing turned from the vertical to the horizontal to present a different view.

He could no longer see the inside of the circle, which, as it swung over, looked as if it were concave with sharp edges. It was no longer possible to see the latticed appearance on the top of the circle and box. Now the cone was vertical and appeared to be revolving on its base just like the globe at the top. The glow of light was very intense. Durdle could see the box part side-on and there was a vertical slit of light in the side of the box toward the attached circle -- like an open door. Inside this door, or whatever it was, at its right hand side he saw two or three things that looked like levers with knobs.

As the object swung to the horizontal there were things hanging down -- about six in number. They looked like links of light, like chains, whether reflecting the light emitted by the globe and cone, or light sources themselves. Durdle wasn't able to tell the difference.

The whole contraption, which probably holds a record for being the most complicated UFO seen thus far, was hovering only about six ft. above a telegraph pole, but it was hard to tell the accurate distance of the object from the observer. Durdle estimated the box at about 15 ft. across, and about six ft. deep. The circle, in his opinion, was about six ft. across and the cone stood six or seven ft. up from the center of the circle. The rays of light, shooting out of the globe, were possibly 17 or 18 feet long before they diminished.

After watching the object for a while he dashed into the building to bring others to see it, but they laughed at him. Only four men came out to have a look. Tony McLeod saw the glow through a window and Leo Blais saw the thing from the doorway, but by that time it was moving away. George Noble, a student employed at the base during the summer months, saw it from the outside, but it was already spiralling away and upward. Manley Bailey, a civilian employee, also saw it.

When the object had moved a mile or so away, it again stopped and hovered over the bush, then resembling a pulsating heart. The light expanded and contracted -- first the glow, then about every two seconds the glow expanded greatly with two pulsations, then down again.

Before the object started to spiral upward again, it started to glow so brilliantly that it was no longer possible to discern the shape. It all seemed to be one brilliant light. The other witnesses had the same impression. Over the horizon the light hovered for another 15 minutes and the men had to return to work, leaving it there.

Sees Saucer Land

Only two days before the strange object was sighted over the RCAF station, a landing report came from Boston Creek, a few miles southeast of Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

Billy Supa, 22, an employee of Caswell Construction Co., reported that at dusk on the evening of August 27 he saw a "machine which seemed to have no wings" come down to land about one mile from where he stood. Supa was curious to see what the thing could be, so he set out toward the spot. When he was only 200 yards from the object, it rose into the air very rapidly and he was unable to determine how it was propelled.

The observer was unable to give exact details of the color and shape, but he had an impression it was circular and looked like nothing he had ever seen or heard of before. When he reached the landing spot, Supa found 200 ft. of grass leveled off. The foliage was not burned off or cut, just a little crushed, he said.

No report or notification to local authorities on the subject of his strange experience was made, because he said he felt the people would only laugh at him.

"I have only my own experience to support my belief that I saw a machine that could have been what people call a flying saucer. Besides, I don't know who would be interested in my account."

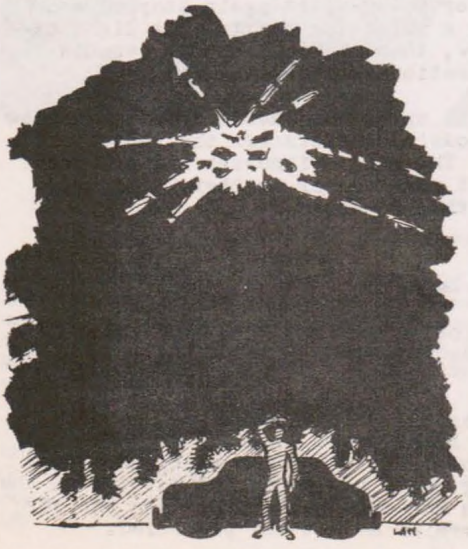
Blue Rain

A few minutes after midnight on September 24, an Ontario Provincial Police constable, Florian Grabowski, was on a patrol on the highway between Kirkland Lake and Ramore, driving his car at a slow speed. About eight miles south of Ramore he happened to look out of the left hand window of the cruiser. About a thousand ft. above was a shining, elliptical object, moving slowly northward over the railway tracks. The object emitted an intense white light.

Grabowski stopped the cruiser to get out and see if he could hear any sound, but at this moment the object disintegrated in a shower of light particles which fell over the tracks. When the constable jumped out, everything was quiet and there was nothing left to see.

The pilot of an aircraft in the same area also saw something similar and notified his base a few minutes before midnight. But all the official sources report no sightings of any mysterious objects in the area during the night.

A few hours later, at 3:25 a.m., a Kirkland Lake resident, William Martin, called the local newspaper and reported that during a heavy rain storm blue rain fell, and collected on his window panes. A reporter was sent out immediately and reached Mr. Martin's home in time to witness the strange raindrops.



Big blue drops of rain were running like ink down the panes. First they were dark, but after three to five minutes they became paler, and in less than 15 minutes lost all tint to become like ordinary water. A small sample of the water was taken and sent to the National Research Council at the Atomic Energy Plant in Chalk River for testing. The sample was taken by the reporters, however, after the blue color had disappeared.

Mr. Martin told me he never saw such big rain drops before and the color at the beginning was really dark blue. He said that his wife took a look and turned away saying

she was frightened. While washing the windows a few days later he noticed his wash water turned blue-black and marks appeared on the window trim. He told me he has never used any chemical window cleaners for more than half a year. The dark streaks are still there.

Mr. Martin doesn't believe there was a link between the blue rain and the exploding object, though the explosion took place north of Kirkland Lake (about 20 miles) and there was a southwest wind blowing all the time. He believes the blue rain was radioactive and was caused by recent Soviet bomb tests in Siberia. No results of the chemical tests of the rain water have been given him yet.

Saucer Substance Collected

The most interesting thing I ran across recently was word of a strange flying object from which some substance fell to the ground. This substance was, I learned, collected by a man residing in a neighboring town. First I thought it only a wild rumor, but a lot of talking to several persons convinced me that such a man actually lived in Noranda, Quebec, and that he had something to prove his story.

I finally was able to contact the man, who willingly told me his story and showed me the substance, but refused to report it to the newspapers or authorities. He said he didn't want his name in the papers and that he believed the strange object had been a guided missile built by the Canadian government.

About a month later, after several visits during which I tried to convince him the object could not have been a guided missile, he finally consented to hand over the substance to me, however it was necessary to promise him I would not divulge his name. I have sent the material to a laboratory in Toronto and am expecting a report shortly.

The man spent his summer holidays in a camp about 20 miles north of Noranda, on the shore of a river. One day, either August 7 or 8, he was out on the river fishing. He had his fishing lines in the water, and was sitting back in the boat watching the cloud formations, when he saw a cigar-shaped object come out of the clouds and hover for about 10 seconds over the bush on the shore. Then it darted back into the clouds and disappeared. The object didn't leave any trail behind and the man said he was unable to hear any noise from the thing. He watched it for about one-half minute and made a drawing of it later (See sketch by Mitris above -- Ed.). Actually the object didn't look like a cigar at all.

When it disappeared in the clouds the fellow heard some noise in the bush over which the object was hovering. Having the feeling that something was falling from the sky, he went ashore and found the substance. Here is a very strange thing he told me: when he first touched the substance, somehow expecting it to be hot, it felt, to his surprise, ice-cold (He said it felt just like touching the inside of a freezer -- only it was dry.). The substance, when I examined it with a Geiger counter, proved to be slightly radioactive.

I cannot guarantee the veracity of the man's story, but I've been inclined to believe him throughout all the interviews. He is a serious-minded person who works 14-16 hours a day and can hardly afford to spend his time inventing hoaxes. He is 29 years old, married, and has a good job.

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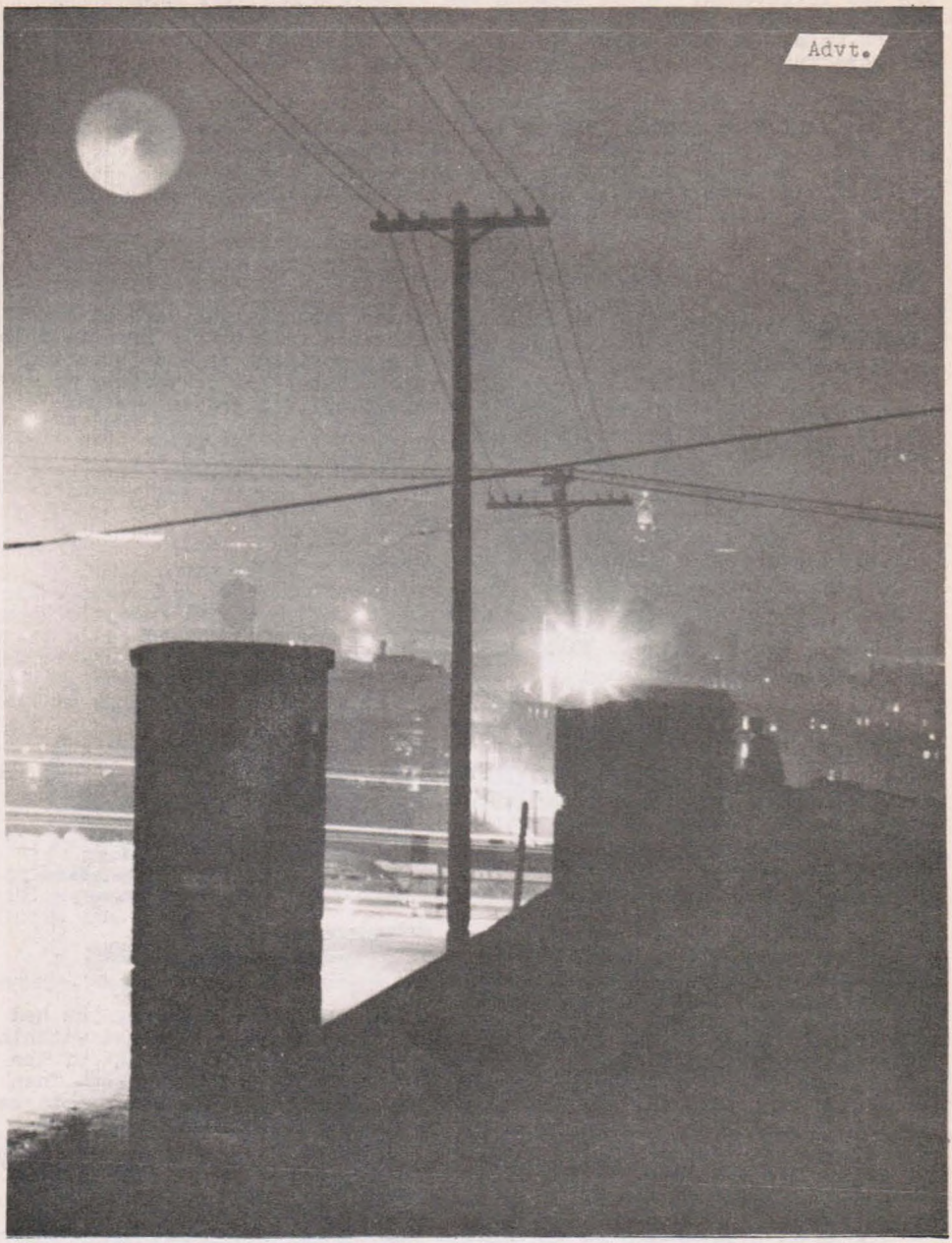

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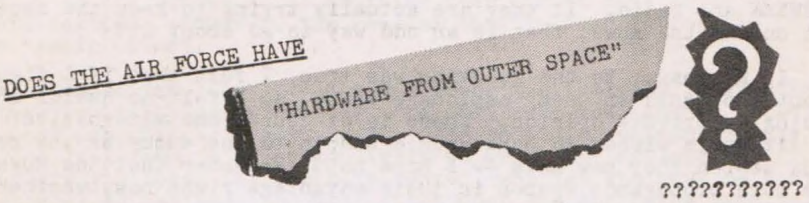
When will the saucer mystery be solved? How soon can it be known, with certainty, where the disks come from, who pilots them, and why they are here?

Many civilian investigators feel the answers will have to be supplied by the U. S. Government. The Government, they feel, has the funds and personnel necessary for tackling such a huge project. If anyone knows what saucers are, surely it must be the Air Force, these investigators and many other interested parties feel.

But does the Government in reality have any more answers than private saucerenthusiasts? William B. Nash, airline pilot, whose statements were officially denied by the Air Force, thinks the Government DOES. For, he believes, the Air Force is in possession of captured saucers, or, as the press put it, "hardware from outer space"!

In this series of two articles THE SAUCERIAN presents the ideas of two investigators who have given much thought and time to the saucer mystery. Although Nash's theories are from speculative but sound thinking, James Moseley, in the second article, is just one leap from the FINAL PROOF!



-- By William B. Nash --

Norman Bean, an electronic engineer, and technical director for WTVJ, one of Miami's TV stations, gives lectures on the saucer subject about three times a week, and has done so for two years. He is greatly in demand. When he was unable to fulfill an engagement to speak at a luncheon of the Greater Miami Aviation Association, he telephoned me a day before the appointment and asked me to substitute for him. Having never made a lecture in my life, I hesitated, but he insisted that I could do it, so I agreed to try.

The meeting was at the Seven Seas Restaurant in Miami. After a 30-minute lecture I asked if there were any questions.

One man asked, "Why, in your opinion, is the Air Force witholding information about the saucers from the public?"

I gave an answer, which, at present, I am convinced is the ONLY answer. I said that the Air Force has openly told newsmen that they fear a panic if they tell the full story on the saucer findings. I have a letter from Robert S. Allen which verifies this statement, notwithstanding Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt's statements on the subject in his TRUE magazine article (he stated this is only a claim of "the saucer believers").

I also said that I did not believe that was the true reason. The Air Force MUST be intelligent enough to realize the tremendous propaganda panic weapon they are putting into the hands of an enemy nation by witholding the truth. If the enemy hit us tomorrow with everything they have, simultaneously dropping leaflets and broadcasting on all possible radio frequencies that the flying saucers were their own weapons and that they were about to eliminate us with them, then the Air Force WOULD have a panic on their hands!

Why Is Air Force Silent?

Since our Air Force MUST be intelligent enough to recognize this danger, they therefore must have such an important reason for not admitting the saucers must be interplanetary, that they are willing to risk

the public's safety to protect the secret.

What could such a secret be?

I said this:

That, in my opinion, by the above deductions, there must be some vestige of truth in the oft-repeated rumor that the Air Force has a saucer or parts of one or more in their possession; that they fear if they admitted they thought saucers were interplanetary they would be pressed for evidence. They would not want to be forced to produce their saucer, or any new discoveries that had resulted from possessing it, since the information would then fall into the hands of the enemy. So far it seems the Russians have stolen anything they desired. What better way to prevent the information's getting out than to deny the whole business and pooh-pooh it as nonsense!

That was my answer, and heaven only knows how it got spread around so quickly. Exactly one month later the Air Force took the trouble to issue an official denial. My statement COULDN'T have reached many people, but the Air Force brought it before millions, via newspaper, NEWSWEEK and radio. If they are actually trying to keep the saucer subject out of the news, that is an odd way to go about it!

If my answer to the question was true, I felt that if I figured it out, so could an enemy espionage agent, so I felt no qualms about voicing my private opinion. There is of course one alternative: that the Air Force wishes to hand such a weapon to the enemy as the propaganda weapon they now have -- I hope not! Remember that the Russians have this propaganda weapon in their advantage right now, whether the saucers exist or not!

Saucer Radio

Though I based this statement about which the Air Force made such a fuss on deductive reasoning alone, I have other reasons for believing saucers are something tangible and that the Air Force has them.

When Bill Fortenberry and I were interviewed by the Air Force the morning after our much-publicized sightings, the interviewers put us in separate rooms with several investigators with each of us. Before the interview, we had agreed to ask the men if there was any truth behind the rumor that the Air Force had one or more saucers at Wright Field. Bill remembered to ask, and one of the investigators told him, "Yes, it is true."!

Since I was kept rather busy, I had forgotten to ask. However when Bill, I and all the investigators were in one room, I remembered and did ask the question. A Maj. Sharp was the only interviewer in uniform. They all opened their mouths to answer the question, whereupon Maj. Sharp looked at them, not me, and said very quickly, "NO!" It appeared as if he were telling them to shut up rather than addressing the answer to me.

I was further convinced my theory was correct in New York, when I was engaging in a WJZ 30-minute discussional panel with Prof. Lloyd Motz, Dr. of Astronomy, Barnard College; Prof. Richard Youte, Dr. of Psychology, Columbia University; and Frank Foster, Chief Meterologist, Hayden Planetarium. In the discussion I was to take the side for saucers against the three authorities. Before the program I was thirsty, probably from nervousness, and stepped out of the studio to find a fountain.

A man stopped me in the hall, and, seeming rather excited, asked me what I thought of the saucers. I replied that I believed they were interplanetary in origin.

"You're right! " he said.

Not "I THINK you're right," or some other qualifying statement, but "You're RIGHT."! I asked him about a drinking fountain and he walked

with me, directing me on a very complicated route, so obviously he knew the studios. From his voice timbre he might have been a commentator, but he said that he could not identify himself, even though I specifically asked for his name. He was about 6' 1", 200 lbs., intelligent in appearance. He told me that he had just returned from Washington, and had been given the whole story, said the flurry of sightings over Washington was due to Air Force operation of a radio that had been found in a saucer (this was the beginning of August, 1952).

He said the Wright Field story (about having a saucer) was true; that he and a New England reporter, along with a LIFE reporter, had just been briefed, but were told to keep it quiet until they were given permission to break the story. He appeared quite excited and sincere. He would not or could not tell me if the radios they found would send only a carrier wave signal, or if words were transmitted.

It is interesting to note this was about the time the Air Force showed Robert S. Allen a preliminary report that was "fantastic but true," according to the Air Force. But they withdrew the report, and Allen has been trying to get the information ever since, without success. He thinks the original reason for withdrawing the report was due to the presidential election of that fall and the ensuing changes in personnel -- no one wanted to do anything they didn't have to do until things were settled. However, the reasons they've been giving him involve the "panic" stuff.

Another objection I have to the Air Force's witholding information is that they are deifying themselves when they take the liberty of putting the American public five to seven years behind on getting accustomed to the fact that it is quite likely we are being explored by interplanetary visitors. If panic is feared, why let the news be a blow? Why not gradual education? And what right does the Air Force have to put our civilization behind the times by keeping them in ignorance? It's too big a subject, and it belongs to the WORLD, not the Air Force alone!

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James Moseley, our Eastern Editor, publisher of NEXUS, a saucer magazine, and author of a forthcoming saucerbook, is in the enviable position of being able to work on saucers full time. To obtain the following information it was necessary for him to spend a month merely getting the name and address of the woman involved in the narrative, and to make a series of expensive cross-country flights. Although previously printed in NEXUS, few SAUCERIAN readers saw it, since NEXUS was not as well known at that time as it is today. After reading the report of his investigation below, we're sure you'll agree it was worth the time and trouble, and reprinting.

Well-known Saucer Investigator Asks.....

THE WRIGHT FIELD STORY WHO'S LYING?

-- By James W. Moseley --

In April of this year, I received a letter from a correspondent which read in part:

"My opinion is that the Air Force is holding a saucer or parts thereof at Wright-Patterson Field. I base this opinion on a great number of collective items -- and one solid item, the testimony of a woman who was a WAC at Wright when, in the fall of 1952, there was a Red and White (aircraft attack) alert for two weeks. She learned that a saucer had been brought to Wright Field, and she saw a picture of it!

"The Air Force had feared that because of what they found in the saucer, it had transmitted valuable information elsewhere, and they expected a possible attack. I think the saucer was found around Columbus, Ohio, but I'm not sure...."

At the time I received this letter I had already been making an intensive investigation of saucers for almost a year, and in the course of my research I had come across many strange rumors -- some much stranger than this one. Many of these rumors concerned alleged captured saucers and little men from outer space found in them.

A professor of anthropology at Columbia University had supposedly been called out to Wright-Patterson to examine these bodies; a scientist in Massachusetts had made X-rays of the bodies; a man in Los Angeles knew of a saucer that landed in Mexico; a man in Florida had talked to a man who knew of, in turn, a man who had driven a truck for the Army, in which a captured saucer had been carried from the place it had "crashed" to a nearby military base; a doctor in New York City had examined bodies of little men in a funeral parlor there. And so it went.

Most of the rumors were uncheckable; the ones I was able to check turned out to be hoaxes or else they at least had no discoverable factual evidence to back them up. As I had a predisposition to disbelieve stories of captured saucers and little men, I finally decided that all such stories must somehow be based on the book by Frank Scully, BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS, which came out in 1950, and which dealt in detail with alleged landings of space ships and extra-terrestrials, as related to Scully by a mysterious "Dr. Gee." Scully's book was afterward thoroughly discredited in a long article in True Magazine, as well as elsewhere, and it was therefore my opinion in April of this year that our government had no material evidence of the existence of saucers. I felt that any rumors to the contrary must in some way be fraudulent.

The Tape Recording

The letter therefore made little impression upon me. However, the next time I visited the home town of this correspondent, I spent an evening at the home of a friend of his who shall in this article be

called "Mr. X." Mr. X had a tape recording of this woman (herein called "Miss Y") telling her story in some detail, and as I listened to the tape I was immediately impressed with the apparent sincerity of the account. I decided that here at last was something concrete concerning captured saucers -- not a rumor, but a first-hand account of what a woman working for the government had supposedly seen and heard in the course of her duties. I must say that my whole attitude toward Miss Y's story changed in the course of listening to that recording, mainly because of the fact that the woman apparently knew what she was talking about, was uncertain on details (just as anyone would be in telling about an event months after it had happened), and in general related her story in such a manner that I could not help feeling she was probably telling the truth.

Of course I immediately wanted a chance to meet Miss Y myself, and to obtain her account in still further detail. But Mr. X was absolutely opposed to this, and refused even to tell me Miss Y's full name (only her first name was mentioned on the tape). It was not until July, and only after a great deal of personal effort, expense and detective work that I was able to obtain Miss Y's name, and meet her in person.

The story of how I located Miss Y, knowing only her first name and three or four other facts about her, would make an interesting article in itself, fully as exciting as many fictional detective stories. But that part of the story will not be told now, for several reasons, nor will I at this time reveal to the public either Miss Y's name nor the names of the other people involved in this incident. However, I assure you these people do exist, and that this article is not fictional or whimsical in any part.

Saucer Photographs

The facts I obtained at my interview with Miss Y were as follows: She did not work at Wright-Patterson, but at another large military base in that area of the country; nor was she a WAC, but rather a civilian employee of the Signal Corps, working under the Army and the FBI (she has since retired and moved away). Her duties were as a night girl on teletype, decoding messages and in general handling classified material of many different sorts in the normal course of her work. It appeared she was indeed a responsible and trustworthy employee.

In about August or September of 1952 she had reason to walk into the photographic lab operated by an Army photographer who worked in her section of the communications building of the Base. Among the prints this photographer (herein called "Mr. Z") was developing, were about a dozen of a flying saucer.

Mr. Z showed her the pictures and told her that he had taken them on a recent special assignment which had taken him to a location north of the Base, where an interplanetary saucer had "crashed."

A few days later Miss Y handled messages which stated that the above-mentioned saucer was being taken through her Base, under heavy guard, on its way to Wright-Patterson. These messages also informed her and a handful of others in the communications building that a Red and White alert was on, because of possible danger from other saucers to which the captured saucer might have transmitted messages.

About two weeks later, after the saucer had been thoroughly examined by experts, it was felt that the saucers presented no immediate threat or danger, and the alarm was terminated; but at no time did any one on the base other than this handful of qualified personnel know even the fact that an alert was on, let alone the reason for the alert. The saucer, according to Miss Y's description from the photos she saw, was about 30 ft. in diameter, and had no protrusions other than a rim of some sort where the upper and lower halves met. It appeared to be made of pieces of metal riveted together, she said. There were no windows visible in the pictures, but she said she had heard that it did have windows "which are not like ours," i.e. made of one-way glass of some sort and not visible from the outside. Miss Y also mentioned she had heard somewhere that the government scientists had a great deal of

trouble getting inside the saucer, and that it was composed of one or more alloys not found on this planet. This particular saucer had no living creatures inside it, and apparently was remote controlled. Miss Y also said she had heard that dead bodies of humanoid creatures about five ft. tall were found in some other saucers captured previous to this one, but she has no first-hand knowledge of any saucers other than the one that came through her base. It was also her understanding that none of these captured saucers had actually crashed (thus my use of quotes around the word "crash" in this article); rather, they float to ground due to a lack of the magnetic power by which they run.

As in her recording, Miss Y seemed sincere, and after talking to her there was no doubt in my mind that she had at least held the job she claimed to have had, for she was certainly familiar with the details of military procedure. However I consider myself a thorough investigator, and whereas a first-hand account such as Miss Y's is interesting (to say the least!), it nevertheless does not constitute proof, in my opinion, unless confirmed by several other similar accounts. Only after hearing at least three or four such accounts from people of unquestionable veracity would I be willing to believe unconditionally that our government DOES have these captured saucers and little men.

A Different Story

I therefore begged Miss Y for the name of Mr. Z, the photographer. After some hesitation she gave it to me, though she said repeatedly that "he won't talk, for he's still on active duty with the Army, and also because he is getting old and is afraid of losing his job." But I was determined to at least have a talk with Mr. Z, and a couple of weeks later I found myself in the communications building of the military base in question. Mr. Z denied having any knowledge of flying saucers, or ever having seen or photographed one. I talked with him for quite a while alone, and later in the presence of his superior, a Signal Corps officer.

Their story, which seemed sincere, was as follows:

Miss Y did work there as a night girl on teletype during the period she claimed to have been there, but she never handled any highly secret messages, unless they were coded, nor did she do any decoding of any messages. If any highly classified messages had come through they would have been in code and she would not have known what they were. As for saucers, "they only know what they've read in the papers." No saucer has ever been captured by the government to their knowledge, and in particular, no captured saucer has ever passed through their base. They described Miss Y as an efficient and upstanding woman and could not guess why she would be lying about this matter. But obviously, if they are telling the truth she must be lying, for the testimony in this case is in direct contradiction!

There you have the facts. But the crux of the matter, as it now stands, is the question, who IS lying? In the concluding paragraphs I shall try to analyse the situation as best I can:

First, let us assume that Miss Y is telling the truth. She says that the facts she gave me are "public knowledge" and that she was not breaking security to tell them to me. However, understandably she did not want her name connected with this case. Miss Y also said that the government hold back these facts from the public because of fear of panic, and also because they themselves don't have all the answers yet, i.e. they do not know themselves <u>where</u> these saucers come from (though they are obviously extra-terrestrial), or <u>why</u> these visits are being made.

If this is the case, it is evident why Mr. Z and his superior failed to confirm Miss Y's account. The true, <u>inside</u> story of the flying saucers is known to only a few in our government -- people in communications, such as Miss Y; people in photography, such as Mr. Z; but no one of these people knows the full story. Each knows only his or her tiny part in the drama, and only a handful of brass at the very top have

access to all the details. The story as a whole is as carefully guarded as any atomic or other high military secret, and like any other top secret, the fewer people who know it the better. Therefore in all likelihood the officers in Project Blue Book, or at least those at the Public Information Office at the Pentagon, have little if any knowledge of all this. Project Blue Book is only a "cover-up," an attempt to analyse saucer sightings, while somewhere within a highly guarded section of Wright Field, a super-secret group unknown to the sighting-analysers, is prying open the saucers and trying to find out what makes them and their extra-terrestrial operators "tick."

When Will The Public Be Told?

In keeping these facts secret, the government has every advantage on its side. Quite possibly there are very definite ways of dealing with individuals, in or out of the service, who know too much or talk too much. Also, the burden of ridicule is on whoever chooses to believe or expound the theory of little men or captured saucers. If Scully's book was composed mainly of facts rather than fiction, he was dealt with in no dire cloak-and-dagger manner but by the simple manner of ridicule. At first his book caused a sensation; now practically no one believes him, for every possible effort has been made to discredit him and make him look ridiculous. Scully has only two principal characters in his book whom he mentions by name: Silas Newton and Leo Gebauer. These two men are now under indictment in Denver for oil fraud. They claim that their conviction is a result of persecution resulting from their revelations concerning flying saucers. It's a long way from flying saucers to dirty oil dealings, but are they right in contending that flying saucers are the real cause of their woes? This is another point that for the present remains a mystery!

We all know, from published accounts in newspapers and magazines, that the Canadian government and more recently the American government are trying to build saucer-shaped aircraft. We can also presume that the Russians are doing likewise, and perhaps other countries as well. Why the sudden interest in saucer-shaped aircraft? If Miss Y's account is true, it is obvious that all these earth-made saucers are merely attempts to imitate the real, original saucers -- the saucers from space. But if the published accounts are true, neither the USA nor Canada has been able to break the secret of the method of propulsion of these disks visiting us from space; for all our saucers reported so far are run by jet power, whereas there are many indications that the genuine saucers have mastered a much more fundamental universal power along the lines of electromagnetism.

When will the public be told about all this? Only when the government is good and ready; only after they have mastered the secrets of these captured disks and learned from their operators the purpose of these visits. Then, after a long-drawn-out campaign of "preparing the public" (perhaps taking years!) we will be told! Or then again, perhaps the public will know sooner, provided that someone with sufficient guts, luck, and determination can break through this wall of secrecy and prove to the American public the facts that we, as free citizens of a democratic country, have every right to know.

Now let us consider the possibility that Miss Y is lying, and that the government is correct in telling us that they have no material proof concerning saucers. In that case Miss Y could have fabricated her whole story by re-hashing Scully's account a little, bringing it up to date; then adding in her general knowledge of saucers and her background as an ex-employee at a military base; mix well, and serve cold to two suckers -- Mr. X and myself. This would explain her uncertainty in regard to details. Her difficulty is that when she first told the story to Mr. X, she never dreamed that he would tell it to many others, including myself; and when she told it to me she did not know that I am a writer, or that I would go personally to her base and check there. For her the whole matter has gotten out of hand, because Mr. Z and his superior were not at all happy over Miss Y's account as I related it to them. She is, in their opinion, guilty of spreading false rumors tending to undermine confidence in government, and for this she may be reprimanded.

But here is the important point: The fact that Army officials contradict Miss Y's story throws no light at all on whether her story is true or not, for they would be equally apt to contradict her in either case. If Miss Y is lying, it is quite natural that the military authorities would deny her story.

If she is telling the truth, they would deny her story <u>because they have to</u>. Even if Miss Y is now "visited" and requested to stop talking, this still won't give any indications of the <u>reason</u> for the visit. On one hand, the authorities would be quick to stop any former employee from talking out of turn, i.e. telling true facts that are not supposed to be told. On the other hand, they would probably be equally quick to stop an ex-employee from telling false rumors that are against the public interest.

So it is my opinion that unless or until I receive new evidence on this matter, I have absolutely no way of knowing where the truth of the matter lies.

Who's lying? I only wish I knew!

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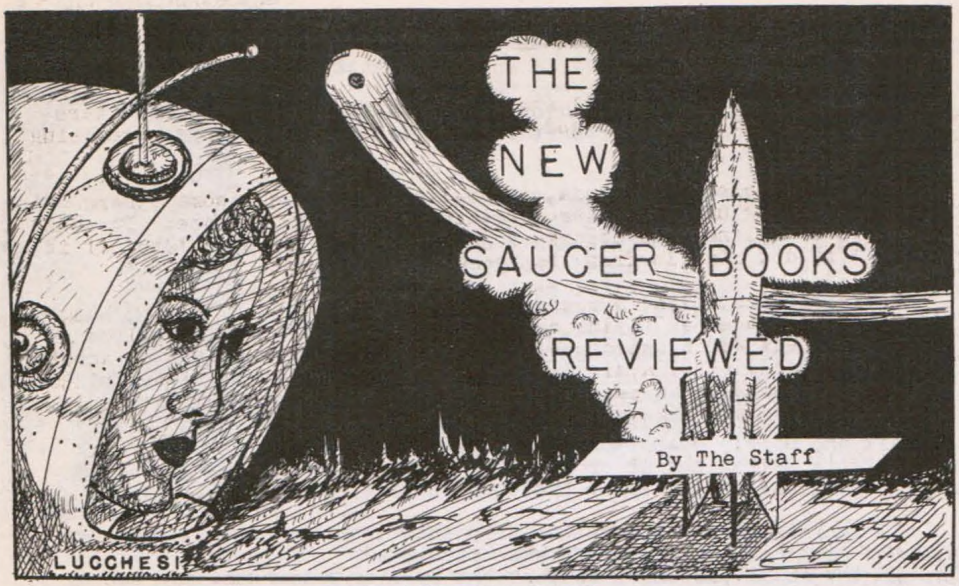

THE CASE OF DAN FRY

-- By Jacqueline Sanders --

THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENT, By Daniel W. Fry, 66 pages, Published by The New Age Publishing Co., 1542 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif. $1.50

When THE SAUCERIAN reviewed I RODE A FLYING SAUCER, by George W. Van Tassel, in the February, 1954, issue, it had to be said, with some disappointment, that the author wasn't so sure he actually took a ride, after all, but that "The intelligences that operate the saucers claim I was aboard." In the case of Dan Fry it isn't the saucerians who say he took one, but Fry himself, who further adds he rode from White Sands, N. M., to New York City and back in the thing.

The author, who has been employed for the last five years by the Aerojet General Corporation, a leading developer of rocket engines, was at White Sands on the night of July 4, 1950, when a saucer landed near him.

Fry approached it cautiously and after walking around it several times, curiously touched it. Then a voice, seeming to come "out of the air at my side" advised him, "Better not touch the hull, pal, it's still hot."

He was rather frightened, to say the least, but the voice assured, "Take it easy, pal, you're among friends," then told him to hop in, and soon he was wafted away, at incredible speed, to New York City and back, all in 30 minutes. Fry says he traveled at 35 miles altitude, though they came down as low as 20 miles over New York.

No one accompanied him, since the saucer was being controlled by a mother ship some 900 miles above the earth. During the trip he was told a great many things about the saucerpeople and saucers in general.

The saucerpeople originally came from earth, the voice told him, some 35,000 years ago when two mighty foes clashed and virtually destroyed this planet as a place of habitation. The few who returned became reduced almost to animals -- man's ancestors, we presume.

The saucer Fry rode in was a cargo ship used for carrying air up to the mother ship, so that the saucerians could acclimatize themselves to earth's atmosphere. But let Fry tell it in his own words, in a letter sent early this year to a SAUCERIAN correspondent:

"I shall be happy to answer the questions you asked pertaining to

the pressurization of the craft in which I rode. As you will remember, I explained in the diary that the craft was a cargo carrier and was being used to transport 'earth air' to the mother ship for the purpose of accustoming the operators to breathe earth's atmosphere.

DANIEL W. FRY

"When the craft first landed it was in an evacuated condition; that is, all the air had been pumped out at the mother ship and the craft was sealed. After the ship landed the filling valve was opened by a remote control mechanism and the ship became full of air. After I had entered and the door was closed, the ship was again air tight so that the pressure inside would remain the same regardless of whether or not there were any air outside the craft. This is the condition which is referred to as the pressurization of high altitude aircraft and merely means that the pressure inside the craft is maintained at or near the original level regardless of the lower pressure outside.

"I learned during the return trip that the air from the main body of the craft was circulated through the small passenger compartment by some means of vents under the seats so that the air in the compartment would not become unduly stuffy or vitiated. Since the cargo craft seldom carried passengers, and since it was designed for comparatively short range operation, no provision had been made for renewing the air over long periods of time."

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Fry first told his astounding narrative at the flying saucer convention held at Giant Rock Airport, Giant Rock, Calif., in early April of this year. Then he published the book, and was fast becoming one of the most famous West Coast saucerpersonalities until the matter of The Lie Detector Test came up.

William H. Gilroy sold deep-freezers before the saucer scare started; then he acted as press agent for Jerome Criswell, TV prophet and saucer columnist, but when saucers grew to be as popular as Marilyn Monroe, he set up the Saucer Research Foundation. That is where he ran into Fry, who came to one of the meetings to speak about his experiences.

It is generally agreed on the West Coast, and admitted by Gilroy himself that he is not immune to the love for a fast buck, nor is he a neophyte when it comes to cooking up a good publicity stunt.

So the next thing Gilroy did was to offer a $500 reward to any "saucer-contacter-claimer" who would take a lie detector test to prove the claims. There were no comers until Fry was asked.

"Why sure, why not?" Fry agreed. "I am not afraid of the machine."

On the strength of Fry's acceptance, Gilroy called a press conference at which about 50 reporters turned up to drink his champagne (I heard that it WAS champagne).

Chris Gougas showed up with the lie detector, technically known as a polygraph.

All the following we have obtained from Gilroy and Fry in personal interviews, so it is their side of the tale, but here it is for what it may be worth:

Everyone was eager for the test to be made right then and there, but Gougas said it wouldn't be fair to the subject, that he would have to prepare control questions and make a series of tests over several hours (The Paul Coates TV show deal was either cooked up then or later, we forgot to check).

So, as the story goes from then, everybody gets to feeling rather good from all the champagne consumed, and Gilroy kids Gougas about his having five hundred bucks riding on the test. Gougas looks at Gilroy and says, "Your boy hasn't got a chance!" And this is happening four days before the lie detector test is to be given!

James Peck, Coates' "program director, right-hand-mand and whipping boy," walks over to Fry and makes a remark something like, "We are out to show you up; we will crucify you," and another remark to the effect that "You will have had it, boy, when we get through with you."

According to Fry, a few days later Coates announced in his Daily Mirror column that Fry had agreed to appear the following Sunday on his TV show, which was all "news" to Fry since Coates had never talked with him. With the program already announced Fry said he thought the public would feel his story wasn't true if he didn't go through with the test, so he agreed. The agreement was made with some apprehension. Since he knew something of the polygraph's operation, he was convinced that the test would be valid only if the operator was unprejudiced, an attitude he felt, with good reason, Gougas, who was to operate the machine on the program, did not have.

So early Sunday morning Fry went to the studio. The operator explained it was necessary to make preliminary tests, with "control questions" so that the test would be valid, and asked Fry first to submit to routine questions in order to get it all set up.

But Fry grew suspicious when he was asked a great many personal questions, and decided to give some deliberately fake answers to see what the machine would register, and later he declared that nobody, including the machine, knew the difference. During this preliminary test he said he told a little story while hooked up to the machine:

"Two years ago a space ship went secretly to the moon, and brought back 100 lbs. of green cheese which was sold at $1.00 a lb. in a supermarket here by a girl dressed in Oriental costume."

The little needle went merrily across the graph with no deviation, so the operator tore up the sheet and threw it away!

The climax to all the shennanigans came, according to Fry, in the early part of the TV show when Ben Hartner, a private investigator, was introduced to make a report on what he had found out about Fry's past life. The man proceeded to read almost word-for-word the list of answers Fry had given to the operator that morning, the false answers along with the true ones! He stated Fry's wife was born in New York, when she actually was born in Canada, nor were they married in the First Presbyterian Church at Altadena as the detective had it. If the detective had spent as much as 10 minutes actually investigating his past life, Fry is sure he would have known the material he was reading was untrue.

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We watched that famous telecast ourselves and will now try to give you a resume. After the investigator had finished, Gougas stated the tests had been going on all day. He had worked four hours that morning, had tried to be very fair. He said Fry was "extremely nervous and excited this evening."

Coates told Fry, "Whatever results -- remember, you ASKED FOR IT -- abide by agreement." Fry said, "Yes, I know" (Fry had signed a release of legal liability stating he would bring no action for damages regardless of anything that might be said on the program).

Some of the questions: Were you born in 1908? Yes. Do you have land in Oregon? Yes. Did you see a space ship at White Sands? Yes. Is your story true? Yes, to the best of my knowledge. Do you drink? Occasionally. Did you ride in a space ship? Yes. Have you lied to any of my questions? No.

Gougas said, "Repeat the questions, as Fry is EXTREMELY NERVOUS. So

they went through it again, with the same answers.

Gougas told us he had a total of 10 charts from that day's testing, had studied earlier charts for about three hours, and had taken everything into consideration, trying to be fair, etc. He stated that, "In my opinion Mr. Fry HAS BEEN DEFINITELY DECEPTIVE. HE HAS BEEN DECEITFUL TO SOME OF THE CRITICAL QUESTIONS."

Fry then declared he had never denied the possibility that it was all a hallucination, but that he still believed it was real. He said he was greatly flattered by all the effort, but would let the book decide, and that he felt it would stand on its own merits.

Judging from everything it is still difficult to make any definite conclusions from the lie detector telecast. If, as it is claimed, the polygraph is only 96% accurate, there is always that 4% to worry about! Regarding that 4%, they say that is not "inaccuracy percentage," but is due to those persons on whose testimonies they cannot come to any conclusions at all! For instance, there are the Indians. They seem to be so stoic the graph just runs along with no quivers at all: "Full-blooded Indians defy all theories of emotional and galvanic response on which the polygraph is based." Fry, if he had known this, could at least have claimed to be a "heap big Injun."

Some of Fry's group has written to J. Edgar Hoover and received his opinion on polygraphs, so they say. According to these informants Hoover wants nothing to do with these machines. Doesn't want them around, even for only indicating lines of truth or falsehood.

The program affected the sale of Fry's book somewhat, but in general most of the people watching the test were in sympathy with Fry, even those who knew nothing about him. Many felt the test had been unfair, that Fry's nervous condition and general appearance of ill-health could have affected the test. But we quote from Joseph Whitney, consultant psychologist, on the subject of polygraph tests: "Emotional excitement may change blood pressure, pulse, or breathing, but the pattern will hold the same flow on the detector's recording graph. Even if you should be a suspect to a crime and in a state of nervous tension, you would not be handicapped. Your tension would show on the general level of the graph, but only the fluctuations in this level of responding to key questions, would indicate any degree of involvement."

It would seem to us that if Fry didn't have the saucer ride, or didn't BELIEVE he had the ride, he would have found some way out of the test and avoided the program which generally builds its popularity on sensationalism. Fry's story appears to be one of the many incredible narratives cropping up on the West Coast, which seem quite fantastic and unbelievable but almost convince you when you talk to the tellers of them and find them so gosh-darned convinced (apparently) they are actual experiences.

It is quite evident that SOMETHING funny is going on, either in the skies above or in human minds below. We have not gone into the actual book very thoroughly because you can read that for yourself, and we felt the background would be more appropriate, considering the lie detector tests. The book contains a great deal of technical data imparted to Fry by the saucerians, along with why they are on earth, when they're going to land, and the like. If you are a saucerenthusiast, we think the book will be worth the low price asked.

One of the most interesting sidelights to come out of the Fry discussions concerns a Dr. William C. Conway, said to be the organizer and founder of The Greater Redondo Chamber of Commerce, of Redondo Beach, Calif. The saucer in which Fry took the ride, Dr. Conway stated, was operated by a remarkable power plant invented by a John C. Roberts, and inferred that the amazing invention takes energy from the air, then beams it "through the earth as an electro-magnetic beam, without wires or other visible type of transmitter, powering farm-tillage implements, tractors, mills, boats, etc., and the 'Flying Saucers' all operated by remote control."

SAUCERS IN "4-D"

-- By Gray Barker --

THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANS, Compiled by Meade Layne, 60 pages, Published by Borderland Sciences Research Associates, 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego 16, Calif. $3.00.

Just as there is a spectrum of sound and color (ending in sounds we cannot hear and colors we cannot see) so there is also a spectrum of tangibility, ending in forms of matter which are too dense to be touched.

If you thought that was a mouthful, you should read THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANS, a compilation of the amazing saucer theory advanced by Borderland Sciences Research Associates. It is so unusual you are not going to believe it; part of the information comes from what materialists would call the "spirit world"; and Meade Layne, director of this unusual organization, is not yet able to take you into his secret laboratory and show you a "4-D" saucer.

THE SAUCERIAN does not want to believe it either. It conflicts with popular saucertheory. But like so many others that came to scoff and stayed to say, "pray tell me more," we might as well come out and admit that regardless of how outlandish the whole thing at first sounds, it makes sense -- and darned good sense at that.

The BSRA has been poking around in matters scientists would say were none of its business for a great many years. It is "an association of persons interested in 'borderland' facts and happenings..facts and events which orthodox or official science cannot or will not investigate." In a day when orthodox science is on the frontier of atomics, the BSRA dares to explore even more vast and forbidden fields, such as the effect of mind on matter, the question of underground races, and the possibility of communicating with entities on other planes of existence than ours.

With the coming of the saucers, an interesting personage also came into the view of the few people who could consider mediumship and communicating with beings outside our threshold of perception with an open mind. He was Mark Probert, who began holding discourse with four "people" who seemed to be remarkably well informed on the subject of flying saucers, but who had the distinct popular disadvantage of having been dead for several hundred years.

If you're already laughing, go ahead, we did ourselves. But to enjoy that licence Layne asks only that you read a bit further. Even if you can't understand some of the abstruse metaphysical principles these entities spout off now and then at garrulous moments, it will suddenly strike you that regardless of whether it is the result of fakery or the idle gossip of spirits who are as uninformed as ourselves, the BSRA theories are the only set that CAN SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN THE SAUCER MYSTERY.

And now we give you the spirits, a dramatis personae we limit here because of space, in order to give you the more interesting ones. THE SAUCERIAN, unschooled in occult matters, will not venture to explain just where these people are living or existing ; it will perhaps suffice to say that they advise they at one time lived on earth, were normal humans, and now apparently are able to communicate by voice through medium Probert, while he is in deep trance state:

THE YADA DI' SHI'ITE, an Oriental who lived 500,000 years ago in an ancient civilization in the Himalaya mountains. He was a priest in the temple there, was killed when an earthquake destroyed the Yu civilization.

RAMON NATALLI, who was a student of law and a close friend of the astronomer Galileo. An agnostic, "he was pleasantly surprised to discover he had survived physical death."

PROF. ALFRED LUNTZ, and Episcopal clergyman of England who died in

1893. Since he had preached so violently about heaven and hell, he was quite surprised to learn, upon passing, that they didn't exist.

CHARLES LINGFORD, one of the earliest entities making contact with Probert. He was at one time a dancer and entertainer, and has a fine sense of humor. He now occupies himself mainly with music and painting, along with scientific and philosophic matters, on "the other side," where we are assured exist great libraries and other impressive sights.

The Etherians

Saucerians, according to these informants, are not interplanetary visitors, as we would ordinarily consider that principle, but rather superior entities who exist in other dimensions of matter -- a fourth dimension, if you choose to call it that. The BSRA prefers to call them "etherians" and their saucers "ether ships."

It is difficult for the "controls," as the communicators are known, to explain such a complicated principle; in reading their messages one is not so sure that they, themselves, can explain or understand the complete set of concepts involved.

We ordinarily think of matter, say a piece of iron or a table leg, as very much solid. In reality, scientists will tell you, such matter is first made up of molecules, then of smaller particles, atoms. Although we think of atoms as being very small, with their nuclei and rotating electrons packed very close together, in reality they are not. For example, if some atoms were expanded, in theory, so that an electron were the size of the earth, the distance between the different electrons making up the atom would be as far apart as, say, Mars and Venus. So in relation to the size of the components, spaces within an atom are so vast it taxes the understanding to consider them.

So, in reality, explain the controls, our matter is made up from the kind of atoms we know are very rarified. Now picture another kind of matter that is much denser, because the components of the atoms are vibrating at a higher rate of speed. Such matter would be able to pass right through ours, with the same ease that wind or water would flow through a screen with meshes a mile wide. As an example, one might picture a ghost going smack through a stone wall. Since such matter, because of the higher vibratory rate, is beyond our range of perception, different worlds, all vibrating at different rates, can exist right alongside and interpenetrating with our own, without humans being aware of it.

The etherians belong to dimensions of "high" but varying densities, and it is they who are piloting most of the saucers, according to the book. Although they have never lived on the earth in human bodies, except under rare circumstances, they consider themselves akin to humans and all other entities that have the power of reasoning and a certain amount of intelligence.

Because of their greater scientific and mental advancements they can, however, enter our plane of perception whenever they choose, by the process of changing their vibrational rate. When the rate of vibration is lowered to that of ours, they become visible to us, along with their flying saucers. All this could also be called,popularly, materialization and dematerialization, or, as it is abbreviated in the book, "mat" and "demat."

If some counter that the saucers they have seen close up and even touched were absolutely solid, and couldn't have been four-dimensional, that is all well and good with the "4-D" theory. The etheric counterpart of our own steel, after the vibrational rate was converted to that of our own, would appear, feel and be absolutely solid -- perhaps even more solid than our own steel.

But at the whim of the etherian operator the steel could be converted back to etheric or "4-D" matter, disappearing before one's eyes! Tales of saucers that seemed to disappear, or travel noiselessly through

our atmosphere at fantastic speeds which would melt ordinary metal add some weight to the BSRA theory. And because etheric matter is subject to the play of subtle forces more than is our matter, such as the power of the mind, most of the saucers are constructed simply by thinking about them, according to the controls.

Where Do the Etherians Come From?

Where do the etherians come from? Since their world could be considered coexistent with ours, maybe one is right there in the room with you now, on the bus, in a saucer, or wherever you happen to be reading this. But many of them originate not on Venus (as we would normally consider it as a physical state), but the etheric counterpart of Venus. They also come from other planets, and from even beyond the Milky Way, considering these locations on the same non-materialistic basis. Traveling such vast distances faster than even the speed of light (which Ramon Natalli said was not 186,000 miles per second, but 186,500 miles per second) is no trick at all, for they can hop around vast distances by merely believing they are there, and willing the fact into existence, so to speak.

This is akin to, though not quite the same thing as teleportation, which some mediums have been able to prove,at least to some people. By the phenomena of teleportation an object, such as a vase, for instance, can be made to vanish in one place and turn up some other place instaneously, or so say the mediums. Scientifically it might be stated the atoms of the vase were disintegrated and at some other place the same arrangement of atoms was rearranged by some kind of power possessed by the medium. Ourselves, we don't know, but would like to know what happens to our scissors almost every time we want to cut out a clipping.

How the etherians can travel vast interstellar distances quicker than you can say "flying saucer" is explained by Layne, who points out that to these beings time and space are meaningless.

Picture, he tells us, a series of balls, one within the other, like the carved ivory balls or nested ivory eggs familiar in the Orient. Each smaller ball, though packed inside the other, is free to move free and independently.

Now if you extend a radius from the center of the innermost ball to the surface of the outermost, and follow this line in your thought, inward from the outside, you will immediately see that the point where the radius passed through the surface of the outside ball there is a corresponding point on the inside surface of the same ball. There is also then a corresponding point on the outside and inside surfaces of the second ball, and so on to the center. Assume also, Layne asks, there is no "space between" on the balls, since empty space, he says, "is a fiction."

Now let's say you were on the inside or outside surface of any of the balls and wanted to travel along the imagined radius to the surface of another ball, say from the center ball to the outside. If we allowed Layne's request to consider no space between the surfaces, there would be no space to be crossed and therefore no time would be required for the crossing. Considering these balls as space-time frames of reference, we would then see that to pass from one space-time frame of reference to another is not a matter of "crossing" millions of light years of "space." objects simply emerge from one frame of reference to another.

Thus the BSRA prefers to term the crossing of space by the etherians "emergence." An object "emerges" when its energy is converted, by altering its vibratory rate. When the vibratory rate is altered to that of the matter we can see and touch, we can then see the flying disk, get inside it and even take a ride in it, for it is like our matter in most every way.

The same theory also can explain the case of the Fortean falls, so called because writer Charles Fort collected and published such incidents. There have been many cases of objects, such as rocks, seeds, and even fish, frogs and other living animals, falling from the sky. In such

cases, according to Layne, there has been a spontaneous emergence of objects from the etheric plane into our own, by a conversion of vibratory rates. Since the etheric plane contains duplicates of earth objects, many of these fallen objects are tangible, visible, and often capable of being analyzed chemically.

Dire Debacles In the Making

Why are the etherians here? On this point the controls must be somewhat hazy, for they seem to disagree. The Yada Di' Shi'Ite said, in 1953, that the coming of the disks portend the sun expanding into a super nova, which would fry the earth to a crisp in an instant, though he could not say the day nor the hour (perhaps showing more wisdom than many prophets!). He also predicted terrible earthquakes. Prof. Luntz felt they had a less urgent purpose, their business being primarily to make notes on the physical condition of the earth itself, as well as the state and advancement of our scientific approach to life.

Whenever a civilization reaches a great state of advancement in every line, said Prof. Luntz, that civilization is due for decay, "or to put it better, change." When the etherians gather as much information as needed, they hold it until such time as the civilization falls. And when another starts to rise again and after it has attained a certain degree of advancement, these things are handed down to the earth people again through the channels of mystic organizations.

Meade Layne

And so the saucerians are pictured as guardians of mankind in one sense, and merely as scientific observers or relatively uninterested bystanders in another. The controls warn that the ideas of morals held by the etherians might be much different than ours, and that they might regard our own opinions of things much the same as man might regard those of a cockroach.

Not all saucerians are etherians, however. The universe is swarming with life forms of all sizes, shapes and colors, on a variety of planes. In addition to these "immaterial" beings are probably some really solid saucerians, existing permanently in our own plane, who actually may come here from other physical planet or planets.

It may be that Layne and his medium have found themselves a philosophical generalization into which they can retreat and take on all questioners, to which the theory can afford an answer to anything, including "where was my husband last Saturday night." And THE SAUCERIAN, on unfamiliar grounds when mixed up with mediums, can't vouch for the validity of the odd assortment of informants giving Probert messages in trance. For all we know, all this theory may be coming from his subconscious, but, if that be granted, one would have to give Probert a powerful lot of credit for an imaginable and erudite subconscious.

Others, allowing validity to the mediumship, will further explain that humans on an astral level, or other spirits, may not know a lot more than humans in Brooklyn, N. Y., or that they may know a lot less.

But if a hypothesis seems to be workable, if only philosophically, it is certainly useful. No man has seen an atom, and may only imagine its inner workings, but the hypothesis involved has enabled him to build an atomic bomb. We still don't know what electricity actually is, but we have been able to use it to operate TV sets and other relatively harmless inventions. So if BSRA theory, expounded in THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANS, can explain saucers without any loopholes, we're all for it -- that's more than the Air Force apparently has been able to do!

Meade Layne isn't a fake, you can be practically assured of that.

For one thing, there just isn't that much money involved in what he's doing. And to us he has consistently appeared to be an inquiring, open-minded and kind type of individual.

When and if man ever explains to himself just why he is here, who made the world and hung out the stars, we're afraid it won't be by the process of present day conventional scientific or philosophical reasoning. He will have to go farther into the occult or hidden or still little-understood realms of knowledge for that. And we don't think Meade Layne has the whole answer yet, nor does he claim that he does for that matter.

We think, however, he has hit on part of the truth, as have great religions and great philosophies in other times and at other street numbers. He has attempted, and quite well, to bring down to our realm of thinking, some of the complex forces that mankind knows must exist somewhere somehow.

The way he has put such truths he may have discovered into fairly ordinary language may not turn out to be accurate, if we ever know what is accurate and what is not. But, as we have said before, if the theory is workable in that it provides an explanation for the saucers and the saucerians, it is of value.

And it would be worth your three bucks just to set yourself to thinking for a change.

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(Those who have read THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANS may also be interested in other BSRA publications dealing with the "4-D" theory. ROUND ROBIN, a bi-monthly publication, is $5.00 per year, including BSRA membership (single copies 50¢); CLIPS QUOTES and COMMENTS, a semi-monthly bulletin, contains miscellanea and shorter articles, supplementary to ROUND ROBIN, is $5.00 for 12 issues, $2.50 for six issues, two issues for $1.00. These publications are highly recommended by THE SAUCERIAN.)

THE WILD RUMOR COLUMN

-- By R. Monger --

Webster defines RUMOR as a "popular report; current story; to circulate by report." Add WILD to RUMOR and you get this column, which, although not to be taken too seriously, may contain, though distorted slightly through mouth-to-mouth transmission, some really sensational truths. Then, this column provides a place to print, as WILD RUMORS, information which couldn't otherwise go in -- without the pleasure of having "visitors." -- Ed.

Mr. Monger

WILD RUMOR: That a certain southern Air Force base is still trying to figure out what happened to jet planes which vanished after passing through the sound barrier. Many theories are being bandied about, but the most popular one is that the planes entered some different dimension because of the high speed.

WILD RUMOR: That a prominent American scientist, who has been on U.S. proving grounds in Japan, said that seven guided missiles, sent up from there, had failed to fall back to earth. It was presumed they reached outer space, or are orbiting.

WILD RUMOR: That the TIME science editor is now taking his saucers more seriously.

WILD RUMOR: That a large airliner crashed into the sea somewhere on the East Coast some time ago. The disaster made headlines with a promise of further details and passenger list in later issues, but nothing more was ever printed about it. The crash was discussed in one of the so-called "secret meetings of the VIP's" (meetings in which eminent scientists sit up until three or four quarts in the morning), where it was generally considered a saucer had destroyed the plane.

WILD RUMOR: That a top scientist who takes some sort of radar-photographs of the upper atmosphere keeps getting nasty round and cigar-shaped things on his snapshots. He doesn't call them saucers, but neither does he call them scratches on the film.

WILD RUMOR: That a saucer made an attempted landing at the Quantico Marine Base this year (1954).

WILD RUMOR: That a communist has been planted in every saucer organization to gather information. Don't interpret this wrong -- the organizations aren't red; it's just that the Commies are interested in what the organizations are up to and what information they may be uncovering. We'd like to see the Russians get hold of a transcript of one of these ouija board saucermeeting sessions -- 'twould drive the poor boys nuts.

WILD RUMOR: That a railroad worker in Tacoma, Wash., made a statement that he had worked on a saucer, but that very same day he made the statement he disappeared mysteriously.

WILD RUMOR: That the Fifth Army has been alerted for a saucer invasion.

WILD RUMOR: That the flying saucers are being assembled on our East Coast and are being flown from there to North Africa. Don't ask us why!

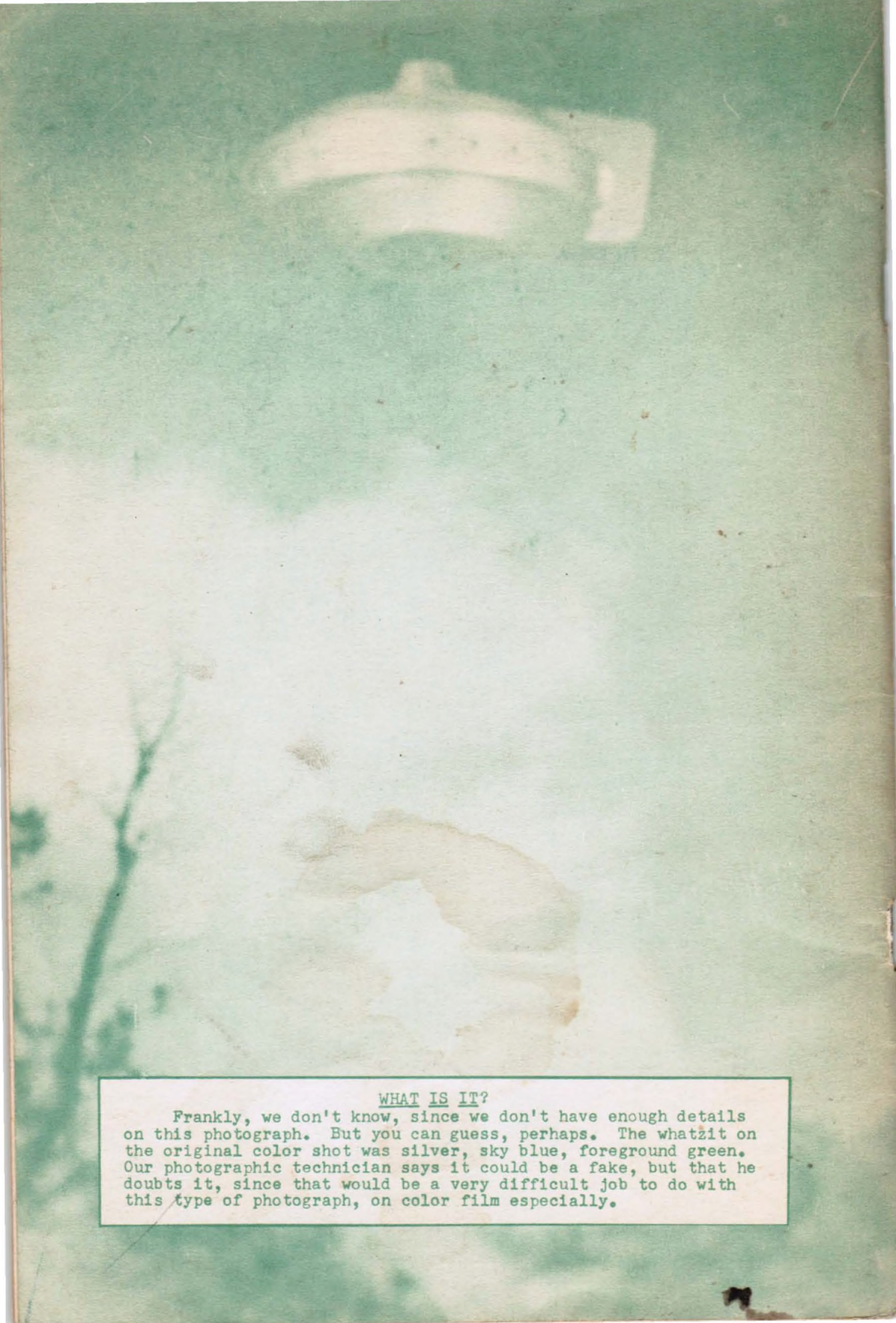
WILD RUMOR: That an atomic scientist with a "Q" clearance, who has studied saucers thoroughly and is quite convinced they are a secret weapon of the U.S. Navy, has stated that about 15 saucers, all built by the U.S., account for all the sightings. He has seen a lot of classified data on saucers, including one photo of a saucer-shaped Navy plane, which he was not able to discuss in detail. He has grouped sightings according to certain periods and areas, and believes all saucers can be traced to military bases.

THE PASSAIC PHOTOGRAPHS

(See Opposite Page)

George J. Stock was working in his yard in Passaic, New Jersey, on July 30, 1952, when something overhead caught his eye. He rushed into the house, grabbed his $11.00 Kodak, which luckily was loaded, and took five photographs, four of which are reproduced here. The saucer hovered about 200 ft. from the ground. Small insert is a greatly enlarged section of one of the negatives, showing the saucer in more detail. Readers who would like to own 8x10 prints of these and other saucerphotos are directed to August C. Roberts' ad elsewhere in this issue. Roberts, who is Photographic Technician for THE SAUCERIAN, has this to say about the Passaic photos: "Believe me, I have spent more time on them than on any other saucer photographs and believe, myself, they are the real thing. If they are fakes, they are the best that I have ever seen, and if real, they are still the best I have ever seen."

It is also interesting to note these photos were taken in 1952, just a few months before George Adamski alleges to have taken his famous saucerphotos. It must be agreed the Adamski and Passaic saucers look very much alike. --- Photos courtesy of August C. Roberts.



WHAT IS IT?

Frankly, we don't know, since we don't have enough details on this photograph. But you can guess, perhaps. The whatzit on the original color shot was silver, sky blue, foreground green. Our photographic technician says it could be a fake, but that he doubts it, since that would be a very difficult job to do with this type of photograph, on color film especially.