

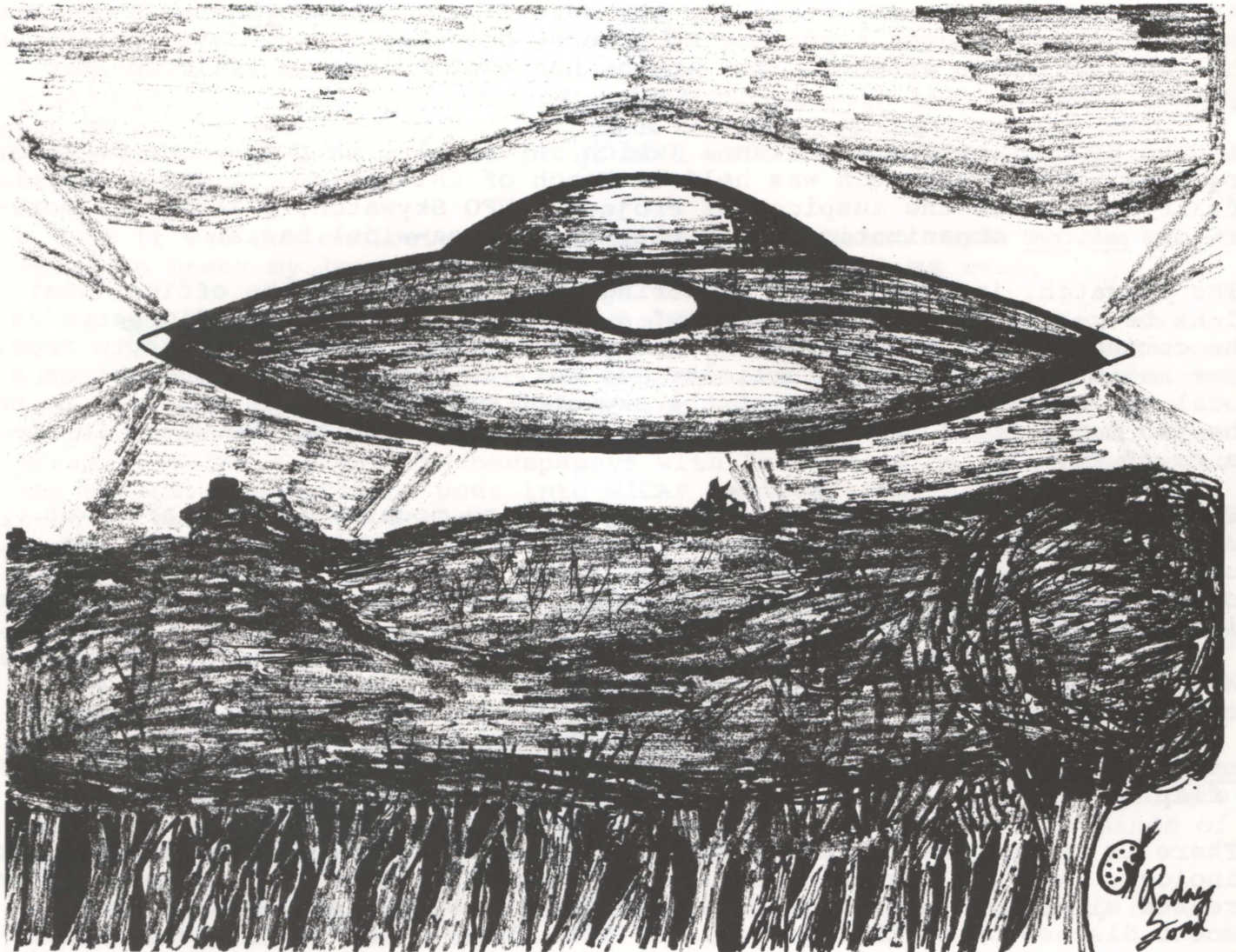
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Now, what have we here? The UFO Sighter editorial actually saying something about UFOs?

As incredible as it may seem, though, here it is. The Sighter has of late left the direct saucer reporting to others, devoting ourselves to philosophic and administrative affairs. But at the heart of things is still the UFO mystery itself.

At the Sighter office in Atlanta (which serves also as the office of kindred organizations) a skywatch was held in March of this year. It was a one night affair held under the auspices of Project: UFO Skywatch, a local and more-or-less ad hoc organization, on a city-wide (area-wide) basis.

The skywatch, in case you're wondering, was not held in the office (that might be carrying "armchair UFOlogy" a bit too far), but this did serve as the communications headquarters. The program was fortunate enough to receive some radio and television publicity, as well as a follow-up broadcast on a local radio station with one of the skywatch organizers. In addition to this the two major local newspapers carried a classified ad on the watch in advance of it.

The last time I know of a major skywatch being mounted in this area was during the furor of the March, 1966 flap. That was a huge success, but it was such in the wake of one of the biggest flaps in history. This time it was more-or-less being done cold. Other than convenience the date was to a considerable extent random.

Which brings us around to an interesting point. The publicity and the weather were with us, but on this largely random date so were the saucers. I speak now not of the quality of the reports, but of the fact that we did get UFO reports. A considerable number at that. One could even class it as a flap.

There is an interesting word: Flap. It is an integral part of UFOlogy terminology. And yet, is there really any such thing as a flap in terms of increased sightings in a basic sense, or are there only publicity flaps? In recent discussion of this possibility with James W. Moseley, the prominent UFOlogist, I believe my trend of thought on the subject has tended more in this direction. The Atlanta skywatch, it seems to me, adds once again to this thesis.

Experiments on random days in other areas should also be tried. Perhaps there are flaps, but perhaps the flap is only another probable UFOlogical myth that should go the way of the five year cycle.

AND, AS I WAS SAYING...

by Eugene R Steinberg,
Program Coordinator, Radio Station KDOM

Some two years have passed since my writings graced the pages of this magazine. Now, with thousands of miles of travel behind me, I have time to sit back and reflect over many of the things I said in days of old. Perhaps the few readers who do recall my earlier writings in "The UFO Sighter," undoubtedly with considerable pique, are awaiting the occasion when I shall retract many of the sweeping pronouncements I made.

Alas, that occasion is not going to arrive in the foreseeable future...

Frankly, I spent two years content to read other people's words, and if I felt a bit hot under the collar at times, I managed to hold my tongue... or should I say typewriter.

My most consistent adversary has been Steve Erdmann. Though often I have attempted to reach some sort of understanding with him, he has come to regard me as the personification of Satan himself. My letters are banned from his domicile; thus, only in print am I afforded the opportunity to make my views known to him.

So it was not entirely unexpected that Mr. Erdmann would be the one to force me to break my long silence. Perhaps it was just as well.

I really thought I had said just about all that could be said about NICAP. They have plodded along for some 12 years now, and the ups and downs of NICAP seem directly related to the comings and goings of the saucers themselves---if only because the comings of the saucers arouse us kooks to a fever pitch, and naturally the members of the news media with a flair for melodramatics can surfeit the newspapers with fanciful stories of the coming of the aliens. Memberships pour into NICAP headquarters, and the powers-that-be in that troubled organization pronounce the imminence of congressional hearings, and the end of Air Force secrecy, but...

The UFOs are off again to who-knows-where, and NICAP has to implore those members who remain in the fold to cough up some more cash, to keep Keyhoe and his clan afloat until the saucers invade us again in force.

Does the reader see a pattern emerging?

NICAP seems to survive only because a flap comes along to perk things up. NICAP cannot do a single thing in and of itself to keep flying saucers on the front pages of the nation's newspapers, and foremost in the minds of the public. Right now Vietnam and race riots take the honors.

Yes, Mr. Erdmann, NICAP is an abysmal failure, and so is every other flying saucer group in the world!

O.K., so it's another one of those sweeping pronouncements.

But, is there any doubt in anyone's mind of the accuracy of this "sweeping pronouncement?"

I know most of you will point to the great strides made by NICAP, APRO, and other groups in alerting the public of the existence of flying saucers. But where is it that most people learn about saucers in the first place? Naturally, television, radio (the medium which provides my bread, as it were), and the press. - The saucer press excepted, of course.

It's the major flaps the succeed in showing everyone that flying saucers are skipping across the skies...that the aliens are among us. The total circulation of all flying saucer magazines combined is probably less than 150,000, yet the most recent Gallop poll on the subject confirms that many millions of people believe in flying saucers; extraterrestrial, inter-dimensional, or what have you. These people, for the most part, didn't learn about flying saucers from flying saucer magazines. They learned about it from their local news media. Books help, I admit, but it usually takes less than 100,000 in sales to put a book at the top of the best seller lists.

Frankly, Ian Fleming, Edgar Rice Burroughs and the Beatles reach far more people than flying saucer magazines!

I may have precipitated considerable dissension in the ranks of UFOlogists by the foregoing remarks.

When I single out NICAP to criticize, I do so because, of all the UFO groups that have come and gone in the past twenty-one years, they have shown the most promise to separate saucer-fact from saucer-fiction. Yet despite the grandiose ideals that are professed by all UFO groups, large and small, and considerably greater resources to back them up, NICAP is just another flying saucer club. The only reason they have not sunk under entirely is the fact of size and prestige.

Mr. Erdmann replies to my arguments by rendering the same guilty verdict on "Saucer News", and on me due to my past association with that magazine. I am not in favor of guilt by association, and furthermore, "Saucer News" does not claim to be the nation's sole authority on flying saucers. NICAP does!

One of the numerous publications dedicated to the memory of Mr. Webster defines "Egotist" as a conceited, boastful person. Despite Mr. Erdmann's efforts to compile his own dictionary, I prefer to stick with the experts, for otherwise what little unity we have in the English language would be lost in a morass of confusion.

Ego is the one thing that gives us kooks the nerve to speak up and lay bare our unpopular ideas.

I thought it was common knowledge among readers of "The Sighter" and

"Saucer News" that I spent many hours as a welcome visitor to NICAP, prior to the period of my association with "Saucer News". Moreover, I was active in their recently revived New York Affiliate for several years.

In concluding these ramblings about NICAP, et cetera, I should like to mention the current issue of "Saucer News," in which Mr. Erdmann retracts much of his earlier sentiments about NICAP. Let Mr. Erdmann's own words stand in rebuttal to his earlier remarks, as published in the Fall-Winter issue of this magazine.

The rise or fall of NICAP will have no influence on our search for "The Answer." Also, it would seem that the political implications of the rampant inter-club squabbling have, if anything, seriously hampered our efforts to get somewhere.

So, let these words stand as my final critique of UFO organizations, per se. I've given up hope that any of them are willing or able to make any progress. It's high time we dispense with such trivia and work toward getting some facts, and getting them soon.

For, when we stick with the status quo, we are aiding in the preservation of the age-old tradition of secrecy in UFOs and related mysteries. In-fighting ought to be left to the political parties, who seem so much more adept at this ancient art. Let's try to find out why UFO groups can't or won't succeed. Is it our own incompetence, or the immensity of the task we choose to tackle that makes us fail? Or, fellow fans of AR, is it true that persons unknown seek to stop us in our tracks?

There is a saying that there are some people who make things happen, some who watch things happen and others who have no idea what's happening.

Which are you?

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NIPLOP AND SAUCER RUSE TO MERGE IN NEAR FUTURE!

Washington- According to well-informed sources located at Dupont Circle and Connecticut Avenue here in the Capitol, Major Donald E. Retired, the Supreme One of the well known UFO organizations N.I.P.L.O.P., and Willet James Steamship, editor of Saucer Ruse, are meeting regularly in a secluded coffee house to discuss the soon-to-be merger of the two giant saucer organizations. Our Sources have not as yet discovered the exact date of the deal, but it apparently will occur sometimes just after NIPLOP's annual going out of business fund appeal this summer.

RUMOUR DEPARTMENT; George Hunt Punt is really alive in Argentina.

PHOTOGRAPHS FINALLY PROVE SHAVER WAS RIGHT!

Amherst- Raymond A. Plumber announced today that he now has in his possession two photos that prove beyond doubt the reality of the so-called "DORO" beings. The "DOROs" were first reported in Amazing, Simply Amazing Magazine back in the 1920's by one Shaver Yo Faca.

Photo number one shows a white doro in a blizzard. The second depicts a black doro at midnite on a moonless night. Further details will be reported as received, but remember: You Heard It First in UFOCB!

RUMOUR DEPARTMENT; Alyn Manek is really Roi Thineas.

SWAMP GAS THEORY SWAMPED BY DAN COIN!

New York- The Managing Editor of Science Disgrace, Dan Coin, has admitted live on the Barry Fluber show that he now knows that the only gas in Michigan was in Dr. Hynik's stomach.

RUMOUR DEPARTMENT: Long Grey Neble is really a carnival barker!

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U F O L O G Y : T H E G O O D O L D D A Y S # 2

Continuing the Trivia question from our last chapter.

TRIVIA Number Two

(12) Some years ago Gene Duplantier started a UFO zine in Canada. What was (and is) it called? Answer: Saucers, Space and Science.

(13) What was the Saucerian? Ans. The Saucerian (also, the Saucerian Bulletin) was Gray Barker's famed and long-running saucer zine later absorbed by Saucer News.

(14) What is the oldest still existent saucer group? Ans. APRO, 1952.

(15) What "title" was attached to England's Desmond Leslie? Ans. "The Saucerer Royal".

(16) Prior to Riley Crabb, who headed BSRA? Ans. The Borderland Sciences Research Associates was headed by the late Meade Layne.

(17) Who founded Fate Magazine? Who else? Ray Palmer. When in doubt, answer "Ray Palmer" (co-founded with Curtis Fuller).

(18) What was T. Lobsang Rampa's first book? Ans. THE THIRD EYE.

(19) What did Major Keyhoe say on Armstrong Circle Theatre? Ans. "....."

(20) What is Giant Rock? Ans. A giant rock, stupid.

(21) Who is Richard Shaver? Ans. If you said Ray Palmer, you'd be wrong for once. Actually that rumour floated around for a long time, but I am quite sure they are separate people living far away from each other.

(22) What is Richard Shaver? Now that's another question altogether.

(23) What was the name of Max Miller's saucer rag? Ans. Saucers.

(24) What was Richard Hall's old UFO zine called? Satellite.

(25) What did Gabriel Green originally call his magazine? Thy Kingdom Come.

(26) Who made the FLYING SAUCER PILGRIMAGE? Ans. So, who wrote THE ADVENT OF THE COSMIC VIEWPOINT?

(27) What is a dero? I could be smart and say a bad tero, but I won't.

(28) Who is "Dr. D"? Ans. Dr. Leon Davidson.

(29) Who cares? Ans. No ans.

(30) Who first edited England's Flying Saucer Review? Ans. the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench.

(31) What station did Long John Nebel start his saucer marathon on? WOR - NY

(32) Who are you kidding? Ans. Only myself, brother, only myself.

N O T E S

We are informed that the fifth annual Congress of Scientific UFOlogists Open Session is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 1968 from 7pm-11 pm at the Valley Forge High School Auditorium, 9999 Independence Drive, off York Road, Parma, Ohio. If you are reading this before the event and can be there, I recommend it. If you should read this after the 1968 convention I would suggest that you start making plans now to attend the 1969 Congress. This year, we are also informed via a circular, the Open Session tickets are Adults, \$2.00; Students \$1.50. Tickets for this year can be obtained from CLEVECON, Box 9811, Cleveland, Ohio 44142.

UFO GUIDE: 1947-1968 is a new book by Martin H. Sable, put out by Rainbow Press Company, P.O. Box 937, Beverly Hills, California 90213. This is a reference work which we find of considerable interest. \$2.95 is the price.

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