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For those of you who are familiar with the Newsletter, it's taken a long time but here we are. The publication will appear slightly different and will be published regularly with a somewhat altered format.

For those who are seeing the publication for the first time, welcome! We hope you will find this issue of sufficient interest to make you subscribe.

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Saucerers for several years have bemoaned the passing from the national scene of FRANK EDWARDS, since the AF of L fired him using his interest in UFOs as an excuse. Now something can be done about it! The latest word from Edwards in Indianapolis, where he is a commentator on TV: The Pabst company is considering sponsoring Edwards. As this became known the brewing firm was bombarded with letters asking it to put the program on in a wider area. If Pabst can be persuaded to put him on a national network, UFOs will be blown right out into the open again and kept there, as it was when he did nightly radio reports on events in the saucer field. NJUFOG strongly urges anyone with an interest in UFOs to sit down and write a note to the address below, asking that Frank Edwards be put on in the writer's area:

Marshall Lachner, President, Pabst Brewing Co, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois

This is of importance: do it today! If the firm gets a heavy mail count, it can-- and will--be done!

AFTER HOLDING BREATH

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena has finally gotten out of the hole in which it found itself, and is now steaming ahead into what now appears to be a practical, sensible plan of action. In confidential material recently sent from DONALD KEYHOE, Director of NICAP, to saucer organizations, it was strongly stressed NICAP will not interfere with the smaller groups and will, indeed, work with them, drawing heavily on them for support and help.

A few points noted in the report: 1) T. Townsend Brown has resigned. 2) NICAP's payroll does not amount to the fantastic figures reported; the only cash paid was \$175 to Brown for his services from August to January. 3) Heavy commitments have been disapproved and were at last figure cut to realistic bounds.

NICAP is asking a yearly membership fee of \$7.50 of which we heartily approve and suggest you take advantage. You get membership; a monthly 32 page publication (first issue next month); special or confidential bulletins when necessary; and later possibly a larger magazine, based on favorable subsequent developments. Keyhoe stressed NICAP will quote the smaller groups and set up a nationwide reportorial network with local evaluation groups.

NJUFOG recommends NICAP; you'll note we've been extremely reticent until now, as have most other publications. Now we're behind it 100%: with Don Keyhoe and others of his calibre in the driver's seat, NICAP is well worth your time, money, and interest.

Most of the credit for NICAP belongs to two persons: Keyhoe, who was responsible for securing the interest and services of the Board (listed below), and for getting it out of a severely problematical situation; and MRS. ROSE HACKETT, longtime saucerer who left her own group in Baltimore and has given unselfishly of her time and efforts to NICAP. To both these stalwarts: our salute!

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FULL FAHRNEY STATEMENT

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Most of the major papers and wire services carried the statement by REAR ADMIRAL FAHRNEY; this comprised an important bit of promotion for NICAP. The quotation in most of the reports, however, was incomplete. Because the deleted portions were, we felt, of equal or superior value, we are herewith reprinting the whole statement:

"Reliable reports indicate that there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds...no agency in this country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radars and observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve.

"There are signs that an intelligence guides these objects because of the way they fly. The way they change position in formations would indicate that their motion is directed. The Air Force is collecting factual data on which to base an opinion, but time is required to sift and correlate the material.

"As long as such unidentified objects continue to navigate through the earth's atmosphere, there is an urgent need to know the facts. Many observers have ceased to report their findings to the Air Force because of the seeming frustration--that is, all information going in, and none coming out. It is in this area that NICAP may find its greatest mission.

"We are in a position to screen independently all UFO information coming in from our filter groups.

"General Albert C. Wedemeyer will serve the Committee as Evaluations Adviser and complete analyses will be arranged through leading scientists. After careful evaluation, we shall release our findings to the public."

KEYHOE VS. "EARTH VS." AND OTHERS

DONALD KEYHOE has finally come out with a statement about "Earth Vs. the Flying Saucers," which supposedly is an adaptation of his book, "Flying Saucers from Outer Space." We have repeatedly dismayed the connection, and Keyhoe has now said:

"First, I very much resent being misled into thinking this was to be a documentary picture. Second, I refused to make personal appearances with the film. My publishers...sold the film rights...the Hollywood agent who handled the matter...assured me it would be a documentary...dramatized, but fully documentary as far as the saucer items were concerned. They had no title then...I never heard the title until the picture was finished. I did not serve as technical director as some (magazines) have stated. I did not go to Hollywood, never talked with (anyone)...I did agree to make personal appearances if the film was...documentary...I have not seen the film and from what I've heard about it I don't intend to."

Speaking of Keyhoe, we spoke to him regarding statements about him in two FS publications. JAMES MOSELEY, editor of SAUCER NEWS (Box 163, Fort Lee, N. J.) reported Keyhoe appeared at Giant Rock Airport last year. Keyhoe's reply is "I was nowhere near there, and never had any intention of appearing at the Spacecraft Convention run by GEORGE VAN TASSEL.

GRAY BARKER's SAUCERIAN BULLETIN (Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va.) in October ran the following item: "THINGS-KEYHOE-MAY-HAVE-AN-EXPLANATION-FOR-DEPT: An out-of-town saucerer...told us of attending a Keyhoe lecture in Daytona Beach, Fla. After the lecture KEYHOE WAS PICKED UP IN A BIG ARMY CAR," according to the informant." Maj. Keyhoe's comment to us on the phone: There was no Army car; he did go to lunch with an Air Force Intelligence officer who happened to be in the area checking a sighting but no official contact, merely a friendly visit. Keyhoe stressed, in further questioning the credulity of such gossip-in-print, there was no USA, USAF, or any official car.

With this issue of UFO NEWSLETTER we are operating under a new system. The format of the publication has not greatly changed but the Newsletter is larger and, of course, more expensive. Our system of paying membership to NJUFOG expired 31 December and the Executive Committee purposely decided against extending the old system further. That obligation taken care of, we are continuing on an informal basis. The main thing holding us together will now be the UFO NEWSLETTER, which will continue to be published.

The schedule is roughly every month or five weeks but it will be determined more by the quantity and urgency of the news at hand. Ten issues will be published each year at the rate of 30¢ an issue or \$2.50 for a year's subscription. Foreign subscribers should advise whether they wish surface or air mail service; rates will be supplied on request. This issue's circulation is heavy to advise old and new readers of what they may expect. The subsequent issue will be sent only to organizations on exchange lists, and to those who wish to guarantee receipt by entering a paid subscription. Checks and money orders should be made out to Lee R. Munsick, Editor, and sent to the Group address.

This NEWSLETTER goes gratis to other organizations throughout the world; at last count 110 groups in 20 countries! We take this opportunity to request that editors of other publications please place NJUFOG on their mailing lists if they have not done so so that we may be assured of exchange receipt of all allied material. Our sources are identified; permission is granted to copy all material. Please credit North Jersey UFO Group, the UFO NEWSLETTER, or Lee R. Munsick, editor.

The initial mailing of this NEWSLETTER sees it being sent out at a reduced rate. The reason for this is simple: it's cheaper that way. We'll be quite frank in saying that when one is mailing out several hundred copies of something at once, it pays to send it at second, third, or lower-class rates. But the fact that we are currently utilizing the benefits of such action does not deter us from feeling the inequities of such a nonsensical postal system. At the present time there is a move in the U. S. Congress to raise first class rates from 3¢ an ounce to 5¢, and air mail from 6¢ to 7¢ and at the same time raise postal wages. The public and various branches of communication media have reacted strongly in opposition, and at this writing the Post Office Department has revised its request, asking for the 4¢ figure which was defeated last year. All of this is not getting any closer to the heart of the problem; first-class mail pays for itself and more now at 3¢. What costs is the special rate stuff (largely not publications, but rather the flyer, or "junk" mail) which does not pay for itself, and is subsidized by the first-class profits, and congressional allocation. We suggest if you intend to take part in any action regarding the postal rate changes you ask that Congress override the strong direct-mail lobby, and reevaluate the direct mail rates to bring them into line with reality, making them pay their own way. Then there will be no need to up the first-class rates, making the small user carry the chore of sustaining the large volume (and profit-making) users. Write Sen. Olin D. Johnston, Chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Comm., Washington, D.C.

Your editor would like to issue a warning to other editors: The latest publisher to be taken in by William C. Lamb, of Newcastle, Wyoming, has been CORAL LORENZEN, of the APRO BULLETIN. This man's writings reflect his lack of comprehension of the saucer problem; it occurs to us he would be better ignored. Mrs. Lorenzen's group, by the way, is now in its sixth year of UFO research; her newest innovation is to change the FS designation to UAO in her magazine, standing for Unconventional Aerial Objects. Her magazine (1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, N. M.) is a must for all UFOers.

This edition of UFO NEWSLETTER is a large one, made up of both factual information and quite a bit of editorial opinion. We depend to a great deal upon our readers for information; you can help by sending in anything which may be of value: newspaper clippings, local sighting reports, opinions, suggestions, etc.

PROFESSIONAL ASTRONOMER ON UFO'S

by Nelson Rebel*

That groups such as yours are interested in the views of scientists is, I believe a very healthy sign. Your open minded and serious approach to the whole question is the only sort of foundation that can support a study of any weight.

Scientists (and I think most naturally of astronomers) have learned and are still learning through bitter experience that even first rate observations carried out under controlled conditions are quite capable of leading to completely erroneous conclusions. The study of the extragalactic nebulae was held up for a number of factors. Among the most important of these factors was a set of observations and measurements which appeared to indicate quite conclusively that these objects had motions which were completely incompatible with the possibility of their being outside of our milky way system. These measurements and the conclusions drawn from them have long ago been found to be completely in error. How these particular errors entered is still not fully understood for the man who carried out this work was a competent and respected astronomer.

Such a situation is not exceptional in science. Even Einstein's theory of special relativity ran into something of a snag when it came to a certain set of measurements (of the so called "ether drift"). Here, fortunately it was quickly decided that since the theory was so well supported in every other way, there must have been something wrong with these particular observations. Only recently (thirty years after they were made) the observations were successfully re-examined, and the subtle source of the trouble was at last found.

In view of this sort of experience, scientists tend to be super-cautious even when treating the observational results of carefully controlled experiments. It is therefore not hard to understand why they are quite suspicious and hesitant as regards the sightings of unidentified flying objects. The observations of these objects are in no way controlled (surprise is not a helpful factor in any way) and the observations are very seldom made by observers having more than a superficial scientific background (So far as I know, not a single sighting has been reported by an astronomer; and yet as a group they should know the night sky as well as any group. It is true of course that there are not a great many astronomers. (1)

As you are well aware, a goodly number of sightings (85 to 90%?) can be readily explained in terms of well known causes such as stars, planets, weather balloons, noctilucent clouds, searchlight and cloud effects, aircraft, etc. My only experience involved a call from McGuire Field. The object was found to be none other than the bright star Sirius which happened on this particular night to be twinkling more strongly than usual (I happened once to see a most unusual phenomenon in the night sky, and it seemed at first sight to be weirdly unnatural. A few minutes of closer study finally showed that it was no more than an unusual combination of searchlight and cloud.).

There can be no question, I believe, that a number of sightings are deliberate hoaxes. I have had the good or bad fortune to have been shown a book on "flying saucers" in which at least a goodly number of the photographs were obviously the results of rather poorly executed attempts at retouching. The text was even less believable; the author claiming to have seen and photographed on numerous occasions "flying saucers" directly between himself and the moon as a background. This description is highly suspect for a number of reasons. Considering the most simple objection, one can simply note that the moon has been observed by a great number of professional astronomers and by countless first-rate amateurs, for what must easily have totaled many millions of hours within the past fifty years, and yet not a single observation of this kind has ever been hinted at. (2) And yet the author of this particular book claims to have seen and photographed flying saucers between himself and the moon not just once but on several occasions. This I cannot believe.

I suppose that you will agree that there have been a number of such deliberate 5
frauds, but these do not of course rule out the possibility of actual sightings of
"unusual" objects. It is, however, very discouraging to a scientist to realize that
no matter how many sightings he might explain in terms of natural explanations or de-
liberate frauds, it is still ever so much easier to sight than to sink them. A field
in which deliberate frauds are boldly paraded in books of wide circulation is hardly
one in which character and personal integrity will be held in high esteem. (3)

And now, from the sightings that are explicable and from the hoaxer, we turn to
the unknown residuum. Here I suspect that a goodly number of the actual sightings
can be explained in terms of unusual optical properties of the atmosphere that exist
at particular times. As you know, temperature inversions can account for the refrac-
tion of terrestrial lights in such a way that they may seem to come from the sky. In
this way the headlights on moving cars can give rise to most remarkable effects as
far as sudden changes in direction and speed are concerned. Still other sightings
must be due to a subtle mixture of natural occurrence and psychological response.

Even in certain astronomical observations we encounter the psychological factor.
Several competent observers, for example, have claimed to have seen remarkable fine
structures on the surface of Mars (the "canals"), while others equally or even more
able observers, using equipment and conditions that were as good or better, have
seen only broad and diffuse features. The verdict on the canals seems today to be
rather strongly in the negative. (4) It seems that an observer—even a well trained
and conscientious one—can become a victim of his own imagination in rather subtle
ways.

But with what are we left after all of this? I for one don't know. You know
better than I which of the sightings might be explicable in terms of the above pos-
sibilities; and yet as I understand it, there remain a small number of sightings that
appear to be difficult to explain in such terms. I can't help but be very cautious
with regard to such uncontrolled observations; and there are still other possible
explanations in the form of military hardware still under wraps, etc.

The whole question seems in many ways to bear a good deal of similarity to the
old question of sea serpents. To my knowledge, nothing has yet been found in the way
of sea monsters that has even approached in dimension or form the beasts described
by the seamen of old.

I hope that my mind is an open one. Today I find myself altogether unable to
jump on any bandwagon; and until I have been shown considerably more than I have at
present seen, my position can hardly change. The best scientists seem to possess
among other qualities the ability to proceed with an undogmatic but a cautious eye.
(5) Speculation is not in itself a bad thing; but unfounded or poorly founded spec-
ulation piled upon one another are more subtle than quicksand—and more deadly. Per-
haps we can do no better with respect to the problem of unidentified flying objects
than to be scientific in this best sense.

(Editor's note: *With this issue, UFO NEWSLETTER inaugurates a series of arti-
cles relating to the UFO and allied fields, written by outstanding persons and
trained people, such as prominent UFOlogists, astronomers, pilots, etc. Our first
article above was written by a young Astrophysicist, whose identity unfortunately
must be masked by a pseudonym. In the future we will strive to identify all authors.

The contributor majored in Astrophysics in one of the middle west's finest
institutions of learning and is now an instructor at one of the east's biggest and
most well known universities. He is on the staff of that university's observatory
and recently was on leave for a tour of duty at XERXES OBSERVATORY. All of these
place names would be instantly recognizable by the reader.

In anticipation of a flood of letters about the above article, your editor
would like to point out the following, brought up by remarks in the article denoted ¹/₃
by the note numbers in parentheses. Continued on page 27 ⁵

Our delayed report on officers of CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE OF NEW YORK: President, JOHN DUBARRY, former Aviation editor of TRUE, responsible for DONALD KEY-HOE'S interest in saucers, and prominent aviation writer and enthusiast; Vice-President for Public Relations, IVAN T. SANDERSON, lecturer, author, naturalist, UFOlogist; Secretary, ALEXANDER MEBANE, who has so well occupied that post for a period of time during which CSI has best defined its aims and methods and outdone itself in operations; Treasurer, ISABEL DAVIS, one of the 'big three' who devote so much time to keeping CSI going and making it the outstanding civilian saucer group; and Research Director, TED BLOECHER, who in spite of a lack of extensive technical training (i.e., he is not a Ph.D. or professional astronomer, etc., as demanded by Menzel et al), is especially capable in that office, particularly with his astonishing photomemory.

CSI's most recent public meeting heard a very well prepared and most informative and amusing illustrated lecture by the Rev. ALBERT BALLER of Greenfield, Mass. entitled "Mystery in the Skies." Baller is a member of the NICAP Board of Governors (see story this issue). In a members' meeting 8 March, reports on NICAP, 'little men' stories, the ESFA meeting, and a tape by WAVENEY GIRVAN (see excerpts this issue) were heard.

The CSI NEWS LETTER No. 6 for December "is devoted for the most part to recent events which, in (the editors') opinion, are not genuine." The writers outline their case for "The Need for Outspoken Criticism:"

1. "Everyone who has been seriously interested in UFOs for some time comes to realize that in addition to the genuine or apparently genuine data, there are three kinds of spurious pseudo-data that have to be weeded out and rejected: the false stories produced by deliberate and cynical hoaxers, the false stories produced by the insane or emotionally unstable, and the honest errors of observation that result from mistaking some natural or man-made object for a UFO.
2. "Frank criticism, disagreeable as it may be, is essential for our own education. It takes some time for a novice in UFO research to develop a judicious attitude: he almost always begins by accepting more than he should, and with increasing experience makes the painful discovery that he has lots of 'unlearning' to do.
3. "Unless we have the courage publicly to repudiate the spurious, we shall not only betray our responsibility to other UFO students, and become a laughing-stock to the public at large; we shall also disappoint and repel those who are able to make the discriminations which we have shirked. There are many intelligent persons, particularly in the field of science, who realize that the subject of UFOs must have some factual basis; but on looking into the literature of the field, they have found it is riddled with evident fraud, and that even the would-be factual works are marred by overenthusiastic acceptance of the dubious. So long as 'saucer research' is of this calibre, they will not endanger their own reputations by acknowledging their interest in it. They are capable of recognizing the irrationality of total rejection, as exemplified by DONALD MENZEL; but they will not accept a GEORGE ADAMSKI, or even an H. T. WILKINS, as an alternative. They demand—and it is a justifiable demand—leadership which is not too obviously vulnerable to the ridicule of the skeptics."

This particular issue of CSI NEWS LETTER (CSI of NY, Lex Mebane, Secy., 245 West 104 St., Apt. 8-B, New York 25, N. Y.—Note new address) is worthy of retention for posterity; if you don't have a copy try to get one. It runs to 25 pages of solid-packed reporting and editorialization.

There are a few exceptions to the rule of excellence here, minor in nature: a ⁷ misidentification of sources within NJUFOG of data; misspelling of "LONG JOHN" NEBEL; a half-hearted explanation of your editor's actions in a recent investigation, the publication of which was done out of altruistic motives but probably should have been left to the person involved. But generally CSI outdid itself in the field of saucer apologetics, and evolves head and shoulders above any of the other groups and most authors, as a result of this single NEWS LETTER. Is it fair to assume it is possible to attain this high calibre continually? We hope so.

INVESTIGATIONS REVIEWED, PREVIEWED

The MOSS SUBCOMMITTEE's work unfortunately was not too much help to the saucer field, contrary to the hopes of many. The House Government Information Subcommittee did come up with an amendment to 5 USC 22. The following is from the committee's statement of 9 January: "This statute has been cited repeatedly by the executive departments to justify refusals of information. Congressman Fascell (D., Fla.) will cosponsor the bill with Congressman Moss (D., Cal.)...the original law was designed as a 'housekeeping' statute authorizing executive departments to make rules establishing filing systems and other procedures. It states that department heads may prescribe regulations for 'the custody, use and preservation' of records. In recent years, the phrase has been used by departments seeking legal sanction for withholding information." The amendment would add to the statute this final sentence: "This section does not authorize withholding information from the public or limiting the availability of records to the public."

While this was the only official outcome of the investigations, there were more results. Congressman Moss was apparently piqued by the findings. An item dated 16 February says "Congressman John Moss of California says the resignation of Assistant Defense Secretary Robert Ross gives the Pentagon what (he) calls an excellent opportunity to improve its public information policies. Moss suggested that Ross' successor should be a man trained to give out information, not to cover it up." (AP) The President's nominee to the post was his assistant news secretary, Murray Snyder, so he should fill that description.

In another indirect result, the Senate became interested in the problem. Sen. Hennings (D., Mo.) originally was to sponsor the above amendment in the Senate, but in later reports, dated 31 January: "Senate probers have decided to study the problem of secrecy in government. The chairman of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights—Senator Thomas Hennings of Missouri—says his group's major project will be a study of governmental secrecy as it affects rights guaranteed by the Constitution and particularly the free press guarantee." (AP)

NJUFOG strongly recommends those interested write to Sen. Hennings (Senate Office Bldg., Washington 25, D.C.) urging the question of Pentagon interference with public information about UFOs be included in the agenda. Also write your Senator.

REAL PROBLEM WITH OUR AIR FORCE?

After a period of several months, correspondence between NJUFOG and a group of incompetent Air Force personnel finally routed one Major who knew what was being requested, and what a logical, sensible letter of explanation could do. This writer asked for a copy of BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14, citing the copy given to DR. LEON DAVIDSON (See separate story this issue). After getting a series of half truths double talk, false statements, and general nonsense from various officers up to the rank of Colonel, MAJOR ANDREW J. WOOD, of the Office of the Secretary's Information Services, sent the following:

"Project BLUE BOOK is unclassified and has been loaned out to several agencies from time to time, including Dr. Leon Davidson, but not on a permanent basis due to a limited number of copies.

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"Colonel Hugh Day's office in New York supplied Dr. Davidson with a copy of the report which was returned to his office within three weeks.

"The limited number of copies which are maintained here and in New York are available to be read upon visitation or on a loan basis."

ASTRONOMERS' RANKS CRACKING?

There has been continued interest in the resignation from the BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION of H. PERCY WILKINS, prominent amateur British astronomer. Wilkins cited the lack of "freedom of expression and the right of everybody to report what he sees," and has organized the INTERNATIONAL LUNAR SOCIETY (35, Fairlawn Ave., Bexleyheath, Kent, England) which already includes many professional and highly qualified astronomers, as "an international body, free from petty spite and jealousy." The list of officers has been announced. They are: President, Dr. Wilkins; Vice-President, PROFESSOR W. H. HAAS, of the U.S.A.; General Secretary, HERR. ROTH, of Germany; and Permanent Secretary, PROFESSOR A. PALUZIE (to whom inquiries should be addressed, at Diputacion 337, Barcelona, Spain). The journal of ILS will be published semi-annually with the first issue now available.

CLYDE TOMBAUGH, the professional astronomer and research professor who discovered Pluto, said recently "Unidentified Flying Objects seen in recent years may be coming from outside our own solar system." Tombaugh, officially on the research staff at New Mexico A & M College, says "there may be many worlds besides our own which would sustain life." But he added it's believed none other of the planets in our own solar system is so favored. Reading between the lines, this becomes an immensely important statement, brought on in the main because of Tombaugh's own sighting of an honest to goodness UFO which he didn't understand. (AP)

DR. ROBERT S. RICHARDSON, a California astronomer, reports a network of irregular, crooked, blue, veinlike lines on the bright red desert areas of MARS. He says he got a quick view of the markings, quite different from the long, straight, and great-circle lines reported by others, in June 1956 on the MT. WILSON TELESCOPE when Mars was approximately 74,000,000 miles away. He says he thinks they probably are canals. This information was published in a leaflet by the ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC. (AP)

DR. S. AREND of the Uccle, Belgium, Observatory, has discovered a 'new' comet in conjunction with his associate, Rowland (the comet will therefore be named Arend-Rowland). They first saw it 8 November 1956 after it was allegedly pulled from its normal orbit by the effects of Uranus or Jupiter. Some estimates say it will be brighter than was HALLEY'S COMET when the latter appeared last in 1910 (it will not return until 1986), and could be seen during daylight hours. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW of England quotes BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION member DR. BERNARD FINCH on the subject, with a surprising series of questions: "Have we here the beginning of a great event in the Cosmic history of our solar system? One must stop to think that here we have an alien object from the outer realms of space approaching close to our planet. May not this object bring with it alien life--in one form or another? The future will tell and we must carefully examine, weigh up and analyse any strange happenings on this earth in the not too distant period. The next year will be one of immense interest--for, coupled with this passing comet, the earth satellite programme will be in full swing." The comet will be the brightest object in the sky by the end of April! This writer cannot help wondering if Dr. Finch will suffer the same fate for his statements (he also has an extensive article in the REVIEW) as did Dr. Wilkins at the hands of the BAA.

DR. DONALD H. MENZEL of Harvard has made a statement that interplanetary travel will be possible "within the next decade." If he's so sure man will make his leap into space by 1966, why can he not bring himself to consider the possibility that some other civilization may have been watching us from space for some time? In the same vein, WILLY LEY tells us he feels the first space-rocket crew is now with us: in elementary school!

In contrast, DR. LEE DE FOREST, the American father of electronics, has predicted that man will never reach the Moon "regardless of all future scientific advances." He went on to say that "Man is inherently an earthy creature, and only his scientific imagination will ever make him a planetary emigrant...to place a man in a multistage rocket and project him into the controlling gravitational field of the moon, where the passenger can make scientific observations, perhaps land alive, and then return to earth, all that constitutes a wild dream worthy of Jules Verne."

THINKING 'SCOPE BOYS TO...

Surprising insert in "Man to Man Answers" in the January TRUE Magazine illustrates the painful absence of JOHN DUBARRY and KEN PURDY from the staff:

"Q. Are there small satellites between the earth and the Moon? I believe I have seen them. Eugene Metcalfe, Paris, Ill.

"A. Astronomers have seen them too. They also know they are not satellites, but airplanes, insects, birds, floating plants. No existing satellites circle the earth between us and the moon. Dr. Rice of the Hayden Planetarium says he has also seen objects cross the fact (sic) of the sun and that they are usually airplanes."

Interesting to note at least one professional is now spending a great deal of his time under contract, looking for insects, birds, planes, balloons, etc. Aside from the fact that astronomers' telescopes are focused too far out to show such things, this whole article is ridiculous. As to TRUE: "Oh come on now, fellas."

Word was recently released that the SCHMIDT TELESCOPE at PALOMAR OBSERVATORY (NOT Palomar Gardens!) was the instrument involved in the 1951 discovery of the new planet GEOGRAPHOS which is about a mile in diameter and follows an elliptical orbit which intercepts earth's; we trust not both at the same time! The planet has a 17 earth-months year, and in 1969 will come to within 4,000,000 miles of earth.

MOSELEY NOT TOP ANTI-ADAMSKI-ITE?

Newest to join the field arrayed against GEORGE ADAMSKI is LONZO DOVE, a professional photographer and amateur astronomer from Broadway, Virginia. In an article in the October issue of URANUS (31 Kings Road, London S.W. 3, England), Dove analyses the Adamski photographs. The following, quoted from that article, is an extract from Dove's work, based on Adamski's own estimated size of the "Scout Ship" as 36' Diam.

"Assumed diameter 36 feet: In the photograph the front bulb is 15 ft. closer to the eye than the rear bulbs, and a fine measurement shows the perspective shortening to be 1/21st. in difference. Therefore the distance from the object to the eye of the camera must be 21 times 15 ft. which equals 315 ft. At that distance the 36 ft. object would subtend an angle of 7 degrees, and the image in Adamski's telescope would be about 5 1/2 ins. The eyepiece lens covers only a fraction of this primary image, therefore the photo showing nearly the whole of the object could not have been taken through a telescope. The same angles and conclusions would apply to a smaller model of the saucer at closer range. However, a box camera of 4 in. focal length would give this image about 1/2 in. size, hence the photograph must be an enlargement of the original negative image. My telescope total view is only one degree. A twelve inch model would be 9 ft. away to give an 'Adamski' image.

"The 'Brownie' photograph with much shortened vertical perspective and lack of focus, shows a closer viewpoint of about 1 1/2 times the diam' of the object. At 55 ft. the object could not be out of focus with the background in focus. Hence it must be a 12 in. model only 18 in. away from the camera lens--which would produce exactly this kind of picture image 2 in. in size."

The December issue of URANUS continues Dove's report, but makes an unfortunate editorial error in offering that because a book is ghost-written, it is therefore 189

immediately worthless. Beyond this immature and rather surprising attitude (coming from a professional publishing firm, Markham House Press), there seem to be some considered remarks which shed new shadow on the claims of the Palomar Profit (all puns intended). The C.L.J. mentioned is the ghost writer of "Flying Saucers Have Landed."

"We...have extracts from several letters which passed from C.L.J. to Mr. Lonzo Dove. The letters date from 31st May, 1952 to 25th. July, 1953. On 24th. January, 1953 C.L.J. wrote, 'Things are all mixed up, publicity not handled right, pathetic and (Adamski's) story is too prosaic, not put together right...(6th. December, 1952:) I will take (a photograph) along...together with those George Adamski has given me...'

"Now, then, this is really something, when we compare the dates, the letter obviously refers to photographs taken by (Adamski) and C.L.J. received them from Adamski on 1st. December, twelve days before he is supposed to have taken them according to the text in the book.

"It is also fairly certain from further information that the 'contact' was pre-planned by Adamski and (George Hunt) Williamson.

"A MR. ART JAFFRAY wrote also on 13th. March, 1953, 'I have the Adamski photos and checked with DR. LA PAZ and the director of Palomar on the authenticity of the pictures and they both tell me they are not genuine.'

"(Adamski has)...been given every available opportunity to defend himself, but he has failed to do so and unless some sensational new facts come to light we must write 'finis' to the 'Adamski Saga'."

It is unfortunate that in further steps in this story, two mistakes have been made by two prominent saucerers; mistakes in judgement. The first was made by the 'C.L.J.' mentioned, who happens to edit a newsletter type of publication, which concentrates heavily on information (actually much of it very valuable) about saucers. Her mistake was in insisting her name not be brought up, thus making her appear guilty of something, and also in basing her defense to the charges only on the fact that having ghost-written a book is not a condemnation of the supposed author's story, and not challenging the statements of fact and photoanalysis involved.

The second error was by the editor of SAUCER NEWS, JAMES MOSELEY (Now off on another junket to Peru), in revealing the name of C.L.J. against her obvious, if poorly advised, wishes. This writer wrote to C.L.J. long before Moseley last returned from South America, requesting her name be allowed in this article. Her reply:

"I want it all as impersonal as possible for in that way the FACTS will stand out for themselves. Names are not important at this time--at least not in the work I am doing. When one gets into the negative it just builds higher and higher and the main objective is lost and also ill feeling mounts."

While your editor did not agree with C.L.J.'s stand, he fully respected her right to the position and will bide by it. Surely other editors will, also. Mr. Moseley should remember that although his magazine might not be considered by the general public as such, it is part of the fourth estate, no matter how specialized a field in which it deals: there are certain methods of procedure by which he should operate, remembering his obligation not only of presenting the important facts to the reader, but also to the persons involved.

Fortunately, EDGAR SIEVERS, whose book, "Flying Saucers Uber Sudafrika," is making a tremendous stir in the field, has contributed a more sane attitude to this business in the February issue of URANUS. His article, in answer to the original DAVID WIGHTMAN editorial, titled "Adamski--the Last Nail?" is titled "Last Nails That Aren't" and successfully brings up several points I have tried to get across above. I should like to quote, at the risk of being repetitive:

"If it needs only some 'indisputable evidence' of a book having been 'ghosted' in order to brand an author as unreliable, irresponsible or downright untruthful and to mark him ready for intellectual burial then I wouldn't know how many stone dead... authors there are rotting in the British Museum...I suggest (we get some) points straight: (1) GA has never concealed the fact...(2) GA has given printed acknowledgements to...C.L.J....and to Charlotte Blodget (who edited "Inside the Space Ships"-Ed)

* There has been an alarming tendency within the field toward utter irresponsibility*
* that has been produced, this writer feels, by the overlapping of the two branches *
* of saucerdom; the logical, methodically proceeding group, and the so-called 'fan- *
* atic fringe' of persons who feel--some sincerely, some not--that the answer lies *
* in religious, pseudo-religious, cultist, and metaphysical applications. These two *
* centers of feeling, which have been obvious for at least 6 of the ten years since *
* the Arnold sighting, should remain mutually disassociated. When individuals, and *
* groups, tread the line between them, dangerous tendencies are born which will on- *
* ly succeed in undermining both fields of thought. These unthinking mental acro- *
* batics result in irresponsibility in thought and in the printed word being poured *
* out by over two score publications in the field. This writer fully feels the *
* necessity for individuals in both camps to keep up with the whole of saucerdom; *
* to correspond freely with anyone on either side of the fence. But in so doing, *
* be honest that while one defends the right of the other person to say or believe *
* what he does, one doesn't himself necessarily agree. My own correspondence *
* touches with many with whom I say "I don't agree with your views and theories, *
* but an exchange of them is the only honest and forthright method of attaining any *
* solution." But when an advocate of one camp shows up as an important officer or *
* leader of the other, he is being dishonest and unfair, and all sort of trouble *
* starts, with a great deal of misunderstanding and hard feelings arising out of *
* the situation. There are several cases of just this. It is a dangerous trend; *
* one which has just recently in part caused the loss of one of the best UFO pub- *
* lications from the field. It is a suicidal tendency; one which must be stopped. *

...About the photos it is not stated whether the reference by C.L.J. was to those of 13th December. If she said so, then let's be informed of it. Further, what is so sinful in her writing - 'I am just finishing the A. story, poor man, he just needed a little help'? Does this imply an accusation, or does it pin his notes down as fiction?"

Sievers continues, "No, if letters there must be, then let us have the full text! It is not for nought that in literacy and legal ethics disjointed citations count for little...and don't let us blow up little mice into big elephants where one unassuming but sensible and closeup further explanation may let the bubble go pop with a bang. No biased or distorted lid with any coffin either. And if ever there will be a last nail, none but truth can wield the hammer."

URANUS continues with an article by DESMOND LESLIE, GEORGE ADAMSKI's co-author on "Flying Saucers Have Landed." This attacks Lonzo Dove's articles, arguing against what Leslie terms Dove's 'silly muddling' and poor photographic analysis. Dove replies in a back-to-back article which defends his statements rather well against Leslie's impassioned onslaught. This makes for stimulating reading and it would now appear the onus is upon Adamski or Leslie to come up with a logical and sane defense.

Two big communication media watching saucers: Station WNEW, New York, world's most popular and successful independent radio station, broadcasts news every hour on the half hour, prepared for it by the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, the world's largest newspaper. Recent comment on the telephone to your editor by CARL WARREN, in charge of the DAILY NEWS radio broadcasts indicates heavy mail pull every time saucers are mentioned; so heavy the radio staff has standing orders to broadcast any saucer story they come across. To illustrate the importance of this station; this is the outlet which just this month was sold for a record fee for a single station of \$7,500,000!

By now probably everyone reading this knows about HOWARD MEMBER of High Bridge, New Jersey, and his story. A carbon copy of Adamski with some added frills, this man and the tale have caused a great furor locally and now over a larger area in the UFO field. This is, to say the least, unfortunate. It is also unfortunate that, much against his personal better judgement, the writer found himself personally entangled with the Menger mess, because of his concentrated firsthand investigating and the fact that for a while he was friendly with Menger, not surprising inasmuch as more than a month was spent in constant touch with the Mengers and others connected with the story.

Like the stories about Adamski and others of his ilk, Menger is a most engaging person; now, however, he is surrounded by so many opportunists and lunatics that any thinking person would hesitate to accept the seeming sincerity present in the story. Menger has become most unfriendly and uncooperative, and for almost two months there has been no further communication. We understand, however, that the story continues to grow (probably as others suggest new branches which should be included, as has been shown in the past); Menger, now in California with GEORGE VAN TASSEL, continues to claim new contacts with space people, revelations and rides, added to an already impressive (if they were true) list: mental telepathy; clairvoyance; spacerides; talking with Venusians, Martians, etc.; teleportation, telekinesis, trance-mediumship; mindreading; predicting the future, telephonic communication with extraterrestrials, etc.

After a vigorous personal investigation, this writer has come to the conclusion that there is no evidence to indicate any truth in Menger's claims, and a great deal of both definite and circumstantial evidence against them. The entire thing is so complicated by all sorts of outside influences, as well as personal and internal problems, that no one who did not personally investigate could understand the complexity of the case. Suffice it to say that the Menger story would best be forgotten (in spite of a proposed book), and that Howard Menger, his family and friends, would be better off without their new lunacquaintances, attending to work and the family's private problems.

INSOMNIA SAUCERIUM

The Menger thing did, however, come in one opportune way. The entire story came out into the open when Van Tassel was in New York lecturing. He had appeared on the LONG JOHN PARTY LINE, an all night discussion program over WOR-710 Kc. New York, midnight to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday nights. On his second appearance, Van Tassel appeared with Mr. and Mrs. Menger, who he claimed to have just met, and who reappeared themselves some half dozen or so times. The immediate reaction of this magazine's editor (and several other researchers) was to have some more serious researcher appear on the program to illustrate the complexity of the saucer picture and the fact there was some intelligent and not so wild-eyed work being done in the UFO field. As always, our idea was to acquaint more people with the fact that this business of the 'flying saucers' was not so all-fired funny as it might appear, nor as deceptively simple.

Mr. Munsick has since appeared a score of times and is still participating about once a week. Also, IVAN T. SANDERSON, LEX MEBANE, DOMINICK LUCCHESI, TED BLOECHER, JOHN OTTO, AUGUST ROBERTS, HANS STEFAN SANTESSON, and several newcomers; THEODORE STURGEON, JULES B. ST. GERMAIN, CHARLES PUTNAM, and others have appeared on the program to discuss various facets of the saucer picture. The public eats it up; LJ and the Party Line are the hottest nighttime radio show in the east, second only to WOR's early-evening music program, "Music from Studio X." The program covers some 25 states and boasts an audience of a million and a half! For the insomniac or someone with time in the morning hours, the Party Line is a must for offbeat discussion (not only on saucers) and 'material to think by.'

Speaking of Van Tassel the January PROCEEDINGS (Box 419, Yucca Valley, Calif.)¹³ carries on the Menger tale (see above) and takes up the anti-religion (in this case anti-Catholic) actions which are sprouting up within the fringe and cultist area of saucerdom. Also in this issue are several pictures purportedly of saucers which show the most obviously faked (to us) pictures ever put out on saucers. Mr. Van Tassel, did you ever see the Flash Gordon movies now being shown on TV? The one good picture in the magazine: Van Tassel himself! One incidental bit of intelligence from the sage of Giant Rock: the solemn prediction that he will be President of the U.S. in 1960.

DARK HORSE IN SAUCER FIELD?

Re the Menger and Van Tassel stories: just who is the MR. X, or MR. LESTER, who claimed he saw the 'space people' with Menger? He allegedly is a New York physicist but actually what he does and just what his connection with saucerdom is, seems to be a great mystery. Confidential material indicates his interest is much more deep rooted (and of longer history) than he is letting known. Those brought to New York by Mr. X. include Menger, MARK PROBERT, 'MEL KINER', JOE BOZACK, Van Tassel, and others. Mr. X, please answer one question: Just what is your game?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A comment from a former teacher, now Episcopal minister, on one aspect of the saucer question (this from a letter discussing the PARTY LINE programs devoted to discussion of the Menger story): "When I listen to the Party Line program I am often reminded of the gentleman who saw his first giraffe. He looked at the creature for a long while, and then said, 'I don't believe it.' I view with pity those unfortunate people who believe only what they can see with their physical eyes. What a drab world they must see; what a barren existence they must live; how lonely their lives must be."

MON-KA NOT DEAD AFTER ALL?

The second issue of UFO CRITICAL BULLETIN (Rua 13 de Maio n. 1240, Sao Paulo, Brazil) published by attorney JOSE ESCOBAR FARIA, notes that a Brazilian offshoot theosophic sect says the saucers are from a Dero-like underground race. An adherent to the sect, retired Brazilian Navy officer Comd. Paulo Justino Strauss, said the UFOs at the end of 1956 would "control all radio stations on earth and a loud voice would be heard by all the earthlings. Firstly on the radios, after on the air itself!" This ties in with the Mon-Ka fiasco caused by DICK MILLER. According to GABRIEL GREEN, writing in the LOS ANGELES INTERPLANETARY STUDY GROUP newsletter, THY KINGDOM COME (2004 N. Hoover, Los Angeles 27, Cal.), several things did happen the 7th of November which to him illustrated Mon-Ka's claims were fulfilled. Probably one question would clear this up: "What connection is there between Green and Miller?"

S-F MAG STARTS BOON FOR UFOLOGY

FANTASTIC UNIVERSE SCIENCE FICTION magazine is to be congratulated for a long overdue, serious study within its pages on the flying saucer enigma. The series began in its February issue which had a cover showing a UFO and jets, drawn by KELLY FREAS. Inside were articles by IVAN T. SANDERSON, setting the stage for the study of UFOlogy; GRAY BARKER, retelling the ALBERT K. BENDER mess; and a wonderful idea of "How to Be a Saucer Author" by DEAN MCLAUGHLIN. The March issue had an outstanding first article in a series, "Shapes in the Sky," by CSI of NY. The April issue had a fine review of the AIME MICHEL book by the magazine's editor, HANS STEFAN SANTESSON. Coming issues will sport more by CSI and others. Hats off to King Size Publications and Stefan Santesson; the sci-fiers are awakening to a legitimate field of serious interest. Hope they add some sanity to it.

DAN FRY coined it. It's now becoming widespread in saucerdom, to describe any one of many sensational developments in the field: "SENSPACETIONAL!"

ESFA MEETING HONORS UFO'S TENTH

Flying saucer fans will be hearing more and more of the 3 March meeting of the EASTERN SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION. Held in Newark, New Jersey, devoted to the topic "Flying Saucers--After 10 Years," the symposium grew out of a year's infrequent correspondence between ESFA Director ALLAN HOWARD and your editor; and a PARTY LINE program with THEODORE STURGEON and Munsick. It would appear that the meeting (largest attendance yet at an ESFA affair) was the initial wedge which we hope will serve to introduce serious science-fictiondom to an interest in the enigma of UFO.

The stellar group of speakers at the meeting included ROBERT M. MILLS, editor of the brand new VENTURE SCIENCE FICTION magazine, who outlined the course which his new publication will take; LESTER DEL REY, prominent sci-fi author, who did a marvelous biography of science fiction treating the history of the art form as one 'cult' developing after another, including technocracy, dianetics, psionics, Shaverism, saucerism, etc. His hard-boiled remarks were a relief and struck home more than one good point, at the same time providing almost everyone with at least five good laughs and making the listener reappraise his own thinking. Next: L. SPRAGUE DE CAMP, another well known author and advertising man who, although not personally believing in the UFOs, provided a good idea of the problem with which we are faced, indicating that nothing is ever really 'proven' but rather there comes into existence two piles of evidence which grow, and when the pro-pile gets so much larger than the anti-, that the latter becomes insignificant, then it is overruled as misunderstood or wrong, and the question becomes 'proved'.

Of course the question which then arose was: Are we yet at a point when the larger pile is significantly overbearing the smaller one? Most agreed it had not. Another welcome idea deCamp brought up was this: "Investigate to your heart's content, wholeheartedly and with all your heart and might and interest: but do not be surprised if you're disappointed."

The panel itself consisted of HANS STEFFAN SANTESSON, editor of FANTASTIC UNIVERSE (see other article); IVAN T. SANDERSON, veepee of CSI and TV star; TED BLOECHER, research director of CSI, assisted by LEX MEBANE, secretary of CSI, and your editor.

The large, highly interested crowd showed a high-level aptitude for understanding the problem, and was not the heavily fanatic crew you might expect; indeed, as Ivan Sanderson said, it was probably a better looking crowd than usually turns out to saucer meetings! Recruited largely from the LONG JOHN night people, it was a fine audience with which to work.

It is this writer's hazarded opinion that the meeting and the significance of it will not go unheralded in the saucer (and sci-fi) press, and will be picked up and mimicked elsewhere. If the interest between SF and FS is properly and delicately handled, it can and should be mutually beneficial.

SPACE FLIGHT COMES OF AGE

An interest in man's race into space, and the race of science fictionists, is illustrated by the 4 March issue of NEWSWEEK and the 11 March issue of TIME, which included the following items within their sleek covers:

NEWSWEEK

Cover showing satellite and rocket.
Douglas Aviation 2 p. adv: "How to Cool a Pilot in the Thermal Thicket."
AiResearch Mfg. Div. of Garrett Corp. 1 p. adv: "Set for the Troposphere."
Article on USA's race to conquer space; 4 pp. illustrated.
Curtiss-Wright 1 p. adv: "Higher and Faster than Ever Before."

TIME

Douglas Aviation 2 p. adv (see left).
America Fore Insurance 1 p. adv: "Ever Feel 'A Million Miles from Nowhere'?" with picture of a man in space.
Education article about 17 and 18 year olds building a home-made binary notation digital computer, and 14 year old making "an analytical count-rate meter for nuclear disintegration." 194

"That Fantastic Fiction--Scientists Read It, Too" 1/3 p. boxed feature with results of surveys showing half of readers of the new flood of science fiction are scientists, engineers, and technicians. Takes note of article on science fiction in BULLETIN OF ATOMIC SCIENTISTS. Box featured reproduction of April FANTASTIC UNIVERSE cover.

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Security in Space article under "Science" about satellite race with picture of "Spaceship Over the Moon."
Union Carbide & Carbon 1 p. adv: "Mining the Skies" (looking up!).
AiResearch 1 p. adv (see left).
Curtiss-Wright 1 p. adv (see left).

Boeing 1 p. color adv: 707 jet airliner in beautiful color shot (this is the plane just declared 'unacceptable' by the Port of New York Authority because of the 'high noise' but which snuck in and out of Chicago virtually unknown!

LEY, PROGRAM WIN MARCH PRIZE

Station WEVD, a New York City outlet owned by the Debs Memorial Radio Fund, has presented a program called "Science for the People" as part of its WEVD Universe of the Air series, for several years. The producer and moderator of the program is W. WENDELL RAZIN who, the announcer proudly proclaimed, is a member of no less than eight professional scientific societies. His guest on 12 March was WILLY LEY, the self-styled authority on zoology, rockets, and Walt Disney. After dispensing with the necessary plug for his latest book and mentioning a May-expected revision of "Rockets, Missiles, and Space Travel," Ley, who has been on the program before, launched into a half hour of some of the worst double talk and mixed up evidence, irrelevant material, and other nonsense that has been foisted upon the public in some time.

Ley snatched at the recent Pan-Am sighting (see story this issue) about "Airliners sighting a fiery object over the Atlantic Ocean. One airliner," according to Ley, "took...evasive action. This one...I'm willing to bet," bet Ley, "was a large meteor, in my opinion. (This captain) was the first...to see a meteorite close by."

Razin asked, "Why do the (saucerers) want the UFOs to be sent in by the 'people from another planet'?" Ley replied, "They are emotional about it."

One of Ley's stock explanations for UFOs: "Some flying saucers were in reality... ball lightning. Ball lightning is unknown...nobody has ever caught one or...identified one. The fact that it is unknown does not prove that it is anything specific."

When asked if it was possible that this could be a secret weapon of some government, Ley showed his only tint of sense during the program. "Now the Air Force behaves differently, but this may be a super fine, well arranged camouflage...the Air Force insists that if somebody needs to know, they tell him everything that they know, and they add that this is very little--much in volume but little in context--what you say is a thought which has occurred to others too; whether this is valid or not I simply can't touch." Ley added they wouldn't be used where they would be seen: "May I inject here a remark on security in general. I once had a discussion with a colonel of the Air Force and our dealings had to do with classification of a certain document, and I asked him what the general method was...he said to me 'Now as long as the airplane is...only a project, of course it is classified...generally speaking, as soon as someone starts flying around you might as well declassify it because too many people will see it.'"

Razin went on, "A solution ventured for a problem...a solution which cannot be established but must remain theory ought not to create more problems than it seeks to solve." Ley continued in this vein of gobbledygook, "An explanation must satisfy the cases without needing additional hypotheses; in other words, the answer must not cause more questions than there were before the answer was given."

Razin brought up problems of scientific knowledge of our own solar system's planets; also the fact that the nearest star is $4\frac{1}{2}$ light years away. This was all to combat the idea of intelligent extra-terrestrial entities manning or controlling the

UFOs: Since nothing flies at the speed of light or greater, we would have to revise our concept of the cosmos to accept theories which have these objects coming here from other stars. In other words, said the moderator, it can be summed up in the brilliant, all-explaining, all-damning ejaculation: "Four and a half years is a long trip!"

Ley went on to disclose the machinations of his 'logical' mind: "If they are guided by intelligent beings, why do they do things so foolishly when they get here?" The obvious question was asked by another guest. Ley's reply "In exploring...you can either...establish relations with the natives (or) you keep out of sight completely ...because once the contact has been made, logic also demands that behavior is modified because...contact has been made."

Ley was further asked if he believed in the possibility of a visit from outer space: "Generally speaking, yes...but I don't believe that this is it." A most interesting few minutes; Willy Ley on EDWARD RUPPELT: "While Ruppelt himself says in so many words...three times (in the chapter of his book on 'The Classics') that he believes they are visitors from space, he then goes ahead and proceeds to demolish the classical cases, certainly...Mantell. I think that in this chapter he made a mistake." Ley contends Mantell was chasing a Skyhook balloon which Ruppelt says he felt was classified, so Mantell didn't know about it. Ley's discovery: In his opinion this was in error, as they were not classified, but actually "simply so new that people did not know what they were." This, apparently, immediately demolishes both Mantell and Ruppelt. It occurs to the writer that if the Russian high command knew it was so easy to undo the reputations and thoughts of two United States Air Force officers, they would like to know more about Mr. Ley's 'weapon.'

Ley went on to tell a most strange story: "I think it was (JONATHAN M. LEONARD who, with Ley, made such a poor showing on a TV program some time ago debating with MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE and M. K. JESSUP), the science editor of TIME magazine who told me...but it may have been some other editor. This man was in England, and the LONDON TIMES asked him, since he was an American journalist, a science editor to boot...to write for the LONDON TIMES one of their one page Sunday articles...which should be as complete as possible...worth saving in the clipping files...the man who wrote this page (about flying saucers in the United States) handed it in to the editor (who) said to him, 'Isn't this strange; nobody has ever seen one in England!...the man from New York said, 'They will know!'" And, remarked Mr. Ley, "They did!"

Ley parades his knowledge of UFO literature: "The very first book had the title 'The Flying Saucers are Real.' This was a book which...was stated (to be) the truth. The next one then was called 'Behind the Flying Saucers' and pretended to tell an inside story...completely exposed by a newspaperman from San Francisco...the next one had to be 'Inside the Flying Saucers' and there came a book with that title! Apparently the market became saturated, and the Ruppelt book was really the inside story."

The moderator said that in the books which constantly degenerated, after a while it wasn't enough to talk about them, see them, etc. You had to talk with them, take rides, get plans for the saucers, and so on. This in his mind is enough to discount the whole saucer problem.

All in all, Willy Ley, the moderator, and two other guests, showed an astonishing ignorance about the subject under discussion (it was listed in the New York HERALD TRIBUNE radio section as "Flying Saucers from Outer Space"); an abominable error for 'scientists' on a program called "Science for the People" and an even more intolerable mistake on an allegedly informative program presented as documentary. The listener has a right to expect some evidence or at least well thought out background for positive statements. To WEVD and to the so-called 'scientists' involved, we present this month's RADIO TV BOOBY PRIZE.

Whatever happened to ROBERT E. BARTLETT's large and grandiose scheme for a directory of world flying saucer organizations and publications?

Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence has recently reorganized under a new name and format (Aerial Phenomena Research Group or APRG, obviously named after APRO, Coral Lorenzen's highly respected organization, and her bulletin). Director Robert J. Gribble's new publication, APRG REPORTER (5108 Findlay Ave., Seattle, Wash.) is out with new setup and copyrighted material. Keep an eye on this! Congratulations to Gribble, if only for making our files contain but one F.S. REVIEW. While we're mentioning this, the late 1956 issues of the old FLYING SAUCER REVIEW ran a series of well documented reports from Brazil contributed by CLAVO FONTES. This material will assume increasing significance in the future.

Howard Neuberger and Roger Pierce, editors of COSMIC NEWS, are still conducting their campaign of misleading information, half-truths, badly researched opinion, and downright scandal! Makes us sorry we ever recommended their sheet when it started. NEUBERGER's privately duplicated SILENCE GROUP AND THE CHRISTIAN, supposedly exposing the "International Bankers" and other "Anti-Christis," is a mishmash of blood pressure catalysts enough to make anyone see red. Neuberger's immature open attack on the Jewish influence on civilization is liable to get him in hot water with various organizations and individuals. NJUGOG, for one, would like to roundly condemn this sort of irresponsible nonsense. We hope the better job on the new NEWS is significant of a change.

The March issue of CRIFO ORBIT is, according to the February headline and editorial by LEONARD STRINGFIELD, the last. It is to be lamented that the internal strifes in the saucer field, and the constant dual threat of sensationalism and the lack of interest in basic facts, have forced the suspension of one of the oldest and most respected, and certainly best, publications in the field. We shall all miss Stringfield, and sincerely trust he'll continue his interest and keep in touch with UFOlogy. We extend an invitation to Len to send us any information he feels should be published; anything from this researcher will be a welcome addition to our pages.

JAMES S. RIGBERG, editor of FLYING SAUCER NEWS and head of the FLYING SAUCER NEWS CLUB, also often thorn in the side of saucerdom through his constant low level promotion (see UFO NEWSLETTER 24 March 1956), filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy on 26 November 1956 in New York. The publication has not appeared since and the 'club' is defunct. This has been confirmed by Rigberg's attorney.

RAY PALMER, whose SEARCH magazine (formerly Mystic) has continued the saucer material he started revealing in FATE, also publishes OTHER WORLD SCIENCE STORIES which is mainly science fiction. However, a forthcoming issue will show a radical change, brought about by his readers' growing interest in UFOs. The magazine, now bimonthly, will go monthly, and change its name to FLYING SAUCERS FROM OTHER WORLDS, shifting the emphasis from the first two words to the last two each month, with the content alternating. This should be an interesting experiment, indicating the rapidly developing changes wrought in the field; also Palmer's amazing mind and constant fight to keep busy and commercial. He originally asked GRAY BARKER to get involved in the FLATWOODS MONSTER affair; he promoted the SHAVER story over a decade; he published KENNETH ARNOLD's unfortunate book; has just finished RIC WILLIAMSON's new one ("Other Tongues—Other Flesh," \$4, Amherst Press, Amherst, Wis.); and is, I understand, writing a saucer book under his own name. A busy man, he!

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (1 Doughty St., London W.C.1, England) in its latest issue for Jan.-Feb., reports many interesting notes in the field to top its past record for being one of the best and handsomest saucer magazine out. On p. 2 its editor, HON. BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH, asks if perhaps the combination of CAPT. RUPPELT's book, the UA motion picture, "Unidentified Flying Objects" (made with the cooperation of certain elements of west coast branches, USAF), and now REAR ADMIRAL DELMER FAHRNEY's statements re NICAP and saucers, are all parts of "a deliberate lead-up to the big moment when world authorities will officially tell us that we are not alone in the universe!" Could be.

RALPH DEL PIANO has just released the first issue of GALAXY DISKPATCH (66 Waverly St., Jersey City 6, N.J.). Among the things noted in the first issue: LONG JOHN, DAVIDSON'S BLUE BOOK REPORT, HOWARD MENDER, GRAY BARKER's book, MAX MILLER's new book, and the following item: "LEE MUNSICK---What has happened to him? For a while it seemed he was very interested in saucers and now we don't hear from him anymore." Well?

While we do not agree with its conclusions, the INTERPLANETARY FOUNDATION NEWS-LETTER published by LAURA MARXER is a splendid source of information. One bit of shocking news is the following, from the January issue: The Foundation (1014 Longfellow Ave., Royal Oak, Mich.) tried to donate a copy of "UFO and the Bible" to the Detroit Public Library. A reviewing committee of two rejected it, issuing the following reasons: (1) The average person does not possess the imagination to tie together UFOs and religion. (2) The book would not have a very wide appeal and the reviewers have chosen to wait for something more factual and comprehensive. (3) If the book is not purchased by the Library, it cannot be accepted as a gift. It occurs to this writer that 'book burning' is rather sad under any guise but when it is conducted by librarians it is serious indeed. A round Bronx cheer of condemnation should, we feel, be sent by all our readers to the Detroit Public Library. No wonder our world is in such a mess. One thing about the Nazis when they burned their books: You could see them doing it!

The LITTLE LISTENING POST of Washington sends out a special notice about LONG JOHN and the PARTY LINE, describing LJ as "The UFO's best friend in the United States today." LLP suggests those on the fringe of WOR's signal, or out of the coverage area, write to the Mutual Broadcasting System (1440 Broadway, New York 18, N.Y.) and ask that the Party Line be put on the MBS web so that all can hear it. LLP says "Write at least 3 friends in distant parts of the USA, Mexico, and Canada, urging them to ask Mutual to make this a truly NORTH AMERICAN network program." In addition, they suggest that YOU listen, phone your friends to tune in, and write to Long John at the above address with any suggestions.

ARTHUR BLOOMFIELD, editor of the PROPHETIC ENSIGN, a magazine sent mainly to ministers in the midwest, provides a relieving air of credulity in a magazine of its nature, in its increasing study of UFOlogy. His magazine, I am informed, will continue to print factual and editorial information about saucers, as his readers indicate an avid interest in such material. The quarterly Ensign's (\$1 year, Burket, Indiana) editor held a tour of northern New Jersey during January; we were sorry he was unable to find time to contact NJUFOG for a discussion or meeting.

An example of the lack of understanding and comprehension shown by many well wishing saucer devotees: JUSTIN CASE, writing in the Dec.-Jan. issue of SAUCER NEWS: "Books on Psychology and Hypnotism show that people are wholly unreliable and inaccurate observers, especially of unfamiliar objects and strange events. Therefore most UFO reports can be considered worthless. Furthermore, many people, particularly the less educated, can easily make themselves see anything they want to see. Therefore all 'contact' stories are deliberate or unintentional hoaxes...Biology and Evolution clearly indicate that there is very little likelihood that visitors from space...could look and act like us, as they are reported doing...this is further evidence that these books are false." This is reputedly logic. To parallel: My birthday comes next week. Wednesday comes next week. Therefore, my birthday comes on Wednesday (actually it may be Saturday). I doubt if many could be more suspicious about the contact claim stories than one Lee R. Munsick. But these arguments, if valid, would apply equally to competent sightings. Try again, Mr. Case.

The newest saucerzine is a monthly called SPACE which stands for SAUCER PHENOMENA AND CELESTIAL ENIGMA. Edited by NORBERT F. GARIETY (267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Fla.) his running banner is "The Air Force says...it has no PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ...that such things even exist. In the words of (Ruppelt) WHAT CONSTITUTES PROOF??..." Does a UFO have to land at...the Pentagon...or is it proof enough when a ground Radar Station detects a UFO, sends a jet up to intercept it, the pilot sees it, and locks on with his Radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal rate of speed? Which is PROOF?"

Another new publication, SPACEFLIGHT, is being published by the BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY. We're informed it is not highly technical in nature, and can be understood readily by anyone fairly well versed in the overall picture.

THE VISITOR is published by the STUDY GROUP ON INTERPLANETARY RELATIONS, one of a group of such outfits in the Michigan area (Mrs. Mary Jane McGleish, editor, 1850 Harvard Rd., Berkeley, Mich.). You may not always agree with the outlook of this organization (set up by LAURA MARXER) but you should in all sincerity keep up with the field, and this is one legitimate expression of thought in the saucer world.

NOTES IN SPACE WE DON'T HAVE

Recently heard from new arrival; YUSUKE MATSUMURA, chief of the News Bureau of the FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH GROUP IN JAPAN (Box 18, Isogo P.O., Yokohama, Japan). He describes the group as a nonprofit, private, civilian study group. His organization has been accepted in the Japanese aviation press (!); Matsumura has written for the magazine AIREVIEW, and is instituting a page every month in WORLD'S AIRCRAFT, another Jap aviation mag.

Another new foreign group which appears to be starting like a house afire: CENTRO DE PESQUISA DOS DISCOS VOADORES (Flying Disks Research Center, or CPDV; Box 8449, Sao Paulo, Brazil). Their mimeographed magazine, THE FLYING SAUCER is edited by AURIPHEBO B. SIMOES and in three issues has already gotten up to 16 pp. of top level information; it deserves your reading. Brazil is fast becoming one of the major sources of saucer information; with the CPDV magazine; the other Brazilian publication put out by CPDV's organizer, JOSE ESCOBAR FARIA (see story this issue); and the reports by DR. OLAVO FONTES of Rio de Janeiro, in the APRG BULLETIN. Keep an eye on this South American nation! The current issue of THE FLYING SAUCER lists the following remarks by astronomers: CLYDE TOMBAUGH, sightings 16 July 1947 and 20 August 1949; DR. SEYMOUR L. HESS, Professor of Meteorology at the University of Florida, sighting 22 May 1950; DR. G. DUNCAN FLETCHER, Vice-President of the Astronomical Society of Kenya, sighting reported 15 October 1954; DR. H. PERCY WILKINS, sighting 11 June 1954. Another organization in Brazil is COCOANI, headed by a former Brazilian Air Force pilot, HULVIO BRANT ALEIXO. CENTRO DE INVESTIGACAO CIVIL DOS OBJETOS AEREOS NAO IDENTIFICADOS (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) says: "Yes, the saucers do exist."

CAPTAIN EDWARD J. RUPPELT's book, "The Report on the Unidentified Flying Objects" is available in pocketbook version (Ace Book D-200, 35¢). Also, FRANK EDWARDS' first book, "My First 10,000,000 Sponsors," by Ballantine Books in pocketbook version now getting scarce; some copies are left on our book shelf, selling at our cost, 35¢. But send your order quickly. Edwards' other book, "Strangest of All," also contains a chapter on saucers. Hard cover only, this is a Citadel book.

Some time ago we picked up a rumor that a COMMANDER ARTEGO of the Chilean Navy took some motion pictures of UFOs in the Antarctic; after a lengthy bit of correspondence with various Chilean officials, we find no trace of the story which can be followed up. There is no officer named Artego in their Navy.

CYRIL RITCHARD, the Australian actor who so ably portrays a man from another planet who arrives on earth in a flying saucer (in the Broadway version of Gore Vidal's "Visit to a Small Planet"), was asked by MIKE WALLACE on TV program 28 February, if he believed in flying saucers: "I haven't asked myself that. I hear that many great intellects believe in them. I think we shall know more...in a few years." Any saucerer planning to visit NYC MUST see this play. The effects when the saucers land are terrific, as is Mr. Ritchard's portrayal of the extraterrestrial, and a similar role enacted by Francis Bethencourt. And the befuddled antics of EDDIE MAYEHOFF as the Army (yes, Army) General who takes charge are side-splitting.

VICE COUNSEL PEREGO of Rome says "Mankind is close to the revelation of the secret of the saucers." !?

For their eighth year, the trustees of the GRAVITY RESEARCH FOUNDATION of New Boston, New Hampshire, are offering five awards for short essays, the purpose to stimulate thought and encourage work on harnessing gravity. The essays must be in the hands of the judges by 15 April 1957. Inquiries should be directed to GEORGE M. RIDEOUT, President of the Foundation, in New Boston.

Add to bible information on 'saucers':

"Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth." (Zacharias, 5:1)

Note: A cubit is approximately 18 inches so the above is 30 ft. by 15 ft.

The stickers seen outside this publication are a good way of picking up public interest in UFOs. They are available from the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (1 Doughty St., London W.C.1, England) or from the LITTLE LISTENING POST (4811 Illinois Ave., Washington, D.C.) for \$1 for 200. Speaking of the LLP a recent edition quotes ARTHUR CLARKE as saying in a BRITISH INTERPLANETARY JOURNAL poll of 45 leading U.S. astronomers, 11% had seen UFOs, and 23% thought them a much more serious problem than most people recognized.

Saucers on the newsstands (indirectly): MAX B. MILLER, editor of SAUCERS (long on the recommended list of NJUFOG's top reading; Box 35034, Preuss Station, Los Angeles 35, Cal.), has compiled a book entitled "Flying Saucers—Fact or Fiction?". Published last month by Trend Books, the soft-cover pamphlet runs 75¢ and is certainly worth it. It includes a full book-length text and "is believed to contain the largest compilation of UFO and related illustrations yet published." This may be recommended highly but be careful you fall for the photos without some salt handy.

Once again we recommend the reproduction of BLUE BOOK REPORT NO. 14, as published by DR. LEON DAVIDSON (64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York). This material, which embraces the main portion of the original report plus an analysis by Dr. Davidson and certain other material, is available for only \$1 a copy. The handsome book should be a part of every saucerer's library; well worth ten times the price which obviously isn't paying what the publisher's invested in it.

Once again, the domestic copies of UFO NEWSLETTER include a list of magazine subscription rates. This is one way of maintaining our treasury, that we may continue to bring you this magazine. Everyone subscribes to at least one periodical (outside the UFO field); many to several. You may say money and help us too, by sending your subscriptions to us! Thanks.

We are also enclosing an advertisement for the chart of miscellaneous information on UFOs put out by FRED KEZIAH. We strongly suggest that while it may contain a lot of impertinent data, it includes a lot of good data, a convenient chronology, etc.

Actual figures have now been cited in the EINSTEIN SPACE-TIME CONTRACTION paradox. FRANK S. CRAWFORD, University of California physicist, says "If twin brothers flipped a coin to see which would be the first to take a spaceship to the nearest satellite, the brother who took the trip would be $2\frac{1}{2}$ years younger...by the time he returned to earth." This statement is from NATURE, analyzing time-of-flight studies of mesons, high-speed particles produced in cosmic rays and now generated in atom smashers. (UP)

INEZ ROBB of the DETROIT FREE PRESS apparently gives a lot of publicity to developments in saucerdom. Congratulations; only wish this young lady would answer her mail.

"History," it has been said, "does not repeat itself. The historians repeat one another." —Max Beerbohm.

Widespread interest came out of the story of an 80 pound piece of ice, which fell on the roof of an automobile owned by Roy Kellett, of Valley Stream, Long Island. Kellett told police he heard a resounding crash as he walked to his car after leaving the night shift at the Long Island Co. He found the roof bowl-shaped and the sides of the car pulled in. On the roof was a chunk of ice. Police said the ice was so hard that it couldn't be chipped. (AP) Here is where CHARLES FORT would start chuckling: Police speculated that an airplane, flying at high altitude, had become iced. When the plane descended to a lower altitude, they said, warmer temperature probably loosened the ice. S-u-u-re, it did! Any plane that flies around with an 80 pound chunk of ice, I want to see! NEWSDAY, the Long Island paper, ran a picture.

A new and awesome display in the northern skies of colored lights which oldtime eskimos say they never before have seen, have been occurring for the past month. Believed by some to be related to the Aurora Borealis...the lights are red, covering an area on the horizon of more than 90 degrees and rising to 50 and 60 degrees in height. William Wartes, AP representative at Barrow, said they differ from normal Northern Lights in presenting a solid, non-wavering glow, giving the impression the whole landscape is afire. Friday (1 March) night's was the most brilliant yet reported and some villagers said it was almost frightening to behold. This is interesting, as northern New Jersey and the metropolitan New York area beheld an astounding and most unusual display of bright bluish-green light from the north, lighting up a third of the sky, and this was also Friday night!

The AP ran a most unusual photograph, taken by freelance photographer C. Brownie Colquitt, of Knoxville, Tennessee. The photo (23 February) shows a perfectly round hole about a half mile in diameter, punched through a layer of clouds. The startling "hole in the sky" produced was explained (by whom we have not yet determined) as an area of cirrus clouds, dropping 3,000 feet through the layer of alto cumulus clouds, punching the hole at 19,000 ft. Sure, hello.

ATLANTIC, TEXAS BUZZINGS

(Editor's note: The following story was used by most metropolitan papers in an abbreviated form. Surprisingly enough, the biggest and probably best coverage was given by the NEW YORK TIMES for Sunday, 10 March. Because the item ran almost a full column in that austere paper, we are reprinting it here in its entirety with headlines and subheadings intact.)

AIRLINER AVOIDS FLAMING OBJECT

Pilot Sends Plane Into Steep Climb Over Atlantic—No Jets in Area at Time

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 9 (UP)— A fiery object hurtled toward a Pan American Airways plane high over the Atlantic Ocean today. The pilot said the object had forced him to climb steeply to avoid being hit.

Four persons required hospitalization for shock and injuries suffered apparently because of the maneuver. Two of the identified were Philadelphians.

Capt Matthew A. Van Winkle said he could not identify the flaming object, which menaced his transport at the halfway point on the flight from New York to San Juan. The unidentified pilot of a Trans-Caribbean plane said he had seen the object and that it could have been a meteor.

Seen By Other Pilots

A Pan American spokesman in New York said a report reaching there had quoted the pilot as saying he had seen an object with a very bright core and a fringe of green.

The report said a check with the armed forces indicated there had been no jet planes in the area at the time of the incident. The pilots of at least seven other aircraft saw the mysterious object, it added.

A spokesman at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida said the object "was no missile from our range." He added that the San Juan-New York air route was far from the regular guided-missile range.

Captain Van Winkle said his first impression was that the object had been a jet plane. But when it got closer, he said he had noticed it was not shaped like any known jet.

To avoid a collision, Captain Van Winkle said he had pulled the plane into a steep climb, rising some 1,500 feet in a few seconds. The sudden maneuver apparently caught those aboard unawares.

On the plane's arrival three passengers and a stewardess required hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gitlow of Philadelphia; another passenger identified as Monserrate Soto, and Julie Santiago Ridriquez, stewardess, were hospitalized for treatment of shock and lacerations. X-rays showed none of them suffered broken bones.

Captain Van Winkle described the mysterious missile as a "burning greenish white round object, unrecognizable but definitely not a meteor."

Captain Van Winkle, 39 years old, lives at 65 Constellation Road, Levittown, L.I.

Captain Tells of Object

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 9 (AP)— Captain Van Winkle said the weather was good and he had the aircraft on automatic pilot when suddenly he spied the greenish-white glow to the right.

"Instinctively, I thought it might be another plane heading straight toward us," he said. "I pulled the plane up and to the side.

"Since it was on automatic pilot, apparently I forced it too much and all the forty-four passengers, except one or two who had belts fastened, came out of their seats and rolled on the floor.

"There were about seven aircraft in the area at the time and all seven of us saw the glow. There was a distance of around 300 miles from the first of those seven aircraft to the last one. I was in the middle. All of us were flying direct on the track from New York to San Juan which is all over water."

A Runaway Missile?

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP)— The Defense Department was unable today to identify the fiery object.

A spokesman said the department had received no report on the incident. He refused to say whether a runaway guided missile might possibly have been the unidentified object.

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(Editor's note: The following clippings are from other sources.)

PILOT MYSTIFIED BY UFO

Almost Ran Into 'Big Spotlight'
By CAPT. M. A. VAN WINKLE

Flier Describes Near-Collision
Distributed by INS.

It looked like it was coming right at me from, at most, a few hundred yards. But as to what "it" was, I have less an idea today than when I tried to evade it.

"It" was described as a UFO—"Unidentified Flying Object"—in a radio report relayed to Eastern Air Defense Force headquarters by a Civil Aeronautics Administration communications center that intercepted Van Winkle's report.

(Van Winkle was flying at 19,000 feet with 44 passengers from New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was about halfway.)

(Some similar sightings in the past have later been explained as due to the brilliance of the planet Venus when seen through an atmospheric disturbance.)

My impression was that the flying object looked like a big spotlight. I believe it was round. It appeared to be on a collision course ahead of my plane, a little below and to the right. As far as I know it "came out of nowhere."

My flight engineer, John Washuta, spotted it the same instant I did. I heard him catch his breath.

For a split second I was bewildered. After reasoning it was not a jet fighter intercept, I felt there was only one thing for me to do to save my passengers and my ship. That was to pull up sharply, to take evasive action. I did so at once.

It was pitch black outside. I was in routine communication with five other Pan American planes, an Eastern Air Lines plane and a Trans-Caribbean plane, all of which were headed in the same direction in a line about 250 miles long.

It took me four minutes to quiet the plane, which had whipped violently on the tail when I pulled her up. I heard the co-pilot shouting, "What's wrong, Rip? For

Heaven's sake, push her over!"

But I was too busy to answer. I saw whatever it was slip by under my right wing and knew in an instant it hadn't hit us.

When I picked up the radio, all, or most, of the other pilots seemed to be chattering at once. I could make out a word here and there: "Brilliant light to starboard"; "UFO report"; "What is it?"

Capt. Ed Perry, piloting Pan Am's Flight 269 about 175 miles behind me, had seen it almost the same instant I had!

I have been flying all over the world for the last 15 years but I've never seen anything like this before. I know it wasn't a meteor because they come at you from above, headed downward. We see hundreds of them."

(Perry described the object as "being almost a magnesium flash white with pale greenish tints around it...At first I thought it was a flare, then I thought it could be another of those 'misguided' guided missiles. I saw it for about five seconds. It must have been moving at a terrific speed.")

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)— Two veteran pilots said they chased an unidentified flying object that played cat-and-mouse with them for ten minutes Friday (8 March-Ed.) night on a flight from Beaumont to Houston. The UFO whizzed past a Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. DC 3 flown by Victor Hancock and Guy Miller and then "just messed around with us," Hancock said. "I still don't know what it was but it knew we were following it," Hancock said. "When it wanted to it kept ahead of us easily. It would seem to stop, then when we caught up with it, it would be gone."

Hancock said there were three large lights—"White and brilliant"—on the "thing." Hancock notified Ellington Air Force Base, but the Air Force was unable to pick up the flying object on its radar. A similar object was reported sighted over Houston and San Angelo last week.

A CONNECTION WITH LOST MISSILES?

WASHINGTON (INS)— The Pentagon maintained silence (this month) about the guided missile which went out of control at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida (1 March). A Defense Department spokesman refused to identify or give any details about the missile. The Department refused to confirm or deny that (an ICBM) was fired at the Florida Air Base.

There also was a report of an aerial explosion earlier near New Smyrna Beach, Fla. - about 40 miles from the test center. The misfire followed by less than two weeks the runaway of a Matador guided missile at Alamogordo, N. M. This missile is presumed to have crashed in the Rocky Mountains (It has not at this writing been found!-Ed.). Another intercontinental missile, a Snark, went out of control at Patrick last December and presumably crashed into the Brazilian jungles. This sort of thing from Patrick has given rise to widespread use of the term "snark-infested waters" describing the Atlantic Ocean between Florida, Bermuda, and Brazil.

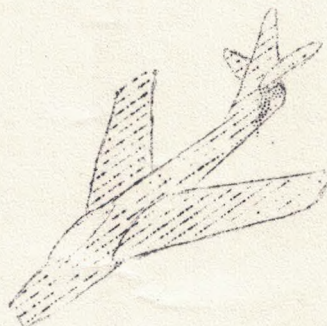
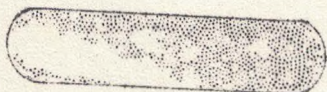
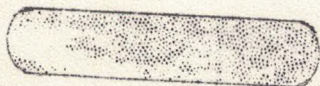
LOCAL IMPORTANT SIGHTINGS

We feel the following case is of extreme importance for several reasons. First, the reporter is well known by your editor, who is aware of his integrity in reporting honestly. Various technical training of flight and engineering, overall acuity and awareness, and a highly developed sense of judgement, make his observations of extreme value. In addition the fact that, in spite of being sounded out about UFOs before the incident by your editor, the viewer was not interested in flying saucers, and responded to your writer's queries with a raised eyebrow; indicates the importance of the case, as he is now quick to say, "I don't know what it was that I saw; it was unlike anything I have ever seen or heard of." The third reason for recognition of this case is the jets which were obviously reconnoitering the UFO.

The observer, whose identity will remain hidden because of an Armed Forces security rating, was traveling north on the New Jersey Garden State Parkway, about 30 miles south of the Navy Air base at Lakehurst. The time was about 4 p.m. 8 September 1956 when the observer saw 2 bright, shiny, apparently solid objects. The two (see 3

illustration) were traveling parallel, roughly horizontally, one slightly below and behind the other. They were a silvery gray color. The sighting, which lasted approximately five minutes, showed the objects moving east to west, dipping slightly in their travel across the sky. Estimated length was a little longer than a Sabrejet, giving the objects formidable size. The observer describes the objects as "a cigar of sheet aluminum or magnesium, approximately 50-60 feet in length."

A subsequent description drew this remark: "Take a CO₂ cartridge, the type used in seltzer water bottles; cut it roughly 2/3 of the way from the round end, repeat with another, and join them. The smooth-sided, perfectly rounded-ends object thus created approximates in comparative apparent dimension the objects I saw."



The observer was driving when he noticed the two UFOs with "two USN jets* over them, when one jet powerdived and circled laterally the course of the UFOs, appearing to make a recon run. The objects traveled from east to west about 1000 feet above and ahead of me."

The weather was clear, dry, and with a strong cool wind blowing from east to west on the surface. The observer noticed another car behind him stopping, he presumed to watch the UFOs. He estimated the objects were moving between 400 and 600 miles per hour, about 1400 feet away, this figure obtained from the two above. He went on, "I know what it appeared to be but wasn't such as targets or LTA aircraft—seemed like jets of complete symmetry—no wings, et cetera." Apparently there were no markings of any sort.

*The Navy air bases in the area, contacted within three days, both through the PIO and the Operations DO, said that no jets were sent up on UFO identification runs or any other missions which fit the above description. There were Marine jets within four miles of the area, but apparently too early (2 p.m.) to be the planes in question. When the observer was questioned on whether they were definitely Navy jets he said he was fairly certain they were blue-gray, but he saw no definite markings on the planes. He did say they didn't appear to be Army. All air bases in the area were subsequently checked as were local newspapers, with no information forthcoming.

Another case, more recent, is of importance also because of the accuracy of the the well considered reports filed by the four witnesses and by their personal qualifications. It was originally reported to NJUFOG by Mr. Robert W. Dunn. Mr. Dunn is an avid amateur astronomer, and belongs to several astronomical societies. His other qualifications include special military training, the fact that he is a licensed aircraft pilot, is presently an electrical inspector for a large aviation parts manufacturer in New Jersey, and spent five years as a newspaper photographer. At approximately 1:15 a.m. 22 February 1957 he was driving on Route 46, Caldwell Township, New Jersey, when he sighted a bright yellow object approximately one quarter the diameter of the moon. He stresses that while he saw no details other than a circular yellow light, he adds that it was unlike any astronomical body, and appeared solid. He watched the object move from left to right and slightly upward, for about four or five minutes. He got into his car to go for optical aids but could not relocate the object. He estimated the distance to be 75 miles or further, and offered no explanation for the UFO.

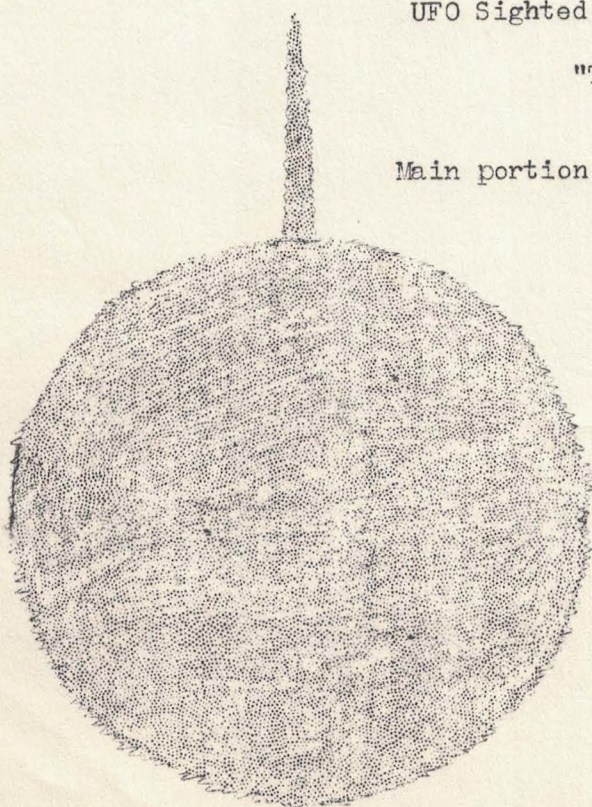
A subsequent report of what seemed to be the same object was filed with NJUFOG by Mr. Charles Van Duyne, a fellow employee of Mr. Dunn. Van Duyne was in the Air Force and is now a gauge setter by trade. His description of the object is "It was shaped like a balloon and didn't appear to have wings. I saw no exhaust or vapor trails." The object, which made no apparent sound according to any report, was stationary to Van Duyne. "It seemed to have one bright light in front and the body seemed to be made of the same material as a balloon, and two green lights in the back. It looked like a small Navy balloon except that it appeared stationary. It might be noted here that the weather was cold, dry, with a clear sky and no wind.

The startling report in the series was made by Mr. O. W. Foulsham, also an ex-Air Corps man, whose training is technical in nature. His report is somewhat different in several ways. Viewed from not too far away, he said the edges of the object (see drawing) were fuzzy, and that it did move from left to right and then up, as did Dunn's object. Foulsham estimates the size at from 25' to 30' in diameter (of the illuminated area which was seen). In the other cases the object disappeared from view as the observer took his eyes from it; in this case it moved behind a hill and was not seen again. Mr. Foulsham's drawing and the following comments add a great deal to his report, one of the best to come to us in a long time.

UFO Sighted Appx. 1:23 a.m. 22 Feb. 1957

"Tower or Mast"

Main portion described as "Glowing Lunar Yellow"



Small area "A Bluish-Green"

This area "A Tail-Light Red"

Right side of object, moving from left to right.

Rear view, moving away.

The construction of the object, according to Foulsham, "would probably be some metal that is resistant to heat and friction. (It) could also be a common material that would be surrounded by an extensive magnetic field or some method of equalizing the atmospheric pressure and gravitational pull. Its size would be approximately 25' or 30' in diameter in the shape of a disc rather than a sphere or elliptic. It could be made of some transparent substance, illuminated in its interior and this light glowing through all surfaces. Just imagine a large circular sign...completely lighted either internally or externally suspended for quite a distance below some aircraft." Mr. Foulsham added he felt "it was one of the UFOs that have been frequently seen. It is evidently manufactured and intelligently controlled." He estimated its speed at from 90 to 100 mph, and its distance at 4000 feet from him.

GIRVAN CHARGES SAUCERERS "ARROGANT"

WAVENEY GIRVAN, prominent British UFOlogist and author of "Flying Saucers And Commonsense," one of the best of the books published on saucers, has charged that saucerers try to proceed too rapidly in their goal of gaining acceptance with the skeptics. Girvan, who has studied saucers for 10 years, has concentrated mainly on the problem of the skeptics and the reasons for their disbelief trying to unravel the mystery of skepticism which exists in spite of evidence in support of UFOs. In a tape recording distributed by TAPE RECORDED UFO INFORMATION SERVICE (DR. ADOLPH G. DITTMAR, Director, Au Sable Forks, N. Y.) Girvan speaks for approximately 20 minutes. Portions from the tape are reprinted here.

In England a newspaper ran a public opinion poll, and found that about 16½% of those questioned were 'believers.' Girvan estimates the comparable figure in the U.S. to be "not higher than 20%, and considerably lower in other countries. He asks, "Why should we...convert...disbelievers?...is this just mental arrogance?...If so, I doubt whether we shall make much progress..." He says there is such arrogance, and it is delaying the solution of the problem. Most 'proof' says Girvan, "Cannot even be held to be 'evidence'" and further research might produce "the evidence that would (confound) the skeptic."

"To satisfy oneself is not the same thing necessarily as satisfying another," said Girvan, "particularly on this subject, where the will not to believe is so ingrained as to be, in some cases, almost pathological. To assert, without the support of evidence, is a form of mental arrogance" cautioned Girvan.

He pointed out, that all governments "have said much the same sort of thing" in their infrequent utterances on flying saucers: "All...statements have been hesitant, often contradictory, and altogether unhelpful towards a solution of the mystery. Boiled down, it amounts to the fact that a percentage of the sightings cannot be accounted for in conventional terms. This percentage often varies. I've seen it given as 5%, 10%, and once...as high as 20%. Damn these percentages, I say; they are absolutely meaningless. Who chooses the 100%, anyway?"

To the question, "Is there 'a world-wide conspiracy of silence'?" Girvan answers "I very much doubt it, for this sort of double talk is just the sort of answer you get from any government department in England and, I suspect, in the United States as well, when someone starts asking questions to which there is no clear answer. This is known as 'passing the buck.' I think that in the attitude of government, there is much more evidence of a genuine puzzlement, than there is of suppression of the truth," stated Girvan. "This is a much more convincing reply to the skeptic than the 'flesh-creeper' line that the saucerer is so fond of shooting. And if he is honest with himself, he will have to admit," Girvan admonished, "that he has introduced this explanation to get himself out of a difficulty with his skeptical friend."

He continues, "Not all the skeptics are fools. (They) can see through the hole of the doughnut...if a saucer lands in my garden and I speak to its occupant, I may feel compelled to share the truth with the world at large, but unless I can support my story in some way or other I must not be surprised if I am considered a lunatic or a liar. Even confirmed saucerers may hesitate to believe my unsupported statements."

And why shouldn't they? Why should flying saucers be the one subject in the world where logic, common sense, and intellectual integrity can be thrown overboard? Why should the skeptic be treated as a fool? Why should the laws of evidence be scrapped? There are no valid answers to these questions," charges Girvan, "for the excellent reason that logic, common sense, evidence: they all point to the fact that flying saucers do exist and that in all probability they emanate from somewhere outside our atmosphere. As yet we have no scientific proof as to their place of origin..."

"Why is it so important," Girvan went on, "to convert the majority to our way of thinking?...If we could increase the percentage of believers in just one country to near...50% or even slightly less, then we would break the government's...silence...on the subject...If saucerers grew to a majority, then the government would be forced to reveal what it does know, and it could do so without fear of anything; of panic on the part of the people; of ridicule; or of complete incredulity." Girvan pointed out that here, "The task is up to us in the first place."

On one sidelight, the attitude of newspaper editors, Girvan answers the question, "Why are the papers at the moment so silent on the subject of flying saucers?" Girvan disclaims any evidence of a 'conspiracy,' saying "This just isn't true. Most of the editors I know are skeptics, and they fear ridicule. Unless the sighting is either very good or has a novel feature, the attitude of editors at the moment is that flying saucers are nothing more than last year's stunt. That is the only reason why the saucers have not made headlines in England for such a long time. But there is no censorship. Any newspaper is absolutely free to print what it likes about saucers." Girvan added this important point, "The newspaper world contains people just like us all, and I would remind our listeners once again that the majority in this world of ours is still skeptical."

To sum up with his point, Mr. Girvan said that the only way to change the minds of the skeptics, apparently, is to do it gradually. "The old conviction," he said, "disappears, and a new one, perhaps in violent contradiction to the old, is born." The skeptic "will see the light one day if you are tactful. If you are persuasive instead of pig-headed, you can make that day tomorrow."

PROFESSIONAL ASTRONOMER

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- (1) See the article in this issue about astronomers; also #2 below.
- (2) There are two points which might be interjected here:
 - A. Most astronomers would probably not be focused at the distance where the objects may be, and so wouldn't see them.
 - B. There are quite a few able men in the field who have spoken out on this subject; see several articles in this issue illustrating this.
- (3) See the quotation from CSI NEWS LETTER, this issue.
- (4) Note the recently published remarks by Dr. Robert S. Richardson, of the Mt. Wilson Observatory, quoted elsewhere in this issue.
- (5) One cannot help thinking that while our contributor shows a welcome open mind, and the "best scientists" may proceed thusly, there must be an overwhelming number of sub-rated ones who do not by any means.

GRAY BARKER reports in his January SAUCERIAN BULLETIN that Navy pilots under 1949 orders will shoot to kill if saucers are encountered. Source of this statement is IRWIN R. VERMILLION, a CAA examiner. May I suggest that a CAA flight examiner is not a satisfactory source for such information. In addition the idea that just the Navy, or any service, is shooting at saucers is mistaken. They are of course committed to identify all craft. But orders must come from the ground before guns can even be armed. Fortunately our flyers don't go around shooting at flying saucers.

POCKET SIZED ELEVATION FINDER FOR UFO'S

Last year's balloon caught us all flatfooted with our transits down. It hung there in the sky for hours and hardly a one of us gave an accurate estimate of its apparent height when we later got together to discuss it. Two people with the simple protractor-type instrument shown below could have produced a fairly good tracking record and three such finders at known locations with timed angle observations could have located the balloon's actual height within a few feet during its entire visual flight. No other instrument would have been necessary.

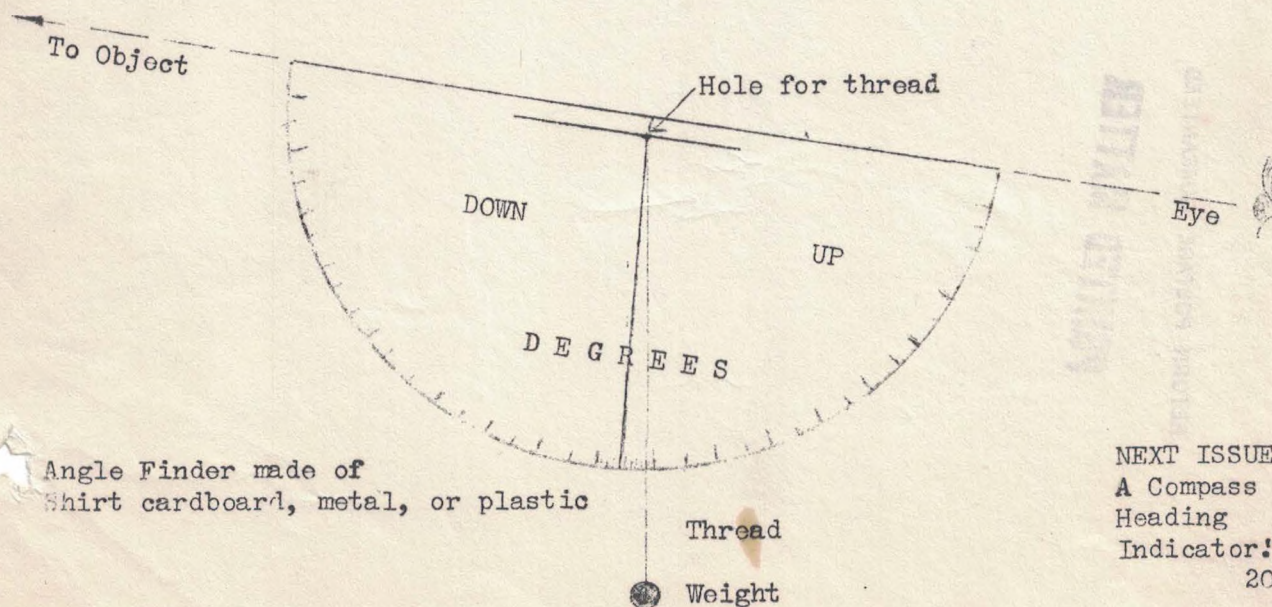
Will we ever again get such a chance at a slow-moving object? Maybe not, but when the next UFO shows up, with one of these simple finders you can keep a record of its elevation angle by following the directions given. Thanks to CSI for the idea.

HERE'S HOW IT'S DONE

- (1) Sight along the straight edge in the direction of the arrow.
- (2) Weighted thread hangs vertical.
- (3) With straight edge lined up with object, clamp finger on string and read angle.
- (4) Count "One thousand and one, one thousand and two,..." Etc., to get time in seconds, keeping straight edge of finder on object.
- (5) At first opportunity read angle again noting the time between readings.
- (6) Continue until object is lost to view or stops or disappears. Make a special effort to be accurate about this last point of location.

With such a record you will have not only an idea of the object's elevation angle, but also its angular velocity (from your observation point) in degrees of elevation per second. This information is extremely useful to us.

Note: In the sketch below the part of the finder marked "Down" is used when the object is below the horizontal from your position; that is if you're on a high building, a mountain, or in an airplane, and the object appears lower than you are.



Angle Finder made of
Shirt cardboard, metal, or plastic

NEXT ISSUE:
A Compass
Heading
Indicator!