



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My name is Jeanne O'Neil and you probably remember me well. I was very glad that Mr. Barker published my story about you (in the October 1962 issue of the "Saucerian!") I was in serious need of financial help at the time. Mr. Barker must be a very egotistical man, because he edited my story almost beyond recognition.

I thought his insinuation that I am your wife was very amusing, and it was so far-fetched that even my husband laughed.

In mid-September, my husband and I were driving to a friend's house in Ohio, and we decided to visit Mr. Barker in Clarksburg....After meeting him, I must say that despite his appealing manner, I feel that you are a more honest researcher and a much better writer. At least you are not commercial. I think Mr. Barker thinks he can buy or sell anything. Personally, I prefer facts to fiction.

By the way, I never sent Barker my picture.

My good wishes to you and your wife.

JEANNE O'NEIL  
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Regarding NICAP, I agree that this organization does not live up to what we have been led to expect of it. Rumor has it that NICAP has no filing system whatsoever, but merely places their reports, correspondence, etc., in cardboard boxes. Whether this is true or not, I do not know...However, from personal experience I do know that NICAP cannot be trusted with information supplied by other UFO groups. In October, Richard Hall wrote me asking if I would send him information on three saucers that had landed in Florida towards the end of July. He stated that he wanted any original clippings, letters, or other sources from which I had learned of the sighting, which he said was very important to him. He promised that these items (which happened to be two letters) would all be returned in a short period of time along with NICAP's complete investigation. Well, I have waited and waited, and still have no reply to my last two or three letters. Just what is NICAP trying to pull?

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The position that you have taken concerning the mystery of unidentified flying objects is both ludicrous and outrageous. Your defense of the official Air Force position on UFO's is inexcusable....

It is a fact that a great mass of truly inexplicable reports has been officially listed as "explained" or as "insufficient data" by the Air Force, in complete and total disregard of the facts. And it naturally follows that the touted figure of 2% "unknowns" is wholly false. The Air Force's contention that their investigation is "scientific and unbiased" is sheer nonsense. This is part of their anti-UFO propaganda. Their "fact sheets" and interviews with individuals are some of the methods by which they disseminate this phony propaganda. Yet you apparently have fallen for it, hook, line and sinker....

Your attacks on NICAP and Major Keyhoe are also preposterous. They, unlike you and SAUCER NEWS, are fully cognizant of the whole situation and act accordingly.

In short, you just constitute one more stumbling block, making the road to truth a difficult one.

HERBERT TAYLOR, Brooklyn, N. Y.

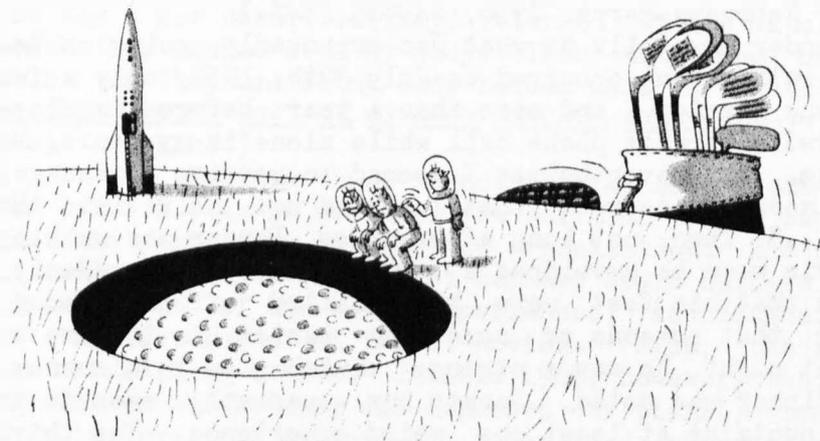
Ever since the beginning, NICAP has taken an extreme position, in not even giving the so-called contactees the right to be heard....I think that your publication is right in opposing Major Keyhoe's extreme position, and in presenting the Air Force's side of the picture....One can believe in the reality of flying saucers without having to endorse the policies of the "UFO Investigator." Keep up the good work. I'll be looking forward to your next issue....

IRVING SANFORD

Los Angeles, California

There has been a delay in the publication of my forthcoming book, "The Second Coming of Christ and Flying Saucers!" I had plans to have it printed instead of mimeographed. I took it to a printer and he obtained legal advice that didn't recommend its publication. I was told by the attorney that the book was too harshly critical of the U. S. Government, particularly the FBI, and that this might bring legal trouble; and that other parts of the manuscript are so controversial that they might cause libel suits. He felt that you might sue me. I tried others, but after reading the manuscript, they would not print it.

This meant I had to send out notices to purchasers of the book that I would have to put out a mimeographed edition, and this would not come out before March. "Flying Saucer Review" turned down my ad, but so far, other magazines plan to publish it in January and February. All will be given a



chance to order it, and all orders will be shipped the same day. The book will mean my arrest and so I plan to release all copies in one day. If I were to fill orders as they came in, then someone on the list might be a secret Government agent, or would turn it over to the authorities as a book that threatens the national security of the U.S.; and the rest of the cop-

ies would be confiscated. This is based on the advice of the attorney who read the manuscript. After getting that advice, I am keeping the contents of the book secret until its release in March. Thus, the Government has no idea just what I intend to release, until too late! After the orders are shipped in that one mailing, they can come and arrest me for all I care. My life's mission for Jesus Christ will have been fulfilled, and my goal accomplished. The truth, even if it should violate man-made law, will be sent out to seekers of truth. ....So I risk personal ruin to get this thing out; but one must make sacrifices in the name of Christ if one is worthy to enter the kingdom of Heaven. In the eyes of the Government, the book will be considered dangerous, but in the eyes of God, it will be considered Truth.

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(Editor's Note: We will be looking forward to Mr. Ogden's book with interest and avid curiosity, though from the tone of this and other letters he has sent us on the subject, we doubt if it will ever be published.)

BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

FLYING SAUCERS AND THE THREE MEN - by Albert K. Bender (Saucerian Books;\$3.95)

Here at last, after nearly ten years of waiting, Albert K. Bender tells "all" regarding the sudden closing down in 1953 of his International Flying Saucer Bureau. As might be expected, the book is published by Gray Barker, the very same researcher who, in 1956, wrote "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers," a book which was based mainly on the Bender mystery and other similar "hush-ups." Throughout the years, Barker has done more than anyone else to keep the Bender mystery alive; and already, - overwhelmed by the financial success of "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," he has thrown together another volume entitled "The Bender Mystery Confirmed," which we will review in our next issue.

"Flying Saucers and the Three Men" begins with a rather routine but interesting account of the day-by-day operations of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, an organization established in 1952 by Bender and a few associates living in Bridgeport, Connecticut. This club, which was one of the earliest to conduct a serious saucer investigation, published a nicely-printed quarterly called "Space Review." The club and the magazine apparently flourished until the last issue (October, 1953), which carried strangely-worded announcements concerning the sudden and unexpected closing down of the I.F.S.B. (See "The Al Bender Story," February-March, 1956, SAUCER NEWS.)

In his book, Bender now tells us what was supposedly going on behind the scenes. The first weird event occurred on July 30th, 1952, only a few months after the I.F.S.B. was started, and more than a year before its closing. Says Bender, "I received a strange phone call while alone in my den....No voice answered when I spoke, but nevertheless I seemed to receive a message, as if telepathically. The message decreed that I should not delve into the saucer mystery any further..." Then, not long afterwards, Bender was walking home alone from a local movie when he developed a terrible headache suddenly, together with the sensation that his feet were being lifted off the ground, and the telepathic feeling that someone or something wanted him to give up saucer research. Later that night he saw a strange bluish glow in his room, and the odor of burning sulphur was noted. Barker has apparently seen to it that almost every chapter contains at least one weird experience. The third such event is in Chapter Four, where Bender (or Barker?) informs us that a strange person with glowing eyes annoyed the I.F.S.B. Director in a Bridgeport movie house (where a science-fiction picture was being shown!), and afterwards followed him as he walked home.

Other odd events plagued Bender, but things did not really get out of hand until March, 1953, when a plan was made whereby I.F.S.B. members all over the world would simultaneously try to contact saucers telepathically. While alone in his room doing this, Bender had what must be called an involuntary astral projection, in that he felt himself floating above his bed and transported to "a floating piece of ice in the Antarctic Ocean!" Once again a voice warned him to stop prying into the mysteries of the universe. The smell of sulphur lingered in Bender's room for two days thereafter. In July, the famous Three Men in Black made the first of several appearances. They floated about a foot off the floor of his room, and gave him a long telepathic message. They also gave him a small piece of metal, by means of which he could contact them again, simply by turning on his radio and holding the metal tightly in his palm while repeating the word KAZIK (pronounced "Kaik," as the "z" is silent, for some reason.) Two days later Bender tried this, and was

taken astrally to Antarctica, where the saucer people allegedly have their secret base. It was explained to Bender that our sea water contains a valuable chemical which is "vital to the existence" of these space people, so that they have found it necessary to construct a complex base and set up a long-drawn-out operation beneath the ice of our south polar region.

Bender was also told that, on their home planet, these people have three sexes - male, female, and "bisexual entities." These latter individuals are the "exalted ones" who become rulers. All people are born from eggs, which are stored away and hatched only when someone dies, so that the population remains constant. Sex seems to play an important part in this book, because, on a subsequent visit to Antarctica, Bender had an experience which he describes as follows: "Three beautiful women, dressed in tight white uniforms, emerged and approached me....I wondered what they were going to do, but I felt more at ease with them than with the other visitors. Frankly, to me they were physically attractive, even though they had the same glowing eyes which stared directly at me and seemed to pervade my entire person. As they approached, the pain increased above my eyes to an appalling point....but then my body suddenly became rigid and I could not move a single muscle...They touched me, though gently, and began stroking my body. As they did so, my body relaxed, though I still could not move....I became frightened (but)...my fright changed to embarrassment as I felt their hands beginning to remove my clothing. I objected to this, but could do nothing to stop them, for I was stiff as a board. With great efficiency they removed every stitch of my clothing, leaving me naked as the day I was born....(They) returned with a metal vial containing a liquid which they poured over my body. Then the three massaged the liquid into my skin. As they did so my body became warm as if heat were being applied. They massaged every part of my body without exception..... (Italics ours.) (WOW! Kazik! Kazik!!)

By this time, Bender had already decided to throw in the towel on the I.F.S.B., as he now knew the solution to the saucer mystery, and this had been his purpose in forming the organization. His problem, however, was that not even the other Bridgeport members would believe him; so he stopped trying to tell them of his weird experiences, and decided to say nothing about them in the last issue of "Space Review." Also, the space people warned Bender against telling others. In late 1960, however, they completed their sea-water mission in Antarctica, and departed our planet, supposedly forever (though if this is true, it is hard to understand why saucers are still being seen as frequently as ever these days.) Thereafter, Bender was free at last to tell his story, without any fear of harm either from the Three Men or the Three Women; and thus his long-awaited volume was finally published in 1962.

We have omitted from this summary the greater part of Bender's astral adventures in Antarctica, because our main purpose in this review is to get to the central issue: Were these experiences objectively real? Were they "psychic" in nature? Were they the product of an unbalanced mind? Is the book merely a poor attempt at science-fiction and money making? Or is Bender covering up some less fantastic real experience, such as a "hush-up" by U. S. Government agents? Frankly, we have given this matter a great deal of thought and are unable to come up with any definite answer except that, in our opinion, the first possibility can be completely eliminated; i.e., the story is not true in any purely objective sense. All we can tell you is the following: Al Bender is an extremely likable fellow. He appeared on Long John's radio program last September 1st with your Editor and others, and told his story in a coherent and interesting manner. The following night he was guest of honor at a party in your Editor's apartment (See photo at bottom of next page, where he is shown, seated, together with Mary Robinson, wife of our new Assistant Edi-

tor, and Hans Santessen, Director of the New York Saucer Information Bureau.) Al Bender was also kind enough to come all the way down from Bridgeport on December 14th to speak to an open meeting of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society; and again he told his story well. In brief, we believe that if there is a villain in this drama, it is Barker rather than Bender. To Al Bender we will give the benefit of the doubt, and credit for having written a book which, if nothing else, is a highly entertaining one, and in its own way a "classic" in the field of UFO literature.

FLYING SAUCERS AND SPACE MEN - by John H. Manas (Pythagorean Society, N.Y.C. )

This book, which we advertised in our September 1962 issue, is one of the most unusual yet published on the subject of flying saucers. The author uses after his name the titles Ph.D., N. D., Psy.D., Ms.D., D.T.D., B.Sc., D.Hum., and M.H. Without pretending to know what all these letters stand for, we can nevertheless observe that if "Ph.D." means a recognized, genuine degree of Doctor of Philosophy, then the other titles seem quite unnecessary.

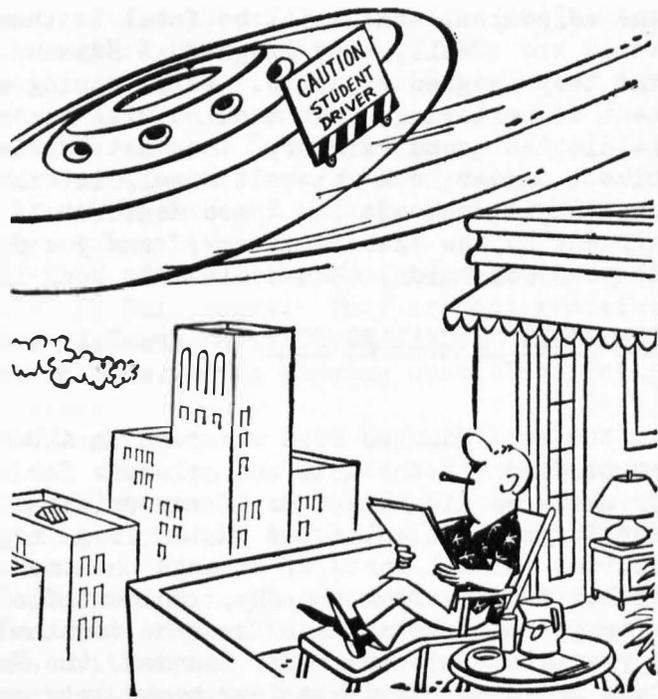
"Flying Saucers and Space Men" is divided roughly into two parts. In the first, Dr. Manas is intent upon disproving the existence of physical spaceships from other planets. He almost completely ignores the hundreds of authentic close sightings, and proceeds to "prove" his case by quoting from whatever references fit best into his pre-conceived notion. His method seems to be one of destroying the weakest existing evidence for interplanetary UFO's, and ignoring all the remaining evidence. George Adamski is easily disposed of, mainly by quoting from our own SAUCER NEWS expose. He also makes quick work of Buck Nelson and George King, whom few people believe anyhow. He quotes at length from Air Force fact sheets, science-fiction movies, and from scientists whose views suit his purpose; but his scientific passages (though obviously copied or paraphrased from other sources) are filled with blunders and errors of various sorts, which are not worth the trouble of correcting here. As an example of Dr. Manas's ignorance or deliberate distortion of evidence,



we should mention that Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, one of the allegedly anti-saucer scientists quoted in the book, personally made one of the most important UFO sightings on record. This sighting, which Dr. Tombaugh made public several years ago, was written up in Life Magazine and in many saucer books. Yet, Dr. Manas seems to be blissfully unaware of it, and quotes Tombaugh only in regard to another topic. Further along, Manas discusses the famous 1897 airship scare, in which an unidentified object was seen in places as widely separated as New York, Chicago, and California. The good Doctor dismisses the incident on the strength of a short item that appeared in a New York newspaper at the time, in which the UFO was "identified" as a balloon sent up by two men living in Omaha, Nebraska!

Certainly, there is no proof yet available regarding the existence of interplanetary saucers, and Dr. Manas could be forgiven if, as a skeptic who has not

bothered to examine all the facts, he were to unmercifully beat down all evidence that does not suit his fancy. But alas, Dr. Manas is anything but a skeptic; He believes in reincarnation, astral planes of various sorts, spirits, telepathy, mediumship, astral projection, and a host of other assorted doctrines, which he expounds mainly in the second half of his book. Several diagrams, which purport to show the physical, etheric, astral, mental and spiritual planes of the Earth, are complete gibberish to our metaphysically untrained mind. Dr. Manas, who is Greek, pretends to be a philosopher in the tradition of the ancient Greeks. Whereas the ancient Greeks can be excused for their many errors, - not having modern scientific method to guide them, - Dr. Manas can hardly be excused for agreeing with modern science only when it suits him!



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Worst of all, Dr. Manas does believe in life on other planets and in communication between the planets by various mystical non-physical means. His main argument appears to be with those who believe that saucers are physical 3-D interplanetary spaceships. Were he to apply the same rigorous criticisms to his own beliefs as he does to those whom he does not agree with, he would find himself much more hard-pressed than they in regard to demonstrable proof of any kind. But when it comes to metaphysical doctrines, Manas does not need proof. He states blandly, "The interplanetary space which fills our solar system....is a mysterious something, a spiritualized substance, which is permeated with the consciousness of the Creator of our solar system and the various Cosmic forces which work in and through this mysterious 'something,' this spiritualized substance, the interplanetary ether.....However, let it be known that each planet has its own invisible government with no interference from any other planetary government. The Exalted Planetary Intelligences in charge supervise the evolution of all beings living on our planet Earth according to certain immutable laws, which no mortal can violate because he cannot change them...." If any of our readers fully understand the above statements, they should let us know at once!

To top it all off, Dr. Manas does not even believe that mankind will ever get further out into space than the various nearby astral planes shown on his charts. Says he, "In spite of the optimism of our scientists that within a few years manned spaceships will go to the Moon and to our nearest planets, Venus and Mars, we are of the opinion that man will never be able to send out a ship to navigate the mysterious interplanetary space, of which modern science admits that it knows nothing, and reach our Moon and our nearest planets. Approximately above 400 miles in space the main region of the astral plane or zone begins. This astral region is formed of a very fine space substance and it vibrates at a high rate unknown to our scientists. (How does HE know? - Editor.) It is permeated with solar invisible radiations which are undetectable by any of our instruments. These high radiations will permeate the etheric and physical bodies of the crew and decompose their body's cells

and molecules, which will be fatal to them...."

Well, they laughed at Edison, they laughed at the Wright Brothers, and they laughed at Manas. We'll string along with modern science to the extent of believing that mankind will somehow lick the Etheric Barrier just as it did the sound barrier, the heat barrier, etc. In the meanwhile, if you'd like a saucer book which is novel, interesting, and reasonably well-written, buy "Flying Saucers and Space Men!" But if you feel that you're confused enough already by the saucer mystery, and you don't want to deliberately add further to your confusion, then avoid this book like the plague.

THE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT (Henry Holt and Company; Published in 1941; \$6.00)  
- Reviewed by Justin Case -

Charles Fort was born in Albany, New York, in 1874. He says that he studied all the arts and sciences for eight years, but he does not say how or where he did this, or if any university recognized his scholastic efforts. For 26 years he collected data from magazines, newspapers, books and other sources on all sorts of strange phenomena, like black or red rain, frogs and fishes falling from the sky, unidentified flying objects, lights in the sea, strange footprints, etc. These he compiled into four books. Fort died in 1932, a year after his admirers founded the Fortean Society in his honor. In 1941 this group combined his four books into one volume, with an introduction by Tiffany Thayer, Secretary of the Society (who has since died.) It is this volume that is under review here.

The book is a gold mine of information for all who are interested in unusual phenomena that cannot be explained by our present state of knowledge. It contains a large number of reports by competent observers who had favorable conditions of observation. But it also contains many reports from newspapers and other unreliable sources. Fort makes no distinction between the good reports and the poor ones. A great many of his items are very short, with no indication of where they come from or how reliable they are. Fort's collection of this unusual data is the largest and best of its kind in the world, and is very interesting. By reading this book we can now see that several flying saucer writers have included Fort's material in their own books without acknowledgment to him.

Unfortunately, most of this book is froth. Fort spends most of his time in "removing the halo from the head of Science." This is a halo that no reputable scientist ever claimed was there. Fort seeks to destroy the faith of the scientists (and the public) in their own work. He denounces the scientists because they ignore his data on strange events. He ridicules their explanations when they do recognize it. To Fort, any scientific explanation is obviously wrong, and any crackpot explanation is probably right. His own explanations often fall into the latter category. Thayer says that Fort's explanations are made with tongue in cheek. If so, this is evident to Thayer alone. Some of Fort's writing sounds like free verse. It is not intelligible and seems to have little connection with the subject.

If all this froth were omitted the book would be reduced from 1125 pages to about 250, and it would be greatly improved thereby. However, because Fort's followers venerate him more for his froth than for his facts, it is worth further discussion:

The Forteans say they have no faith in scientists and their work. The Forteans don't know it, but they express great faith in scientists every time they eat food, drink water, wear clothes, enter buildings, travel by auto, train or plane, communicate by mail or phone, listen to radio or watch television, ride in elevators or cross bridges. For scientists, together with

engineers, have helped bestow all these gifts on them. The Forteans don't have to accept or use these gifts. They can reject them and go back to the stone age. But so far, they have not rushed to do this. Thus, the Forteans do not practice what they preach.

A man saw a boy drowning in the water. He jumped in and saved the boy's life. That night, the boy's father came to the man. "Are you the person who pulled my son out of the water?" asked the father. "Yes," replied the man. "Well," demanded the father, accusingly, "Where's his hat?"

Fort and his followers exhibit somewhat the same ingratitude and distorted sense of values as the father in this story. They are not grateful to the scientists for electricity that has made their lives easier in countless ways. Instead, they accuse the scientists of not knowing what electricity is. Thayer calls this courageous thinking.

Thayer's introduction unwittingly reveals that Fort follows one of the ignoble principles of human behavior. That is - "If you can't push yourself up to the people above you, then pull them down to below your own level." Fort spends most of his time trying to lift himself up by pulling scientists down.

Fort says he studied all the arts and sciences for eight years, but there is no evidence that he ever did any scientific work himself. He proves once more that the most severe critics of the constructive work of others are those who never did any constructive work themselves. There is little that is constructive in Fort's book except his collection of data.

Yet, while Fort is wrong about the mountain, he is right about the molehill. There are indeed some scientists who are so sure of the absolute truth of their knowledge that they refuse to consider anything not in accord with it. But they are a very small minority.

Why is there so much faith in scientists? Scientists differ from many other people. They are intellectually honest. They get the facts first, and form their conclusions afterwards. They do not let their emotions guide their judgment. They make claims only when they can prove them, first to their associates, to give them a chance to question and criticize, and then when that is settled, to the public. The public has learned to have faith in scientists for that reason. What other groups have earned such public trust?

Science has never worn a halo of infallibility as the Forteans claim. Scientific research is long and laborious, and too often ends in failure. The failures make scientists realize how difficult it is to find truth. The successes reveal more problems than they solve. The more scientists learn, the more there is to learn. The greater the scientist, the more readily he will admit how little he really knows. Yet the Forteans consider themselves courageous thinkers when they jeer at the scientists who cannot explain red or black rain or frogs and fishes falling from the sky.

There have been times in the past when scientists have gone off on the wrong track. Undoubtedly mistakes will be made in the future. Scientific progress has never been along a direct, one-way street. There have been detours and back-tracking. But the progress continues. Eventually a logical explanation will be found, if one exists, for each strange phenomenon that actually takes place. The desire to know, which motivates scientists, will bring this about without any jeering from the Fortean Society.

Thayer says that Fort's book is one of the ten greatest and most important books in the history of mankind. To him, Fort is a "Savior of human mentality," and Thayer is his St. Paul. To carry this analogy further, the Fortean Society even counts time from the year of the founding of the Society instead of from the year of the birth of Christ. But Fort's own words and those of Thayer reveal Fort as only an idol of clay.

A NEW INQUIRY INTO THE FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY - (Part Two)  
- by Thomas M. Comella -

This article is the sequel to the one I wrote for the December 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, in which I described the many facets of the saucer problem as they appear today. My conclusion was that a re-appraisal of the saucer mystery is long overdue, and is posited by the seldom-admitted fact that sixteen years of endeavor have produced no concrete results, - this despite the apparently extensive and concentrated saucer activity during that period. The present article is the beginning of such a re-appraisal in that it introduces an entirely new prospective to the saucer problem.

It was logical that investigators should attack each UFO sighting or contact claim on an individual basis and that an attempt to determine the validity of these cases should have been made. But it is only in retrospect that we can perceive the assumptions which were inherent in our method. The present crisis in saucer research requires that we uncover these assumptions in an effort to determine whether or not they have outlived their worth. They are not hard to find, as they form the foundation of almost every saucer theory. The three principal assumptions are: (1) The saucer phenomenon is physical in nature. (2) It exhibits intelligence. (3) It comprises a pattern of penetration by some sort of revolutionary craft capable of space flight.

At one time it would have been easy to "prove" that the phenomena themselves exhibited these characteristics. But the incredible elusiveness of such "physical ships," together with the increasing awareness of how one's selection of "good cases" pre-determines his conclusion, has made this "proof" highly suspect. We are therefore forced to admit the possibility that the three fundamental characteristics as outlined above are not inherent in the saucers themselves, but represent a priori constructs of our own minds; i.e., they are unconscious mental frameworks which we have imposed upon the phenomena in an effort to make them understandable to us. When one considers all the sightings except those few which are highly suspect on objective grounds, and when one subtracts from them all projective phraseology such as "disk-shaped craft," "intelligently controlled machine," etc., - one is forced to the realization that the saucers are not solely physical; that they are not intelligent by our standards of intelligence, nor have they really been shown to be vehicles of any sort.

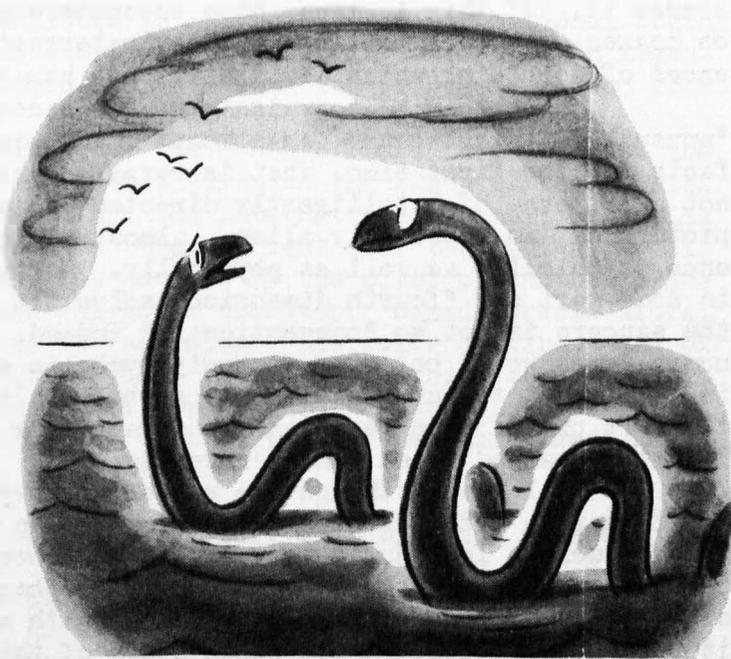
In other words, the order and reasonableness we saw in the saucer phenomena were invented by our a priori assumptions and our selection of cases for study. In a new effort to make method out of the saucer "madness," we must conceive of the problem in a radically different perspective. We must see the many obviously related but contradictory experiences as the diverse expressions of a single underlying reality, as though the various saucer incidents represent subjective encounters with an objective quantity. This would explain why such occurrences seem to take on the psychology of the individual involved; why a spaceman who lands in France speaks French; why a scientifically minded person encounters an ingeniously-constructed flying machine; and why a preacher is overcome by the religious implications of his "sighting"! Confronted with an incredibly alien reality, the individual unconsciously invents a mental framework in terms of the contents of his own psyche, in an attempt to fathom and express that reality within his human modes of understanding. Because of this psychological "projection mechanism," strange experiences such as those which permeate the saucer mystery cannot be taken literally, as they are only symbolic of the truth, alluding to it through an individualized expression of some independent reality.

These considerations, as well as the various "visions," "voices,"

and other incredible occurrences, force us to re-define the nature of the saucer phenomena. That there is a physical aspect to these phenomena is evident. But it is equally evident that there is a psychic component which thereby forces the reality behind the saucers beyond the confines of our three-dimensional world. It would indeed be convenient to exclude this psychic component, but to do so is to give in to a prevalent and unjustifiable prejudice. For the plain fact is that there are many apparently sincere people who have had rather incredible saucer experiences. Sincerity is not restricted to airline pilots and astronomers. That the latter have not reported such fantastic encounters is not to say that such encounters have never occurred, or that those which have been revealed are obvious hoaxes, or that they are representative of deluded minds.

Indeed, the opposite might be the case. For it may be that the very nature of the highly-trained mind (being thoroughly regimented and orientated within a narrow confine) precludes those aspects of the saucers which do not fit in with its dominate thought patterns. If this is true, then it is understandable that a man highly respected because of some specialized technical training may observe the physical component of the saucer phenomenon without ever becoming conscious of encountering the psychic aspect of it. Those who do choose to ignore this psychic aspect of the saucer mystery are like the three blind men who, upon meeting an elephant along the path, described it in terms of the respective parts they experienced. The first blind man said it was a snake (the trunk), the second maintained it was a tree stump (the leg), and the other insisted that it was a hanging rope (the tail) which blocked the path. Each of the blind men used his reason, but by ignoring the experiences of each other, their faultless logic led them to completely false and divergent conclusions. It is the same with the saucer phenomenon. To deal exclusively with only one aspect of it is to attempt to explain the whole in terms of one of its parts.

One of the objections that will be made regarding my formulation of the saucer mystery comes from the idea that persons who have psychic encounters or other equally strange experiences are "sick" to begin with, and should be sent to a psychiatrist rather than be investigated by a ufologist. Only an undisciplined mind could make such an objection, for who can say beforehand that incredible experiences are synonymous with delusions or hallucinations? Are all minority experiences symptomatic of sick minds? Beyond this, however, the hypothetical objector assumes that psychology and psychiatry have explained every psychic phenomenon once and for all, - an assumption which betrays a complete lack of understanding concerning scientific theory and methodology. Experience is our most direct encounter with reality. A theory may make a certain set of experiences explainable to us or enable us to predict the behavior of same with reasonable accura-



"Not Loch Ness *again* this summer!"

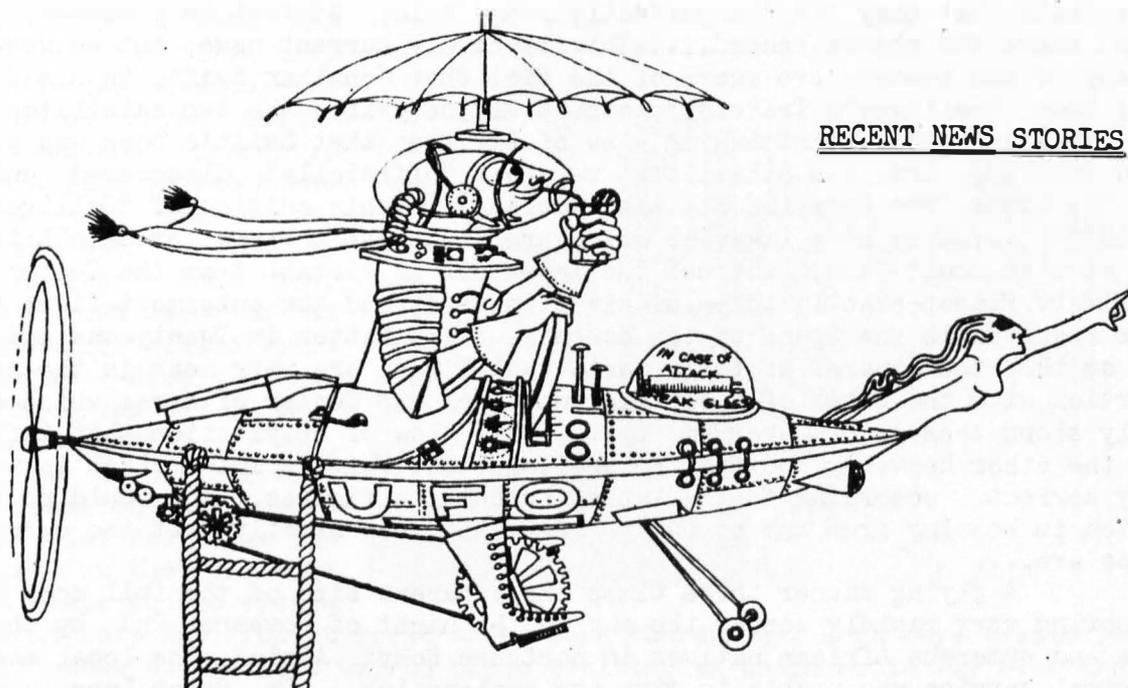
cy, but we should never confuse these invented frameworks with the experiences themselves. For all theories are necessarily incomplete, being abstractions based on the analysis of only those qualities and quantities which can be dealt with experimentally and mathematically. Basically, then, science seeks to understand something by excluding those aspects of it which do not avail themselves to scientific study. The lesson to be learned in all of this is that the saucer phenomena have a reality independent of our analyses of them. And the fact that saucers exhibit a psychic component cannot be rationalized away.

This is not an endorsement of the contact claims or of any specific type of Fortean phenomena as they are reported, but only a recognition of the fact that these types of occurrences are as much a part of the saucer mystery as are the conventional sightings of unidentified flying objects. Some contact claims are obvious frauds. But because Case "A" is a fake does not determine anything about Case "B." Although it is true that no contactee can prove his claim, it is equally true that no witness to an "intelligently controlled machine" can prove his story. The conservative and the radical are equally helpless on this score. In view of this, contact claims and Fortean incidents should be evaluated in a new light. We must strive to uncover the liar, but at the same time we must entertain the possibility that the particular contactee has told the truth as he knows it, and has been unable to differentiate between his unconsciously invented framework of expression and the objective reality which underlies it. We must also be alert to the possibility that certain people have encountered something very weird and have knowingly created a more conventional story for fear of ridicule if they told the truth.

One of the most important conclusions of my analysis is that we can expect no conventional solution to the saucer mystery. Those who are waiting for a physical saucer to land or for its occupants to contact the governments of the world will be sorely disappointed. This kind of once-and-for-all physical event cannot occur with the kind of reality involved, precisely because that reality transcends our physical world. Furthermore, the prevalent "human space man" is most probably an unconscious vehicle of expression which attempts to crystalize within human understanding a reality which essentially eludes it. If this is true, then encounters with such "supermen" need not all be hoaxes or actual meetings with extraterrestrials, but are the human experiences of something which is, itself, not human.

If this re-appraisal of the saucer problem seems "fantastic" or "unusual," it is because an attempt has been made to formulate all of the facts for the first time. What is revealed when all the facts are assembled is not a pattern of intelligently directed spaceships from other worlds, but a picture of an incredibly alien, almost ungraspable reality which men experience psychically as well as physically. Nor will putting our "space visitors" in some sort of "fourth dimension" solve the riddle. For the reality behind the saucers is not so "conventional." Indeed, any attempt to "visualize" it in human terms would be, at most, only symbolic of the truth. If this predicament is an affront to our reason, then so be it! It is better that we suffer a little hurt pride than to invent an escape from our dilemma which lacks the integrity demanded by an honest investigation.

It is as though the saucer mystery not only entails a phenomenal manifestation into our physical world, but an intervention upon our consciousness as well. Indeed, it is a legitimate question whether the so-called saucers have only recently appeared, or if we have only recently become conscious of what was always there. We are faced with a phenomenon the nature of which is very probably beyond the human order of things. While we saucer investigators thought we were explaining it, we were actually participating in it!



**"LITTLE MEN" SIGHTED IN ITALY:** A policeman in Milan, Italy, claims to have seen a saucer with two humanoids inside it, just before he went off duty on the night of December 20th. The policeman, named Francesco Rizzi, made the following statement: "I was in a patio when I heard a sharp whistling near me. It came from a flying saucer which had an aluminum-colored appearance. I saw two strange-looking creatures inside it. They were not more than three feet tall, and were dressed in luminous clothing, with strange black helmets on their heads. One of them came out of the saucer and gestured to his companion, who appeared in the hatchway. The first creature looked at me for a moment and then got back into the saucer, which then took off vertically."

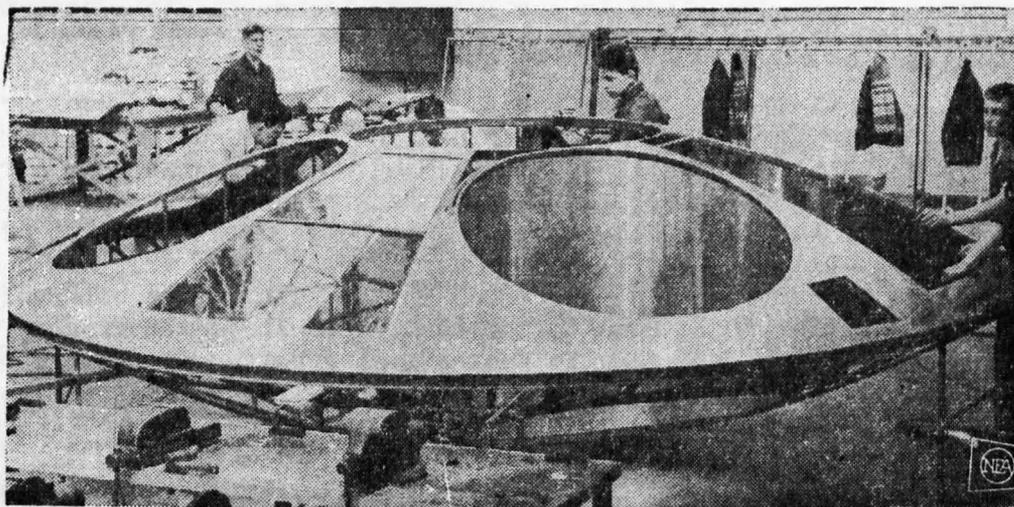
**BIG SAUCER "FLAP" CONTINUES IN ARGENTINA:** The sensational South American "flap" described in our December issue is still continuing in Argentina, according to the latest Spanish-language articles we have received from our clipping service.

Of the sightings pertaining to the month of December, the most interesting occurred at an airport near Buenos Aires on the 22nd of that month. At 3 a.m. a Panagra airliner approaching the International Airport of Ezeiza radioed the control tower to ask about a strange light near the runway. At almost exactly the same time, the UFO was noticed by the pilot of another plane that was about to take off. The control tower operator, named Horacio Alora, also saw the object, and described it as being "the color of fire, and of great brightness." It rose to about 10 yards above the ground, hovered there for a few seconds, and finally took off at great speed toward the northeast. The sighting was confirmed by a second control tower operator named Mario Pezzuto.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** On December 19th a mystery object, which exploded into a dark red ball of fire, landed in 40 feet of mud and water near a gravel pit in the vicinity of Seattle, Washington. A welder at the gravel pit reported the sighting to state police, and stated: "I saw all those sparks flying and the only thing I could think of was that a car was in trouble. Then it exploded into a big ball of fire and the area was covered with thick smoke." The

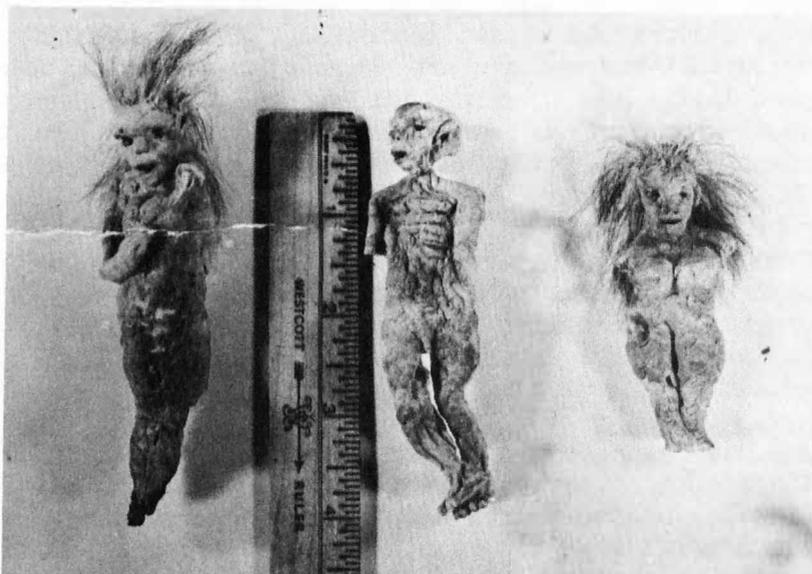
police said that they found a perfectly round hole, 15 feet in diameter, in the mud where the object landed.....This is hardly current news, but we wonder how many of our readers are aware of the fact that Jonathan Swift, in his fictional book "Gulliver's Travels," accurately describes the two satellites of Mars. This is rather startling in view of the fact that Swift's book was published in 1735, and the satellites were not "officially" discovered until 1877. We quote from Page 162 of the Doubleday Dolphin edition of "Gulliver's Travels": "...They have likewise discovered two lesser Stars, or Satellites, which revolve about Mars; whereof the innermost is distant from the Center of the primary Planet exactly three of his Diameters, and the outermost five; the former revolves in the Space of ten Hours, and the latter in Twenty-one and an Half; so that the Squares of their periodical Times, are very near in the same Proportion with the Cubes of their Distance from the Center of Mars; which evidently shows them to be governed by the same Law of Gravitation that influences the other heavenly Bodies!" We are told that Swift's information is very nearly correct, according to the latest scientific figures, and would be interested in hearing from any of our readers who know exactly what the current figures are....

A flying saucer three times the apparent size of the full moon was seen moving very rapidly across the sky on the night of November 2nd by three whites and numerous African natives in northern Kenya, Africa. The local meteorological service was unable to give any explanation....Dr. Ralph Lapp, a nuclear physicist, stated recently that the state of North Carolina had a close call in 1960 from a jettisoned nuclear bomb that packed a potential wallop of twenty-four million tons of TNT. When Air Force experts rushed to the North Carolina farm to examine the weapon after its fall from a B52 bomber, they found that five of the six safety devices had been set off by the fall. Only a single switch prevented the bomb from going off! The Defense Department refused comment on this.....On the night of December 2nd, a mysterious flaming object fell from the skies onto the roof of a home in Riverside, California, touching off a small fire. Its descent was observed by a local couple who drove to the house and alerted the occupant. After the fire was put out, the object looked like a chunk of clear plastic. It was about the size of a basketball. The nature of the material was not identified.....According to a strange story in the December 31st issue of the Port Chester, N. Y. "Item," a Greenwich, Conn., man named John Hart claims to have seen flying saucers at close range during several expeditions to a remote mountain area in southern Mexico. - The first time



**FLYING SAUCER** — Technicians in Geel, Belgium, work on frame of the flying saucer invented by Alphonse De Joncker. Powered by two Porsche airplane engines, the aluminum saucer is expected to reach a speed of 180 miles an hour when it takes to the air.

was in 1946, when Mr. Hart made his first trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, in search of Mayan ruins. The saucers apparently have a base in the mountains near the ruins, and are seen so often by the natives that they have grown used to the presence of these weird objects. Hart's best sighting was on a very recent expedition, when he saw a brightly-lit spherical object hovering a few feet from the ground at the far edge of a small jungle clearing.



It left the area at great speed soon thereafter. Hart Says (quite reasonably) that the easiest way to prove his stories would be to fly over the area with a helicopter....

On November 1st, a close sighting was made in daylight in Woburn, Massachusetts, by a carpenter named Charles Kirk. He estimated that the UFO was 40 feet long, 30 feet wide and 15 feet in height. It was a golden orange in color, was flat on the bottom, and had a black band near its lower edge. It also had a projection or periscope hanging about 10 feet down from its bottom. Kirk described the object as looking like a streamlined egg cut through the middle. A civil defense official found a slightly abnormal amount of background radiation at the sighting site....The photo above shows strange figures which were supposedly found close to some meteorites on the Nevada desert about five years ago. They were sent to the Department of Anthropology at the University of Utah. The University's conclusion was that the figures are fakes, made out of plastic. However, the man who brought them in (who happens to be owner of a plastic firm), insisted they are real. (Photo courtesy of Interplanetary News Service, 3 Courtland St., New Brunswick, N. J.)....

An item dated December 5th informs us that a 400-pound glass fiber object, equipped with radios and cameras, has been recovered from a wooded area in the province of New Brunswick, Canada. The unmarked device, with a rotting parachute attached to it, was found by a lumberman in the Canadian Forest Reserve. It was estimated that the object had been lying in the woods for at least two years.....Another monster has been sighted off the west coast of Canada. On December 27th, Mrs. Robert Guy and Mrs. K. B. Holland of New Westminster, British Columbia, reported having seen a serpent-like creature near Nanaimo, B. C. They described it as having a head like a camel. It was "roughly the size of a horse," and dark brown in color. The mouth appeared to have "the exaggerated lips one sees in a minstrel show." A large hump came out of the water and followed behind the creature's head and neck. It appeared to swim with an undulating motion, giving the impression of a long body following behind the head.....On January 18th our New York Headquarters was the scene of the first 1963 open meeting of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society, of which your Editor is President. The meeting featured a short treatise on astronomy, read by Mary Robinson, Secretary of the Committee, and a discussion of recent saucer sightings by John J. Robinson, the Committee's Chairman.

THE FOLLOWING BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: #1; 2; 3; 8 through 11; 13; 17 through 28; 30 through 47; 49; and 50. All are 3 for \$1.00 except #1 and #27 (the Special Adamski Expose Issue), which sell for one dollar each. The Special Adamski Expose Issue, published in 1957, is now becoming scarce, and we have only a few copies left in our files. Anyone who has not yet ordered a copy should do so as soon as possible.

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## NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #16

May 15th, 1963

A STRANGE VISIT WITH GRAY BARKER: Recently, while on a brief vacation in Florida, your Editor and his wife received a rather disturbing telegram from Gray Barker, urging that we visit him in Clarksburg on our return trip north. Your Editor had already completed his business dealings with Barker in regard to purchase of The Saucerian Bulletin, and we were reluctant to drive out of our way in order to see him again.

Yet, the evening of May 2nd found us in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The Gray Barker who greeted us there was taciturn and frightened, much as Al Bender is said to have been after his "hush up" ten years ago. The Barker we had known before was arrogant, carefree, and apparently well off financially. He had had a comfortable office downtown and a pleasant apartment on Mulberry St., in a nearby residential area. Now the big office and apartment were gone, and Barker was living in a run-down old house on a high hill near the edge of town. Barker asked us to be his guests rather than stay at a hotel. It was obvious that his new generosity was not altruism, but some sort of deep-rooted fear of being alone at night. We nevertheless declined his offer.

When we saw Barker the next morning, he looked pale and nervous. He had obviously lost weight since our last visit. His forehead bore a small scar, which he said had been caused by a thug who assaulted him shortly before he moved out of his former apartment. His new quarters were in a terrible state of disorder, with books and papers scattered around haphazardly. We noticed that the printing press appeared to be damaged. Barker informed us that it had been sabotaged by the above-mentioned thug, whom he refused to describe in any further detail. He did say, however, that the press was again in working order, after a considerable expenditure of time and money in fixing it.

Barker further stated that he had decided to dismiss his four employees "for their own protection," and was planning to go on alone with his book publishing business. He would not tell us why he had moved to new premises, nor why his former cheerfulness had turned to gloom and despair. Apparently selling The Saucerian Bulletin had been a huge let-down to him, - but it was obvious that something more than that was wrong. Although the term "Silence Group" was never used in our conversation, it was quite obvious that Barker felt there was some organized force behind the various attacks and persecutions which he has been suffering during the past several months. (Some of Barker's earlier problems were described in an article by him in the June 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print.)

Though your Editor has never been close friends with Gray Barker, we left Clarksburg with a feeling of sympathy for the man, - sensing that he is undergoing something which he is unable or unwilling to discuss with anyone. He seemed pleased and even grateful that we had come by. In the final moments before we parted, he cautioned us to be careful in our future saucer research, though he absolutely refused to specify how or why this should be done. He wished us well with SAUCER NEWS, and then said, rather cryptically, "I shall go on publishing books no matter what happens, - because I believe."

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## UFO Spotter Taken to Washington



'Sworn to  
Secrecy'

Moore  
Says of Trip

THE ABOVE PHOTO (not related to the Moore story, which begins on Page 10), was sent to us by a correspondent in Albany, N.Y., who wishes to remain anonymous. He states that at about 2:30 p.m. on the afternoon of March 12th, 1963, he was sitting on the back porch of his home when a UFO flew into sight at low altitude and hovered for several seconds. Our correspondent rushed into the house for his camera, and took three pictures in quick succession as the object moved away slowly toward the east. It made no sound.

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EDITORIAL:  
SAUCER NEWS COMBINES WITH "THE SAUCERIAN BULLETIN"

Readers of SAUCER NEWS will recall the long-standing feud between your Editor and Gray Barker, editor of "The Saucerian Bulletin." Recently, we had occasion to drop by the office of Mr. Barker in Clarksburg, West Virginia. A serious conversation was entered into between the two editors, and we became convinced of the reality of some of the persecutions which Mr. Barker has, for many months, been loudly proclaiming in his zine and elsewhere (including in his article for the June 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print.)

Taking cognizance of the situation existing in Clarksburg, we made to Mr. Barker a most generous offer, whereby we would combine his magazine with ours. Barker agreed to our terms, and the merger was formalized in a legal document dated February 24th, 1963.

All subscribers to "The Saucerian Bulletin" will have their subscriptions completed in full with issues of SAUCER NEWS. "Saucerian Bulletin" subscribers already on our own mailing list will have their SAUCER NEWS subscriptions extended according to the number of "Saucerian Bulletins" owed to them. Anyone dissatisfied with this arrangement may apply to us for a refund on the unused portion of his "Saucerian Bulletin" subscription; but we are confident that most people will be pleased with the new combined publication, and will want to continue receiving it.

As of now, SAUCER NEWS becomes the second oldest saucer periodical in the world - second only to "The A.P.R.O. Bulletin," published in Tucson, Arizona by Coral Lorenzen. We are also the periodical of largest circulation - slightly under 4,000. This confirms our determination, long expressed, to continue till "the last cup and saucer."

Ours is a regularly-scheduled magazine, published quarterly, in March, June, September and December of each year. Former readers of "The Saucerian Bulletin" can feel assured that they will be receiving four of our issues every year, and that all matters regarding subscriptions, renewals, etc., will be handled promptly by us.

In spite of the merger, our policy will remain the same as stated in our June 1962 issue. We believe that the flying saucer mystery is still unsolved. We believe that the interplanetary explanation is the most likely, but that absolute proof is still lacking regarding the interplanetary theory or any other theory of saucer origin. Contributors to our magazine are free to express any viewpoint they wish, in their signed articles, whether or not these opinions agree with those of the editors. We do not endorse anyone's unproven claims or beliefs, but we are willing to air all sides of every question and every controversy related to the flying saucer mystery.

Mr. Barker has not retired from the saucer field. He will continue to publish saucer and occult books of various types from Clarksburg, and readers interested in these books should write directly to him - at P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va., - rather than to us. Barker's services will also be used by SAUCER NEWS, as he has joined our Staff as an Associate Editor. An article by Mr. Barker appears on Page 18 of this issue, and he will continue to contribute to our magazine in the future, insofar as his time allows.

Gray Barker began publishing his "Saucerian" back in 1953, - almost a full year before the first issue of our magazine, then called "Nexus." In spite of our differences throughout the years, we cannot help admiring Mr. Barker and the other pioneers who braved scorn and ridicule to bring saucer information to the public in those early days. We are grateful to Mr. Barker for joining our SAUCER NEWS Staff, and we feel that his efforts will help to make our magazine more interesting in the future than it has been in the past.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have just received your December and March issues of SAUCER NEWS and found them to be very interesting. The review of Albert K. Bender's book "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" was extremely well written. Keep up the good work.

GERALD BAMMANN  
Brooklyn, New York

I have your two latest issues and enjoyed them very much. I admire you for printing the pro and the con from your mailbag, even though I disagree with your comparatively materialistic point of view on UFO's....

RILEY CRABB  
Director, Borderland Sciences Research Associates  
P.O. Box 548, Vista, California

Many thanks for sending the December and March issues of your magazine. I think it is certainly one of the few unbiased publications in this field today....

Congratulations on your wedding. She looks like a wonderful lady.  
DR. FRANK E. STRANGES  
Hollywood, California

It takes level-headed people like you to run a magazine such as SAUCER NEWS. In a subject where there is so much confusing evidence to sort out, a scientific approach is necessary. And I believe you have what it takes.

....You are pretty broad-minded and tolerant to print a letter by such a mystic as Richard Ogden. There are some minds that will accept an illusion as readily as a scientific fact. Ogden has such a mind...and it is such minds that become bemused by the nonsense about the Jews. Fortunately, these ideas about the Jews cancel each other out. For instance: All capitalists, or the ruling majority, are Jews. But it is the Jews who are promoting Communism! Does that make sense?

....If you have so much influence with Air Force Intelligence, it is because they regard you as a sensible person. I wouldn't expect them to let Ogden into their base (at Wright-Patterson Field.)

ROGER FROHN  
St. Paul, Minnesota

I received the December 1962 and March 1963 issues of SAUCER NEWS this week, in which were the two parts of my article entitled "A New Inquiry Into the Flying Saucer Mystery!" Although your editing was not extensive, some of the changes you made were crucial and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify them. In Part One (the Dec. issue, Page 10), the edited sentence reads: "We are therefore at a crossroads in flying saucer research, and we must ask and answer this crucial question: Is the core of the saucer problem a real, external problem?" My original statement read: "Is the core of the saucer problem a real, external phenomena?" By changing "phenomena" to "problem" the sense of the statement has been made to imply that we are dealing solely with a psychological disorder on a collective scale, or some such thing. Actually, it was meant to convey the idea that the phenomena, although objective, transcends our three-dimensional world as the psychic component of experience demonstrates.

In Part Two (the March issue, Page 12), you published this statement: "The lesson to be learned in all of this is that the saucer phenomena have a reality independent of them. And the fact that saucers exhibit a psy-

chic component cannot be rationalized away." My actual statement read: "And the fact that it (i. e., the saucer phenomena) exhibits a psychic component cannot be rationalized away." Here you changed "saucer phenomena" to "saucers", which appears to indicate that the usual idea of what saucers are (i. e., aircraft of sorts) have psychic phenomena associated with them. In truth, I leave what the saucers actually are, open, as the physio-psychic phenomenon which is experienced is not, in my view, the same as the reality behind the phenomenon.

Outside of these mis-statements, your presentation was fine....

THOMAS M. COMELLA

Mr. Comella has written an objective analysis of the flying saucer mystery as it has developed within the past sixteen years.....I think that he is familiar rather adequately with the situation, for I happen to be inclined to go along with him to a large extent....

ROBERT D. NULL

Maiden, North Carolina

It is perhaps true enough that conclusion jumping on the basis of insufficient evidence is a common practice in the UFO field, considering that apparently none of the UFO researchers active in the field are qualified for this type of work. But you are very wrong in thinking that no one really has the answer, or any real proof....There is an abundance of evidence in civilian channels, even allowing for a goodly margin of error, for any competent researcher to figure the whole thing out with reasonable accuracy.

As for Tom Comella, all he has in effect said in his two articles in the Dec. and March issues of SAUCER NEWS, is that he doesn't have the answer, and is unable to figure it out. Mr. Comella has no qualifications to speak on the subject of which he writes, and his statements are therefore merely his personal opinions, and nothing else....

PAUL W. HAMMER

Chicago, Illinois

I didn't have to go far into Comella's articles to realize he would soon invoke the psychic. That's his privilege, of course, just as it's mine not to buy it. But he seems to go psychic for a pretty poor reason - apparent lack of saucer crackups during the past 16 years. "...for surely," he says, "such infallibility and perfection does not reside with mere humanity." Nonsense!.....In over 15 years of close association with aircraft and aviation, I have witnessed but two crashes. All others I've heard about and/or seen via news media. And I dare say that less than 1% of our entire population has ever seen an aircrash. Take away all their news sources and the public would doubtless believe that passing planes are mechanically perfect. But their opinions wouldn't make it so, would it?....

GEORGE W. EARLEY

Bloomfield, Connecticut

I have read your December and March issues with much interest. I can give your "Letters to the Editor" section much praise. You have done a good job, particularly in the December issue, of presenting equally both sides of the controversy regarding NICAP. After looking at my letter which you published, I still believe that those things should have been said. However, you made the letter sound more "hateful" and "spiteful" than I actually felt toward you at the time. You know quite well that we aren't opposed to each other that much. Perhaps you could tell your readers this....

STEVE ERIMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

As a NICAP member, I am indeed surprised and quite disturbed to see so much friction between NICAP and SAUCER NEWS.....NICAP has done more for civilian research than any other UFO group. Its director, Major Keyhoe, has done more to fight censorship and bring the truth to the public than any other person.....

Regarding Timothy Green Beckley's letter in the March SAUCER NEWS, what does it matter if NICAP does file its reports in cardboard boxes? I throw my correspondence into a little drawer. Does this make me incompetent?....As for his claim that NICAP is abusing the privilege of using his material, I can say two things: First, NICAP has been extremely busy lately, and perhaps they have not had time to answer his letter, or perhaps they are not through using his material. Secondly, SAUCER NEWS is not the place to shed tears about this. Nobody is interested in Beckley's personal problems.

NICAP has been criticized for taking an extreme position. Well, if you are a contactee-lover and NICAP doesn't accept your favorite contactee claims, then they are extremists. NICAP has found nothing to substantiate the claims of the many contactees, but it has heard these people out.....

LOUIS TRIFON  
Plainview, New York

Regarding the Hart and Coleman letters in your December issue, Major Hart angrily denounces Keyhoe for attributing "a completely false heading to the Air Force news release of 6 February 1962" and then goes on to say "it was a D.O.D. release..." This may be, but the AP dispatches reaching this area attributed the release to the Air Force and didn't list its official title, each newspaper providing its own. I rather imagine that it was a newspaper heading that NICAP quoted. Hart seems to be nit-picking here. As for the Coleman letter, the NICAP story clearly said that the quoted reference from AFM 190-4 "was contained in a letter to NICAP member Kurt Zeissig, after Zeissig's persistent queries about 'Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force...'" I cannot see how this squares with Coleman's assertion that "the quote from the manual has now been lifted out of context completely...." But then Major Coleman has a public record of deviousness. He "answered" a letter of mine published in "Flying" Magazine by talking all around the lot while neatly sidestepping the main issue I had raised....

Regarding Mr. Gribble's plaintive howl (in your Dec. issue) of "false charges and inaccurate reporting," nowhere in it do I see him offering any explanation for deliberately setting up and widely publicizing an "organization" which could be readily confused with NICAP. Mr. Gribble's "organization" has virtually the same title (he merely substituted "Commission" for "Committee"), and can be abbreviated to "NICAP!" I can see no other conclusion than that this was done to deliberately confuse people. Furthermore, in the Oct. 14th, 1962 issue of the Seattle Times, Gribble's "organization" is described as listing "retired admirals, airline pilots, college professors and a former Air Force UFO investigating officer on its board of directors or on its panel of special investigators." The similarity to NICAP's advisors is striking, no? But unlike the men on NICAP's Board and Panel who freely identify themselves, Mr. Gribble's associates, to quote an AP dispatch of Dec. 7th, 1962, "are reluctant to be identified!" I rather suspect that this same AP dispatch was more accurate than it realized when it described Mr. Gribble as "a one-man data processing center" (emphasis added.)

GEORGE W. EARLEY, Bloomfield, Connecticut

Congratulations. You picked a very fine, intelligent lady for your companion in life. May you be happy through the end of time. Best wishes to

both of you. I hope to see you sometime in the future again, when I am up your way....

Regarding the fact that someone sent you a voodoo doll, I would not send you such a thing. I would not be that stupid, nor that low. My work is not to tear people down, but to uplift even the lowest creatures, if possible. Ogden is the one who alerted me first about this, and the way he stated it in his letter to me, I thought you were claiming I had sent that doll to you. Then I received your SAUCER NEWS and found that you are not making any such claim.....I would not be a fit human being if I did something like that, but I too have recently received letters threatening my life. Who is doing all this dirty work? I would like to know, wouldn't you? Someone must be thinking that you and I are getting together, for I have been accused of selling out to your side, and you know as well as I do that neither one of us has sold out to the other.

I wish there were more people like you, who come out into the open instead of hiding behind the written word. I believe that the debate you and I had on Long John's radio program was the finest get-together that anyone could have. We let the public be the judge. But there are some people who wouldn't do anything like that, even if they were given the privilege....I respect you far more than you perhaps realize....

GEORGE ADAMSKI  
Vista, California

Here is the information you requested (March SAUCER NEWS, Page 14) concerning the moons of Mars, as given by Jonathan Swift in 1737 and as now known:

	<u>Swift</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Number of Mars' Moons:	2	2
Distance from Mars' center, in terms of Mars' diameter:		
Phobos:	3	1.4
Deimos:	5	3.5
Time for one revolution around Mars:		
Phobos:	10 hours	7 hrs., 39 min.
Deimos:	21.5 hrs.	30 hrs., 18 min.

Swift was remarkably accurate in all three predictions regarding the moons of Mars, which he made 150 years before these moons were actually discovered by means of the telescope. He guessed the number exactly, he was close in guessing the periods, and, when you consider how far away these moons are from the Earth, he was quite close in his estimate of their distances from Mars. How he guessed so accurately, no one knows. One accurate guess can be passed off as coincidence, but to make three good guesses in a row is fantastic!

JUSTIN CASE  
Bridgeton, New Jersey

You suggested in your book review (March SAUCER NEWS, Page 7) that anyone who knows what John Manas of the Pythagorean Society was talking about in his book "Flying Saucers and Space Men" should write to you and explain. This is exactly what I'm going to do here. When he speaks of "a spiritualized substance which is permeated with the consciousness of the Creator of our Solar System,".....he means exactly the same thing as the Bible means when it states that "in Him we live and move and have our Being." "In Him" of course means in God, for all ether is filled with God Substance. We live in Him and He lives in us. There is no such thing as empty space.....

MRS. EVA MAHLE, Connersville, Indiana

EDITORIAL NOTES

CONCERNING RENEWALS: A great amount of bookkeeping has become necessary due to our merger with "The Saucerian Bulletin." In addition, a fairly large cash sum had to be paid out to Mr. Barker (pictured at left) to convince him to sell out. You can help us in regard to both these problems by renewing promptly. If a renewal notice has been sent to you with this issue of SAUCER



NEWS, please return it to us with your cash, check or money order as soon as you can, so that we may place your name immediately on our permanent mailing list. If you have received no notice with this issue, but find the number "7" following your name on the envelope, this means that your subscription expires with the next issue. People in this latter category can help us by renewing now rather than waiting to be formally notified.

CONCERNING OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS: Public meetings of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society are held frequently, usually on the third Friday of each month. These meetings are under the auspices of our Discussion and Lecture Committee, of which SAUCER NEWS' Assistant Editor John J. Robinson is Chairman. On January 18th, Mr. Robinson gave a lecture on recent events

in the flying saucer field, and on February 15th Daniel Soderlund gave a talk on "free energy."

As of March 1st, the untimely death of one of our associates caused our lecture hall to be moved from 303 Fifth Ave. to our present location, which is on the third floor of 108 West 56th St., New York City. On March 22nd, our first meeting at the new location was held, featuring a lecture on the Moon by Sandy Moseley. Our next lecture, on April 19th, is expected to be by Eugene Steinberg. The topic will be electromagnetic effects of flying saucers. - The editorial offices of SAUCER NEWS remain at 303 5th Ave., Room 1615.

SAUCER NEWS readers in the New York area who wish to be put on our special mailing list for lecture notices should write directly to John J. Robinson, 209 New York Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey.

CONCERNING OUR NEXT ISSUE: In all due modesty we feel that the issue of SAUCER NEWS which you are now reading is one of the most interesting we have ever produced; and with similar "modesty," we believe that the next one will be even better. On Page 19 you will find a complete account of a fascinating trip your Editor plans to make to an alleged Dero cave in New Mexico. This expedition, scheduled for early June, will be reported in full - with pictures - in our next issue, dated September, which you will be receiving exactly three months from now. In addition, there will be our usual complete round-up of outstanding saucer reports and "Fortean" events from all over the world, sent to us by our many correspondents and our world-wide press clipping service facilities. Don't take a chance of getting onto our inactive list, in which case you might miss this issue. Due to the high costs involved, only enough copies will be printed to take care of the combined active mailing lists of SAUCER NEWS and "The Saucerian Bulletin." So please renew now if your subscription has expired.

CONCERNING BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS: You are now reading Issue

#52 of our publication. Extra copies of most of our back issues are still available. These are listed below with a partial description of the contents of each. These issues contain, in addition to the contents listed below, current book reviews as well as full coverage of current saucer sightings and "Fortean" events such as ghosts, monsters, etc. The price is 35 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, unless otherwise stated. Please order by number. In case any number you order is sold out, we will make a substitution. A special price of only \$10.00 will be given to readers who wish to order all available back issues. This represents a saving of \$5.00, as there is a total of 39 issues at 3 for \$1.00, plus two which cost \$1.00 each.

- #1 (July, 1954) - Rare first edition, selling for \$1.00. Contains articles by James Moseley and saucer pioneers August C. Roberts and Dominick Lucchesi.
- #2 (Aug., 1954) - Contains interesting accounts of a little-known saucer film taken in Africa, and of the activities of the now defunct club called Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York.
- #3 (Sept., 1954) - Contains one of the most important articles we have ever published, concerning a lady in Miami who claims to have seen official government photographs of a crashed flying saucer from outer space.
- #8 (Feb., 1955) - Contains a fascinating account of the strange events which have occurred in recent years in the vicinity of Mount Shasta, California.
- #9 (March, 1955) - Contains an interesting article by FRANK SCULLY, author of "Behind the Flying Saucers."
- #10 (April, 1955) - Contains an important article by the late DR. MORRIS K. JESSUP, author of several saucer books, whose mysterious death is still a subject of controversy.
- #11 (May, 1955) - Contains an article by DESMOND LESLIE, co-author with George Adamski of "Flying Saucers Have Landed." Also contains the results of experiments in extrasensory perception conducted by the SAUCER NEWS Staff. Also in this issue are articles by DR. MORRIS K. JESSUP and FRANK SCULLY.
- #13 (Aug.-Sept., 1955) - Contains outstanding articles by DR. M. K. JESSUP and DESMOND LESLIE, as well as a report on UFOs and levitation by John Bessor.
- #17 (April-May, 1956) - Contains an interesting account of pre-World War II sightings by saucer researcher Frank Reid.
- #18 (June-July, 1956) - A most important issue, containing James Moseley's now discredited "earth theory" solution to the flying saucer mystery.
- #19 (Aug.-Sept., 1956) - Contains an interesting article entitled "UFO's and Unnatural Clouds," by Frank Reid.
- #20 (Oct.-Nov., 1956) - Contains another documented account of pre-World War II sightings, by Frank Reid, and an article by the noted French saucer author Aime Michel.
- #21 (Dec.-Jan., 1956-57) - Contains an article entitled "How to Separate Facts from Fiction," by Justin Case, a noted mechanical engineer and saucer researcher.
- #22 (Feb.-March, 1957) - Contains an important report on attempts to build flying saucers here on earth, and also a report on the early problems of NICAP, written by DR. M. K. JESSUP.
- #23 (April-May, 1957) - Contains an article entitled "Flying Saucer Research on Trial," by saucer researcher Tom Comella.
- #24 (June-July, 1957) - Contains interesting articles by Justin Case and Dr. Leon Davidson, an atomic physicist who is also a noted saucer researcher.
- #25 (Aug.-Sept., 1957) - Contains an expose of contactee George Hunt Williamson, written by Y. N. ibn Aharon, an expert on ancient history.
- #26 (Oct.-Nov., 1957) - Contains interesting articles by Justin Case and Richard Hall, Major Donald Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP.

- #27 (October, 1957) - The SPECIAL ADAMSKI EXPOSE ISSUE, selling for one dollar. It contains a collection of several articles showing the fallacies in George Adamski's first two books, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and "Inside the Spaceships." This is one of the most important issues we have ever published. Only a few copies are now left.
- #28 (Dec.-Jan., 1957-58) - Contains the first in a series of articles by Y. N. ibn Aharon entitled "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine." This series purports to prove that Jehova, the God of the Old Testament, was in reality a being from another planet.
- #30 (April-May, 1958) - Contains two of the most important articles we have ever published: The first, by Ulbricht Von Rittner, gives the inside story of research on saucer-shaped craft in Germany during World War II; the second, by James Moseley, gives a complete account of the mysterious disappearance in 1953 of saucer researchers Karl Hunrath and Jack Wilkinson.
- #31 (June-July, 1958) - Contains an outstanding article "Saucers and the International Geophysical Year," by John Corman, an article called "Rationalism in Ufology" by Richard Hall, and another of Y. N. ibn Aharon's series on Extraterrestrialism.
- #32 (Aug.-Sept., 1958) - Contains important articles by Dr. Leon Davidson and Y. N. ibn Aharon. There is also an article about NICAP by James Moseley.
- #33 (Oct.-Nov., 1958) - Contains an outstanding article by Major Lawrence J. Tacker of the U.S. Air Force, plus a fascinating account of a crashed UFO, written by noted saucer researcher Bob Barry.
- #34 (Dec.-Jan., 1958-59) - Contains an expose of Otis T. Carr, written by NICAP member Robert Durant, plus another of Y. N. ibn Aharon's series on Extraterrestrialism.
- #35 (Feb.-March, 1959) - Contains outstanding articles by Tom Comella and Dr. Leon Davidson, plus an expose of George Hunt Williamson written by noted saucer researcher Michael Mann, together with James Moseley.
- #36 (June, 1959) - This most important issue contains a detailed expose of Gray Barker, written by the noted amateur astronomer Lonzo Dove.
- #37 (Sept., 1959) - Contains an article by Bob Barry called "The Case of the Mysterious Airplane Crash," plus outstanding articles by Michael Mann, Y. N. ibn Aharon, and Justin Case.
- #38 (Dec., 1959) - Contains an important article by MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE, and an article by Frank Reid entitled "The Aerial Phenomena of Earthquakes."
- #39 (March, 1960) - Contains interesting articles by Michael Mann and Justin Case, plus an article by Y. N. ibn Aharon entitled "How to Build a Saucer!"
- #40 (June, 1960) - Contains an important article by noted saucer researcher Lee Munsick, plus a review of one of George Williamson's books, by Y. N. ibn Aharon.
- #41 (Sept., 1960) - This outstanding issue contains a long report on the 1960 Giant Rock saucer convention by James Moseley, with many photographs.
- #42 (Dec., 1960) - Contains an important article by Y. N. ibn Aharon and an article by Justin Case entitled "Proof by Ignorance."
- #43 (March, 1961) - Contains an important scientific UFO article by David Wightman, editor of the outstanding British saucer magazine "Uranus."
- #44 (June, 1961) - Contains an interesting article on extrasensory perception by Justin Case, plus an article by our Associate Editor Melvyn Stiriss.
- #45 (Sept., 1961) - Contains a very interesting account of an unexplained plane crash by saucer researcher Max Miller, former editor of "Saucers." There is also an article on Extraterrestrialism by Y. N. ibn Aharon.
- #46 (Dec., 1961) - Contains the first half of an unusually interesting article by the famous naturalist and saucer researcher IVAN SANDERSON.
- #47 (March, 1962) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by

IVAN SANDERSON, and a well-documented article by Lonzo Dove entitled "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle."

#49 (Sept., 1962) - Contains a long and very important article by James Moseley concerning his exclusive interview with the head of the Air Force UFO project at Wright-Patterson Field, in Dayton, Ohio.

#50 (Dec., 1962) - Contains the first half of an interesting article by Tom Comella, called "A New Inquiry Into the Flying Saucer Mystery." Also included is a long exclusive report on the recent saucer "flap" in South America.

#51 (March, 1963) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by Tom Comella, plus a wealth of recent saucer sightings from around the world.

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THE OLDEN MOORE STORY  
- by C. W. Fitch -

In the September 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, Mr. Moseley gave a long account of his interview with Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, chief of the Air Force's UFO investigation center at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

In this article, on Page 13, Mr. Moseley stated: "The conversation came around, at one point, to 'hush ups,' and I was told the story of a gentleman (name known to me) who made an important and apparently truthful sighting during the 1957 'flap.' Later he began claiming that, as a result of his sighting, he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had 'snowballed' from there...."

It is my purpose in this article to set the record straight. As Mr. Moseley and I both know, the name of the gentleman in question is Olden Moore. As recounted in many newspapers at the time (and in the February-March 1958 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print), Moore made a very close sighting of a flying saucer. The date was November 6th, 1957 - right at the height of the well-remembered 1957 "flap." Moore, then living in Lake County, Ohio, was driving his car along Route 86, near Montville, when he noticed what he at first took to be a bright shooting star or meteor moving rapidly across the sky from right to left in front of him.

Said Moore (as quoted in one of the local newspapers): "The object stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part of it went upward. The part that remained then seemed brighter than ever. As I kept watching this 'star,' it kept getting brighter and bigger. I decided to pull my car off the road onto a side road, and I got out to take a look. The thing seemed to be headed straight at the car. As it approached, its color changed from a bright white to a green haze, and then to a blue-green color, as it stopped about 200 feet in the air above a nearby field. I didn't hear any sound from it at all until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like the electric meter on the side of my house, only a little deeper in tone. I stood by the car watching the thing for some fifteen minutes before I decided to walk toward it. The object was about 500 feet away from me."

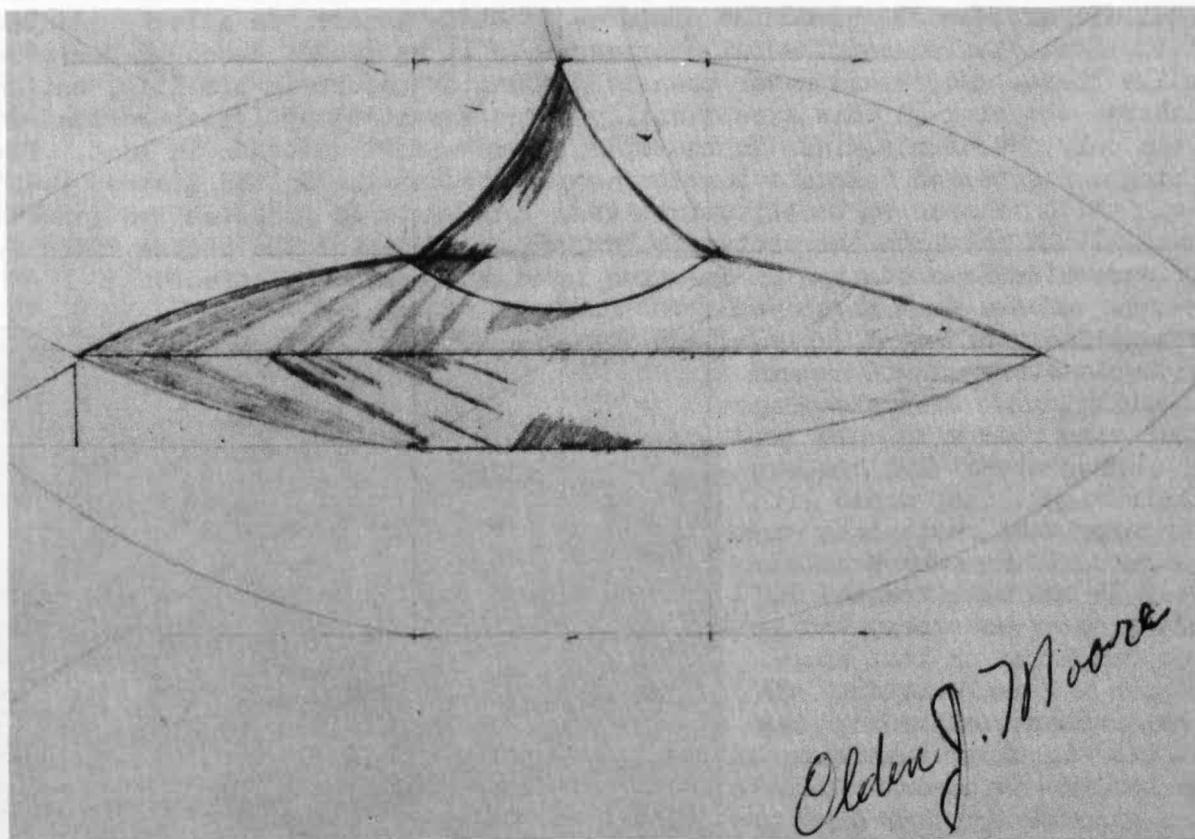
Moore had walked about half the distance between the road and the landed UFO when he stopped and decided that he would go back to his car and

return to the spot with witnesses, as no one would believe him otherwise. He could find no one else on the highway at the time, however. He went home to get his wife, and returned to the spot with her; but by that time the object was gone.

Moore said that the UFO was about 50 feet in diameter, disc-shaped, and about 15 feet thick, with a cone on the top, making its over-all height between 20 and 30 feet. It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, and the color pulsated slowly, alternating between bright and dim. The moon was unusually bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible for him to distinguish the object itself from the haze. The UFO had a surface like mirrored sunglasses, but no windows or portholes of any kind.

County officials were notified of the sighting the following day, and Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke rushed to the scene. Said he, as quoted in a local newspaper at the time: "There were prints in the field one and a half inches deep and holes in the ground like those made by spiked shoes!" He said that there were six prints in all, "coming from nowhere and going nowhere." He and Lt. Reineck, assistant to the head of the Ohio 5th Area Civil Defense, returned to headquarters to get a geiger counter. "When we came back," said Mr. Locke, "we got a reading of approximately 150 roentgens in the center of the area, tapering off to about 20 or 30 roentgens at the perimeter!" Waiting a few hours, Locke and Reineck took another reading in the same area. This time the meter showed only 20 or 25 roentgens in the center and no reading at all at the perimeter. Locke concluded: "Something must have been here, since this indicated that the reaction on the geiger counter was not caused by minerals in the ground."

Drawings of the UFO were made from Moore's description, and were widely published at the time. The sketch below, however, is Moore's own original drawing, which he gave to me, and is published here for the first time.



The saucer is the darkened area within the geometric construction lines Moore used to draw it. Moore's signature is at the bottom.

Moore moved from Ohio to New York in the Fall of 1962, and has resumed his trade as a plasterer. I have lost contact with him since then, but I was among the first to interview him after his sighting in November 1957, and after the initial excitement died down, I visited him many times during the period from 1957 to mid-1962. He had never believed in nor been interested in matters pertaining to UFO's before his sighting; but from that time on, he was very much interested. On numerous occasions I sat with him in his kitchen and discussed the details of his sighting, and I acquainted him with sightings made by others. I used to bring him articles and magazines on the saucer subject, and we became good friends. I can definitely state that I got to know Olden well enough to form a respect for him as a religious and truthful man. He just wasn't the kind to make up or fabricate stories of any sort. He was very active in church work and spent many of his evenings in that manner.

A few months after his sighting, Moore confided in me about having been flown to Washington and interviewed there for two days and returned home on the third. He said then that I was the first person he had told about it. Three men in particular figured in the picture. He recalled their last names and gave them to me. Naturally, these could have been assumed names. In any case, I later passed this information on to NICAP to see if they could identify or locate any of the three. NICAP was not successful, so I had to abandon this particular approach in my efforts to authenticate Moore's story.

However, Moore did identify certain buildings in Washington - one in particular, which he said was a block-long Esso station, where several stops for gas were made by the Air Force car in which he was being driven around the city. About two years ago, while in Washington myself, I had a friend of mine take pictures of this particular gas station and other adjoining buildings. When I showed the pictures to Olden later, he quickly identified the Esso station and the building opposite it as two of those he had been in while there. Moore had never been to Washington before in his life, but he remembered stopping in this exceptionally large gas station. I learned that it was the only one of its kind in the city, so he wasn't mistaken in that. The building opposite the Esso station turns out to be the United States Court House, which faces on Constitution Ave., and extends between 3rd and 4th Streets. It is shown in the picture below, which is one of the photos taken by my friend. The Esso station in question is right across the street.

Moore said that one of the military officers stayed with him every minute he was in Washington - even sleeping in the same room with him at night. They never let him out of their sight. They dined with him in a private restaurant in the same building where he was housed. He was well treated and afforded every courtesy, and he had no complaint on that score.

The military officers, after questioning him about his sighting at considerable length on several occasions, showed him some slides, projected on a screen. These



slides were of various UFO still photographs. They even ran off a UFO movie film, which had apparently been taken from inside a military plane. Moore said he was told that about 30% of the UFO's on which they had information, were of the type with a pointed dome, such as the one he had seen.

After being shown these slides and motion pictures, Moore was asked to sign papers (with witnesses' signatures attached to them) to the effect that he would not reveal the fact that he had been shown this evidence of the existence of UFO's. Moore told me that he asked where these objects are from. He was told by the military officials that they are not ours or Russia's, and that they must therefore be from another planet, coming into our atmosphere from outer space. He was also told that the public has not been informed about this because the Military themselves do not yet have all the answers.

At my request, Moore even told me exactly how he was taken to Washington. But in order to give you the whole story correctly in sequence, I must explain the heretofore unpublished fact that he was taken on another trip first. Here is exactly what happened:

On Sunday evening, November 10th, 1957, Geauga County Sheriff Louis Robusky, accompanied by a deputy and an Air Force lieutenant who stated he was from Youngstown (Ohio), called on Moore at his home. Sheriff Robusky told Moore that the Air Force representatives wished to question him about his sighting and wanted to have him accompany them to Youngstown for that purpose. He added that he felt it was Moore's duty as a citizen to do as they requested. Moore agreed to go, and asked how long he would be away. They informed him he would be back home later that same evening. Moore got in the car with them, and they drove him to the very same field where he had seen the UFO land! The whole experience was so unusual that he became frightened. When they arrived at the field there was an Army or Air Force helicopter waiting for them. Moore said that two Air Force men accompanied him to Youngstown. On arrival at the airfield there, he was escorted to a nearby building and questioned at some length about his sighting. Then he was flown in the same helicopter back to the field from which he had been taken, and he arrived home about 11 p.m. that evening, as had been promised.

On the following Sunday, November 17th, at about 6 p.m., an Air Force car with two officers in it came to Moore's home. This time he was informed by one of the officers that they wanted him to go to Washington for two or three days of questioning, and he was asked to pack a grip. They said they would return for him in an hour, and promptly at 7 p.m. they did return. The car drove to a waiting plane in which the pilot was already at the controls. The plane touched down at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, and dropped off one of the officers. It picked up another Air Force officer at the same time, and then took off for Washington, arriving there at an unidentified (to Moore) airport later that night. An official car then drove him to the downtown building where he was housed throughout his stay there. Two or three days later, Moore was flown back home via Youngstown.

Olden said that after it was all over, he lay in bed many times before going to sleep at night, and wondered why the Government had selected him to take to Washington for questioning. I told him that I felt sure the same sort of thing had happened to others, and that they too had been sworn to secrecy.

It was not Olden who first "leaked" the information about his having gone to Washington. While he was away, his wife told a friend on the telephone that her husband was in the Capital being questioned about his UFO experience. This friend told others, and the newspapers and other news media picked the story up. Moore later admitted having gone to Washington, but according to what he told me, he always stopped questioning at that point by



"They've gone to so much trouble digging up the stuff, I didn't have the heart to tell them they'd landed right in the middle of the town dump!"

simply stating that he had been sworn to secrecy as to what had happened there.

In March of 1959, Mrs. Moore sent me a postcard, saying that they had recently had another visit - this time by two men from Wright-Patterson Field, and that she would tell me more about it if I cared to come over. I went to see the Moores, and on that occasion Olden told me that a saucer researcher named Dan Haber had come to him and had convinced him to make a tape recording about his saucer experience. Moore had made the tape to please Haber, and the latter had apparently proceeded to circulate the tape and even sent a copy of it to the Air Force. It was because of this tape that the two officers from Wright-Patterson visited Moore. This official visit, rather

than the earlier ones, is probably the one which entered into the discussion between Mr. Moseley and Col. Friend.

In any case, these officers from Wright Field told Olden that what he had undoubtedly seen, back in November 1957, was a giant fireball. They said that on rare occasions these huge fireballs were seen for periods of very short duration before disappearing or vanishing from sight. Moore's wife was convinced from this conversation that what her husband had seen was indeed a fireball, but Olden told me that while he let the officers think they had convinced him, they didn't change his mind one bit. He told me: "I know I saw a solid object that night, because I was close enough to it to see the reflection of the moonlight on the object's mirror-like surface. It wasn't any fireball. I know what I saw and nothing they said changed my mind on that score."

It is entirely possible that Col. Friend is unaware of the events that took place at the time of Moore's sighting. If this is the case, then, - smugly thinking he knew all the answers, - he accurately told Mr. Moseley what little he did know about the matter. Or, perhaps an inaccurate version of the case had been given to him by someone else. From my personal knowledge of Olden Moore, one thing is certain: Either Col. Friend was ignorant of Moore's visit to Washington or else he withheld the real facts from Moseley. There is no doubt in my mind that Olden Moore is telling the truth!

#### THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING PLANES

- by Sandy Moseley -

Readers of Major Donald Keyhoe's book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" will recall his description of the amazing case of the disappearance of five Navy planes off the coast of Florida on December 5th, 1945. This disappearance has been called one of the greatest and most incredible mysteries in the history of manned flight. Recently the story has been told in more detail in a fascinating article appearing in the April 1962 issue of "The American Legion Magazine." It is from the latter source that the following article has been condensed.

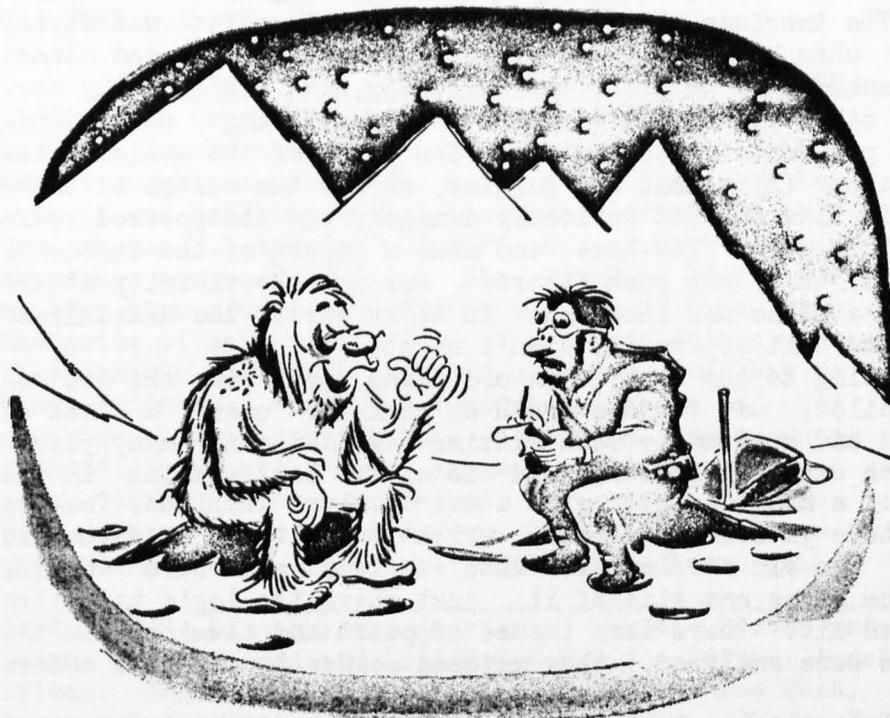
On December 5th, 1945, a flight of five TBM Avenger bombers took off on a routine patrol flight from the U.S. Naval Air Station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The weather was clear, and flying conditions were almost ideal. The flight leader's plane carried a crew of two, while the remaining four carried three men each. All of these fourteen men had flight and navigation experience ranging from as little as thirteen months to as much as six years. The planes were expected to make a triangular patrol, flying east for about 160 miles, north for 40 miles, and then back to Fort Lauderdale.

The flight took off at 2 p.m. At 3:45 they were expected to call the tower for landing instructions, but the message received at that time was anything but a routine one. "This is an emergency," it said in part; and even with radio distortion, there was an unnerving fear noticeable in the flight leader's voice. When asked for his position, he radioed: "We are not sure of our position....We can't be sure where we are.....We don't know." Told to assume a bearing of due west, the flight leader replied, "We cannot be sure which way is west. We cannot be sure of any direction....Everything is wrong. ....strange....The ocean doesn't look as it should...."

By that time the sun was nearing the western horizon, and it was incredible that these five planes could not find west, even if they had been depending only on visual observation. For the next forty minutes the tower heard the planes talking by radio to each other. Apparently none of the five had any idea of their position. The overheard conversations showed increasing signs of fear and hysteria growing among the five pilots. Then, with no prior warning, the flight leader abruptly turned over the flight command to another plane. This in itself was a most unusual act, and showed a desperately grave emergency of some sort.

At about 4:15, the control tower received its last message from the flight. It said, "We are not certain where we are.....Must be about 225 miles northeast of base...Looks like we are...." The message broke off at that point.

Immediately thereafter, a Martin flying boat with full rescue equipment and a crew of thirteen men was dispatched to search for the missing flight. It gave several routine radio reports, and then lapsed into silence. Neither this plane nor the original five Avenger bombers were ever heard from again, nor was any sign of them ever found, in spite of one of the largest air and sea rescue searches in American history! The aircraft carrier Solomons was sent to the area, and by mid-afternoon of the next day, many ships and over 300 planes had joined the operation. Not a single item of wreckage or debris from any of the six lost planes was seen!



"You think I'm abominable? You should see my wife."

The Navy, after an exhaustive investigation of the incident, in which a total of 27 lives had been lost, was unable to come up with any solution. Their report stated: "We are not even able to make a good guess as to what happened."

A little over two years later, on January 29th, 1948, a similar incident occurred in the same area, involving a four-engined commercial airliner belonging to the British South American Airways Company. 34

passengers and six crew members were on board this flight, en route to Kingston, Jamaica. The weather was clear and mild. At 10:30 p.m., a routine report was made to the control tower at Bermuda. This was the last message ever received from the huge airliner. No trace was ever found indicating a crash into the sea or elsewhere; and no wreckage, oil slick or debris of any kind was ever located. The big plane with its 40 occupants had simply vanished!

About a year later, on January 17th, 1949, an eighth plane, also belonging to the British South American Airways Company, was added to the mystery list. This too was a four-engined airliner, en route to Jamaica, carrying seven crew members and 13 passengers. The plane took off at 7:30 a.m. from Bermuda, in excellent weather. At 8:15 there was a routine radio report, and then silence. As in the other cases, the aircraft disappeared completely from the face of the earth.

The British Ministry of Aviation made a thorough investigation of these two incidents, similar to the investigation that the U.S. Navy had made regarding our six military aircraft. The conclusion drawn by the board of inquiry was that the planes were presumed lost at sea, although no actual substantiation of this could be found.

Many people have speculated as to the nature of the strange phenomenon which occasionally envelopes aircraft flying in the semitropical area off the Florida coast. Commercial pilots are reluctant to discuss the matter with outsiders, and even more unwilling to have their names used in regard to whatever opinions they might express. To admit that something may be going on beyond the range of present human knowledge, is to be branded a crackpot and perhaps lose one's license. But many pilots agree, in private, that there may be an unstable aberration in the atmosphere, - some sort of hole in the sky that planes fly into and can't get out of. Perhaps the missing aircraft are somehow shoved into the past, or into the future, or into another dimension, through some means as yet totally unknown to science.

The most chilling story of all, in support of the above theory, concerns a private pilot in Ohio who recently had an almost incredible experience. According to "The American Legion Magazine," this pilot was flying through clouds one day when he suddenly came upon another aircraft and almost collided with it. He banked hard to avoid the collision, but his wing-tip nevertheless scraped the other plane, which was a strange-looking canvas-and-wood job obviously of pre-World War I vintage. The pilot of the ancient airplane was wearing a leather flying hat and goggles, as was the custom in those early days. His aircraft flew on, not seriously damaged, and disappeared again into the clouds. The Ohio pilot flew home and made a report of the incident. But there was no record that any such aircraft was in the vicinity at the time, or even that such a plane was licensed. In other words, the near-disaster occurred with a plane that apparently didn't exist!

Then, according to the story, an old plane just like the one described by the modern pilot, was found a month or so later under a stack of hay in a barn where it had apparently been sitting abandoned for many years. Inside the pilot's pouch was a log book, and one of the last entries in the log was a description of a near-disaster with a weird silver airplane. The log book was turned over to a government agency, which found it to be authentic and over 40 years old. The old airplane was also checked, and sure enough, there was a long scrape along one side of it, just where the log's narrative said the plane had been hit. There were traces of paint and aluminum in the scrape, and when these were analyzed, they matched perfectly with the modern plane!

The whole incident has been investigated by the Civil Aeronautics Board. The CAB thinks it's a hoax, but they can't find any way to explain it

or negate the evidence. The pilot in question is known to be of good character, and thus far the investigation has upheld his version of the story.

Here, then, is a possible clue to the disappearance of the six American and two British airplanes. Many people have long believed that time is not the simple, constant-flowing quantity we assume it to be. If the past and present somehow met in this strange collision in Ohio, perhaps similar events happen occasionally for reasons as yet unknown to us. Perhaps too, the flying saucers so often seen during the past several years are our own descendants coming back to take a look at their ancestors. Fantastic? Of course; but fantastic events need bold theories to explain them. Presumably, we will know all the answers some day. Till then, we can only sit back and speculate, and wonder at the frightening gaps that still exist in human knowledge.

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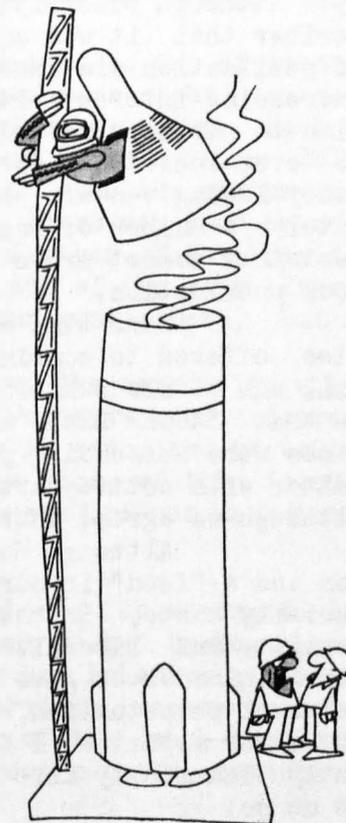
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"... No, everything isn't A-OK!"

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THE END OF AN ERA

- by Gray Barker -

In September, 1953, a new type of publication appeared. It presumed to report on sightings of flying saucers, and was called "The Saucerian!"

"The Saucerian" was a labor of love. The first three issues were cranked out on a hand ditto machine by the editor. Since the ditto process will print only about 200 copies clearly, that was the limit of our circulation. Soon people, by some way or another, heard of the publication and subscribed to it. The subscription list soon grew so that we were forced to have offset printed editions made, at great expense. Circulation continued to grow until the present total of around 1,500 was reached.

"The Saucerian" (later called "The Saucerian Bulletin") always operated at a great financial loss. In the early days these losses were made up by putting in funds from my theatre film booking business. Later, when I gave up most of my theatre accounts in order to spend more time at "saucering," "The Saucerian" was supported by the sale of books about flying saucers.

In the past three years a great new interest has almost obsessed me - that of bringing out hard cover and paper cover books which tell the saucer story far more completely than can brief articles in small magazines.

For some time, "The Saucerian" has been published most irregularly. Although subscriptions were sold with the full understanding to the subscriber that it was an irregularly published magazine, the lack of frequency of publication did annoy a great many subscribers, with good reason. With my increasing interest in the publication of New Age books, I had very little time to publish just sightings and to get together the elaborate magazine. Due to ever-increasing costs, I knew I could not always afford to publish the money-losing venture and still be able to bring out the more important Works. Lately a number of happenings which may have been persecutions (although I certainly cannot prove it), have led me to feel that I should concentrate on book publication.

Some time ago, James W. Moseley, hearing of some of my difficulties, offered to combine "The Saucerian Bulletin" with his SAUCER NEWS, and to fill all of our subscriptions with this combined publication. He also assured me that SAUCER NEWS would continue, even though a great many other saucer zines were suspending publication. He also invited me to become an associate editor with active participation in the supplying of material to the magazine, although we agreed that I would not have the responsibility of forming policy.

Although Moseley and I had had a great many differences of opinion and a "feud" in our publications, I respected him as a capable editor, especially since, in the past two years, his editorial policy has become more sensible and liberal. I had thought of combining my publication with some other in order to give "The Saucerian Bulletin" greater strength and the guarantee of perpetuation, but frankly SAUCER NEWS was the only regularly published saucer magazine I felt could continue indefinitely. Mr. Moseley is apparently financially able to continue his publishing at great losses, and intends to do so.

Recently when Mr. Moseley dropped by Clarksburg, we talked this matter over further, and when I was assured, both by belief and by legal documents that the combination of the two magazines would be advantageous to my subscribers, I decided, finally, to cease publishing "The Saucerian Bulletin" as a separate magazine. I believe that you will find SAUCER NEWS combined with "The Saucerian Bulletin" the best flying saucer magazine available today. I shall attempt to help Mr. Moseley continue to make it so.

With the cessation of "The Saucerian Bulletin" as a separate enti-

ty, we have reached the end of an era. It has been a decade of great satisfaction.

But I feel that a new era has begun. I feel it is my mission in the saucer field to publish full-length books about the subject. Books are naturally more complete than periodicals, and carry a respect that mere magazines cannot.

Since we began our publishing activities in the book field, we have brought you "From Outer Space to You," by Howard Menger; "Doctor from Lhasa," by T. Lobsang Rampa; "My Contact with Flying Saucers" by Dino Kraspedon; and "The Sky People" by Brinsley le Poer Trench.

Now that the responsibility of producing "The Saucerian Bulletin" rests on other very capable shoulders, a great weight has been lifted from me, and I can go ahead at deeper and more meaningful UFO publishing. Mr. Moseley has consented to insert a list of my various books into each issue of his magazine so that you will be familiar constantly with my work.

#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

SAUCER NEWS EDITOR JOINS EXPEDITION TO NEW MEXICO CAVE: Not long ago we received a letter from Mr. R. L. Dobbins, a resident of Magdalena, New Mexico. In it he describes a most unusual expedition he has planned for early June. He has invited your Editor to become a member. The letter from Mr. Dobbins reads in part:

"There is a strange cave somewhere near this locale. Two discs the size of car headlights have been seen coming from the cave each night, and going upward out of sight. Two unusual small doors have also been seen, back a few feet, in the mouth of the cave. At the cave entrance, there is a hole about twenty feet in diameter and two hundred feet deep. When the members of the last expedition descended to a depth of twenty feet, there was such an effect upon the spine that no one was able to go down any further. Each individual's hair stood straight up and stayed that way until out of the cave. There is something down there in the way of life. I have never seen a Dero, but I would not be shocked if I were to see one....."

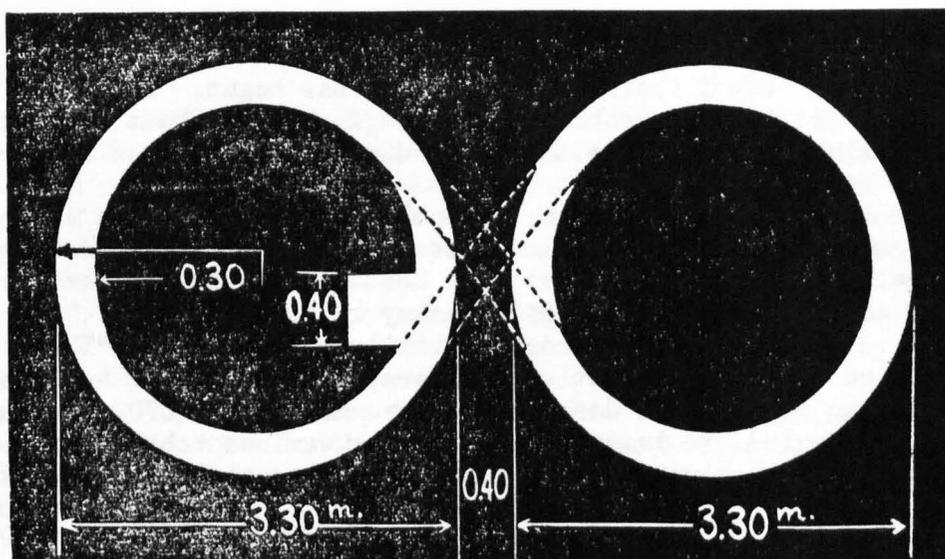
Mr. Dobbins goes on to explain that members of the expedition will be restricted to six. A five-day hike is anticipated. We have been assured that we will be allowed to take photographs of whatever is seen, and to write up the story fully for SAUCER NEWS afterwards. The whole story of this fascinating trip will be told in the forthcoming September issue of our magazine. Don't miss it!

EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON SOUTH AMERICAN SAUCER "FLAP": As announced in our two previous issues, a continuing saucer "flap" seems to be taking place in South America, while things here in the United States are relatively quiet. Due to our exclusive South American press clipping service, we are able to keep you up to date, even though practically no mention of the South American sightings has been made in U.S. papers. Here are the latest reports, translated by our Staff from Spanish-language newspapers:

On the night of January 30th, more than a dozen people in Ica, Peru, saw a bright-white luminous object traverse the sky. It was visible for a period of five to ten minutes. Other sightings were made during January in San Juan and other parts of Peru.

Flying saucers seen near Paranas, Argentina, in January, are said to have caused a shower of glass-like particles, which fell from the sky like rain. Some of these strange particles were kept for analysis, and were found to contain calcium, magnesium, and several other minerals.

In Asuncion, Paraguay, a sighting was made in early February by a student named Anastacio Lenva, who saw a UFO land in the sports field of a local school. Saucer sightings were also made by several other residents, including a high official of the Ministry of the Interior, who saw a UFO go by at high velocity.



On the 4th of February, five photos of a UFO were taken in quick succession by Adolfo del Valle Rivero, an engineering student living in Tucuman, Argentina. Two of the pictures (too poor in quality to reproduce here) were published in the February 15th edition of "La Gaceta," a Tucuman newspaper. The pictures were developed right in the newspaper's own laboratory, and do not appear to be faked. They show what Rivero described as a saucer flying at relatively low speed at a distance of a half mile or so from the camera.

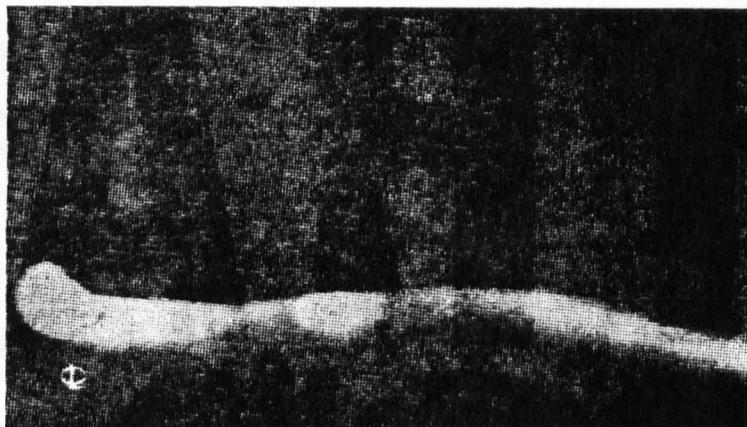
A very strange occurrence is reported in the February 5th edition of the same newspaper. A farmer named Ricardo Lopez, who lives a few miles from Tucuman, reported having found on his property two circles about ten feet in diameter. These are shown in the illustration above. (The dimensions are in meters. One meter is about equal to one yard.) Lopez took reporters to the scene, and it was found that the grass had been pressed down and subjected to intense heat in the white areas shown in the diagram, - as if some giant iron had been placed on top of it. It was calculated that a temperature of over 2,000 degrees must have been present, as the grass and soil were affected to a depth of several inches. However, there was no evidence of actual fire. It was also calculated that the circles had been made about two weeks before being discovered by the farmer. No explanation for them could be found.

In and around Arica, the northernmost city of Chile, a great many sightings were made during January. On the night of January 23rd, a truck traveling with ten passengers from Chapiquina to Arica was halted by a huge blue ball of fire which seemed to be coming straight toward it. The passengers in the rear fled in panic, whereas those in the cabin remained where they were. The UFO came to a stop at low altitude precisely over the truck. The witnesses described the object as being cigar-shaped, with a white cabin and with flames coming out from the tail.

On January 28th, a large number of people in the city of Arica were panicked by a group of UFO's "with dark cabins," which were hanging motionless over the town at low altitude. That same night, a truck traveling between Mamina and Iquique, driven by a former officer of the Chilean Air Force, came upon two flying saucers which remained stationary above the vehicle for a period of more than ten minutes.

About January 29th, a saucer was photographed by an Arica merchant named Gino Rossi. This photo is reproduced at the top of the next page.

The UFO appeared visually as a luminous object with a tail of some sort. The picture, taken at an exposure of five seconds, makes the UFO look much longer than it actually was, due to the object's movement during the time of exposure.



NEWS BRIEFS: In Pieve di Sacco, Italy, a young painter named Mario Salmasso claimed last February to have photographed a flying saucer and one of its occupants. He says he was walking alone through snow-covered woods when he saw a huge, round luminous object, near which was standing a man in an outfit which appeared to be made of cellophane. Salmasso took four pictures while the man climbed into the saucer and took off. Unfortunately, we have not seen any of these pictures, which must be quite sensational if they are genuine....A strange glowing object, which may have been a meteor, was seen in many parts of Long Island on the night of March 25th. One witness described it as "a circular object that appeared like a fluorescent greenish light." It seemed to throw off white fire streaks from a tail as it disappeared behind a cloud and then reappeared. The object was also seen as far away as Norfolk, Virginia....Wilbur Smith, the former head of a semi-official Canadian saucer research program, died last December. It is rumored that Smith, who was originally a scientifically-minded UFO investigator, turned contactee in his later years....

A UFO was seen near Washington, D. C. on the night of February 6th by two men flying a private plane, and visual confirmation was made by another plane, though nothing showed up on Washington radar. Carl Chambers of South Williamsport, Pa., told reporters that he and another man with him saw the object for nearly an hour, while flying from Charlottesville, Va., to Washington. The UFO appeared off their right wing at a distance of several miles, and moved toward, under and above the aircraft. It hovered awhile, and later went about 75 miles in 5 seconds. The object seemed to have a ball-like shape, and Chambers estimated it to be about ten feet in diameter. The light from it was so bright that it cast a reflection on the plane....From all we have read, the results of the recent Venus probe by Mariner II appear to be inconclusive and subject to conflicting interpretations. The rocket passed within 21,000 miles of Venus last December 14th, and gave American scientists a great deal of new data about that mystery planet. The surface temperature is now thought to be about 800 degrees, too hot for life as we know it; but according to Homer E. Newell, director of space sciences for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, there is a possibility that micro-organisms live in the atmosphere of Venus. There is also a possibility (in our opinion) that much of the data will turn out to be wrong, and that the surface of the planet still may be found to support intelligent life of some sort....

On March 12th, a UFO traveling west at a very high altitude and a high rate of speed was sighted by hundreds of persons in the Hawaiian islands. Two Hawaii Air National Guard pilots said they saw the object north of the island of Kauai during a routine training mission in jet fighters, at an altitude of 40,000 feet. Honolulu newspapers and radio stations were flooded with calls....A Protestant clergyman has stated that churches must plan now to deal with the possible creation of "feeling and thinking beings" which may soon be

created artificially by scientists working in laboratories. The clergyman's statement came about as a result of the fact that scientists claim they are approaching a breakthrough in the creation of life from inanimate matter.... A "strange red ball of fire" was seen by Bill DeHaan of Bozeman, Montana, at 2:30 a.m. on February 21st, as he was driving home from work. DeHaan said that the UFO shook and swayed his car as it went by, and that it landed about 200 feet from his vehicle. Sheriff's deputies spent the morning combing the area, but found nothing.....

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, the noted anti-saucer astrophysicist from Harvard University, who wrote a book called "Flying Saucers" in 1952, has been on a lecture tour recently, apparently to drum up interest in a second book on the same topic which he plans to publish soon. Dr. Menzel is still as anti-saucer as ever.....UFO's were seen darting about at an altitude of 15,000 feet over Maiden, North Carolina, on the morning of February 18th. Floyd Hester told the local newspaper that they were moving in and out of formation at tremendous speeds. He described them as metallic in appearance, and said they were in view for 30 minutes. At times they would hover motionless in the sky, and then would move with a burst of speed. They left no trail of smoke.... "Comic Relief" Item: Men and women who have claimed to see flying saucers met recently for a discussion meeting to compare notes, in Bologna, Italy. They could not agree on anything, the meeting turned into a battle, and the cafe owner threw them all out when cups as well as saucers began flying in a battle royal.

"S.P.A.C.E." AND TWO OTHER SAUCER PERIODICALS FOLD UP: Norbert Gariety, editor of the monthly saucer magazine called "S.P.A.C.E.," has announced in his November 1962 issue (released in January, 1963) that he has decided to throw in the towel. "S.P.A.C.E." lasted for six years, and at one time was about the best flying saucer zine in the United States, due to its fine coverage of Fortean events as well as saucer sightings. But then Gariety went off on a wild right-wing political "kick," and started filling his pages with political diatribes of various sorts, - especially when sightings were scarce. When he was told by your SAUCER NEWS Editor and many others that politics have no place in a saucer magazine, Gariety became increasingly bitter. Now he has finally decided to devote all his spare time and energies to his various political activities, and in view of everything, we feel that saucer research will be better off without him. Gariety is so petty that he refused to send us his final issue - though we had been receiving all the previous 70 issues on an exchange basis.

Two other saucer periodicals recently defunct are "The Hawk Researcher," published by Harry Siebert of Pomona, California, and "The N.J.A. A.P. Bulletin," published by Edward J. Babcock, Jr., of Kendall Park, New Jersey. The editors of both these magazines are teenagers with whom we have had considerable correspondence. Both periodicals were improving in quality as time went by; but as so often happens in cases such as these, the young editors were eventually moved to devote themselves to other activities, so that their saucer research had to be cut down or abandoned. We hope that other capable young men will enter the saucer field to take their place.

FORTEAN ITEMS: The Smithsonian Institute recently set up an elaborate system of cameras and a spectroscope near the town of Maco, North Carolina, in order to find the explanation for a mysterious flickering light that has been seen in the area for generations. Hundreds of people have witnessed the light over the years, but when approached too closely, it disappears. Unfortunately we do not have the results of the Smithsonian's expedition....Into

the category of "mysterious disappearances" goes this story from Cinnaminson Township, New Jersey. On March 18th a 2½ year old boy, who had been left for only five minutes to play with his brother and cousin in the back yard, vanished without a trace. Since then, 500 policemen, state troopers, FBI agents and volunteers have searched every inch of the southern New Jersey township without results!...There is a haunted house in Nashville, Tennessee, where the family of a resident named Jack Hawkins is disturbed every night around 6 p.m. by a loud knocking of some sort. Repeated efforts by police and others to find the source of the knockings have met with no success....Another recent ghost story comes from Detroit, where the Adams family of 5508 Martin St. has abandoned their house due to "a formless hag with the cold staring eyes of death, and gray hair strung like decayed Spanish moss over her indescribably horrible face." Mrs. Lillian Adams says she heard its wail - a part human, part animal moan that made her scalp tingle. Other members of the family have seen, heard, or smelled the terrifying ghost, and the family is determined never to live in the house again....

A Norwegian explorer says he has found positive evidence that the Vikings settled Newfoundland, Canada, 500 years before Columbus landed in the New World. Carbon 14 tests succeeded in dating a primitive forge, nails, and other remains found at Lance aux Meadows on Newfoundland's north coast. The tests put the date of the objects at about 1,000 A.D....An article from Cleveland, dated March 7th, states that a 6-pound chunk of iron crashed through the roof of the home of Mrs. John Maxwell, accompanied by a noise which sounded like an airplane crash or a sonic boom. It was thought that the object could have fallen from a plane, but cast iron is not generally used in aircraft parts, and no plane could be found which might have lost a part over the Maxwell house at that time...A scientific team investigating the famous Loch Ness monster concluded last February that something big and alive does indeed inhabit the Scottish lake. The head of the team said that there is no way yet to determine whether it is a mammal, a reptile, an amphibian or a fish....Russian scientists claim to have brought two prehistoric tritons (vertebrates resembling lizards) back to life. The animals lay frozen solid for 5,000 years in Siberia before being revived by the scientific team. According to the Russian report, one of the animals lived, ran around, ate, and slept for three weeks before dying, and the other was alive "practically all summer."

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

(Note: In spite of our recent merger with "The Saucerian Bulletin," we still feel obliged to give our frank opinions about all current books, including those published by Barker's organization.)

#### BENDER MYSTERY CONFIRMED -edited by Gray Barker (Published by Saucerian Books)

This book is a collection of letters to Gray Barker from a number of people who read Albert K. Bender's "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," which we reviewed in our March issue. Unfortunately, a better title would be "Bender Mystery Confused," due to the fact that these letters add little to our understanding of the Bender book or to our understanding of the saucer mystery in general. The information revealed in the letters ranges all the way from evidence tending to confirm Bender's statements to evidence directly contradicting them, - with a lot thrown in which neither confirms nor contradicts anything.

In his introduction, Barker tells us, "No effort has been made to create a literary work, for the publication of letters carries the duty of

presentation without editing, except in the most minor degree." It is unfortunate that Barker did not follow his own rule about editing. Chapter 16, entitled "Were Bender's Experiences Psychological?" appears to consist of a long letter from me, explaining "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" in psychological terms. Unfortunately, this chapter bears little relationship to the short letter I sent Barker expressing my opinions on the Bender book.

One can only hope that the other letters in "Bender Mystery Confirmed" were edited less severely. Some of the supposedly confirmatory letters are so strange in content that they leave little doubt that they are either the result of Barker's "editing" or of severe mental disturbance on the part of the letter writer. One letter, supposedly tending to confirm Bender's headaches, reads in part: "After my collapse, or rather during it, after my going through reincarnation....my sun lamp lit up with a blue light, and to this day I do not know if it is a healing ray or straight from hell.....I kept hearing that it was a station like a TV set and was hooked up to the police station, where they could see my every move. I was the object of ridicule, torment, and gutter filth. For days the many voices talked on, even after I broke the sun lamp bulb....."

There are, however, more lucid letters than this. The consensus of opinion (if there is any) among Barker's letter writers seems to be that Bender is telling the truth as he knows it. But perhaps the alleged space people were fooling him, by misrepresenting their true identity, or giving him false information on some points. There is talk of astral entities, the Serpent Race, Deros, the Elack Brotherhood, Communist agents, and other such groups. One woman writes that upon reading the first part of "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," she was "all for heaving the book into the fire!" And, in fact, one of Barker's promotion circulars is headlined "Should You Burn the Bender Book???" No, in our opinion you should not; but many readers will surely do a slow burn when they read its sequel.

UFO WARNING - by John Stuart (Published by Saucerian Books, Clarksburg, W.Va.)

Although we have long suspected that there is often more than a slight connection between flying saucers and sex, we were not sure about this theory until reading John Stuart's "UFO Warning." Mr. Stuart, after being expelled from a New Zealand saucer club for allegedly misusing their stationery, set up his own organization, called Flying Saucer Investigators. This group consisted of exactly two members - himself and an attractive young lady named Barbara, with whom he spent most of his evenings discussing saucer sightings and theories. Just what his wife may have thought about this research is not clear, as she is barely mentioned in the book.

One night a hideous green monster appeared on the lawn and apparently hypnotized both members of Flying Saucer Investigators, so that they were unable to move. Just as it seemed about to attack or rape the female half of the organization, it changed its mind, moved away, and disappeared. Another night, Barbara was raped by three invisible beings while alone in her room. The invisible attackers left her body covered with strange scratches, which she later showed to John Stuart. Shortly after this attack, Barbara threw in the towel on flying saucer research and moved to another town. Thereafter, says Stuart, "I went away to Auckland and stayed with my old mother, resting my nerves, trying to bring my shocked system back into order."

Our opinion of "UFO Warning" can best be expressed in the words of Barker himself, in his introduction to this epic: "Although I cannot completely understand this volume, and I doubt if many others can either, it is a definite part of the huge mass of confusing data which forms the UFO enigma."

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LANDMARKS IN THE HISTORY OF SAUCER NEWS: Our magazine was begun in July of 1954 under the name "Nexus." In June of 1955 the name was changed to SAUCER NEWS, and the publication schedule was changed from monthly to bi-monthly. In 1959 publication was put on a quarterly basis, and since that time our magazine has appeared in March, June, September and December of each year.

In early 1963 SAUCER NEWS was combined with Gray Barker's "Saucer-ian Bulletin!" This merger makes SAUCER NEWS the largest and second oldest saucer periodical in the world. Circulation is currently slightly under 4,000. SAUCER NEWS is widely distributed throughout the United States as well as England, Canada, and various parts of the British Empire.

POLICY: Our official policy is that no final solution has yet been found to the flying saucer mystery. We favor the theory that saucers come from some other planet, but we feel that this has not yet been proven.

However, contributors to our magazine are completely free to express their own opinions in their signed articles, regardless of whether or not these opinions agree with those of the Editors.

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ADAMSKI EXPOSE ISSUE AND NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER: In 1957 we brought out a special issue of SAUCER NEWS, exposing the unproven claims of contactee George Adamski. A few copies of this long and carefully-documented expose are still available. - Throughout the years, Confidential Newsletters have been published, on a non-scheduled basis, in addition to the regularly-scheduled issues of our magazine. These Newsletters are made available to subscribers in good standing who want to be on the inside of the strange and baffling behind-the-scenes events in saucer research. The Confidential Newsletters usually contain material which we consider "too hot to handle" in our regularly-scheduled issues. For the price of \$1.00 you can be placed on the special Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time.

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## NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #17

July 5th, 1963

### HAS ANYONE SEEN THIS MAN?



MELVIN GINSBERG

Missing from his residence, 654 East 105th St. Brooklyn, N.Y. since 5:05 p.m. March 22, 1963. Description: MW 31-5-8-250, heavy build, fair complexion, black hair, brown eyes. When last seen was wearing a brown top coat, grey suit, white shirt, orthopedic brown shoes.

The picture and description at the left were compiled by the Missing Persons Bureau of the New York Police Department, and circulated in twenty-seven states.

Melvin Ginsberg was very interested in UFO phenomena and other related subjects. He attended all the monthly meetings of our SAUCER NEWS Discussion and Lecture Committee without fail; and, in fact, he was usually the first to arrive. He failed to respond to the notice for the March meeting, however, and at the next meeting, on April 19th, his father showed up unexpectedly, and told us the startling news that Melvin had disappeared!

Mr. Ginsberg informed us that his son had left the house on March 22nd, with the intention of attempting to secure a job in Albany, New York. He took with him about \$200 of his own money. Melvin has been missing since that day - more than three months ago!

John J. Robinson, Chairman of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, suggested that people with extrasensory perception might be of help in locating Melvin, and he therefore contacted a friend named Bill Daut. Some of our readers will remember Bill Daut as the guest on the Long John radio show who shook up the panel by reciting the exact license

number of a car in Newark, N. J., about which he knew nothing. This incident is told on pages 155 to 157 of Long John Nebel's book, "The Way Out World."

Bill Daut is in reality Reverend William Daut, the minister of a spiritualist church in Paterson, N. J. He replied to Mr. Robinson's letter of inquiry by stating: Melvin is safe and has come to no harm. He will let his family know where he is when he can prove himself. He is under the protection of an older man. His decision to leave home was pre-planned. He is doing what he wants to do.

Another psychic, named Irwin Greif, heard about the Ginsberg disappearance and asked for a photograph to psychometrize. His findings were almost exactly the same as those of Reverend Daut, with one exception: Irwin feels that the older person is a man living in Arizona.

There is a possibility that Melvin Ginsberg, wherever he is, may contact saucer researchers in his area. May we ask all our Newsletter subscribers, - particularly those living in Arizona - to be on the lookout for our missing member!

(Note: As your Editor was out of town at the time the above events took place, the information for this Newsletter was gathered together and written up by our Assistant Editor, John J. Robinson, to whom we owe our thanks for a job well done.)

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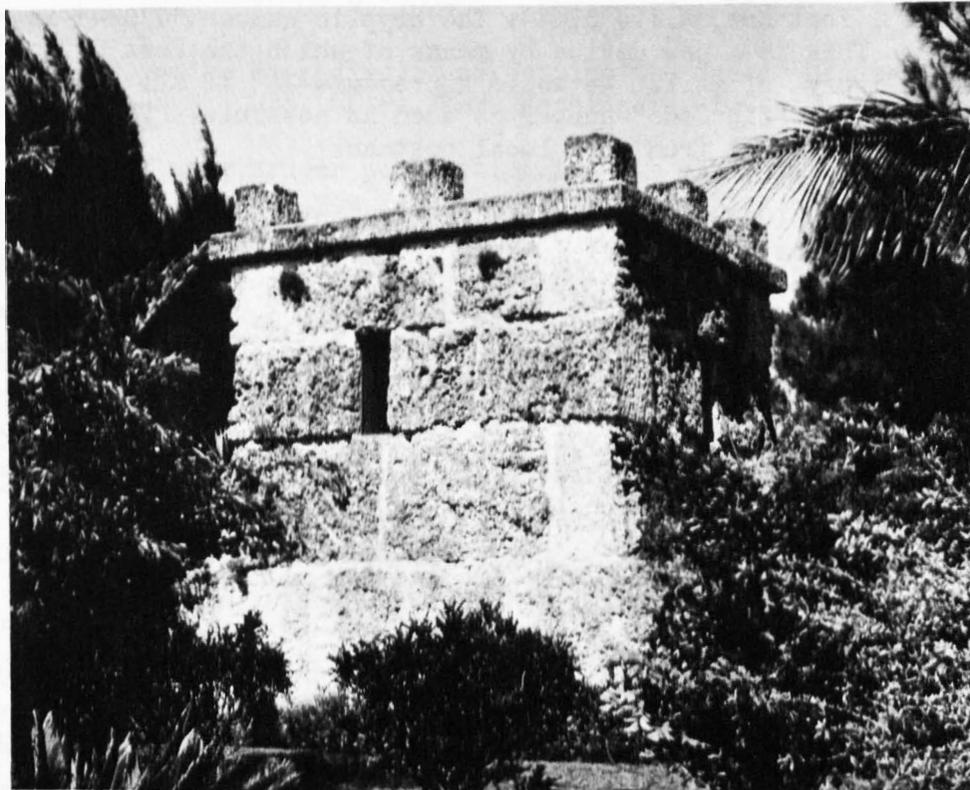
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THIS IS THE TOWER of Coral Castle, near Miami, Florida. The two-story structure was built out of 9-ton blocks of coral rock by a hermit, alone and unaided by anyone! The secret of its construction died with the hermit in 1951. See story on Page 6 for details.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

As explained on Page 13, your Editor was unable to attend the New Mexico cave expedition described in our June issue. We had planned to have a long article for you about the New Mexico trip, but as a substitute we have an equally interesting article about Florida's Coral Castle, beginning on Page 6. Our thanks for some of this material go to Bill Dunn Jr. of Coral Gables, Fla.

As usual, you are invited to send us your comments, criticisms, compliments, and what-have-you. Please send all mail to our New Jersey address - P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, N.J., 07024. The cryptic number "07024" is our "Zip Code" number. This is a new device by means of which the Post Office hopes to speed the delivery of mail. We would appreciate it if all our subscribers would send us their "Zip Code" number as soon as possible. Theoretically, you have already received it from your local postman.

We are pleased to note that so far only one subscriber has asked for his money back as a result of our merger with "The Saucerian Bulletin." Most subscribers who have written us seem very pleased with our publication; but the percentage of renewals has been disappointing. If SAUCER NEWS is to remain a quality magazine, we will need almost 100% renewals from now on. If your subscription has expired, please renew promptly. Also, if you have received two issues of our magazine at different addresses, or if you have been sent a renewal notice prematurely, or if you have noted any other irregularity due to errors in our files - please let us know as soon as you can, so that we can make the necessary corrections.

NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #16 ATTACKED BY GRAY BARKER: In spite of our recent merger with Gray Barker's "Saucerian Bulletin," Mr. Barker has seen fit to issue an unauthorized form letter in which he takes exception to several statements in our SAUCER NEWS Confidential Newsletter #16. This is rather amazing, since the text of this particular Newsletter, concerning Barker's current difficulties and persecutions, was cleared with him before we published it!

In any case, we are still distributing Newsletter #16, and we are continuing to live up to our end of the merger agreement. Actually, we don't want to be too critical of Barker, as he has been under a terrific strain in recent months, and may not be responsible for all his actions.

There is also a more recent Confidential Newsletter (#17), dated July 5th, which gives the inside story of the disappearance of a New York saucer researcher, who has been missing from his home for over four months in spite of a police bulletin distributed in twenty-seven states.

These recent Newsletters - #16 and #17, will be sent to you immediately by first-class mail if you care to have your name placed on our special Newsletter mailing list. Any SAUCER NEWS subscriber in good standing can be placed on this list for an indefinite period of time for the price of only one dollar. These Newsletters are non-scheduled, and usually contain material which we consider "too hot to handle" in the regularly-scheduled issues of our magazine.

It is never possible to know in advance when a "hot" story will come our way; but whenever one does, it is reserved for the Newsletter mailing list, and sent out as soon as possible to those people who have expressed a desire to be on the inside of the strange and baffling behind-the-scenes events in saucer research.

Remember, - only one dollar for past, present, and future Newsletters - provided that you are a paid-up subscriber to SAUCER NEWS. We have many satisfied Newsletter customers going back as far as 1955.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I received the June issue of SAUCER NEWS and think it is a fine saucer zine.....I like stories like "The Olden Moore Story" very much even though they are already familiar to me, and I was thoroughly fascinated by "The Mystery of the Disappearing Planes" by Sandy Moseley.

I am sorry that "The Saucerian Bulletin" has ended its era, but if your magazine is as good as that one, I shall be satisfied. I have always enjoyed Gray Barker's writings.

Alice M. JOHNSON, Chicago, Illinois

Glad you're expanding, and getting the Saucer Message out to more people....  
MRS. CLARA JOHN, Washington, D.C.

Your flying saucer publication is, in my opinion, the very best one of all. I like the way you let people with opposing opinions write their point of view.....Too many publications eventually accept basically only one viewpoint, and stop looking at those opinions which clash with their own....

Everyone needs to feel that their efforts are appreciated. Well, rest assured, your efforts are appreciated. More and more people are saying that your saucer publication is the best of all. You are doing an admirable job. Most saucer mags and bulletins have some boring things in them, and I read them in snatches. But SAUCER NEWS is completely engrossing - no dull parts! Whenever I receive a copy, I become so absorbed in it that I don't stop for anything!

I must congratulate you on your marriage. Your wife is truly lovely and looks like she has a spiritual, gentle, "think of others" quality about her....  
MARY CHRIZBERG, Tifton, Georgia

I wish to thank you for your notice of subscription expiration, but I do believe that your notice is somewhat late, as my subscription should have reasonably seen the "circular file" about three years ago. But I want you to know that your post-dated thoughtfulness has not gone unappreciated.

During those intermittent years, my appetite for the bizarre has diminished and become more conservative, my eagerness to lend a helping hand in solving the "mysterious" has grown complacent, and my intelligence has come to be challenged by what I deem to be things of greater importance and more personal significance. Nonetheless, it is good to know that others have held steadfast where I fell behind, and that others are continuing where my small contributions ended.

It is now my personal opinion that "saucers" are dead and that the remnant of believers, investigators, contactees, and even the iconoclasts will soon join its grave. It's just a short matter of time for the dissolution of belief to set in for some and the expiration of monetary funds for others. One will follow the other, assuredly. NICAP's folding (which will come shortly) won't be the beginning of the end nor the herald of doom for the UFO. That took place about four years ago. But it will accent the cue for the remainders to follow.

But I would like to praise your publication for "staying in there!" It was there long before I came upon the scene, and, I have no doubt, will be among the last to go. To use the cliché: "Congratulations and keep up the good work (for as long as you can)."

M. B. HAYWARD, Princeton, New Jersey

I was greatly satisfied with the way our ad appeared in your March issue. So far it has gotten us about 15 new members, which is quite good, seeing that sometimes a mention in Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" only gets us

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half that amount.... TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY, Interplanetary News Service  
3 Courtland Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey

(Editor's Note: Our new advertising rates, based on our greatly increased circulation since combining with "The Saucerian Bulletin," are given on Page 10.)

I would like to correct an error which appeared in the June, 1963 issue of SAUCER NEWS. Harry Siebert's "Hawk Researcher" has not ceased publication, but has merged with our own "UFO Sighter-Reporter," now in its fifth year of publication.... ALLEN GREENFIELD, Atlanta, Georgia

Looking through your June issue, I am sorry to say that I note a number of inaccuracies. As a Board Member of the New Jersey Association on Aerial Phenomena, I can assure you that Ed Babcock ceased publishing our bulletin for purely financial and scholastic reasons - not, as you suggest, because he became bored with the subject. As a matter of fact, NJAAP is still in existence (albeit mute), and we are presently working on a booklet on the subject.

Mrs. Moseley's article "The Mystery of the Disappearing Planes" was most interesting. However, the incident which she cites as "the most chilling story of all" was actually a piece of fiction published a few years ago in the magazine "Air Progress!" See "Fate," July 1961, pp. 14, 16. According to Curtis Fuller, Editor of "Fate," there is no factual basis to the report at all.... DAVID HALPERIN, Levittown, Pennsylvania

In regard to the picture of a flying saucer on the cover of your June 1963 issue - I am not saying that this photograph is a fake, but I would like to know what kind of trees are in full foliage on March 12, 1963, in a cold climate such as Albany, New York. It is very obvious that they are not pine trees because of the leaves. Please advise me regarding this as I would like to get some to plant in my own yard.

PAUL R. KUHL, Flemington, New Jersey

Editor's Note: Several people wrote in to ask us about these strange trees. We find that the picture was actually sent to us by a correspondent in Albany, Georgia, rather than Albany, New York. However, (as in regard to all pictures we publish) we have no way of knowing whether it is a genuine UFO photo or not.

Regarding your Special Non-Scheduled Newsletter #16 concerning Gray Barker, I can only say that my heart is deeply troubled for this young man!.....Regardless of Gray's former desire to make money, he is an American! This is America! And we will do all we can to help those who have had their freedom trampled upon! Until the people of this nation get out of the hate line and into the prayer line, we will all live in fear! I refuse to listen to evil gossip about Gray, as I know he has paid an awful price to follow the convictions of his own heart!....

MRS. TEDDY MOSSOR, Fremont, California

From your report in Newsletter #16 about Barker's condition and circumstances in his new location, it can be deduced that he called you to come there to do exactly what you did do - report on a distraught man seemingly harried by some three men in black, - all of which was rigged for the purpose of laying the foundation for a new book to follow up "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers!"...PETER HUSBY, Stanwood, Washington

Congratulations on your merger with "The Saucerian Bulletin." From reading your Newsletter #16, I gather that you bought out Barker just in time. He seems to be sinking fast, and I doubt if even another Flatwoods Monster case could save him now!.....WILLIAM R. STONE, JR., Detroit, Michigan

When the June issue of SAUCER NEWS arrived, I sat down and read it through without stopping. I agree that it is a good one, and I believe it is the best I have read up till now.

I was especially interested in Sandy Moseley's article. Her statement that time is not the simple, constant-flowing quantity we assume it to be, made me realize that at least one member of your Staff realizes that the measurement of time by years, months and days is all an illusion; for time is static, and we live at all times in the ever-present now....

MRS. EVA MAHLE, Connersville, Indiana

On Page 21 of your June issue, reporting on the death of Wilbert B. Smith, you write: "It is rumored that Smith, who was originally a scientifically-minded UFO investigator, turned contactee in his later years." This is hardly a "rumor," for in at least two sources Smith identified himself as a member of this rather dubious end of saucer research. I refer to the March-April 1961 issue of "Flying Saucer Review" and the September 1961 issue of "Saucers, Space & Science." Moreover, in "Flying Saucers Farewell," George Adamski mentions a man who is said to have established contact with space people while directing his country's official UFO investigation department. Obviously this was Smith. JEROME CLARK, Canby, Minnesota

I was very glad to hear of your marriage. Many congratulations! I can only wish you that it will be as good as mine has been - 18 years of ups and downs....

George Adamski was with us recently. He stopped over on his way from Rome and spent three delightful days here with me. I've never seen him so well or so on the ball.....We went out into the country to interview a contactee who is an ex army sergeant. The general opinion was that the man was quite genuine. Unfortunately I cannot give you any details, as he would only talk after we had promised not to publish anything. More's the pity as it was an extremely significant contact, involving some very well-known people.

John Lade gave a nice lunch for George with the High Sheriff of London (the next Lord Mayor) as guest. I gave a lunch the next day, which Lord Dowding came to. We had George on BBC TV and he handled his critics quite wittily. He spoke very kindly of you and seemed very pleased by the long program you did together on Long John's radio show....

For myself, I have been trying to educate a few Soviet diplomats in elementary saucery, with quite good results. A recent issue of "Izvestia" said: "We have got to be prepared in the near future to meet higher civilizations, - civilizations which might be 'elder brother' races." This is an extraordinarily knowledgable remark, showing a certain inside information....

DESMOND LESLIE, London, England

I am pleased to note that, at long last, some writers are disposed to accept the flying saucers, in whole or in part, as "psychic." In June 1947, I submitted to Wright-Patterson Field my theory that saucers were varied forms of paranormal (psychic) phenomena, i. e., that they were, in effect, poltergeist-animals, capable of materialization and de-materialization at will, and that they traveled by what we call teleportation....

I have spent over 20 years engaged in the study of the paranormal, not as a mystic, but as an unbiased searcher for truth. I have no pat explanation for the whole flying saucer mystery, and I doubt if anyone else has either, best-selling books and glib lectures to the contrary! I believe that the Air Force long ago suspected the "etheric" nature of the phenomena and preferred to drop a blanket of censorship upon the whole matter rather than admit the preponderance of aerial phenomena to be "psychic."

JOHN P. BESSOR, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

FLORIDA'S CORAL CASTLE

- by James W. Moseley -

On June 21st of this year, I gave a talk to our Discussion and Lecture Committee about a man-made wonder in southern Florida which I have visited twice and found to be most fascinating. Whereas Coral Castle is only indirectly connected with the study of flying saucers, the lecture aroused so much interest in our local group that I decided to write it up for SAUCER NEWS.

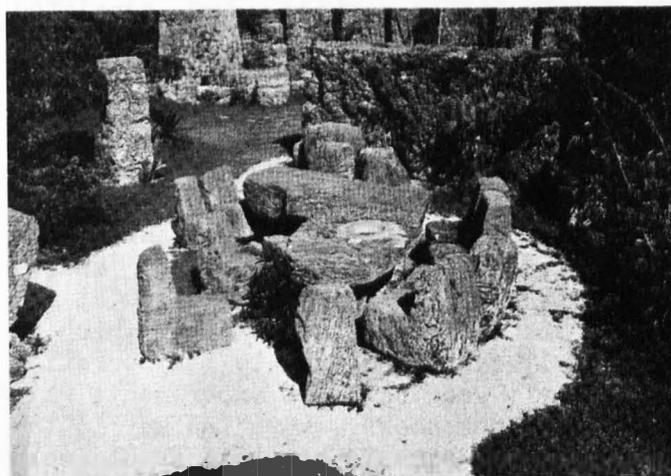
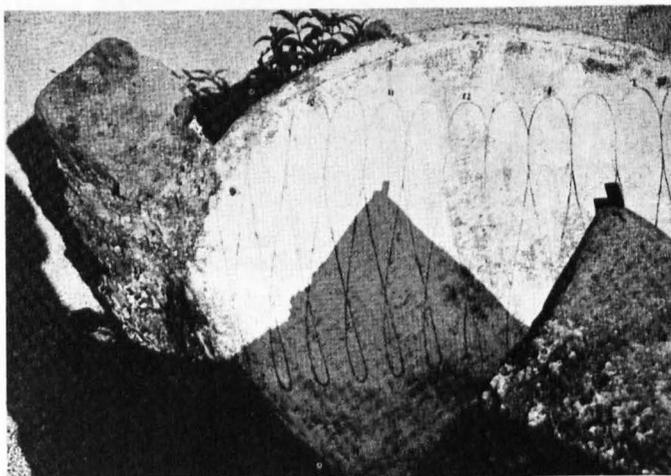
Coral Castle is located on U. S. Highway No. One, about 25 miles south of Miami. This is the highway that runs all the way out to Key West, through one of the most scenic areas of the United States. Today, Route No. One is a busy four-lane thoroughfare as it passes Coral Castle; but back in the early 1920's, when work on the Castle was begun, there was only a trail running south from Miami, and the idea of connecting the Florida keys by road was still only a dream.

Coral Castle was built single-handedly over a period of 25 years by an eccentric Latvian immigrant named Edward Leedskalnin. Ed chose this sparsely-settled section of Florida because "he wanted to get away from the world," having been jilted by his sweetheart on the eve of their wedding day in his native Latvia. Here on the edge of the Everglades he apparently felt he was far enough away from people, and settled down on a small plot of land which a generous neighbor permitted him to use. Working entirely alone, he built a house for himself from logs cut from the surrounding pine trees, and from coral rock which he quarried on the premises. There began the strange and unusual lifetime project he set for himself, interrupted only by his moving to a larger plot of ground nearby, a few years later.

At its present location, Coral Castle is set on a ten-acre tract. The Castle proper is surrounded by an eight-foot wall made of huge blocks of coral rock, each weighing several tons. The tower, which occupies one corner of the Castle, is shown in the picture on the cover of this issue. It contains more than 160 tons of coral rock. Each block making up this huge two-story building weighs nine tons. The first floor was used by Ed as a workshop, and the second floor housed his living quarters. During his lifetime, Ed would allow curious visitors to pass through the grounds of the Castle, and he even took pleasure in showing them around. But no one was ever allowed into the tower, and an air of mystery prevailed around these quarters.

Behind Coral Castle's huge walls, Ed placed a great number of marvelous pieces of coral rock furniture - objects which he created from his fertile imagination. There are rocking chairs weighing thousands of pounds, so delicately balanced that they move at the touch of a finger. There are couches, beds, chairs, and tables of all sizes and shapes, including one stone table about fifteen feet long, hewn from solid coral rock into the shape of the state of Florida. (See bottom photo on Page 7.) There is another table cut into the shape of a heart, with a beautiful ever-blooming floral centerpiece growing out of its center. Ed never forgot the girl who jilted him. He called her his "sweet sixteen," and apparently went through life with the thought that she might one day return to him. Much of the stone furniture within the Castle was made in memory of the wife and family he never had; for there is a complete bedroom, furnished with twin beds, a pair of children's beds, and a cradle, all made of stone. There is also a patio for children to play in, called "The Grotto of the Three Bears," containing all the furniture in the famous fairy tale, including a huge coral porridge bowl. But Ed died in 1951 without ever marrying, having lived the life of a true hermit in his coral wonderland.

To enter Coral Castle, it is necessary to go through a "swinging gate," - a triangular block of stone weighing three tons which turns with only a slight push, permitting you to pass through. In the center of the rear wall



there is a much larger stone gate weighing nine tons, reminiscent of ancient castles. This is shown in the picture at the top left. This tremendous hunk of coral is so perfectly pivoted and balanced that a child can turn it! Also in the rear of the Castle is the huge stone obelisk, weighing twenty-eight tons, seen in the photo on Page 8. This obelisk has, within the circular hole near the top, two wires which cross each other at right angles, like a gunsight. The point where the wires cross lines up perfectly with a small hole in a rock facing the obelisk, and these in turn line up perfectly with the North Star. Ed was very interested in astronomy, and has coral representations of the moon and planets lining his rear wall. Ed believed that the other planets in our solar system are inhabited. It is not known for sure whether he believed that these extraterrestrial creatures are visiting us in flying saucers, but it is likely that he did.

In my opinion Ed's greatest single achievement was his sundial, shown in the middle picture on this page. I have never seen or heard of another like it anywhere in the world. Without ever having had more than a secondary school education in his native Latvia, Ed was able to build this ingenious sundial which, when properly understood, gives the time correctly to within two minutes all year around! Ed read books and familiarized himself thoroughly with the apparent movements of the Sun, corresponding to the various seasons. Then he charted the Sun's apparent course on a curved rock surface, as seen in the photograph.

On December 21st, the date of the Sun's southernmost position, the shadow of the pointer falls along the top of the loops; and on June 21st, the date of the Sun's northernmost position, the shadow falls exactly along the bottoms of the loops. To find out how near the tops of the loops the pointer will fall on any given day of the year, it is only necessary to compute the ratio of that date to the above-mentioned dates; but, as you can see in the picture, the Sun's apparent motion is in a figure-eight rather than an oval pattern, and the computations involved are rather complicated. However, to tell time from this sundial, it is not necessary to understand these vertical movements of the shadow. The sundial is read horizontally, in the following

manner: The loops shown in the photo are numbered 10, 11, 12, 1 and 2. Those in between them are not numbered, but represent  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . At any time of year, the shadow of the pointer will fall within the 10 loop between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; within the  $10\frac{1}{2}$  loop between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.; etc. In the picture, the pointer is approximately in the middle of the 11 loop, so the picture was taken at about 11:15 a.m. To obtain the time more accurately, it would be necessary to measure the distance of the pointer from the sides of the loop.

Of primary interest to saucer fans, however, is the question of how Ed Leedskalnin, a man weighing little more than one hundred pounds, was able to move these huge coral rocks, - weighing as much as thirty-five tons, - without help from anyone! Ed claimed to have re-discovered the method used in the construction of the Pyramids, and many engineers who have visited the Castle in recent years are inclined to agree with him. Only simple hand tools were found in the Castle after Ed's death; and as Ed refused to share his secret with anyone or to do any stone moving when people were watching, - the secret of the construction of Coral Castle died with the eccentric hermit who built it!

When Ed Leedskalnin died, his Castle was looted, and perhaps some key item that would have solved the mystery was lost forever at that time. The looters missed Ed's treasure, however, - \$3,000 in hundred dollar bills hidden in a drainpipe in his bedroom. This was his life's savings, and consisted mainly of money he had received from a relative's oil business in Texas.

In recent years the Castle has had added to it a modern souvenir stand, and it is now a widely-advertised tourist attraction, with an admission fee. The once-forbidden tower is now open to the public. But the Castle's air of mystery remains the same as it must have been years ago, when only an occasional visitor broke the hermit's solitude.

Ed wrote several booklets during his lifetime and published them at his own expense. The best-known is called "A Book in Every Home," and is concerned only with the author's views on sex and politics. No mention at all is made of the Castle. The other booklets are all about magnetism, which Ed considered to be the key to the physical universe, and even to the operation of the human body. It would be pleasant to tell you that Ed's experiments with magnetism, which he describes in detail in these books, were the key to the construction of Coral Castle. However, the experiments he wrote about were relatively simple ones, involving automobile batteries, ordinary magnets, used car parts, and other common items which he obtained by rummaging through junk yards. If Coral Castle was built by means of some secret discovery involving electromagnetism, there is no hint of it in anything that Ed published.

We can therefore assume the most likely explanation to be that Ed discovered new ways of using ordinary pulleys and levers. Whether this hypothesis is true or not, I do believe that Ed's claim to have re-discovered the secret of the Pyramids was not an idle boast. The fact that this secret is unknown to modern science is merely one more proof that Mankind in the year 1963, on the threshold of space exploration, still has a great deal to learn!



GEORGE HUNT WILLIAMSON RE-VISITED

- by John J. Robinson -

When I wrote the "I Go to See" articles for the "Journal of Correlative Philosophy," I gathered a great deal of information on various contactees in the flying saucer field, some of which I never used. Much of this material related to the claims made by George Hunt Williamson in Volume 29 of "Who's Who in America," and in "American Men of Science," as well as the claims made for him on the various book jackets and in the publicity releases to sell these books, written by him.

Some of the information below may be repetitive for long-time SAUCER NEWS readers. (See "Screwing the Lid Down on 'Doctor' Williamson" in our February-March 1959 issue.) However, when Mr. Moseley informed me that a tourist attraction such as Coral Castle contains some of these claims posted in a prominent spot, I thought it time to review the case en toto. I therefore call your attention to the following summary:

Regarding any possible Doctorate having been awarded by Northwestern University, Mr. Allen Weber of the University Counsel, Evanston, Illinois, denied this in a letter over his signature, and asked for Williamson's address so as to be able to enjoin him from making such claims.

The University of Arizona has denied with vigor that any degrees or awards were made to Williamson. They stated that he was disqualified for poor scholarship in February of 1951 and had never been readmitted - in a letter over the signature of David Windsor, Registrar and Director of Admissions, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, dated April 13, 1960.

The claim in the "American Men of Science" listing as well as in Williamson's book publicity, that he received the Gold Key of the Illinois State Archaeological Society, has been discredited by Mr. William Smail of Lazy Acre Farm, Loogootee, Illinois. Mr. Smail, a past president of the Society, stated that only past presidents - all of whom he knew personally - ever received the Gold Key. He denied that Williamson was a member of the Society, and stated that he had never received the Gold Key, - in a letter over his signature dated May 30th, 1960. At the same time, Mr. Ed Meiners, the then current president of that Society, also denied the claim and stated that he was communicating directly with Williamson's publisher regarding it, - in a letter over his signature dated March 14th, 1960.

The claim made regarding membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has been cleared up by Mr. Hans Nussbaum, Business Manager of the A.A.A.S., who stated in a letter from Washington over his signature that the Williamson membership lapsed in 1956.

The Editor of "American Men of Science" stated that because of the many inquiries, an investigation had been made, and that Williamson's name would be expunged from future editions. This was stated in a letter over the signature of Jacques Cattell, Editor, "American Men of Science," Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

The National Anthropological and Archaeological Museum in Lima, Peru, asserts that the National Archaeological Society of Peru has never seen anything in regard to the Great Wall of the Incas which Williamson claims to have discovered, nor, to be more specific, has the Peruvian government given Williamson permission for any archaeological excavations. This letter was written and signed by the secretary, Mr. George C. Muscle.

In the light of all these letters, I am prone to believe that the Great Western University of San Francisco, California (about which I can learn nothing from accredited sources), is an off-shoot of the same Western University of San Diego which the Federal Trade Commission ordered to stop selling degrees in Drugless Healing back in 1951. This massage parlor was also forbidden to use the word University.

It would seem to me, on the grounds that official scholarship does not record this "University," that the Department of Anthropology of the Great Western University is a department of a "degree mill" and not that of a legally accredited institution. Our readers may remember that Williamson has claimed to be the head of this Department of Anthropology.

Likewise, Dan Fry's honorary Ph.D. degree - Doctor of Cosmology - was awarded by the St. Andrews Ecumenical University College of London, which is another degree mill, with connections with Aurea Publications of New York State. Aurea Publications will deliver by mail a spiritualist minister's credentials, for a price.

All of the above information was sent to me by people who do not wish their names made known. However, a check will show all of these statements to be the truth. Now for some fascinating information regarding Williamson's recent activities:

In August of 1961, Mr. Takanashi, Editor of Japan's "UFO Intelligence" and a very good researcher, reported that Williamson had voyaged to Japan via the S.S. Sanuki Maru, on a passport bearing the name L. Obrenovic. Since it is illegal to falsify a passport, one wonders about this! It was reported that Williamson explained that since Obrenovic was hard to pronounce, he used the name Williamson in every-day life.

We do, however, have some additional information about this name, for it was first used in connection with a wedding ceremony in San Louis Obispo, California, shortly before January 1st, 1961. On that date the Telegram Tribune of the above-mentioned town carried the story that H.R.H. Prince Michel d'Obrenovic-Obilic van Lazar, Duke of Sumadya, had attended a wedding ceremony with his wife and his son Marc, of Paris. The story further reported that the Prince was a noted anthropologist who wrote under the pen name George Williamson.

A check with Yugoslav government officials has disclosed that a royal family named Obrenovic existed until the year 1903. In that year the head of the family was assassinated by revolutionists, and no living descendants are known to exist.

It is possible that George Hunt Williamson may be an Obrenovic by birth, but his claim to be the head of the family would have to be settled by genealogists as well as a College of Heraldry. I myself am a Robinson, but I greatly doubt that I am closely related to the originator of the line, - one Lewilyn ap Tango of Wales.

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WHAT JIM MOSELEY IS REALLY LIKE  
- by Sandy Moseley -

People have often asked me what it's like being the wife of a UFO researcher. Life has been an adventure since the day I married Jim. We were on our way to be married when Jim received a collect call from California. One of his fans had heard disturbing "rumors," and she wanted to make sure he didn't marry anyone she didn't personally approve of. With her half-hearted approval we eloped, and lived haphazardly ever after.

One of our more unique wedding gifts was a Voodoo doll which Richard Ogden later explained was sent to us "to curse our unborn child."

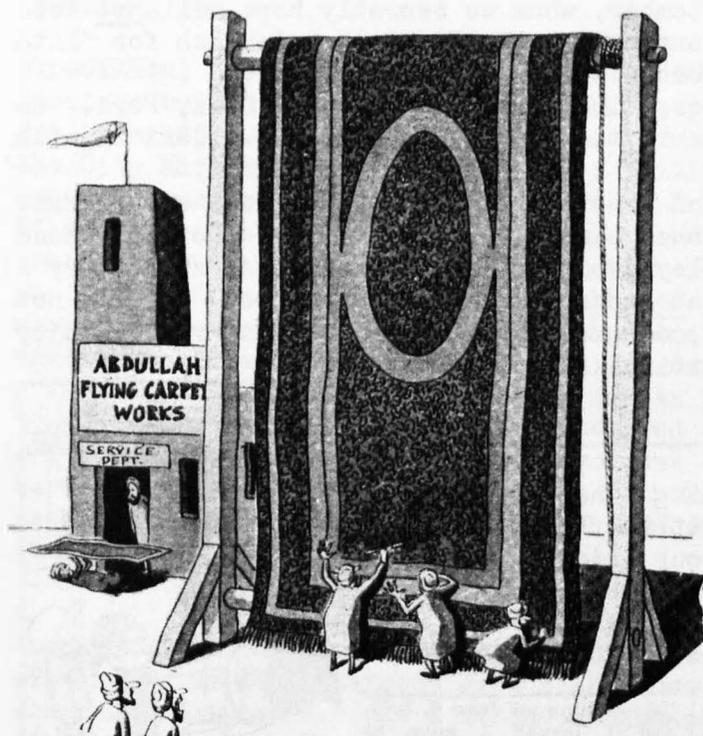
Many mornings we have been awoken by the Mystic Barber. Morning calls are a mortal sin in our nocturnal lives. Recently we were awakened by a mysterious telephone voice named "Alexander," who invited us for a steak dinner in New York City. Mr. Alexander, who refused to give his first name, hinted all evening that he was a man from Outer Space. Said he: "People from other planets smoke too much because of the air here.....I smoke two packs of cigarettes a day. But I don't drink." The following evening he was caught nurturing a straight Scotch. The next day he disappeared in the cloak of mystery he had arrived in!

Jim receives letters and phone calls daily, accusing him of being a member of the CIA, FBI, Air Force, Silence Group, International Bankers, the Zionist Movement, the Communist Party, and the John Birch Society. In reality, we belong to no social, religious or political organizations, except the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society. This consists of several dozen members who meet on the third Friday of every month to discuss current UFO events. These meetings are very interesting and also very funny at times. Recently, an inventor was discussing his invention of a flying saucer operated by free energy, when a woman in the audience jumped up and began shouting, "My flying saucer is better than your flying saucer!"

My first experience as a hostess was at a flying saucer party. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Al Bender, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Davidson, Gray Barker, Dominick Lucchesi, Augie Roberts, Jack and Mary Robinson and Hans Santessen.

Up until the party, Dr. Davidson (or "Dr. D," as he is sometimes called), did not believe that Al Bender existed. So, before taking Al's picture with a polaroid camera, he took a "control" shot of someone else. The "control" came out very clearly. But imagine the expression on Dr. D's face when Al's picture failed to develop, and a pale blur emerged! Mrs. D, who has no interest in saucers, sat quietly all evening, and periodically apologized for her husband's interest and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Bender was lively and charming, but refused to discuss saucers or Al's book. Al was nervous, but bravely accepted the teasing he received.



*"Personally, I don't think they'll ever get it off the ground"*

The most impressive guest was Gray Barker. Although I had been indoctrinated against him, I liked him immediately, - something that has caused conflict in our household. I just can't help liking him. He is witty, kind, and a little shy. The party was a great success, and even Mrs. D appeared to have enjoyed herself.

What is Jim Moseley REALLY like? He has eyes "as blue as the bottom of Loch Ness," dedicates most of his time to saucer research, and is very witty. I am twelve years his junior, and he once remarked, "Darling, do you know why we get along so well? It's because I read your child psychology book!" He is very adventurous, loves jungles, mountain climbing, exploring, and has periodic wanderlust. He intended to explore the New Mexico desert and caves looking for Deros recently. I'll admit I was worried because of the dangers involved; but because I became very ill and plans were complicated at the last minute, he was unable to go.

Although he loves animals (we have a cat named Arnold that climbs drapes and loves water) - he is a bullfight fan. He loves photography, and collects old victrola records and pre-Columbian antiques. He is interested in ESP, spiritualism, psychology (I'm responsible for that!), the legitimate theatre, and "sick" paintings. His favorite painting is one in our living room called "The Road to Oblivion."

He has vices too - crushes at least two packs of cigarettes a day into his den ashtray, drinks and swears moderately, and watches television as he fills his more than two dozen scrapbooks of travel photos from around the world.

Jim is a sentimentalist, but likes to think of himself as a skeptic. He saves all his correspondence, keeps a diary, buys me no-occasion gifts (but despises holidays and birthdays), and gets emotional at parades. He is attracted to riots and other outdoor gatherings.

We agree on almost everything, except his taste in art, which I find ludicrous. We live by no schedule, and are considered non-conformists, although Jim doesn't feel comfortable without a suit and tie.

He is tall and thin, while I'm short and presently round, as we're expecting a little Saucerite in September, whom we secretly hope will not follow in his father's footsteps. Jim's nickname is "Huesito" - Spanish for "little bones." Mine is "Silhouette," because of my present figure.

Next to the United States, Jim's favorite place is Lima, Peru. He hates cold weather, feels at home in the jungle, and speaks fluent Spanish with a horrible accent.

His favorite way to spend an evening alone is to roam around Manhattan, listening to extremist speeches and sidewalk quarrels. He can spend hours listening to old-time music played on a piano. Although he can't carry a tune, he enjoys playing the drums at a certain East Side cabaret (if I'm not around.) - We don't like formality, do exactly as we please, and really enjoy life. So, being the wife of this particular flying saucer researcher is wonderful!



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SAUCER NEWS EDITOR UNABLE TO GO ON CAVE EXPEDITION: In our June issue we announced your Editor's intention to join an expedition to a mysterious cave in New Mexico. The trip was scheduled for early June, and the leader of the group was a student of the occult named R. L. Dobbins, a resident of Magdalena, New Mexico.

One of our first communications from Mr. Dobbins read in part as follows: "There is a strange cave somewhere near this locale. Two discs the size of car headlights have been seen coming from it each night, and going upward out of sight. Two unusual small doors have also been seen, back a few feet, in the mouth of the cave. At the cave entrance, there is a hole about 20 feet in diameter and 200 feet deep. When the members of the last expedition descended to a depth of 20 feet, there was such an effect upon the spine that no one was able to go down any further. Each individual's hair stood straight up and stayed that way until out of the cave. There is something down there in the way of life. I have never seen a Dero, but I would not be shocked if I were to see one...."

Our interest was aroused, and we entered into regular communication with Mr. Dobbins. He explained that a five-day hike was anticipated, and he assured us that we would be allowed to take photographs of whatever was seen, and to write the story fully for SAUCER NEWS afterwards.

We fully intended to go through with the adventure, but a series of rather unusual events began to unfold. Of a half-dozen other expedition members in the eastern United States, it developed that all had to cancel out because of bad health or other reasons. Then, Sandy (your Editor's wife) became quite seriously ill, and ran a very high fever for several days. The illness, originally diagnosed as flu, failed to respond to antibiotics, and she was finally removed to a hospital, where she gradually recovered. This, plus a number of other occurrences which were probably unrelated to Sandy's illness or to the expedition, finally convinced us that we would be unwise to undertake such a dangerous trip. We therefore reluctantly wrote to Mr. Dobbins, canceling out.

Our latest letter from Dobbins, reporting on the results of the expedition, reads in part as follows: "The expedition was to extend across a desolate region and search all caves on a pre-planned route to the cave of major interest.....Several days before the members were to arrive in Magdalena, the City Marshall took pursuit to a brilliant reddish round light which was seen on a nearby hillside. Just as he and his men would get near the object, it would move to another hill within seconds. The object was pursued for three consecutive nights.....On the day of the arrival of the members, our telephone went out of order, the members took sick (italics ours), and something went wrong with every mechanical mechanism connected with the exploration. It would take several pages to tell you about how many things went haywire, all within a few hours. It was as though some unseen power had everything under its control. The expedition was finally attempted a week later. Nothing in the way of a force field or a disc at the cave was observed. It was a great physical hardship getting to the cave. I do not think the journey was necessary, because whatever the force was, that unseen force came to us before we ever got started!"

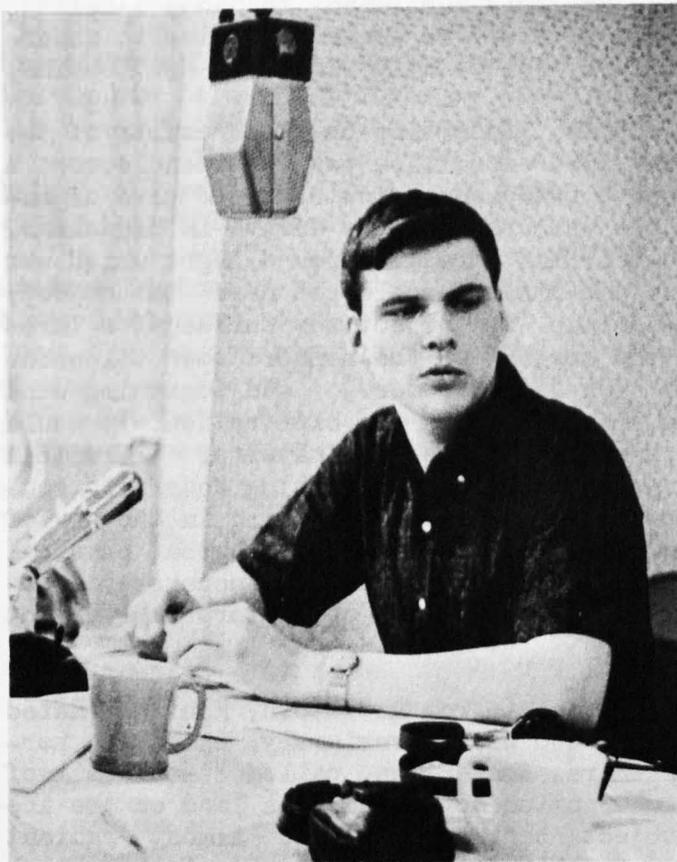
SAUCER LANDING IN MONTANA: A report from Lewistown, Montana, dated March 9th, tells us of a strange sighting two weeks previously, made by a hermit living in a mountainous area near there. Amos Biggs, called "the hermit of the Snowy Mountains," saw a strange contraption hover and then land on the ice of Crystal Lake. He said that the object cast a brilliant, almost radiant light as it hovered over the lake and finally dropped to the ice in the black

stillness of the night. Biggs stated that the UFO appeared to be silver in color, was saucer-shaped on the bottom, and had a small oval compartment at the top. A door mysteriously appeared in the oval part of the saucer, but nobody got out. The object remained on the lake for about 10 minutes. Then the door closed and the saucer arose quickly from the lake and disappeared into the east. Biggs said that he detected only a slight buzzing sound from the object while it was in motion.

**LECTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND RADIO INTERVIEW BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF:**  
The Discussion and Lecture Committee of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society continues to hold meetings on the third Friday of every month at the Alfred Dixon Speech Center, 108 West 56th St., New York City. On April 19th, John J. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee, read the second in a series of scientific papers, entitled: "The Possibility of Extraterrestrial Life: The Creation of the Universe, the Galaxy, and the Solar System!" On May 17th, Eugene Steinberg lectured on the electromagnetic effects of UFO's, and on June 21st, James W. Moseley gave a talk on Florida's mysterious Coral Castle.

At the June meeting, it was decided, due to the enthusiastic reception which our lectures have received, to continue holding meetings throughout the summer. On July 19th, Mr. Robinson gave the third lecture in his scientific series, entitled "The Dust Cloud Hypothesis!" In August, Gray Barker is expected to visit New York for a few days, and on the 16th he will give a lecture for us summarizing his ten years in saucer research.

This Fall and Winter, we expect to schedule Dr. Leon Davidson, Gordon Evans, William Parish Jr., August C. Roberts, and other noted researchers who live in or near New York City. Anyone in the New York metropolitan area who wishes to be put on our special mailing list for lecture notices should write directly to John J. Robinson at 209 New York Ave., Jersey City, N. J.



On May 10th, the Editor and Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS, together with August C. Roberts and William Parish Jr., made a two-hour appearance on radio station WFMU, in East Orange, New Jersey. This turned out to be a most enjoyable evening. Flying saucers, Deros, and other such topics were discussed. The genial host of this weekly program, called "Coffee Clatch," is Bob Zanotti, pictured at the left. The format is patterned after the Long John Show, and off-beat subjects of all sorts are still in vogue on this program. The station operates on a frequency of 91.1 FM, and belongs to Upsala College. WFMU is now off the air for the summer, but will be on again about October 1st, with a power of 1,500 watts. "Coffee Clatch" is scheduled to run from 9 to 11 p.m. every Friday during the Fall and Winter. If you tune

in, you are likely to hear the SAUCER NEWS Staff and many other proponents of the off-beat. However, no schedule of program topics or guests is available at this time.

**MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE IN NEW JERSEY:** We have a follow-up on the item which appeared at the very bottom of Page 22 of our June issue, describing the disappearance of a small boy from his home in Vineland, Cinnaminson Township, N. J. The date of the incident as given in the June issue was March 18th, but according to our latest information, it was December 17th, 1962. In any case, the basic facts are the same: The little boy, named Billy, was left without supervision for just a few minutes. When his mother returned to the yard in which the child had been playing, he had mysteriously vanished. Over 500 members of the police, National Guard, and Civil Defense, as well as volunteers, spent two days carefully combing 25 square miles looking for the boy, without result. The strangest thing of all is that a bloodhound, which picked up the child's trail outside the house, came to a tree in the yard where Billy had been playing, and stopped dead in his tracks. The trail apparently ended right there! - In all the intervening months, the distraught mother has received no ransom note and the police have received no clue.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** As mentioned on Page 11, in Sandy Moseley's article, a middle-aged man with a strange foreign accent contacted your Editor last April, and made every possible effort to convince us that he was from another planet. He identified himself only as "Mr. Alexander." He went so far as to promise us an all-expense-paid tour around the world, lecturing on saucers. Then, a few days later, after having met a few other saucer researchers in the New York area, Mr. Alexander dropped out of sight as mysteriously as he had appeared. Recently he or a very similar-looking individual went to St. Louis and "hushed up" a UFO enthusiast there. - We never did find out just what Alexander's "angle" was, but we did establish that he is no extraterrestrial.... A new organization called The British U.F.O. Association has been formed in England. It includes "every known British society whose primary interest is the direct investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects!" Eleven such organizations are listed on the letterhead. Interested persons should write to G.N.P. Stephenson, 12 Dorset Road, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, England.....Desmond Leslie, co-author with George Adamski of "Flying Saucers Have Landed," was in the English newspapers last May, but not because of anything to do with saucers. It seems that Mr. Leslie stepped in front of the cameras during a television program, and aimed punches at a critic who had given a bad review to a play in which Leslie's wife was appearing. Leslie said later that his intention was not to hurt the critic but to "make a protest against corrupt criticism!"...

A saucer convention, sponsored by Dr. Frank E. Stranges, was held in Topanga, California, on July 4th. The brochure informs us that "special invitations were extended to Vice President L. Johnson, Dwight Eisenhower, General Douglas MacArthur, Barry Goldwater, Major Donald Keyhoe and the Air Force." We have no information on whether or not any of these specially-invited parties showed up, but we somehow doubt that they did....Richard Ogden, the notorious saucer researcher living in Seattle, Washington, has recently written a book called "Second Coming of Christ and Flying Saucers." It is mimeographed (very poorly), apparently at the author's expense. About half of its over one hundred pages are devoted to an "expose" of your SAUCER NEWS Editor. J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. are also "exposed" in this unusual volume! Mr. Ogden attempts to connect your Editor with the "Silence Group," but only succeeds in making himself look ridiculous. The book is not worth reviewing, nor do we recommend it except to those who are very hard up for something to read. ....Riley Crabb, Director of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates, had a busy weekend in New York City last April 28th. First he lectured about the

Moon and some of its strange phenomena for the New York Saucer Information Bureau, and then made a five-hour appearance on the Long John radio show. After giving another lecture in Manhattan that night, he left for an appearance in Boston the following night....

A strange letter from Ray Palmer informs us that he has been publicly accused of selling pornographic literature, and has lost all sorts of money and prestige as a result. It seems that Ray signed up as a director in a corporation called The Freedom Publishing Company, which was being run by his friend Richard Shaver, of Dero cave fame. It was a company with this name that got into trouble for pornography, but the letter does not make it clear whether the offending organization was Shaver's Freedom Publishing Company, or some other outfit with the same name. In any case, Palmer's farm was searched by local officials and newsmen, but nothing pornographic was found...We hear that the Starlight Fellowship, headed by Sterling Warren, is receiving space messages from Rin-Tin-Tin. We always knew that dog was smart!...The annual picnic of the New York Saucer Information Bureau was held in Yorktown, New York, last June 22nd. It was an informal get-together with no planned program, and a good time was had by all....

A new lecturer has landed in the New York area. She is Louise Livingston, and her specialty is communication with a being named Ammon, who is the mate of a mother ship from Mars. Ammon is concerned about the possible destruction of Earth by atomic bombs, as well as a few other wasteful habits of Earth's inhabitants. The Mystic Barber, who claims to be from Mars, attended Louise Livingston's lecture at the Crown Galleries on June 8th, but alas, - Ammon knew him not! It seems that the clans of Mystics and Space People do not mix on Mars!....We are told that Howard Menger will hold a saucer convention somewhere near New York City some time this Fall. The feature attraction will be a circular four-foot radio-controlled disc, supposedly operated by means of a newly-discovered method of propulsion...George Adamski made a quiet visit to New York City on June 7th and 8th, on his way back to California from Denmark. He visited a publishing house while here, and we wonder if a new saucer book is being planned, in spite of the fact that Adamski has already said "Flying Saucers Farewell!...." "The World of Flying Saucers," by Harvard astrophysicist Donald H. Menzel, in collaboration with Lyle G. Boyd, has been published by Doubleday. We expect to have a review of the book for you in our next issue....Also scheduled for the next issue are some intriguing quotations from Jonathan Swift's 18th Century classic, "Gulliver's Travels," and some new information about the moons of Mars, which Swift described with such amazing accuracy in his book. Swift's book was written more than a hundred years before these moons were discovered by modern science.

**SIGHTSEEING SAUCER VISITS STATUE OF LIBERTY:** Many of the East Coast papers carried stories of a "meteor" which was seen traveling south on the night of March 25th. It seems strange that no seismographic reports of shock waves or any other reports of the meteor's impact were ever made. Even though the meteor traveled from the coast of Maine to Norfolk, Va. at extremely low altitudes, it evidently did not strike the earth. For those readers who find the antics of such an unusual meteor strange or hard to believe, we give the story of one of the witnesses, who was personally interviewed by SAUCER NEWS Assistant Editor John J. Robinson.

On March 25th Dudley C. Troy, who lives in Staten Island, N.Y. and works in Jersey City, N.J., was driving south on Halliday St. in Bayonne, N.J. at 10:10 p.m., when he suddenly saw a large object come sloping down out of the sky. The object was above Caven Point, which is on the Jersey shore of New York Bay, directly opposite the Statue of Liberty. The descending UFO leveled off and proceeded southward at an elevation Troy estimated to be about 200 feet, at a distance of nearly a half mile away. It seemed to be traveling

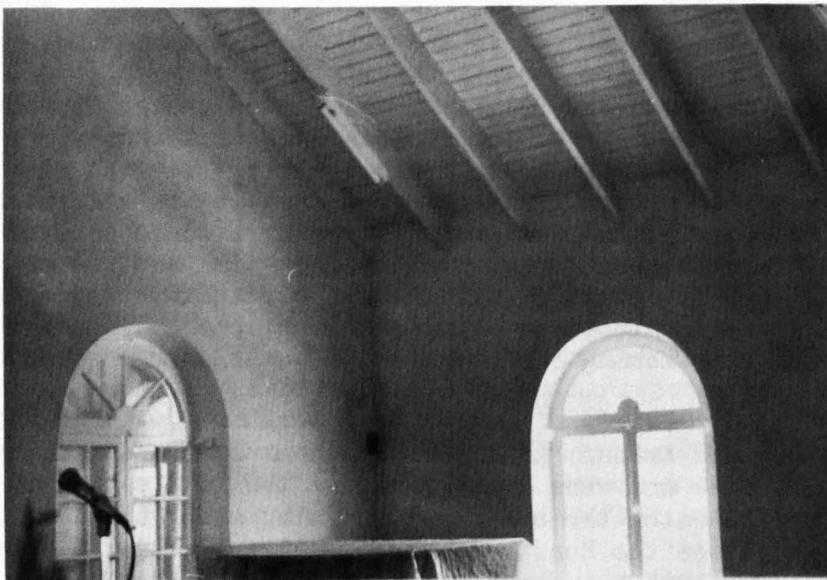
about 40 miles per hour. Troy stated that the object was so low that houses sometimes obscured it from view as it passed behind them.

He freely admitted that the UFO frightened him, even though he had served in the seabees in Africa as well as on submarine patrol in Port Scotia. Mr. Troy said that it was as big as a house and resembled a giant pinwheel which pulsed with a yellowish-red glow. Somehow the object also reminded him of a Staten Island ferry boat, for it seemed to have some sort of lighted windows. The disc-like UFO soon turned its edge on him and receded from view, presenting only a thin cigar-shaped shadow in the slightly overcast starlit sky, for the night was a moonless one. - During his observation, Mr. Troy was also aware of a peculiar swishing sound as the object slowly revolved through the air.

FORTEAN ITEMS: Our old friend the Loch Ness Monster was spotted again last April 22nd by two ladies who were driving along the lake's eastern shore. They stopped their car to watch the creature swimming along about 400 yards from shore, and they could see the Monster's three humps clearly....Another brief news item, dated June 14th, informs us that the Loch Ness Monster has again been caught on movie film. We hope to receive further information about this...There seems to be a rash of strange animals in the eastern United States. First, there's a creature in the Highland Park Zoo in Pittsburg which appears to be a cross between a raccoon and a possum, though such is officially considered to be impossible. The animal looks a lot like a raccoon, - except that he's about half the size, is almost bald-headed, has a bit sharper nose, lacks some coon markings, and has a tail something like a possum's. The animal was trapped several months ago after a local woman complained that something was prowling around her back yard every night. - Then, in Huntington Long Island, a pink squirrel was captured recently, and in Plainview, Long Island, a green puppy was born into a normal litter in which all the other puppies were brown. The dog was named Pistachio. An expert examined Pistachio and declared that although his hair is definitely greenish, the roots are white. He predicted that the dog will turn a conventional white color eventually.

....A ball of blue ice dropped on the town of Tonawanda, New York, at noon on May 6th, and bounced off the garage of a man named Arthur Krolick. A neighbor actually saw the ball fall. He looked up, but saw nothing overhead except the blue sky, - more or less ruling out the possibility that the ice fell from an aircraft....Two strange incidents involving fireballs occurred within 24 hours of each other in Virginia around April 20th. The first was in Lynchburg, where Mrs. Shirley Dunn reported seeing a fiery object, spherical in shape and greenish in appearance. The ball of fire fell into a gravel driveway belonging to a neighbor, who was awakened by the flash of light accompanying the fall. The driveway was later examined in daylight, and a small scorched area about the size of a grapefruit was found. Mrs. Dunn said that there was a small green stone of light weight at the center of the scorched area. - In Appomattox, Virginia, a fireball was spotted by Harry W. Ranson and his family, as well as by many other residents. Ranson described it as sounding "like a shotgun blast." It was traveling at a low level, and looked to him like the light from the kind of flares used on highways. A piece of the fire or flame dropped off toward the ground, out of sight behind trees, and an hour later Ranson found a forest fire  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles away. He turned in an alarm, but the fire burned three or four acres before being put out. The flaming object which caused the fire was apparently never found....

On May 1st, a mysterious gas spread over 30 square miles of eastern Los Angeles, forcing the evacuation of more than 14,000 school children, and defying all efforts of investigators to learn its source...There is a Pentacostal church in Nassau, in the Bahama Islands, where a face resembling the traditional representation of Jesus Christ can be seen on the wall. Your Edi-



tor witnessed this spectacle personally during a recent visit to the West Indies. We asked the caretaker to open the church for us, and we saw the same face as had been seen by many visitors during the previous weeks. Although we were told that all attempts to photograph the face have failed, we nevertheless took the picture reproduced on this page. The face was visible a little above and to the left of the black rectangle (a light

switch) in the corner of the room, but it did not show up in the picture. The altar is seen to the right of the microphone.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** On February 16th an Australian dairy farmer named Charlie Brew reported seeing a flying saucer which sent his horse and a herd of cattle into a panic. The object appeared at 7:00 a.m., as Mr. Brew and his son were milking their cows. It descended at a low rate of speed to a height of only 75 to 100 feet above the ground. It looked as if it were going to land, and then suddenly shot off in a westerly direction, disappearing into a cloud. The UFO was about 25 feet wide and looked like a thick disc. It was battleship gray in color and appeared to have a band of glass or plastic around its circumference. There were also a number of protrusions. The UFO revolved and made a whooshing sound, according to Mr. Brew....Here's a similar story, which we would give a lot more space to, except that the April 1st dateline (April Fool's Day) tends to invalidate it: A farmer milking his cows in Chileno Valley, near Petaluma, California, saw a flying saucer land and stampede the cattle. A group of humanoids from the saucer got out and placed a calf aboard their craft before taking off. According to the local sheriff, there was physical evidence to confirm the story, but he also noted that the farmer in question is well known for his practical jokes....

Mr. Barker has kindly passed along a clipping to us, dated May 21st, concerning a mysterious flying object which chased a car along a lonely road in South Australia. The car was driven by a 17-year-old youth, who asked that his name not be released by the newspaper. He said that he was driving along a country road at about 9:30 p.m., when he saw an object at the side of the road. Then, when his car was 20 yards away from the object, a bright light suddenly started to shine from it, dazzling him. As he pulled up, the UFO moved across the road to the other side. He then speeded up his car. The light shot straight up into the air and appeared to follow the car as he drove along at between 50 and 60 miles per hour. The light was as bright as the arc light used in electric welding. - A similar report was made a few days earlier in another part of South Australia, where a carload of people claimed that a bright light, which changed from red to white in color, followed their car for several miles....A saucer movie, taken by a Wisconsin girl in 1960, was apparently lost by the Air Force en route to Wright-Patterson Field. The film was submitted by a newspaper to Traux Air Force Base in Madison, Wisconsin. This base admitted having received the film and having forwarded it to Wright-Patterson, but the latter denied that it ever arrived there....

Four college students saw a group of bright luminous circular objects, traveling at tremendous speeds over a drive-in theatre near Ripon, Wisconsin, last April 19th. Some of the UFO's were silver in color, and others were a bright orange. They made several maneuvers, including a 90-degree turn which would have been impossible for normal aircraft. A detective sent to the theatre to investigate the incident also saw the saucers himself, according to the students.....The mystery of the origin of the "fireflies" seen in orbit by John Glenn and other astronauts has apparently been solved. It seems that the "fireflies" come from the thrusters of the altitude-control system....On June 10th, a strange triangular-shaped piece of metal fell on a farm belonging to Miguel Perez, near Concordia, Argentina. We received this report from our new (and exclusive) South American press clipping service. According to the story, the metal is "obviously the product of an advanced technology," and has on its surface "various inscriptions with unknown markings." Attempts to analyze the metal have failed. The material is extremely light and resistant, and is of a blue color, suggesting that it experienced very high temperatures before falling to the ground....

A clipping from Hobart, Tasmania, dated February 5th, 1963, tells of a saucer landing which occurred the previous October 28th. The landing occurred on the road between Salisbury and Elizabeth, and was witnessed by a high school teacher named Mrs. E. D. Silvester, who stated that she and her three children watched the object for about 40 minutes before it took off. They also saw a humanoid outside the UFO, wearing a helmet of some sort, with a "gas mask" attached to it. No further details are given.....A planet outside the Earth's solar system and never seen by human eyes has been discovered by means of painstaking scientific calculations. The star and its planet are six light years away from Earth. The planet is about 500 times as large as Earth, and is thought to have too low a temperature to support life in any form.... Finally, we learn that flying saucers have now become respectable enough to be included in the Encyclopedia Britannica. For the first time, the 1963 edition of Britannica has an article on saucers. It is by Professor Joseph Hynek, Chairman of the Astronomy Department of Northwestern University, and long-time Air Force consultant on the subject. Hynek claims that most UFO cases have been solved but concludes by saying: "Nevertheless, it must be recognized that knowledge of the universe and of the physics of our atmosphere is still imperfect. UFO sightings, as long as they continue, will merit serious study and may lead to advances not only in physical knowledge but in the area of human behavior as well."

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ABOUT OUR NEXT ISSUE: In addition to the book review and article described in the middle of Page 16, we have some other fine material scheduled for the December issue of SAUCER NEWS. There will be an article (originally intended to appear in this issue) about the strange ability of certain animals to tell time by means of an internal "clock," which has baffled modern science. There will also be an article by John J. Robinson on the electromagnetic effects of flying saucers, and an article by N. S. Stringfellow written as a sequel to Sandy Moseley's article in the June issue, in which she discussed several mysterious disappearances of planes over the Caribbean in recent years. As usual, we'll have letters to the Editor and recent news stories concerning saucers and Fortean events around the world. All in all, our December issue should be one of the best yet - so don't miss it!

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## NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #18

October 10th, 1963

### ARE SPACEMEN LIVING AMONG US???

Last April 10th, your Editor received a phone call from a man who gave his name only as Alexander. He was most anxious to meet us; so that evening my wife Sandy and I went to the Dixie Hotel in New York City, where Alexander was eating dinner with two companions who gave their names as Margot Dunmier and Robert Baldwin. Neither of the two would talk much about themselves, and the woman in particular was a rather unusual person, dressed in old-fashioned clothes.

Alexander was a middle-aged man of fairly heavy build and medium height. He had a dark olive complexion. The only strange thing about him was his foreign accent, which was impossible to place. He refused to state where he was born - saying only that it was a country that my wife and I had never heard of. He never quite said that he was from another planet, but he did claim to have traveled all over the world without a passport, to have met everyone in saucer research, and to have read absolutely everything available on the subject. He was also interested in psychic phenomena, and claimed to have extrasensory powers, - although he refused to demonstrate them.

Alexander's message to us was that he had unlimited funds from some unknown source, and wanted to finance your Editor on a series of saucer lectures around the world. The following evening I met him again, but he never got down to details as to when these lectures would take place, and my original skepticism about the offer was thereby increased. This time he was eating dinner with a rather attractive young woman whom he introduced as his secretary. He told me that he had to leave the next day for a very brief trip to Washington, D.C., and that he would contact me again immediately upon his return to New York. But that was the last time I saw or heard from Alexander!

Alexander met at least two other saucer researchers while in New York, and they were as mystified as I was as to his source of funds and his country of origin. Also unexplained was the motive for his travels. I more or less forgot about the whole incident until June 6th, when I happened to attend a theatrical party in New York - completely unconnected with saucers - and ran into the woman whom Alexander had introduced as his secretary! I had a long talk with her, and learned that contrary to what he had led me to believe, she had met him only a day or two before I did. He had promised her employment, had her bonded at his own expense, applied for a passport for her, showed her an office in New York which he had supposedly rented, - and then left for Washington. She never heard from him again. Unfortunately, I failed to get her name or address.

(See Reverse)

The next phase of this strange adventure occurred in July, when I received a series of letters from a well-known saucer researcher in St. Louis, Missouri, named George Marlo. It developed that a man of the same description, and calling himself Alexander, had visited a number of UFO enthusiasts in St. Louis, including Marlo. He then had disappeared from the city as quickly as he had left New York! Marlo was convinced that Alexander was really a person from another planet, and one of his letters to me stated: "I am finished with radio and T.V. appearances about UFO's. I will talk on other subjects, but this one is too dangerous for me. Since talking to Alexander, I know better now .... I won't give out any information to the public that could and would cause panic. I can't give you any further details at this time, but may someday. Alexander wanted me to be a leader when they land the circular flying machines here on Earth. They have other means of coming here too, or so he stated .... Part of his plan was to confuse you .... I found myself talking to the air three times when he was with me. He would disappear into thin air on certain occasions when other people were around." George Marlo went on to explain that he believes Alexander to be indirectly responsible for the crash of a police car and the later death of two policemen in St. Louis. His fear of Alexander is caused by the fact that he believes him to be a demon, or one of the evil space people.

While talking to me in New York, Alexander mentioned that he expected to go to Miami shortly. Although I have no information about his being seen in Miami, a weird incident which occurred to saucer researcher William Dunn, Jr., of that city, may well have been caused by the same mysterious traveler I met. Bill Dunn wrote me, in a letter dated July 14th: "Did I tell you about a recent file robbery that happened earlier this year? Well, my UFO files were broken into - the only damn thing that was broken into in the entire house, - and many of my valuable reports were burned right in my room, and many of my photos, etc., were stolen! I never found out who the person was. I had the Air Force come down the next day, but they had little sympathy for me because it was UFO material...."

If we receive any further information about Alexander, we will publish it in the next Newsletter. In the meanwhile, we can only wonder about this strange man and his motives. If he were a confidence man, he would have asked some researcher for money by now. If he were a spy or a secret agent of some sort, he would probably ask more questions. Is he really a spaceman? I certainly doubt it, but I can't be sure!

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#### SAUCER NEWS HEADQUARTERS VISITED BY FBI AGENTS

On August 23rd, your Editor's apartment in Fort Lee was visited by two FBI agents from the New York City office. They were doing a "background check" on a man named Robert Vorwitt, who was apparently associated at one time with the New York Saucer Information Bureau (NYSIB). The agents asked your Editor for the address of Lois Jessup, a NYSIB member, in hopes that she could lead them to Vorwitt or at least give them some information on the man. We were unable to supply Miss Jessup's address, but we put the FBI men in touch with another NYSIB member who did. After the FBI visited Miss Jessup, we heard nothing further about the case.

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These Newsletters are non-scheduled, and are published only as often as worthwhile material is available. Most issues, like this one, contain information we consider "too hot to handle" in our regular issues of SAUCER NEWS.

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BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS: Extra copies of most of our back issues are still available. These are listed below with a partial description of the contents of each. These issues contain, in addition to the contents listed below, current book reviews as well as full coverage of current saucer sightings and "Fortean" events such as ghosts, monsters, etc. The price is 35 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, unless otherwise stated. Please order by number. In case any number you order is sold out, we will make a substitution. A special price of only \$10.00 will be given to readers who wish to order all available back issues. This represents a saving of \$5.00, as there is a total of 39 issues at 3 for \$1.00, plus two which cost \$1.00 each.

- #1 (July, 1954) - Rare first edition, selling for \$1.00. Contains articles by James Moseley and saucer pioneers August C. Roberts and Dominick Lucchesi.
- #2 (Aug., 1954) - Contains interesting accounts of a little-known saucer film taken in Africa, and of the activities of the now defunct club called Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York.
- #3 (Sept., 1954) - Contains one of the most important articles we have ever published, concerning a lady in Miami who claims to have seen official government photographs of a crashed flying saucer from outer space.
- ~~###~~ #8 (Feb., 1955) - Contains a fascinating account of the strange events which have occurred in recent years in the vicinity of Mount Shasta, California.
- #9 (March, 1955) - Contains an interesting article by FRANK SCULLY, author of "Behind the Flying Saucers."
- Sold out #13 (Aug.-Sept., 1955) - Contains outstanding articles by DR. M. K. JESSUP and DESMOND LESLIE, as well as a report on UFOs and levitation by John Bessor.
- #17 (April-May, 1956) - Contains an interesting account of pre-World War II sightings by saucer researcher Frank Reid.
- #18 (June-July, 1956) - A most important issue, containing James Moseley's now discredited "earth theory" solution to the flying saucer mystery.
- #19 (Aug.-Sept., 1956) - Contains an interesting article entitled "UFO's and Unnatural Clouds," by Frank Reid.
- #20 (Oct.-Nov., 1956) - Contains another documented account of pre-World War II sightings, by Frank Reid, and an article by the noted French saucer author Aime Michel.
- #21 (Dec.-Jan., 1956-57) - Contains an article entitled "How to Separate Facts from Fiction," by Justin Case, a noted mechanical engineer and saucer researcher.
- #22 (Feb.-March, 1957) - Contains an important report on attempts to build flying saucers here on earth, and also a report on the early problems of NICAP, written by DR. M. K. JESSUP.
- #23 (April-May, 1957) - Contains an article entitled "Flying Saucer Research on Trial," by saucer researcher Tom Comella.
- #24 (June-July, 1957) - Contains interesting articles by Justin Case and Dr. Leon Davidson, an atomic physicist who is also a noted saucer researcher.
- #25 (Aug.-Sept., 1957) - Contains an expose of contactee George Hunt Williamson, written by Y. N. ibn Aharon, an expert on ancient history.
- #26 (Oct.-Nov., 1957) - Contains interesting articles by Justin Case and Richard Hall, Major Donald Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP.
- Sold out #27 (October, 1957) - The SPECIAL ADAMSKI EXPOSE ISSUE, selling for one dollar. It contains a collection of several articles showing the fallacies in George Adamski's first two books, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and "Inside the Spaceships." This is one of the most important issues we have ever published. Only a few copies are now left.
- #28 (Dec.-Jan., 1957-58) - Contains the first in a series of articles by Y. N. ibn Aharon entitled "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine." This series purports to prove that Jehova, the God of the Old Testament, was in reality a being from another planet.
- #30 (April-May, 1958) - Contains two of the most important articles we have ever published: The first, by Ulbricht Von Rittner, gives the inside story of research on saucer-shaped craft in Germany during World War II; the second, by James Moseley, gives a complete account of the mysterious disappearance in 1953 of saucer researchers Karl Hunrath and Jack Wilkinson.

- #31 (June-July, 1958) - Contains an outstanding article "Saucers and the International Geophysical Year," by John Corman, an article called "Rationalism in Ufology" by Richard Hall, and another of Y. N. ibn Aharon's series on Extraterrestrialism.
- #32 (Aug.-Sept., 1958) - Contains important articles by Dr. Leon Davidson and Y. N. ibn Aharon. There is also an article about NICAP by James Moseley.
- #33 (Oct.-Nov., 1958) - Contains an outstanding article by Major Lawrence J. Tacker of the U.S. Air Force, plus a fascinating account of a crashed UFO, written by noted saucer researcher Bob Barry.
- #34 (Dec.-Jan., 1958-59) - Contains an expose of Otis T. Carr, written by NICAP member Robert Durant, plus another of Y. N. ibn Aharon's series on Extraterrestrialism.
- #35 (Feb.-March, 1959) - Contains outstanding articles by Tom Comella and Dr. Leon Davidson, plus an expose of George Hunt Williamson written by noted saucer researcher Michael Mann, together with James Moseley.
- #36 (June, 1959) - This most important issue contains a detailed expose of Gray Barker, written by the noted amateur astronomer Lonzo Dove.
- #37 (Sept., 1959) - Contains an article by Bob Barry called "The Case of the Mysterious Airplane Crash," plus outstanding articles by Michael Mann, Y. N. ibn Aharon, and Justin Case.
- #38 (Dec., 1959) - Contains an important article by MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE, and an article by Frank Reid entitled "The Aerial Phenomena of Earthquakes."
- #39 (March, 1960) - Contains interesting articles by Michael Mann and Justin Case, plus an article by Y. N. ibn Aharon entitled "How to Build a Saucer!"
- #40 (June, 1960) - Contains an important article by noted saucer researcher Lee Munsick, plus a review of one of George Williamson's books, by Y. N. ibn Aharon.
- #41 (Sept., 1960) - This outstanding issue contains a long report on the 1960 Giant Rock saucer convention by James Moseley, with many photographs.
- #42 (Dec., 1960) - Contains an important article by Y. N. ibn Aharon and an article by Justin Case entitled "Proof by Ignorance."
- #43 (March, 1961) - Contains an important scientific UFO article by David Wightman, editor of the outstanding British saucer magazine "Uranus."
- #44 (June, 1961) - Contains an interesting article on extrasensory perception by Justin Case, plus an article by our Associate Editor Melvyn Stiriss.
- #45 (Sept., 1961) - Contains a very interesting account of an unexplained plane crash by saucer researcher Max Miller, former editor of "Saucers." There is also an article on Extraterrestrialism by Y. N. ibn Aharon.
- #46 (Dec., 1961) - Contains the first half of an unusually interesting article by the famous naturalist and saucer researcher IVAN SANDERSON.
- #47 (March, 1962) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by IVAN SANDERSON, and a well-documented article by Lonzo Dove entitled "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle."
- #49 (Sept., 1962) - Contains a long and very important article by James Moseley concerning his exclusive interview with the head of the Air Force UFO project at Wright-Patterson Field, in Dayton, Ohio.
- #50 (Dec., 1962) - Contains the first half of an interesting article by Tom Comella, called "A New Inquiry Into the Flying Saucer Mystery." Also included is a long exclusive report on the recent saucer "flap" in South America.
- #51 (March, 1963) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by Tom Comella, plus a wealth of recent saucer sightings from around the world.
- #52 (June, 1963) - Contains the story of Olden Moore, a man who claims to have been taken to Washington, D. C. for questioning by Air Force authorities about his saucer sighting. Also in this issue is an account of how eight airplanes disappeared mysteriously in the same section of the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Florida.
- #53 (Sept., 1963) - Contains a description of Florida's mysterious Coral Castle, built by a hermit who apparently re-discovered the secret of the construction of the Pyramids. ~~There is also an article about the strange ability of certain animals to tell time by using an inner mechanism which has baffled modern science.~~ Also in this issue is an expose of George Williamson by John J. Robinson, and several other items of unusual interest.

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## AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH HOWARD MENGER

In recent months, there has been much speculation among UFO researchers concerning the current activities of saucer contactee Howard Menger. A rumor was circulated to the effect that Menger would hold a convention this Fall, similar to the one he sponsored on his New Jersey farm in September of 1958.

On October 14th, your Editor received a phone call from Howard Menger, and two days later we had a four hour meeting in New York City. Accompanying your Editor was Eugene Steinberg, Advertising Manager of SAUCER NEWS.

It developed that Mr. Menger had driven to New York all the way from an undisclosed location in the Pennsylvania mountains, apparently just for this one day and just for the interview. He explained that he is working on a 4-foot radio-controlled saucer model, to be powered by a new principle he has invented. The complex mechanism, which he drew for us, involves "free electrons under extreme pressure, used together with certain rare metals which have a high valence."

Before any public convention is held, there is to be a private demonstration of this machine, called the X4. Scientists and a high-ranking military observer will be present, according to Menger, and your Editor will also be allowed to attend. Then, at some time thereafter, - allowing enough time for a publicity build-up, - a convention will be held. This apparently could not be before the Spring of 1964, as the model is not yet operating, and Menger does not know when he will be able to complete it, as he is still overcoming various technical difficulties. He is also short of funds, having given up his sign painting business.

The purpose of the convention will be to prove that "there are people like us on other planets, far more advanced than us, scientifically, spiritually, and biologically." However, Menger no longer talks about his space contacts as related in his well-known book "From Outer Space to You," and he seems to feel that he was misinformed at the time as to the origin of the people he was meeting.

There is a lot more to the Menger story, and we will bring as much of it to you as possible in the March 1964 issue of SAUCER NEWS. Menger tells us that all new information for public release will be sent exclusively to our magazine.

## LAST-MINUTE NEWS: (A supplement to the December 1963 issue of SAUCER NEWS)

LONG JOHN NEBEL HAS WRITTEN A FASCINATING STORY for the November 1963 issue of "Prediction," a new magazine which has just hit the newsstands. Long John is to have an article in each issue of "Prediction." The current article, called "The Man Who Became Invisible at the New York Paramount," concerns a weird event which Long John witnessed personally. This story was originally published in his book, "The Way Out World."

MAJOR KEYHOE'S NICAP IS ABOUT TO RELEASE their six-year report called "The UFO Evidence," a 128 page booklet which will include a lot of material never published in Keyhoe's books or magazine. However, the NICAP organization is in the grip of another of its long series of financial crises. This time Keyhoe states that the organization is refusing to take any new memberships, and will definitely fold up unless sufficient funds are forthcoming in the very near future. We wish Keyhoe well, in spite of our many differences with him, and we hope that the next issue of his "UFO Investigator" will report that NICAP has "weathered the storm" once again.

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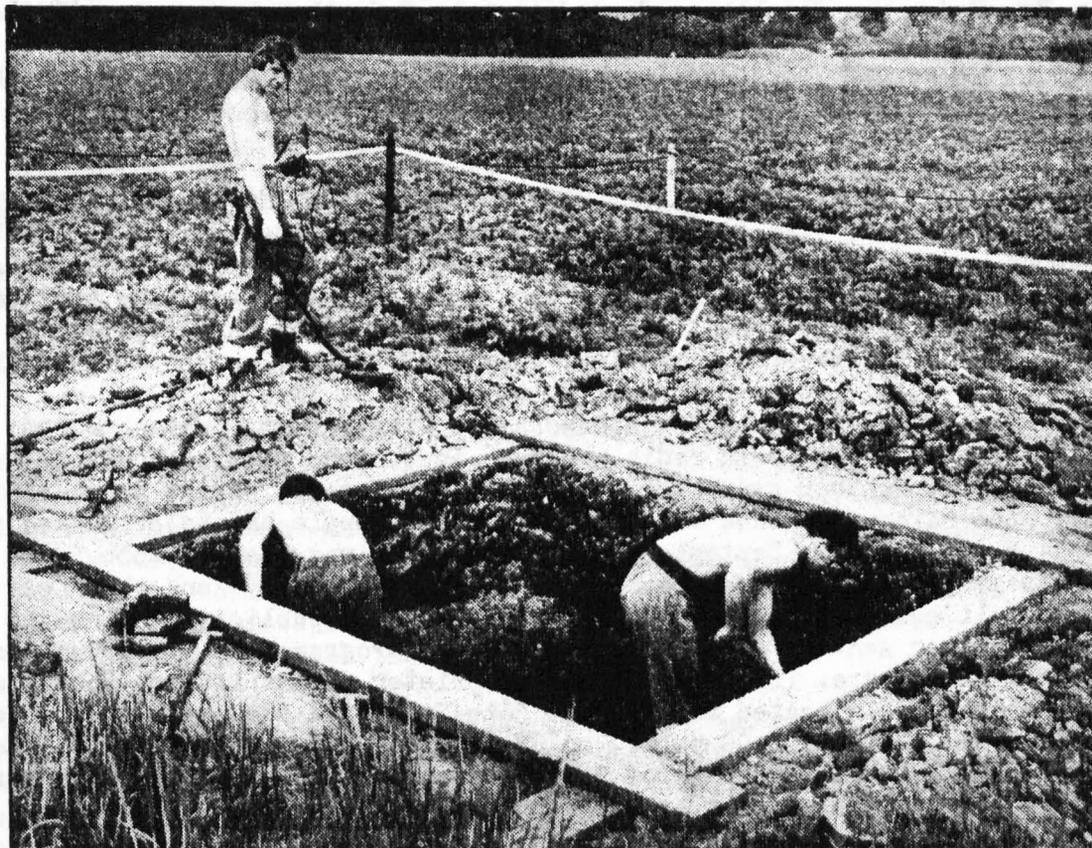
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IN THE ABOVE PHOTO, a British soldier with a mine detector stands by as members of an Army bomb disposal team sink a shaft around a mysterious crater discovered in a field at Charlton, Wiltshire, England. See story on Page 18.

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THE EDITOR AND HIS WIFE WISH TO ANNOUNCE the arrival of their first child - Elizabeth Barber Moseley, a 7 pound 5 ounce baby girl, born to Sandra Moseley in Englewood Hospital on October 6th, 1963.

The delivery was routine, in spite of a Voodoo doll sent to us some time ago by saucer researcher Richard Ogden of Seattle, Washington. The package containing the doll gave George Adamski's name as the sender; and a letter from Ogden received a few weeks later, explained that it was sent "to curse our unborn child." However, we never believed that Adamski was the responsible party. Mr. Ogden has finally confessed to this and other hoaxes in a letter to the Editor printed on Pages 5-6 of this issue.

A second Voodoo doll, sent more recently by a neurotic subscriber in Chicago (name known to us and the postal authorities), also failed to have any adverse effect on the birth of the baby.

**MORE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF OUR DISCUSSION AND LECTURE COMMITTEE:** Since April of 1962, the Discussion and Lecture Committee of SAUCER NEWS has held open meetings in New York City on the third Friday of every month. We urge all subscribers in the New York area to send us their name and address for the special Lecture Committee mailing list, so that they may receive notices a few days before each meeting. Our lectures are currently held at 108 West 56th St. (top floor), New York, N. Y. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.

In August our guest speaker was Gray Barker, who appeared with your Editor on the Long John radio program in the wee morning hours of August 16th, and spoke for our group that same evening. Because of the Long John publicity, the hall was packed to overflowing, and people had to be turned away.

On Friday, September 20th, our guest was Stewart Robb, who is a noted researcher into Fortean phenomena, and a "regular" on the Long John Show. A full house was obtained through Long John publicity, plus the fact that your Editor went on Dr. Eden Gray's radio program the previous Tuesday, to "plug" the lecture. (Dr. Gray is the proprietor of Inspiration House, a New Age type bookstore located at 129 West 56th St., and she has a program every weekday from 12:15 to 1:00 p. m. on FM station WNCN in New York.) Stewart Robb's topic was the prophecies of Nostradamus, the famous 16th Century seer. There was general agreement that Mr. Robb's lecture was the best that our Committee had presented up until that time.

On Friday, October 18th, Gordon Evans gave a lecture for us entitled "The Case for Mars." More details about this will appear in our March 1964 issue.

In late August, the Discussion and Lecture Committee was reorganized in hopes of serving its members better. James W. Moseley became Chairman; John J. Robinson was made Treasurer and also Chairman of the Subcommittee on Discussions; Eugene Steinberg was made Assistant Chairman; and Sol Lipsky accepted the position of Assistant Chairman of the Subcommittee on Discussions. Mary Robinson remains as Secretary. The success of the September and October meetings was due to the combined efforts of all the above-mentioned people, plus Gary Oxtan, who also gave valuable assistance.

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, LONG JOHN NEBEL WILL BE OUR GUEST! FOR THIS TIME ONLY, OUR LECTURE WILL BE HELD IN THE PALM ROOM OF THE HOTEL DIPLOMAT, LOCATED AT 108 WEST 43rd ST. - ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, THE WORLD-FAMOUS NATURALIST AND AUTHOR IVAN SANDERSON WILL BE WITH US, AT OUR USUAL LOCATION. THESE ARE TWO EVENTS THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

WE HAVE HAD TO WITHDRAW NEWSLETTER PRIVILEGES from a few of the people on our Special Non-Scheduled Newsletter mailing list. These Newsletters are sent only to SAUCER NEWS subscribers in good standing who request to be on

the list, and who pay \$1.00 extra to cover printing costs. The information in the Newsletters is not intended for general circulation, and no permission is given to any Newsletter subscriber to broadcast or reprint this material.

Our most recent Non-Scheduled Newsletter is #18. It concerns an alleged spaceman who is traveling around the United States, and a visit to SAUCER NEWS Headquarters by two representatives of a governmental agency. If you would like to receive this and other recent Newsletters, send us your name and address immediately, together with one dollar. We will either send you the three most recent Newsletters by return first-class mail, or else, if you fail to qualify, we will send back your money by first-class mail.

EUGENE R. STEINBERG has joined the SAUCER NEWS Staff as Advertising Manager. An article by Mr. Steinberg appears on Page 13 of this issue, and an ad for his own magazine and UFO organization appears on Page 23.

OUR ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER, originally made in the December-January 1955-56 issue of SAUCER NEWS, is now being withdrawn. This offer was made to anyone who could come forth with concrete proof that flying saucers originate from another planet. In all the intervening years, not one person has offered any serious evidence in an attempt to claim the reward.

We now believe that saucers do come from another planet, in all probability. However, we also feel that the \$1,000 reward is now unnecessary.

ADVERTISING RATES: Due to our increased circulation (slightly under 4,000), our current advertising rates are as follows: 50 cents per line; \$10.00 per half page; and \$17.50 per page. Ads for the March 1964 issue should reach us not later than January 10th.

Our acceptance of paid advertisements is only an attempt to "balance the budget" here at SAUCER NEWS, and the appearance of an ad in our magazine does not necessarily imply that the Editor or his Staff endorses the viewpoints, etc., expressed therein.

THIS ISSUE OF SAUCER NEWS is being sent out ahead of schedule, in order to avoid the Christmas rush. May we take this opportunity to wish all our subscribers a Merry Christmas; and may we also suggest that a SAUCER NEWS subscription might make a welcome Christmas present to one or more of your friends who are Ufologically inclined.

OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL INCLUDE a review of the new book by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, entitled "The World of Flying Saucers." This review was originally intended for the current issue, but had to be postponed because of lack of space. Also in the March 1964 issue will be a long feature article about a fleet of flying saucers seen over downtown New York City in the year 1937.

If we do not obtain more renewals than we have been getting in the recent past, we will have to cut down the number of pages in the March issue, for financial reasons. But in any case, this book review and article will definitely appear, and if space permits, we will have several other feature articles for you.

ALL BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, EXCEPT: #4-#7; #10-#16; #27; #29; and #48. The 39 available back issues sell for 35¢ each, or 3 for \$1.00. A special price of \$10.00 will be given to subscribers who order all the 39 back issues which are currently available. Send for our free list.

We are thinking of reprinting the 14 back issues which are now out of print. Our cost would be very high, and we would have to charge 75¢ each for them. If interested in this offer, let us know. We will undertake this expensive reprinting job only if enough subscribers show interest!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am so pleased with SAUCER NEWS, and so happy to know that I can look forward to it regularly every three months. It contains such interesting stories. I read them over and over again. I'll be looking forward to getting your Non-Scheduled Newsletters. Thanks to all of you at SAUCER NEWS for giving us such priceless and interesting reading.

MRS. MILTON W. MONROE, Downey, California

I received the September issue of SAUCER NEWS, and when I read John J. Robinson's article, trying to tear down George Hunt Williamson, I saw red! It is not unusual, though, for one of lesser understanding of spiritual truths to try to tear down someone who has a greater understanding; and if Williamson had not had a great deal of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of things spiritual, he could never have written such a book as "Other Tongues, Other Flesh." The kind of understanding he has was not found in any book, for this kind of "knowing" is not transferable from one individual to another, but is something that is born in a person; and when he knows something, he really knows, because he has the witness of the Holy Spirit within him. This is something that John J. Robinson would not comprehend....

EVA MAHLE, Connersville, Indiana

In regard to George Hunt Williamson, it does not matter whether he is a doctor or not, as his contributions to UFO research are of such importance that he is far ahead of all the institutions which try to belittle him....

E. L. BRASOL, Daytona Beach, Florida

Congratulations to John J. Robinson, author of the article "George Hunt Williamson Re-Visited." This is an excellent expose of Williamson and also Fry. This, by the way, exposes George Adamski again, and for the nth time, for the simple reason that Adamski relied so much on "Doctor" Williamson for his rehearsed "contact" in the desert between himself and the Christ-like Venusian.....Your magazine is outstanding for its exposes. Let's have more of them. We've got to clear the Ufological atmosphere of nonsense before the scientists as a group take us seriously....

REV. GUY J. CYR, S.M., Lawrence, Massachusetts

My hearty congratulations to John J. Robinson for the painstaking and exhaustive research he did on Williamson. Mrs. Moseley's character sketch of you was pure delight, and your article on Ed Leedskalnin and his Coral Castle was interesting although rather non-Ufological. If nothing else, though, it would seem to lay to rest the elaborate theories on how the Great Pyramid, Sacsahuaman, etc., were built by saucer-men....

DAVID HALPERIN, Levittown, Pennsylvania

Your SAUCER NEWS is interesting, and it has a nice appearance. I especially enjoyed the article on Coral Castle. It was wise that Edward Leedskalnin did not reveal his secret. In these days of lowered morals and corrupt politics, the knowledge would have been misused....

MRS. M. F. CROCKER, Compton, California

Your wife adds a pleasant "light touch" to your magazine, which certainly increases its readability. What is to be feared about the saucer-zines is not what they publish so much as that they continue to publish. Hopefully, all of them are striving for better content based upon clear thinking and an understanding of the nature of the UFO problem. But it is imperative that the Great Saucer Dialogue continue, and SAUCER NEWS continues to be one

of the leaders in this regard....

TOM COMELLA, Cleveland, Ohio

May I pause here to commend you for opening up SAUCER NEWS to the more descriptive talents of the distaff side? I refer to your wife Sandy and her articles, particularly her adroit appraisal of the breadwinner....

The illness of your wife, along with the hapless expedition to the New Mexico cave, were neither accidental nor coincidental. No doubt you have drawn the same conclusion yourself, as evidenced by the underlining of words in the September SAUCER NEWS. I am further intrigued by your statement, "This, plus a number of other occurrences which were probably unrelated to Sandy's illness or the expedition," etc. How can you be sure that these occurrences are "unrelated"?.... ADEN R. MAJOR, Dracut, Massachusetts

Sorry to see you advertising Donald Menzel's book "The World of Flying Saucers." He tries to debunk everything, and according to Palmer and others, he is the official hired debunker for the Silence Group, including the Air Force. Remember, Menzel tried to debunk the 1957 saucer flap and the Lubbock, Texas, lights. There are many saucers seen in the area where I live, and they can be seen by anyone who cares to look. So I don't go for Menzel's debunking tactics.... JOHN UNDERHILL, Trenton, Nebraska

(Editor's Note: Our acceptance of a paid ad from Doubleday for the Menzel book did not imply any endorsement of the book by SAUCER NEWS. On the contrary, the Editors feel that Menzel has completely failed to make a valid case.)

My sincere thanks to you for your kindness in forwarding to me a copy of the June 1963 issue of your magazine, containing a review of my book, "UFO Warning." After reading this review I felt that there was one rather important point which needed some clarification from me. This is in regard to the statement: "Just what his wife may have thought about this research is not clear, as she is barely mentioned in the book."

When I wrote "UFO Warning," I was more concerned with UFO's than with the individual thoughts of those not connected with the actual research into the bizarre happenings. Although my wife Mary listened patiently to my accounts of my investigations into the saucers, she never took part in the work I undertook with Barbara, nor did she ever make any objection to the two of us working together. This was brought about by the fact that Mary was too busy with her Lodge matters. At the same time, she had a feeling of trust in me as her husband, and therefore saw nothing unusual in my spending a number of hours with a young lady while studying UFO matters.

"UFO Warning" is a book about UFO matters, and not a book of morals, misguided or otherwise; and had I felt differently I would never have arranged for it to be published.

JOHN STUART, Claudelands, Hamilton, New Zealand

I admit to being a frustrated writer and a hater of publishers. As a result of the mere fact that you were a publisher, you were someone I could give a bad time to, and somehow make up for what other publishers have done to me in rejecting my writings....I desired to get revenge and make a fool out of some publisher, - any publisher. This is why I sent you the letter signed Mr. X and then tried to confuse you into believing Tom Comella wrote it. (See Non-Scheduled Newsletter #14.) This act was followed by a series of things, which you rightfully accused me of in the pages of SAUCER NEWS, with the exception of the Straith Letter, which I did not write....

I admit that I was deeply hurt by Mr. Adamski when I finally was able to publish my book defending him and he would not endorse it. In fact, he

claimed he didn't write the introduction after he did! It also made me angry when he did not defend me while in New York, in the debate between him and you on the Long John radio program. My love for Adamski turned to hate and a desire for revenge against him for playing me for a sucker. The result was the Voodoo doll I sent you. I admit finding out that Adamski is a fake, but I felt compelled to go on defending him because of the time spent on the book and my hope of making money from it. You have always been right about Adamski, just as you have been right about me....

I also admit that your saucer magazine is one of the best and that you are one of the most sincere researchers in the field. The reason for this confession is that it wasn't the Silence Group or the publishers that beat me, but the saucer public! The sales of my books have been extremely poor, and the few copies released were released at a great financial loss...Ufology Publications is a failure and is going out of business....

I am sorry that I frustrated your own attempts to arrive at truth, in my own frustration in trying to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I found the pot, but, do you know something, Jim? There is no gold in it. I have been robbed! RICHARD OGDEN, Seattle, Washington

A friend of mine named John H. Quanjer has published a book privately, called "One World - One Truth." The chapters include: Life without Death; Psyche; The Lifeline; Awakening; Cause & Effect; Companionship; The Underworld; Second Birth; etc. John tells me that it is a book meant to open peoples' eyes to the realities of life and to make them think a bit more about the depth of life. The price is \$3.00, and orders can be sent to me care of "Space Review."

SUSANNE STEBBING

2 Station Road, Frimley, Surrey, England

I have recently had an unpleasant visitor to my house, and I now know what is behind the saucers and why they are being seen. I am frightened out of my wits; and believe me, Jim, I have good reason to be. This person told me that if I say anything about what passed between us, I will wish I had not been born, and something will happen to my wife and family; and I don't want anything to happen to them! I wish I had not delved into the saucer subject, but it is too late now. He told me to forget everything about saucers and to find some other hobby if I value my neck. He was most angry, and I felt as if I could have been swallowed up by the floor.

Fulton and Jerrald (in Australia) were too nosy, and they paid for it. The visitor also made it clear that some person in your country will soon be stopped from going any further into this forbidden field. He did not say who this would be, but I have a good idea whom he meant, and it is someone you know well. Believe me, Jim, I have only written you this because you are a good friend. I hope you will publish this in your magazine. This person who visited me has no right to stop people from investigating the saucer field!

Mr. Bender is right, up to a point, but he has had to play along with them, for very good reasons, and now I don't blame him in the least.

I hope that you will be very careful in your saucer investigations.

MICHAEL FREEMAN, Cadbury, Nr. Exeter, England

If you remember Otis T. Carr and his dubious OTC X-1 spaceship, you will probably also remember Major Wayne Aho, one of Otis' short-lived lieutenants.....I have met and talked to Aho in his home, and I just couldn't picture such a character as an Army Major. Last winter, just to see for myself, I looked in the U.S. Army Register, which lists all Army officers - reserve and regular, active and retired. Our "Major" is not listed in any of the volumes. I checked from the present right down to the pre-World War II years.

JAMES ROBERTS, Toledo, Ohio

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS OF FLYING SAUCERS - (Part One)

- by John J. Robinson -

The reality of the sighting of any unidentified flying object is transitory. The object is seen, but it soon disappears from view. Unlike a single wave on a tranquil pond, the UFO does not leave even the evidence the wave would, - a high water wet area on the shore.

Since man is subject to hallucinations as well as other mental aberrations, it is very easy to accuse any individual of "seeing things". To offset such implications, a researcher needs some kind of physical evidence.

One method of collecting a permanent record of anything visual is that of taking its photograph. However, this method is somewhat ineffectual when dealing with flying saucers. Photographs of these objects almost always lack sufficient clarity, and details seen visually are invariably lacking. In addition, the numerous photographic hoaxes which have been perpetrated help to make UFO pictures almost valueless in regard to proving anything.

Because of this lack of physical evidence, people who believe that some UFO's are intelligently-guided craft, have been widely denounced as being subject to hallucination, the will to believe, or just plain idiocy. They are informed that what they really saw was a natural phenomenon, a weather balloon, or some other mundane thing such as a welder's torch or a floodlight.

There is, however, a very important side effect which has been apparent at the time of some UFO sightings. This side effect gives excellent evidence that what was seen is within the realm of physical reality. The phenomenon to which I refer has been recorded and verified for many sightings during which it served to prove that some type of power source was also present, besides the UFO which was observed. The power source seems to generate a force which is electromagnetic.

The creation of a natural electric force requires vast potentials of friction created by huge wind masses or cloud masses. The charge built up is then a very strong static electric charge. Electricity in nature never displays any electromagnetism. The static electrically-charged masses drain themselves of their potential by bolts of lightning, and the discharges cause the thunder we hear. These static discharges are not magnetic in their nature, and the only natural magnetism is that of the Earth itself, which is not strong enough to move a mass any bigger than a compass needle.

The events which I shall summarize in this article would require a mechanism capable of creating a tremendously strong and widely-extended field of electromagnetism. Such a mechanism has never been created by our scientists, to the best of my knowledge. The only natural phenomena which might be compared with UFO's are the plasmoids ("ball lightning"), and recent research has revealed that these are composed of what appears to be individually charged particles (electrons), which are held together or confined within an electrostatic field. Thus the plasmoid itself is not electrically charged. The plasmoid is, however, created by and affected by ionization, while it is also diamagnetic. This means that it does not affect the Earth's magnetic fields; It is affected by them. However, the electromagnetic effect of unidentified flying objects has shown itself to be strong enough to affect low-powered electrical systems at great distances, doing so at times in a manner which appears almost premeditated!

The most numerous low-powered electrically-controlled objects in our civilization are the conventional gasoline motors found in all automobiles. The heart of these motor cars is located in the 6 to 12 volt storage battery. The current from this battery is changed to a high voltage, low amperage spark, which ignites the gas fumes in the cylinders. It is used as a direct current to power the electrical lighting of the car, and is changed from a direct current to an alternating one by a vibrator in the car's radio,

which then uses a condenser to create the high voltage direct current necessary for receiving and transmitting the radio waves.

There is a verified record of over 57 cases which involve the stalling of automobile motors due to the proximity of UFO's. I shall not attempt to list all of these cases, but will merely summarize a few of the most interesting ones. A sighting which not only involves the electromagnetic effect but also an element of humor will serve as a starter. This event happened during the Levelland "glowing egg" saucer flap. (See footnote.)

On the night of October 30th, 1957, Hugh Pulju took his lady friend Shirley Moyer for a car ride. They were driving on a road located ten miles north of Casper, Wyoming, when they suddenly became aware of a large glowing egg-shaped object which was lying on the highway, directly in front of them. The object seemed to have two pointed peaks on it and was as large as a house. Hugh did not have to stop the car, for it sputtered and stalled. Hugh and Shirley were both frightened, and did not wish to investigate. They merely wanted to leave. The sheriff could take over the job of ascertaining just what type of weird object was obstructing the public right of way - they were not going to! Hugh stepped on the starter. The motor turned over a couple of times and then stalled again. Hugh was determined to leave, and he managed to turn the car around by repeatedly starting and stalling. Once the car was turned, Hugh continued in fits and starts until finally the motor ran continuously. Then he stepped on the gas and got away as fast as he could go. The sheriff was duly notified, but when he got there, the roadway was bare.

There are fewer cases of headlight failure than of motor stalling, because not all UFO's are encountered at night. Of the 23 cases of headlight failure on record, there is one which did not involve complete blackout of the headlights, and it is particularly interesting. The incident involves a squad car with two policemen in it, in the town of Elmwood Park, Illinois. This sighting poses the question of whether or not the electromagnetic force may be directed and used for a purpose.

These two officers spotted a low-flying UFO on the night of November 4th, 1957, and decided to pursue it. With their headlights on bright, they turned a spotlight on the object, but their lights soon became so dim that the

pursuit was abandoned because it was unsafe to drive. After the saucer left, the lights became bright again.

A case not involving a motor car occurred on October 14th, 1954, at Brosses-Thillot, Saone-et-Liore, France, where the presence of a UFO stalled a motorcycle. Cases are also on record of multiple vehicle stoppages, one of which is that of ten cars that were stalled simultaneously. Another includes not only a car but a truck and a bus full of passengers as well, none of which could move until the saucer



"You're standing on our leader!"

**Footnote:** This was a group of sightings around and about the Texas town of Levelland, during late October and early November of 1957. Many people reported seeing a large glowing egg-shaped object as large as a house (200 feet.) The events extended over a period of approximately two weeks and over an area of about one hundred miles.

stopped hovering above them and left the area. Another hovering UFO caused a farmer to await its departure before he could start harvesting his crop. It seems that the combine motor was stalled!

An incident involving two tractors has served to prove that the effect is indeed electromagnetic. These two tractors were being driven side by side when a UFO appeared. It stalled the tractor with the conventional motor, while the other one, which had a diesel motor, was not affected in any way, since diesel engines only use electricity for starting.

That the motors of the cars were not stalled by nervous or apprehensive drivers is proven by the fact that in ten instances the drivers had not yet seen the UFO, and had to have their attention called to it. Some of them were even examining the electrical system for trouble before they learned what had caused the motor to fail.

Since all cars do not have radios and all drivers do not put them to use, only ten of the total of twenty cases of radio failure involve automobiles. The others involve radios located in buildings, with the exception of one case which concerns an airplane's radio.

The following is the sequence of events which occurs in cars affected by the electromagnetism of flying saucers: (1) If there is a radio turned on, it starts to pick up static, and this static becomes so bad that all reception is eliminated. Then the radio is silenced. (2) The motor starts to sputter and then fails completely. (3) The car headlights dim and sometimes go out.

Once the UFO has left the scene, the car runs normally, but in one or two documented cases, the battery was steaming as if it had been subjected to an extreme short circuit. No one has been able to understand how or why this effect occurred.

The electromagnetic effect on the ten stationary radios falls into four categories, as follows: (1) The instrument (radio, T.V. or radar) went dead. (2) Signals were received which were not broadcast from any station on Earth, while the station tuned to was entirely eliminated. (3) Excessive static, blocking out all other reception. (4) The volume of reception was greatly diminished or decreased.

Except in the case of a Venezuelan airport radio operator who reported hearing signals similar to Morse code interspersed with explosive pops for a period of 40 seconds, the signals emanating from UFO's have no resemblance to Earth type radio signals. Some radio stations have reported that their attempts to announce the presence of a nearby saucer were thwarted by their stations being rendered inoperable; and cases are also on record of T.V. sets which received no signal at all, due to a nearby UFO. This signal disturbance extended over the considerable distance of 4 miles in one instance.

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NEW LIGHT ON A DEEP MYSTERY

- by N. S. Stringfellow -

Those with an insatiable craving for mystery should find a rich feast in Sandy Moseley's article "The Mystery of the Disappearing Planes," featured in the June 1963 issue of SAUCER NEWS. This story is exceptionally well done, and excites the imagination to the utmost. Another very interesting story on this subject may be found in Frank Edwards' "Stranger than Science," under the subtitle of "Sky Traps."

The incredible thing about the five Navy bombers' plight is found in the fear and hysteria in the voice and acts of the flight leader: "Emergency - Not sure of our position - Can't be sure where we are - We don't know - Cannot be sure which way is west - Cannot be sure of any direction - Everything wrong - Strange - Ocean doesn't look as it should." The utter state of chaos and helplessness is shown by the abrupt turnover of the flight command. What strange dilemma caused these experienced Naval airmen to panic, and what awesome phenomenon caused the complete disappearance of men and machines? It is hard to contemplate and accept the mysterious disappearance of five planes and fourteen able-bodied human beings at one time. Later other planes and people disappeared in this same area, thus augmenting the unsolved mystery. Sandy Moseley's article suggests a hole or trap in the sky, and so does Frank Edwards' story.

Let's look further into this subject. In the July, 1963 issue of Fate Magazine there appeared a brief story entitled "Paralyzed by a Magnetic Cloud." This story apparently originated in Philadelphia, and appeared in the August 13th, 1904 issue of a Hawaiian newspaper. A British steamship from Roumania, making for Delaware Breakwater, ran into a glowing phosphorescent mist which terrorized the crew, played havoc with the ship's compass, and brought the vessel to a standstill for half an hour. The vessel looked as if it was on fire, and the sailors flitted about the deck like glowing phantoms. The cloud had a strange magnetic effect on the ship. The needle on the compass revolved with the speed of an electric motor, and the sailors were unable to raise pieces of steel from the magnetized deck. The hair on the heads of the seamen stood straight on end because of the magnetic power of the cloud, and probably partly from fright as well. The captain was unable to calm them. The situation finally became normal when the cloud moved off to sea.

What caused this strange cloud? Was it a peculiar natural formation, or was it artificially produced by some kind of super beings as an experiment on earth people and material? Or was it produced by super beings to hide some operation or activity secretive and important to them? Could this be a clue to the chaotic condition among the personnel of the Navy planes off the coast of Florida and their disappearances?

In Major Donald Keyhoe's book "Flying Saucers - Top Secret," the story is told of a Navy transport plane which was approaching Newfoundland over the western Atlantic one night, when lights were seen beneath the plane like a village in the ocean. The possibility of land beneath was ruled out, as was the possibility of ships. As the transport began to circle for better observation, the strange lights quickly dimmed. Several colored rings appeared and began to spread out. One of them grew in size. The airmen discovered that it was a giant disc coming up toward them. They did not know where the other colored discs went.

What sort of rendezvous of saucers did this Navy transport disturb? We can't help but wonder why the investigating disc did not destroy the transport. Was it because the operators of the disc decided that the earth plane had not really seen anything? Could this be another clue to the fate of the Navy planes off the coast of Florida?

Did you ever hear the expression "The earth opened up and swallow-

ed them"? Rather than the earth or sky opening up to swallow the five Navy planes, perhaps the sea opened up to swallow them - a sea trap instead of a sky trap. Some people claim to have seen saucers "fall" in the sea and into lakes. Perhaps they did not fall, but went on a straight course back home. Why couldn't the saucers come up from the bowels of the Earth through the sea, into our atmosphere and beyond? Surface men can now submerge ships and fire missiles up through the sea to destroy large areas on land. Did the big Navy transport see saucers coming up from or going down into the sea? Did the five Navy planes and others off the coast of Florida run into something like this, and were deemed to have seen so much that they were sprayed by a paralyzing mist which caused their utter destruction? And were they perhaps taken by their captors to laboratories deep down in the Earth beneath the sea?

Recently when the Navy's deep-diving bathysphere went down a mile and a half in the Atlantic looking for the ill-fated sub Thresher, they found a crater two hundred feet wide and forty feet deep with no mounding around its edge. Could this be a place of entry? One might ask if a hole could be opened in the bottom of the sea to the regions below. If the super beings could take a nuclear submarine or five airplanes down through such a hole, they could properly pressurize them or in some manner could control the sea water.

Now, dear reader, perhaps you can appreciate the expression used at the beginning of this article about Sandy Moseley's story "exciting the imagination to the utmost"; or is it all imagination? There might be more truth than we think to Davy Jones' Locker or King Neptune's Realm. In recent years Earth's scientists have definitely turned to a serious study of the sea. What has caused this trend in scientific investigation?

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#### SPACEMEN IN OUR MIDST

- by Gray Barker -

Are spacemen really living among us, as many UFO researchers claim? Personally, I have never seen a spaceman, nor have I ever seen a flying saucer, for that matter; but I like to consider all the many claims and theories in an effort to arrive at a conclusion.

Contactees such as George Adamski and Howard Menger have written that people from other planets visit us regularly, but that only on rare occasions do they make their identities known to earth people. Apparently these extraterrestrials compare reasonably enough in appearance to earthmen, so that by donning terrestrial garb and mastering our languages, they can live right among us without being identified. They even take jobs alongside earthmen, may occupy governmental positions, and very quietly go about whatever they want to do here.

UFO skeptics pose quite a problem to us enthusiasts when they ask us why don't the saucers land openly and make themselves known if they are really coming here. Similarly they wonder why space people don't make themselves known to us if they are actually living here among us.

To understand the arguments for the case of space people living here, we must first review the role of such extraterrestrials as expressed in UFO literature and thought. We on this planet are in serious danger of blowing ourselves up in great numbers - possibly to the extent of almost completely denuding earth of intelligent life. Although some space communications have hinted that an atomic war might destroy the entire earth and have a harmful effect upon neighboring planets, the most usual role played by the spacemen is a sincere desire to help us advance morally and spiritually, with the bomb destruction aspect played down.

Some enthusiasts believe that since we are almost ready to visit

other planets and become a mobile member of the space community, the visitors are preparing us gradually for this role.

One writer, Laura Mundo, head of Detroit's Interplanetary Foundation and author of the new book "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan," has a more complicated but perhaps a more sensible explanation. She believes that earth people were reincarnated here from other planets, and even brought here physically, in saucers, when they failed to progress suitably on Venus and other locations. In other words, they were demoted to a planet of lower vibrational status, namely earth, where they could have an opportunity to make moral and spiritual progress toward promotion back to their original homes.

But the earth and the entire solar system is now moving into a section of the Universe where there is a higher vibrational pattern, and as a result, our own planet's physical vibration is rapidly increasing. Earthmen, however, are not matching this increased vibrational status in their spiritual understanding and development, and will have to be again moved to some other planet of lower vibration if this vibrational increase is not hurried up. The visitors, says Laura Mundo, are here in ever-increasing numbers to speed up the process.

The casual observer on the Ufological scene would immediately suggest that if the space people are really here, then they should come out into the open, make themselves known, and speed up progress. After all, there would no longer be any doubt, and everyone would listen to them and do as they said.

However, Laura Mundo says that space people of antiquity did openly contact earth people and assist them both morally and technologically. But earthlings began to worship the visitors as gods, rather than understand their true part in the "Father's Plan."

Moral and spiritual progress are made only when there is a willingness to do so; and in general, mankind enjoys being told how to behave, and would rather blindly follow instructions than to initiate its own judgments.

If man is to accomplish meaningful progress on his own, assistance must be minor and consist mainly of directional guidance. This the space people are subtly trying to do. Now and then they may openly contact a Menger, an Adamski, or some other figure who can popularize the incident, in order to gauge public reaction to a possible appearance. This they can do without really being detected, because only a handful of the public will actually believe the contact accounts.

In her book, Laura Mundo relates many odd ways in which space people go about their indirect guidance. A visiting spaceman even tried to break up a saucer lecture in Detroit, just to give the people involved a chance to continue under hardship and have a better chance to learn. Even though I am still in the skeptic's camp, explanations such as those given by Laura Mundo come nearer to convincing me than the usual contactee stories.

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HOW ANIMALS TELL TIME WITHOUT CLOCKS

- by Eugene R. Steinberg -

As described in a recent issue of Life Magazine, most animals have a mysterious ability to regulate their activities by means of some physiological process which enables them to tell time. For example, turtles and pigeons apparently get their directional fix by watching the position of the sun or stars; but, as the sun and stars appear to be moving in the sky as the earth turns, these animals must have some way of knowing how much the earth has turned. Humans have chronometers to do this. Animals use mysterious biological clocks which are almost as accurate!

The most amazing thing of all is that these animal "clocks" go on functioning even when the animals are put into laboratories, under conditions of controlled light and temperature, where they are hidden from all the obvious clues of the passage of time. For example, a certain breed of crabs habitually hides in marshes near the sea at high tide, and runs out at low tide to feed on the flats exposed by the receding waters. Every day, low tide comes 50 minutes later than the day before, and the peak of crab activity is correspondingly later. In the laboratory, these crabs follow exactly the same pattern as if they were still living in their natural habitat. Also, the crabs living outdoors darken their skin as a protection against sunburn. The crabs in the laboratory, who see no sun, darken their skins in the same way at the same time!

Scientists have found that under constant laboratory conditions, animal clocks do not run exactly on a 24-hour day, but always very close to it. In some animals, as many as 20 different processes have been studied, each with an approximately 24-hour cycle. The observations made have been very precise, but scientists are unable to agree on the cause of these cyclical rhythms. One theory, advanced by Dr. Frank Brown of Northwestern University, is that animals depend on some outside source of information such as changes in barometric pressure, or in the earth's magnetic field, or in the intensity of cosmic radiation. The alternate theory, advanced by Dr. Colin Pittendrigh and a team of researchers at Princeton University, is that the clock is an internal self-contained timer, rather than a forced response to geophysical forces. In this view, the clock is a property of protoplasm itself. The protoplasmic clock evolved with a period close to that of the tides or the sunrise simply because this was an advantage to the life of the animal.

Whatever its cause, the importance of this biological clock is indisputable. The United States Navy and Air Force, which helped to finance research into the riddle, are interested because they would like to bring the simplicity and precision of the animal timers to the bulky, complex machines which guide their ships and planes around the world. Doctors are also interested, because health is apparently related to the proper functioning of the internal clocks. It has been found, for instance, that chick embryos survive more operations at one time of day than another. It has also been learned that certain toxic drugs help mice when administered at one time of day, and kill them when administered at another. This indicates that with further research, Man's health can be improved by a better understanding of the mysterious internal clock which we too have within our bodies.

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WHAT GRAY BARKER IS REALLY LIKE

- by Sandy Moseley -

It was the week of August 15th, when Gray Barker was to appear on the Long John Program, be guest speaker at the SAUCER NEWS Discussion and Lecture Committee, and attend our annual saucer party.

I suggested to Jim that Gray be our house guest. At first he was opposed to the idea; but I said that this would give us both an opportunity to get to know Gray better.

Gray accepted our invitation and arrived with several suitcases and a box of books to sell. The first night we listened to a "word jazz" record album he had brought along. These records are very abstract, and although Jim enjoyed them, I found them depressing - like Gray's poetry.

After a few beers, Gray's shyness started to disappear. He kicked off his white bucks and began exuding his charming personality. He is a typical bachelor. There is madness to his method - for example, he brought a winter suit to New York in August!

The next evening Gray and Jim spoke at the saucer meeting. Gray is a good lecturer, with a pleasant drawl and a good command of the English language. As a matter of fact, he once taught English in a high school in West Virginia and was head of the visual aids department. He worked his way through college by being a movie projectionist, and is very interested in the theatre.

We all have our secret ambitions, and Gray's is to re-make the silent picture classic, "Birth of a Nation." Besides publishing books, Gray is in the theatre booking business in Clarksburg.

Despite their disagreements in the saucer field, Gray and Jim have a lot in common - terrible taste in art, a love for sick poetry and records, and a liking for similar books and movies.

Gray stands 6' 5", has dull blue eyes, brown hair, and is considered handsome. He is an intellectual, a Christian, and an animal lover. While here he became attached to our cat Arnold, which he brought back to Clarksburg with him.

Gray and I had a wonderful rapport, and even Jim reluctantly admits that he was sorry to see Gray leave. Which just goes to show that one can accept and like others even if their ideals and ideas are not exactly alike. It took broadmindedness on Jim and Gray's part to make this visit possible. And Jim, in all fairness, has consented to publish this article at my request.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT JONATHAN SWIFT AND THE MOONS OF MARS

- by Robert J. Durant and James W. Moseley -

The material in recent issues of SAUCER NEWS about Jonathan Swift's moons of Mars prompted us to re-read "Gulliver's Travels" with a view to digging out other material of interest to our readers. (See Page 14, March SAUCER NEWS and Page 6, June S. N.)

The research was fruitful. It appears that Swift had a great deal to say on "saucerian" subjects. Below is a summary of pertinent material taken from Part II, "A Voyage to Lëputa," chapters 1, 2, and 3. The moon data is to be found in the same section of the book, which was written in 1735.

(Gulliver has been adrift in a small boat. He comes to an island, catches some sleep, and then goes for a walk.)

"I walked awhile among the rocks. The sky was perfectly clear, and the sun was so hot that I was forced to turn my face from it. All of a sudden it became obscured in a manner very different from what happens by the interposition of a cloud. I turned back, and perceived a vast opaque body between me and the sun, moving forward towards the island. It seemed to be about two

miles high, and hid the sun for six or seven minutes....As it approached nearer over the place where I was, it appeared to be of a firm substance, the bottom flat, smooth, and shining very bright from the reflection of the sea below. I stood upon a height about two hundred yards from the shore, and saw this vast body descending almost to a parallel with me, at less than an English mile distance. I took my pocket perspective and could plainly discover numbers of people moving up and down the sides of it...."

(The body turns out to be an island in the sky. Gulliver is rescued by a seat lowered from the island.)

"His majesty had given orders that the island should move north-east by east to the vertical point over Lagado, the metropolis of the whole kingdom below upon the firm earth. It was about ninety leagues distant (270 miles) and our voyage lasted four days and a half. I was not in the least sensible of the progressive motion made in the air by the island." (Thus, the speed of travel was about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles per hour.)

"....The flying or floating island is exactly circular, its diameter 7,837 yards, or about four miles and a half, and consequently contains ten thousand acres. It is three hundred yards thick. The bottom or under surface, which appears to those who view it from below, is one even regular plate of adamant shooting up to the height of about two hundred yards. Above it lie several minerals in their usual order, and over all is a coat of rich mold, ten or twelve feet deep.

"At the center of the island there is a chasm about fifty yards in diameter, from whence the astronomers descend into a large dome, which is therefore called 'flandona gagnole,' or the astronomers' cave, situated at the depth of a hundred yards beneath the upper surface of the adamant. In this cave are twenty lamps, continually burning, which, from the reflection of the adamant, cast a strong light into every part. The place is stored with a great variety of sextants, quadrants, telescopes, astrolabes, and other astronomical instruments. But the greatest curiosity, upon which the fate of the island depends, is a loadstone of a prodigious size, in shape resembling a weaver's shuttle. It is in length six yards, and in the thickest part at least three yards over. This magnet is sustained by a very strong axle of adamant passing through its middle, upon which it plays, and is poised so exactly that the weakest hand can turn it. It is hooped around with a hollow cylinder of adamant, four feet deep, as many thick, and twelve yards in diameter, placed horizontally, and supported by eight adamantine feet, each six yards high. In the middle of the concave side there is a groove twelve inches deep, in which the extremities of the axle are lodged, and turned round as there is occasion.

"The stone cannot be moved from its place by any force, because the hoop and its feet are one continued piece with that body of adamant which constitutes the bottom of the island.

"By means of this loadstone, the island is made to rise and fall, and move from one place to another. For with respect to that part of the earth over which the monarch presides, the stone is endued at one of its sides with an attractive power, and at the other with a repulsive power. Upon placing the magnet erect, with the attracting end towards the earth, the island descends; but when the repelling extremity points downward, the island mounts directly upwards. When the position of the stone is oblique, the motion of the island is so too; for in this magnet the forces always act in lines parallel to its direction."

(There follows a step by step explanation of navigation by use of the loadstone, as given below:)

"When the stone is put parallel to the plane of the horizon, the island stands still; for in that case the extremities of it, being of equal distance from the earth, act with equal force, the one drawing downwards, the other pushing upwards, and consequently no motion can ensue.

"The loadstone is under the care and protection of certain astronomers who, from time to time, give it such positions as the monarch directs. They spend the greatest part of their lives observing the celestial bodies, which they do by the assistance of glasses far excelling ours in goodness."

(Here Swift states, in a matter of fact manner, that the astronomers have discovered two moons of Mars, and he gives their distances from the planet and their periods of revolution.)

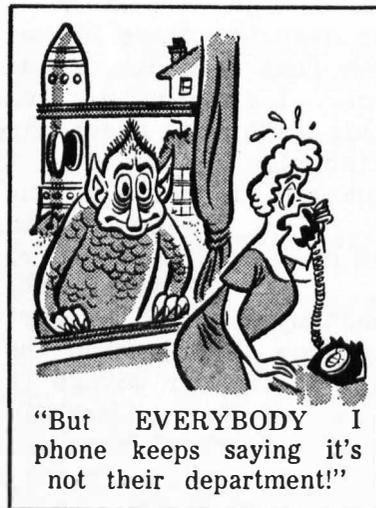
"If any town should engage in rebellion or mutiny, fall into violent factions, or refuse to pay the usual tribute, the king has two methods of reducing them to obedience. The first and mildest is, of course, by keeping the island hovering over such a town and the lands around it, whereby he can deprive them of the benefit of the sun and rain, and consequently afflict the inhabitants with dearth and diseases; and if the crime deserves it, they are at the same time pelted with great stones, against which they have no defense...."

Is there any reason to take seriously this suggestion of an "island in the sky" populated by scientists and powered by an anti-gravity device? The remarkable accuracy of Swift's statements about the moons of Mars forces us to take a good long look at the rest of his claims. At least we can examine them for consistency, and perhaps do some second guessing in terms of our present-day scientific information.

The island of Laputa, says Swift, consists of a base rock layer two hundred yards thick, covered with a one hundred yard layer of topsoil. This would make the island weigh something like 100 million pounds, assuming a conservative figure of 5 for the average density of the island. It is simply not possible for an axle 12 inches in diameter to sustain such a weight, and that is what Swift seems to think is happening. The loadstone, at best, could only be a small guiding force working in conjunction with a gravity nullifying device.

A close look at the forces involved will explain our point. In order to move the island, three forces must be overcome: The island's weight must be counterbalanced; the inertia of the island must be overcome to get it moving, and to stop or change the direction of movement; and finally, wind resistance must be overcome. Even at the leisurely  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles per hour which Swift experienced on his trip to Lagado, the wind resistance of the island would be tremendous. An anti-gravity device would, theoretically, take care of the weight and possibly the inertia of the island, leaving the loadstone to battle wind resistance alone. But it is inconceivable that the spindly arrangement in the Astronomer's Cave could manage such forces. Compare the amount of rigging required on a sailing vessel with the size and mounting of the loadstone.

The loadstone can't have the force field properties of a magnet and operate in the manner Swift describes. He says that the stone can be "moved by the weakest hand," and that it will remain in any position the operator chooses. "When the stone is placed parallel to the horizon, the island stands still; for in that case the extremities of it, being at equal distance from the earth, act with equal force, one in drawing downward, the other in pushing upwards, and consequently no motion can ensue." But if one end of the stone attracted the earth and the other repelled the earth with force enough to move that great mass, the loadstone would flip to a vertical position, with the attracting side down, and stay there. Nothing could move it. For the loadstone to function as advertised, it would have to be a ray device, emanating attracting and repelling rays from its ends.



"But EVERYBODY I phone keeps saying it's not their department!"

Incidentally, the words "Leputa," "flandona," and "gagnole" were analyzed with the Shaver Mantong Alphabet. We regret to say that the results did not throw much light on what Mr. Swift was up to, or what Mr. Shaver was up to, either.

Getting back to the moons of Mars, a recent feature article in the "National Enquirer" claims that U. S. scientists are working on a round-the-clock investigation of Phobos. Many leading scientists believe that this little moon, 5 miles in diameter, is probably a huge space platform, built by living creatures from Mars or some other planet.

According to this article, the United States Government is going to spend over \$55 million in the next year or so, in an attempt to find out if this theory is true. Says Raymond E. Wilson, Chief of Applied Mathematics for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration: "Space probes are now being prepared to determine whether Phobos is actually a huge orbiting space base."

It is also believed that the next Mariner space rocket, scheduled for launching late this Fall or in the early spring of 1964, will be aimed to pass close to Mars and will contain special equipment capable of analyzing the light reflected from Phobos. Scientists say that if this moon reflects light in the way aluminum does, it will prove Phobos to be a space platform rather than a natural moon.

Phobos and its sister moon, Deimos, were discovered by the U.S. astronomer Asaph Hall in 1877, - though they were described with great accuracy in Swift's book over a hundred years earlier. For many years after their official discovery, nobody paid much attention to them because they are so small. There haven't even been any good photographs taken of them, because the Earth's atmosphere interferes with cameras, and thus the reflected light from Mars tends to blank out Phobos.

Finally, in 1959, I.S. Shklovsky, who is considered to be Russia's leading planetary physicist, published the results of observations he had made. He came to the conclusion that Phobos is an artificial satellite, probably made of aluminum. He believes that this moon is hollow inside, something like a tin can from which the contents have been removed. Shklovsky had good reasons for his theory about Phobos - the most important of which is that the tiny moon moves in its orbit over three times faster than Mars! This is impossible for a natural moon, according to accepted astronomical theories. For another thing, Phobos is slowing down as time goes by, and moving closer to Mars. This duplicates the motions of all man-made satellites put into orbit by the United States and Russia.

One of the leading scientists to express agreement with Shklovsky is Dr. H.M. Sinton, an astronomer at Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. In a statement to the U. S. National Academy of Sciences, Yerkes said: "Phobos may be a huge orbiting city filled with men, women, and children. The other moon (Deimos) might be one too." Also in agreement is Dr. Fred Hoyle, a professor of astronomy at Cambridge University, England. He is quoted as saying that this is the only theory he has ever heard that covers the mystery of these two moons.

Disagreement has come from other scientists, including astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh, associate professor of earth sciences at the Research Center of New Mexico University. Dr. Tombaugh is world-famous as the discoverer of the planet Pluto, and is known in saucer circles for his sensational close-up sighting of a saucer with apparent lighted windows, back in 1949. However, regarding the moons of Mars, he is quoted in the Enquirer as saying: "Putting up such a satellite would severely strain the capabilities of even a world rich in resources. The extreme poverty of mineral resources on Mars would have deprived them of the necessary materials."

So the controversy goes on; and it will probably be another few years before it is settled for once and for all.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

**MYSTERY CRATER IN ENGLAND:** One of the most publicized UFO cases in recent years occurred last July near the town of Charlton, Wiltshire, England. A crater about eight feet wide was found in a potato patch belonging to a farmer named Roy Blanchard, who said: "As far as I'm concerned, something strange landed in those fields. And when it took off again, some of my potatoes went with it."

Although at least two reliable local people saw something flash through the sky on the night of July 10th, in the vicinity of the Blanchard farm, apparently no one actually witnessed the UFO landing (if such it was.) However, the headlines in the wire service stories about the crater were grabbed by one Dr. Robert Randall, who joined British Army investigators at the scene. He solemnly declared that the hole had been made by a 600-ton spaceship, 500 feet wide, from the planet Uranus. Dr. Randall calculated that the saucer was carrying a crew of 60, and that it had made a forced landing in the field when its solar batteries failed. An Army bomb disposal unit got a reading from the crater on their metal detector, and this indicated to Dr. Randall that the saucer had broken off one of its three 80-foot-long extensions used as landing gear. The other two tripod feet left marks in other fields about 500 feet away from the crater, according to Dr. Randall, who made a detailed drawing of the imaginary saucer for the newspapers.

The British press went into a furor over the incident, and two members of the House of Commons asked for a governmental investigation, to determine whether or not an extraterrestrial craft was actually involved. Wavenev Girvan, editor of "Flying Saucer Review," also got into the act, but fortunately the editor of "Uranus" (another British saucer magazine) did not. Meanwhile, attempts to check on the credentials of Dr. Randall, said to be an Australian astrophysicist, led to the fact that he was not known to The Royal Society, Britain's top scientific body. It was never determined just what sort of doctor Dr. Randall is. According to one story, a reporter went to his house in a nearby town and asked his wife if he was a doctor of medicine or of physics. She replied, "Both," and slammed the door.

If it had not been for Dr. Randall's "lunatic fringe" remarks (i. e., how could he possibly know which planet the alleged spaceship was from?), this would have been a remarkably sober and interesting UFO case. The mine detection team, shown in the photo on the cover, roped off the area from the curiosity-seeking public, and dug six feet down. Within a few days after the discovery of the mystery crater, the case was "solved" by the finding of a small rock, assumed to be a meteorite, which was sent to the British Museum for examination. But alas, to the disappointment of the skeptics, the rock turned out to be iron pyrites indigenous to the area, and definitely not a meteor. A later report quoted a British scientist as saying that the hole might have been caused by a meteorite which fragmented upon hitting the earth's surface; but basically, the crater remained unexplained. It seems incredible that either a meteor or a 600-ton spaceship could have landed without making enough noise to wake up the whole countryside!

Almost overlooked in the controversy over the Charlton incident, were two even more mysterious craters found at about the same time in a lonely district of Berwickshire, Scotland. A 60-year-old farmer named James Brown discovered these holes, which were sixteen feet wide and three feet deep. The craters were twelve feet apart, and great lumps of earth from them had been hurled as far away as forty feet. Strangest of all, channels up to 44 feet long were found radiating from the craters like the spokes of a wheel. Also, a group of small square holes one foot wide and two feet deep was discovered about 35 feet from the craters. Local police admitted they were baffled, and called in a scientist from Edinburgh Observatory to investigate. Three Army

bomb-disposal experts spent a day digging, found nothing, and gave up.

Our latest information on this matter is that a man named John Southern claims that the English crater as well as the two in Scotland were dug by himself and two friends, as a hoax. However, this explanation seems most unlikely!

**SEA SERPENT SEEN OFF NEW JERSEY COAST:** Last July, a sea monster as weird as anything Loch Ness has produced, was seen near a scientific research vessel at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, - just 25 miles from Times Square. The sighting is important because it was made by several reputable people, including Dr. Lionel A. Walford, director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Research Center at Sandy Hook. Said Dr. Walford: "It was an invertibrate. It looked like so much jelly. I could see no bones, and no eyes, nose, or mouth. But there it was, undulating along, looking as if it were almost made of fluid glass. A number of us saw it. It was at least 40 feet long and about 5 inches thick, looking something like an enormously long flattened eel."

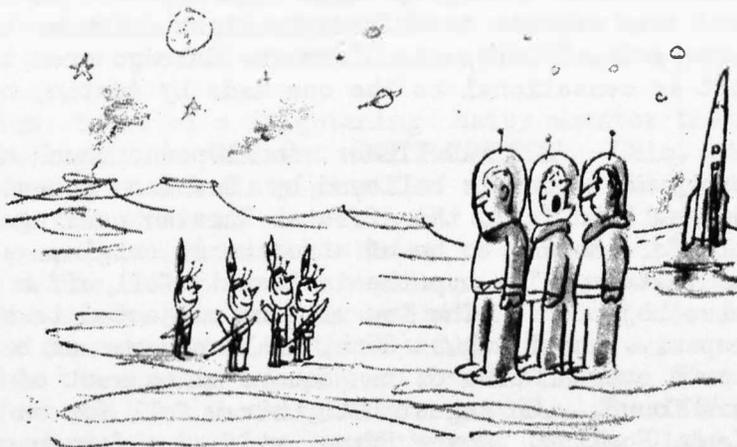
The creature also passed within a few feet of one of the vessel's divers, as he sat in a cage on the ocean bottom observing marine life. He left the cage and swam after the sea serpent, but it outdistanced him, and he returned to the research ship before sharks could start investigating him!

On August 22nd, a man at nearby Belmar, New Jersey, reported seeing a giant jelly-like fish about 30 to 40 feet in diameter. He was fishing from a jetty when he spotted the creature, which was apparently not the same serpent seen by the scientific team. This one looked like a round cake of ice but was flexible. It was almost transparent, and moved in ripples. It disappeared after about 15 minutes, said the fisherman.

The scientific research ship returned to the area in an effort to photograph or capture the sea serpent. Aboard were sixteen scientists and divers, and their ship was accompanied by a chartered press boat carrying newsmen whose interest had been aroused by the sightings. But nothing further was seen, and the story ended in the usual babel of controversy as to whether or not the sightings were misinterpretations of conventional fish.

**SAUCER FLAP IN ILLINOIS:** One of the largest saucer flaps of recent months occurred last August in various communities in the state of Illinois. The best sighting was made on the night of August 4th by a teenager named Ronnie Austin, of Keens, Illinois, who gave the following account:

"My girl friend Phyllis Bruce and I had driven to Mt. Vernon and attended a drive-in movie there. About 11 p.m. we headed for home, traveling east on Route 15. As we drove past the airport I leaned over to speak to Phyllis, and when I looked out of the car window to the south, I saw a big white object moving along just over the tree tops. It looked as big as an automobile..... When I'd speed up my car, the object would speed up, and when I slowed down, it slowed down too. My car is built for racing, and at one point I drove at 120 mph, and it stayed right after me. At first it was on the south side of the road, and then it crossed over in front of me to the north



"Well, here we go again - they want \$24. worth of trinkets and the planet's ours.

side. At one time it came to within a hundred feet of the car. I had my radio tuned to station WLS. I thought they would announce if some foreign attack was underway. When the thing crossed over my car, the radio went crazy. It made all kinds of strange sounds, so I turned it off.

"When we reached my girl's house, her sister got up and came outside and looked at the object. All of a sudden it started moving closer, so we all ran inside, turned off the lights, and watched it through the window. I finally had to go home, so I made a run for the car. That's when the trouble really began. As soon as I pulled away from the house the object began to follow. Me or my car seemed to attract it. I really poured on the coal, and I must have been doing 120 again when I topped the hill on the gravel road not far from our place. I was coming into a dead end spot in the highway and the object seemed to exert some strange force on my car. Otherwise I would never have been able to make the turn. It slowed me down at an unbelievable rate. Then the thing came straight toward me and hovered over my car. The engine started to miss. Finally it died, and I didn't know what was going to happen then. Next the light moved over to the side of the highway and my car started. I raced for home.

"I ran inside and woke up my mother and father. They thought I was drunk or had gone crazy. I told them they had better call the police. Dad ran outside and took one look and then ran back inside for his gun. He has a 12-gauge Remington automatic. When the object saw that gun it seemed to move right toward us. We ran back inside, where Dad got us all in the kitchen and turned off the lights. He called the police at Mt. Vernon.....When the police arrived, they saw the strange object too. Two of my buddies stayed there and watched it all night. It was still visible when the sun came up about 4 o'clock this morning. The object was round and moved with the most ungodly speed I ever saw. I can't imagine what it was."

A team of Air Force investigators eventually came to Illinois to look into this and dozens of other UFO stories which followed in quick succession during the next few days. The team, headed by Lt. Col. Robert Friend of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, concluded that Ronnie Austin's sighting was caused by the moon and the planet Jupiter, which was bright and low in the horizon that night. Such an explanation does not come anywhere close to covering all the details of young Austin's report, however, - especially the part about radio interference, which is a common phenomenon in close-up UFO sightings.

Several of the sightings in this Illinois flap were apparently caused by misinterpretation of an advertising sign being towed by an airplane. When seen at an angle, this sign appeared to be a cigar-shaped mystery craft, and some reports described the light bulbs as lighted windows. However, there were a few UFO reports from the Chicago area in early August which, although not as sensational as the one made by Austin, nevertheless seem authentic.

**FORTEAN ITEMS:** An 11-pound chunk of ice which fell near Moscow in early September is believed by Russian scientists to have come from outer space. Said Tass, the official Russian news agency: "It is absolutely impossible for the ice to be of atmospheric origin, as clear sunny weather prevailed on that day. The hypothesis that it fell off a plane flying at great height is also rejected." The ice will be subjected to a complicated analysis with isotopes....About August 28th, small squares of bright red paper were found scattered over an area of ten square miles west of Larned, Kansas. No explanation was found....On August 29th, straw fell for an hour from clouds over Dartford, Kent, England. Joyce Hyams, wife of a farmer on the outskirts of the community, said: "I was hanging out some washing when I felt straw falling all over me. I looked up and the sky seemed full of it." The strawfall quickly spread to the city of Dartford, and soon local residents were busy with brooms and

pitchforks removing it from streets and lawns. The weird phenomenon stopped as suddenly as it had begun. Local police were baffled, as there was far too much of the straw for it to have dropped from an airplane....

Millions of tiny frogs poured out of the sky during a rainstorm which occurred on July 17th near Silver Lake in southeastern Oregon. Mrs. R. W. Carpenter of Eugene, Oregon, says that she and her husband were driving along a highway when the mysterious phenomenon began. Many of the frogs landed on the highway and were killed by traffic. Others fell in an area estimated by Mrs. Carpenter to be a half mile in diameter. The frogs were about the size of a quarter and grayish in color. Permanent residents of the Silver Lake area told her that the species is not native there. (Our thanks to subscriber Charles Edmonds for this item.).....On August 12th, the communications satellite called Telstar II returned to life as mysteriously as it had ceased operation almost a month previously. Bell Telephone Laboratories engineers confessed that they know no more about what caused the satellite to resume functioning than they know about what stopped it in the first place. The discovery that Telstar II had resumed functioning was made when a routine signal was sent to it, and to the surprise of the engineers, the satellite answered....

Here's a really weird one: On the night of September 4th, several persons in a Hollywood, California neighborhood claimed they were awakened by a terrific crash and that they saw an overturned car, badly smashed and burning on the street. The witnesses said that police and fire units were soon on the scene, followed by an ambulance which carried away a woman, apparently seriously injured. But Hollywood police have no record of such an accident, nor do they have any evidence that police were sent to the supposed accident site. The fire department likewise claims that they know nothing of the event. A local hospital confirms that an ambulance was sent to this location and that a woman was treated for very minor injuries sustained in a traffic accident there. She was released within fifteen minutes by the hospital. But the site shows several smashed mailboxes, a brick wall with a large chunk out of it, and recently-trampled bushes. No one knows what happened to the car, the policemen, or the firemen that the residents claim they saw. (Our thanks to researcher Manon Darlaine for this item.).....Henry Thorne, one of the trapped coal miners whose rescue received nation-wide attention last August, reported that he and the man trapped with him saw some very strange things. These phenomena, assumed by the newspapers to be hallucinations, were seen at the same time by both of the cave-in victims. Says Thorne: "On the fifth day I saw all kinds of lights and the actual figures of people. The lights and figures were always in front of us, but the more we crawled toward them, the further away they got. For example, I saw a man, or the dark shape of a man, with a light on his helmet. I yelled, 'Show me some light over here!' Davy saw him too, but the shape of the man got smaller as we crawled toward him and then he was gone altogether.".....

A recent undated item tells of a frightening hairy monster that has been seen by many people living in a district near Mansfield, Ohio. A hairy creature with large luminous eyes and misty gray fur has been observed on several different occasions. One witness, named C. W. Cox, said he was checking his barn at about 9:30 p.m. when he heard a noise in a nearby creek. Shining his flashlight on the ravine, Cox caught a glimpse of the monster, which immediately ran off into the woods. Cox said it definitely walked like a man, not like a bear. On another occasion, two brothers walking along a country road in the same district saw the monster rise up in front of them. They described it as seven or eight feet tall and looking like a gorilla. Sheriff's deputies were called in on the hunt.....Last June, a fisherman in St. Clair, Michigan, hauled up a weird 35-pound creature from a deep river and baffled local marine biologists. The creature has 90 sets of teeth. It has two holes on the top of its head through which it takes air, which it then passes over

its gills to obtain oxygen. It also has two dorsal fins, two pectoral fins, and two vertical fins. It is three feet long,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet across, and its eyes are  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches apart. The creature is gray on top and a dingy white on the bottom.

....Five girls were hospitalized in Camberra, Australia, last September 30th, when a fireball knocked down all 22 girl hockey players on a sports field. The fireball swept across the field after a violent storm. A fleet of cars and ambulances rushed the victims to a hospital, where most of them were treated for electric shock....An  $18\frac{1}{2}$  foot long sea monster washed up on the beach at Malibu, California, on September 25th. Two scientists from the University of California were summoned, and they drenched the creature with formaldehyde to preserve it. The monster was described as an oar fish, only the second of its species ever found. Dr. Vladimer Walters, one of the scientists, said: "It is definitely one of the legendary monsters sailors report from time to time. Alive, this animal swims through the sea like an eel, but rarely comes up from its home 600 feet and more below the water's surface!"

NEWS BRIEFS: We're a little late on this one, but a most interesting news item dated June 4th informs us that several truckers along the Minnesota-Iowa border saw a strange multi-colored light settle to earth near the highway. The incident occurred in the vicinity of Lyle, Minnesota, late at night, and was first reported by Zearl Leinen, a truck driver from Cedar Rapids. His story was quickly followed by reports from four other truckers; and a radio station in Austin, Minnesota, said that after it broadcast news of the incident, numerous phone calls were received from persons who said they had seen the same multi-colored light in the Lyle area. Highway patrolmen searched the region carefully, but found nothing....Another important item which is now considerably out of date comes from George Earley, president of NICAP's Connecticut chapter. He states that on May 16th, a Los Angeles radio station carried the following story concerning astronaut Gordon Cooper's flight: "However, during his 15th orbit, NBC has reports from West Australia which indicate that an unidentified and somewhat mysterious light was visible from the capsule, traveling in the opposite direction from the capsule. These reports all said that the unknown space phenomenon was of a green color with a red tail. Spokesmen at Muchea, the station in Australia tracking the capsule, said that the light had nothing to do with the capsule or its journey through space; but the spokesmen did not discount its presence up there." Australian papers also printed reports from ground observers who said they saw a red-tailed green object overhead as Cooper orbited by....

On the night of August 13th, a strange bright red glittering object hovered for half an hour over the towns of Lodi and Hackensack, just a few miles from your Editor's New Jersey residence. Technicians in the tower of Teterboro Airport made visual observations of the object, and dozens of phone calls were received by local newspapers and police. The object eventually drifted away and disappeared. It was never identified....A still photograph of a UFO, taken by a reporter on the Quincy, Massachusetts, Patriot Ledger, has baffled Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, who is director of the Boston University Observatory and staff astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory. The picture was snapped on July 26th by reporter Richard Pothier from the back yard of his home. It shows a mysterious pattern of lights which the noted astronomer, who personally examined the picture, was unable to explain. Said Dr. Hawkins: "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer, although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph." He also stated that the picture "comes very close to scientific evidence about UFO's."....

An intriguing front-page story appeared in the August 29th edition of a weekly newspaper called "The St. John Valley Times," published in Madawasha, Maine. Two boys, aged 8 and 9, who live with their parents in Fort Kent, Maine, reported seeing a low-flying object which hummed intermittently

when it passed, "something like a radio which isn't working very well being turned on and off." The object was shaped like two dinner plates stacked facing each other. It was flying so low, according to the boys' story, that it barely cleared the trees when passing over a hill near their home. The children also said the UFO did not have a tail like a helicopter or propellers like a plane, and that it was going too slowly to be a conventional aircraft. Fort Kent is on the border between Maine and Canada; and the mystery craft was seen heading across the border, which is not allowed. Another saucer sighting had been made in the area a few days earlier, but the boys could not have heard of it, according to the newspaper report.....The giant saucer flap in South America, which we wrote up in our December 1962 and March 1963 issues, seems to have died out. However, last June, a group of star-gazing scientists on an expedition to an uninhabited mountainous area in Argentina, saw several strange unidentified lights. June is the coldest month of the year in Argentina, and the expedition went to this remote region to make astronomical observations. The report of the UFO's was made by Angel Binaghi Pages, director of the Hudson Geophysical Observatory.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** On the night of September 5th, fifty saucer enthusiasts were left stranded at a pier in Waukegan, Illinois, when the skipper of a boat they had chartered walked out on them. Norman Jack Maynard, leader of the group and president of the Great Lakes Unidentified Flying Objects Association, had to refund \$1.25 to each of the people, some of whom came from as far away as 100 miles to take the chartered saucer-hunting excursion. The researchers gathered on the deck of the boat, tied to the pier, and made attempts to signal spaceships with lights; but the skipper, who earlier in the evening sat skeptically through a two-hour meeting of the group, was nowhere to be found!...Ray Palmer, of science fiction and flying saucer fame, has come out with a new magazine called "Space World.".....Danish Air Force Major H. C. Petersen is co-operating with George Adamski in the building of the latter's new "center for cosmic studies," 35 miles north of Guadalajara, Mexico. Major Petersen has spent fifteen years investigating UFO's as a hobby....

The annual saucer convention at Giant Rock, California, was held on September 21st and 22nd this year, and it drew only about 400 of the Faithful this time, plus the usual lecturers. It was the 10th annual space convention sponsored by contactee George Van Tassel. John Glenn was boosted for President of the U. S., because "he has orbited the earth and realizes how small men are."....Dr. Frank E. Stranges, author of two saucer books and producer of a forthcoming science-fiction movie, is giving talks each Sunday morning at his "New Age Cathedral," which is located at the Hollywood Women's Club in Hollywood, California. His topic is "New Age Religion and Infinite Science."

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GABRIEL GREEN

Let us hear from you,

Gabriel Green, President



SAUCER NEWS EDITOR ADMITS TO SMUGGLING

IN ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR ARGOSY MAGAZINE!

Since we began publishing SAUCER NEWS in 1954, many rumors have been circulated concerning your Editor, mainly in regard to his source of income and the fact that he spent long periods of time away from his Fort Lee Headquarters. Sparking the rumors was the fact that for several years SAUCER NEWS propounded the theory that flying saucers are made on Earth, rather than being from Outer Space. This, plus the fact that we make fairly frequent trips to the Pentagon to gather UFO information, gave rise to the idea that your Editor is a Government agent of some sort, - in the pay of the Air Force, the CIA, the "Silence Group," or what-have-you.

In a non-scheduled Newsletter dated May 10th, 1961, we explained that business in South America was responsible for your Editor being away so much, and that the entire mystery concerning our activities would be cleared up in a forthcoming book. Then, in the June 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, we officially abandoned the "Earth Theory" regarding the origin of saucers, and stated our present belief - that UFO's are probably extraterrestrial in origin, but that absolute proof of this or any other theory is still lacking.

The book never appeared, however, and we never explained to our readers the nature of our business in South America. Finally, on the morning of November 8th, 1963, listeners to radio station WOR in New York and to her sister 50,000 watt station in Boston were treated to a five-hour broadcast over the Long John Show, in which your Editor "told all." The truth is that from 1954 to 1961 we were engaged in treasure hunting ventures in Peru, often with great success. Unfortunately, treasure hunting is illegal in Peru, except when performed by qualified archaeologists with a special permit from the local government. Most of the treasure hunting done in Peru results in the finding of valuable gold and clay antiques made by the Incas and pre-Incas, who lived in that land before the Spanish Conquest of 1530. These antiques cannot be sold easily in Peru, and must be exported to the United States or Europe, where there is a ready market among dealers, museums, and wealthy private collectors. But Peru, as well as most other countries of the world, has laws protecting its national treasures, and thus the finding of the antiques as well as their exportation was illegal. However, no United States statutes were broken, because (strangely enough!) our country has apparently deliberately made its laws in such a way as to encourage the importation of art objects, no matter how "cloudy" their origin may be.

The story is too long to explain in detail here, and in any case it is certainly outside the scope of a magazine devoted to flying saucers. Your Editor's adventures in South America make a fascinating tale, however, and they have been written up in a 5,000 word article for a current issue of Argosy Magazine. As of this writing, the story has been accepted by Argosy, but we do not yet know which issue it will appear in. If we find out before time to mail out this issue of SAUCER NEWS, we will write the month in the space at the bottom of this page. If nothing appears there, watch for the next couple of issues of Argosy, and you will find our article, which is tentatively titled "I Smuggled a Fortune in Inca Treasure out of Peru." In reading it, keep in mind that events have been "telescoped" for literary effect and that some of the names and locations have been changed to protect former partners. Other than this, everything in the article is true.

Certain circumstances, explained in the Argosy article, prevent your Editor from returning to Peru in the near future. Therefore, let us state in closing that if any serious person with the necessary funds would like to go there and export several thousand dollars in gold legally to the United States, he should get in touch with us. We have information as to the pre-

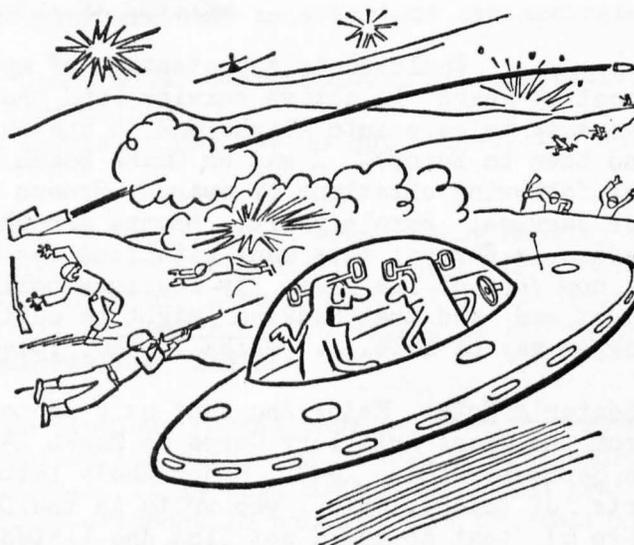
cise location of at least two buried treasures - one of which we ourselves buried - but that's another story! We will reveal this information only to the proper person, preferably someone with a degree in archaeology.

Also, we fear that in spite of everything, the rumors about our alleged connection with the U.S. Government will persist. However, they are absolutely without foundation.

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES

OUR JUNE ISSUE WILL REVEAL, for the first time, the true inside story behind your Editor's long feud with Gray Barker, former editor of "The Saucerian Bulletin." We will also have an exclusive story, with photos, by another engineer who has seen flying saucers over New York City, and we will present the conclusion of John J. Robinson's series of articles about the electromagnetic effects of UFO's. This is an issue you won't want to miss, so don't let your subscription run out!



"Our scouts misled us. They said there was intelligent life on this planet."

WE ARE IN NEED OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FROM OUR READERS, to supplement our press clipping service, which often misses good sightings that appear only in small town papers. Our subscribers can be of great help to us by sending along anything they see concerning flying saucers or any related topic. If the sender desires, he will receive credit in SAUCER NEWS for his clippings, if one or more of them are used.

WE WISH TO REITERATE our well-known policy concerning articles appearing in this magazine. Such articles represent the views of the author only, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or of the Editorial Staff.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enclosed is a photostat of my military card. I have a total of about 19 years in active service and the U. S. Officer Reserve Corps. I was overseas twice - into Alaska and to the Asiatic Theatre prior to Pearl Harbor, and then to Europe. I was on Omaha Beach on D Day at Normandy, France. I have the following citations or awards: Bronze Star Medal for exceptional meritorious service; Purple Heart; Bronze Arrowhead for beach invasion; 5 campaign medals in Europe; plus many citations for my unit in Europe; etc. But all this is now part of the past. My feelings boil down to a deep desire that all wars might end and that Mankind might be united in Christ consciousness, into a higher way of life.... WAYNE S. AHO, Toledo, Ohio

(Editor's Note: Major Aho sent us a photostat showing his honorable discharge from the Coast Artillery Corps on March 24th, 1946, having entered that Corps on September 18th, 1942. Major Aho's letter is in reply to that of James Roberts of Toledo, Ohio, who wrote in the December 1963 SAUCER NEWS (bottom of Page 6) that he could not find Aho listed in Army records. Apparently reader Roberts did not look in the right place, and we owe an apology to Major Aho.)

Your magazine is most interesting and well-gotten-up. All the very choicest wishes for you and your lovely new family, and congratulations on having such a competent wife who can double as a talented member of the Staff.

JUANITA McHARGUE, Glendale, California

We ask for your co-operation in placing the following notice in your bulletin: If you have ordered Laura Mundo's "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan," published by Gray Barker, please be informed that we are putting out our own edition within the next few months, upon instructions from the author. It will be nearer to the original manuscript and brought up to date. It will be distributed free....

I understand that George Adamski and Carol Honey have reached the parting of the ways, due to differences of opinion and ideas. Both are accusing each other of working with the wrong kind of Visitors, and are trying to save each other from being led astray by them....

CARMELLA FALZONE, Co-Director  
The Interplanetary Space Center,  
24720 Carlisle, Dearborn, Michigan

As usual, the December issue of SAUCER NEWS is superb. I enjoy cute cartoons, and the Fortean items are among the most fascinating things I've ever read. The article by Sandy Moseley about Gray Barker is cute as well as interesting. There is nothing like a touch of humor at times. However, my favorite story in this issue is "Further Information About Jonathan Swift and the Moons of Mars." This is about the most unusual sensible article about saucers I've ever read.

Your September issue was splendid also. I'm glad you had an expose of George Hunt Williamson. Why should he make money on his books, lectures, and stories when his degrees are non-existent?.....It's most disheartening to buy all of a researcher's books and then discover he isn't what he claims to be....

MARY CHRIETZBERG, Tifton, Georgia

As a new subscriber to SAUCER NEWS, I was shocked to see your full-page ad for such a ridiculous organization as the "Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America." Such crackpot groups do not deserve any mention in your publication. The damage done to SAUCER NEWS' reputation, in my opinion, was not worth the small sum you received for advertisement fees. Some of my

friends have found it hard to consider your magazine as a serious and accurate publication after seeing this ad....

MICKEY EPSTEIN, Conn. NICAP Youth Council Representative  
West Hartford, Connecticut

(Editor's Note: As we have mentioned several times, we do not necessarily endorse our advertisers.)

Regarding your December issue, I read with interest Sandy Moseley's article, "What Gray Barker Is Really Like," and I especially enjoyed Gray Barker's article, "Spacemen in our Midst." However, I must say that I was disappointed to hear Gray say that he is still a skeptic. I was hoping he had passed that stage by now....EVA MAHLE, Connersville, Indiana

As I have clearly stated in previous correspondence, it is my firm conviction that the Air Force has forfeited the right to be the investigating body concerning unidentified flying objects. It is with both sadness and gratification that I present you with further evidence to bolster this conviction:

On October 31st, 1963, I sent the Air Force a letter requesting to be informed of their conclusions concerning two UFO cases. One was the January 20th, 1951 case at Sioux City, Iowa, where a Mid-Continent Airlines crew reported a large UFO. The other case was the November 5th, 1957 incident at Long Beach, California, where the Air Force weathermen reported six UFO's. On November 19th I received their reply.

Their conclusion for the first case is as follows: "The January 29th, 1951 sighting at Sioux City, Iowa, carried an initial evaluation of aircraft by the investigating committee in 1951. However, subsequent review indicates there may have been possible astronomical aspects to this sighting, involving the planet Jupiter (Magnitude -1.7), which was located at 10 degrees elevation in the west. The star Deneb was in the northwest as the reporting aircraft pilot was taking off, and the star Regulus in the east. The setting of the planet Jupiter corresponds with the final report. However, the case still retains its original evaluation as aircraft." Not even a vague hint was made that this case was listed as "unknown" in Project Blue Book Report #14, released in October, 1955. One is left to wonder how any astronomical body can appear as a large, solid object, relatively close to the observer. One is also left to puzzle over what type of aircraft has no engine nacelles or jet pods, and is capable of performing a violent directional change, as this UFO was reported to have done.

Their conclusion for the Long Beach case....also typifies the fate that has befallen hundreds of equally inexplicable reports.....I would like to mention that when you interviewed Project Blue Book personnel a couple of years ago, you seemingly came away greatly impressed that they were really trying to do an honest and adequate job. The account of this interview in SAUCER NEWS (Sept. 1962 issue) clearly showed that you missed a great opportunity to throw the book at them. Instead, you engaged in generalities and genial conversation, and stayed on very safe ground, and did not engage in battle. If you have another opportunity to personally confront them, perhaps you will then demand to know why! why! why! I certainly hope so.

HERBERT S. TAYLOR, Brooklyn, New York

I would like to offer congratulations on the additions to the Moseley family since last I wrote. We need all the support we can get!

The biggest news in the UFO field during 1963 was, of course, the accession to the presidency of Lyndon Johnson, the former head of the Space Committee, with all of its obvious possibilities. The only other big advance in 1963, the exploration of Venus by Mariner II, should be treated with the greatest reserve.....My own feeling is that Venus is highly volcanic and unin-

habited, except possibly for a small flying saucer base of some sort. But the evidence is much too ambiguous to support any firm theory. Let us hope that the probes of Mars offer more definite results.

E. R. LEE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Your check for \$5.00, dated December 28th, 1963, has been received. As you probably know, our membership was frozen with publication of the last "Investigator," Vol. II, No. 9; but as you were one of our early members, we are reinstating yours....

Major Keyhoe asked me to thank you and Mrs. Moseley for your lovely Christmas card.

MRS. LELIS S. DAY, Secretary to Major Keyhoe of NICAP  
Washington, D.C.

(Editor's Note: The above letter, dated December 31st, 1963, reinstates your Editor as a NICAP member, after a period during which he was apparently suspended but never notified about it. The so-called "feud" between SAUCER NEWS and NICAP need not be reviewed here. Suffice is to say that Mrs. Day's letter paves the way for more friendly relations in the future. We will continue to exercise our right to criticize any organization when we feel justified, and to allow our contributors to express their own personal opinions freely. However, we are not now nor have we ever been "anti-NICAP," and we continue to wish good luck to Major Keyhoe's group.)

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In August of 1963, the Discussion and Lecture Committee of SAUCER NEWS began its present policy of sponsoring a "name" lecturer every month. We started the program with Gray Barker on August 16th, and on September 20th we sponsored Stewart Robb, the noted psychic researcher, who gave a fascinating talk on the prophecies of Nostradamus. These lectures have already been described in detail in our December 1963 issue.

On October 18th, Gordon Evans was our guest. Mr. Evans is a well-known political writer and an avid saucer enthusiast. His topic for our group was "The Case for Mars," and in our opinion this was one of the most interesting factual dissertations we have ever heard. No one who was present that night could have failed to be impressed by Mr. Evans' wealth of scientific knowledge pointing to life on Mars, as well as his amazing familiarity with all aspects of our space program. Originally, Dr. Leon Davidson (formerly a frequent contributor to SAUCER NEWS) was scheduled to speak for us on October 18th concerning the alleged role played in saucer research by the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr. Davidson was forced to cancel, for personal reasons. We do not mean to be facetious or in any way disrespectful to Gordon Evans when we wonder out loud if perhaps Dr. Davidson was replaced on our speaking roster by a representative of the same agency he intended to talk about. In any case, it was a wonderful and highly informative evening.

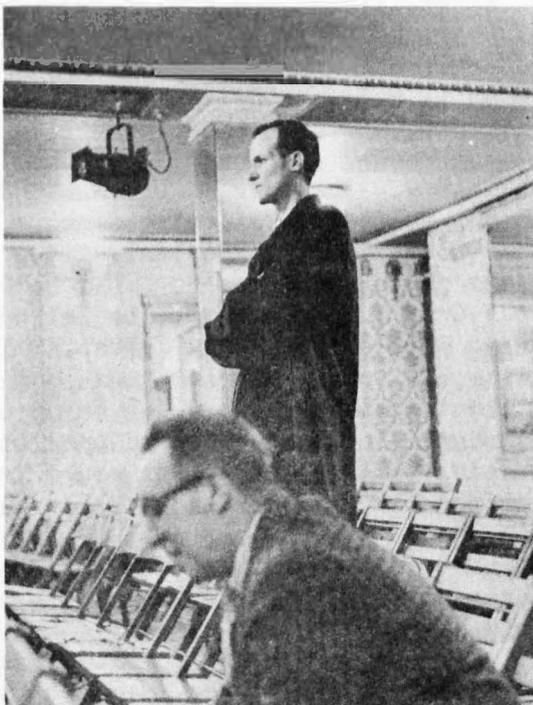
On November 15th our guest was Long John Nebel, of all-night radio fame. Anticipating a very large turn-out, we abandoned our regular hall at 108 West 56th St. and hired the Palm Room at the Hotel Diplomat on 43rd St. That evening was definitely the high point of our Fall schedule, though unfortunately the attendance was disappointing. Apparently many saucer fans stayed away thinking that Long John would discuss other topics, whereas the general public stayed away thinking it would be a saucer lecture. The people who did come were richly rewarded, however. Long John, who received no payment for his appearance, gave the audience two hours of fascinating anecdotes and inside stories about how his 5-hour nightly radio program is run; It took a true show-



man to stick it out that long in the face of an audience sprinkled with rude and impertinent people. In the photos at the left, taken by Sam Vandivert, we see (top) Long John and your Editor sitting together on the speaker's platform; (middle) A noisy drunk being thrown out by a policeman; (bottom) A saucer contactee in the back of the hall who tried to make a speech of his own when given the opportunity to ask a question. In all, it was a pretty wild night, but a memorable one for all of us who were there.



On December 20th we returned to 108 West 56th St. to hear an informal talk by Ivan Sanderson. There was a full house in spite of the nearness of Christmas, and a good time was had by all. Mr. Sanderson is the author of "The Abominable Snowman" and many other books, and his paid appearances on radio and television are too numerous to count. Just like Long John, he is a terrific showman, and is not too "big" to give his time free for a group in which he is interested. Ivan Sanderson's remarks that evening ran the gamut from UFO's to Fortean events, monsters, and what-have-you. We hope to have him back again soon, in a larger hall, with more advance publicity than we had this time.



In January, we were forced to look for new quarters, as the owners of the hall on 56th St., where we had held our meetings since March of 1963, decided that they themselves needed the premises in the evenings. We were fortunate enough to find a larger hall nearby, under the auspices of the Philosophical Research Society, at 211 West 57th St. The January meeting was held there, and the February and March lectures will also be there; but after that, their lease runs

out, and we will again be looking for a new place to hold our meetings.

On January 17th our speaker was John Mittl, a saucer contactee from the mountains of Pennsylvania. His topic, called "The True Nature and Purpose of Flying Saucers," was presented in the form of a slide lecture which was most interesting and well done. However, Mr. Mittl's theme was that saucers are non-physical in nature and that any trips made on saucers by earthlings - including his own such trips - are astral rather than physical. The lecture was well received by the audience, which included many members of the Philosophical Research Society as well as our own members. However, quite a few people - and especially your Editor - were thoroughly unconvinced concerning the validity of Mr. Mittl's basic premise.

On Friday February 21st our lecturer will be Ranjee Shahani, an expert on ancient Indian literature, and currently a professor of English at Fairleigh Dickinson University. His topic will be "Space Travel in Ancient India."

On Friday March 13th, Albert K. Bender will be our guest! Mr. Bender, who told of his mysterious "hush-up" in a book entitled "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," will give a talk for us called "The World of Kazik." This will probably be Al Bender's last appearance on any lecture podium, and it is something that no true saucer researcher should miss!

As previously stated, both the February and March meetings will be held at 211 West 57th St., New York City. Lectures begin promptly at 8:30, and the admission charge is one dollar per person.

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# Book Reviews

- by Richard E. Wallace -

(Reviewer's Note: The reader who might be in disagreement with the following book reviews may question our reasons for writing them. We wish to make it perfectly clear that each and every volume submitted to us is carefully and impartially studied before any opinions are formulated. If we find a book worthy of praise, it shall be praised. If we find a book worthy of criticism, it shall be criticized. It is the privilege of the reader to hold whatever view he chooses.)

## THE STRANGE CASE OF DR. M. K. JESSUP - edited by Gray Barker (Saucerian Books)

"At 6:30 p.m. on April 20th, 1959, the body of Dr. M. K. Jessup, astronomer, researcher, and writer on the subject of 'flying saucers,' was found in his station wagon in a park near Coral Gables, Florida.

"Medical examiners labeled the death 'suicide.'"

In this manner the notorious Gray Barker begins the Introduction of his latest and worst book, "The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup." In previous issues, the Editor of this magazine has severely criticized Mr. Barker on a wide variety of topics, and not without justification. Not being personally acquainted with Barker, we perhaps should have had no predisposition to be anything but complimentary in this essay. However, in recent years Mr. Barker has attained a widespread reputation for his mercenary activities which do not flatter him in the least.

Dr. Jessup's tragic and untimely death was indeed a shock to his many readers and colleagues, and it is regrettable that Barker and his cohorts have had to resurrect an issue that would be better left to unpleasant recollection rather than used as another vehicle for profitable exploitation.

For reasons of decency, we shall not delve too deeply into the

contents of this miserable volume. Suffice is to say that Mr. Barker employs his now familiar cloak-and-dagger tactics to the extreme in his presentation of the carelessly-edited sentiments of weird and obviously non-existent characters who go by the names of "Carlos Miguel Allende" and "Colonel B." The contents of this book are in unusually bad taste and were undoubtedly designed for the sole purpose of reaping a ripe financial harvest for the publisher.

THE WORLD OF FLYING SAUCERS - by Donald H. Menzel and Lyle G. Boyd (Doubleday)

When this tome was submitted to us for review, shrieks of laughter emanating from Officialdom became almost audible. We must admit that it was with great trepidation that we proceeded to peruse this book. It is not our policy to tackle the task of commentary with any preconceptions. However, in the case of Menzel, this is utterly impossible!

Having had the dubious honor of reading his first written work on the topic of UFO's, and considering it to be in its own way vastly inferior to many of the contactee books, it did not require any extrasensory abilities to perceive the manner in which Menzel would subtly excoriate the scientific method to further his dogmatism.

It is quite obvious that Menzel and his co-author entered into this project with the preconceived notion that flying saucers cannot be a manifestation of reality, and that every shred of evidence proving otherwise may be safely discarded without further ado. Even the Air Force, with infinitely superior facilities available, has been incapable of inventing solutions for every UFO sighting. Nevertheless, Menzel, through some quirk of fate, appears to have somehow acquired previously unsuspected powers of intellect to achieve his desire to destroy the saucer enigma once and for all.

Had we sufficient space, we might tackle a detailed debunking of the varied and intricate fallacious explanations that Menzel ascribes to many saucer sightings. However, we are confident that the reader will have little difficulty in this endeavor!

All books that appear in print are published with some purpose in mind. In the vast majority of instances, this might revolve around financial benefit. In the remainder of cases, the author wishes to expound certain "truths" that he feels must reach an audience. In view of Doubleday's half-hearted promotion of Menzel's volume, however, its purpose in being was at first quite obscure to us, and was clarified only upon a careful examination of the motivations of the authors.

The question arises as to why Menzel should have considered writing a book that would quite obviously produce minimal financial gain or prestige for him. Perhaps the answer lies in his fanatical denial of UFO reality. During recent years, one gets the distinct impression that Menzel was slowly being converted from staunch skepticism about UFO's to a partial acceptance of their possible actuality. Menzel was unable to permit himself to become convinced of the UFO's existence, so he was compelled to write a book that would not only fortify the disbelief of others, but of himself as well!

Mrs. Boyd's intentions are even more fascinating. She purports to be a science-fiction writer, though we shall hasten to concede that we have not had the misfortune of reading any of her work. It may interest the reader to know that in the February, 1964 issue of "Worlds of Tomorrow," a science-fiction publication that carries factual material as a regular feature, there appears an article by Mrs. Boyd that alludes to the possibility that Jonathan Swift might have been a visitor from the planet Mars. Yet, in "The World of Flying Saucers," she is apparently quite unwilling to accept even the possibility of UFO reality, let alone the remote possibility that the famous author of "Gulliver's Travels" might have come to earth from another world. We cannot but suspect her motives in writing a negative saucer book.

If we might be permitted an opportunity to make a humble prediction, we would say that this volume will almost surely be a pitiful failure; and we are confident that the reader will assist to this end by not purchasing the book.

INSIDE THE SAUCERS 1962 - "edited and annotated" by Timothy Green Beckley

In view of the number of grandiose and extravagant claims made by the author of this book, one would be led to believe that it would disclose, after a decade and a half of fruitless research, the final and unequivocal solution to the saucer mystery.

As we breathlessly paged through the tome, we anxiously awaited the fantastic revelations promised us by Mr. Beckley: The actual nature of the Three Men in Black; the reason the Air Force sends up mysterious satellites in polar orbits; "earthshaking" information concerning a "past researcher" (??); why greater quantities of "angel hair" have fallen from the skies during recent years; the startling reasons behind Air Force secrecy; the identity of the enigmatic agency allegedly in real charge of UFO information; and so forth.

Surely if but one of these outrageous claims were true, Mr. Beckley's work would rank among the most significant and influential of saucer literature. But "Inside the Saucers 1962" falls far short of fulfilling even the most inconsequential of its outlandish claims. One day someone may be able to reveal to us mortals these startling disclosures. However, in all probability this "someone" will not bear the name of Timothy Green Beckley.

The book is offered as a professionally printed volume. Thus, we were somewhat dismayed to discover that it is poorly mimeographed to the extent that it was often a chore to decipher. This inadequacy might be excused if the writing were of a readable nature. The young Mr. Beckley's lack of proficiency with the written word, however, was never more in evidence. His style is not only tedious, awkward, and occasionally incoherent, but is often plagued by grammatical errors.

The one redeeming feature in the entire book is a fairly interesting account of the UFO sightings of 1962, but this section is often marred by insufficient and ambiguous information. Our recommendation is that Mr. Beckley pay more attention to his studies during English class in High School, and refrain from further book publishing enterprises until he acquires more knowledge of his native tongue.

THE SHADOW OF THE UNKNOWN - by the New Jersey Association on Aerial Phenomena

We are told that this book represents a "new" era in saucer research - the era of "reasoned speculation." We do not particularly enjoy the task of awakening the authors from their complacency, but we feel we must inform them that their alleged "unique" formula has been a cornerstone in the advancement of science for hundreds of years. Without the faculty of "reasoned speculation" in conjunction with assiduous and impartial research, Mankind might not have evolved intellectually to any appreciable degree beyond the Neanderthal Man. "Reasoned speculation" is most assuredly not something that the authors of "The Shadow of the Unknown" have invented, rediscovered, or stumbled upon.

In any case, if one could assume that this method was put into practice, then a very interesting and informative book could be expected, i.e., one that would contribute greatly to saucer research. However, our faint glimmer of hope gave way once again to disillusionment upon discovering that "The Shadow of the Unknown" is merely another unsatisfactory endeavor on the

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# SPACE SHIPS OVER TIMES SQUARE

- by Ed Sparks -

(Editor's Note: The above is the pseudonym of an engineer whom we have met, and who does not want to use his real name for fear of ridicule. The story he tells is a fantastic one, but we feel that he is sincere. Together with his manuscript, Mr. Sparks submitted a map of Manhattan showing the pattern of saucer flights, and a photostat of a story from the New York Daily News of Monday, July 19th, 1937, which ties in with the story, as you will see below. Lack of space prevents us from publishing the map or the photostat, but both are in our files and will be shown to any researcher who is interested.)

At times one has to sit back and wonder why all stories concerning the sighting of unidentified flying objects come from remote places such as the deserts of California or Arizona. Why have we not heard of sightings in heavily-populated areas such as Chicago or New York City?

As a matter of fact, I myself made a sighting of many UFO's over New York on the memorable afternoon of Sunday, July 18th, 1937; and except for telling a few close friends, I have remained silent till now.

It was a few minutes after 3 p.m. when I decided to go to the movies in Times Square. The day was overcast, with clouds at about 4,000 feet. I was walking north on the west side of 8th Avenue, between 38th and 39th Streets, when my eye was caught by an intense beam of light, similar in color to that emitted by the coils of an electric range. The light seemed for an instant to be beaming from a reflector onto my face. I looked up and saw it was being emitted by dual headlights of what at first appeared to be a low-flying plane. The lights seemed to be going on and off at regular intervals, and their origin was at a spot in the sky above Columbus Circle, at an angle of thirty degrees from the northern horizon. The speed of the approaching craft was slow, i.e., between thirty and fifty miles per hour. No sound whatsoever could be heard, and I could see that it had no propeller in front. Suddenly it made a maneuver which was entirely unconventional for airplanes of that day - or for planes of the present day, for that matter.

This maneuver was a sharp thirty degree turn to the east. I gazed in amazement as I noticed that the wings did not taper back to the center of the body of the air frame. Instead, they tapered in circular form back to the tail! At the tail section, the craft did not have any elevators. Also, the rudder was of peculiar design. It appeared webbed as though it could be folded and raised or lowered into the body of the craft.

Suddenly the UFO disappeared from view behind tall buildings; but seconds later, another craft with dual red beams could be seen coming out of a cloud bank. It followed the path of the first craft, making the same maneuvers. As I searched the sky for more of the mystery ships, I spotted in the distance, north by northeast of me, an entire fleet of them! The formation was different from any I had ever seen. Among the craft was a huge pantella-shaped dirigible, which did not have the usual gondola on its underbelly. There was a row of square windows from the front to the rear. Dirigibles are supposed to have motors, but none were visible, and there was no noise! Not a sound was being emitted from any of these ships, and they cast no shadows, due to the overcast skies. The flight speed was slow, but soon the fleet was lost from sight behind buildings, just as the first UFO had disappeared from view.

I again searched the skies and saw another huge dirigible-shaped

object at 85 degrees above the horizon, almost directly overhead. It was moving from west to east, and must have been directly over 42nd Street, or between 41st and 42nd. I glanced around to see if other people were observing the amazing phenomena I was seeing, but traffic was moving normally, and there were few pedestrians on that block. I kept asking myself why other people were not looking up. This huge craft was moving in the direction of Long Island, and it too had a long row of square windows, except for the last window in the row, which was circular and located slightly higher than the others.

Then I saw a symbol of identification on the craft. The symbol was a crescent, and I wondered if this meant that the mystery ships were from some Mid-Eastern country. Then the realization struck me that these must be craft from another planet! Perhaps they had come to salute the city of New York before making a landing. They all seemed to be going in the direction of Long Island, and I asked myself if they intended to use some unpopulated area out there as a landing field.

I looked to the south and saw the front end of still another formation of ships going parallel with approximately 30th Street, at about sixty degrees from the southern horizon. This formation, too, was traveling east. I saw tremendous flashes of light at mid-ship of a huge dirigible-type craft. These light flashes made the interior visible, and in the mid-section of the ship I could see what appeared to be a blank wall of a dark gray color. The flashes occurred intermittently as the UFO traveled its course. Before the tail end of this craft was obscured by buildings, another identical one appeared, 85 degrees above the southern horizon. This one was traveling diagonally across Manhattan, from the southwest to the northeast. It was the last of the huge pantella type craft to be spotted that day. Through its windows flashes of bright light, like lightning, were being emitted - reminiscent of the intermittent flashing of a welder's torch. This ship too had windows along its side from front to rear, in the same locations as those on the other cigar-shaped craft, but there was no symbol of any kind.

As the tail end of this last craft was obscured by tall buildings, I ran to the corner of 39th Street to again see its center section with the weird inner flashing of light. I estimated the size of this ship to be one mile in length! Suddenly the frequency of the internal sparking lights increased, and an aurora of darkness surrounded the craft. A roar went up from the area of Times Square, such as one would hear at a ball game. Through my mind flashed the thought that finally the many other people in the area had seen what was going on. I turned to two people near me and yelled, "Look, space ships!" One man looked up just in time to see a smaller craft, different in design from the others, which was traveling rather swiftly from north to south parallel to Eighth Avenue. The fellow was visibly disturbed, but the other man did not look up, and therefore saw nothing.

I wondered if I should go to Times Square and speak to other witnesses, or if I should go home and listen to the radio and obtain complete details from the radio broadcasts. I decided on the latter course, and went home expecting to hear about landings on Long Island; but no such report came in, and the next day's newspapers made no mention of the flight, which included a total of at least 36 craft in all! The only vaguely confirmatory evidence was a story in the New York News headlined "Quake Rocks Long Island," which described a three minute series of tremors felt on the Island; but in my opinion, it was not an earthquake. At a later date I learned from a friend that there was indeed some commotion in Times Square that afternoon, at the time I heard the roar of voices. It seems that for about thirty seconds it got strangely dark for that time of day. The explanation given was that somebody must have pulled the main power switch at the Consolidated Edison Company. Thus, through rationalization and ignorance, one of the greatest events of our times went unrecorded. After all these years, I still have no explanation!

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS OF FLYING SAUCERS - (Part Two)

- by John J. Robinson -

One Far East jet plane pilot reported that his radar was jammed by strong interference during an airborne UFO sighting. He also stated that when he switched to another frequency, he soon noticed a weaker jamming, as if the new frequency was being sought for!

At Ararangua, Brazil, on November 4th, 1957, the pilot of an airliner in flight sighted a flying saucer. During the sighting, the plane's ADF's (Air Direction Finders) were completely burned out, as well as the right generator and the entire radio sending and receiving equipment.

Electric power stations and power lines have also been troubled by this strange force. It is possible that the saucers can nullify the magnetic force in the wire coils of the dynamos which create the electricity, and in the coils of the transformers which reduce the high tension alternating current to the more usable lower volt power flow. In any case, the end result has caused entire towns to be blacked out when UFO's passed overhead or lingered in their vicinity.

Another report relates a story about pulsating house lights. The house illumination pulsated in time with a flying saucer which hovered above the isolated building. And in a case in Lemmon, South Dakota, the railroad reported that their phones and automatic block system went dead while UFO's were in the sky. Also the Western Union telegraph service was disrupted.

That the electromagnetic effect of saucers is indeed strongly magnetic is proven by the fact that compasses waver wildly or are deviated from normal, wrist watches have been magnetized during sightings, and metal highway signs have been strongly magnetized after UFO's were seen near them. Owners of cars with magnetic speedometers have stated that these instruments wavered wildly and gave extremely erratic readings before their cars were stalled.

NICAP's "UFO Investigator" reports their discovery of a quiet United States Project Magnet program, similar to the Canadian one. The U.S. project uses Super-Constellations equipped with a highly-trained crew and sensitive magnetometers. A magnetometer can be used to detect any unusual variation of magnetic flux lines, any place on earth or in space.

The "Investigator" also tells us that certain recent findings reveal the fact that a peculiar magnetic force evidently emanates from somewhere above the Key West-Caribbean area. It was in this area on December 5th, 1945, that five torpedo bombers from Fort Lauderdale disappeared without a trace, while the Martin flying boat sent out in search of them - complete with all equipment for rescue work - vanished within a few minutes after takeoff, never to be heard from again. (See Sandy Moseley's "The Mystery of the Disappearing Planes" in the June 1963 issue of SAUCER NEWS.) Two other tragedies have also taken place in this same area. The British four-engined plane "Star Tiger" disappeared without a trace on January 29th, 1948. This plane carried at least 25 persons and never gave a distress call! A year later another British plane of the same make vanished with all aboard while the pilot was giving a radio report.

It is not surprising that a magnetic disturbance may be found in this area. The really surprising fact is that the unusual magnetic variation seems to come from above the area. From Outer Space? If it does, how does it penetrate the envelope of magnetic flow which envelops and encircles this planet from the north to the south magnetic poles? This magnetic flow contains the Van Allen belts within it. The magnetosphere, which reaches at least 40 or 50 thousand miles out into space, is effected only by solar storms. (See the Scientific American article on the Radiation Belts by Brian J. O'Brian.) How does this unusual variation penetrate the seemingly solid envelope of magnetic flow about this planet and affect only one small area? The "UFO Investigator"

does not tell us, nor does the U. S. Government. However, the "Investigator" does remind its readers that several of our satellites have been provided with ultra-sensitive magnetometers and the means whereby to telemeter their information back to earth.

Existing magnetic field charts have always been considered sufficient for the safe navigation of our globe. The movements of the Polar magnetic deviations have been charted closely and the direction of movement estimated for years ahead. Recent discoveries have enabled all craft traveling on earth to depend on better and safer means of orientation than the humble compass. We now use radio triangulation, Radar, and the Loran System to preserve the safety of those who travel above the surface of the earth, on it, or under the earth's waters. The compass has been relegated to a less important status on important carriers, though it has recently been installed in many automobiles as a means of estimating the direction of travel.

Thus, with all the reliable means of obtaining a definite fix of position and direction of travel, one wonders why all this sudden interest in magnetism! We know that geologists have used the magnetic force lines impressed in rock formations as a means of determining the age of the creation of the mountain ranges which contain them, and also to determine the activity and movement of the earth's crust during the formative periods of our planet. If the force lines of magnetism are changing, can this presage a planet-wide cataclysm, or can it be that the UFO's are creating new patterns in order to enable them to direct their course by this subtle means?

Whatever the answer may be, we do know that Canada and the U. S. are doing research on this subject, and even Russia seems to have developed a recent strenuous activity in this branch of science. The Russian charting of the magnetic fields in the northern polar regions may be found in the Scientific American article by P. A. Gordienko, entitled "The Arctic Ocean." Although it is common knowledge that many countries maintain scientific expeditions in the southern polar regions, no report has yet been made on their recent magnetic discoveries!

Whereas everything previously discussed in this article has related to the inanimate and the impersonal, reports have also been recorded which relate to actual physical effects suffered by people during UFO sightings. These physical effects are not isolated. Cases are on record involving entire carloads of people. The statements made by these collective victims of the Electromagnetic Effect always agree with each other, and, as these people tend to report the same conditions or sensations, any claim of hallucination or hysteria can be eliminated.

Effects have been reported which range from a sensation of mild heat to that of excessive heat, and there are at least a couple of cases which involve painful burns. Other cases which do not involve heat, run the gamut from a slight numbness or prickly sensation to actual electric shocks of varying intensities. Other people have reported paralysis, differing in degree from mild numbness to actual immobility of the entire body. Another effect which is even more serious is that of the radio-active or radiation type burn, usually found on the exposed portions of the body when a person has faced a UFO at close range. Whatever the type of sensation or effect, it is collective, as it is reported by everyone who is involved in the incident.

For example, the people who rode in the adjacent vehicles (a bus, a truck, and a passenger car) which were stalled on a road near Lima, Peru, on January 30th, 1958, when a UFO descended and hovered above them, all reported the same sensations of electric shock. The passengers of an automobile in Baillolet, France, on October 16th, 1954, all told of the same sensations of shock and paralysis when a UFO hovered over the car at low altitude. On the 20th of October, 1954, a motorist in Schermeck, France, reported paralysis and heat when a UFO hovered above him, and the next day another French motorist

said that his car stalled and the lights failed when a saucer suddenly appeared in front of his car. In this case both passengers, the driver and his child, reported feeling heat and shock during the event.

One documented case involving heat is related to the Levelland, Texas, sightings. On November 2nd, 1957, at 10:50 p.m., Pedro Saucado, accompanied by his helper Joe Salaz, was driving a truck along a road near Lubbock. Both these men saw a huge lighted object rise from a nearby field. They estimated its size at 200 feet in length, and said that they both felt a strong blast of heat as the torpedo-shaped object sped overhead, rocking the truck from the air turbulence of its swift passage.

Reflecting upon the radiation type burns suffered by many UFO witnesses, I am reminded of an ancient and enigmatic mystery which has never been solved - at least, not to many peoples' satisfaction, including mine.

Let me explain: UFO sightings date back to the time of Pharaoh Thutmose III. (Circa 1600 B.C.) According to the Tulli Papyri and the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, as well as other documents of antiquity, there was a "wyld fire" which came from the sky and destroyed. I question the very pat explanation given by orthodox archaeologists regarding the vitrified forts of Scotland and Ireland. These circular forts were the protective habitations of the prehistoric peoples living in those lands many centuries ago. The upper stone ramparts of these ruins may be found to this day, melted and fused together! Archaeologists state that these stone forts were erected around a framework of logs. They say that the forts were captured and set on fire, whereupon the logs burned and left flue-like channels through which flames roared, creating the intense heat which melted the upper stone ramparts and left them vitrified.

But - fireplaces of rock and field stone have been made the world over with chimneys of the same material. I have yet to discover one which burned so hot that it melted the rim of the chimney, regardless of the size of the fire, even if the building burned down! It takes more than ordinary heat to fuse the rocky ramparts of either a fort or an ordinary chimney to a glass-like vitrification. That the forts may have been attacked by a greater force recently discovered by our own civilization - the atomic or radio-active force - seems to me to be the best guess and the most logical of suppositions. We will never know exactly what did happen, for the events occurred before the dawn of recorded history, and the defenders evidently died in the holocaust. To me, however, "wyld fire" from the UFO's supplies a more logical answer than do the archaeologists.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the vitrified forts, I wish to state that I refer particularly to those at Castle Law near Abernethy in England and those of Finaven at Angus, in Ireland. I have also heard rumors about a pre-Inca fort in South America which is said to be in a state of vitrification.

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THE FAR-OFF WORLDS

- by Robert Gelfand -

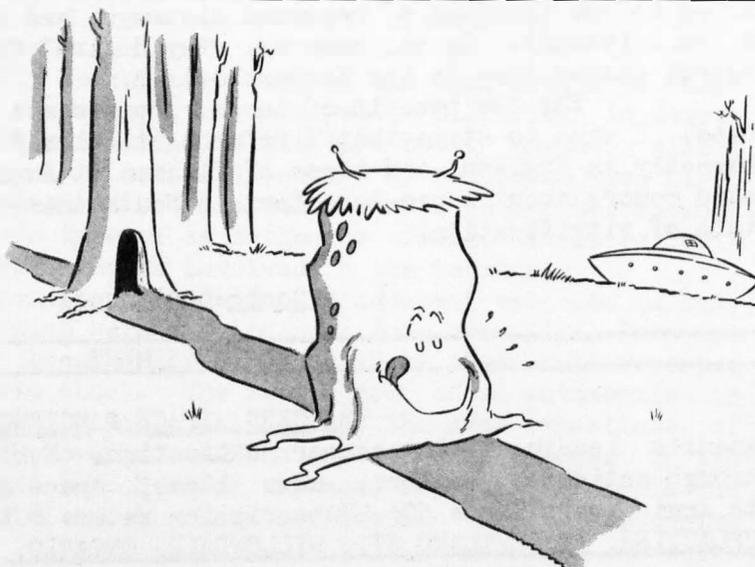
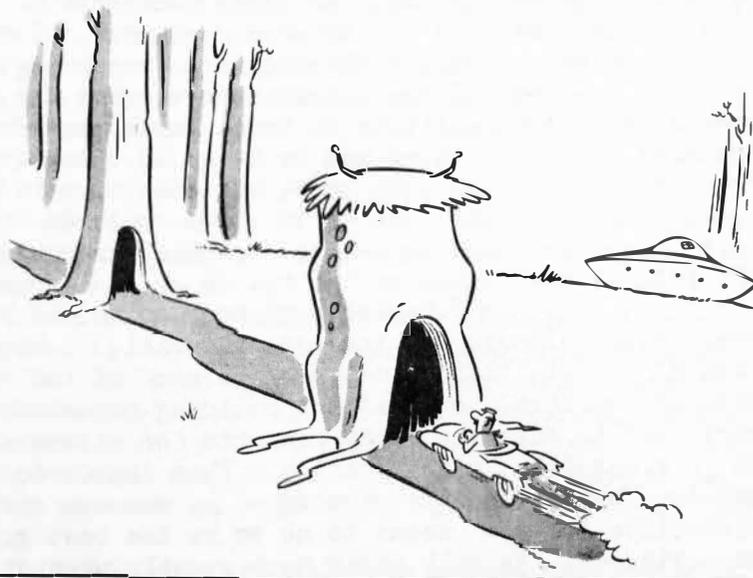
(Editor's Note: Mr. Gelfand is a comparative newcomer to the ranks of saucer researchers. His views should be of great interest to all our metaphysically-minded readers.)

A call has gone out from the Far-Off Worlds, and it is directed toward Earth. Humanity on Earth has responded to that call. We have been ignited from within and from without. Our reaction is conditioned by responsibility and love.

If we maintain a materialistic attitude toward spacecraft, we will retard our progress and hamper our movements to freedom in space, for space is infinite. Space is life, living, and breathing. We are dissipating our strivings in the search for phenomena, and we do not heed that voice telling us to use spirit-understanding. How many of you believe that spacecraft are material and metallic? Yes, some of them are physical, but many are not. In fact, the most effective work is being accomplished by the more subtle craft in use today. How can we be directed to the Far-Off Worlds if we continue to suffocate our consciousness with these earthly vibrations? We have arrested our growth because of our search for materializations. If the truth and purpose behind the spacecraft were made known to us, our directions would be true. We must be boundless in our striving towards infinite space.

Let us look at certain requirements which are needed in order to reach the Far-Off Worlds. The most essential is: Be set aflame by spirit in heart and mind. Secondly, the heart of the individual must contain sensitiveness to all life, compassion for all beings, and a heroic daring of tremendous dimensions. A third requirement will naturally be knowledge of spiritual life and the ability to act this knowledge out in everyday life. Do not think that all that is needed is a good physical condition such as we find in the astronauts of today. We limit our horizons by constant material considerations.

Some of these Far-Off Worlds have character-



istics bordering on the heavenly. Now, you might say that you never considered other planets to be responsible for your inner spiritual development, but I can truthfully say that Mankind is destined to reach these distant worlds, but not as he is in his present state. Mankind must enter and pass through a state of transition and transmutation before he can qualify for the Far-Off Worlds. Nor can he maintain his petty ambitions and foolish prejudices, for these become extremely heavy burdens which intensify pride and build ego. All these human qualities must go if Mankind is to take his rightful place amongst the stars.

There is a universal brotherhood to which Man will have to apply before becoming eligible for the great cosmic expanse. This group is functioning now and is made up of humanities from all the various planets within and from without this solar system. Certain members of Earth humanity are already filling the ranks of this brotherhood, but it must be understood that they are perfected men of earth. Whatever the requirements are for admission to this group, man of Earth will have to fulfill them completely. This will be no easy task, but the way is clear, and members of this brotherhood are helping to guide and protect those daring souls who endeavor to enter the group. The scope of your possibilities will depend upon whether you accept or reject this guidance and protection. You who fear an end to humanity or its decay, should turn your face toward the radiant light and affirm yourself in the understanding of evolution. There is no limit to the sendings from this great group; There is no limit to the assurance of the Far-Off Worlds; There is no limit to the natural treasures of the visible and invisible spheres, all of which are accessible to man of Earth.

We, the brothers of humanity, invoke you to realize the great beauty of infinity. Let the Far-Off Worlds live in your minds as a wondrous kingdom. Only in realizing participation in infinity may one reach the upper spheres. Humanity of Earth, depriving itself of Cosmic Vistas, has lost its relationship with infinity, and lost also is the thread of unity with beauty of life and with the great Cosmic Energy. The Far-Off Worlds are interpreted only as demonstrating the concept of distance. We must not regard the Far-Off Worlds in this light! We, the brothers of humanity, sound the summons to the Far-Off Worlds!

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#### THE X-4 ELECTRO-CRAFT

- by Howard Menger -

I believe I have thought of a good way to acquire sufficient funds so that the X-4 Electro-Craft I'm working on will be completed in time for a bang-up saucer convention this summer!

First, let me explain why it is called the X-4 Electro-Craft. X means "experimental," and 4 means it is the fourth craft I've worked on. Electro-Craft means it is electric, but of course this is a general term and does not say very much, other than the fact that it operates on what we call electricity. The big difference between the X-4 Electro-Craft and any other electrical device is the unique means in which it obtains electrons, and what it does with them in order to change energy to work power and allow the craft to rise vertically, silently, and then take off in a horizontal direction at great speed!

The one I am building now is approximately 18 feet in diameter, but it might be larger by the time we are finished. The reason for this is predicated upon the weight on the inner section, which is increasing. This might necessitate a change in the outer diameter to accommodate a larger surface area, giving the craft more thrust power. In other words, in the case of

an airplane (and the laws of aerodynamics) a large airplane will not get off the ground with small wings. In the case of the Electro-Craft, however, there is no connection with aerodynamics as far as I can see, because it uses electrical pressures, and/or electrical "voids" or vacuums. Thus it could possibly fly at much higher altitudes, not needing an environment of air or atmosphere, as airplanes must have.

In the case of the famous U-2, which flies at very high altitudes where the air is thin, secret additions were incorporated into the plane's design so that it could do its job quite well. It has a much larger wing area, plus jet assists at strategic locations on its fuselage, etc., so that it could hover at high altitudes for photography, etc. In my opinion the Electro-Craft will be far superior, not only because it could hover at much greater altitudes, but also because it will be capable of much higher speeds in a horizontal or a vertical direction. Also, it could be adapted for flights into outer space in the future.

But I want to get back to my idea on how to raise funds to complete the X-4 Electro-Craft and sponsor a convention on the East Coast: A few weeks ago, the money allotted for the completion of the craft ran out, and I am back to outdoor advertising, designing, building, painting, lettering, etc., to support my family and meet my financial obligations. Thus, work on the craft has been limited to only a few hours each week, and at this rate it will not be ready for testing before 1965; so here is my suggested solution:

I can supply a complete set of plans for a four-foot replica of the larger 18 foot model, which can do almost everything its big brother will do, but on a much smaller scale. It would be a simplified version, without the thrust or speed of the big brother, nor would it cost anywhere near as much to build. It would operate by radio remote control on the ground by the man who builds it. At night it glows and pulsates in various colors, mostly blue. In the daytime its shiny surface reflects the sunlight and looks just like a saucer from outer space as it dips and turns. This is the same craft (the X-3) which I flew successfully back in the summer of 1961.

I would supply a set of plans for this 4-foot replica of the Electro-Craft, together with complete instructions and step-by-step drawings, as well as a list of parts and where to buy them. These plans would be sent through the mail in a mailing tube upon receipt of \$25.00 check or money order.

The first three men to complete and fly the X-4 would each be awarded a one hundred dollar U. S. Government savings bond, and an offer to work with me (on salary) on the larger 18-foot model, which will be capable of carrying a man.

This 18-foot craft, when completed, will be test flown by me for some 6 or 7 interested government and civilian officials. They are only interested in a working model, and you can't blame them. So this is an opportunity not only for me, but for the men who have the talent, etc., to complete their 4-foot model and fly it. This would be a great chance to form a company and manufacture the X-4 on a government or civilian contract. The money received from selling the smaller models would be used to complete the 18-foot Electro-Craft and also to help sponsor the above-mentioned space convention, with radio, television, and other advertising media. It would also help to pay the salaries of the men working with me.

Without a doubt, many people will complete their models and fly them at the convention grounds. This of course will help to sell many more. I can see a lot of good coming from all this. It would probably be the biggest saucer convention ever held in the United States! The first East Coast space convention, which I held on my farm back in 1958, was the largest ever held in the East, and we did not have a radio-controlled flying saucer to show the public - much less one that will carry a man! I also have photos of my earlier flying models of the Electro-Craft, and I will send them to SAUCER NEWS soon.

# RECENT NEWS

ELECTROMAGNETIC SAUCER IN NEVADA: A sighting which gives further confirmation to John J. Robinson's article in this issue of SAUCER NEWS occurred on November 14th in Carson City, Nevada. A resident of Carson City named Blanche Pritchett reported early that morning that she saw a disc-shaped object, "tremendous in size," hovering in the southwestern skies. The lady also said that a brilliant shaft of light from the UFO illuminated a nearby hill.

The huge object stood stationary in space while she watched it from a window of her home. It had "an odd green color with a golden cast," and Mrs. Pritchett also noted that a "vibratory hum" came from the object.

She first noticed the UFO at about 4:45 a.m. after seeing the drapes of her bedroom lit up from a glow outside. She added that a radio station which she was listening to at the time went off the air while the object was lighting the skies. It came back on again after the UFO disappeared!

Other persons phoned police, the weatherman, and a radio station in nearby Reno and reported the same or a similar object in the sky southwest of Reno. No explanation for the phenomenon could be found.

RECENT LANDING IN ARGENTINA: From our special correspondent in Argentina, Henning Von Hippel, we learn that landings of flying saucers are still occurring frequently in that country. (See the December 1962 and March 1963 issues of SAUCER NEWS for earlier landing reports.)

The latest case involves truck driver Eugenio Douglas, who, on October 19th, told police the following story, which we have translated from Spanish:

"I was driving my truck to Isla Verde when a luminous object - apparently a spaceship - surrounded by a light of blinding brilliance, came down near me. Three very tall beings, dressed in strange clothes and carrying some unknown kind of weapons, came down out of it toward me. I lost control of my vehicle and drove into a ditch, but I finally got back onto the road and kept on driving at high speed. The three beings kept coming after me. A blinding red light came from their craft. The creatures followed me for about a mile and a half, and shot out a gas which burned and caused me to lose my vision temporarily. When I finally arrived in the outskirts of the town of Monte Maiz, they suddenly stopped the persecution. They then got back into their craft, which disappeared into the distance."

The article goes on to state that Senor Douglas had indeed been burned by something, and that the doctors who examined him were not able to find the cause of the burns!

Another sighting, from the Buenos Aires newspaper "El Mundo," dated November 16th, translates in part as follows:

"Mar del Plata: Upon hearing the words 'flying saucer,' hundreds of residents of this city rushed to their balconies or the nearest open space, early yesterday morning, to see a cigar-shaped object which was giving out an intermittent light, which at times was white and at times bluish. This object hovered over the city for 15 minutes, from 12:30 to 12:45 a.m. It finally disappeared at high speed toward the north. The machine - for, due to the way it maneuvered, it could not have been a natural phenomenon - was over the western part of the city, about thirty degrees above the horizon. Among the witnesses was Horacio Tarifeno, chief of the information service of radio station LU9, who went out on his terrace after receiving many excited telephone calls about the object."

CLOSE SIGHTING IN IDAHO: At least four people in Meridian, Idaho, saw a UFO at very close range on the evening of October 24th. The witnesses

included Mrs. Albert Gordon and her two sons, one of whom made the following report:

"My brother Russell heard a noise over the house at 8:45 p.m. It faded away, but then came closer again and hovered over the house. My mother, Russell, and I looked outside. It was dark out, but as nearly as we could see, the object was perfectly round and about 35 feet in diameter. A red light on its side flashed on once and then went off quickly. It made a very deep humming noise. It just hung about eight feet above our willow tree, very low and motionless, and then slowly moved on after about five minutes. We were all pretty scared."

The family, as well as the F.A.A., discounted the possibility that the craft could have been a helicopter.

#### FORTEAN ITEMS:

Several unusual disturbances on the Moon have been reported recently, including one on December 4th, spotted by Air Force lunar mappers at Lowell Observatory. This time, motion pictures were taken of the ruby-red eruption, which is considered to be possibly volcanic in nature. It lasted for an hour and a half.

On Mars, a series of peculiar observations in October led to speculation that atomic explosions might be taking place! Bright flashes were observed, lasting about five minutes each, and followed by mushroom-shaped clouds characteristic of atomic bomb blasts.

An item dated November 13th tells of the Mystery of the Disappearing Lawn. It seems that New Jersey State Trooper Albert W. Waldron looked out the window of his home in Ironia, N.J., one morning, and found a hole ten feet wide and fifty feet deep where the side lawn had been. He had it filled with 27 truckloads of dirt, but the next time there was a heavy rainstorm, the hole reappeared. Apparently the cause has something to do with abandoned mines nearby.

On October 2nd, a mass migration of thousands of small frogs caused the temporary closing of Highway 24 near the California community of Riego.

A Jamaica, Long Island woman, driving a car blindfolded in a test ride in Canada last summer, made only one mistake during her demonstration of alleged X-Ray vision: She hit a pedestrian. Her victim was not injured, but she was hauled up on careless driving charges nevertheless.

On November 12th, a 25-foot-long monster described as having a flat head and a big mouth was reported by several people in a small town sixty miles south of Johannesburg, South Africa.

On October 6th, the town of Surbiton in England started to smoke from an overload of electricity. Fuses started flashing all over town, light bulbs popped, cookers grew white hot, and icebox motors burned out. For no known reason, the town's voltage had jumped from the normal 240 to a searing 280. After seven minutes, the voltage went back down to its usual level.

A ballpoint pen saved the life of 41-year-old L.L. McAdams last November when it deflected a bullet aimed at his heart. McAdams, who is a bus



"That tall, dark man you saw last time I was here— could you find him again?"

driver, was shot by a man who walked up to him, put a gun to his chest, and pulled the trigger at point-blank range.

Last October, a priest was called in to exorcise a "water spirit" from a country house in Farmborough, Somerset, England. Mrs. Heidi Whittock-Knott, owner of the haunted house, finds that every time she shuts the front door to go out, water begins pouring through the ceilings and running down the walls. Water splashes from the sink and buckets fall over, even though there is no one at home. Local plumbers and other workmen have been unable to find an explanation, nor have parapsychologists who have visited the house. The priest has asked to remain anonymous.

The New York News of December 8th tells the story of a woman in Flint, Michigan, who can distinguish colors using only her hands while blindfolded. The woman has normal vision, but a series of experiments are being carried out on her in an attempt to gain knowledge that will aid the blind. It is also said that there is a young woman in Russia who not only can identify colors with her fingers, but can also read with them!

In October, 39 whales allowed themselves to be washed up on a beach at Wreck Bay, Australia, and died there. An official from a local university explained that "mass suicides" of this breed of whales occur every two or three years. The cause is a complete mystery to scientists.

A weird story from April (1963) has only recently come to our attention. It concerns the three-foot-long body of a creature that looks like a devil. The body, entombed in a glass case, was accidentally dug up by a boy in Charlotte, North Carolina, and after newspaper publicity, more than 5,000 local people came to see the strange creature. This "devil," or whatever it is, has claw-like nails on its hands, two tusk-like teeth, cloven hooves instead of feet, and horns protruding from its forehead. It is thought to have been a circus exhibit many years ago, but there is a dispute over whether the thing was once alive, or whether it is a fake. Several museum authorities have shown interest in it.

Another case of ice falling from the sky occurred on October 13th, on a farm in upper New York State owned by a man named Hugo Wiken. A large barn on his property was utterly demolished by huge hunks of ice which hit with a great deal of noise. They apparently fell at very high speed. There were no airplanes overhead at the time, and the amount of ice was enough to fill several freight cars! It appeared to be natural ice rather than artificial.

The death of President John F. Kennedy was accurately predicted by Mrs. Jeanne Dixon, who has made many other uncanny predictions concerning famous people. Among other things, she predicted Roosevelt's death, one of Eisenhower's illnesses, Churchill's defeat as Prime Minister and his subsequent "comeback," and the death of actress Carole Lombard.

As discussed several times recently on the Long John Show, it is now believed that humans can be preserved at the time of death by deep freezing, and revived at a later time to live again. The cost would be about \$8,800 per body.

CLOSE SAUCER SIGHTING IN MICHIGAN: Two deputy sheriffs in Port Huron, Michigan, had an unusual encounter with a UFO at about 5 a.m. last November 12th. They observed what was at first only a "flickering light" hovering in the sky. As it got closer, it seemed at times that there was a big divided window in the midst of the flashing light, but the officers could not be sure. The UFO eventually approached to a height of only a few hundred feet above the ground, a short distance from their patrol car. The deputies attempted to follow it, reaching speeds up to 75 miles per hour in the chase, but the object out-distanced them. They lost sight of it completely for awhile. It then reappeared, and the officers stopped the car, turned out their headlights, and

shined spotlights onto the object. They then turned on the flashing light on top of the patrol car, and in a few moments the UFO not only had a flashing white light but it also seemed to be flashing a red light back at them, as if in an attempt at communication! The UFO appeared to again be standing still in the sky at that time, and they could hear a low sound of motors. Suddenly the motors grew louder, and the object disappeared rapidly out of sight.

**MANY RADIO APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR:** In October, your Editor made five tapes for the "coffee break" portion of the Long John radio show, heard between approximately 2:30 and 3:00 a.m. These dealt with topics already published in SAUCER NEWS and in our non-scheduled 'supplementary Newsletters. They were heard on the mornings of October 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, and 14th.

We were also on the full five-hour Long John Show, "live," several times as a member of panels discussing various non-saucer topics, i.e., prejudice against the blind and against Negroes, on the morning of October 24th; psychology, psychiatry, and religion, on the morning of November 1st; and medicine, on the morning of November 10th. On November 8th we "starred" on a five-hour show devoted to treasure hunting in Peru, as already noted on Page 2 of this issue.

From 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. on the evenings of November 1st, 8th, and 15th, we were on taped shows played for Bob Zanotti's "Coffee Clatch" show, on New Jersey's station WFMU. These programs discussed topics such as Deros, flying saucers, and Fortean events. Also appearing were John J. Robinson, Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS, and Eugene Steinberg, our Advertising Manager. Worthy of mention here is the fact that listeners in some areas reported a 5-second period of silence during the Dero program, whereas people listening to the same show in other areas noticed no such thing!

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** In January, the SAUCER NEWS Staff was saddened to learn of the death of John M. Cage, a 77-year-old inventor living in Montclair, New Jersey. Mr. Cage's inventions, on which he held many patents, go back as far as 1910, and include a helicopter and a submarine. Recently he had plans for an earth-made flying saucer, powered by the proper use of electrical energy (not to be confused with

"free energy," in which Mr. Cage did not believe.) He also had plans for a machine that would separate gold and other precious minerals from sea water. Mr. Cage was an unusually kind and modest individual, and it was a privilege to have known him. Some of his theories appear in an article written by your Editor

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Last October, Dr. Frank E. Stranges, author of "Flying Saucerama" and other books, was convicted in California of operating a "mail order diploma mill," in that he was issuing doctor of divinity degrees for \$25 each. A recent form letter sent out by Stranges to his fans does not deny that he was issuing such diplomas, but contends that this activity was legal. In any case, by his own admission, Stranges was fined \$200 and made to spend the night in jail. He now asks for \$2,000 in donations to cover "court penalties, fines, and attorney's fees."....

On Page 18 of our September issue, we printed a photograph taken by your Editor in a Pentacostal church in Nassau, in the Bahama Islands. On the back wall of this church, near the altar, all visitors (including your Editor) can see a face resembling the traditional representation of Jesus Christ; but all attempts to photograph the face have supposedly failed. For most readers of SAUCER NEWS, there was no face in the picture, but a few people - who have asked to remain anonymous - were able to see the exact same face which your Editor observed visually in the church. We have in our possession a sketch of the face, sent to us by one of these researchers. Unfortunately it is too faintly drawn to reproduce here. However, it is available in our files to all who wish to see it....

We were surprised to learn recently of an incident that occurred in July of 1947, just about a month after flying saucers started making national headlines. Eight five-foot balloons were sent up from the New York Daily News building, in an effort to prove that people will report anything as a flying saucer. Of the eight, one landed in the yard of Gladys Fusaro in Huntington, Long Island, more than thirty miles away. It just happens that Mrs. Fusaro has been interested in UFO's and Fortean events as far back as 1942, and she is now a member of the SAUCER NEWS Staff. Out of some twenty million people living in the New York metropolitan area, isn't it a strange co-incidence that one out of only eight balloons sent up to ridicule flying saucers should land in the yard of a UFO enthusiast? Or is it a co-incidence at all!?

An informant who attended a slide lecture by contactee Buck Nelson in St. Louis, Missouri, reports that a blurred picture of a human-like space-man looked identical to a clearly-focused picture of Buck Nelson himself; and a photo of the famous 300-pound space dog that sometimes visits him, was identical to that of a small lap dog shown in another picture! The lap dog was being held in the arms of a miscellaneous visitor at one of Buck's conventions in Mountain View, Missouri.

According to a recent issue of his bulletin, Jim Wales (a co-worker of Laura Mundo) claims to have received several phone calls from a mysterious organization called "The Better Book League." This League supposedly offered Mr. Wales money to take Laura Mundo's book "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan" off the market. Mr. Wales believes that the calls were either from the "Silence Group" or from space visitors....

With this issue, SAUCER NEWS begins its 11th year of publication. We are now the second oldest saucer organization in the world, - second only to APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), which has headquarters in Tucson, Arizona.....George Adamski is expected to lecture in New York City on March 21st and 22nd, under the auspices of the New York Saucer Information Bureau (NYSIB).....A short four-line item about SAUCER NEWS in the St. Paul, Minnesota Dispatch last September resulted in several dozen subscriptions for our magazine. We still do not know who did us this favor.

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NEWS BRIEFS: The photograph at the right was sent to us by a correspondent in Seattle, Washington, who wishes to remain anonymous. It was supposedly taken on June 12th, 1960, by a young man who saw a disc-shaped object hover at low altitude for a period of several seconds....On the night of November 30th (1963) a mysterious flaming object was seen shooting through the skies near Knoxville, Tennessee, by two sheriff's deputies. They said that they saw something which looked like a "football with a tail on it" speed over them at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. A U. S. Air Force B-52 crew, flying over Knoxville at 35,000 feet at that time, saw the same UFO....A mysterious "circular hole" or crater discovered near La Grande, Oregon, in early October, was also the scene of several UFO sightings. The crater was at first believed to have been caused by a meteorite, but diggings there revealed no trace of metal. A superintendent of schools and his wife saw a glowing object fall in the vicinity of the crater a few days after its discovery, and local newspapers received several phone calls over a period of a week from other people who reported having seen a blue-white object drop from the sky and land near the crater...A UFO was seen over Sunnyvale, Calif., at 4 a.m. on Sept. 25th by three public safety officers and scores of other people.




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part of certain youngsters to glorify themselves in print.

In the course of 93 shoddily-mimeographed pages, the staff of the NJAAP carefully and meticulously destroy every semblance of the air of scientific study that the Introduction of their book endeavored to create. The tome runs the gamut from dogmatic and unquestioning acceptance of Aime Michel's "orthoteny" hypothesis - which in reality has only been proven to have occurred during the 1954 French saucer flap - to APRO's fallacious "physical evidence" allegations.

The book, however, is not without its good points. An informative, though tediously written, account of the Charlton Crater Mystery, together with some other worthwhile material, unfortunately do not make up for its numerous shortcomings. If you are in search of a mature, sober, and impartial study of the UFO enigma rather than an inadequate rehash of material that has already appeared elsewhere, you may safely pass this one by.

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THE ABOVE PHOTO, taken last summer by an engineer who wishes to remain anonymous, shows a saucer hovering to the right of New York City's famous United Nations Building. This picture, if genuine, is one of the most significant saucer photographs ever to come to our attention. For details, see the story beginning on Page 11.

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THE INSIDE STORY REGARDING OUR FEUD WITH GRAY BARKER

As promised in the March issue, we are now revealing for the first time the true reason behind SAUCER NEWS' long feud with Gray Barker - a subject that has been the cause of much speculation over the years.

Your Editor first met Barker in the Fall of 1953, shortly before Barker began publication of his magazine, then called The Saucerian. In the months that followed, the two became fairly close friends. They wrote each other regularly, and got together in Clarksburg as often as possible to discuss UFO's. Both of them took saucer research very seriously in those days, and worked closely together on a certain theory they had jointly arrived at concerning the origin of saucers.

Then, in the summer of 1954, about the time that the first issue of SAUCER NEWS (then called "Nexus") was published, your Editor visited Clarksburg again - this time accompanied by a young lady whom he had serious intentions of marrying. Suffice is to say that Barker's charming manner succeeded in alienating the affection of this girl, so that the affair between her and your Editor came to an abrupt end, as did the friendship between him and Barker. Although Barker's attentions to the girl on that memorable weekend were obvious, he later claimed that his encouragement of her infatuation for him was unintentional. Eventually the girl married someone else - a person not acquainted with either of the two researchers; but it was several years before your Editor could fully forgive Barker for the incident.

As neither Barker nor Moseley wanted to publicly admit the real cause of their feud, they proceeded to attack each other in their respective magazines about other things not related to the incident that destroyed their friendship. They perpetrated hoaxes on each other, and made bitter accusations against each other by letter and in print. Finally, with your Editor's marriage in 1962, and his buying out of the Saucerian in 1963 due to Barker's financial difficulties, he became appeased, and decided to forget the past. In recent months a superficial friendship has again developed between the two men, and it is hoped by both parties that the last vestiges of the feud will soon be gone.

Actually, it must be admitted that Barker and Moseley were never far apart in their personal beliefs regarding most aspects of saucer research, and it would certainly have been better for the whole saucer field if both had acted more maturely. Saucerdom has wasted too much time and effort on petty bitterness such as this; and were it not for the fact that researchers in general are so hopelessly divided for a variety of reasons, the solution to the saucer mystery might have been discovered and proven by now!

EDITORIAL NOTES

THIS WILL PROBABLY BE THE LAST TIME we will mention our special offer on back issues, as they are rapidly going out of print. By the time you read this, only 30 or so of the 56 issues printed since 1954 will still be available. If you have any intention of buying back issues, the best time is right now. For only \$7.50 we will send you all that we have left at the time your letter reaches us. This represents a cost of less than 25 cents each, as opposed to the regular price of 3 for \$1.00. - If you wish to choose individual back issues rather than buy all of them, send for our special list which briefly describes the contents of each.

IN OUR MARCH ISSUE we stated that the June SAUCER NEWS would probably reach you behind schedule, as the Editor and his wife are taking a month's vacation in Europe during May. Later, upon second thought, we decided to get together this issue before leaving on our trip, and it is therefore

reaching you somewhat ahead of schedule. Subscriptions, renewals, and routine mail of all kinds will be ably handled by an assistant during our absence. Personal mail, however, will go unanswered until June.

YOUR EDITOR'S ARTICLE ABOUT TREASURE HUNTING, described in detail in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS, is scheduled for publication in the June issue of Argosy Magazine.

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#### NEW YORK LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

Since April, 1962, the Discussion and Lecture Committee of SAUCER NEWS has been holding open meetings in New York City. Our program this winter and spring has been an unusually interesting one, featuring a different "name" personality in the flying saucer field at each meeting.

On February 21st, our speaker was Ranjee Shahani, a Professor of English at Farleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. Mr. Shahani, who is the author of several books of literary criticism, lectured on "Space Travel in Ancient India." Most of his talk described the inner workings of the human personality and soul, rather than the legends of ancient India, but he was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

Just before the Shahani lecture, we learned that contactee Major Wayne Aho, founder of Washington Saucer Intelligence, would be in town the following week for only a few days; so on the spur of the moment we arranged for him to be our guest on February 28th. Major Aho spoke about the flying saucer convention that is being planned on the East Coast for this summer, and he also touched upon religion, saucer sightings, and various aspects of cosmic philosophy. The photo below, taken by Eugene Steinberg, shows him at the SAUCER NEWS podium.

On Friday, the 13th of March, Albert K. Bender gave a fascinating lecture entitled "The World of Kazik," describing detailed information given to him by his space contacts concerning life on their home planet (i.e., Kazik.) Part of the talk covered material already printed in Bender's famous book, "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," but most of his time was devoted to new information, notably about his private life during the past few years. It seems that his visitors have given him a strange power that he never asked for, whereby, whenever he wishes evil toward anyone, something terrible actually happens to that person. Mr. Bender gave five or six examples of this - any one of which might well involve co-incidence, but in their sum total, they do indeed denote that something very strange is going on. The most frightening story related by the speaker was an incident on a bus, in which another commuter annoyed him daily by smoking a cigar in a seat immediately in front of him or behind him. After many days of this annoyance, Bender found himself wishing that the man would burn himself with his cigar; and a short time later, he was astonished to learn that the man had burned to death at his home, as a result of smoking in bed!

Mr. Bender used an ingenious device to show pictures to the audience, including some



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am in receipt of your letter in which you offered a great many criticisms of Laura Mundo's "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan," which evidently you have only recently read.

We have, in fact, received a great many other criticisms from readers. Mostly they object to the author's great departure from orthodox beliefs. By publishing a book I do not necessarily endorse what is in it, for we publish a number of books containing divergent ideas.

It may interest you to know that the author herself is dissatisfied with our publication of her book. She holds that by correcting certain passages we have changed its meaning.

In checking back over some of the copy, I find that some such changes have indeed been made. I can honestly state, however, that I was unaware of them as I edited the copy. Part of the finished type for offset printing was set up by myself, and part of it by an outside assistant who has since moved away. I cannot speak for the outside assistant, but I can point out some things which might be construed by an imaginative person as rather unusual:

Usually when I am setting type for offset I go rather slowly. During the work on Laura's book, however, it seemed at times that my fingers would fly, and I would have four or five pages set up before I knew it. I don't know quite how to explain this. At other times I would have great difficulty just keeping at the job. Although the finished copy was checked by myself and a very good editor, some very obvious mistakes and departures from the original text completely slipped by us and were printed before we spotted them. I have never had this happen on any other work I have been connected with.

For these reasons, and because of one or two other incidents which may have been imaginary, and which I will tell to nobody, I am seriously considering removing this book from circulation after our advance sale orders are filled....  
GRAY BARKER, Clarksburg, W. Va.

(See our review of "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan" on Page 7. -Editor.)

Many thanks for your kind remarks about my Mars lecture, in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS. As my training is not in the physical sciences, I do not think my views should be taken as seriously as those of men who have had a formal education in these fields.

For the record, however, I would like to say that I have no connection with the "intelligence community." Specifically, I do not work for the CIA, DIA, NSA, ONI, G-2, MI-6, OGPHEW, or any other similar organization.

May I use your magazine to make a general request? I would very much like to get in touch with the Martian resident on Earth (or any other interplanetary or interstellar operative.) This, of course, is not an offer to engage in anything unpatriotic, but is only a friendly invitation to discuss matters of interest to us both. It is a perfectly serious invitation. Perhaps the contact might be made by letter, using your post office box as the address. In order to establish identity, would the resident please give me a brief answer to this question: "What is the possible connection between PK and the argument from design?" I apologize for asking for a test, but I'm certain everyone will understand that it is desirable. The answer to the question, by the way, is beyond the ken of almost all terrestrial minds, but it will be easy for a member of a higher species.

GORDON EVANS, New York, N.Y.

Mr. Wallace's critical book reviews in the March SAUCER NEWS are

very interesting, as is the whole magazine. However, I don't care for any complaints about Mr. Gray Barker. It is obvious to anyone with a high school education that he is a sincere, honest publisher. He simply has glorified the negative dimension, i.e., the Inner Earth, along with Ray Palmer and Albert K. Bender. This was bound to lead to trouble, and it has, for all three of them have gotten it!

Isn't Dr. Menzel a "lulu"? In 1953, I unfortunately read his first book, "Flying Saucers!" From it, I was quite convinced that we were all having war hallucinations, as a result of two recent conflicts, - until I saw a disc myself in November of 1954!

The New Jersey youths tried to sell me their "junk," but I didn't get taken in. They mean well and are enthusiastic on the whole subject, but Mr. Wallace's negative reviews of their books are indeed just right!.....

It was a pleasure to read "The Far-Off Worlds" and Major Aho's letter also.  
ORESTES WILSON, Reading, Pa.

Concerning Mr. Wallace's several book reviews in your March issue, I can't help but feel that Wallace somehow confuses sardonic statements and sarcasm with objectivity. Without a doubt, an objective examination can sometimes be a critical examination. However, I don't think that Wallace's remarks follow that system. They are, rather, supercilious and tart.

In distributing his sarcasm, it seems ironic that his review of the Menzel-Boyd book is the least critical of the four reviews! Furthermore, some of his criticisms seem to go against the facts. In commenting on the NJAAP book, he makes some questionable remarks on "orthoteny" and APRO's 100% pure magnesium fragments. Dr. Olavo T. Fontes submitted to APRO in 1960 a report on orthotenic activity in South America which confirms beyond any doubt the pattern found in the French observations of 1954. Furthermore, in the reviewer's overly exaggerative phrases, he refers to APRO's fragments as "fallacious." It is not as simple as all that, and this adds to my suspicion that Wallace is more interested in selling his personal-private opinions than he is in being objective.....If Mr. Wallace were as concerned with doing good for Ufology as the tone of his reviews purports, perhaps he would have been more careful with his written words.....

I might also suggest that, in reference to your statement that rumors might still continue about your being a government agent, that such rumors are fostered and bolstered by your own suspicious and questionable actions in the UFO field, aside from your "treasure hunting" and "archaeology collections!" I would say that such acrobatics as your visit to ATIC headquarters in Dayton, and other deliberately-mysterious actions, would be more of a cause for such statements.....

STEVE ERDMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

(Editor's Note: Mr. Erdmann is entitled to his opinion, but there was nothing deliberately mysterious about our exclusive interview at Wright-Patterson Field, written up in the September 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS.)

SAUCER NEWS arrived at my mail box yesterday, and I read it from cover to cover. It contained some mighty interesting news items. I'll be looking forward to reading your adventure story in Argosy. It is good to know of someone having the gumption and the daring to do something about the ancient civilizations in Peru.....

I really loved Richard E. Wallace's book reviews. Let the chips fall where they may! He sure "calls them as he sees them." Long may he review! I would like to have now all the money I have spent on some of those books and monographs that promised big and gave little or nothing.

This Reverend Frank E. Stranges and his activities are among the things that make the UFO investigation field stink.....I have listened to a

great many lectures, by Stranges, Menger, and many others, on a wide range of subjects in this field - saucer contacts, spiritualism, etc. It has always been with amazement that I have watched the reaction of the audiences. No matter how fantastic the subject of the lecture, there are those persons who sit there with a rapt look on their faces, nodding their heads as if this were some great revelation that they had been in on all the time! And at the next lecture, the speaker might be diametrically opposed to this one, but you see the same glassy-eyed acceptance by these same persons. And if one should ask a doubting question, they are ready to tear you limb from limb!....

Another speaker who bugs me is Reinhold Schmidt. On one of his supposed saucer trips he was served coffee from a pot that was perking with no apparent source of power. He was so fascinated that he asked if he could have one of the coffee pots. The Brothers told him that this was the only one they had at the moment, but that they would see that he got one. A year and a half later, at the Pleasanton UFO Convention, I asked him if he had gotten it yet. He hemmed and hawed a bit and then said, "Oh yes, they gave me one, but I am not permitted to show it." Nonsense! He just doesn't have one, that's all!....

And all those so-called mystery schools! They will show you the way to health, wealth, power (over others), and happiness - for a price, of course. If they did know the way to these things they wouldn't need my money, as they would have gotten all they wanted without going through all this razzle-dazzle trying to hook me. Right?.....

MRS. MARY J. HUGHES, Shingle Springs, California

I received the March SAUCER NEWS last week.....I didn't think it was very good.....However, your book reviews were good, and I found your "news briefs" far more interesting than your articles. It's a shame that you can't follow up some of the really exciting items, because, if saucers exist (note I say "if"), you might find them behind these strange little incidents. One such minor case is that of the electrical overload in Surbiton, England.....

JAMES KELSEY, Great Meadows, N.J.

I'm glad you have finally told us the secret behind your mysterious trips away from Fort Lee. Personally, I find nothing wrong with antique hunting, even if it involves smuggling. If it weren't for people like you, our museums would not be full of art treasures from all over the world. It is far better for gold to be smuggled out of a country like Peru than to be lost or melted down, as might happen otherwise. You are to be congratulated for engaging in such an adventurous and dangerous business....I will be looking forward to your Argosy article, and I hope you will continue writing articles on fascinating subjects such as this. Those of us who are too old, too poor, or too timid to engage in such adventures, can enjoy them vicariously through your writings....

Congratulations also on having the courage to publish honest book reviews like those by Mr. Wallace in the March issue. Too many saucer publications feel obliged to endorse every UFO book that comes along, no matter how ridiculous its contents may be. I have read "The World of Flying Saucers" and also one or two of the "teen" books. Menzel may be wrong, but at least he is coherent!....

WILLIAM R. STONE, JR., Detroit, Michigan

I am astonished by the incredibly poor taste and inaccuracy evidenced in Richard E. Wallace's review of the New Jersey Association on Aerial Phenomena booklet "The Shadow of the Unknown." While Wallace is entitled to think whatever he wishes about the book's quality, he is not, on the other hand, licensed to make unjust criticisms and false innuendos about the motives of its authors. He apparently feels the booklet is utterly worthless....

JEROME CLARK, Canby, Minnesota

# Book Reviews

- by Richard E. Wallace -

(Reviewer's Note: During the period of time that has elapsed since we last appeared in print, we have been literally deluged by an almost equal amount of pro and con mail. - Those of you who have been quick to voice dissent and skepticism as to the impartiality of our commentaries, are apparently unaware of the basic fact that, whatever conclusions we might formulate in perusing books submitted to us for review, there must inevitably be many among you who would find points of contention therein. One would indeed have to be naive to entertain even the slightest expectation of satisfying everyone. - We would like to offer our sincere thanks for the many complimentary letters we have received. Every effort will be made to reply to each and every one of you personally.)

FLYING SAUCERS AND THE FATHER'S PLAN - by Laura Mundo (Saucerian Books)

THE FATHER'S PLAN AND FLYING SAUCERS - by Laura Mundo (The Planetary Center)

Each of these volumes would be an enigma, per se, even when tackled individually. Thus in discussing them together, some fascinating and indeed piquant bits of information can be unearthed.

Originally, Gray Barker's highly profitable publishing concern was commissioned to propagate these urgent and significant disclosures Mrs. Mundo deigned to impart to us lesser beings. Mr. Barker's natural inclination to delete the more esoteric teachings of the author, in order to make the book more commercially palatable, was understandable - though it was not met with any semblance of appreciation on the part of Mrs. Mundo. Accordingly, she and her colleagues chose to prepare their own mimeographed edition to be distributed gratis in an unexpurgated form, without any omissions that would deprive us of full comprehension (or incomprehension) of that which it was imperative to inform us of.

If we can presume to have interpreted the views of Mrs. Mundo correctly, she is saying that we earthlings have, for various nefarious and insidious activities, been demoted from our former highly advanced planes of existence upon other worlds, to reside within the hostile and primitive society that prevails upon this planet, until such time as our physical and spiritual development have attained a state of perfection, whereupon we shall be reincarnated upward to our prior level of evolution. If, however, a degradation of our physical and spiritual being should perchance occur, we shall be relegated to the confines of worlds vastly inferior to this one.

We are presented with the supposition that "Visitors" from planets whose state of development transcends our own have arrived here to assist us in once again attaining the physical and spiritual refinement that we have inexplicably lost. They have come now because of imminent planetary changes, the precise nature of which has eluded us even after reading both versions of Mrs. Mundo's book.

In recounting her experiences with her other-worldly companions, Mrs. Mundo details her encounters with various extraterrestrial entities with whom we are quite familiar, including George Adamski's infamous celestial cohort, Orthon, who is identified to be in actuality "Enoch." At this point, one must speculate as to why the eminent "Professor" was permitted to remain ignorant of this amazing "truth."

Mrs. Mundo's books are apparently a potpourri of just about everything she managed to amass, copy, or if all else failed her, invent. She latches onto George Adamski's cosmic philosophy, which, stripped of its inter-

planetary connotations, is a simple and straightforward plea for the abandonment of the heinous devices of war in favor of eternal and everlasting brotherhood among men. She then utterly demolishes this philosophy to further her own implausible and irrational views.

She unsuccessfully endeavors to assimilate various Biblical phenomena with the study of flying saucers, going so far as to assert her contact with the evil proprietor of Hades, Satan! It might tax her imagination severely to conjure up some rational explanation as to, first of all, why she was permitted this dubious honor, and secondly, how she was capable of surviving so as to relate such an adventure.

Both Mrs. Mundo's and Gray Barker's version of the book contain numerous printing flaws, resulting, apparently, from carelessness on the part of this obstreperous duo. Mr. Barker has presumably expended much effort to revert Mrs. Mundo's manuscript from incoherence to a readable form, but he does not entirely succeed, though he is to be commended for a laudable effort. The unfortunate fact is that the property with which he dealt contained nothing one could edit into publishable shape.

It may almost be superfluous to add that Mrs. Mundo's purportedly "corrected" edition, to which she adds a conglomeration of material that is inherently as valueless as the basic work itself, certainly goes a long way to justify the reasons Mr. Barker had for his editing. Neither volume has any financial, or for that matter, any tangible value for anyone desirous of securing them. The flying saucer field has never had it worse!

THE FLYING SAUCERS - by Rolf Telano (Edited by Gray Barker - Saucerian Books)

It is obvious that, in recent years, Gray Barker has found it increasingly difficult to secure intelligible - however ineptly conceived - manuscripts for publication. Thus has he confronted the necessity of groping at the bottom of the barrel for the fruits of his quest, out of sheer desperation. One would presume that, with the promulgation of Mrs. Mundo's book, Mr. Barker had sunk to the lowest level of mediocrity it was possible to attain. It is indeed regrettable that this assumption has proved unwarranted.

Despite the varied and patently clear shortcomings of Mrs. Mundo's book, she nevertheless professed to be a living, breathing person. But now Mr. Barker presumes the public to be of sufficient credulity as to accept the unlikely possibility of the contents of "The Flying Saucers" being the utterances of entities that reside within realms other than our physical world. Consequently, there is not a single portion of the volume, other than its Introduction (of which we still hold our doubts), that does not emanate from a dubious source.

As if Mr. Telano's revelations are not sufficient to depreciate much of the scientific knowledge mankind has gleaned during his many centuries of existence, we are treated to an entree of various spirit "controls," the most famous of which is none other than Mark Probert's female-toned male from mankind's distant past, the "Yada Di Shi'ite."

Each denizen from the "other side" uses his allotted time to poor advantage by corroborating the others' tales, adding bits and pieces of his own incomprehensible philosophy where deemed most appropriate. It would certainly be most unsporting of these creatures to assert their disapproval of the spoutings of their contemporaries, even if what they are heard to expound is in direct contradiction to their own alleged beliefs. However, one can always hope for an ideological war among spirits. It should prove quite interesting!

As a point of more than passing interest, we shall not hesitate to

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# TWENTY MINUTES OF TERROR

- by Jeanne Stevens -

(Editor's Note: Every year we receive dozens of personal accounts of saucer sightings from our readers. The one that follows was sent to us recently by a young woman who is sincerely trying to describe an event beyond her comprehension. We present it with a minimum amount of editing.)

I recently received a sample copy of your magazine after listening to you on the Long John radio show.

The only encounter I have had with a flying saucer was last summer, while accompanied by my best friend. It was the most frightening and yet the most exciting experience of my entire life.

Last August, my friend Marion Soderstrom invited me to spend the weekend at the estate of her uncle Emil Figge near Middletown, New York. We spent the afternoon wading in the creek and bird watching. We became so enchanted with the loveliness of a clearing approximately 1/4th mile from the main house, that we decided to camp out under the stars that night.

We got together some blankets, canned fruit, and other supplies, including several orange candles that are specially treated so as to keep mosquitoes away. Being a city girl, I was not used to seeing millions of stars in the sky. There was no moon, and it was quite eerie, with the croaking of the bullfrogs and the flickering of the candles.

We were gaily chatting when suddenly we saw what we thought was a shooting star, except that it kept coming closer and closer. Suddenly I became petrified. I thought perhaps it was a meteor, and would crash upon us. The object was very bright and had a white glow to it. It kept coming closer till it was only about 50 feet away. My heart was pounding in fear when it finally stopped. Then it simply hung suspended in the sky, and began to sway. We held each other in fear, for this was totally beyond our knowledge of things. The most terrifying thing of all was that it didn't make more than a slight hum. Even the intermittent sounds of the frogs were louder.

Back and forth it swayed, undecided as to whether to go right or left or up or down. Then from its center there appeared a small orange light no bigger than a flashlight. This light began flickering in an odd sort of way. This continued for several minutes until we suddenly became aware of the fact that it was apparently flickering in imitation of our candles! We immediately blew them out and scurried on our hands and knees into the low brush nearby. The most amazing thing of all was that as soon as the candles were extinguished, the orange light on the saucer went out also!

The object apparently could see us because of its own radiance, and it followed us for about 20 feet as we crawled desperately through the bushes. It was at this point that we could no longer maintain our composure. We fled in panic toward the main house, screaming to Marion's uncle for help.

As I ran, I looked back for a moment and saw that the saucer was rising slowly, almost as if it was reluctant to leave. Then the humming sound from the object suddenly became louder, almost like the noise of an electric motor. The strange orange light went on again, and the craft sped off toward the southwest, traveling faster than anything I had ever seen before. Within a couple of seconds it had disappeared completely from sight.

Marion and I didn't spend the night under the stars after all. Our terrifying experience with the saucer made us decide that the safety of her uncle's house was far preferable to the uncertainties of the great outdoors. Even so, it was daybreak before we had calmed down enough to go to sleep, and ever since, I have been having occasional nightmares about that strange craft.

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS OF FLYING SAUCERS (Part Three)

- by John J. Robinson -

I will now relate what I consider to be the most startling example of the electromagnetic effect that has ever been recorded.

At 2:00 a.m. on November 4th, 1957, during the height of the Levelland "flap" in the United States, a UFO appeared over the Brazilian fortress of Itaipu, in the Brazilian state of Sao Vicente near the town of Santos. It was a moonless tropical morning. The country was at peace, and the entire garrison was sleeping with the exception of two sentinels who were on duty. These two common soldiers were patrolling the ramparts. They were simple men and did not expect anything except a routine tour of duty. It was later established that they had never even heard of "platos volados," or flying saucers.

Their verbal report later stated that an orange glowing object approached until it was directly overhead. The object then slowly drifted downward until it finally stopped about 180 feet above the gun turrets of the fort. The two sentries watched in amazement as the huge disc-like object hovered overhead. It looked like a misplaced over-bright moon. The UFO was as large as a Douglas airplane, and the glow illuminated the top of the fort as it hovered like a huge helicopter. The sound of a normal aircraft was not heard, but the sentinels soon became aware of a strange humming sound which obviously came from the object overhead.

Suddenly the pitch of the sound changed to a whining type of noise. As it did, the men were struck by an intolerable wave of heat! The heat seemed to be a fire which was burning the clothes from them. As this heat engulfed them, they screamed in agony. One man fell unconscious, while the other ran screaming into the corner of one of the gun turrets. Falling beneath one of the big guns, he lay moaning and muttering incoherently like a madman in pain.

The screams awoke the garrison, which struggled awake only to panic anew, for nothing in the fort worked! Officers and men who started for their battle stations in various stages of undress, since the lights did not work, found that the electrical system of the fort malfunctioned also. All the lights and communication systems had failed. Elevators and motors did not function, and the guns could not be moved on their axes, nor could they be elevated. Powered doors to close off danger zones such as the rooms with explosives did not operate, nor did the lifts to bring up shot and shell. The emergency system was then resorted to. This was entirely independent of the regular source of electricity, and operated by motors which made the fort independent of all other power sources. However, this emergency system did not work either! The fort was helpless, at the mercy of the object which hung silently, except for a slight hum, above it!

Only one thing worked, and that, strangely enough, was the alarm system, - which was not needed, as all the occupants of the helpless fort were already alarmed enough without it. This alarm was set to go off at 5:00 a.m., but it began to ring with a strident clangor at 2:03 a.m., operated by power from some totally inexplicable source. Everyone in the fort was in the grip of fear - fear of the unknown force which had rendered this powerful modern fortress helpless and ineffectual in a matter of a moment. The weapons of defense were unusable, and nothing could be done when the attack came except to attempt a last-ditch defense with hand weapons.

Suddenly the UFO ascended straight up and left the scene of hopeless helplessness in a sudden burst of speed. Abruptly the alarm stopped ringing, the lights came on, the motors began functioning, and the auxiliary system began to work at top speed. The panic took somewhat longer to abate.

Orders were given to take the two sentries to the infirmary. There both men were found to be suffering from an extreme state of shock, while on their bodies was evidence of second degree burns. Fully ten percent of their

bodies were found to bear the marks of extreme heat, but the strangest thing of all was that the portions of the body which were burned were those portions protected by clothing. Yet, the cloth itself showed no evidence of heat!

What could burn a man on the protected parts of his body without affecting the exposed portions in any way except to irritate them? This was the inexplicable question that the Brazilian military authorities were asked to answer. This is the same strange and inexplicable question that UFO researchers must try to answer! How can any type of electromagnetic effect do this? Or is it a separate force of an entirely different sort?

The suggestion has been made that ultra super-sonic waves might have this ability, creating in matter a sound wave so violent that the matter itself vibrates rapidly enough to set up a source of heat. If the burns were received from the clothing in this manner, then we are dealing with a science that can control and ascertain the vibratory rate of cloth within a few moments and apply the proper waves to such an object over a distance of 180 feet! Perhaps someday we will learn the correct answer to this baffling mystery, but at present we only know the effect and not the cause!

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#### FLYING SAUCERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS

- by Michael G. Mann -

(Editor's Note: People have often asked why it is that UFO's are never seen over our large cities. The fact is that they sometimes are; but it seems that city dwellers seldom look up. In our March issue we presented the story of an engineer who saw a fleet of flying saucers over Times Square back in 1937. The following article, which is also a SAUCER NEWS exclusive, is written by an engineer who has long been a student of the saucer enigma. It concerns a story told to him by a co-worker who wishes to remain anonymous.)

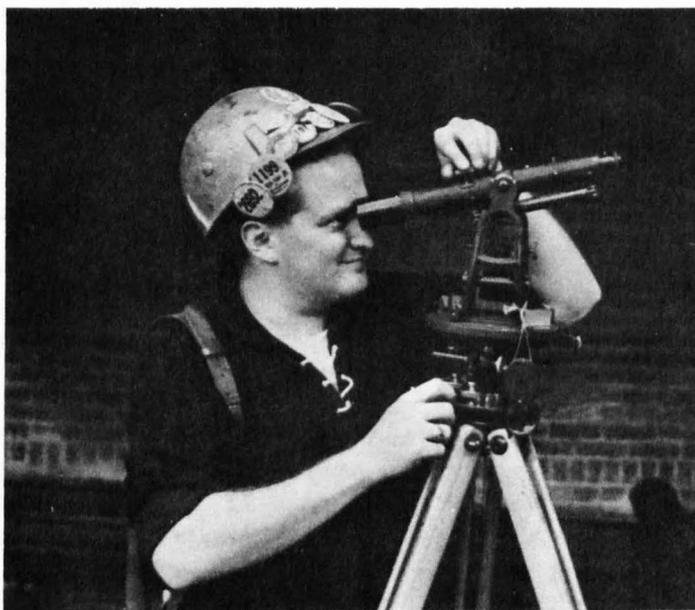
A few months ago, one of our company's field surveyors came to me with an unusual yarn. At first I thought that he was just kidding, for that is the practice among my friends who are aware of my interest in saucers. When I accused him, and demanded the name of the person who put him up to playing a joke on me, he became highly indignant. He finished his story, dropped a roll of 120 film on my desk, and marched out of my office.

A week ago I was in a camera store and discovered that I still had that roll of film in my pocket. It was promptly placed in a processing envelope. A couple of days later I picked up the film. I began to thumb through the dozen or so prints. There was a poor shot of a little girl skipping rope, some others of our construction site, and three of the surveyor. Because he does not want his real name mentioned, I will call the surveyor Milton in this article. It was the last two prints that caught my eye, and if I hadn't had them developed myself, I never would have believed what I saw!

Needless to say, I was in Milt's office early the next morning. This time I was the one who was anxious to hear the story about the flying saucer. It just wasn't my day, for I waited half the morning until the surveyor-

ing party returned from one of their shorter coffee breaks. I cornered the fellow the moment he stepped through the door. He hardly had time to sit down before I was demanding the details.

It seems that the surveying party was in Long Island City late last June doing a property survey. Milt was running the gun, which is surveyors' lingo for transit. Now, as any New Yorker can tell you, the Isle of Manhattan is just across the river and in full view of Long Island City. Milt noticed some movement near the United Nations Building. At first it seemed to be a low-flying plane. When the object began to hover and then dart back and forth across the New York



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skyline, it was plain to see that it wasn't an airplane. The object moved against the wind at fantastic speeds, which ruled out weather balloons or the possibility that it was one of the helicopters used by the New York area airports to taxi passengers from one port to another.

Milt had heard many of my saucer tales, but he wasn't willing to admit sighting a saucer peeking through the windows of the United Nations. He had heard that many people claim the saucers are here because of our atom bomb tests. He had never come across the idea that they may be seeking a seat in the United Nations, and he wanted some proof of what he saw before telling anyone about it. As luck would have it, both of the other members of Milt's crew were away at the moment of the sighting. One was getting coffee and the other was indisposed. Milt had planned to do a dock survey later that day and had his camera with him. It was a Yashica-Mat, which is a very adequate Japanese reflex camera. There were a few exposures left on the roll and Milton put them to good use. The best of the series has been reproduced on the cover of this issue of SAUCER NEWS.

"It seemed as if they knew I was snapping them, for they took off for the hills the minute I started," Milt explained to me. It turned out that the "hills" was the Bronx, the northern borough of New York. Milt also claimed that while it hovered, the object had the movement of a pendulum, but when it flew, it skipped like a rock skimming along the surface of a lake.

That was about all Milton would say. Not once could I get him to call the object a flying saucer. He persisted in calling it "the object," or simply "it." In the end he became quite sullen and begged me not to laugh or "tell the others." I am sure that no one can blame him for this or for his wish to remain anonymous.

There aren't too many cases open to the public where a transit or theodolite has been used to track a saucer. Those that are available to the public do not give any clue as to how the data was arrived at. But Milton had the good sense to use the time that his "object" was in view to very good advantage. He had a full page of notes in his meticulously neat hand. My summary of his notes is to be found at the top of the next page.

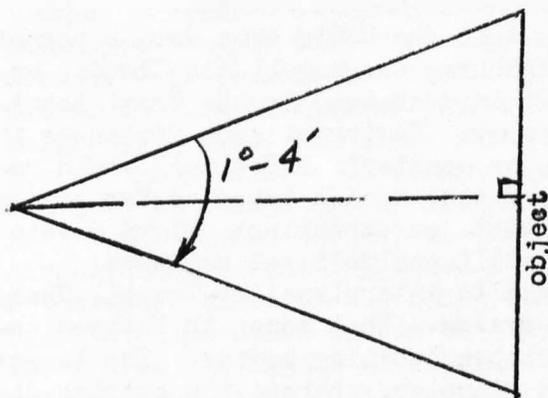
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#### WHENCE THE UFO's?

- by N. S. Stringfellow -

Many researchers and writers have taken the definite position that flying saucers are interplanetary. Major Donald Keyhoe has done much painstaking research and fascinating writing about UFO's, and he seems very definitely inclined to the interplanetary theory. In fact, he is so captivatingly persuasive that he is almost convincing. His would be a very satisfactory answer if we could prove it, and make it stick. But, although the interplanetary hypothesis is a strong one, there is much against it. I am sure that most of us would like this to be the right answer to the saucer mystery, but is it? Let us examine the evidence.

It appears that many of earth's scientists have little or no hope of any of the other planets in our solar system being inhabited. This has been a great disappointment to some of us, as we can reasonably hope to achieve interplanetary travel within our own solar system within the lifetime of most of us. Travel to the stars is another matter, however.

The great astronomer Harlow Shapley, in his interesting little book "Of Stars and Men," suggests that there must be at least 100,000 life-bearing planets in our own galaxy. This estimate seems very reasonable. Many of earth's scientists seemed very optimistic about space travel early in the space programs of the United States and Russia, but now some are seriously doubting whether earth men or forms of life on any planet will ever be able to bridge the staggering distances between the stars. They tell us that our nearest star, Proxima in Centaurus, is four light years away. A light year is the distance light travels in a year at the fantastic rate of 186,000 miles per second. Can we imagine space vehicles traveling down all those light years? Reliable accounts of the UFO's indicate that they travel at great speeds. With their admitted great speeds, how long would it take to travel four times six thousand billion miles at, for example, fifty thousand miles per hour? Figure

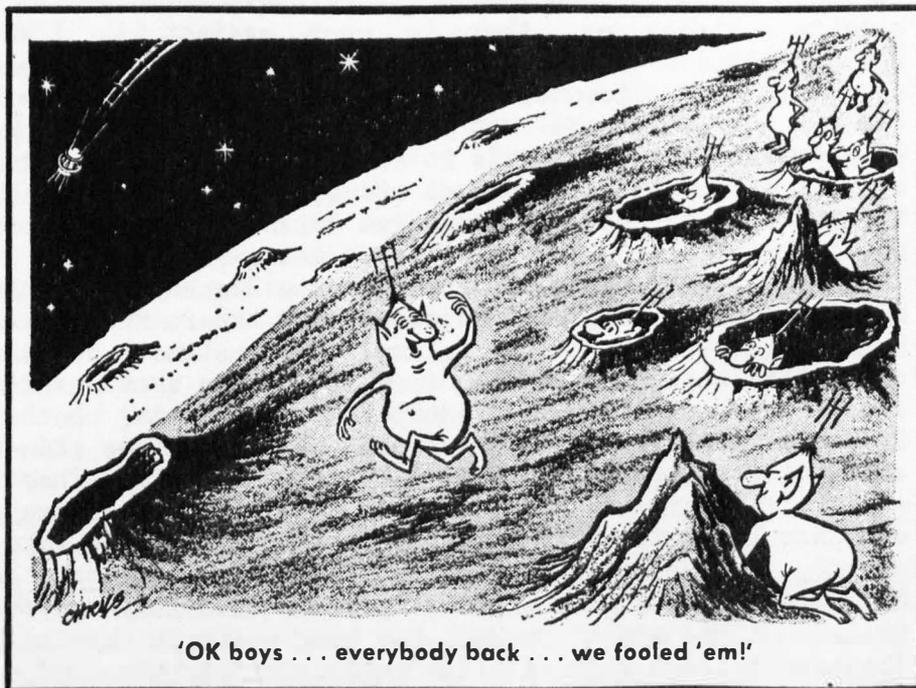
it out for yourself. The answer is more impressive that way.

We can imagine a spacecraft being prepared for a week's journey, or even a month's or a year's; but it is hard to imagine one prepared for a longer journey than that. Some observers have estimated very high speeds for saucers. Mr. Kenneth Arnold of Idaho estimated 1200 to 1800 miles per hour for the chain of nine saucers he saw over Mt. Rainier in 1947. This might not have been their maximum speed, but if it was, try dividing twenty-four thousand billion by 1200, etc., to get an idea of how long it would take for these craft to travel to the earth from a planet in orbit around Proxima.

Some people have even suggested that the UFO's come from a planet in some other galaxy. Our nearest galaxy neighbors, the Magellanic Clouds, are about 150,000 light years away, and the next in distance is the Great Nebula in Andromeda, about two million light years away. To travel such distances in a lifetime (any human's, animal's, entity's, or monster's lifetime) would require unbelievable speeds. The mere thought of such speeds takes us far afield into fiction and fantasy. Even assuming that we earthlings might develop speeds as high as 50,000 miles per hour, we still wouldn't get anywhere!

Distance is not the only deterrent to interplanetary travel. There is also the asteroid belt in our own solar system. That zone is between the planets Mars and Jupiter, and is full of unshapen orbiting bodies. The larger of these bodies are from 120 to 480 miles in diameter, whereas the average diameter is 15 to 20 miles. More than 2800 of them are large enough to be identified, and more than 1500 have been catalogued. Many of these asteroids are a mile or less in their largest dimension. Think of how many there may be from an inch to 100 feet across. One of even a small diameter could do terrible damage to a spacecraft in collision. Nothing has ever been sent out from the earth through the asteroid zone and returned to earth. Reliable accounts of UFO's describe them as being larger than our largest planes, and we can assume them to be rather durably made; but are they durable enough to come safely through the dangers of the asteroid belt? I doubt it!

I have a personal theory about our moon. I believe it is a little burned-out sun. At times during daylight it appears pretty rough. In binoculars and small telescopes at night, this roughness is amplified. A study of a portion of our moon blown up from a large telescopic picture shows just how rough and pockmarked it is. My private theory is that when the Great Architect of the Universe brought order to this earth and decided it needed a permanent satellite, he may have sent this little burned-out sun in from outer space through the asteroid zone of our solar system, where it got a great deal of its pounding. Perhaps many of the asteroids of today are mountains knocked off the moon when it came through. There are probably confining or quarantining fields such as this around plan-



'OK boys . . . everybody back . . . we fooled 'em!

ets in other galaxies, and there are probably many bodies, from sand-grain size to boulder and larger sizes, out in space beyond our solar system.

Another hazard is the Van Allen radiation belt. We don't know that a manned earth craft could successfully go through this field, nor do we know that a craft from any other planet could successfully pass through it to come to earth. We may be quarantined to within 600 or 1000 miles of our own planet until the end of time.

Discouraging? Yes, and until man or other life forms out in space learn to travel as fast or nearly as fast as light, can build spacecraft as durable or almost as durable as the moon, and can find a way to power them better and cheaper than anything that has been tried on earth to date, we will just have to give up our cherished dream of interplanetary travel. We must realize the limitations of poor little Homo Sapiens, and we must realize that similar life forms on other planets out in space must have their limitations too. It is no wonder that so many good saucer researchers have given up and turned to the study of psychic phenomena!

Whence the UFO's? We are forced to look closer to home in our search. Someone has suggested a planet like our earth, in the same orbit and on the other side of the sun, that has not been discovered yet. Others have suggested the moon. It has been pointed out that there are definite signs of life there. The shadow of a bridge has been seen where no shadow or bridge was ever seen before, and there have even been dome-like structures seen on the moon! With binoculars we can see bright spots on the moon, and we can see what appears to be beams or channels emanating from them - particularly from the crater called Tyco. Some people believe that life could comfortably exist there in spite of the extreme temperatures. We know that one side of the moon is hidden from us, and we cannot be sure what might be there. We have seen an alleged picture of the dark side of the moon, but it shows nothing, as it is far inferior to telescopic pictures of the exposed side taken from earth. It is reasonable to believe that in a very short time we will find out definitely whether or not our nearest neighbor in space contains intelligent life.

Another theory is that there are holes in the poles of our planet. Saucer activity and other strange phenomena have been observed in the polar regions, especially in the southern one. Other people believe that there are strange forms of intelligent life living in the sea, in the earth's caverns, or even deep down in the bowels of our planet.

Whence the UFO's? I cannot give the correct answer any more than you can; but couldn't they be coming from somewhere within about 240,000 miles of your home?

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of the illustrations from his book. He then answered questions for quite awhile, and showed great patience toward a somewhat skeptical crowd. A little later he hurried off to catch a train back to his home in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he is still employed by the same company he worked for back in 1952 when he formed the International Flying Saucer Bureau - the organization which was later closed down by the mysterious Three Men in Black.

On April 10th our lecturer was Gordon Evans, who gave us such a memorable talk last October about possible life on Mars. This time his topic was: "How UFO's Fly; Why the Martians Won't Let Us Land on the Moon; and Some Extraterrestrial Secret Agents." Further details about this most interesting lecture will appear in our next issue.

The permanent location of our meetings is now the Berkshire Room of the Hotel Woodstock, at 127 West 43rd St., in midtown Manhattan. If you would like to receive free notices about future lectures, just drop us a line, and we will put you on our lecture mailing list.

## RECENT NEWS

**EAST COAST SAUCER CONVENTION PLANNED FOR LATE SUMMER:** Plans are underway for a gigantic East Coast saucer convention to be held near New York City this August, simultaneously with the New York World's Fair. This would be the first such convention in this area since Howard Menger's, back in 1958. As of this writing, no site has yet been decided upon. However, a committee has been set up, headed by Lee Medeville, a researcher living on Long Island. Other members of the committee include Wayne Aho, Harry Hoffman, and your Editor, who is in charge of publicity. When further details develop we will let our readers know, even if this means sending out one or more special bulletins to our entire mailing list. As the convention date grows nearer, publicity on the Long John Show as well as other radio programs is anticipated.

**WORLD-FAMOUS PSYCHIC FACES JAIL SENTENCE:** On February 10th, the noted psychic Peter Herkos was arrested for allegedly having impersonated an FBI agent the previous December. Herkos is supposed to have told a gas station attendant in Wisconsin that he was the FBI man who solved the slaying of President Kennedy, and that he was on his way to Las Vegas to investigate the kidnapping of Frank Sinatra Jr. On March 3rd, Herkos was indicted by a federal grand jury. He now faces a possible three year prison term. During his fascinating career, Herkos has aided police in solving several murders, although at times his psychic impressions have been inaccurate, and on one occasion his information led to the arrest of a suspect who was later found to be innocent.

### INTERVIEW WITH DR. DONALD MENZEL AND BOSTON RADIO APPEARANCE BY SAUCER NEWS EDITOR:

On February 25th, your Editor made a brief trip to Boston to appear on the Bob Kennedy Contact Show, a program heard nightly from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Station WBZ (50,000 watts.) While in town, we set up a brief interview with the arch-enemy of Saucerdom, Dr. Donald H. Menzel, author of the recent book "The World of Flying Saucers," reviewed in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS. The interview was held in Dr. Menzel's office at the Harvard Observatory in Cambridge, and was witnessed by saucer researcher Robert Forrest, who had set up the WBZ appearance for us.

It is not possible to come to a firm conclusion about Dr. Menzel's personality from one short meeting, but our impression is that Richard E. Wallace, who wrote the review for us, was quite correct in stating that Menzel does not write his anti-saucer books for profit, fame, or prestige. It is fairly obvious that his private war against flying saucers is a vendetta carried on for reasons best known to himself. Dr. Menzel was reasonably cordial, but tended to answer specific questions in generalities, much as the Air Force has been accused of doing.

The world-famous astrophysicist informed us that he "might" listen in to the Bob Kennedy Show that evening. The program takes many phone calls from listeners, and as it turned out, the most persistent caller of all was Dr. Menzel, who achieved about 10 minutes of air time out of the hour and a half program. When cornered in the debate, he resorted to generalities as he had done in the face-to-face interview. All telephone calls taken over the air, except for the one from Menzel, were limited to one or two minutes.

A man called the station shortly after Menzel finally got off the line, and asked about the rumor that Jonathan Swift, author of the 18th Century classic "Gulliver's Travels," was actually a visitor from Mars. We replied that our only confirmation of this rumor (as was pointed out in Mr. Wallace's book review) is an article in the February, 1964 issue of "Worlds of Tomorrow," written by Dr. Menzel's co-author, Mrs. Lyle G. Boyd. Mrs. Boyd,

who is a science-fiction writer by trade, speculated in a factual article in "Worlds of Tomorrow" that Jonathan Swift might have been a Martian. Yet, when co-authoring "The World of Flying Saucers" with Dr. Menzel, she was unable to accept even the much less fantastic possibility that UFO's could be real!

The Bob Kennedy Contact Show was an extremely interesting and highly rewarding experience for your Editor. It is a well-run effort, with a M. C. who is both genial and highly skilled. As a result of the program, more than 300 people wrote in for sample copies of SAUCER NEWS, from a radius of almost 500 miles from Boston. We hope to be on the show again shortly, talking about flying saucers and possibly treasure hunting, as well.

NEWS BRIEFS: On the night of December 5th, two high school girls in Cavalier, North Dakota, were terrified by a UFO which circled their car at high speed while they were driving home. The object was at low altitude, and its oval shape could be seen quite clearly. It was a bright orange in color, and was surrounded by a light haze. The girls, named Nita Main and Cherly Kelm, said that the UFO sped across the front of their automobile and circled it to the side before disappearing to the southeast....On New Years Eve, listeners in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway who believed that a fictional radio description of a space invasion was the real thing, jammed the telephone switchboard of the Danish Broadcasting Corporation. Some asked for confirmation that a spaceship had landed, and others, realizing the program was fiction, complained that it was too realistic and had frightened their children. The whole event was reminiscent of the Orsen Welles "War of the Worlds" scare in 1938... At 6:30 p.m. on February 5th, a blazing object flashed across the skies and was seen by hundreds of startled witnesses in Washington, Oregon, and Montana. A pilot for West Coast Airlines saw the object coming toward him and was tempted to dodge it, though it apparently passed him at a considerable distance. The UFO, thought by some to be a meteor, is reported to have disintegrated or crashed. An attempt was made by the American Meteor Society to locate it....

The Russian news agency Tass claims that the Russians have devised a linguistic key for deciphering unknown texts. No knowledge is required of the language in which the text was written. Helped by an electronic computer, this key can analyze mathematically any language - even Martian - and understand it.....Scientists have spotted nine colossal gas masses on the edge of the Universe, 3,000 million light years away. This gives confirmation to the theory that the Universe had no beginning, because matter is constantly being created. The alternative theory is that the Universe began with a "big bang" about 10,000 million light years ago....The Tokyo Astronomical Observatory has stated that the revolution of the earth has inexplicably become faster since the end of 1963, and that this will probably cause abnormal weather this coming summer.

SAUCER NEWS ATTENDS A SEANCE: On the night of March 7th, Sandy Moseley attended a ouija board seance at the home of Don and Joan Marowski, in New York's Greenwich Village section. Also present were Long John regulars Stewart Robb and Kaigh Deigh, as well as several other people. Messages were received from Aldous Huxley and others; but the most interesting to us was one relating to a 24-year-old girl we know who recently engaged in a double suicide with her boy friend. The two people operating the ouija board at the time were, at the very least, successfully demonstrating telepathy, for the name of this dead girl came through although no one in the room knew it except Sandy. Next the name of the girl's dog came out. The alleged spirit of the dead girl insisted that she had not really killed herself but had been killed by her boy friend. A man's name, unfamiliar to Sandy, was then given by the spirit. Sandy phoned the dead woman's mother to find out if this was the name of her daugh-

ter's companion. The mother became very upset and refused to give any information, so apparently the name had some meaning to her. - Other strange examples of telepathy or co-incidence occurred that night, and we intend to go to more seances in an attempt to learn more about this intriguing field of research.

FURTHER RADIO APPEARANCES BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF: On March 6th, your Editor went on the Bob Zanotti Show again (WFMU in New Jersey), accompanied by our Advertising Manager Eugene Steinberg. This time the hour and a half discussion concerned treasure hunting as well as recent events in the saucer field. - On the morning of March 21st, your Editor appeared on the Long John Show with George Adamski and others, discussing Adamski's controversial contact claims. Mr. Adamski was in New York to give two lectures for the NYSIB group.

FORTEAN ITEMS: On Christmas eve, a chicken in Biarritz, France, which had strayed away from its farm, delighted its owners by coming back and laying a giant egg weighing eight ounces.....Witchcraft, one of the pre-Christian religions of England, is still practiced there in a highly organized manner, according to a recent report from London. There are said to be at least six covens (or groups) in the country, each composed of 13 witches, who confine themselves to the practice of white rather than black magic. Sabbats (or meetings) are held in the woods four times a year, with secret rituals which apparently involve animal sacrifices.....There's also a group in England called the Panacea Society, which claims to have the prescription for all the world's ills. The message was sealed in a box by a prophetess named Joanne Southcott before her death in 1841. Ever since then, the Society has been clamoring for the box to be opened; but according to the rules set forth by the prophetess, it can be opened only in time of crisis by two dozen bishops of the Church of England surrounded by a multitude of believers. To date, these conditions have never been met. The location of the box is known only to the Society, and its contents are known to no one.....

Soviet scientist Boris F. Porshinev recently stated that he believes the controversial Abominable Snowmen of the Himalayas are survivors of Neanderthal man, who dominated western Europe 75,000 to 25,000 years ago. During recent years, Abominable Snowmen have been seen by several scientists on expeditions to the Himalayas. Their footprints have been photographed and preserved, but no Snowman has ever been captured or photographed....Cancer causes 60% of the deaths in the village of Samford, Devon, England. This is supposedly due to the unusually high concentrations of radioactivity in lettuce which is grown locally.....A sea serpent of some sort washed up on a beach at Oak Harbor, Washington, last October, and caused a great deal of controversy as to its species. Some observers wrote it off as a whale, but as in most such cases, the true explanation was not so simple. Many curiosity seekers and others carted away sections of the decomposed creature, which was 25 feet long and had a head similar to a horse's. The head was "stolen" by a local high school teacher, who was not able to definitely identify it as belonging to any known fish. The teacher buried the head pending the arrival of experts from the University of Washington who were expected to continue the study; but we have no report on their findings, if any....

A 105-foot Navy PT boat, converted into a pleasure craft, struck an unidentified object in the water 25 miles off the coast of California last February 5th, and sank. The eleven persons on board were rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter. R. W. Rutherford, the man who had chartered the boat, said: "We struck an unseen object. It was not a log. It was like metal. It hit the bow first and then took away our rudder. I wouldn't want to say anything for publication as to what it was, but it definitely was a strange object.".... Farris Bryant, Governor of Florida, recently sent a small boy a letter con-

firming the fact that it sometimes rains frogs and tiny fish in his state. The letter was in answer to an inquiry by a fifth grade student...Air Force scientists are still studying mysterious red and pink spots on the moon, which are regarded with skepticism by other scientists who have not seen the spots. The Air Force moon watchers hope to get photographs in June to prove their point. (Isn't it an interesting switch for the Air Force to see something that other people don't believe!? - Editor.)....A potato weighing  $4\frac{1}{2}$  pounds was harvested in Barco de Avila, Spain, last November...Two couples playing bridge last February ended up with cards dealt in such a way that each player received 13 cards of the same suit. One player had shuffled, another had cut the cards, and a third had dealt them. The odds against this happening are figured at 153 million to one!.....A cat somehow followed a family that moved from Miami, Florida, to Harrison, Ohio, although the animal had disappeared in Miami two months before the move, and had never been to Harrison. The family is convinced that the cat which mysteriously showed up at their new home in Ohio is the same one they lost in Florida, because it looks and acts exactly the same, and it even gets along with their dog, just as the cat in Miami did.

GASOLINE MADE FROM WATER???? An Illinois man named Guido Franch claims to have discovered a secret formula derived from coal, which when added to water, will perform better than conventional gasoline. The cost is only about two cents per gallon. If this claim is true, it is hard to understand why Franch has spent many years trying to sell the formula without success. To make the matter even more mysterious, Franch claims to have obtained the formula from a scientist named Alexander Kraft - now dead - who came over from Germany after World War I and invented a flying saucer which still exists in a secret abandoned coal mine in Illinois, guarded by a mystery cult of some sort. The saucer runs on this mixture, but it also has electromagnetic engines, used for traveling above the earth's atmosphere. Kraft's craft has made many successful test runs over the years, according to the story, but inexplicable obstacles make it even harder to sell than the fuel. - Part of the above information is from the DuPage County, Illinois "Daily Journal," of December 11th, 1963, and part is from a SAUCER NEWS subscriber who visited our Headquarters recently and gave us a small bottle of the fuel mixture to have analyzed. We hope to have further news about all this in our next issue!

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concede that, while we have never had occasion to view Mr. Telano in action, Mr. Probert and his ever entertaining conclave of departed beings has never failed to put on a good performance. Although we are of the opinion that his vocal imitations are lacking in conviction and sincerity, his act is one of the finest that any spirit medium has yet created.

In summation, the value of "The Flying Saucers" towards the furtherance of our understanding of the nature of the elusive UFO's is precisely nil, and we shudder to envision the mirthful reaction of the skeptic should he chance to come in contact with this volume. It is certainly shocking and pitiful to find seventeen years of saucer research come to this!

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