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The first item on the agenda for this issue of the Bulletin will be a rousing cheer for Major Donald Keyhoe for his good work on his current best-seller, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" which has dealt a telling blow to extremists on both ends of the flying saucer mystery. Both the Air Force with its 'misconception of convention phenomena' line and the advocates of present-day space travel with variously shaped and sexed saucer occupants of varying degrees of physical beauty, felt the sting of a few well-placed barbs. Indications are that the latter are swiftly losing in the saucer popularity polls because of their inability to produce tangible evidence, plus the fact that their claims have been so extravagant and sensational that they're having a difficult time thinking up new plots for the next episodes of their charming planetary operas.

It is our considered opinion that the U. S. press has again been influenced in its treatment and lack of treatment of Major Keyhoe's words and works. ALTHOUGH HUNDREDS OF APRO MEMBERS IN THE U. S. WERE KEEPING A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR ANY AND ALL REVIEWS OF HIS LATEST BOOK, Major Keyhoe's "Flying Saucer Conspiracy" GOT VERY LITTLE PRESS MENTION despite a well-rounded assortment of press representatives at his pre-publication conference in Washington last December. A long distance call to Mr. Keyhoe at the time was very fruitful in that we had a good idea of what should have resulted from the press conference, and is added evidence at this time that pressure has been brought to bear to dissuade any unwated publicity for the saucer problem. Actually, this is extremely good strategy on the part of the group behind the censorship for the summer of 1956 with the close proximity of the planet Mars and therefore the expected influx of saucers, could very well bring the whole situation to a climax which might end in complete enlightenment of the masses regarding the real nature of the UFO.

KEYHOE LETTER REVEALS PENTAGON UNEASINESS

A recent letter from Major Keyhoe revealed the following bit of tasty information: An executive of a leading Baltimore radio station contacted the Air Force with a request that a wualified officer take part in a panel discussion on discs. The gentleman told AF Security and Review that he thought that the AF would want to have someone to defend their stand since Major Keyhoe charged a conspiracy of silence, etc. The Major contacted at AFSR at first said that he thought this could be arranged without any trouble, and then called two hours later and said that it was all off, that the Pentagon couldn't see its way clear. The announcer asked why and the Major said that "of course Keyhoe would like the publicity." The Baltimore executive then pointed out that it had been himself and not Keyhoe who had initiated the idea and that the radio station wasn't out to give away publicity to Keyhoe or anyone else. He then said that he'd offered the Air Force a chance to defend itself against the claims of a blackout, hiding the facts about UFO, and if they didn't choose to do so it was their own business. The Air Force Major then apologized for the remark about Keyhoe (regarding publicity) but the Pentagon stuck to its refusal to be represented on the panel show.

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SPECIAL REPORT #14 --- TRUE OR FALSE?

The Air Force's special report on Saucers which seems to have gone over big with some saucer enthusiasts is one of the most outrageous pieces of misinformation ever foisted onto the gullible American public. One big discrepancy which should be pointed out is the impression given by Special Report #14 and AF Secretary Donald Quarles that 91 but 3% of the sightings reports have been solved. However, Table A-1, buried in the back pages of the report, shows 21.5% of the analyzed reports unexplained.

At this point, in order to bolster our contentions that the Special Report was rigged, we would like to quote from "Inside The Flying Saucers", a condensation from Ruppelt's recent book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects": "Of the several thousand UFO reports that the Air Force has received since 1947, some 15 to 20 percent fall into this category called Unknown." Again, at the close of the article, these words were found to be most startling and revealing: "The UFO reports made by the two colonels and the two master sergeants are typical of hundreds of other good UFO reports which carry the verdict, "Conclusion Unknown."

Back to the Special Report. It mentions 12 cream of the crop cases and shows assorted shapes and sketches supposed to represent what the observers described or drew. There are three or four well-known airline cases, but most of the "cream of the crop" are from absolutely untrained witnesses and the circumstances show these are among the weakest in ATIC files. It is obvious they were chosen deliberately to create as many weird shapes as possible in order to create the impression that there is no correlation among sightings. Really important, verified official cases such as the B-29 Gulf of Mexico Case, December 6, 1952, the "rotating lights" cases in Japan, the White Sands Proving Ground radar-visual-photographic-theodolite confirmation, were deliberately omitted.

In his most recent letter to the Director, Major Keyhoe says, quote: "It's obvious that the IBM card analysis is erroneous, if not deliberately rigged. Some one in each case, had to select a code designation or rating for each sighting and this leaves it entirely up to the ATIC or their secret panel of consultants. Again, knowing how the Air Force has brushed off authentic reports with "could this have been a balloon" or "this evidence doesn't sound like a meteor but let's see if we can make it fit", I believe that similar methods were used to give an erroneous answer in many cases." Unquote.

Again we would like to quote Major Keyhoe in excerpts from his latest correspondence: "In one section, they say (and Secretary Quarles so stated in his release) that there is no evidence that flying saucers really exist. Later, in Special Report #14, they say that if they could get the kind of scientific evidence they'd like, it might be possible to prove the existence of flying saucers ---if they exist. But this double-talk did not appear in more than a dozen of the Nation's newspapers, because few newsmen have time to wade through a 316-page report.

"The report states that no UFO sightings prior to June 1947 were considered and implies that any reports before then were completely unreliable. This is a deliberate evasion of the 1944-45 "foo-fighters" reports by their own pilots and pilots of our Allies, not to mention the reports antedating World War II.

"In Secretary Quarles October 25 statement, he implied that we were on the

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verge of operating a saucer-shaped craft in fairly large numbers. This was planted, obviously, so that newsmen and others could speculate on the "secret weapon" explanation. Naturally, many who hadn't investigated the facts, swallowed the bait and suggested that perhaps the Air Force has been testing these mysterious machines over the past ten years. Secretary Quarles' statement was misleading, and in my opinion, deliberately intended to offset publication of my book and Ruppelt's, both of which contain evidence that the UFOs are real, and not made on this earth.

"The one glaring flaw in Special Report #14 and Quarles' statement is the deliberate omission of the hundreds of UFO sightings by the best-trained, best-qualified observers in the world---military and airline pilots, radar experts, guided-missile trackers and airport tower personnel. Special Report #14 in effect ridicules most observers, or at least makes them seem incompetent, which Quarles and the Air Force both know is absolutely untrue. If it were true, why would the Air Force let such pilots radar operators and guided missile trackers remain on duty?" UNQUOTE.

The foregoing has been Major Keyhoe's special brief analysis of Special Report #14 and the recent statements made by Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles, especially for the members of APRO. We would like to add the following:

One year ago, the Director mentioned in the bulletin the Air Force Saucer Building experiment, and although the remark was quite unwittingly dropped by a young Air Force officer stationed at Wright Air Development Center, it was evident then that the thing was for the most part in the "mock-up" and wind-tunnel stage and had not been power-flown.

It is such trickery as Special Report #14 that prevents reports such as the one made by a high-ranking civilian at Holloman Air Force Base, from ever reaching Air Force ears. This gentleman approached the Director and her husband with the following report. He has been working for the government for about 10 years, the past 3 of which have been spent at White Sands Proving Ground and Holloman. Previously, he served with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and is fully qualified, through his knowledge of Air Force planes and Army, Navy and Air Force guided missiles, to observe and report the object. He offered his opinion that the thing was nothing like anything currently under development by the US Government, to his knowledge:

February, 1956, observer heading due East on 10th street, observed the following described object taking a horizontal, NNW to SSE trajectory. A bright yellowish green ball surrounded by a halo which was predominantly blue. The halo extended in front of the object in a rounded manner, extended out at the sides behind the object, then tapered together at a point some distance behind where the color became a bluish green. No sound (there was street noises, however) and the object appeared much higher than the Sacramento Mountains which rise to the East of Alamogordo. Mr. ---- (anonymity requested) said the altitude would be difficult to estimate, due to no prospective for comparison, although the object appeared much higher than the mountains. Object noted just south of 10th avenue and was viewed about 4 seconds. It appeared to 'burn out' with no change in light intensity; size diminished from full size to zero in one second. No change in altitude noted. Object first noted through windshield, observer then shifted view to side window in order to check possibility of the object being a reflection.

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LA PAZ AND HOLLoman EMPLOYEE SIGHT 'FIREBALL' IN 1954

An object which description exactly tallies with the sighting made in February by a Holloman AFB employee, was seen in 1954 by Dr. Lincoln La Paz of the New Mexico Department of Meteoritics and a man employed at Holloman Air Force Base. Although not together at the time, the time element and trajectory and physical description of the object tallied exactly and led both men to believe they had observed the same phenomena.

The Holloman employee also relates his experience while tracking 5 silvery discs with the aid of an optical tracker on the Holloman Test Range. In all fairness to the observer we must withhold his name, but he did tell us that after reporting the incident to proper authorities, an Air Force Major from Wright-Patterson flew in and interviewed him and two other trackers, 'asking all kinds of odd questions', as he put it.

This man has seen several UFO while employed at Holloman, but because of the adverse newspaper comment has not bothered to report the last few. We have found that this is becoming a more and more common complaint among observers.

SAUCER SUNDRIES:

A house subcommittee investigating government information policies has turned up some unusual security labels to keep information from becoming public, but Chairman John E. Moss, Jr. (Dem, Calif.) of the House Government Operations Committee says he recently discovered one of the strangest of all. It was a document labeled and classified: "For Air Force Eyes Only". (Cr: Josephine Myers, Omaha, Nebraska)

This little gem fits right in with the foregoing, quoted from "The Right To Know" article from the November issue of the "BRIEF", a publication of the Illinois Division, American Civil Liberties Union. We quote: "Then our forefathers wrote into the Constitution that the Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of the press, they did so because they knew that if the people were to act intelligently in governing themselves, they must have all the information available and that a free militant press would be the most potent instrument for providing the people with this information. In our democracy a free press is as vital to the functioning of our government as any of its branches." UNQUOTE. (Credit David Lansden, Atty, Cairo, Ill.) From the Director: Jefferson, Franklin and some of those highly idealistic founders of the United States would fairly spin in their graves and if within their power, come back to stalk the halls of the Pentagon if they were informed of the current muffling of the great United States "Free Press".

We'd like to comment, however briefly, on the rash of sensational-type saucer rags which have come out recently. Our road is rough and rocky as it is without the stumbling blocks created by the opportunists who conceive these monstrosities. Avoid religiously any papers or lecturers who claim sensational-type adventures (one hand out for your do-re-mi). We don't fear our members will be taken in, but feel that those fifty cent pieces shelled out here and there for the various rags, plus the \$1-\$2.50 fees charged by the lecturers, are the only means of survival for a peculiar-smelling breed of 'researchers'. To date, there are only three or four qualified lecturers whom APRO has felt it should endorse, and they deal

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primarily with widely accepted theories based on sound fact.

COMMENTS ON 'AF' TYPE SAUCER CLAIMS:

James, Mosely, in his recent AF Saucer Report Analysis (Saucer-News, Jan-Feb, 1956) made a few statements which should be corrected and others upon which comments certainly should be made. With all due respect to the many anonymous "Drs" who occasionally spring up with their equally anonymous statements that the Air Force has a working model of a saucer, the Director would like to refute such statements based upon much anonymous but nevertheless equally dependable information. Because of a policy of 'you tell me, me no talkee', the Director has gotten some very good UFO information from top scientists who are in the know.

The Director completely disagrees with Mr. Mosely on his premise that the AF has no proof that the saucers are interplanetary. This opinion is based on sound scientific fact as well as experience---not a perusal of a tripe AF statement, the publication date of which clearly indicates that it was issued to offset the effect of two books shortly to be printed.

Mr. Mosely briefly comments on one part of the report thusly: There were very few of the Unknowns that would have been identified as guided missiles or rockets, but that were not so identified because of the geographical location in which they were seen. Mosely says: "Does this not show that these particular sightings could have been solved except that the investigators did not know, or the public is not supposed to know, that guided missiles fly in many strange places?"

Our answer to Mr. Mosely's question: "Because of the public safety factor involved, missiles being test-flown (they are not in use operationally because we are at peace) are not flown outside of test ranges. There are sufficient test ranges of sufficient sizes to test-hop any missile without endangering the general public. A special contingent of electronics experts and physicists are maintained at all test ranges to take care of the possibility of a missile going astray. This comment of Mosely's is worth nothing, essentially, because he is just using his own assumption that missiles are tested any old place without any particular respect for the civilian population. Also--- investigators concentrating on a particular sighting need only ask the Research and Development Command if there was anything airborne at such and such a time and place which would answer such and such a description---they'd have gotten a truthful answer, because if it were a missile astray the Research and Development Branch would want to know in order to take more stringent precautionary measures against stray missiles in the future. In Alamogordo, New Mexico, 9 miles from Holloman Air Development Center and 35 miles from White Sands Proving Ground, there is only one incident where a missile went off range and impacted anywhere near a populated area.

In regard to the excerpt regarding flight plans which Mosely brings to our attention, the Director would like to say that the flight pattern of all military aircraft is available to any branch of the Air Force, Navy, Marines and the Army, if they need it in order to coordinate investigations. The only flight patterns not readily available are those of civilian aircraft which can be obtained, however, in good time. As for coordination of knowledge between services of the latest missiles and super-weapons, each branch of the military harbors a representative of each of the other service branches, as a 'liaison officer' who has access to all

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firing schedules, etc, actually keeping much up to date, as is his job, on the newest innovations missile and aircraft-wise, in the other military research departments. Thus, the possibility that one service is building something completely different than anything built before, and that the other branches of the military are completely unaware of this tremendous development, is impossible. The old days of inter-service feuding is passe and all branches of the military are cooperating because of necessity.

VENEZUELAN VOICES RESENTMENT OF AF REPORT #14

We liked especially the following quoted choice words from Venezuelan Humberto Garcia Galindez, in a letter which he wrote to Time Magazine: (It wasn't published, of course).

"It was with great relief that I read (Time, November 7th, 1955) that the United States Air Force has explained in non-sensational ways, almost all the 'saucer sightings' to date. I was also more relieved when you quoted Secretary Donald A. Quarles as saying that the project Air Force saucer-shaped craft, 'if manned, will be manned by normal terrestrial airmen.'"

"If then we here happen to see AGAIN, any small, strange, dwarfish, humanoid, hairy bipeds emerging from grounded saucers to frighten the citizenry, examine the railway lines, or to pull the boulders and dirt off the highways and load it aboard their strange craft, we will now know that they are only United States Air Force pilots sent by Quarles to collect samples of Venezuelan dirt and rocks and, in the event of any complications arising, will know where to direct complaints."

We would also like to suggest that Mr. Galindez report these happenings to the United States Consulate, the government intelligence service, and create an international incident over such illegal entry by Air Force pilots. Stealing, conduct unbecoming officers, wearing of improper flight garb, are just three of the many accusations which could be brought to the public's attention which just might make the Air Force think twice, if they're capable.

UFO OBSERVED DURING TEST MISSION ON WHITE SANDS-HOLLOMAN TEST RANGE

The pilot of a helicopter and his observer watched a strange glowing light and a silvery disc-shaped object while participating in a test mission during the first part of December, 1955. The incident has not been report to authorities, because in the words of the people involved, "people will say we're cracking up." Other than the fact that both objects were apparently near the ground, were not AF test vehicles, and were watched for only a few seconds, we are not prepared to comment further.

RUPPELT'S REPORT ON THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The current talk in saucer circles leans a bit toward a confused discourse on the probable intent of Edward J. Ruppelt when he wrote "Report on the Unidentified Flying Objects". We would like to state, after reading the book and the many reviews, that Mr. Ruppelt had very good intentions and is bent upon disclosing as much as he can legally do without getting slapped with a "security violation". It is our contention that Ruppelt, after spending three years in UFO investigation for

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the Air Force, privately is convinced that the UFO are interplanetary. It is also obvious that before leaving the service, he very cleverly 'downgraded' or 'declassified' several very good reports in order that they could be used in his book, or has a cohort still in service who is furnishing such information to him.

Several things which Ruppelt states as fact stick out like sore thumbs, among which are: (1) The difference between his 15 to 20 percent UNKNOWNs as compared to AF Report #14's 3%. (2) Ruppelt's statement that "While at one time the official attitude was to sneer them out of existence, this is no longer true and never played too great a part in official thinking." We would be happy to debate with Mr. Ruppelt on this score, because it has become more and more evident in recent years that the UFO situation has become a subject of ridicule, at least among the lay public, because of the sneering attitude of the Air Force. Of course, censorship has proved to be a much more expedient way of handling touchy phases of the whole situation, such as the South American landings and incidents of 18 months ago when although AF and News Representatives rushed to Venezuela for first-hand accounts and investigations, any word of the happenings was prevented from seeping through the barrier of censorship.

The "Abnormal radiations" found in immediate areas where saucers were known to have been, have been rather well-known among scientific and technical personnel with the services. It is a common practice for service-employed civilians to get together and discuss those phases of research for which each individual is "cleared" and thus such discoveries become known in certain circles and eventually inadvertently leak out.

It was quite surprising and enlightening to note that Mr. Ruppelt's book received a good amount of favorable publicity as compared to the scant amount Mr. Keyhoe's book received, and this leads one to believe that possibly Mr. Ruppelt was "sponsored", shall we say, in his literary effort.

Some saucer enthusiasts are writing in and asking what could have happened to the head of an Asian Flying Saucer Research Organization which recently disbanded, the Director of which wrote Mrs. Lorenzen asking that all contact be broken and his name kept out of any future periodicals. This is neither surprising nor is it anything to become alarmed about. There are probably two good reasons why the fellow discontinued his work---it became too much of a burden, and/or after giving a great deal of thought to highly superstitious explanations of the saucer mystery, he decided to get out of the field. This is the general impression we received from his latest communication with us.

It seems that when members become too numerous and the prospect of ever solving the mystery and bringing known facts to light becomes ever dim, some organizations tend to become disenchanted with the whole deal and the head of the group figures the best way out is a sort of mysterious separation. This has already happened at least once and possibly twice, and it is unfair at the best, for these people to throw aside their responsibility and take the easiest way out.

ANOTHER GREEN FIREBALL OVER NEW MEXICO

Northern New Mexico again played host to one of the giant "green fireballs" on 9 April 1956 when one of the awesome objects blazed a green trail in the skies

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above Las Vegas and Albuquerque. Dr. Lincoln La Pax of the Institute of Meteoritics of the University of New Mexico has, of course, put forth his request for any and all reports on the object. The object, true to tradition, tore across the skies in a NNW direction, adopting, as usual, a horizontal trajectory.

CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE OF NEW YORK seems to be doing a bang-up job of promoting the saucer mystery as something of scientific value rather than mere curiosity. Their address is 138 W. 92nd St, New York 25, New York.

THE MARS SITUATION

When astronomers say 'there probably isn't any life other than lowly plants on Mars', the Director remembers back to her high school days in 1941 when she debated with science teachers about the possibility of Life on Mars. She contended (and the class laughed) that the 'canals' were something other than natural landmarks, and that seasonal changes of color was due to the progression and recession of vegetated areas. This was 16 years ago, when Mars was believed to be little more than desert. Today scientists admit that there is vegetable life on Mars, and the Director contends that there is not only vegetable life, but animal life as well.

In 1954 astronomers gathered enough evidence to warrant a weak conjecture regarding the probability of vegetation on the planet Mars. In 1956 this enigma of the night sky will be at its closest point in relation to the earth in 17 years and well in range (overhead) for the best use of the greatest telescopes of the world. The giant Hale reflector atop Mount Palomar, California, will doubtless be enlisted in the search for answers to the greatest enigmas of the astronomical world---what are the canals, and is there any indication that intelligent animals make their abode there? These answers are available now, and if it could be told the earthshaking answers might well stun the civilized world.

There has been a great increase in the green areas on Mars in the past decades and further probing in the future may unveil not only answers, but new questions. Particularly interesting and satisfying were the four listed observations made by Dr. E. C. Slipher during his work at the Lamont-Hussey Observatory in Bloemfontein, South Africa during the summer of 1954. They were, in brief: (1) Faint atmospheric 'belts' across the face of the planet. Previously, Mars' atmosphere had been considered too thin for such belts, similar to our 'weather fronts', (2) Blue-white cloud patches, seen first near the north pole and later elsewhere, (3) Opaque, yellow-tinged clouds---possible dust storms, and (4) Occasions when the Martian atmosphere became completely transparent.

Back in 1940 the Director, then a mere child of 15, stood up and told her Science class of her belief that Mars supported at least some plant life and possibly animal life. We wonder how much of her current beliefs will be substantiated 16 years hence?

OF MICE AND MEN:

In January Ted Bloecher of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, New York, wrote the Director suggesting that she write Jonathan Lennard of the New York Times regarding his review of the 1955 crop of UFO books. Mountains of mail as a result of

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Keyhoe's mention of APRO, plus the old bugaboo of routine living prevented her from carrying out Mr. Bloecher's wishes, but she would like to make clear her opinions on the much-discussed book review. Shall we tear it apart piece by piece?

The most shocking disclosure of Mr. Leonard's review is the intestinal fortitude of the man. He, like so many of his ilk, assumes that because of his reputation as a word technician, he is qualified to speak forth for and against any man, thing or subject, and that the public will throw good sense to the winds and lick his hands like faithful dogs. After years of reading Leonard's barbed re-

(it is suspected that he also sires the movie reviews for TIME) partees in the pages of Time, this last is no surprise. It is surprising, however, that a man could have the unmitigated gall to claim (or insinuate) sufficient knowledge of such a complicated subject to qualify him to challenge experts in said field. We assume that he reads the papers, and feels that the 100 or so reports which he has perused in the last 8 years automatically qualifies him as an expert. We have news for this boy---some of those who have investigated saucer reports for the past 9 years are still searching for answers, still conjecturing. Some of these men have a string of degrees that would make Leonard's education, in comparison, look like kindergarten and a smattering of elementary school. So---in summation, we do not feel that Mr. Leonard is qualified to lecture the American people on the ins and outs of UFO investigation any more than he is qualified to hold the post of Science Editor of Time Magazine. We feel that such a post and responsibility calls for a little more foresight and less hindsight.

ANOTHER AERIAL ICE CUBE

Ramon Leon Angulo of Los Angeles was watching television but the chiller that came through the air didn't show on the screen. It came crashing through the roof. Angulo told sheriff's deputies that he heard a rending noise in an adjacent room. Investigating, he found a hole in the ceiling about 18 inches in diameter. The floor was littered with chunks of smashed ice. Authorities said the home was beneath an airlines route and they deduced that ice had slipped from a plane in flight. (An air force pilot whom the Director knows well, upon reading this news article, said that planes just don't ice up that much---if they did, more than ice would fall---the plane would come along with it.)

Workmen at the Equitable Gas Company's Tape Measuring Station in Jefferson, Pennsylvania, saved pieces of a giant, basketball-sized and honeycombed ball of ice which fell at 8 p. m. 3 January, 1956. An airplane was blamed again, but the above rebuttal holds fast again---and we don't know of any way that airplane icing would produce a honeycomb effect.

OF SATELLITES AND SUPERMEN

This issue of the Bulletin would not be complete if there was no comment on the Newspapers' favorite darling of today---the guided missile and the men who will make it. True, there are other guided missiles, but somehow every phase of guided missile research fades into the mist of the forgotten when the subject of the great intercontinental guided missile is mentioned. Considering the delectable publicity and adulation being heaped upon those learned men who will design, build and test the monster, it is hardly logical that anything like space visitors will be allowed to snatch the glory from them. Therefore it will be more than ridiculous

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to surmise that much will be divulged regarding UFO (despite pressure or possible publicity) as long as the great missile is still news. Seems to us there is a terrific mixup regarding guided missiles, inasmuch as the more conventional tactical missiles are being developed in the face of the proposed 'big one'. This, however, brings up another question for those who are convinced that the Air Force sired the flying saucer: If we have flying saucers which do 18,500 miles an hour (this in 1950) why all the squawk and hullabaloo about a measly old intercontinental missile using conventional rocket engines and so forth? This is a good question, and we've not heard a good answer yet.

PLEASE NOTE: APRO's new address is 1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, New Mexico. This is partly the reason for the long silence from Headquarters in the past few months. Moving a household is a big job, but moving the files and equipment of an international organization is considerably bigger.

We have Mr. Lorenzen to thank for a new limed-oak desk set and four drawer filing cabinet plus an attached locking compartment and three combination lock safe. APRO now has one whole room to itself and working on Organization problems will be considerably easier than it has been in the 18 months since the Director and family moved to Alamogordo.

Since December 1955 when Major Keyhoe's book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" was published, the Director has received some three-thousand-odd pieces of mail asking for resumes of APRO's accomplishments, theories, etc., inquiries regarding membership and bulletins for the general public. At first some attempt was made to keep up with the paperwork, but in January the overwork began to show on the Director, resulting in a bad attack of arthritis. In February (the 22nd, to be exact, the new house was ready for occupancy and the big job of moving started. This was accomplished in just a few days, but getting unpacked and ready to get back into UFO work took considerably more time. In March, the youngest member of the Lorenzen contingent of four, Larry, (aged 5½) became ill. Inasmuch as the Director also holds a job away from home, this new development was the straw that broke the camel's back, so to speak. At this writing plans are being made for a trip to Los Angeles to consult a rheumatoid specialist and also to garner a few days needed rest. If this bulletin can be mailed before the trip is made, all due excuses have been made, but if not, at least the Director feels she has made a good start at making amends. Inasmuch as the Directorship of APRO is a spare-time, non-profit venture, we are sure that members will not feel too indignant about the long gap of time between periodicals---also, inasmuch as she plans to give up private employment in July, and Bulletins will begin to come at regular intervals with bonus issues for lost time, perhaps all will be forgiven. We hope so, at least.

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Some of you readers are receiving the bulletin for the first time, and without the formality of carrying a membership card. We have tried to expedite delivery of bulletins to new members without further delaying the bulletins to all members by giving priority to membership register work. Hope this is agreeable to all.

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RECENT SIGHTINGS

Despite Air Force propaganda, sightings are definitely on the upswing and consequently only the most detailed and 'spectacular' will be mentioned in any detail here.

In December, 16-year-old Harold Cummins of Wednesfield near Wolverhampton, Canada, snapped a picture of a disc-shaped object outside his home. He didn't think anyone would believe what he had seen, so he waited until the whole roll of film had been used, and when it was, he had it developed, there was the object, dark against a light afternoon sky. He had, he said, been standing beside the window watching for the birds which usually showed up at that time of day to pick up the food left for them. It was then he spotted the object moving back and forth across the sky. He grabbed his camera and snapped a picture. He turned away for a moment and when he looked back where he had seen the thing, it was gone. The newspaper clipping showing the picture shows a rather large, disc-shaped object with the familiar cupola top silhouetted against the sky.

Last August residents of Long Branch, Ontario, Canada, reported watching two silvery disc-shaped objects streaking toward Toronto at 5:25 a. m. The objects were traveling at high speed and left a streak of smoke behind them.

In November, 1955, four Hunter jetfighters crashed during an acrobatics exhibition at Farnborough Air Base near London, England. The acrobatic team consisted of four Hunter fighters piloted by RAF aces and a Vampire jet carrying U. S. Air Force Capt. R. G. Immig and an older Meteor jet with the TV crew. A THICK BLACK CLOUD SUDDENLY CLAMPED DOWN ON THE SIX PLANES. One hunter jet exploded after its pilot bailed out, then there were five. The Vampire crashed in flames after Capt. Immig and his pilot parachuted, then there were four. A second Hunter buzzed down for a wheels-up crash landing, then there were three. The third and fourth Hunters, running out of fuel, made forced landings at Farnborough Air Base, and the Meteor landed safely. No explanation as to the cause of the smoke or the crashes. We wonder.

On December 25th, 1955, Mrs. Mary Agnes Ferraro of Dallas, Texas, observed an object showing many different-colored lights over Dallas. The object attracted her attention at first because of the way it 'scooted' across the sky, then ascended almost straight up where it hovered at such an altitude that it appeared to be a very bright star, except that it kept flashing its lights. Mrs. Ferraro compared its brilliance while hovering at high altitude, with a streetlight $1\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from her house. The same object was sighted again at about 8 p. m. on the 27th of December. By the drawing submitted by Mrs. Ferraro we gathered that it was torpedo-shaped, with a row of yellow-lighted windows, a band about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way toward its rear, and its size compared with a half-dollar held at arm's length. Mrs. Ferraro declared that she saw it clearly and it was nothing like any aircraft she has ever seen before.

Bob Greenway, college graduate and school teacher at Yorktown, Texas made this unusual sighting: On December 4, 1955, while driving from Smiley to Yorktown, the observer watched an object which appeared as an oscillating light changing from red to reddish-white with a white center. Speed was not exceptional, movement of the object precluded the possibility that it might have been a star,

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planet, beacon or other fixed object. Lack of other lights which might suggest the patterns of military or commercial aircraft, the object was apparently quite brilliant and near the observer. It was observed from four to six minutes, at first travelling parallel with Greenway's car, then it swung across his path as its speed placed it ahead of the observer. As he drove into Yorktown, Greenway said, it had greatly diminished in intensity and lowered closer to the horizon.

August 31, 1955, a pear-shaped small moon sometimes resembling a star was observed by viewers using field glasses in the New Hampton-Charles-City- Alta Vista area of Northeast Iowa.

Spirit Lake, Iowa, 30 November, 1955: Civil Defense officials and spotters in the Spirit Lake Iowa area are mystified by an unidentified object that had appeared in the sky there on four out of seven nights. Having no definite shape, the object was green at the top, red at the bottom and white at the center. Civil Defense workers were trying to work out a system of close observation on the strange thing in the sky as it moved always in the same direction from northeast to southwest and disappeared beyond the horizon in about 20 minutes. Army and other sources said they have no explanations. (This, in itself, stinks, for we have found from hard experience that the 'authorities' will explain anything they can't explain, but have no explanations for those things which they know of. This, including the Greenway sighting of Yorktown, Texas, sound very much like what a good-sized satellite at low altitude (300-600 miles) might look like. We can thank Marilyn Calver for this little gem.)

Clearwater, Florida, 22 Jan, '56: Here is a classic example of the 'authorities' knowing what something is although they don't know anything about it. Residents of Upper Pinellas and Gulf Beaches reported seeing a bright white object streak from horizon to horizon (west to east) in ten seconds. One observer, Bill Nease of Clearwater, said the object appeared from over the Gulf at 7:25 p. m., headed toward earth at about a 30 degree angle, levelled off and streaked east. McDill AFB had no report on it, the PIO at that Base said the base radar picked up nothing 'answering this description'. However, Capt. Johnson, said, he had an AF report from Miami at that time which stated a comet was sighted going east. Nease, a former Air Force pilot, said if the object was similar in size to a modern bomber, he thought it must have been at about 5,000 feet altitude. Ten seconds is too slow for a meteor, comets don't change course, and we'll believe a former pilot who actually saw the thing, before we'll believe a Public Information Officer who takes orders from the Pentagon and didn't see the object himself.

Dunoon, Scotland, 7 September, 1955: A schoolteacher and 10 pupils traveling by bus from Colintrave to Dunoon Grammar School, observed five flattened half-circled objects which were bright like aluminum and reflected the rays of the sun. The teacher, Mr. John Ferguson, said that because of the motion of the bus he could not discern whether or not the objects were moving or hovering.

Although somewhat old, we report this one for its obvious merits: Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 12, 1955: A flame-colored ball with a long tail circled Toronto (downtown) and disappeared eastward at about 1145 p. m. The object was below cloud level and when reported to the Dunlap Observatory by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayd, the man in charge said that 11 students of a local University had seen it and also called him. Many other observers called Malton airport to report and describe

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the object; an airport official (who had not seen the object) said it appeared from descriptions to be at cloud height---10,000 ft. He could give no meteorological explanation for it and said there were no aircraft reported in the vicinity at the time. (Apparently Canadian officials had not been given 'the word' as late as March 1955, anyway---Ed.)

Rev. Albert Baller, one of our more astute members of Greenfield, Massachusetts relays this one: Ashfield, Mass., 6 Dec 1955: Strange, slow-moving, cigar-shaped craft spotted by many residents at 4:15 p. m. First thought to be an airplane on fire, the object sported long rows of brilliant reddish lights, apparently one row on each side. One viewer reported seeing a single light at each side of the 'fuselage', and two trails of smoke similar to those dispensed by jet aircraft, followed the object. No noise accompanied the object on its southward journey and its progress was extremely slow. Rev. Baller found later that a neighbor woman had seen the same, or similar object that same day. She described it as silver, cigar-shaped, with 'truncated' rear from which emerged four 'tails'.

Two and a half to three weeks prior to the above sightings, two men watching from positions about 2 miles apart observed a large, dim object with two bright lights, one red, the other green. It hovered for considerable time in one position. No exact date, but the time was 11 p. m.

Saginaw, Michigan, 22 August, 1955: A flashing, luminous object sighted in the sky over Central and Western Michigan by Civil Defense Ground Observers.

Turlock, Calif, February, 1955 (No exact date) GOC observers watched unidentifiable lights which appeared to move up (during which time they moved out of sight) and down (appearing again). A report was made to the Sacramento Filter Center, the Turlock police were contacted, but when the cops arrived, the lights were gone. However, during the time they were at the tower, the police observed an unusual light, blue in color, which, they concluded in their 'suspicious circumstance' report, was evidently 'something other than a star'. This report, forwarded by Mr. Lorenzen's sister, Mrs. Charles Wright, wife of a Deputy Sheriff, can be put down as a genuine UFO. In trying to check, Mrs. Wright was referred by the police to the GOC and vice versa. Typical buck-passing, we'd say.

A dark gray object described as resembling a ship without superstructure, was seen by the Vice Chairman of the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets Committee, a Mr. James Garden and 5 boys of the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets while cruising in the harbor on 7 August, 1955. The time was 8:40 p. m., the place, Scotland. The object was traveling at an 'amazing speed', and one of the boys said the object looked something like a 'space ship'.

Wingless, white, round objects, (10-14 of them) seen zipping across the sky from west to East on 10 November last year, were 'identified' by Dr. I. M. Levitt of the Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia, as merely a formation of military planes. We'll take issue with the good Doctor---these things, first traveling in a V-formation, suddenly changed to an A-formation, and all within about 15 seconds, too. One observer, a former Air Force observer, said he figured their altitude as about 3000 feet, speed at about 200 miles per hour. They were described as about the size of a dime held at arm's length. A formation of military planes, whether jet or the conventional reciprocating type engine type, if so low that each appeared

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to be the size of a dime held at arm's length, would make so much racket they could be heard above the noise of the Los Angeles freeways---and that's loud! Also, we don't know of any military plane in mass production which could make the speed, despite the 200-m-p-h estimate.

Spirit Lake, Iowa, Nov 23, 1955: GOC observers watched brilliant, unidentified object hovering in the area for about 20 minutes. First seen at 5:45 p. m., the object appeared to be about 1/2 mile from their observation post, and moving erratically in a southwesterly direction. Using binoculars, they said they then followed it as it alternately started forward, halted and went up and down, then hovered over Center Lake for about 10 minutes. During this time the object turned from white to bluish white, green and red, and it also moved against the wind.

On Sept 17 last, Frank and Eileen Bordes, Bronx, New York, were fishing a reservoir near Bush Pine, N. Y. A loud splash and gurgling sound interrupted the rhythm of the lapping waves and attracted their attention. Mr. Bordes was disentangling fishing lines, did not see the iridescent pink mushroom-shaped object which rose two feet above the water and then disappeared beneath the surface. Frightened by the apparition, Mrs. Bordes asked to be rowed ashore. When on shore, they watched a gradually brightening light about 100 yards distant. Two long parallel lights became visible below the first light. They seemed to come from an elongated object some 15 ft. long that was partially submerged and around which there appeared to be a good deal of turbulence. Mr. and Mrs. Bordes (at his suggestion) rowed along the shore attempting to get a better look at the object, and had the impression that they were being watched. Whenever they headed in the direction of the object, it came toward them at a good clip. When they retreated, the object would gradually retreat, also. During this time the turbulence continued until the object moved off down the lake at high speed until its lights faded into the distance. Some observations of Mr. Bordes: The object reversed direction without turning, there was no light beam (obviating possibility that it was another boat), and it moved faster than any boat he had ever seen.

Ontario, Calif., Jan 2, 1956: A pilot and an aerial cameraman sighted and attempted to track "three circular aircraft" over Pasadena, but their plane was outdistanced by the objects that were traveling at an estimated speed of 1,200 miles per hour. The men, Daniel L. Cramer and his cameraman, Allen B. White, were returning from Bakersfield when they sighted the objects flying near the mountains. All were a brilliant orange color and the lead aircraft had a white circle in the middle. They appeared to be 50 feet in diameter, and left no trails. Cramer immediately, upon spotting the objects, threw his plane into a tight circle in an attempt to keep the objects within view, while White tried to take the aerial camera out of its mount. The 3 aircraft made a complete circle around the plane at a distance of 4-5 miles and covering the distance in 30 seconds. They made another half circle and disappeared to the West. Objects were in sight 45 seconds, and clearly outlined against mountains during that time.

Paris, France, 18 Feb 56: Officials at Orly Air Field at Paris report that their radar last night picked up an unidentified object traveling at about 1500 miles per hour. The object, twice as large as a commercial airliner, hovered over the Paris area for a few moments before disappearing at high speed. Air Air France

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pilot flying to London says he saw an object spitting intermittent red flame pass his plane and disappear into the clouds. Two days later, Paris observatory officials said that the object 'could have been' one of those American balloons carrying pro-Western literature behind the Iron Curtain, which are occasionally caught in easterly air currents and reach France instead. This, despite the fact that a jet was sent up to intercept, and the craft was outdistanced by the strange object. (The fastest jet streams known do not exceed 200 mph, balloons are not powered, and Boys!! Boys!! you sound just like the USAF!---Ed.)

El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, 17 Feb 56: An unidentified airborne object dropped into Mexico just South of the Rio Grande. Although a lot of palaver hit the El Paso papers (not picked up on the wire services) saying the object could have been this, and could have been that (balloons, of course, got lots of space), the object is still unidentified. Living near Holloman Air Development Center, both the Director and Mr. Lorenzen have seen a lot of balloons and have never seen one lose enough gas to settle down into a valley, then pick up more gas (goodness knows where) and scuttle out of the area before an investigation is made. When first sighted by a busload of children and the driver, the object was motionless about 500 feet above the ground one mile east of Radio Station XELO on the Juarez-Zaragoza Road south of the Rio Grande. Reta, the driver, said he and the children watched the object about 5 minutes while driving along Harvard road, then stopped at the home of Mrs. Noel Stirman to notify Air Force authorities. Mrs. Stirman watched the object through a pair of binoculars and described it as being as big as a house and lying low on the ground. Engineers at the XELO transmitter said they had not seen it and police on both sides of the border declared they had had no reports on it. Major (now Lt. Col.) Orley Caudill of Holloman AFB said said no balloons of 'that type' had been released recently. To quote the El Paso Times: "The greatest mystery was how the object reached the position where it first was sighted without being seen from other areas of the valley." A bigger mystery, in our minds, is the utter lack of description (color, shape, etc.) in the newspaper story. The day after the account appeared in the Times, the El Toro Marine Station, Calif., offered, and we quote: "a possible solution to El Paso's flying object mystery, which developed late Friday when a number of residents reported a strange silvery object in the sky. The Marine station reported a cosmic ray balloon missing." Still quoting: "The balloon, described by Air Force officials (why Air Force?) as being "approximately the size and shape reported" is used for cosmic ray research." Unquote. What size and shape, may we ask? Balloon experts at Holloman, when asked about this meandering balloon, uttered along with other juicy phrases, a few words which meant, in essence: "Nonsense."

Santa Ana, Calif., Feb 10, 1956: A pair of patrolling Costa Mesa policemen told of seeing 2 large flame-colored disks hovering over the blimp hangar at the Marine Air Facility early this morning. Officers first thought objects were results of explosion on the Base and radioed for verification of the sighting. "I first saw them above the red night lights of the hangar, 1 slightly lower than the other. The lower light was in a staggered position. They both disappeared quickly," Walker said. The officers said they heard an airplane flying over shortly after the disappearance of the disks. (Would like to give name credit to member Jackie Saunders who does an excellent job of covering the Los Angeles Area---she has been invaluable in this capacity for years, now.---Ed.)

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Modesto, Calif., 27 March, 1956: Ground observer Corps members Byron Glover, Mrs. Glenn Cahill and Mrs. Ronald Hudson observed a brilliant white kite-shaped object over Modesto shortly after a jet bomber had passed. The object seemed to be lower than the jet when first seen, was observed for 3 minutes at 1:17 a. m. before it faded out. None of the observers could tell whether it moved away or just 'burned out'.

April, 1956 (no exact date)---Another case involving the competent reporting of commercial airline crews is the incident involving a veteran airlines pilot on a flight from New York to Buffalo. He spent 45 fantastic minutes pursuing something which, until somebody offers a better explanation can only be classified as a UFO. Capt. Raymond E. Ryan, 43, of 199 Lorfield Drive, Snyder, New York, left New York City at 9 p.m. Sunday at the controls of Flight 775 bound for Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo..

The flight was routine into Albany, where the big Convair landed at 10 p.m. Fifteen minutes later she was airborne again, heading into a starless sky which soon would unfold the strangest sight the captain and his crew had ever seen. "I was flying at the time we took off from Albany," Capt. Ryan said. "We made a left turn after clearing Albany and headed for Syracuse."

Almost instantly, as the plane turned westward, the captain saw "this bright light hovering over Schenectady." At first, he said, he thought it was another plane. "We started to try to by-pass it and I remarked to my first officer, William Neff: 'Oh, that's an awfully, bright light!'" The stewardess, Miss Phyllis Reynolds, of Eggertsville, came into the cockpit and she too saw the light.

"Suddenly, as we came abreast of it," Capt. Ryan said, "it put on a burst of speed and darted off to the west." He said his plane was flying at about 240 mph and estimated the object then was traveling "about 800 or 900 mph. "We decided to call Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome and ask them if they had radar operating", the captain said. They didn't and replied it would take 30 minutes to activate the equipment. But they requested the airliner, which had its power landing lights on in an attempt to identify the object, to douse all but the small navigational lights. The AF personnel then reported by radio to the airliner that they could see their plane plus an 'orange object' in the sky.

The AF alerted a scramble of two jets, and while they were being prepared for takeoff, the Base requested Capt. Ryan to follow the object which was now traveling at about 6000 feet or 1500 feet higher than the Convair.

Capt. Ryan then turned off his Syracuse-bound course and headed northwest, following the object. At no time, he said, did he ever get closer than three miles to it. He followed it to 'just beyond the shoreline of Lake Ontario near Oswego' and lost radio contact with Griffiss. Contacting the CAA tower in Syracuse he was told they had been monitoring his conversations with the AF. About 5 miles over the lake, Capt. Ryan decided to abandon the pursuit. "The object was heading northwest over the lake toward Canada. I knew I couldn't catch it or keep up with it," he said. The jets which took off from Griffiss could not locate the object, the AF told Capt. Ryan. But it had been seen by the CAA towers in Albany and Watertown as well as by naked-eye-observers at Griffiss AFB.

A veteran of 23 years of flying with 62 Atlantic crossings, Captain Ryan said he has seen meteors and other strange sky phenomena. The light he and his crew, and observers along the course saw, was none of these.

"This is real, brother," the Captain told the press, "This is absolutely real."

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He added: "I've read about fantastic flying saucers and I'm the type of fellow that---well, you've got to show me. But I'm convinced there was something fantastic up there."

Our thanks to member Charles R. Chalk for picking this one up, and we'd like to quote a couple of excerpts from his accompanying letter, which we feel might shed a little light on the sightings: "The lights (landing) were turned on and off at the request of Griffis AFB people to help identify the airliner. The pilot involved is a resident of Buffalo and I was able to interview him at an informal meeting with some other engineers. The clipping gives most of the details accurately. I can add that the pilot seems to be a perfectly sincere individual. Also of interest is the fact that the AF made a rapid and thorough investigation of the incident, including telephone calls to the pilot at 3:00 a. m. of the morning following the sighting.

The above is an example of the efficient type of reporting upon which we depend in obtaining the facts about UFO sightings.

TREMONTON, UTAH PICTURES BARED IN FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY FILM

The much-debated and debunked Tremonton, Utah saucer movies were first seen by the public in a sneak preview in Hollywood on Monday, 23 April. Although the film as a whole was not a great sensation, it was impressive enough, it seems, to warrant the dedication of the entire columns of two Los Angeles columnists, Dick Williams and Paul V. Coates, of the Mirror-News.

Coates, after making one of his sure-fire predictions (to wit: "I'll make you a side bet that we're in for another hysterical invasion of flying saucers") made a couple of other, for him, terse statements, one of which was: "I doubt that very many people who see the film will fail to be convinced that we have been receiving periodic visitations from outer space." Also: "The characters portraying the AF personnel in charge of investigating the reports of saucer sightings, lend an air of frightening credibility to this conclusion."

We dislike quoting out of context, but inasmuch as we are limited as to space, must cut the commentaries short---as short as possible. Although the Director was in Los Angeles up to three days prior to the showing, she could not attend but one AFRO representative had been issued an invitation by telegram which read thusly: "A press conference will be held Monday morning, April 23, at 10:30 a. m. Actual motion pictures of unidentified flying objects, commonly called flying saucers, will be shown for first time. These secret films have been held and analyzed by Navy and AF scientists and have never been revealed to the press by Pentagon. Films are part of full-length feature picture, which will be shown, based on official Air Force study of controversial flying saucer sightings. Urgently request contents of this wire be kept confidential until showing and conference at Academy Award Theater." Unquote.

Mr. Williams, after going into some detail on his former interest in saucers, gave the highlights of the film, then wound up saying that it was not conclusive, and that he is not as easily excited as he used to be.

It could be, in our opinion, that the producers, wanting to avoid a possible censorship, kept the showing confidential until the press had a chance at it. At any rate, the film is now out for general distribution, and will be showing at theaters throughout the United States within the next few months. We plan to see it.

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A REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR ON THE PAST 18 MONTHS

Since 11 September, 1954, the Director has had a great deal of difficulty in issuing the bulletin, answering correspondence and taking care of all the other small details associated with the job of running an organization of this type. Many have conjectured, either in letters to the Director, among themselves or merely silently and to themselves, as to the reason behind the drop-off in correspondence and Bulletin issues.

All of you know by now, we're sure, that the Director has held a job during these 18 months, but few of you have known the nature of the job, or the employer. On September 11, 1954, due to a financial crisis due to many mounting medical obligations, the Director went to work for the United States Government as a clerk at Holloman Air Development Center, in the capacity of clerk in the employ of the US Air Force. On May 8, upon advice of her physician, and after finding it no longer possible to work without physically 'paying the piper', so to speak, she signed out of her job.

She would like to make it clear that at no time was she ever approached to discontinue her private hobby as UFO researcher and organizational Director of APRO. Some, no doubt, will wonder if she is now 'working under orders' or something similar. To the contrary, she is now even more determined to somehow break the deadlock of censorship which denies American citizens their constitutional right to information which does not have a direct bearing on national defense. This censorship of information regarding UFOs also sends many pilots into the sky to vector in on objects which they don't believe in, and couldn't defend themselves against if it were necessary to do so.

During her tenure as an Air Force employee, the Director met and discussed the flying saucer mystery with a Lieutenant Colonel who claimed to have been Project Officer on Project Grudge at the Pentagon. Although this officer would discuss the situation and he among many others were always willing to 'fish for information', he was always very guarded in any sort of discussion of the Air Force's part in the UFO investigation. This is to be expected, of course.

Quite a number of Air Force personnel with whom the Director became well-acquainted openly admitted their belief that the UFO are interplanetary ships of some sort. Several came to the Director and gave her details of their personal sightings of the UFO which they had not reported to the proper authorities because of the stigma of ridicule which still clings to anyone, military or civilian, who admits to having seen the things.

After the Director had given notice that she would soon terminate her employment with the Air Force, a custodian of classified documents offered to show her some classified reports of UFO sightings in and near Holloman AFB. The Director declined, being fully cognizant of the pre-requisites for possessing or reading classified material. She had no official business with the reports, and true to regulations, refused. She is inclined to believe that the offer was prompted by an Air Force official who might have felt it would be convenient to have a possible security violation hanging over Mrs. Lorenzen's head in the event it was needed as al'lever' in the future.

In summation, it was a profitable 18 months, in that the Director learned the ins-and-outs of a bureaucratic military organization, the fallibility of the men who make up that organization, the lack of coordination in the Air Force which has played so great a part in the flying saucer flapdoodle. Needless to say, the Director cannot, and certainly will not at any time discuss those things which were entrusted to her while an employee of the Air Force.

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Just a small comment on the Recent Saucerian Bulletin labeled for release 1 May, 1956: In an article Mr. Barker, editor of the magazine, speculates on the possibility that the Scully contentions of 1950 may have been true. Just so we aren't scooped, and in order to take our place in the ranks regarding the Scully controversy, we'd like to recall our 1952 front-page article in which we ridiculed Cahn (who attempted to debunk Scully and his informants in the pages of TRUE Magazine) for the obvious use of yellow journalism in that supposed expose'. Also---in 1955, just after the APRO scooped the saucer field with the first accounts of the Venezuelan hairy bipeds and little men, we suggested that there might have been more to the Scully story than the Air Force wanted the public to know. Inasmuch as residents of New Mexico, we are checking into the rumor printed in the Saucerian to the effect that a Catholic Priest, Father Lux, by name, administered last rites over the bodies of the little men Scully claimed crashed in New Mexico, and was reprimanded by the Pope on the grounds that 'beings born on another planet are outside the jurisdiction of the Pope.'

We are also sending out feelers for the names of the 'electronic specialists' who are employed by the Atomic Energy Commission at Sandia, N. M., and who are claimed to have built, designed and put into operation the telescopic/electronic devices used by George Williamson in his endeavors. This will be done through members and friends employed by Sandia Corporation.

"THEY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT SAUCERS"---

A complimentary copy of the above named book arrived just a few days before this writing, and the Bulletin wouldn't be complete without at least a few words about it. Not a large book, it can be read in a couple of hours and should be obtained by all who are interested in all phases of saucer investigation. Inasmuch as the Director and APRO are mentioned once, we feel that we should reassert our contentions regarding the quiting of two leading UFO researchers, both Directors of organizations, and one researcher who belonged to several organizations. Mr. Gray Barker, author of the book, "They Knew Too Much About Saucers" implied that the possession of a piece of metal and the attempted analysis may have been one of the causes of the Bender squash. This argument does not hold up, however, for a piece of the metal was sent to the APRO Director by one of the men first at the scene of the UFO incident, after his own attempts at obtaining an analysis were stymied. Although the whole incident was at first kept from public scrutiny through an obvious press-wire 'fix', the Director managed an interview with a UP writer and the story of the incident and the analysis of the metal became a matter of public record. No one attempted to stop the Director from making progress in the investigation.

Mr. Jarrold, Director of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, who mysteriously dropped out of saucer investigation in 1954, was a close confidant and correspondent of the Director's. About all that is really known about Jarrold's somewhat abrupt exit from saucer investigation is that just prior to that exit, he had been taken into the confidence of the Royal Australian Air Force in reference to UFO sightings and theories.

We don't like to take to task an old friend and fellow researcher like Mr. Barker, but we don't feel that the book lives up to its advance publicity. It was intimated that the book contained an 'inside story' gathered from the files of the Australian Bureau. The Director was in a little of a sweat about this one, for a good deal of her own correspondence dealing with various aspects of the saucer mys-

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tery would have been included. Perhaps our disappointment is due to the fact that nothing new (at least to us) was brought out in the book. The idea that UFO researchers are treading on dangerous ground is fairly obvious considering that the path has led some to rapid retirement, violent illness and insanity.

We highly recommend Frank Edwards' "My Last Ten Million Sponsors", a racy well-told story of Edwards life in radio business, which also includes a very excellent chapter on his contact with the saucer mystery and consequent censorship of same.

Also of interest to UFO enthusiasts who have a taste for scientific fact relating to space travel, is "The Science Book of Space Travel" by Harold Leland Goodwin. A former flyer, engineer and physicist, he is well qualified to write on this subject, and we were particularly intrigued by Chapter 18 dealing with the UFO mystery which he has significantly labeled, "I Think We're Property"----shades of Charles Forte!

There seems to be an increasing tendency among UFO researchers to attempt to attach particular significance to disagreeing press notices of UFO sightings or incidences. Having had past experience with newspaper writing, and writers, the Director would like to point out that various factors such as a writer's interest, attitude toward a particular subject, lack of detail immediately available (sometimes leading to a little impromptu amplification or extrapolation of the facts), deadlines and delays lead to discrepancies into which meanings may be read. As an example we would like to relate the story which was broadcast from the KJLG radio station at Alamogordo some 4 months ago.

Mr. Lorenzen, then working the evening shift at the Base, happened to catch a radio news broadcast flash which stated that an 'unidentified flying object' had landed in a canyon. Consequently Mr. Lorenzen headed for the vicinity named in the broadcast and had the undeniable thrill of seeing a grounded Air Force high altitude research balloon. He then asked the radio reporter (who by then had arrived on the scene to check) why he had referred to the object as unidentified. The announcer told him that he felt it was a balloon when the object was reported, but wasn't sure, so decided to say 'unidentified' in order to liven up the program a bit.

Now---imagine the assumptions that could have been made by a listener who could not personally investigate. The follow-up broadcast called the object a balloon. Here's a chance to holler 'Cover-up' if there ever was one. Actually, it was a case of irresponsible reporting, pure and simple.

William B. Nash, APRO member and conscientious researcher, has called to our attention a 'photograph of a UFO' appearing on page 104 of the April issue of Pageant Magazine. He points out that it is the same spindle-type UFO that appears on Page 183 of "The Coming of the Saucers" by Ken Arnold and Ray Palmer. In spite of the Caption under the picture in the book, the girl who took the pictures did NOT see the object until after the photo was taken and printed. The same type object appeared (after printing) on some film taken by a friend of Mr. Nash. He did not see the object before printing either. This film was checked by a lens expert who identified the objects as light refractions. In all cases the camera was pointed in the general direction of a bright light source. To quote Mr. Nash's

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letter, "As honest researchers we should all be constant on the lookout for real facts. There is always an avalanche of evidence left that UFOs are real and that they will be here watching our progress toward projecting our as yet uncivilized culture out into their domain. I'm just sending this along for your interest in setting at the real truth and eliminating the doubtful." UNQUOTE.

The similarity between the "Green Monster" of West Virginia (circa 1952), the little men of Hopkinsville, Kentucky (1955) and the hairy bipeds of Venezuela (1954) leads us to believe that the "Green Monster" may not have been as large as formerly believed. In all three instances, the creatures seen were in the vicinity of or seen getting out of sphere or ball-shaped objects. If the "Green Monster" had been uphill from the witnesses and perched in a tree, it might have very well appeared that he was 10 feet tall even though he might have only been a stubby 4 feet in height. There seems to be a definite tie-up between the descriptions of the creatures involved in these three sightings.

A recent article in the St. Louis-Post-Dispatch about the Mars clouds is most interesting. Dr. Dean B. McLaughlin of the University of Michigan is still sticking to his 'the Martian dark areas are not vegetation, but volcanic ash' guns, now says clouds seen periodically for the past 25 years over one particular area are due to volcanic activity. In the next paragraph Dr. McLaughlin says there are no large mountain ranges. (We did not know Mars could have volcanoes without any substantial mountain ranges.) This is all an effort to account for clouds on the surface of Mars which are unaccountable because Mars isn't supposed to have an atmosphere. Dr. McLaughlin had better catch up on his reading---even 'reputable' astronomers are admitting that Mars does have an atmosphere of sorts.

The biggest mistake Clyde Tombaugh (discoverer of Pluto) ever made was admitting that he sighted an unidentified flying object in 1948. Seems the 'degreed' astronomers (Tombaugh, not having a degree is considered of amateur status) have come to the conclusion that because of Pluto's slow rotation of about $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, it is not in reality a planet but merely a run-away planet, probably originally belonging to Neptune. We contend that any celestial body should be catalogued according to its present behavior. Pluto maintains an independent orbit around the sun and therefore is a planet---no matter what it was a couple of billion years ago. Incidentally, Mr. Tombaugh is intelligent and capable enough to be head of the optics department at White Sands Proving Ground---that's real qualification.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to Gray Barker for the fine job of reporting and editing done on the Saucerian Review, a 99-page review of the Saucer-events of 1955. Good work, Gray, and keep it up!

A conclusion that living things with some kind of mentality exist in other worlds in the Universe is 'inevitable', says Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard University. He also said that there is nothing new about theorizing that life exists elsewhere, he added. The new thing, he said, is that mankind now must accept it as a fact---that sentient or thinking earthlings are not unique in the universe. In the vernacular, it might be said that Dr. Shapley 'said a mouthful'---one of the few intelligent utterings heard of late regarding the possibility of life elsewhere.

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Thanks to new member J. Herbert Breuning, we have a more detailed account of the happenings at Ocala and Williston, Florida last 3 Nov and 31 Oct respectively.

Williston: Policeman C. F. Bell reported that at 10:15 on the evening of 31 October, he observed 6 lighted objects approaching from the south in formation. He observed the objects as they proceeded to the north, said one of the objects would be left behind occasionally but would put on a burst of speed to catch up. After the objects had passed over Williston, one of them turned in a gradual bank and began losing altitude. Bell rode about a mile and a half north of the heart of the city where the object appeared to be heading. He got out of his car and the object, moving very slowly and on a southerly course, passed directly over him. The light was so bright it lit up an area 50 to 75 feet in diameter, brighter than the sun. He watched it for about 7 or 8 minutes; it was steady and so bright that it could not be observed directly at that range. No sound, no odor, but Bell said he felt the heat of the object and a stinging sensation as it passed above him. The object then moved off to the east and disappeared from view.

On Monday night, 1 Nov, Williston cafe owner Sam Verones, 64, returned from closing his place at 9:30 and as he approached his porch under a large, heavily mossed oak tree, the ground suddenly lit up as if from a spotlight brighter than any he had ever heard of. It moved across the railroad tracks, and the light from the object lit up every detail of the steps leading to a house 250 feet to the west. Levy County Deputy Sheriff H. A. Perkins, 48, also of Williston, reported seeing objects at a distance both 31 Oct and 1 Nov in the evening. The descriptions fit those of Bell and Verones. Bell also observed three more objects 1 Nov and the sighting was confirmed by two other men.

The "Florida Alligator", college weekly of the University of Florida, Gainesville, told of the lights seen by many college students and others of the citizenry on 1 November between 9:30 and 10 p. m. Appearing first as stars, they became larger and brighter as they approached the observers, 'displaying a remarkable variety of lights that changed constantly in their movements.'

Significantly, these objects were not reported to the rest of the nation by two press wire services.

Many members are in arrears with their dues payments. Remember, this is not a commercial endeavor, and we have no margin of profit. The Director and Mr. Lorenzen and the staff members receive no remuneration for their work and should not be expected to carry the financial load as well.

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We would like to again remind members to be sure to affix their name, address, date of clipping to each and every clipping sent in. We like to give name credit when possible and it makes our work much easier if clippings are properly labeled. Also---letters which have gone unanswered in the past because of lack of time will be answered in the near future. A little patience will help here.

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CAN THE U. S. AIR FORCE CONTROL ENTERTAINMENT AND NEWS MEDIA?

The above is a question which the Director has often asked herself, and a definite yes or no answer has not until recently been readily applicable. We will elucidate:

In February the Director was approached for the purpose of appearing on a TV quiz program which, if the contestant was lucky, might enable him or her to "retire for life". She answered the letter and a request for information about her hobbies and APRO specifically was forthcoming, with which she complied.

Appearance on the program was contingent upon a personal interview with the writers and production personnel, so in April when Mrs. and Mrs. Lorenzen went to Los Angeles to consult a Doctor on rheumatoid arthritis, they were interviewed. At the time, they were told that a minimum of two weeks would be required to write a script for the show. Upon returning home, an air mail letter was awaiting them telling them that they were scheduled to appear on the program on May 8. Mrs. Lorenzen went back to work at Holloman Air Force Base and a few days later was ordered to quit work by her Doctor in Alamogordo.

One week later a wire stating that their appearance was 'rescheduled' arrived, and two days after that, a letter, the first line of which read: "We're sorry to have inconvenienced you, but our trouble seems to be the same as yours----The Air Force." Later in the letter, a subsidiary company of the corporation which sponsored the program was mentioned. This company is under contract to the United States Air Force in the manufacture of jet engines.

Prior to leaving for Los Angeles, Mrs. Lorenzen had told her AF superiors that she had been invited to appear on the show, and was cautioned not to mention her AF job, so when she talked to one of the interviewers, she very honestly told him that there should be no mention of her job, and her reason for the reticence. It was agreed that the Holloman job would not be mentioned, although Mr. Lorenzen's position with the data reduction branch at Holloman would be exploited.

All material for the script had been submitted, and when the letter arrived, informing the Lorenzens of their scheduled appearance, they were asked to be in Los Angeles the day before the show for rehearsal of the script (not the question and answer part). Also---previous correspondence had noted that it took several

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days to prepare a script, so it is established that the script which the Lorenzens were to follow for their proposed appearance had been formulated prior to the notification that they were scheduled. Consequently, after having been cancelled, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen watched the show they were to have appeared on, and a science-fiction writer was substituted for them, and the script was only subtly changed for that purpose.

All correspondence pertaining to the whole fiasco is kept under lock and key and may prove quite useful someday, as an answer to those parrots of the AF line (including Ruppelt) who claim the AF knows, sees and hears very little, with regard to UFO. Oh, yes, the name of the program? We've deliberately withheld it for the time being for we feel that at the present time it would be more judicious to be silent. However, if one reads thoroughly the foregoing, there are adequate hints as to the identity of the program and the corporation involved.

One of the interviewers for the program, a personable and delightful personality, was somewhat familiar with the UFO picture, and we believe, genuinely interested in the mystery. He has continued to correspond with the Director, and in his last communication he apologized profusely, venturing that out of the material they had for script purposes, the writers hadn't been able to mold anything of sufficient interest. We realize that this was his attempt to gloss over the whole matter without hurting anyone's feelings, and also realize that he needs his job as well as anyone else. This is partly the reason for not printing the name of the TV program and the sponsor at this time.

RADIO SIGNALS FROM VENUS --- DUE TO HEAT OR ARTIFICIALLY TRANSMITTED?

June 5, 1956, Navy scientists at Ohio State University announced that they had been picking up radio signals from Venus since the latter part of May. The first article dealing with the momentous news even mentioned the possibility that the signals might have been artificial in nature. Later articles in the Chicago Daily Tribune and Sun-Times quoted scientists as saying they believed the signals to be as a result of the intense heat in the vicinity of the planet's atmosphere.

Some members felt at the time that all the facts were not coming out and that the situation may have been another link in the evidence of life on other planets. However --- it must be remembered that many unusual and disturbing things are likely to happen during a period of extreme sunspot (or solar storm) activity. Communications on the Earth have suffered to a great extent and it should not be forgotten that Venus is roughly 30,000,000 miles closer to the sun than the earth and therefore more susceptible to extreme radio emissions than other planets. Jupiter has been a point of interest to scientists in the past few years due to the fact that radio signals have been regularly detected coming from that planet. However, the density and extreme turbulence and chemical makeup of the Jovian atmosphere is more than likely responsible for the phenomena.

This explanation on our part is merely another attempt to put fact where it belongs and to avoid dwelling too long in the realm of fancy where UFO are concerned. We feel there is enough mystery in this business without adding to it.

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There seems to be an abundance of UFO books or books devoting at least some space to the UFO problem among the books currently selling well to technically inclined individuals. The response APRO has received as a result of the mention in Donald Keyhoe's latest, (and greatest) "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" has been nothing short of phenomenal and we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them, scientist and layman, one and all.

"FORGOTTEN MYSTERIES" by R. DeWitt Miller is an absorbing book dealing with oddities (including saucers) which have been neglected by science and forgotten by the masses. It's enchanting reading and no doubt would be of interest to anyone interested in the unorthodox and seemingly unsolvable mysteries.

Another book by Miller, recently published and just recently reviewed by the Director is "YOU DO TAKE IT WITH YOU". Although not particularly interested in the paranormal, the Director enjoyed the book thoroughly and noted added oddities related to UFO. A good addition to any UFO researcher's collection.

After again thoroughly perusing Edward Ruppelt's new book, "A REPORT ON THE UFO", it seems conclusive that he has done what so many saucer writers are inclined to do, and that is to assume himself into the position of the foremost expert on the SUBJECT OF FLYING SAUCERS. In our opinion, the prerequisites for such a position is that the nominee be driven by curiosity, respect for truth and tenacity. Ruppelt was literally tossed into the job, didn't particularly want it, and as an Air Force officer was beholden to conceal that which higher authority deemed judicious to conceal. The fact that he was a member of the U. S. Air Force is the prime reason that the book, although informative and interesting, did not particularly exhilarate old-time researchers in the saucer field. We particularly did not relish the underhanded snide remarks inserted here and there throughout the text which seemed deliberately discrediting to Donald Keyhoe.

Among the 'classic' cases supposedly knocked down by Ruppelt, the evidence was either not too clear or lacking in substance. Also---some of the most outstanding saucer reports were completely ignored. All in all, the book was good reading, informative in parts, but certainly not on a par with any of Keyhoe's works.

Just one more thing---we happen to know that more real evidence is in the hands of the Air Force, and Ruppelt must make a choice---either he doesn't know as much about the UFO question as he claims, or he is not telling all he does know. We personally think that the central receiving point for correlated UFO information is not at Wright Patterson AFB, but rather at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Therefore, it would be impossible for Mr. Ruppelt or any other Captain in the Air Force to know the whole story.

"THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FLYING SAUCERS" comes a long way from living up to its title but is nonetheless a very good and technical book dealing with the UFO. No new sightings worth mentioning, but a sensible, logical and feasible means of propulsion is thoroughly exploited. Regarding the latter, however, we are not so sure that the Lt. Plantier mentioned in the book is the real father of that particular theory, inasmuch as it was discussed to some extent in Keyhoe's "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE" which was published in 1954. The theory in question, the "anti-gravity" theory, was discussed with colleagues as far back as 1952 by Wilbur Smith, former head of the Canadian Saucer Research group.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PLANTIER THEORY

by Charles A. Maney

(Editor's Note: Mr. Maney is chief of the Department of Physics, Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. A member of this organization for 2 years, Mr. Maney has been most outspoken regarding his opinions on the UFO situation.)

The Plantier* explanation of the phenomena of flying saucers sets up certain patterns of appearance and performance. Actual observations of the phenomena when tested and compared with these predicted patterns, if found to agree in essential characteristics, can serve step by step to establish the validity of the Plantier theory. This constitutes a scientific approach to the understanding of the phenomena.

The so-called "ball of light" and "flying egg" shapes of UFOs have been noted by various observers. An excellent illustration of the "flying egg" shape occurring since Plantier's characterization of this type is represented by a series of photographs secured by Mr. Warren Siegmund** of a UFO appearing over downtown New York City on May 15, 1955. The luminous egg-shaped object photographed was estimated by Mr. Siegmund to be about one hundred fifty feet in diameter. The Plantier theory regards this egg-shaped form as a geometrical pattern of light and mist corresponding to the confines of the local gravitational field surrounding the solid UFO. In this case, were some of the photographs taken with special light filters and with film sensitive to the penetrating longer wave lengths of light, the solid UFO inside of the cloud-like form might have been shown.

It is a well-known physical fact that the longer wave lengths of light such as red and orange can penetrate mist and clouds more readily than the shorter waves of blue and violet. This can be easily demonstrated in taking photographs of distant mountain scenery with a camera equipped for the photography of the longer red and infra-red light waves. Pictures taken in this way reveal the snowy caps and other details not shown in photographs taken without the special equipment.

An excellent illustration of photography of UFOs with a special red filter is given by the pictures secured by Mr. and Mrs. Orville H. Mitchell*** on March 12, 1955 at Giant Rock, California. Out of curiosity pictures were taken of some peculiar small clouds appearing and disappearing in an otherwise crystal clear sky. When the films were developed, a formation of four disks on two separate pictures was plainly shown. These disks were not shown on the pictures taken without the special filter. The disks were not visible to the eye; only patches of clouds or vapor could be seen. This experience suggests that filter photography of UFOs might serve to reveal valuable information not otherwise obtainable.

The camera film records some light impressions invisible to the eye. Proper filtration of this light has the effect of sifting out other light which, without the aid of a filter tends to blot out the invisible light impressions. The invisible light impressions are feebly recorded on the film however, even if no filtration has been employed. It is possible at times by expert development to bring out in a print the recorded weak impressions of invisible light.

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The writer has in his possession two sets of five prints each of a UFO photographed by Mr. Larry Towner over Moscow, Idaho at about 10 p. m. on the night of August 13, 1953. The set developed by ordinary procedure showed distinct forms enveloped in halos of light in two of the five photographs. A close examination of the films under strong light showed traces of geometrical forms on all five films. With the aid of the services of an expert commercial photographer it was possible to bring out the details in another set of prints showing a solid center in all five pictures. The latter series of five prints reveals the progress of the path of a circular "ball of light" when the positions of the five solid forms are plotted on a single picture chart.

The foregoing illustrations serve to add a little more evidence in support of the theory of Plantier. Much more data is of course necessary for a fairly complete experimental establishing of the theory.

A parallel line of inquiry in the search for experimental evidences compatible with the theory of Lieutenant Plantier is the detailed study of "angel hair" phenomena. The writer is presently occupied with this problem. Chemical and physical analyses of "angel hair" are much needed in this study. In fact, samples of any materials known to have been discharged from UFOs are invaluable for investigation purposes.

* "The Truth About Flying Saucers" by Ame Michel, Part Three, Chapter 3.

** "Flying Saucer Review" of London, England. Vol. I No. 3 July-August 1955

*** "Saucers" Vol. III No. 3 September 1955

The foregoing is one of the first features to be presented in this Bulletin. We hope and plan to be able to present our members with similar analyses of various phases of the UFO situation in the future, executed by qualified men such as Mr. Maney.

We would like to add that if and when members obtain any samples of material left by UFO, they please send it on to Headquarters and it will be forwarded to Mr. Maney to further his and our studies. Any findings will be made available to members through the Bulletin. Also, any and all material forwarded will be returned as soon as analyses can be completed.

The "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW" of London, England has asked us to pass along the word that they have selected June 30th and September 8th as International Flying Saucer Sighting Days for 1956 and ask the cooperation of all organizations and members of same. If you can take a little time on the 8th of September (we realize we're a little late for the 30th of June) to scan the skies, please send the details of any sightings to Headquarters and they will be forwarded to Flying Saucer Review Headquarters for overall evaluation and correlation. Thank You.

APRO'S VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS HIS MIND ON THE UFO SITUATION

Mr. Horacio Gonzales, our Venezuelan representative, presents below his opinions and conjectures regarding the UFO. A competent and qualified man, Mr. Gonzales was partly responsible for covering the Venezuelan 'little men' observations for APRO in the fall of 1955. A technical translator, Horacio Gonzales is also an avid and capable amateur astronomer and has managed to promote interest in the UFO problem in Caracas to such an extent that well-known scientific men are greatly interested in the mystery.



After one has studied the vast quantity of cases reported and has subjected each one to rigid analysis in the light of present scientific knowledge, it cannot be denied that there is a formidable array of accumulated evidence from which one can derive no other logical conclusion but that Earth has been and is being subjected to constant observation by some extra-terrestrial intelligence.

The evidence also indicates that not only a geodesic survey and analysis of the Earth's surface has been made, but also, and which is MORE IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT, a prolonged study has already been effected of our AIR ROUTES, METHODS OF WARFARE, DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS, industrial activities, mode of life AND physiological structure, capacities and degree of intelligence.

The fact that these vehicles are constantly being seen in our atmosphere indicates A PURPOSE -- AN IMPERATIVE REASON -- AN OBJECTIVE behind it all AND an inscrutable intelligence which so far has elected only to manifest its interest but not the true MOTIVE for its presence in terrestrial skies. Serious, conscientious and competent investigators the world over are no longer in doubt as to the extra-terrestrial origin of the "flying saucer" but are now occupied with the reasons for their presence here, and I am almost certain that somewhere in the mass of reported sightings there is some CLUE -- SOME INKLING -- which may supply us with the answer.

"They" may regard us as a potential danger if and when we achieve space flight. If so, they may attempt to discourage our efforts in this direction and the methods utilized may be so subtle as to be almost imperceptible. There may be also some "Thing" on earth which they could use to their advantage but so far have not devised a means of obtaining it whether by friendly contact or not. If they are bent on friendly contact the questions arise -- where will they make such contact -- in what country and in which language or method of communication. My personal belief is that they may have tried to make contact with us already but due perhaps to bungling, ignorance and the negative attitude of those who should have known better, these attempts have not been recognized as such and therefore no comprehensive system could have been devised in order to establish contact. It could be also that a study of our behavior has induced them to be extremely cautious; life, to them, may be a quality prized way beyond our puny powers to conceive, meanwhile they have seen that to man it means so little inasmuch this substance is so wantonly wasted in frequent and recurring mass racial suicides. The way they differ in physiological structure may also be influencing a definite decision. They probably understand that we may be entirely unprepared and therefore extremely reluctant to accept an alien physical form EVEN THOUGH ENDOWED WITH SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE.

Sooner or later however, a definite move is going to be made on their part to make the purpose of their presence here known to us. When this moment arrives, we should ALL strive for a friendly contact. I do not think they will try to impose themselves or state demands on a basis of force BUT they may prove to be DETERMINED, DANGEROUS AND RUTHLESS IF PROVOKED.

A serious study of this matter shows that we confront a problem of tremendous portent to humanity which will shake the social and political structure of our civilization to its very foundations. It is clear, therefore, that as rational beings we must apply not only our powers of reasoning and logic to analyze the problem, but more so, draw upon the reserve capacity we possess to react to strange situations, so that, when the time comes we may be in a position, prepared to meet this delicate situation with the attention, seriousness, and the particular mental attitude indicated by the transcendental nature of the case and the worldwide repercussions and effects it will produce.

APRO NOW IN 5TH YEAR OF EXISTENCE --- BIG JOB STILL AHEAD

In January 1956, APRO began it's fifth year in saucer research and as each UFO season rolls around (the even numbered years, corresponding with the proximity of the planet Mars) we realize that although we have taken on a gargantuan task, the really big job is still ahead. Sightings are on the up-trend as of the 15th of July and there will be more to come. However, unless some method of informing the general public about what is happening is found, the years behind have been to no avail. Various books on the subject of UFO have been of some help, with the ensuing publicity for saucer research groups. Many people are interested in such organizations but do not know that they exist. The press silence on UFO is the biggest stumbling block in the attempt to arouse public indignation at the secrecy surrounding the UFO problem.

During periods of apparent UFO inactivity members tend to become a little bored and fall into a sort of lethargy during which they all but forget their interest and consequent obligations. When an influx does begin, these same members are a little slow to shift into normal gear again and the Bulletin suffers from lack of current information. Fortunately we do have a number of members who are very conscientious about sending in their reports and clippings.

There are many UFO organizations---some are formed and operate for profit and others, like APRO, struggle not so much for a pretty facade and numerous subscribers but rather for quality and quantity of real information. Some groups fill the pages of their publications with various and sundry vituperous letters from saucer notables vying for acclaim with their somewhat dubious claims of contact, etc. Many saucer controversies which have no bearing on the over-all subject are kept alive through many pages of pro and con while the actual reports are shoved to the background. Reports should be the life blood and comprise the bulk of UFO periodicals, but for some reason opinions (often submitted by unqualified individuals) have become a new fad in UFO publications. Opinions by astronomers, psychologists, physicists, engineers, etc., yes---but not just any opinion by anyone as to whether Joe Doakes saw and photographed a little purple man or not. Within the next two months hundreds of sightings will be made throughout the world and it is doubtful that the press wires will give adequate coverage. So that we may all be informed, it will be wise to forward all reports to headquarters AND DATE AND LABEL WITH NAME. PLEASE!

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APRO Representative Horacio Gonzales writes that more UFOs were seen in that area than were reported in the press. High ranking military personnel in Venezuela are very interested in Dr. Bossa's experience (APRO Bulletin August 1955) and one official has taken a full report of his case to certain parties in Washington, D. C. Further details, when available, will be printed here.

OTTAWA, CANADA, 18 May, 1956. Seems there is some confusion as to the cause of the crash of the jet ~~plane~~ which crashed into a Catholic convent rest home on 15 May. An AP wire dispatch quoted Royal Canadian AF officers as saying that the pilot and navigator of that plane were dead or unconscious before the impact. Officers at near-by Uplands where the twin-jet interceptor was based, believe "something terrible and sudden" happened at about 33,000 feet before the plane began its fatal dive. The most popular theory as to the cause of the crash is that there may have been an oxygen failure or an internal explosion of the aircraft. Only three minutes elapsed between the time something went wrong in the stratosphere and when the plane plunged to the earth. Some are speculating that the cause may have been external---and a far more spectacular and frightening cause involved.

Another newsman who has become aware of the UFO situation is a Mr. Lee of the Ord Quiz, Ord, Nebraska. The man seems interested and a few of his recent columns have been dedicated to his own gleanings on the mystery. Stan Delaplane of the Chicago American is also interested, although it seems the wrong people have gotten to him---and his column recently received here was mostly concerned with the nut-hatch element of Southern California, and derogatorily so. We're not insinuating that all Southern California UFO enthusiasts are boob-hatch veterans, for a large part of the APRO contingent is from that state.

Mr. Murray Sale, our representative in New Zealand, sends us the January 12 issue of the Australian Post magazine, in which is featured an article by Lord Dowding, Britain's World War II war hero. Titled "Enemies from Space", the sub-head says: "Foes infest the skies above our earth. To these invincible, god-like invaders our massed planetary power is puny, our countries peopled by barbarians. Don't anger them. They could destroy all our works, enslave mankind."

Members have been deluging Headquarters with letters asking about the Air Force sponsored movie, "UFO". Members who have seen it report that it is a very good movie, and reviews in various papers have been extremely favorable. The Director has not had a chance to view the movie, but guided by the comments of Paul Coates, Los Angeles Mirror, and the many members who have seen the movie, we feel that we are not being incautious in recommending it. Any comments by new viewers will be very welcome.

Recent saucer publications claims that the movie "UFO" was unheralded is not altogether correct. Haven't had time to check the exact issue number, but APRO announced the start of the movie a few years ago.

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In a recent conversation with an AP Representative, the Director voiced her opinion that UFO reports would be comparatively few if not non-existent until after July 15, after which the reports would equal or greatly surpass the number recorded for 1954. It seems that the last two weeks have confirmed her calculations and the following reports will bear it out.

ORCHARDS, OREGON, July 12, 1956: UFO that looked somewhat similar to dirigibles, were observed and reported to police in three separate telephone calls. The first report was from a woman who said that she saw the objects at about 3:45 p. m. while out driving near Ontario. The object appeared to be a gray dirigible with a long neon light on the bottom. When first seen, she said, she and her husband thought it might be a cloud. It was hanging over the Ontario airport about 1000 feet in the air. They drove on five or six miles, then spotted two more of them. The object farthest from them suddenly disappeared straight up into the sky. The other disappeared about 6 minutes later. Shortly after this couple (anonymous at their request) reported to officers by telephone, two other women called in and reported seeing five or six "round shiny objects with a shiny streak underneath". Officers said Air Force officials from Boise, Idaho, were expected in Ontario to get a first-hand report on the sighting. (Cr: Member Ed Bruno Waetzig, Orchards.)

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS, July 19, 1956: City Editor Brian Coyne of the Arkansas City Daily Traveler, accompanied by Trooper (State) Dick Hadsall and Arkansas City Policemen, observed a tear-drop-shaped bluish-green object with two shafts of light spraying earthward, from various locations near Arkansas City. The men moved about to get a good look at several of the objects which showed up about 1 a. m. The "prongs" or streams of light were first observed directed toward earth, and then extending from the sides of the objects.

A McConnell Air Force Base officer, questioned by reporters about the object, "could offer no help." It was later learned that the State Highway Patrol, which had been alerted by observers, had been asked a lot of questions about the objects including: (1) "What size is it in comparison to a key or dime?" (2) "Would it compare in size to a light bulb?" (3) "Is there any noise coming from the object?"

These brightly illuminated objects were seen in the skies over Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kansas. A ball of fire travelling east at a high rate of speed was picked up on radar at the Hutchinson, Kansas, Naval Air Station. A B-29 bomber was sent by McConnell AFB at Wichita to investigate the objects over the Arkansas City area.

Coyne answered the AF questions about the objects he had observed thusly: "The objects appear to be about the size of a 200-watt light bulb. There is no noise that can be attributed to the objects and skies over Arkansas City are very clear except for a few light clouds. There are a lot of stars." He also added: "I have tended to discount stories about flying objects, but brother, I am now a believer."

(Editor's note: The statement about being a believer now is typical of those who formerly scoffed at UFO and then were confronted with the evidence presented by their own eyes. Our files are fully of just such statements following the first sighting of a UFO by a skeptic.)

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On January 18, 1956 a 15-hour search for a UFO that was seen diving into the sea was conducted by three motor launches dispatched by the National Guard at Maiquetia, Venezuela. The object was huge, glowing, and estimated to be about 160 feet in diameter. The search yielded nothing, but the object was seen by many.

EASTERN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, 9 February, 1956. Dr. Pablo May reported seeing a huge luminous disc crossing the skies over the city at vertiginous speed and on March 13, the whole city of BARQUISIMETO was illuminated by a strange lighted object which flew over the city at enormous speed. This phenomena was observed by numerous persons and was published the very day.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, 12 March. Alfredo Dalke, an amateur astronomer reported seeing two discoid objects which crossed and recrossed the skies over his home in the Los Rosales section of Caracas. Mr. Dalke was observing the planet Jupiter with a 3" objective and a 40 power eyepiece and had lifted his head to scan the skies when he saw the object shooting out from the east in a horizontal trajectory. He immediately focused the telescope on the object and saw that it was a disc emitting a bluish-green light. It made a 90° turn and disappeared behind some clouds. He continued to search for the object when to his surprise another one appeared moving in the same direction; this one stopped suddenly, seemed to hover for a few moments, and shot upwards in almost the same way as the first. The conditions for observation were excellent.

CARACAS, LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA, 4 March. Mr. Jesus Gonzales Perez and his family saw a cigar shaped object moving in a horizontal trajectory over the hills on the horizon. The Perez family were on their way to La Guaira from Caracas. Mr. Perez said the object had the form of a dirigible with three to six windows along the side. It was moving slowly in the distance about 10 miles away (estimate) and had the apparent size of three meters. He could see the rectangular shaped windows clearly and its color was something like dull aluminum. It was in sight for approximately two minutes, had no protuberances and made no noise.

MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA, 25 April. An object which appeared at first sighting to be about 3 meters in length, and as it came nearer, about 30 meters, was observed by 12 people of the Urbanization Urdaneta and San Jose ward. Mr. Jesus Gonzales was the first to sight the object, had just come home and closed the door and was startled by the bright illumination which penetrated through the windows. He went out of doors, saw the brilliant yellow light which turned bluish occasionally and appeared to let off sparks. Gonzales stated that while watching he felt as though transfixed, couldn't move. The object finally disappeared and left behind a wisp of smoke which dissipated slowly.

By way of Venezuela we have the statement of Captain Desavoye Michel, pilot of the Air France DC-3 Cargo freighter which was taking off from Orly Air Field, Paris, on the night of 17 February when the now famous Orly UFO was sighted. Very little detail is added to the original report except that Michel states that the object or light he observed was not of terrestrial nature.

FRANK EDWARDS, all-time saucer enthusiast and now broadcasting from Indianapolis, Indiana has reported several sightings in Indiana during the first part of July.

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Although we do not at this writing have the details, Mr. Edwards took his TV equipment to the scene of one sighting and conducted an on-the-spot broadcast. It's too bad Frank isn't carried nationwide for we are sure that he would be invaluable at this time, in getting current saucer info across to the general public. APRO Member Bob Greenway, vacationing in the middlewest at the present, informs us that the sightings in that area appear to be taking place in the hours between midnight and dawn. A quick look at the sightings listed under this column will bear this surmise out.

ST LOUIS, MISSOURI, July 13, 1956. August C. Vogele, upon arising at 4:15 a.m. to close the windows in his home, observed a circular glowing light above the overcast, which traveled from East to West, making a jog in its trajectory during its flight. Vogele discounts the possibility that it might have been a searchlight for there was no light beam, and 4:15 a. m. is not exactly the time of day for searchlights to be playing upon the clouds. Vogele said the object was either above or inside the clouds and he could not discern an outline. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed.

NEAR ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, June 1, 1956. An anonymous couple (by request) report seeing an unusual object (also unusual in saucer annals). The couple had just gone to bed, and the husband was lying awake and gazing out the window when he saw the object coming across the open field. They said the thing was three times as large as an airplane and looked like a 'lighted hotel at a distance'. There were many lighted portholes (like windows on separate floors). The color of all lights was definitely amber light traffic lights. The lights seemed to flash or revolve or turn. They watched it come rather slowly until it was within about 200 feet of their home - directly over a house across the intersection. Then suddenly the object changed course and headed toward what would be Atlantic City or the Atlantic Coast and at such a speed it was out of sight in seconds. At no time was any sound heard. About two minutes later a jet went over in the direction the UFO had just vanished. The whole episode took place within the space of between 30 seconds and one minute.

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, 25 June 1956. Numerous reports of a mysterious explosion in the Carmen or Colonie area about 1 a. m. resulted in Rotterdam police inspection of all highways and side roads without finding an explanation.

DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, 6 June 1956. Mrs. B. O. Hunt of Curlew Road described a bright object she and her husband saw in the skies over Dunedin at 9 p. m. on 3 June. "It was considerably smaller than the moon and to the naked eye looked like a bright ball that wasn't moving. It was bigger than a star and looked like an orange," Mrs. Hunt said. "We watched it for about half an hour with binoculars and it soon became apparent it was moving slowly. It stayed in the sky for about half an hour, then went down behind a grove and we lost sight of it." The strange object somewhat resembled a funnel without a spout, Mrs. Hunt stated. It was flat on one side, big at one end and somewhat pointed on the other. It was blood red in the center as we saw it through the glass, but a bright white along the edge, with a little green toward the big end. Mrs. Hunt was unable to estimate its height, but said it was lower than most planes fly over that area. As a matter of interest, a plane passed between the object and its viewers as they watched. She said the strange object was lost to their view to the Northeast, at which time it appeared

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to be over the bay or gulf. (Ed. Note: This is an interesting sighting, for it is typical of those labeled as planets by astronomers. However, the direction in which the object disappeared from sight precludes the possibility of it being a planet---planets travel East to West, you know!) (Cr: Harriet Boyd). This sighting was carried in the Schenectady paper, was not mentioned again.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, June 5, 1956. National police headquarters announced that an aluminum, cigar-shaped object was spotted flying at great speed over North Argentina April 13. More than 50 persons in the province of Salta were said to have seen the object, leading to speculation it was an experimental intercontinental ballistics missile. (Cr: Frank Reid)

TOKYO, JAPAN, 12 May 1956; Flying saucers have been reported over Japan, according to the English language Yomiuri Japan News. (No further details---Ed.) (Cr: M. Kott)

LOS ANGELES, 30 May and June 1, 1956. More jet booms caused a stir in this huge metropolis, and led to much speculation privately and in the press. Frightened citizens, broken store windows and violent concussion earmarked the explosions and as usual the old jet plane explanation was drug out of the skeleton closet for duty as whipping boy. What is most astonishing is that despite repeated complaints and demands for action, the AF will not admit that jet planes are causing the concussions, and don't seem to be able to do anything about stopping them.

EMPORIA, KANSAS, July 19, 1956. A. D. Morgan, A SantaFe railroad tower operator reported seeing what appeared to be an artificial light in the sky about 3 a.m. There are no further details, but this sighting took place within hours of the Arkansas City sighting.

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS, 19 July 1956. A B-47 sent by the Air Force to investigate reports of a UFO (see first page of sightings for details) returned to the base at Topeka to report that all they had seen was gas torches in an oil field. "Authorities" then began to assume that it was the reflection of these torches that caused the reports of a bluish-green pear-drop-shaped object with prongs of light projecting from it. At about the time that Editor Brian Coyne of the Arkansas Daily Traveler sighted these mysterious objects, the radar at the Hutchinson Kansas naval air station had picked up a "ball of fire" traveling east at a high rate of speed. Although it was not stated, it must be assumed that visual contact was also made, for the return on a radar screen does not give description or configuration.

PARKER, ARIZONA, 20 May, 1956. Dale Nance Brown, APRO member, sighted two silvery disc-shaped objects traveling in a NNW to SSE direction at an altitude of approximately 5,000 to 10,000 feet. When first sighted, from a distance of approximately 10 miles, they appeared as though they would pass directly overhead. However, at an estimated 60 seconds, their course changed to a SSW direction and they were lost from sight over the California desert. The entire sighting lasted approximately 3 minutes, during the first half of which their maneuvers were clearly visible from the ground. Both objects seemed to "bob" or "bounce" along at a leisurely rate of speed, flying a side-by-side formation at all times. At no time was

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there any sound evident and at that hour of the morning, ground noises were at a minimum.

CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN, June 7, 1956. State police were unable to account for a brilliant flash of light seen last night between the mainland and Bois Blanc Island in the Straits of Mackinac. Troopers said a search of the shore 20 miles on either side of Cheboygan failed to turn up a clue. There were no reports of ships in trouble or of unaccounted-for planes. Reports of a fireball described as a block wide came about 9:30 in the evening. Cheboygan Police Sgt. George Faught said he saw it half a mile off shore. He said it was 150 feet high. R. E. Hunt, general manager of radio station WCBY, said a brilliant flash was visible for 20 seconds and then a dull glow continued for about five minutes. Reports of the flash also came from the Great Lakes freighters Mohawk and the Samuel Mitchell. (P. Robert Frank of Detroit, who submitted this report, stated that later editions of the Detroit News carried no further information, and said he thought that looked a little "fishy"---we agree).

MARCH, 1956, No Exact Date. Member Richard M. Johnson of Newark, Delaware, observed an interesting phenomenon while operating his 4 inch Newtonian reflector telescope. Using a 60 power eyepiece, he was observing the well-known Pleiades, a star cluster in Taurus. He then noticed a faint "star" of about 9th magnitude moving slowly in front of the other stars. He knew at once it was not a meteor nor a comet. He could not make out any shape (the telescope has 2 seconds of an arc separation) and the object was not visible to the naked eye. In conclusion, Richard states that it is his opinion that the object may have been a nearby asteroid.

The STROLLING ASTRONOMER, an amateur astronomer's magazine, carried notations by Brian Warner in it's Nov-Dec 1955 issue concerning "flashing lunar mountains" which he observed in January, 1955. (Cr: Josephine Myers)

U. OF RHODE ISLAND, 20 May, 1956. Donald R. Todd, while viewing the aurora borealis, spotted two disc-shaped objects moving at a leisurely speed in the area of the sky near the moon. He took out his GOC range finder, peered in on the lead saucer and found it to be about 10,000. The circle into which the saucer fell was about 1/4 inch in diameter and this was held at arm's length. The saucer completely filled the circle which, according to the range-finder, is about the size of a R-29. Both saucers were brilliant white, sending out a glow from their surfaces. The lead saucer had some type of beam projecting from the bow and as it skimmed along, the beam was moved from about a 70 degree angle forward to about a 45 degree angle downward. The beam seemed to be bluish in color and even at that distance it was visible.

NEWARK, DELAWARE, 8 June 1956. Richard M. Johnson, while practicing observation for the coming earth satellite program, spotted two pinpoints of dull white light. At the time he was observing a DC-3 which was cruising at about 6-10,000 feet and about 1 1/2 mile north of him. Johnson noted two objects, one a little in front of the other, pass the plane at the same altitude and very close to it. For a moment Johnson thought the objects would collide with the plane. The objects were pursuing a course from east to west, and he saw them 'dim out' as they passed the plane, thus assuming they were on the far side of the plane. He put down his

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binoculars, with which he had been observing the plane and the objects and consequently lost sight of them. They were not visible to the naked eye. Johnson, a member, is an amateur astronomer and has expressed his opinion that if one took the time to watch the sky every night for a week, one would sight at least one UFO in that period of time. We are inclined to agree, only wish the time was available to us.

A radio report on 22 July said that an Air Force plane had crash-landed due to being struck in the air by 'another aircraft'. Although the place and exact date were not noted at the time, a friend in Alamogordo informs us that he heard Paul Harvey discussing it on his news program and that according to Harvey the plane was struck by an object which came from above, 'sliced' through an elevator surface on one side. No evidence of burning or scorching, so we can assume that a meteor did not do the damage. We would like to ask members to submit any and all information on this particular accident for it has all the earmarks of the "Dum-Dum Airport Incident of a couple of years ago.

As of 28 July the Director, Mr. Lorenzen and the family will be vacationing in Wisconsin. They hope to be able to stop and visit a few members on the way, but can't promise any real visiting for Mr. Lorenzen's absence from Holloman has been allotted for only 16 days. After this much-needed vacation the Lorenzens will be back in Alamogordo (about 13 August) ready to take an iron grip on the coming bulletins during the late summer and fall influx of UFO.

DEADLINE

The June 23 edition of the Omaha World Herald stated that Dr. John D. Kraus of the Ohio State University's radio observatory announced that new signals from Venus of a distinctly different type than the common ones resembling terrestrial thunderstorm static have been received. He stated that they resemble radio telegraphy in many ways. Dr. Kraus was careful to state that the new signals "presumably come from Venus."

IS NEW GOC DRIVE IN PREPARATION FOR COMING UFO SEASON?

As is the usual thing during UFO influxes, the Air Defense Ground Observer Corps has put out another urgent plea for new members. This has happened for two seasons so far (1952 and 1954) and we're beginning to wonder if the renewed effort on their part is not just another phase of preparation for UFO reports and sightings. Letters from GOC supervisors and members in the past have indicated that the Air Force puts a good deal of stress on the reporting of UFOs by observers on duty.

In 1952 the Director of APRO urged all members to participate in the GOC effort in order to serve a twofold purpose: serving the United States in Civilian Defense and having the opportunity to use good equipment in the watch for reports. GOC posts usually are equipped with range-finders and at least one pair of good binoculars.

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* SAUCER SNAPPED IN CALIF * * *

* PROMINENT PHYSICIAN'S SON PHOTOGRAPHS SAUCER IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA! *

Dr. P. M. Savage had promised his 15-year-old son Michael a camera for his birthday, and on July 19 young Michael stopped at a camera store, picked up the camera of his choice along with the needed film. What happened after he arrived home will probably go down in UFO history as one of the "great" sightings, for the sighting made was not only a good one, but the photograph which was obtained is one of the most detailed we have ever seen.

Michael's own story (the same report given reporters, the original of which is on file at AFRO headquarters) is as follows: "This was the first time I had had a camera. I took a bus home and when I arrived I started to take some pictures of my home at random so as to see if my camera took good pictures or not. I was lying on the grass in my back yard about to take a picture when a movement caught my eye. I turned to see it and saw a disk-shaped object not too far away which was receding rapidly. Immediately on seeing it I turned my camera and took a quick shot at it because of its strange shape. After taking the picture I tried to watch the object and crank my film at the same time. The result was that I over-cranked the film and the next shot turned out to be a blank. The object did not disappear over the horizon, but seemed to shrink or dwindle as it disappeared. It disappeared because of the distance only, not going over the horizon. It was gone within thirty seconds after I spotted it."

Dr. Leonard M. Taylor, anesthesiologist, friend and neighbor of the Savage family, long-time UFO enthusiast and AFRO member says of Michael: "I know Mike Savage personally, having resided next to him or four doors away continuously the past nine years. He, his father and I exchange books on UFOs. We reported to the Air Force at George Air Field and were contacted by personnel from Norton AFB who personally reviewed the site of picture taking. I have personally examined the #127 negative prior to giving it to AF personnel who asked to borrow it and send it to ATIC." Unquote.

A peculiar aspect of this case, in our opinion, is the fact that the picture and/or story were not picked up by the press wires for widespread dissemination. Here is, in our opinion, one of the best pictures ever snapped of a UFO---it is almost a perfect twin of the Rio de Janeiro saucer of 1952 which was printed in the magazine, O Cruzeiro and pronounced as authentic by the United States Air Attache

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to Brazil. The picture shows a disc-shaped object (a little less than one-quarter view of the top) with the cupola and surrounding ring clearly visible.

On the back of the report Michael handed reporters are the following notes, which we quote: "Brownie Holiday Flash 127"-----Very first pictures he took---Shooting at angle of about 45° up---a couple of lots away at the most....didn't go over horizon---just went out of sight---He doesn't know enough about it to fake."

Dr. Taylor, when interviewed by reporters, stated his regret that the object had apparently been photographed while just over his own house, and he's been hoping to see a saucer for years. Savage's father said: "I don't know what to believe---but I know one thing. My son didn't fake anything. He's just an amateur photographer."

Because of press of work, we have not been able to send out the proper assignments, but would like to ask Dr. Maney to get to work on these figures after his copy of the snapshot arrives: Shooting at 45° angle, object about 2 lots (probably about 200 feet away). The 3 wires in the picture are lead-in wires to the house about 15' high and about 20' from the site of the picture taking, which was about 20" from ground level. The trees to the right are about 120' away.

Michael Savage has given APRO permission to reproduce the picture on our own enlarging and developing equipment for distribution of copies of same to members. Those wishing to have a copy may send 15¢ (fifteen cents) in coin or stamps to headquarters, and as the copies are made all orders will be filled. There will be no profit made, and the small fee is to cover the cost of chemicals used in the process, plus envelopes and stamps for mailing.

On the same subject of pictures, those members who are on the list for the Bos-sa pictures and who have not received them, will be in receipt of same very soon. We do not like to send our photographic work out of town, hence waited until we could secure our own kit for taking care of our photo needs.

Michael Savage is a very fortunate and alert young man. His experience proves our contention that the reason more good UFO pictures are not taken is that people just don't happen to go around with a camera cocked at the right angle and at the right time.

***** * UFO NABBED IN IRELAND (Sept) * * * *

It happened in Ireland----near Loch Neagh, in fact, where Leprechauns, ghosts and witches have been sighted----but the testimony of the major characters in this adventure plus common sense and a little knowledge of balloons and air currents indicates that the object that Thomas J. Hutchinson grabbed on the 7th of September was none of these, not even a balloon, as the RAF would have us believe.

The object which is the interloper in this case, was a flaming red egg-shaped thing which dropped out of low-flying clouds to the only dry piece of land in the middle of a bog (marshland) about 200 yards from the Hutchinson front door. Hutchinson and his wife sloshed across the wet marshland and found the object lying motionless. It was egg-shaped, about 3 feet high and 18 inches in diameter, bright red in color with two dark red marks at the end and three dark red stripes, and rested on a saucer-shaped base. The Hutchinsons watched the gadget for a few moments, then Hutchinson kicked it over. It returned to its original position, and when he got down on his hands and knees to observe it more closely the object started to spin. He then put a hammer lock on the object, but it was pretty powerful. Mr. Hutchinson said: "The police station was the only place for such a wicked looking thing as this and I started to carry it there." But on the way to the village of Loup, Mr. Hutchinson had to get through a thick hedge. "I put the saucer down for

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a moment," he said, "and what do you think? It started spinning again."

Before he had time to throw himself on the queer colored invader it rose quickly and disappeared into the rain-laden clouds. The police at Loup called the Royal Air Force station at near-by Aldergrove. The commander said the object did not belong to the RAF. When the police sergeant asked the Air Force officer for his opinion as to what the gadget might have been, he replied: "I would not even hazard a guess."

The foregoing is an AP report which appeared in the Omaha World Herald (thanks to Josephine Myers) and a slightly different story is told by the Des Moines, Iowa Register (also courtesy Mrs. Myers): When Hutchinson put the saucer down in order to negotiate the hedge, it started to spin and he threw himself on it but couldn't keep his hold. It nearly pulled him off his feet, according to his wife's account. Mrs. Hutchinson, who had been told by her husband to stay home while he took the 'monster' to police, apparently tagged along. When the object flew away for the last time, she ran home and prayed while Mr. Hutchinson continued on to the police station to tell his story.

The first account, appearing in papers on the 8th of September, made no mention (see above) of Air Force opinion. However, the Des Moines Register account of the 9th of September, said that a 'high-ranking RAF officer at nearby Aldergrove said: "These weather balloons are almost identical with the shape of the object that Hutchinson saw. It could have dropped to earth when it encountered some change in the air currents. And it could have gone up again. The police, however, are inclined to believe Mr. Hutchinson's story, and so, incidentally, are we!"

Common sense indicates that in order that the balloon could ascend again, there would have to be strong wind currents---and these wind currents would surely have been noticed had they been strong enough to lift the balloon and the man. Mr. Hutchinson emphatically stated that he had difficulty holding it after it started spinning. Also---any air current which made the balloon spin like that, would also be felt very much by the man and his wife. We rest our case!

* MARS NEWS FROM S. A. *
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The following are excerpts from a letter from Horacio Gonzales, APRO Representative in Caracas, Venezuela, which are self-explanatory:

"I am now busy tracking the strange "explosive clouds" on the Martian surface. I saw the sudden formation of these clouds on three separate occasions on the night of September 5th. From my last observations, eight brilliant white clouds developed suddenly near the border of the Martian disc North of Syrtis Major. One seemed to have a dark ring around it as it formed and shone, as Aristarcus on the moon, for a space of five minutes.

"Rolas (APRO Member Joe Rolas of Caracas--Ed.) had a personal talk with Monsenor Doctor Rafael Arrias Blanco, Archbishop (Catholic) of Caracas and he said that we are on the verge of sensational developments. The Archbishop also said that Catholic doctrine and faith does not in any way deny the possibility of other worlds being inhabited by intelligent beings and if this possibility were proven to be a fact would not in any way affect the Catholic religion.

"On Sept. 7th I (did) article on Martian phenomena which astronomers have not explained satisfactorily---papers followed suit, all dailies filled with talk of Mars, possibility of intelligence life on other planets. To clinch matters, reports began to come in thick and fast from the interior where people were seeing UFOs." (See RECENT SIGHTINGS SECTION--Ed.)

TWA PILOT CHALLENGES RUPPELT—

(Editor's Note: The following is a letter to Mr. Ken Purdy of TRUE Magazine, penned by William Brenton Nash, TWA pilot and the observer of the 8 red objects near Newport-News in 1952. Mr. Nash is a responsible and dedicated UFO researcher, meticulous with his facts and respected by all who know him in this connection. Although the letter was never published, we feel its contents will be interesting to all who participate in UFO research.)

To: Editor TRUE

Dear Mr. Purdy:

Regarding Captain Ruppelt's article in the May issue of TRUE, "What Our Air Force Found Out About Flying Saucers", I'm afraid that the good Captain has become so ingrained in the habit of tugging on John Q's ambulatory appendage that he finds it impossible to abandon this addiction now that he is one of us.

As a pilot, he must know that he wrote pure deception when he said of the Mantell case, "The propellor torque would pull it into a slow left turn, into a shallow dive, then an increasingly steeper descent under power. Somewhere during the screaming dive, the plane reached excessive speeds and began to break up in the air."

Any Dilbert knows that as the speed of an airplane increases, its lift increases, and the plane's nose would come up until the speed was lost again and the nose dipped once more to pick up speed and lift, thus creating an oscillation all the way to the ground; not a "screaming dive". The plane could spin or spiral instead of oscillate, but a spin is a stall maneuver, and planes do not come apart in a stall. This oscillation would be especially likely to occur if the airplane had been trimmed to climb, and at the beginning of the same paragraph that contains the above quoted hogwash, Ruppelt says, "The wreckage showed that the plane was trimmed to climb."

He lightly tosses off four night dog-fights with maneuvering lights by our fighter pilots by blaming it on those shaggy old balloons again. One of these "balloons" had no silhouette against the Moon, but the light the pilot saw was bright enough to be seen with the Moon's surface as a background, but yes, sireeee -- that was a bull--oon!

If our fighter pilots are so easily deluded it makes me shudder with insecurity. I also shuddered when I read Captain Ruppelt's description of the length of time it took to get just one protecting fighter over our Capitol when UFO's showed up prominently on Washington radar sets from "...shortly after nine o'clock..." to "...4 a. m..."

He botched his "explanation" of these Washington radar sightings with the words, "...there was a temperature inversion." Why didn't he continue for a few more words and admit that it was a 1 degree Fahrenheit inversion, and that it takes an inversion of between 9 and 18 degrees Fahrenheit to create "ground clutter" which, incidently, is easily recognized

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as such, and nothing else, by experienced radar operators? Also, what "inversion" caused the simultaneous visual sightings? Cap, you wouldn't deceive us, would you?

The Captain went to a psychiatrist.... "People want to believe in saucers," said the man. That's funny. I talked to one who said, "Because of the pace of modern civilization people feel insecure and tend to reject that which they do not understand because it makes them feel even less secure. Hence the success of the saucer "de-bunkers". Guess we know different psychiatrists.

Captain Ruppelt accused the public of originating the dogma that the Air Force will not release saucer data because they fear public panic. Yet in Robert S. Allen's column of September 26, 1952, Mr. Allen reports that the AF was considering releasing a document on saucer findings, the contents of which were, according to an AF spokesman, "fantastic, but true". Chiefly deterring them", reports Mr. Allen, "is the fear that the sensational nature of the findings may cause undue public alarm". Incidentally, Captain, what happened to that document?

In the Scoutmaster D. S. Desvergers case, Captain Ruppelt glossed over the testimony of the three Boy Scouts. They all saw the lights and still say so. Try to get young people to repeat consistently the same story if it is fabricated. One of the boys told a reporter after the experience, "I could see about the top half of his body. Then the beam of his flashlight pointed up and reflected back on him like it had shined on a mirror. Then the reddish white ball of fire like a Roman candle came down toward him from the sky. Then he fell down and disappeared. The flashlight fell too. The ball hit the ground and bounced twice and I saw a reddish mist shaped like a disc floating up above where Sonny fell. There wasn't any sound at all.

Why is this testimony ignored and Desvergers' reputation concentrated on?

What would inspire Mr. Desvergers to originate the "foul odor" part of the description if he were falsifying? It is interesting to note that there have been several cases of the odor experience since Desvergers' sighting, but none before, and a book published two years after his experience cites from the Vatican Library, an ancient Egyptian flying disc incident involving a foul odor.

Captain Ruppelt also wasted much of our time describing his military history and his experiences with crackpots. We'd have preferred more meat to the story, Cap, and less of that manure you said you were examining.

Truly Yours,

(Signed) William B. Nash

(Editor's note: We have nothing to add but would like to call attention to the statement regarding UFO by the eminent Dr. Carl Jung.)

* * * * A N E D I T O R I A L * * * *

We have labeled the following discussion "An Editorial" rather than "The Editorial" or, more simply, "Editorial" for the reason that the solitary word or preceded by the article "The" insinuates that the subject is one of a regular series, which it is not.

Whereas in the past we have carried Editorials as regular features, the policy was discontinued in order to avoid joining into the discussions or arguments on various theories, etc., which seem to dominate a major portion of most UFO periodicals of late. We have noted, also, that some magazines tend to devote too much space to "letters" (usually complimentary), editorials, discussions of anything from astronomy to the benefit of various "health diets", usually authored by an individual more interested in his subject than the UFO. We feel sightings, opinions of qualified, competent observers or scientists, to be relevant to the subject and that they therefore should comprise fully 100% of any UFO Bulletin.

One subject which we feel we should again mention, however briefly, is the current "UFO are radiation wipers" fathered by Mosely of SAUCERS.

The assertion is, I believe, that the saucers are remotely controlled vehicles whose purpose is to "wipe radioactivity from the atmosphere. It sounds very nice, if you don't think about it, but let's do! In the first place, what is radioactivity? Generally speaking, it is the symptom of fission (and in some cases, fusion); in other words it is the result of the presence of certain unstable elements. The way to eliminate radiation is to remove the source (the unstable elements). This would mean either straining the offending matter from the atmosphere or converting it into non-radioactive matter. There is no feasible way of doing this. It would mean processing the entire atmosphere cubic foot by cubic foot. It's sort of fascinating to visualize a giant magnet sweeping through the air drawing radioactive residue to it like iron filings. The only trouble is that most of it is not iron filings and exhibits no magnetic properties.

I might mention in passing that the same story came to us from an unconnected source. It was complete with compromised classified documents and an organization with an "Auntie knows best" attitude. Only the aliases and withheld names were changed to protect the guilty. Bloody careless, these classified couriers.

Speaking of classified information, I would like to reiterate my stand regarding the possibility of anyone getting a chance to read or possess classified material. There are three requisites for possessing or having access to information pertaining to classified information, and they are: 1. Identification 2. Clearance (degree of clearance, i. e., Conf., Secret or Top Secret, depending of what is necessary.) 3. NEED TO KNOW. If you a member of a military organization or a government employee, you could have a Top Secret clearance and yet not be able to read or have access to Confidential or Secret material, unless you needed it in conjunction with specific work or projects. Classified material is signed for, kept in locked safes and has to be accounted for.

Therefore I contend that if Mosely did obtain access to a document containing such classified matter, THE WHOLE THING WAS PLANTED! The penalty for deliberately

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compromising classified material is sufficient to deter anyone from attempting it--even a knucklehead who might feel it was his "duty".

As a last word on the "radiation wiper" theory, we are anxious to know just what justification can be offered for the billions of dollars being wasted on guided missiles which are fallible and the planes which cannot even closely approximate the speed of the saucers. We assume that these radiation-wiping saucers must be infallible or nearly so, for they have been observed near large centers of population where untold damage and injury could be done if the things were to go awry.

As the readers may have gathered, the theory does not stack up as either logical or reasonable and certainly cannot stand up under the glaring light of scientific facts.

Concerning Censorship*

From time to time, if you follow Ufology, you will find various references direct or otherwise, to U. S. Air Force censorship. We are told that the Air Force is withholding important facts concerning UFO by arbitrarily classifying them. This is a form of censorship. A sensational UFO incident in one particular locality gets into the local papers but is not heard of two counties away. Why not? The news wires didn't carry it. Did they receive it? Yes. "Why didn't you carry it?" Is UFO news being censored? "Of course not." (ha, ha) You must be joking. We still have a free press, you know." (ha, ha, ha)-----HAVE WE?

Here is what we know about a subtle control of public information and entertainment services which is not direct censorship but which is much more effective and insidious:

A married couple, quite active in UFO research was scheduled to appear on a national TV hookup. One of the sponsors' best customers was the Air Force. Air Force liaison men suggested to the sponsor's advertising department that a discussion of saucers on the TV show might be embarrassing to the Air Force and at least would be in bad taste. The message was passed to the producer of the show. Scheduling of said couple was "indefinitely deferred".

In June 1953 1st Lt. Robert Olssen, Air Technical Intelligence Command, then working on the saucer project at Wright-Patterson (Ruppelt's outfit), in the presence of J. Allen Hynek, consulting astro-physicist to the Air Force on the same project, told the Director of APRO in effect --- "We are going to keep these reports (of saucers) out of the papers. We believe most of them are due to mass hysteria and the power of suggestion. If people are allowed to forget this matter they'll quit seeing them." The Director did not inquire as to how this was to be accomplished but Lt. Olssen's attitude suggests that the arrangements had already been made. We do not doubt the Lt.'s sincerity but believe that he was merely parroting the 'party line' that had been passed to him down the chain of command. We feel that he inadvertently gave away the gimmick that was to be used to help insure the cooperation of all major news services. Now---let's back-track for a moment to the incident of the cancelled TV appearance mentioned above. While not relating directly to news-service control, it is very revealing concerning the pressure technique
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employed. Put yourself in that producer's position. Sponsors are not easy to come by. And, Man, you gotta eat - put the kids through college - keep gas in the Cadillac. You just don't take a chance on offending a sponsor. You can't hardly get them anymore. You'd have done the same --- So would I.

Okay---now back to the news-service deal. Suppose you're an influential man in a major news-service organization. You make a routine contact with an Air Force P.I.O. (Public Information Officer). You want to make sure that you get all the dope on such-and-such a missile as soon as it is declassified. You want to make sure you get it as soon as any of your competitors if not sooner. "Why sure," says the P.I.O. "Oh, by the way, we're doing some investigation concerning UFO---you know (ha, ha) --- flying saucers. Well, we want to test out a little theory concerning mass hysteria and the power of suggestion, etc., etc. Your competitors have assured us they'll cooperate and we hope you won't let us down. I hope we can count on you---." He sure can, can't he?

To back up the theorizing above, we would like to add this fact. Certain persons employed directly and indirectly by news wire services also correspond with APRO. We are assured that such a policy is in effect. Flying saucer items are not considered newsworthy --- therefore they are not carried. APRO does not agree with said policy and is accepting reports rejected by newswire services. Some of the reports in this Bulletin are such.

CONCERNING PROPAGANDA

The following incidents, submitted by Mr. William B. Nash, are shining examples of Air Force and other military meddling with public entertainment and news media:

Sunday, January 20th, 1952 - USAF radio program. Out of thin air, completely at odds with the musical program an AF speaker volunteered that saucers seen by a whole flight of Air Force jets were nothing but gas tanks falling which had been released from another flight of jets! Sharp-eyed pilots wouldn't recognize a MIG if it bit them at that rate.

In the movie, ROCKET SHIP X-M, there were signs of Air Force script interference. In the beginning of the picture, just prior to take-off on the 1st attempt to reach the Moon, the crew of the rocket ship was interviewed by reporters. In a short speech, the leader of the crew was addressing the reporters and proceeded to thank them for helping to discourage the public's belief in anything so ridiculous as the flying saucers. This leader was a scientist who had spent 25 years of his life in the construction of this rocket and believed in space travel enough to be risking his life in space. He would be the last person to have made a statement ridiculing space travel. The statement looked very much dubbed in because of its complete incongruity.

Early in 1948, I saw, at a regular movie, a very short U.S. Army film (easily recognized by the seal in the introduction by anyone who has watched Military training films, as definitely an Army film) which pictured an Army officer instructing a group of other officers in a class room. On the blackboard there were complicated-

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looking formula. The instructor was saying, "Gentlemen, after diligent study and research we have come to the conclusion that flying saucers can be nothing else but this---" ---and he reached under the desk and held up a garbage can lid.

This was pure propaganda imbedded into the middle of public entertainment---an insult to the intelligence, and the military playing God again.

Since I resigned my position with the Air Force at Holloman Air Force Base last spring, I have been in a better situation to meet socially and converse with top civilian technicians and scientists regarding the UFO problem. I have been continually surprised to hear many men who have had no opportunity to study the problem at all, say to this effect, when the subject is broached: "Well, it is surprising how many people refuse to accept the possibility that intelligent life could exist on worlds other than our own. It has been quite evident, for me at least, that the UFO are, in all probability, spacecraft from other worlds." This leads us to wonder which cubby holes and under which rocks the Air Force has been able to find all of their "experts" to misquote the majority of opinion on UFO in the world of science.

Coral E. Lorenzen
International Director,
AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

A PERSONAL NOTE: I would like to take this opportunity to thank Josephine Myers personally for the great personal service she has rendered me. After the May Bulletin in which I had outlined the many health setbacks due to rheumatoid arthritis I had endured in the past two years, Mrs. Myers, a Registered Nurse, wrote and suggested that I read a book on Arthritis and give the suggestions contained therein a fair try. I did, and must say I have felt better this past summer than I had been privileged to feel in years. If any individual among the membership is a victim of arthritis, I'd like to suggest that he or she obtain "Arthritis and Common Sense" by Dale Alexander. Give it at least a 4-week try, and I am sure remarkable results will be shown.

"EARTH VERSUS THE FLYING SAUCERS"
A Movie Review

A few weeks ago the Director and Mr. Lorenzen attended a local movie house to view a current UFO show, "The Earth Versus the Flying Saucers". The movie does not deserve a detailed review in that it was technically illogical (including the plot) and it will probably only serve one purpose: To reassure the AF that they are justified in keeping UFO news quiet. The movie theater, which was swamped (very unusual for a midweek performance) was many times hushed at tense moments, especially in the beginning of the picture when the eerily lighted saucers made their first appearances, and later on when the hero removed the helmet of a defunct saucerman to reveal a wrinkled, shrunken head that was in no wise pretty. This sort of a fiasco is better done without, and we are genuinely sorry that the phrase, "Suggested by Donald Keyhoe (or words to that effect)" appeared in the list of credits at the beginning of the picture. It is likely that Mr. Keyhoe was not aware of the precise plot and type of picture which was to be produced when he gave permission for his name to be used. No doubt many UFO enthusiasts like ourselves attended the showings because the name of Keyhoe was like a good recommendation for authenticity.

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A group organized specifically for the job of gathering, evaluating and correlating UFO reports has been reported in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Our initial contact with the group has established friendly relationship and to begin with, an exchange of journals will be made.

"In the Bleak Mojave Desert, a Group of Oddballs Opens a Reception Center for Men from Venus" is the heading for an article on the Giant Rock, California 'foundation' headed by George Van Tassel. With all due respects, we 're darn glad they are confined to the Giant Rock area. Article in N. Y. Sunday Mirror, 19 August.

Frank Reid, one of our Chicago contingent submits the following, gleaned from the Chicago Daily Tribune, Tuesday, July 31, 1956: Verona Italy, July 30, The main square here was suddenly showered with small frogs recently. The frogs had been caught up in a whirlwind from Venice and after landing unhurt hopped for the nearest puddles. Comments Mr. Reid: Why ONLY frogs? As Fort noted, the circumstance of ONLY frogs is hard to take. Why no mud, leaves, debris? If frogs, why not tadpoles or other small forms of life? (Editor's note: Couldn't tell you, Frank, but I witnessed a similar phenomena in Southern Illinois on the morning of the 29th of July en route to Wisconsin and vacation. Mr. Lorenzen was sleeping at my side, the children were asleep in the back seat of the station wagon. It was about 2 a. m. and I had driven through the Ozarks and the first leg of the Illinois jaunt in fairly heavy rain. The rain had let up some, but in this particular section, out in the country, I noted small white objects coming down with the rain. Driving at about 30 mph because of poor visibility and slippery roads, I slowed even more and saw that the things were actually coming out of the sky---some of them hit the hood of the automobile and bounced off. The road was a mottled black and white with them and was becoming goeey and slimy where they had been run over by cars. I regretted later that I hadn't stopped and picked up a few for observation later. However, after driving all night, having been beset with severe arthritic pain from the humid atmosphere, even if the thought had occurred to me it is not likely that I would have ventured out into the cold and wet. I did waken Mr. Lorenzen and he saw them just before we drove out of the section in which they were falling. The little fellows were about the size of the end of my thumb and so light in color as to appear almost white and rather transparent.)

No more news on the radio signals received from Venus as reported in the July APRO Bulletin. Dr. John D. Kraus of the Ohio State University, visiting in Houston, Texas, reiterated for reporters his statement regarding the two different types of signals received: An intermittent "crackling sound" much like radio static resulting from thunderstorms and a signal like a radio telegraph signal---"a sustained type of sound which may be related to the other signals but it is not clear at present." Reported in the Houston Post, August 15, and submitted by Member Greenway.

Jackie Saunders, staunch UFO enthusiast of Los Angeles, poses a good one: "I see by the papers that the Air Force hopes to have 600 long-range B-52 jet bombers by 1959----why don't they quit making these old obsolete planes and concentrate on saucers - some of the smart boys who claim U.S. is responsible for saucers should explain that headline to me. Good question, Jackie.

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There seems to be a new fad going around---we have received correspondence from a Mrs. M. E. Holden of 1316 New Hampshire Ave. N. W. #46, Washington 6, D. C., asking us to plug some "interplanetary emblem jewelry". Although we cannot endorse such a thing, we pass along this information. The emblem is a pin 3/4 inches in diameter, inscribed "interplanetary fellowship" and is a reproduction of the globe with flying saucers erupting from it. The price is \$2.50 and we are offered a commission for sending in orders. However---we have enough legitimate saucer work to do without going into the jewelry business, and being cooperative and non-profit, feel that it would be a little out of place. By the way, the physical description of the thing is: "The emblem comes in 2 shades of blue and silver in hard-fired enamel framed in silver, the design copyrighted and registered." Another deterrent as far as joining in this endeavor of labeling saucer researchers by having them wear an identifying pin, is that the saucers on the emblem look like Adamski's products. Enough said.

FLYING SAUCERS ARE FACT - NOT FICTION, a slogan emblazoned on colorful little stickers being sponsored by the Flying Saucer Review of London. The idea is good---the stickers can be mounted on the windshield, on mail or any other appropriate place. They can be ordered from "The Flying Saucer Review", 1 Doughty St., London, W. C. 1, England. You'll probably see them on each envelope bearing APRO mail or containing APRO Bulletins in the future. We recommend them---why don't you?

We also recommend: "The Science Book of Space Travel" by Harold Leland Goodwin which contains a chapter entitled "I Think We're Property", discusses UFO without ridicule. Also---"The Complete Book of Space Travel," authored by Albro Gaul, illustrated by Virgil Finlay (The World Publishing Company, \$.95) where Part III is called "Host to the Alien" and contains a fascinating chapter on the proper procedure for us to follow if we see a saucer land and its occupants emerge---quite serious. The Goodwin book is a Cardinal Edition of Pocket Books, sells for 35¢. Thanks much to Isabel Davis of New York for suggesting Gaul's fine work---enjoyed it very much.

Wonder when the New York Sunday Mirror will do a feature on the oddballs in Chicago who call themselves the "Cosmic Circle of Fellowship". Passing around plastic cups, which they call the Cosmic Carriers, they list on their program "Cosmic Music," etc., and are generally fouling up UFO research for it is a part of the job of such groups as our own to looking into these things, no matter how odd.

In Yakutat, Alaska a "frightening huge carcass" estimated conservatively at more than 100 feet long and 15 feet wide washed ashore 60 miles away. Origin and species a complete mystery and experts say it fits no known description of prehistoric beasts and the reddish-brown hair on its body precludes any relationship to elephants or whales. Further details: hair two inches long, head measured 5 1/2 feet across, eye sockets 7 to 9 inches in diameter and about 42 inches apart. The thing was discovered in May, news of its discovery did not leak out until 24 July when it was found in the Milwaukee Journal by roving member Bob Greenway and also in the Omaha World-Herald by Marilyn Calver. Included here in the interest of the unknown.

Cute cartoon in the Atkinson Graphic, Atkinson, Nebraska for June 29, 1956 shows a couple of little antennae men on Mars watching a huge mushroom-shaped cloud erupt from earth. One little fellow says: "The Americans are demonstrating to the Communists their determination to maintain the Independence of the free world --- and also the UTTER INSANITY OF WAR."

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Everyone and practically every paper, it seems, are aware of the saucer-shaped aircraft lately tested at Edwards AFB. Sorry to be dissenters, but it doesn't even look as if it can fly, but it did. Looks like a saucer riding on top of a conventional plane. The only 'saucer' news the Air Force has allowed to creep through on the Nation's press wires.

On about 11 Aug the barn roof of Mrs. Frank Middleton of Derita, N. C. sailed off her barn, flipped three times and landed in the yard. Weathermen found no signs of a freak tornado and police could discover no signs of an explosion. This one picked up in the Chicago Daily News for 11 Aug by E. Reid.

Amarillo, Texas, 15 July, the canopy and dead pilot of a Navy F7U Cutlass jet which crashed during a severe thunderstorm was found north of this town, but the main part of the plane was still being sought. We have had no further details as to whether the wreckage has been found. Does anyone know?

A letter to the editor of a Honolulu paper (signed: LOCAL BELIEVER) states that the writer believes a reversal in policy and opinion of the Air Force is about to take place, also that there have been over 200 confirmed sightings from the island of Oahu since Jan 1. This "Local Believer" must be someone in the military with access to reports---there have been few if any Hawaiian reports published.

Recent UFO TV spectacular was "Flying Objects at 3 o'clock high" which was featured on Kraft Theater. That and "Night of Terror in New Mexico" are good---the later a "Science Fiction Theater" presentation.

A book which all members will enjoy and from which they will surely benefit is Aime Michel's "The Truth about Flying Saucers". We found it interesting, but as UFO authors are wont to do, they take too much for granted when they title their masterpieces. This particular book is in no wise the "truth" but is getting close. However, the "Plantier Theory" which is lauded in the book is not new, was first submitted by Wilber Smith of Canada and publicized by Major Donald Keyhoe in 1954 in his book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space". Although Michel claims Plantier began work on his theory in 1953, this is the first we've heard of it and therefore feel that until there is more indications, the credit should go to Mr. Smith for the magnetic theory on the propulsion of the saucers.

Mr. Laimon Mitris, Rouyn, Quebec, Canada, in a letter to SAUCERS, admits he is the "Smallwood" referred to in Gray Barker's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" and is somewhat peeved that Barker took it upon himself to write up the story, even with aliases, without first obtaining permission. Laimon, an APRO member, told the Director about the whole fiasco shortly after it happened and asked that she keep the information confidential, which she has, until now. For those who are unfamiliar, Mitris obtained a piece of a supposed saucer, had it analyzed and then was threatened by a man who would not present credentials, identification, etc. We like an occasional scoop in the saucer field, but would never consider endangering anyone by printing material which has been designated as confidential.

We get a little fed up with the know-it-alls of the Press who read a book, then proceed to tear it apart when actually they have no criterion by which to judge the book or the author, as they know nothing of the subject. We are specifically referring, in this instance, to Edith Kermit Roosevelt, reviewing Keyhoe's latest book in the September 1956 issue of the American Mercury.

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August 15, 1956: Young Frederick P. Cranston Jr., specialist in nuclear spectroscopy at Los Alamos, said in a lecture sponsored by the New Mexico Association on Indian Affairs, that the solid core of UFOs which have not been explained, are spaceships, originating from some planet other than our own. Cranston does not believe that all UFOs can be explained away as meteorological or astronomical phenomena or real things from earth which have not been identified. The most interesting part of this piece of news is that the account of Cranston's lecture was printed in Alamogordo, Santa Fe and Albuquerque and as far as we have been able to gather, nowhere else. We are glad to learn, however, that not all scientists in the employ of the United States government are either knuckleheads or scaredy-pants.

We have not had the pleasure of viewing "UFO" here in Alamogordo, but according to accounts of members, the picture is good and certainly more representative of the UFO situation than any movie on the subject to date. It has been given good press coverage (besides the space devoted to advertisements. A letter from Robert D. Briele, of WFBR in Baltimore, Maryland, includes these comments on the movie: "...it gave a few of the known facts and told the public just what the average UFO follower knows about the subject. However, it is far from being up to date (and) I believe it to be about four years behind in its information....I feel that our friend Donald Keyhoe should have been given credit in the picture. (Editor's Note: Mr. Keyhoe will probably never receive credit for what he has done in relation to the saucer mystery, and certainly not in a picture which was executed with the aid and collaboration of the Air Force. There seems to be an effort underway at present to disqualify Mr. Keyhoe and the Director would like to go on record at this time as saying that as long as she directs AFRO she will never have any derogatory opinions regarding Mr. Keyhoe's efforts on behalf of the UFO problem and also on behalf of UFO enthusiasts and public enlightenment. He has done a commendable job---that's good enough for us. The "Johnnie-Come-Latelies" in the saucer field (some of them only waking up to the existence of UFOs as late as 1952 and 1954) have taken a know-it-all attitude and are ready to pounce upon anyone in an attempt to be 'in on the final scene' when it comes.) Mr. Briele goes on: "...members of the public who saw and heard information about UFO for the first time when they saw the picture obtained a ripened desire for further information. Lou Corbin of WFBR liked the UFO picture but also felt it was not up to date and thought that Donald Keyhoe should not have been overlooked in the picture. Lou and I both feel that Keyhoe has done a great deal in obtaining facts. I also would like to add here that we at WFBR have learned a great deal from your AFRO Bulletin." Unquote.

Sept 4, 1956, Tokyo, Japan---Dr. Sukeyoshi Morikawa, physics expert at the University of Tokushima, said 2 years of "scientific surveys on the stragglers in the sky" shows that the number of saucers sighted increased every three years and four months. The Doctor, who has interviewed thousands in his study, said he felt most of the saucers actually were dust clouds, or occasionally, meteors. (Editor's note: Please note the Doctor said 'most of the saucers', and we have news for the boy---the period is every two years, not every forty months.)

On July 4, 5 and 9, planes which the Russians identified as AF medium bombers, and claimed were arranged for by AF Chief of Staff General Nathan Twining (then visiting in Russia) "violated Russian frontiers and flew over Russia for about 2½ hours. Dulles answered the accusations: "No aircraft assigned to the command of the USAF in Europe violated Soviet or satellite territory". Americans also wondered why the alleged interlopers were not fired upon. Medium bombers would be sitting ducks for jets. Unless---they were saucers, too high; too fast for interception, and at the scene to watch Soviet Air Shows for the benefit of Twining.....

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Any members having copies of the following issues of the APRO Bulletin and other listed UFO periodicals are asked to contact Francis Browley at 629 Laurel St., Warrensburg, Missouri. Purpose: Purchas of same. There are as follows: APRO Bulletin, all of Vol. #1, Vol. 2, #1,2,3&4. Australian Flying Saucer Magazine, Any issue after March 1954. "Cosmic News", Volume 1, No. 2. CRIFO Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 1,2&3. "Flying Saucers" New Zealand, Vol. 1, No. 1&2, Vol. 2, No. 1, 2,3&4. "Flying Saucer News", Britain, Issue #7. "Flying Saucer News - Service Research Bulletin" Vol. 1, No. 1,2,3,4,5,6&7. "Flying Saucer Review", Seattle, Washington, All of Vol. #1 and Vol 2, #1. "Little Listening Post" Vol #1, #1&2. "Nexus" Tome 1, Vol. 1,2&3. "Ouranos", England, No. 2. "The Roundhouse" All of Volume 1, Vol 2 # 1,2,3&4. "The Saucer Sentinel", No. 2. "Uranus", Vol. 2, No. 5. "Vimana", Any issue after #1.

Again we'd like to mention the Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, and the fine work it is doing. We hope APRO members in and around New York are giving them the support they deserve by attending the many fine lectures under their sponsorship.

The Honorable Brinsley Le Poer Trench has taken over editorial duties of the British Flying Saucer Review, and after seeing their first issue since he assumed duties, we feel that he is doing an excellent job.

A new UFO research group, the Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence, 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle 18, Washington, puts out a nice little mimeographed paper called the "Flying Saucer Review". We hope they enjoy much success in their selected work and hope to hear from them often.

On January 1, 1957 the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization begins its sixth year in UFO research. We can now boast that we are the oldest saucer research organization in existence. We hope that with the years and each new experience, we have become wiser if not richer. UFO research is not lucrative, and if one benefits it is only with the knowledge that a job is being done.

APRO began its quest for knowledge of the UFO when almost everyone ridiculed the idea of life on other planets. At that time we were a handful of dedicated people with only one great advantage---determination. We felt our way through many a crisis, including those times when Air Force statements convinced almost everyone that saucers were non-existent. We were the original voice in the wilderness crying out against prejudice, ignorance and conceit.

Although it oftentimes still seems like an uphill battle we can look back and the memories recalled give us added strength for the job in the future. Although we have many facts on our side, we had might as well face up to the fact that our job almost wholly consists of re-educating and indoctrinating the public until that time when the "authorities" realize that they are the only ones who do not recognize the facts for what they really are. This day is fast approaching, and we must do our best to hasten it.

Some readers are receiving their Bulletin for the first time, and without the formality of a membership card. We are processing new memberships as fast as we can, but as this 32-page bulletin indicates, we are swamped with work and of course UFO news always takes precedent over the everyday chore of paperwork. However, your card will be on its way to you as soon as this issue is in the mail. Welcome to APRO, and we hope you will enjoy your association with this Organization.

LETTERS

Excerpts from letters which may prove interesting to members:

Mrs. Lorenzen: My own observations over some years have convinced me that weather conditions are sometimes controlled by a force having intelligent guidance and knowledge of happenings on earth. This includes both local and general weather and even small cloud formations. I have not seen any mention of this theory in civilian publications and would like to know your view. In regard to the official Air Force attitude (J.S. and others) about the UFOs, I think it is sure to undergo a big change in favour of making information public within the next five years when rocket flight to the moon becomes a reality. With the keen competition offering in this field, I don't think individual groups or Governments will be likely to put themselves at the disadvantage of being what amounts to non-recognizers.

(Signed) Yours Truly,
Murray Sale
APRO Rep., Australia

This letter, written by an APRO member to Henry R. Luce, Time Magazine, Chicago, Ill. has some fine points and we feel it should be read by the membership, and include the gist of the answer received. We quote:

Dear Mr. Luce:

No doubt you have received many nasty criticisms of the Nov. 7th '55 issue's treatment of flying saucers in the Science section. My first reaction was a revived disgust of Air Force policy---my respect for this branch of the Government hitting a new low. But after rereading the article several times I place the blame mostly on your science editor, for the distasteful manner of his insinuations which create a feeling that people who believe in Flying Saucers as Inter-planetary machines are to be linked up --- however remotely --- with insane asylums. I for one, shall pick up your magazine only occasionally from now on; for you are contributing to a possible swift and sure destruction of America in the coming Atomic War. The utterly foolish and idiotic policy of the AF in times past to ridicule observations of UFOs over the skies of America, makes it certain that many observations of an invading force, by responsible persons, will go unreported in the initial phases of a future air attack. It is impossible to relieve your writer of his ignorance in one short letter. However, please have him read the AF letter printed on the back cover of Donald Keyhoe's 1953 book "Flying Saucers From Outer Space." You might even possibly stimulate his little mind into reading the book, as well as other fine books on the subject. Then you might go to the AF and ask Secretary Quarles if the AF has adopted one of the basic principles of Communism---the practicing of lies and deception in its public reports. If you read Keyhoe's chapter on "Canadian Project" you will see that the present development of saucer-like craft are not "direct-line descendants of conventional aircraft". Even Cal Tech has carried on secret research on the same magnetic Saucer-drive according to rumors; an idea derived basically from studying Saucers already in flight! Now I ask you sincerely, does this sort of thing create any nationalistic pride in a citizen who can think for himself? On the contrary it carries my sympath, my mind and my heart over to the side of the space-ship dwellers themselves who have utterly refused all contact, throughout centuries, with the deceptive, debased, dishonest mind of mankind that nevertheless remains smug and self-righteous in the pride of its gross incredible ignorance.

(Signed) Sincerely Yours,
Basil Hritsco

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And Time's Reply:

Dear Mr. Hritsco: We have noted your comments apropos TIME'S November 7 report on flying saucers. TIME has opinions---it both states and implies them. In the case of the flying saucers, TIME casts its lot editorially with the point of view represented by the Air Force. This is no "apron string" attitude -- the explanations of UFOs put forward repeatedly by the Air Force, we believe, have merit, and we subscribe to them. We do not consider the Air Force a conspiracy to hide the facts, for we fail to see what motive they possibly have in so doing. The Air Force has recently completed an elaborate and expensive study of the whole saucer phenomenon. We agree with the findings of that study -- but we nonetheless appreciated knowing your position on the matter.

(This calls for editorial comment, sentence by sentence: We do not believe the 'apron string' denial---we believe that a certain amount of nose-rubbing has to be done in order to rate news scoops now and then. (See the Editorial, this issue.) If Time believes the AF views have merit, Time's reporters and writers are not only ignorant, but incompetent at the writing slots they are trying to fill. Evidently they did not catch the myriad of discrepancies in the AF Report #11 which show that the whole thing was a put-up job in preparation for this saucer season. Mr. Hritsco did not say the Air Force was a "conspiracy to hide the facts"---as worded in the Time letter---another evidence of incompetency. Also---if Time fails to see what motive could be involved in hiding the facts, we had better put a lot less stock in the contents of their magazine in general. We sincerely doubt that the AF study was either elaborate or expensive. The AF has contended for years that UFO do not exist except in imagination---is Time telling us that the AF put out a large amount of money just to disprove the beliefs of people who belong in the booby hatch in the first place? And lastly---Time is not appreciative of knowing the position of Mr. Hritsco and others on the matter of the UFO---they have made up their minds (?) and that's that!

* THOSE "SONIC BOOMS" *

Upper air concussions, consistently blamed to non-existent jets are still in the news. On Sept. 8, Knoxville, Tenn. felt a jolt which was this time attributed to "earth tremors. No one immediately reported injured, however. (Omaha World-Herald)

At Point Pleasant, New Jersey on August 25, homes were shaken by what residents called a "terrific explosion". Police switchboards were busy shortly after 4 p. m. when a shock wave (believed to be caused by a jet) rolled over a large area. The jet explanation satisfied all but one man who said he was familiar with sonic booms and that this shock was decidedly different. (Newark Sunday News)

John T. Hopf submits a clipping from the Newport Rhode Island Daily regarding the boom felt throughout Southern Rhode Island last February 16. Seismologists said the "mysterious concussion" was not an earthquake, and for lack of a better explanation the cause was assumed to be a jet aircraft breaking the sound barrier. No jets in the sky, many 'apprehensive inquiries' made by startled residents. Shock compared to similar "quake" of last October when a jet was definitely seen in the air in the vicinity of the Castle Hill Lifeboat Station. (Editor's Note: The assumption is being made that the jet was exceeding the speed of sound---this should have been confirmed by now.)

Again on March 3 and 5 Newport, Rhode Island experienced the concussive roll and rock of a supposed sound barrier break-through. A plane was seen overhead right after the incident and again it was not established just what had actually happened.

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What is perplexing to anyone who gives the problem any amount of thought, is the fact that every branch of the military has a regulation prohibiting sound barrier breakthroughs in the vicinity of populated areas; also, the descriptions of the sound and concussion accompanying these occurrences do not fit the characteristics of a sonic boom. John T. Hopf, who forwarded the Rhode Island cases, stated as much to the Editor of the Newport Daily News and the answer printed with his letter was not at all convincing.

Oakland, Nebraska suffered heavy concussion accompanied by broken windows and even a crack in a cement wall on July 12. Submitted by Marilyn Calver, the Blair, Nebraska "Enterprise" clippings contained quite a few contradictory statements: In one issue, "Sonic booms, frequent for the last few weeks as a result of low-flying jet planes, broke out main street windows, cracked a cement block store building wall, shook merchandise on shelves, etc., etc. In a later issue: "The Oakland Chamber of Commerce has issued protests to Lincoln, Sioux City and other fields where jets may be stationed. Officials of the air bases all deny that any jet planes were in the vicinity of Oakland on the dates of the sonic booms."

Of course, it might be assumed that the Air Force is fibbing (it's not impossible, you know!) but it seems likely that even the Air Force would have sense enough to put a stop to the offensive noises or at least justify them.

* CONCERNING MARS *

As Mars plowed through space for her rendezvous with an eagerly waiting Earth on 7 September this year, hundreds of astronomers glued their eyes to their telescopes while thousands of reporters wore their fingers to a frazzle keeping up with the stream of reports issuing from the observatories. Meanwhile, millions of just plain people looked in 10¢-a-peek telescopes, read the accounts, and a good share of John Q. Public began to wonder what the great minds really saw and knew.

Conflicting theories were rampant---McLaughlin of the University of Michigan reiterating his opinion that Mars is still in a formative period, that the green areas of Mars are nothing but drifts of volcanic ash which is spewed to the surface in periodic eruptions. No mention of what happens to that ash in the winter season---Mr. Public has to assume that it is conveniently swept back into the volcanic fissures by frivolous winds. Winds, that is, on a planet which has little or no atmosphere.

On the other side of the ledger we have Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper of the University of Chicago, who is convinced that Mars is a dying planet. In the middle, somewhere, is Dr. E. C. Slipher who took himself off to Bloemfontain, South Africa in 1954 to observe Mars when it was directly overhead there. Dr. Slipher says he is convinced that the green areas are vegetation, and rumors have it that he also feels that the "canals" (lines in a geometric pattern) exist. A Japanese astronomer, Dr. Michikazu Onishi of Kobe, Japan, insisted he saw the canals which many scientists believe to be optical illusions. One fact which seems not to have come to the attention of any of these learned gentlemen is that the UFO show up in the largest numbers when Mars is near or nearing Earth.

Some of the scientists, among them Dr. Slipher, have stated their opinion that the information gleaned from the current observation of Mars will not be thoroughly correlated or evaluated for about five years---it will take that long to complete a thorough study. Various newspapers reported a considerable number of telephone calls which indicated that most people hope that Mars supports life; seems they want to think they are not all alone in the Universe. As J. Myers, Omaha, comments, this doesn't seem to be an indication that people are afraid to find out that there are other intelligent beings which might conceivably be on the verge of contact.

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Dr. Slipher, after being asked whether there could be life on Mars, commented that the atmosphere was less dense on Mars than at the top of Mount Everest and the oxygen content was smaller. But, he said, man has gained little knowledge of how far animal life can adapt itself to living "on just a trace of air and a trace of oxygen" over millions of years.

Meanwhile, Russian astronomers stated that their observations "once more give evidence of a high order of plant life on Mars. The astronomers noted a darkening of the southern area of the planet as spring there advances into summer. The color of these dark areas is greenish, the color of spring vegetation on earth.

The yellowish dust cloud which obscured details of the surface of Mars during earliest observations this year was described by Dr. Kuiper as an "unusual phenomenon" because of its extraordinary size, reportedly several times larger than Texas. And, my friends, that's big! Relatively small dust clouds are a common occurrence over the planet.

What entrances us about this particular dusty cloud is the fact that it is the same shape (like a W) (or an M!) and approximately the same size (250 miles wide and 3,000 miles long) as the cloud phenomenon reported on the surface of Mars in 1954. It developed mysteriously, too, says the Chicago Tribune, emerging out of all-clear weather conditions the day before.

In conclusion we may honestly and reasonably assume (for it is not the policy of this Bulletin to make mountains out of molehills) that unusual and "mysterious" things are taking place on Mars, and do not feel it to be illogical to attempt a tie-up with the increased activity of the UFO. For our supporting facts, see the "Mother-ship" reports in the Recent Sighting column.

FROM THE EDITORS:

We are a bit late, as usual, (this is getting to be a habit, we know) but as usual have a good reason. The new addressograph did not arrive as expected, and beside waiting for it, we felt it might be propitious to hold a couple of days for expected new developments in South America. In the event the reports keep coming in at the rate they have in the past 8 weeks, a special issue containing little more than sightings may be issued. If so, we will not use the envelope for mailing but will resort to the old style of folded, stapled paper. In this way we can at least save a little on the cost of the manila envelopes usually utilized.

We are open for articles on anything pertaining to the UFO problem (i.e., theories, interpretations of various AF policies, interpretations of sightings and reports) by technically qualified personnel, the clergy, astronomers, physicists, engineers, etc. Each and every paper submitted will be seriously considered for printing in the Bulletin, its merits being judged on the basis of readability and general interest to the membership. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Nash and Mr. Maney, the first contributors in this series.

Members have not been too conscientious about dating and labeling their clippings (as to names of contributor) and it would be a tremendous help if the exact date of the reported sighting or occurrence were pencilled in on the margin. This saves the staff a lot of checking with calendars to fix the exact date of reported happenings, and, of course, we like to give credit to contributors.

We welcome to the staff at APRO Headquarters Lesli Jaen Lorenzen, the Director's daughter who hereafter will take care of return addressing, stamping and addressing of bulletins plus sorting of clippings. Ten years old, she is a straight A student at school, likes the work and is very interested in UFO work.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Different sections of the earth seem to have been the recipients of visitations from UFO in the past eight weeks, and so in this column sightings will be briefly described but with pertinent details, according to those sections of the earth which have received the most visitations, the remainder of which will be mentioned briefly at the close of the column.

IN MONTANA, UNITED STATES:

BOZEMAN, 5 Sept 56 (The Daily Missourian, Missoula) The CAA quoted one woman in Bozeman as saying that through her binoculars the object sighted by many in the area was 'silverish' emitting an orangish light, and a humming sound. Others could not make out the shape, but stated that the object turned around a few times, dipped up and down, and finally vanished to the north.

Meanwhile, citizens still speculated on the object sighted over Pattee Canyon near KALISPELL, MONTANA on the 3rd of September. Described as triangular in shape with a bright yellow glow, it was an important enough sighting for the Helena, Montana Filter Center to summon jet aircraft to investigate. A Sgt. John Dalessio, on vacation from the filter Center observed the object as did T-Sgt. Carl Clark, stationed at Kalispell. One Eddy Geddes, former commander of the Kalispell Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was the first to see the object, which he described as due East of him as he traveled South on a North-South road. It seemed to fade, change direction, but continually moved south and gained altitude. Geddes also said that the object started to climb (he first sighted it at 9:30) and that he and others kept it in sight until 2 a. m. The sky was clear with intermittent haze.

Although Air Force and civilian officials watched the object, it was not picked up on radar. When jets came in at 12:45 a. m., and witnesses observed that as the aircraft closed in, the object faded and as they drew away the light brightened again.

A spokesman for the Montana State University astronomy department later said it was their opinion the object was Mars. We call attention to several points in the above description of the sighting: The object DUE EAST at 9:30 p. m. (Mars has an elevation of at least 60 degrees in the SE at that time. Also, as our member who reported this sighting stated, "The jets rode in to the area with Mars bright and clear above them, but couldn't spot the object sought when they arrived. At 12:45 a. m. Mars would be to the southwest of Zenith, not in the Southeast section of the sky.

COLORADO, UNITED STATES:

DURANGO, COLORADO, (Rocky Mountain News) On August 1 citizens of Durango, Colorado watched a football-shaped object which gave off a bluish-red radiation. Durango weatherman Malcolm Dayton, who watched the object for over an hour with powerful field glasses, said the object changed position several times to the west of Durango, and from Hesperus, nine miles west, the object appeared to be about midway between the two towns. As in the Kalispell and Bozeman cases, Mars could not be blamed for this sighting, but the Air Force picked a unique method of scoffing: "The object was an unusually bright light reflected from Mars," said a Kirtland Air Force Base spokesman. "There's just about the right distance between the Earth and Mars now to produce such a glow," he said, "as far as we can discover, it was an unusually bright light reflected from Mars---only a glow about the size of a grapefruit." However, weatherman Dayton expressed his firm conviction that "whatever it was---it was nothing of any natural phenomena." We are agreed that the most phenomenal thing about the object was the AF explanation of it.

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IN COLORADO:

2 Denver, Colorado, Aug 12, 1956. An oval disk, 'blazing with white lights and resembling in shape the object seen over Durango August 1 and earlier in August the object sighted over Pueblo, Colo. According to Mrs. Mary M. McCaffrey of Tacoma, Wash. and her 13-year old son William, the object hovered over downtown Denver for five minutes 'in the early hours of Sunday morning' (Rocky Mountain News Aug 13). Mrs. McCaffrey's statement: "It was bigger than the largest airplane and the edges were very clearly defined. It had blazing white lights and we could see it very plainly. It stopped fairly low in the sky and remained stationary for several minutes. Then it moved west in the same path as it approached. We watched it until it moved out of sight." The two were gazing west from the window of their room on the eighth floor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel when they saw the saucer move East from the mountains.

3 FT. COLLINS, COLO. Aug 26 and 27: For two nights residents watched a round, red object in the sky to the East. Policeman Lawrence Julch, Mrs. Eloise Stryker, Bob Scott, KOOL newsmen were four of the people who watched the object. Mars was plainly in sight on both nights, almost overhead and was in plain view while the observers watched the interloper. Object, described as slightly cigar-shaped and a glowing red that tapered off to a pink. Although many were on hand to watch for the object on the 28th and 29th, it did not show up. Speculation as to its nature began on the 29th, with Capt. George Sanderson a meteorologist at Lowry AFB, saying the object could have been a mirage-like effect (temperature inversion) but then went on to say that special conditions that produce these mirages are rare occurrences, unlikely to be duplicated in three nights out of four. "Recurrence of the Fort Collins object for several nights makes this an unlikely explanation in this case", Capt. Sanderson said. (Credit for Colorado sightings info goes to an anonymous ((upon request)) Air Force Captain and F. W. Brown). We're wondering what Captain Sanderson's new duty is since that obvious faux pas---latrine orderly, perhaps?

* ARIZONA, UNITED STATES:

East of KINGMAN, ARIZONA, 12:30 a. m. July 17, 1956: Gentry Thomason and a group of friends returning to Liberty, Missouri, from San Diego, California were traveling East on Highway 66 out of Kingman when they spotted a bright yellowish light Northeast of them. Object was a very bright yellow, round in shape, and emanated light equal to a 200 watt lamp, was very bright when first seen, dimmed out, then reappeared only to do this several times. Object seemed to be hovering in one position, for thirty minutes and then disappeared completely. No noise.

NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES:

HOLLOMAN AFB, NEW MEXICO, August 1st: Pilot flying mission on WSPG-Holloman AFB Integrated Range called control and asked if any live missiles were in his immediate area, reported something had sped past him at a very high rate of speed. Control verified nothing in the area, 45 minutes later radars picked up an object at between 12,000 and 13,000 feet which had a similar reflection to a balloon. However, only balloon in air at time was at a different sector of the range, could not have been subject which caused "echos" on the radars. Object descended to low altitude, was not seen again. (Anonymity of informant in this case absolutely necessary).

As in the above case, we will have contributions from time to time in which the information is obtained at Air Bases, and of course we cannot name our sources.

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CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES:

ISLETON, CALIF., July 24, 1956: Judge Milo Dye, who has been Isleton Municipal Judge and Judge of the Isleton Judicial District for the past 16 years, telephoned the Sacramento Union that he had seen a "Cornucopia-shaped object" in the sky near his home at Walnut Grove, about 27 miles southwest of Sacramento on the Sacramento River. Judge Dye said the object was traveling from west to east at a high speed, but Police in Lodi and nearby airbase towers said they had had no reports of unidentified flying objects. "I got a good look at it," he said, "It was traveling low and fast and in the direction of Lodi." (Ed. note to those Police and Air Base Tower Operators---radar does not pick up low-flying objects.)

ANTIOCH, CALIF., July 28, 1956: The Contra Costa Sheriff's office at Martinez received calls from three rural women near Brentwood, 12 miles east of Antioch, informing them that they had seen a "green flash" going through the sky shortly before 11 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time. Mrs. Dorothy Rawlings, her Mother, Mrs. Ellen Morse and Mrs. Marry Harrington, a neighbor, all living on Minnesota Ave., a rural road, said the flash seemed to come to earth about a mile or less from their homes. Deputy Sheriff Barrett Cox investigated, found several pieces of material that looked like cardboard impregnated with some oily substance. Two of the pieces were large, one perforated and the other pleated. Cox said he had no way of knowing whether they were connected with the flash except they were found in the general area where the women thought the green object had come down. Both Hamilton and Travis Air Force Bases said they knew of no planes in the sky at the time which could have caused the flash. (Modesto, Calif. Bee, Cr: Lois Wright)

EUREKA, CALIF., Aug. 2, 1956: Three prominent residents of Eureka who were returning from Trinity Mountains on Highway 299 late tonight saw an "ape-like creature" sitting on the white line in the middle of the pavement in a heavily wooded section two miles east of Blue Lake. The creature appeared to be about 3 feet high as it sat unmoving on the white line even as the car passed it. The observers were so startled that they just kept on going. The observers made a report to the California Highway Patrol and the Humboldt County Sheriff's office but refused permission for their names to be made public. Two theories were proffered---by the observers and by the Police: 1. An ape which had escaped from a circus. 2. A bear cub blinded by the headlights and did not move when the car went by. No-one has been able to recall bear cubs sitting on paved roads or which do not take flight when approached by men or machines. A check on circuses in the area showed that the only circus which had been in the area had no wild animals with it. The time: 11 p. m.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., July 23, 1956 (Los Angeles Mirror) Strange-looking ball of fire with light flares shooting down was reported by 8 campers including Ted Donovan, 46, all on a gem-hunting trip 50 miles north of Barstow. They watched the object for two hours. The campers spotted the object while driving over a desolate road near the Naval Ordnance Test Station Range B, and the object went off and on at intervals of 10 seconds. "It had a strange light and it often changed colors," said Donovan. "At first we thought it was a helicopter coming down to warn us to keep away from the range, but it didn't move. The ball looked like it was suspended in air about a mile away from us." The group watched it from 3 a.m. until daybreak "when it suddenly disappeared. The Navy said it was investigating. (Cr: J. Sanders and E. Nyvelt.)

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., July 20, '56 (Hollywood Citizen-News). Three different parties called Joe Ramirez of this paper, reporting the visit of 6 ft., 8 in. "Venusians" who were wearing long blond hair and tight green suits which looked like leotards. One woman who gave her name but refused permission for it to be made public, said she thought it was a movie publicity stunt, told the 3 men to get off her prop-

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erty. Another reporting citizen, a telephone lineman (also anonymous, refused to give his name) said a "big ball dropped about a foot from the pole on which I was working." Said he was scared, but decided to investigate the thing. "Just then, three guys walked right through the ball and came toward me." They shook hands with him, said they were here to help people (Shades of Adamski!---The Ed.). "These guys said they wanted to help us with their power and that which other planets had developed, whereas the earthlings were still freaks and primitive." The telephone lineman asked the reporter not to call the police "or they'll think I'm nuts and come and get me." The third anonymous caller, calling from Van Nuys as did the others, said he'd been awakened at about 4 a.m. by the barking of his two dogs. He said a huge ball landed in his front yard in a tree, splitting it in half as it settled down. He also said three men walked through it and approached him. They said they were from Venus, and were friends. Apparently the dogs' barking frightened them for they just got in the ball and vanished. A couple of days later, the man said, after he'd convinced himself that he'd just had a dream, he was lying in his yard when he saw the ball again, hovering over his house. All three of the persons who claimed to have met the Venusians said the men looked like humans but that their eyes had the appearance of stone. Reporter Ramirez stated he would check the studios to see what new Space Epic was about to be released---press agents are pretty clever sometimes. (We would ourselves be a little easier convinced if just one of those parties had given Ramirez their name for publishing so they could be reached for interrogation. The fact that they demurred when their identity was asked suggests to us that another "I Went to Venus" club has started, and inasmuch as such things are given a wide berth by the press even in Los Angeles, that would be one way to get free publicity...the Ed.) (Cr: J. Sanders)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., July 17, 1956 (LOS ANGELES MIRROR) Inglewood detectives searched area East of International Airport for fragments of an exploding fireball spotted by hundreds of residents on July 16. Calls to the police indicated the object, a slow-moving red-orange fireball, exploded over Crenshaw Boulevard and Imperial Highway. The CAA said it did not show on their radar at the airport. (Cr. J. Sanders)

LOS ANGELES AREA, July 13, 18, 1956 (Los Angeles Mirror- J. Sanders) Sonic blasts. On the 13th, area from Palos Verdes to Redondo Beach felt concussion which left jumble of shattered windows. On 18th, 4 blasts, felt in Culver City, Hollywood, Los Angeles and through to San Fernando Valley. Windows, dishes, etc., broken, Van Nuys watchmaker thrown to floor. First shock at 10:20, others at 11:45 a. m., 1:55 p. m. and 2:05 p. m. An AF spokesman said he had no explanation. (NATCH!)

FRESNO, CALIF., July 22, 1956 (No source or date on this clipping) Two reports, listed as "flying saucer" reports by authorities were made in the San Joaquin Valley just 5 hours prior to the crash of an Air Force C131 which was at first believed to have been struck by "something" in midair (see article following). Mrs. Ray Brown of Highway City near Fresno reported she saw a southbound egg-shaped object south of her home, which emitted a greenish light from its tail. A Madera County couple, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McMullins, said they saw a similar westbound object above Pixley.

The latest and last word from the Air Force on the crash of the Air Force C-131 transport near Pixley, California on 23 July, is that rivets holding a torque rod to a servo-tab on the plane's tail assembly control surfaces gave way "because of metal fatigue." To date we have received some 50-odd clippings and opinions on the crash,
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(that is, 50 clippings plus opinions) and taking into consideration what the first clippings said, the pictures of the damaged airplane and private opinion, the Air Force seems to be having trouble with something with which it can't cope and is using the old, tired, "metal fatigue" explanation again. Although such "metal fatigue" would make an airplane difficult to control, it certainly doesn't seem that at the time the rivets let go the plane would have seemed to have struck a "brick wall." Some of the quotes of early articles about the crash still strike a discordant note: "Suddenly there was a loud noise, a bang." "Examination later showed that five eighths of the left elevator control surface, part of the tail assembly, was gone or smashed." "It looked like something struck from above," an Air Force spokesman said. "It was as if we struck a brick wall", the pilot, Major Stenvers, said. "Pieces of the craft's elevator was found on the ground near Famosa, 25 miles northwest of Bakerfield." "The mysterious accident brought into prominence a rash of flying saucer sightings from the San Joaquin Valley." "Control towers at Fresno, Tulare and Visalia were ordered to report landings of any damaged aircraft at their airports." "The Kern county sheriff's office said that a report another plane had crashed near here proved untrue." "The Air Force men said they believe they were struck by another aircraft, possible a fast-rising jet." (Remember former quotations which said they were struck from above...Ed.) "All crewmen blacked out during vertical dive." "A Tulare County resident said that he had seen an oval-shaped object emitting greenish light from its rear, crash near Pixley." All in all, it seems there is more than meets the eye concerning the crash of the transport, and although it would be pretty hard to prove, we offer the above as supporting evidence for our theory that the plane was struck in midair and not by another plane. (Newspapers from which information and above quotes taken: Modesto Bee, L. A. Mirror, L. A. Times, Chicago Sun Times, Long Beach Independent Press Telegram, and credits for information go to Lois Wright, E. Nyvelt, Mrs. B. Graff, M. Kott, Leslie H. Johnson, J. Meyers, Joe Ferrie, J. Sanders, V. Machu, Mrs. Fred Hallach, L. M. Taylor; a good job of reporting.)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Aug 14, 1956: A mystery light which some observers said resembled a flare hovered over SW Los Angeles for 10 minutes, causing police and airport tower operators to receive scores of calls. Mrs. Nancy Heath said she watched the light for about 10 minutes near Imperial Blvd and Crenshaw Blvd and that the light moved from west to east. Others said the light appeared to be stationery but flickered or emitted sparks. Eugene Holderman, control tower operator at Los Angeles International Airport said a United Airlines pilot flying south along Western Avenue near Century Blvd at 1500 ft. altitude radioed that a red light appeared to be about 1000 feet above his plane. Holderman also observed a red light east of the control tower. "It seemed to get bright and then fade out again like some sort of pyrotechnic flare," he said. "It was brighter than a highway-type flare. Attempts to sight the object on radarscopes were unsuccessful. The Air Filter Center at Pasadena received several calls reporting an unidentified light in the sky south of downtown Los Angeles. Two days later the light was still unidentified. (Cr. E. Nyvelt and Vivianne Machu--Los Angeles Mirror)

COVINA, CALIF. Aug 21, 1956 (San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune, Cr. J. Sanders) Four Baldwin Park youths at a night swimming party in Covina Knolls area observed a brightly lit "star-colored" ball of light which flew over them twice. When first sighted it was jokingly referred to by Harold Madsen, 15, as a "flying saucer", then it started toward the boys at low altitude, making a "swishing sound". The object passed above them, then took original course, and repeated this maneuver twice. Madsen said the object looked to be 20 feet across. Reports were made to the Police and Civil Defense officials.

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PASADENA, CALIF., 6 Sept 1956: (Cr. J. Sanders, Los Angeles Times) U.S. Air Force and civilian members of the Ground Observer Corps at Pasadena and Whittier observed a strange light which moved erratically through the night sky over Pasadena for 47 minutes, starting a little after 10 p.m. "Pasadena police had many calls from people who saw it," disclosed 1st Lt. Mark Matlock of the Air Defense Filter Center. "So did we. Our first call was from a Western Air Lines pilot. I hurried to the roof of our building and saw a white light in the sky. It was moving slowly northwest. It kind of paused and jerked in flight and then would snake along. I know it wasn't on a conventional aircraft and thought it must be a helicopter or dirigible. But telephone checks showed that none were aloft." An AF radar station on San Clemente Island kept calling for information. One of the volunteer GOC observers said she saw three lights, two white and one red. All observers agreed the lights were constant. Finally two jets were scrambled from Oxnard AFB, but upon arrival on the scene found nothing. Later newspaper reports hinted that the object was the light on a helicopter or balloon, but none were airborne, and it would take a mighty fast balloon or "chopper" to clear the area before the jets arrived. (Helicopter speed ceiling is about 100 mph, most jets can travel at or above the speed of sound...the Ed.) Member Jacqueline Sanders comments, and we agree: "People are so used to seeing airborne objects over L. A. and environs and I'm sure we all have learned to know a 'copter, a plane and a blimp when we see one---it has to be darned unusual to make us 'flood the switchboards." Also, says Jackie---"We have had clear nights this summer with the exception of a few foggy ones. It's odd nobody saw or reported all those weather balloons that were being released every 6 hours, isn't it?" (Odd---very odd...the Ed.)

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TURLOCK, CALIF. 22 Aug, 1956, 10:15 p.m. Mrs. Lois Wright, while lying in bed looking out the bedroom window, observed an orange-red ("about the color of the heart of an open fire") oval-shaped object drift down toward the ground and disappear from sight behind the garage west of the house. Before she could tell her husband what she had seen, the object was gone and she feels she had it in sight for approximately 30 seconds. She said it took a little while for it to dawn on her what she was seeing. She also stated that the object had a rather "fluttery" motion as it travelled through space. Mrs. Wright is Mr. Lorenzen's sister, and the object is similar in description to what her late Mother saw in the sky in 1952 near Turlock. In this case the object caused the field of grain beneath it to "boil" or become turbulent as it passed over at a low altitude.

IOWA, UNITED STATES:

CRESTON, IOWA, August 12, 1956: The Omaha World-Herald and Sunday World-Herald carried a feature story regarding the 25-50 unidentified flying objects which the Creston Filter Center has logged in the past year. The most outstanding was a football-shaped silvery object sighted last December sixth. The object was following a jet. (Cr. M. Calver & J. Meyers)

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES:

Willsboro, N. Y., Aug. 1956. (Milwaukee Journal) Mark Berman, ass't cashier at local bank is one of score of residents sighting UFO during the current 'season'. Berman described for the press a round, basketball-shaped object which glowed with an orange color, seen on August 15 at about 10 p.m. Berman claimed he had sighted the same object three times, twice prior to the 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lancton, of Yonkers, N. Y., claimed to have seen the "round glow" four times in August, three sightings on consecutive nights. The light cast by the "saucer", Mrs. Lancton reported, was bright enough to form a "golden hued path" on the surface of the lake.

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On August 9 at about 1:30 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Albany and John C. Voss of Spring Valley, all three guests at the Camp of the Pines, decided to try some night fishing. It was so dark they had difficulty finding a white buoy in front of the camp. Then suddenly a white flash "bathed the lake in light". It lasted for about 30 seconds, they reported, and appeared to emanate from a basket-ball shaped object that gave off a fiery red aura. The campers said that the object then took off in a NE direction over Vermont, rapidly contracting in size. No noise.

In this same newspaper feature carried in the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, Rev. Wilfred P. Riggs, minister of the Willsboro Congregational Church, is quoted as saying that he is convinced that "we are being observed by a civilization that is in advance of our own." (Cr: J. E. Turner)

GEORGIA, UNITED STATES:

Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 3, 1956: The Atlanta Constitution carried a newspaper article concerning "reports of unidentified oval flying objects in the Atlanta area. The objects, first reported seen by residents of the Chamblee section, were variously described as green, red, white and blue. The objects were also reported seen in the Dobbins AFB area of Marietta. A pilot reported an object followed him from Macon to Montgomery, Alabama and then disappeared. A pilot flying at 15,000 feet reported conditions normal. Some observers identified the object as the planet Mars. (NATCH!...The Ed.) (Cr: H. Klicko)

NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES:

Newark, New Jersey, Sept 3, 1956. Thomas Gann, a private pilot reported he observed two UFO while driving through Livingston toward Morristown Airport. Gann and companion Joseph Malenowski, both employed at the Kearny plant of the Radio Corporation of America described the objects as "shimmering white discs, hovering about 4,000 feet above a piper cub which was coming in for a landing. After a moment both of the objects shot into space at an incredible speed. (Newark Star Ledger, Cr: R. Amendola)

MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES:

Agawam, Massachusetts, July (about the 11th) 1956. Mrs. Charles Whitney sends us the following from the Springfield Union of the 12th: An unnamed (on request) woman reported that at 12:30 on the 11th she spotted a large white light (about 4 or 5 times the brilliancy of Venus at full magnitude) outside, saw that it was at no great altitude. The woman's parents arrived home at 1:05 a. m., and they all watched the light which seemed to move erratically. Its movement seemed to be without plan, they said, and shortly it began to give off flashes of blue and red light. The flashes appeared (accompanied by the movement) appeared to be a scanning process, although there seemed to be no pattern of movement or sequence, the woman said. At 2:45 a. m. the light started to move away in an easterly direction and went higher and higher until its light was indistinguishable from the stars. This report was relayed to Operations at Westover AFB, but no solution or explanation was forthcoming. The PIO next morning could add nothing to clear up the mystery.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, UNITED STATES:

Plymouth, New Hampshire, 26 July 1956. The Nashua Telegraph reported a sighting of ground observers of a bright yellow object which left a trail similar to a jet. A report was made to the Air Filter Center at Bangor, Maine and a full report (Continued on Next Page)

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was requested. One of the women, Mrs. Williams, said the object appeared to be moving slowly, at a very high altitude and no engine noises could be heard. (Cr.: Paul Bates.)

OHIO, UNITED STATES:

Wickliffe, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1956. (No newspaper name, clipping contributed by R. Wellington) Reader Frank Hayes, in a letter to the Editor of aforementioned newspaper, describes a very interesting series of sightings made by himself and 15 or 20 other people on several different occasions. Sightings concerned lights which, upon casual observance appear to be ordinary star; however, after prolonged observation, these 'lights' begin to glow a brilliant orange, then shoot off at very high speed. At times they will dim out, just as a plane goes by, and if the plane's path takes it near the location of the light, the light will shoot off at high speed. Precautionary checks have been made by the group to make certain that no one is zeroing in on the planet Mars, and so far no one has.

MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES:

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Greenfield, Mass., August 1, 1956. (Personal report given to Rev. Albert Baller of Greenfield) Mr. George Kenrick awoke at 2 a. m., spotted extremely bright orange "star" about the size of half of the full moon about 10 degrees above the horizon almost due NE. He awakened his wife who went outdoors to get an unobstructed view of the object. She remained awake until 4 a. m. to watch the object, and later noticed a "narrow, rope-like beam of light" which emerged from one side of the disc and extended vertically for "considerable distance". After watching this object for a short while she noted another object (not clearly visible at first, due to the brilliance of the orange object) which was a short distance in front of the disc and of a dull silver color. This second object which looked like a "silver peanut" standing on end, showed a rather irregular contour and its edges were not sharply defined as with the disc. After watching this object a while, Mrs. Kendrick was startled to see the orange disc "spit out" tiny white stars which flew in erratic maneuvers "every which way". They were eight in number. When Mrs. K. took a final look at the objects at 4 a. m. the small objects were no longer apparent, and the large object seemed to be "moving with the stars". When she retired at 4 a. m. (she had been watching sporadically) the object had moved from about 10 degrees above the NE horizon to about 25 degrees and appeared to be shifting from NE to E. At 7:30 a. m. Mrs. K. looked again and saw the disc, now at about 80 degrees above the Eastern horizon and appearing as a silver disc. She did not watch to see when or how it disappeared. On the following two mornings Mrs. K. saw the same phenomena in the same place. (This is obviously a "mother-ship" sighting of which there is an abundance at this time, it seems. It would appear that the object was tremendous in size ((the orange disc)) and at a very high altitude, possibly reflecting light from the morning sun, for it showed silver with daybreak. See sightings from South America for almost identical sightings--the Ed.)

NEVADA, UNITED STATES:

Las Vegas, Nevada, 23 Aug. 1956. (The name of contributor is withheld upon request. However, the first sighting was taken from the Las Vegas Review Journal of August 24.) Review-Journal/Sports Editor John Romero and his wife Denece spotted two "shining, hovering objects" which shortly headed south from Las Vegas. Objects over Twin Lakes area. CAA said no one at McCarran had sighted the things, and no

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balloons were aloft at the time. Time: 6:02 p. m.

Las Vegas, Nevada, August 26, 1956: Anonymous observer watched "tadpole-shaped object" with chocolate brown head, silvery tail traveling in a general west-east direction. Observer at a depot, time 7:40 p. m. and object first seen as it flew out from behind the water tower. The tail of the object looked to be at least 5 diameters of the head in length and looked of uneven width. The head held a steady, unwavering course in flight but the tail fluttered freely in the air. Speed estimated at 300-400 mph, object disappeared about 10 degrees above the horizon when it went behind a tree. Checks made as to possibility of the object having been a conventional object, but it remained unidentified.

MISSOURI, UNITED STATES:

St. Louis, Missouri, Aug. 19, 1956. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Cr: A. Vogele) A mysterious white foam descended in O'Fallon Park yesterday, turning the heavy summer greenery briefly into a bubblebath scene. Park Keeper William Jenkins, whose residence is on the grounds, said he had never seen anything like it. "The stuff started coming from out of nowhere," he said. "Some of it was in wads as big as 50-gallon drums and floated through the air. I don't know what it is." (Attempts to obtain further details have been stymied---if anyone has further information, we would be glad to hear from them. This may be related to the celebrated "angel hair phenomena---the Ed.)

ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES:

Lovington, Illinois, July 30, 1956. APRO Member Joseph Morgan watched a searchlight beam, apparently close and sweeping very low at 9:30 p. m. The mysterious thing about this observation is that there are no searchlights, beacons, etc. within a great number of miles.

MAINE, UNITED STATES:

North Windham, Maine, Aug. 15, 1956. The Hartford Times contained the following, which is contributed by P. Magnificent, Jr: Atty. Hyman Jacobson and Dr. William L. MacVane Jr., both of Portland, said they saw a "shining silver saucer" whip through the sky at Little Sebago Lake.

MAINE, UNITED STATES:

Rockland, Maine, Aug. 5, 1956. (Cr: M. Kimball) Another report of strange objects in the skies about Knox County was received by Rockland police late Sunday night (Aug. 5) when a Camden street resident called to notify them that she had sighted a strange object which resembled a star but which contained more light, hovering over the Samoset Hotel area. Approximately a week before several Knox County towns reported sighting strange lighted objects at night.

CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES:

East Hartford, Connecticut, Aug. 9 (Cr: P. Magnificent) Five objects emanating a pink glow seen by resident near the Manchester-Glastonbury line between 9:30 and 10:10 p. m. Objects headed North, Northeast, South and South with fifth object trailing the one heading west with a flashing white light. All appeared round, also seen by others. GOC reported no sightings made from post at West Hartford.

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West Hartford, Conn., Aug. 14. (P. Magnificent Jr., Hartford Times) A West Hartford GOC Post and four residents reported seeing white lights heading west shortly after 9 p. m. Stewart AFB spokesman at Newburgh, N. Y. said they may have been jet afterburners.

West Hartford, Conn., Aug. 9. (Paul Magnificent, Jr.) Retired fireman Allan Lyman reported seeing an aluminum colored oblong object with a "smoky crown" around it and which cleared horizon to horizon in 15-20 seconds. Flying in straight line, he stated, the object passed over his house, heading toward Bradley Field. Officials there said no unusual phenomena spotted that night.

WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES:

An object which looked like a "flying boomerang" and decked with fiery red lights on the leading edge, was seen on September 2, late in the evening, by Winifred Chapin. Object observed at the tip end of Kitsap County, direction of flight from west to east. Although the object had the general configuration of a plane with swept-back wings, no fuselage showed and no running lights showed.

NEBRASKA, UNITED STATES:

Ainsworth, Neb., July 1956. (M. Calver) At approximately 8 p.m. CST Miss Calver spotted a pear-shaped (with sides somewhat more straight) object just above some low thin clouds. Using binoculars she made out the outline. It appeared to move south, and the wind at the time was from the southeast. When first seen object appeared orange, through binoculars was silver and kept a steady course to the south. (This is obviously not a balloon due to factors of wind direction, and uniform shape at all times, and steady course. Also---if a balloon the scrutiny with 7X50 binoculars would have revealed the instrument package---the Ed.)

Ainsworth, Neb., about middle July, 1956. (Cr: M. Calver) Mrs. Otto Bolich spotted silver object in sky which made a three-quarter-circle maneuver, then hung in sky for five minutes. The time was 7:30 or 8:00 p.m., and when the object made the circular maneuver it left a "halo" behind it.

MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES:

Cadillac, Michigan, July 28, 1956 (AP-Detroit News-Omaha World Herald-Chicago American-St. Louis Post Dispatch-Grand Rapids Herald-Detroit Times, etc. etc. Cr: T. Prentice, R. Curtiss, B. Greenway, D. Lansden, F. Reid, M. Calver, E. Nyvelt, R. B. White) City police were prompted by many telephone reports to investigate a "brilliant white light" which was maneuvering in the sky East of Cadillac when first sighted. Descriptions varied from "light bulb with clear glass" to "arc-shaped". Mr. and Mrs. Allen Howe and wife, driving 200 miles south of Cadillac toward their Sterling, Illinois home, said the object in the sky was "round, red, fast and with no apparent form." So many reports were received from the citizenry that a nearby air base was called, only to get the old "nothing shows on radar and there are no balloons airborne". Forty minutes after the last stars disappeared in the morning, the object was still visible but soon faded into the distance. (We would ordinarily say "Mars", but in this case, with the light evidently moving and sometimes in a northerly direction we can hardly accuse all observers of myopia, ---or eyestrain...the Ed.)

Saginaw, Michigan, July 30, 1956: (Detroit Times) An object, about 12 feet in diameter (a calculated guess) and flying red and blue lights was reported to State Police from the Burt GOC Post, Saginaw, Midland and Gratiot counties. Midland

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police said they received one call but could not spot the object. Object was seen over Freeland, Clare, Alma and Breckinridge, all west of Saginaw.

Utica, Michigan, August 8, 1956 (Detroit Times) Selfridge AFB jets scrambled twice seeking UFO spotted by a ground observer in the air over Utica. Air Base spokesmen said nothing could be found, however, and the whole thing was layed at the feet of the "temperature inversion" explanation. (This one has not been used for months; they must be getting desperate...the Ed.)

Rex Curtiss of Lapeer, Michigan has stated in a recent letter that the Perseid meteor shower of August 9-11 brought no reports of flying saucers as was predicted in his area. Read on---

Badaxe, Michigan, July 30, 1956 (Detroit Times) Radio announcer William Gravelin and Deputy Sheriff Fred Dubernuss of Huron County while riding an M-53 between Badaxe and Port Austin in the Thumb area, spotted an orange streak of "fire" which resembled, somewhat, a comet, and which appeared to be traveling at about 500 feet altitude. The object was visible for between 10 and 15 seconds, disappearing out over Lake Huron. Two days later the Flint Journal quoted Dr. Oren Mohler of the McMath Observatory, located near Pontiac, as saying that at this time of the year Mars and meteors will be mistaken for flying saucers but that the objects sighted definitely were not "flying saucers" and were meteors leaving an afterglow, and travelling erratically. In another admonition to the flying saucer-seeing public, William Dickman, Dow Chemical Co. physicist and member of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, stated that the public should be warned not to think of flying saucers. (Seems that natural phenomena are having a great deal of supernatural characteristics attached to them in order to make them fit with the unknown. For example---astronomers will admit that meteors seldom leave an afterglow and then they must be huge ones. Also---4.5 seconds is just about tops for observing any meteor!...the Ed.)

TRIESTE:

On June 27th (France Press, cr: H. Gonzales) numerous persons who were passing near the sea coast saw a luminous object which after remaining at a standstill in sky for about 10 seconds, shot away at considerable speed and disappeared in a NE direction.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA:

On August 19 numerous persons reported a UFO which ended in two spheres of an intense reddish brightness, joined by a sort of Cone which gave off bluish flares and at times green flares. The objects stopped dead sometimes, at others speeded across the sky at quite a fast clip.

CAI, COLOMBIA:

On August 30 a star of "great proportions" caused quite a disturbance. The "star" had a pale pink trail somewhat like a comet, and the light of the object flicked on and off about every two minutes.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA:

A bright red glow, surrounded by a flaming halo hovered over the northern suburbs of Sydney on July 15. Witnesses described it as a brilliant red pinpoint of light surrounded by a red aura. It disappeared in a cloud haze, reappeared five minutes later, then moved out to sea. (New Zealand Herald, Cr: M. Sale)

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SUVA, FIJI

No date given, but the following sighting apparently took place at about the same time as the preceding sightings: Ten part-European men fishing for turtle off Wakaya Island saw a strange glow in the sky. All watched the glow for two hours. It appeared like an aircraft with square portholes through which light shone. (Cr: M. Sale, Australia)

VENEZUELA

Merida, Venezuela, Aug. 20. ("El Universal", Caracas, Cr: Joe Rolas and Horacio Gonzales) Mr. Marco Tulio Hernandez stated that as returning home around midnight he saw flying from West to East, a brilliant round yellow object of huge dimensions. It flew at terrific speed and left a trail of the same colour. He watched the object for about one minute and as it neared the Sierra Nevada, in which direction the moon was visible, he saw clearly TWO SMALLER DISC-LIKE OBJECTS FROM THE SPHERICAL OBJECT. The smaller discs were of a brilliant bluish color and also followed the big object at the same speed. His view was cut off as the objects flew beyond the roof of a house.

Caracas, Venezuela, 20 Aug. 1956 (El Universal, Cr: Horacio Gonzales) Many people report seeing a strange apparatus in the sky at dawn. It seemed to be made of two spheres joined together by some sort of cone. The two spheres were of an intense brilliant red color and shot off sparks of a greenish colour. It would remain still at times then rush around the skies at terrific speed. (NOTE FROM CONTRIBUTOR GONZALES: When such an item makes the front page of the "Universal" I know that it is considered of sufficient importance to be printed there - G)

Palma Sola, Venezuela, 20 July 1956 (El Universal - Cr: H. Gonzales) Two men, a truck driver and his helper reported that when they were driving along the highway near Palma Sola and Tarborda, Aurelio Anese, the driver, was temporarily blinded by the light of an aerial object which descended from the skies at fantastic speed, nearly touched the highway in front of them. The object came head on toward the truck and for a moment a collision seemed imminent, then Anese swung the wheel around and the truck ditched into a bank of earth. The object passed over their heads and was lost to view. The men said that other truckmen in the region have witnessed the same phenomena. One of these truckers who makes his living transporting material in that region and who has seen the object, has refused to accept jobs which would entail him traveling the same route at night time. According to the reporter, the men are still nervous and apparently frightened by their recent experience. (NOTE: Mr. Quarles had better be warned not to send his flying discs over Venezuelan territory to frighten truckmen in the night and thus deprive them of their livelihood, if it is, as he says, that flying discs will be manned by Air Force pilots - Gonzales) (Mr. G. is referring to the statement sometime back when Secretary of the AF Quarles insinuated that the only discs that exist are either AF or imaginary - The Ed.)

Caracas, Venezuela, July 18, 1956 (Personal report to APRO Representative Horacio Gonzales) Mr. Alfonso Trillanes, accompanied by a young friend of his was watching the moon through his 4-inch reflector telescope when they both saw simultaneously a luminous object like a big star which pulsed and glowed above their heads in the skies over South Eastern Caracas. The object then emitted a series of strange sparks or streaks of bluish light, three of which were directed towards Earth, then increased in size, or either gave this impression, then shot away in a horizontal trajectory towards the southwest and was lost to view in a matter of about five or six seconds. The nucleus glowed red with a yellowish ring around it

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while the border was of a bluish-violet color. Mr. Trillanes also said that he could detect some sort of dark protuberance below the star which, as it moved away, seemed to skate away in the sky as though moving along a solid surface. Time 10:50 p. m. (The day after this sighting was reported to me we received news of the Arkansas sighting ((July 15 APRO Bulletin)) and the description given by Mr. Brian Coyne---a comparison of both sightings reveal a striking similarity.

Santa Monica, Venezuela, July 14, 1956. Further corroboration of the above sighting came when Mr. Alfredo Diaz of Santa Monica called "El Universal" and reported that he was awakened at around 3 or 4 a.m. on the 14th of July by a brilliant luminosity in his room. He went to the window to investigate, thinking it was the moon but saw that the light came from an object like a big star only disc-shaped, and which emitted a bluish green light. The phenomenon was also observed by neighbors, one of whom studied the 'star' through a pair of binoculars. The object remained visible for more than half an hour, then disappeared. (Cr: H. Gonzales, Caracas. Mr. Gonzales, incidentally, is well known in UFO research in South American countries, and often reports which are handed to newspapers but not printed, are given to him for use in his studies. He is a technical translator by profession and a capable amateur astronomer...The Ed.)

Coro, Falcon State, Venezuela, 29 July, 1956 (El Universal, Cr. H. Gonzales) Many inhabitants of this region reported seeing in the skies on the 27th, a strange apparatus which was leaving a trail of smoke as it passed. The object would sway or wobble at times, then move off horizontally, then shoot up vertically as a streak of lighting. The object maneuvered in the sky for a few minutes, then disappeared rapidly. The object seemed to float in space at times and its maneuvers were observed by 70% of the population.

Caracas, Venezuela, August 5, 1956. (Letter to El Universal, original handed to H. Gonzales) A Professor, after having witnessed, at 6:15 p. m. Aug. 5, a luminous object which seemed to be falling near Santa Monica said: "I, always incredulous as to the existence of so-called 'flying saucers', have now turned my attention to this matter, and this experience has impressed me so profoundly and WE MEN OF SCIENCE are beginning to take the matter seriously!" The object was also described as extremely brilliant, leaving a trail like smoke, and emitting sparks. It stopped, hovered, then continued its descent until it shot away at high speed.

Punto Fijo, Falcon State, Venezuela, Sept. 9, 1956 (El Universal- Cr. Joe Rolas) Fishermen Mamel Pimentel and Jose Veraztegui y Pedro San Juan reported that during the nighttime while at their fishing chores, they have seen north of the Punta, luminous objects which cruise the sky in a North-South direction. The objects travel in straight lines, usually appear at 1 a.m. and leave a luminous trail behind them. The observers stated that the objects do not descend as meteors do, but travel on a well-maintained, "determined path".

Merida, Venezuela, Sept 3, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Joe Rolas) In Santa Cruz de Mora, many persons stated they sighted a "luminous object" very similar to the one sighted a few nights previously by Marco Tulio Hernandez. Object described as sphere-shaped with an enormous incandescent tail and bright yellow in color.

Merida, Venezuela Sept. 6, 1956 (El Universal - Cr. Joe Rolas) Newspaper correspondent in Merida among observers of glowing, reddish object estimated to be 210 feet in diameter. The reddish light was accompanied by an intense green, they flew at low speeds and at an estimated 2000 ft. altitude. Observers gathered impression the objects were surveying or studying the city. The objects changed formation, then sped out of sight.

Maracaibo, Venezuela, Sept. 2, 1956 (El Universal - Cr. Joe Rolas) At about 10 p. m. the whole neighborhood at Los Tanques, a borough of Sabaneta, was in commotion when a huge ball of fire cruised above the town going from southeast to northwest.

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The object was reportedly huge in size and of an intense bluish color.

Calaboso, Venezuela, Aug. 27. (La Calle, Caracas - Cr. Joe Rolas) At 11:30 p.m. a number of citizens watched a "fleet" of flying saucers go over town from east to west. Objects described by Leon Febres, Miguel Talavera and Jesus Prada and Tomas Hernandez as being like "spinning tops" which left behind them a trail of "phosphorescent smoke" which vanished rapidly. Febres, who was going home after attending a game of "bolas criellas", was startled when the ground lit up, and when he looked to the sky, he saw a huge disc. Febres said that his hair stood on end in fright and he watched as the object soared up at fantastic speed, then remained motionless while smaller "saucers" started to come out of it. The smaller ones, in perfect formation, began to fly to the west. Febres said that he had never paid any attention to tales of flying saucers but has now changed his mind.

Higuerote, Venezuela, Sept. 3, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Joe Rolas) Citizens of this town, while at the beach, watched disc-shaped objects which appeared as two plates fastened together, luminous, with windows around the edge. They were very brilliant, and one was seen to dive toward the ocean, then soar upwards just as it was about to strike the water. These objects also traveled at high speed leaving luminous trails and making no noise. The time: 10:00 p.m.

Puna Atacame, Venezuela, Aug. 8, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Horacio Gonzales) New testimony from the inhabitants of the desolate region of Puna Atacame (approximately 200 kilometers W. of Salta) situated near the Chilean frontier, corroborates information recently come to light concerning the presence of strange beings on the snowy caps of the Mac, a mountain of 6,700 meters in height. The witnesses say they have seen tracks, human-like in characteristic, of giant proportion, not only in the frozen sands of the Macon but also in the snow on the pampas. These tracks appeared one year ago and coincided with a "colossal commotion" on one of the sides of the mountain which made the people think that some aerial object had collided with the mountain. This phenomena was never investigated but people in the area say that a strange cigar-shaped object collided with the side of the mountain. Now, a few weeks after having observed "flying cigars" in Salar de Guisaro, they have again seen strange tracks. Airships of strange appearance have been seen in the area and estimated to be over 300 meters in length. On this occasion the National Gendarmes supplied the newspapers with some photographs showing the passage of the strange craft in the skies over Salta and were similar to those seen in other parts of the world.

Puna Saltena, Venezuela, Aug. 13, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Horacio Gonzales) Informants in this region have reported that on occasions they have clearly heard strange cries resounding during the time of the setting sun and especially at the beginning of the freezing of creeks at nightfall. Also, among the crags where the Condors and Eagles make their nests, they have found quantities of these birds dead and partially destroyed, and their nests ravaged. The witnesses also said that in all cases and near or around the nests they have seen the giant humanlike tracks which cannot be attributed to bears as was first thought. In the past, people who had witnessed these tracks have had little or nothing to say until geologist Spitch had reported seeing the strange tracks also.

Although from 15 July until about 15 September flying saucer reports were in the newspapers in large numbers, there seems to be a lull, and based on the reports in 1954, we expect a larger activity in October, possibly beginning around mid-month. Try to make it a little easier on us here at Headquarters---label your clippings, give the date, name of paper, and your own name. We'll really appreciate it very much. New members are coming in at the rate of 5 or more a week, inquiries at about five a day, and the paperwork is becoming almost insurmountable....The Ed.

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We had fully intended to stop with page 32 and the reverse side of this sheet but feel that the members will agree that the following merited another page:

TOKYO, JAPAN, (INS - The Flint Journal) Japanese astronomer Tsuneo Saheki, well known Mars expert (some 20 years of study devoted to that planet) expressed belief that Mars is "inhabited by living beings". Mr. Saheki is chief of the Mars section of the Toa Astronomical Association, and told newsmen he spotted more than a dozen "canals" in the region between the equator and the tropical zone during recent observations. Saheki added he also saw 10 round spots-"oases"- where these canals crosses, and that on the eastern edge of the planet there were scores of shining spots arranged in a rosary fashion. He said that this was the first time he had seen the "canals" --- a pattern of straight lines --- and added their discovery supports the theory of life on the planet. *Experts*

There may have been more said, and we might have written this in a bit more sensational style, but the essential facts are there---also, we have never tried to influence member thinking by deception.

SAUCERS WILL CONTACT EARTH ON NOVEMBER 7TH SAYS BRITISH "SAUCER EXPERTS"

If the "British saucer experts" mentioned in an AP newswire from London on September 25 are our friends of the British Flying Saucer Review, there may be some meat in the following story, and if not, it may be another hoax on the same line as the Laughhead fiasco of some time ago. We quote for your information and opinions are not only welcome but solicited.

The Empire News in London said on September 25 that British flying saucer experts are chiming flying saucers will come down to 10,000 feet over California on November 7th to send a message to Earth. .

The paper said Station KATY in San Luis Obispo has agreed to go off the air that night to listen for the message. The experts said that the report of the impending visit from outer space came from what they called "an unimpeachable source" and which they declined to reveal.

A U-S (we presume this to mean United States) engineer, Kenneth M. Kellar, who was not otherwise identified, at a meeting of the British saucerites Saturday (Saturday, September 22) played tape recordings he said were made directly from a flying saucer hovering over San Francisco, and which took 40 minutes to play back. The tapes reportedly described life on Mars, warned against atomic experiments and gave details of an interplanetary government controlling life in the Universe. No further details were given.

And now, from the Director a few well-chosen bits of advice: We all know that a "flying saucer expert" can be almost anybody, and that British experts have made as many boo-boos (errors) as anyone else in the field. The bit about Station KATY-radios stations are not above a little publicity---even if connected with saucers. Who is Kenneth Kellar, and why didn't the press item contain these few important bit of information: Are the "saucerites" human or otherwise? Was the tape recording in English? It seems to us that the most important information was left out, and probably deliberately so. Our advice? Don't believe it---until a little more proof is forthcoming. This article strengthens our contention that the wire services and newspapers are carrying little but nonsensical items about UFO these days.

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Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico, Sept. 7, 1956 (El Paso Herald-Post) Alfredo Monroy, Manuel Fierro, Cecilio Perez and Carmelo Gonzales of Chihuahua City, while driving on the Chihuahua City-Delicias Highway, sighted a brilliant, speeding circular object about the size of a small plane. The object had a cabin at the top with windows, and made no noise whatsoever. The object was also glimpsed by residents of Chihuahua City and Delicias, and caused much alarm and speculation.

From a member on the East Coast of the United States, the following is related with a request for anonymity: During January, 1950, at Argensia, New Foundland, two saucer reports were turned in by pilots. Only one of these was sent by this particular radio operator and a synopsis of that report follows:

While on a routine flight they were flying approximately 50 miles from the coast when a large circular object was seen hovering over the water. After an approach they were able to get close enough to describe the object as approximately 50 feet in diameter, having a depth of about 4 feet. The object was rotating about a central axis and was a distinct yellow color. There was no forward or backward motion and it was simply hovering over the water. As soon as the plane passed overhead the object took off vertically and passed upward at an extremely fast rate of speed.

This report is one that the author believes to be authentic as far as the report of the actual message is concerned. No stateside investigators went to Argensia and except for the two reports no other sightings were reported.

It has come to our attention in the past and more forcefully in the last few months, that there are quite a number of APRO members who expect to be trusted but have no feeling of obligation as far as being honest with the Director is concerned. We refer specifically to those members who falsified ages and professions on their application blanks. This is a blow to us here, for we have many well-known personages who subscribe to the Bulletin and cooperate fully with only one reservation---that their names be kept confidential. It can never be said that Mrs. Lorenzen betrayed a confidence and it is no less than a shock to find that some people consider themselves so exclusive and vulnerable that they must hide behind the cloak of an alias.

We appreciate the many notes wishing bon voyage and happy return from our recent vacation. We had hoped to see several members in the midwest but alas, we had too many friends and relatives whom we had not seen for so long that we could not gracefully cut short our visits. However---members passing through the southwest and welcome to stop and visit with us here. We enjoyed very much the visit we had with member Bob Greenway in July.

We are on the lookout for authentic photos of UFO and will be grateful to any and all who see fit to forward same to us here at Headquarters. Inasmuch as ours is a mimeographed paper, we cannot reproduce photos herein, but with our new equipment can furnish good quality glossy prints at cost (actually more to be desired for printed reproductions are hardly ever true in detail and shading) to members.

Sightings will be at an all-time high in October and November---send every available sighting so that we can have maximum number with which to run our fall evaluation!

The A.P.R.O. Bulletin

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ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO — NOVEMBER, 1956

Pixley C-131 Hit By UFO

Included with clippings and other information relayed to headquarters pertaining to the crash landing of the C-131 transport at Pixley, California, on July 23 was an unconfirmed report that an unidentified flying object had been sighted by the crew of that plane just prior to their mid-air collision with an unknown object. At the time the report was received, it was filed as unconfirmed and almost forgotten. However, a recent report from a reliable but confidential source indicates that part of the statement made by Major Stenvers upon landing, was deliberately omitted from press releases later. Major Stenvers saw an unidentified object headed toward his plane just seconds before the collision. Our informant is in the military and was in a position to observe the investigation which followed and to be on the receiving end of pertinent information.

In our September issue we commented that the facts did not add up and that statements made by the press and Major Stenvers himself indicated that there was more than met the eye. Our final decision in the matter is that Major Stenvers saw the small, probably remote-controlled disc which dived on his plane from above and caused control malfunction when it accidentally struck the tail assembly. A remote-controlled object would have a director craft in the vicinity. If this disc is the "burning object" reported falling in the vicinity of Pixley at the time of the crash, it is not improbable that the director craft either directly or by remote control destroyed the now crippled object so that when a search was instigated for the reported object, it was not found.

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Excerpt from

PAUL HARVEY NEWS

November 15, 1956

The Pentagon . . . has been censoring flying saucer information. Magazine articles submitted for clearance—articles that apparently had nothing to do with military secrets—have nonetheless been blue penciled by Pentagon security officials.

Why?

The House investigators want to know. One report on flying saucers was released . . .

Then it was stamped secret . . .

Then it was unclassified again.

A former Intelligence officer wrote a book.

All of the information had been previously published.

All of it.

But the Army refused to allow publication of that book.

Mystery Air Crashes

Wilmington, Delaware, Nov. 20, 1956—At 7:30 a. m. a violent explosion rocked the Harrington-Dover area and was heard as far off as Bridgeton, N. J. Eyewitnesses said they saw a plane trailing smoke heading for a crash in the area a few seconds before the explosion was heard. Air Force and CAP planes and choppers ('copters) cruised the area for four hours but found nothing. No aircraft missing. Buildings fifteen miles from the scene of the "explosion" rocked violently. One woman actually saw the aircraft, described it as the largest aircraft she had ever seen, said she could have gotten number and name if she had thought of it. A radar station reported it had lost contact with a plane in the vicinity of Harrington. (Wilmington Journal-Every Evening, no name credit)

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London, England, 1 Oct., 1956—A huge delta-shaped A-bomb carrier landing at London Airport, home from trip to New Zealand, exploded on Runway 7. Ejector seats fortunately saved the lives of Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst and Squadron Leader D. R. Howard, captain of the airship, but four others died in the crash. A spokesman for A. V. Roe Co. stated that the canopy mysteriously came off the plane as it swept in for a landing. He also stated: "It seems that the bomber hit something, possibly an obstruction. He (the pilot) immediately turned his engines on to full power in an attempt to climb away but at this point, although he gained some height and went back into cloud, he recognized that the aircraft was out of control and within seconds gave orders to abandon ship." (If an interview with the pilot were possible, we might find that he saw what Major Stenvers saw (page 1). (Omaha Evening World-Herald, Cr. J. Myers)

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In the event we should receive further confirmation of the spotting of a UFO prior to the crash of the C118 in the Eastern Atlantic on 10 October, instead of filing our present information as unconfirmed, we will list it herewith as an unconfirmed report which carries considerable weight. Fifty-nine men were lost in that crash, and the circumstances which accompanied the search were all but ordinary. Unidentified signals which were depended upon to guide the searchers to the area, were of no use, and it may be conjectured that these signals may have been deliberately sent out from a location far from the actual scene of disaster.

Seasoned pilots, military and civilian, are becoming exceedingly apprehensive about flights which take them far from shipping lanes in overseas flying, and across barren stretches of land on over-

Sensational Report Reveals AF Duplicity

We have in our hands a UFO report so sensational and in such detail that we are unable to print it since the peculiar circumstances involved would point directly at the reporters whose silent cooperation was solicited under threat of courts-martial.

Proved conclusively during the course of this incident are the following data.

1. Saucer occupants monitor our radio frequencies, and can understand the English language.
2. They are capable of blocking radio transmission and reception.
3. They seem familiar with the operation of fire-control radar and can to some extent inhibit its operation.
4. If Captain Edward Ruppelt was in possession of all the facts concerning UFO up until his separation from the Air Force in 1953 as he stated in his book, "A Report on UFO", he grossly misrepresented those facts in said book.

The case against the Air Force is slowly growing into a formidable thing — for them. We can now prove that while saucer charlatans and crackpots operate freely with plenty of publicity and no interference from authorities, serious saucer researchers with facts to present to the public are hampered in their work by deliberate official attempts to curtail their efforts.

Until the present time the Air Force "silence group" has had quite a few factors in their favor; among which are the easy availability of "experts" to act as disclaimers regarding saucer reality plus their easy conquest of the Press. The age of Air Force domination in the field is swiftly drawing to a close—we are obtaining our own experts to whom the Press will be obliged to listen.

Scientific and technical personnel in the employ of the federal government of the United States are awakening to the truth and are casting about for information to corroborate their own feelings and findings. They are finding these facts through private research groups and APRO, and soon their number and the weight of their facts will be so great that official opinion will be forced to bow to scientific facts and the "cat" will be out of the bag.

land flights. Considering the many safety factors incorporated into aircraft of today, plus improved communications networks and better maintenance, the large number of technically sound aircraft which are being lost day by day is quite a mystery. The Air Force knows—and knows why, but is afraid to admit that they can't do anything about the situation.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

(Continued from Page 5)

—Five workmen of a drilling squad in the Santa Rosa sector (Mene Grande Oil Co.) reported seeing two circular crafts during the early morning. The objects cruised in a southerly direction at a great speed, leaving a yellow trail. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Barquisimeto, 13 Sept., 1956 (Venezuela) — In Aguada Grande, travelling salesman Rigoberto Reyna of Caracas observed two circular crafts which left an orange trail. The objects were traveling north of Aguada Grande, and he watched them until they disappeared in the distance. They flew together for a period, then each took a different route and disappeared. Large in size. (Caracas paper unnamed, Cr: J. Rolas)

Auckland, New Zealand, 4 Sept., 1956 — Squadron Leader K. B. Smith of the New Zealand transport corps observed a UFO while flying to Hastings at 6:42 p. m. "I was at about 500 feet when I saw it," said Smith, "and I kept it in sight until I touched down." Smith said the object, which was glowing with a white nose, was travelling on a horizontal plane and at a "fantastic speed".

Mr. L. C. Dassler, of Oropi, Tauranga (a former flight sergeant navigator with 1500 flying hours in the R. N. Z. A. F.) reported seeing a pinkish purplish flame with indistinct shape of a hull about 1000 feet over Te Poi near Matamata. It was traveling faster than any jet he had ever seen.

A Reporoa farmer, Mr. E. J. Aiken, said he saw a "pink and white pear-shaped object" travelling very fast across the western sky.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas and daughter, Francis observed a brilliant light over Rangitoto Beacon which moved from east to west toward Milford through an arc of about 70 or 80 degrees, gradually climbing in the sky. The object covered the arc in 6 or 7 seconds. (New Zealand Herald, Cr: M. Sale)

Gisborne, New Zealand, 20 Sept. 1956 — What they described as four balls of intense white light, flying in formation no more than 500 feet above the ground, were seen at 10:39 by the crew of a north-bound freight train near Muriwai, 10 miles south of Gisborne. The engineer said that both he and his fireman had a clear view for several seconds before the lights suddenly shot skyward. (The Auckland Star, Cr: M. Sale)

Te-Hi-Hi, New Zealand, 19 Sept., 1956 — Miss A. C. Hastie observed large, round white light accompanied by five smaller lights at 4:35 p. m. Objects above cloud bank, seen for only few seconds before descending in to cloud bank. Small lights evenly arranged on one side of large light, even the small lights were brighter than airplane lights. Small lights had appearance of coming from

portholes. (Private report, Cr: M. Sale)

Borneo, 23 Sept., 1956 — A small press cutting informs us that mysterious bright objects have been crashing to earth in Southern Borneo causing panic among the population. Indonesian authorities have so far failed to trace the objects. (No other details. Omaha World-Herald, Cr: J. Myers)

Ortonville, Minn., Nov. 13, 1956 — Marlen Hewitt of Redfield, S. D., a dairy truck driver, told of being terrified when he sighted a huge object that changed color and moved with tremendous speed as he drove from Pelican Rapids, Minn. to his home. Hewitt said the "thing" dropped down to about 1,000 feet about a half mile from him. It was round, he said, an dof a grey color, apparently made of metal. He said it looked to be about a block square, about 12 feet thick and with an opening at the base about 1/10th the size of the object from which a brilliant light was shining. The light flashed blue-white to orange to a bright cherry red, Hewitt said. Three Minnesota newsmen in a hunting party also reported seeing the objects at Ortonville. These men were among five people Hewitt called from a cafe at Ortonville to see the object. During the period that the object followed Hewitt, it turned cherry red and sped away near Graceville, Minn., but returned and followed him to Ortonville. Time 1:30 to 5:15 a. m. (St. Paul Pioneer Press, Chicago Daily News, Omaha World Herald, St. Paul Dispatch, Cr: J. Myers, Mrs. C. Brunet, E. O. Dahl, H. J. Muenchen)

Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 29, 1956 — Rev. Robert Damon, Baptist minister of Ord, Nebraska, observed a "brilliant and piercing" light in the sky as he was returning from Grand Island to Ord early on the morning of the 29th. Damon said he first thought it was lightning, but the brilliance was far too steady, and it gleamed brighter than stars and resembled a July 4 pyrotechnic. The light was seen in the northwest about 10 miles north of Grand Island, and was observed for several minutes.

On Friday night, (Oct. 26) Miss Ethel Nelson and friends were coming home from Grand Island and saw what appeared from different vantage points, a disc-bank of lights.

Alamogordo, New Mexico, 29 Nov., 1956 — Miss Maurine Charles, Forest Dougherty, Myra Driseck and Judy West, all members of one car pool, observed, from different vantage points, a disc-shaped "moon-colored" object in the vicinity of or over Holloman Air Force Base. All were waiting outside at their respective places of residence, for the automobile in which they all ride to their jobs at Holloman.

The time was 0635, the object was seen at first near ground level, then started ascending. It ascended, leveled off, then climbed again, levelled off, repeated this pattern several times. Miss Charles, who observed the object for the longest period of time, said that the object appeared to be at least 6 times the size of Venus,

which was visible in the morning sky, and caught her eye because of its size and unusual appearance. Miss Charles estimated the time of observation as being approximately 3 minutes.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 13, 14, 1956 — Mr. and Mrs. William O'Keefe, while sitting in their home at about 10 p. m. saw a big, round ball of light approaching from the south. Too slow for a plane, Mrs. O'Keefe said she at first thought it was a dirigible but a check with the airport revealed none in the area. The bright object, with a "trailing spot of red" moved off to the west when it got near the O'Keefe residence.

Mrs. Milo J. Vail said she saw the object shortly before 10 p. m. and described it as "more the shape of a cigar than anything else, and bright and shiny." "It seemed very close," she said, "and the bright object seemed to have a projection on it that made me think of a painter's Scaffold." (St. Paul Dispatch, Cr: E. O. Dahl)

Between Sheridan, Wyoming, and Billings, Montana, 31 Aug., 1956 — J. Gordon Campbell and his family of four were flying between the two aforementioned cities on August 31 when they made a unique sighting of a UFO. The time was about 8 p. m. the Campbells were flying at about 8,000, 45 miles from Billings. Suddenly 10-year-old Scotty said, "What's that?" Mr. Campbell looked, thought they were overtaking a plane. The thing came toward the plane at what Campbell described as "a terrific rate of speed." It was huge. Campbell called the Billings control tower, but they couldn't get it on radar. Then it went away. Campbell said it looked like a big, black dog bone. For size comparison purposes, Campbell stated that when it appeared to be about 1/4 mile away it looked to be 150 feet long. "During the time it seemed to hover close to us, we had a true air speed of close to 180 miles per hour and it stayed with us," Campbell said. When the object left Campbell's vicinity it covered approximately 55 miles in three seconds (approximately 1,000 mph). After that object disappeared, four more came toward the Campbells' plane and hovered. Campbell called the control tower again, they couldn't get them on the radar scope and the objects left. Campbell landed his plane at Billings and while telling people what happened, one of the objects came over the air field. Campbell did some inquiring, found that these objects were being sighted by other people in that area.

Campbell recalls another incident about two years ago when an object approached his plane near Evansville, Indiana, and was in sight about 30 seconds. He thinks perhaps that one might have been a meteor or an illusion but can't explain the one seen in September. (This object resembles very much the description of the objects seen by the crew of a large airliner off the east coast of Newfoundland in 1954, although at that time the object was described as having somewhat the configuration of a telephone receiver. (Minneapolis Star, Cr: Mrs. C. Brunet)

Recent Sightings

Anaheim, Calif., 8 Nov., 1956—Norman Todd and Doug de Haven reported that at 11:15 p. m. they observed red lights hovering over Yorba Linda, travelling south to Fullerton and Anaheim and heading toward Buena Park. Shortly after these men called police, Walter G. Mortenson of Buena Park informed police in Anaheim that the lights were over Buena Park and heading south in an east-west movement. Fullerton police officers reported seeing a bright object southeast of the city which changed colors and unfamiliar yellow objects were reported earlier in the evening from La Habra. The Fullerton objects were reported as four times brighter than brightest star, shimmering but stationary, and a County Radio Monitoring station operator said the thing was greenish-blue, changing to red and zig-zagging across the sky. Marine jet aircraft from El Toro were scrambled but found nothing (they said). (Anaheim Bulletin — no name attached)

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 23, 1956—Members of the GOC post at Tucson observed a "bunch" of lights streaking across the sky at a high rate of speed. No sound noted. The Benson, Arizona, newspaper then called the post filter center to ask what had just gone over that town. The lights were described as going over in a "diamond-shaped" formation, twelve in all. One man who saw the Benson lights said they went faster than the jets from Davis-Monthan AFB, added they were the... things he had ever seen (Cr: Fred Liddle). (Mr. Liddle asked us to plug GOC in the Bulletin which we're happy to do. The Director was supervisor of a post at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, for two years, and really believes in the work... the Ed.)

Twin Falls, Idaho, Sept. 1956—Seems a steer was kidnapped by a flying saucer, as reported in "Assignment, U. S. A.", by Inez Robb. E. L. Rayburn, rancher, and his hired hands, Joe and Dick Parker said the steer was visible just before a "flying saucer" settled in its vicinity for a few seconds. The "saucer" was described as about 200" in diameter. (Indianapolis Times, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Cr: D. Lansden, B. Greenway.)

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, late July, 1956—Michael E. Gaydos observed a round object about the size of a dime held at arm's length, white in color. Seen over the southeastern section of Baton Rouge, it had no discernable features, no trail and was silent, but emitted a steady

A wild woman with unkempt hair, and muttering in a strange language, was seen and approached by villagers near Bombay, India. She was seen on the edge of a forest near Khamba on Oct. 7, was approached and offered food by friendly natives, but ran back into her forest haven. (Des Moines Register, Cr: J. Myers)

glow. Observed at 45 degrees above the horizon, flight path straight with no maneuvers. Origin not noted, but disappearance was merely to go beyond visibility. In sight for 5-8 seconds at 3:30 a. m. (Cr: James E. Turner)

Vicksburg, Mississippi, Oct. 31—Mrs. Marion Love reported seeing a "big silver object dazzling brilliance," her second sighting of a UFO in one week. Mrs. Love and her hunting companion, Mrs. Jewel Hawthorne, said they were frightened by the object during a squirrel hunting trip into the woods east of Vicksburg. She saw a similar one last Thursday and the same day another Vicksburg saw a large metallic-looking disc dive toward a commercial airliner. (No other details available at this time, but the latter report seems to indicate this rash of aircraft crashes (4 on 27 Nov.), may be explainable by quite unconventional means... the Ed.) (The New Orleans Times-Picayune and Baton Rouge Morning-Advocate, Cr: James E. Turner)

Norway, 22 Sept, 1956—Several disc-shaped objects, moving at a constant speed, have been observed by inhabitants of the extreme North of Norway. An amateur photographer, Mr. W. Gaasland, has succeeded in filming the scene in color with satisfying results. In the enlargement one can plainly perceive the form of the objects, resembling a saucer with a dark stripe in the center and a protrusion in the form of a cupola. The president of the Norwegian UFO Section, Mr. G. Weie, has declared that if the film is genuine, this incident may have worldwide importance. (Cr: G. Zwicky)

Fricktal, Liestal, Switzerland, 1 Oct., 1956—Observers in Liestal, when looking toward Fricktal at about 4:30 p. m. saw a silvery "celestial vehicle" approaching, at great height while rotating around its axis. It had elliptic form and dark, hazy contours. Every 30 seconds bright rays shot out from its interior. The object made no sound, was lost to sight after crossing the Ergolz-Valley in the direction of Gempenplateau. (Cr: G. Zwicky — from the Basellandschaftlich Zeitung Liestal)

Niederschontal, Switzerland, 1 Oct., 1956—A strange object appeared in the sky, and was moving at great height over the Ergolz Valley in a Westerly direction. The object was neither a balloon nor a normal airplane, and there was no noise. It had the shape of an irregular ellipse

A 28 pound chunk of ice fell into a park near a U. S. A. F. Base near Ruislip, England. Not a hailstone, said authorities, probably ice from an airplane headed to or from London. (If they can't explain them away, they would be better off to forget them... The Ed.) Date: 4 Oct., 1956 (Detroit Free Press, Cr: R. L. Humphreys.)

surrounded by a smoky dark brim. At times the ellipse was illuminated brightly by lights from the interior. Several witnesses observed the phenomenon. (Der Baseltbieter, Liestal, Cr: G. Zwicky)

Copenhagen, Denmark, 4 Sept., 1956—Mysterious looking craft flew over Copenhagen during the early morning hours. Dozens of persons saw the objects which had the forms of "fireballs" or "flying saucers". Radar bases registered the passage of the UFOs and jet planes were sent up in pursuit, but were not able to catch them. Radar indicated a height of 5,000 meters and a speed of 3000 km/h (1800 miles per hour). (Feuille D'avis De Lausanne, Cr: G. Zwicky)

Yverdon, Switzerland, 13 Sept., 1956—During the night of the 12th, two strange lights were observed to move slowly over this town in western Switzerland. One of the objects, bluish in color, was moving towards Estavayer, the other, almost white, hovered motionless over the center of Yverdon. Both lights were visible from 11 p. m. to 4 a. m., then disappeared (La Suisse, Cr: G. Zwicky)

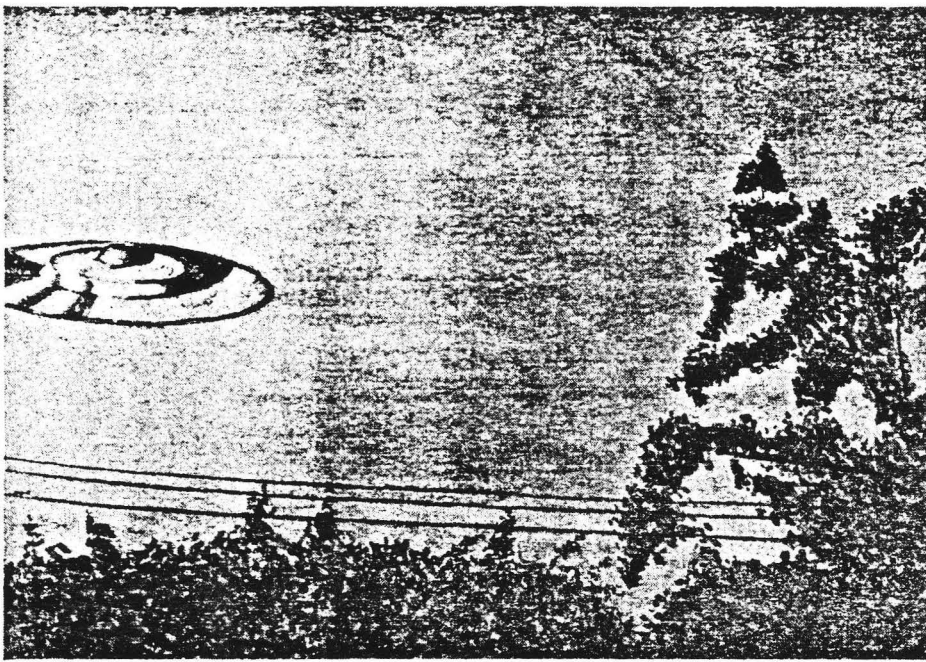
Albuquerque, N. M., 11 Oct., 1956 — Mrs. Norma Maurus spotted a large, glowing, white object at 9:45 p. m. in the western sky. It moved from north to south and was in sight several minutes. Mrs. Maurus said the thing looked like a "glowing plate" and was much brighter than the moon. (Albuquerque Journal, no name credit)

Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, Dec., 1955—A round, black object moved slowly and silently through the sky and 19-year-old George Clark photographed it. As he and his family watched, the object traveled from south to north against the wind, made a right-angle turn to the east and disappeared. The negative showed only an oval-shaped ring with a light-colored center. Even before the film was developed all witnesses agreed on size, direction, color and shape. (Toronto Telegram, Cr: R. Kochals)

Singapore, China, 24 July, 1956—J. J. Bennett, S. A. T. A. chest physician, observed two mysterious lights over Singapore at 8:20 p. m. The powder-blue lights seemed to spin as he watched them for 10 minutes in the northern sky. Said Dr. Bennett: "The lights moved exactly like a fish in a tank, they darted and then hovered. At first they looked like searchlights, but there were no beams. When they moved they went faster than anything I have ever seen, then suddenly they would come together, hover like two helicopters, and then separate at tremendous speed." The objects were silent, left no trails, and were elliptical in shape. Their light did not vary. Dr. Bennett got his camera, took several shots, one of which was published in the Singapore paper. It shows two blotches of light, no detail. (Clipping did not include name of paper. Cr: J. Myers)

Santa Rosa, Venezuela, 12 Sept., 1956

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The "Savage" picture is reproduced here for comparison purposes. Here, in this series, we present three pictures—one taken in 1952 in Brazil by qualified press photographers, one in 1955 by a professional photographer and one in July 1956 by a young amateur photographer.

The first two were obtained by men of good reputation in their fields, and the third by a young man whose family's and his own reputation are beyond dispute. We believe the proportions and configuration are so similar as to indicate

they are all one model of a prototype.

Mr. Booth has suggested engineering illustrations to make more detailed comparison possible. If sufficient reader interest is shown, this will be presented in future issues.

In this study we have deliberately selected three authentic photographs which demonstrate that a remarkable degree of conformity exists between sightings sources widely separated geologically and chronologically. This, we feel, throws the lie in the teeth of Special Report No. 14 which attempts to show that there is no UFO prototype.

The Mon-Ka Business In Los Angeles

Just before the APRO Bulletin went to press in September the press wires were loaded with another saucer "contact" story fostered by the Los Angeles contingent of saucer charlatans and perpetuated by what may logically be termed a fascetic press. At the time we stated our doubt that anything would come of the whole fiasco and again we were right.

However, it might be noted that some interesting sidelights were brought to the attention of UFO enthusiasts. One of these was the fact that John Otto, flying saucer enthusiast and so-called researcher got quite a hunk of publicity when he revealed he had once been taken in by Dick Miller, perpetrator of the tape recording, a few years back in Michigan. Seems that Miller used a radio transmitter in an old truck to "cut in" on the car radio.

Not having heard much about Otto in the past few years, this incident recalled to mind the conversation the Director, Mr. Lorenzen and another APRO member had with Mr. Otto in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin in the winter of 1952-53. A very avid fan at the time and bubbling over with enthusiasm, Mr. Otto disappointed his audience by mentioning the

"spiritual" aspect of the saucer situation, spoke of the contents of letters between himself and Max Miller of Flying Saucers International having been changed without being opened.

Despite the fact that radio stations in the general Los Angeles area were on the alert and even Paul Coates had an eye and an ear open for the possibilities which might develop, nothing untoward happened.

We received a denial that the whole thing had anything to do with Flying-Saucer Review of Britain, as was implied in the original press release. Brinsley Le Poer Trench was quite disturbed as one might well imagine, for it was one of his members who helped add credibility to the whole blooper. Gray Barker of "The Saucerian" started speculating, insinuated that the Flying Saucer Review representative, Michael Trench, mentioned in the release, was Brinsley le Poer Trench himself.

We at APRO Headquarters can't even admit to a little excitement for we were positive it was another of "those things". Our original correspondence with le Poer Trench, after learning of the scheduled contact, was merely a formality for a speedy denial, which we expected and got.

We're the original skeptics in the saucer business—from the beginning we have been the first to seek, the last to

Keyhoe—On 'Earth Versus The Flying Saucers'

In a letter in which he debunked James Moseley's report that he appeared at Giant Rock Airport last summer, Major Donald E. Keyhoe also had a few things to say about the controversial UFO movie, "Earth vs the Flying Saucers".

In our September issue we stated that we did not feel that the plot of the aforementioned movie fit the known facts about UFO, and stated our regret that Major Keyhoe's name was connected with it. We present here his own statement:

First, I very much resent being misled into thinking this was to be a documentary picture. Second, I refused to make personal appearances with the film. My publishers, Henry Holt and Company, sold the film rights to "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" to Clover Productions, which I understand is a subsidiary of Columbia Pictures. An official of Clover Productions, and the Hollywood agent who handled the matter, both assured me it would be a documentary film—dramatized, but fully documentary as far as the saucer items were concerned. They had no title then—and I never heard the title until the picture was finished. I did not serve as technical director, as some FS magazines have stated. I did not go to Hollywood, never talked with the producer, director or anyone else out there, after Holt signed the contract. I did agree to make personal appearances if the film was, as I was told, documentary—a dramatized version of the "search for the truth." I have not seen the film and from what I've heard about it I don't intend to."

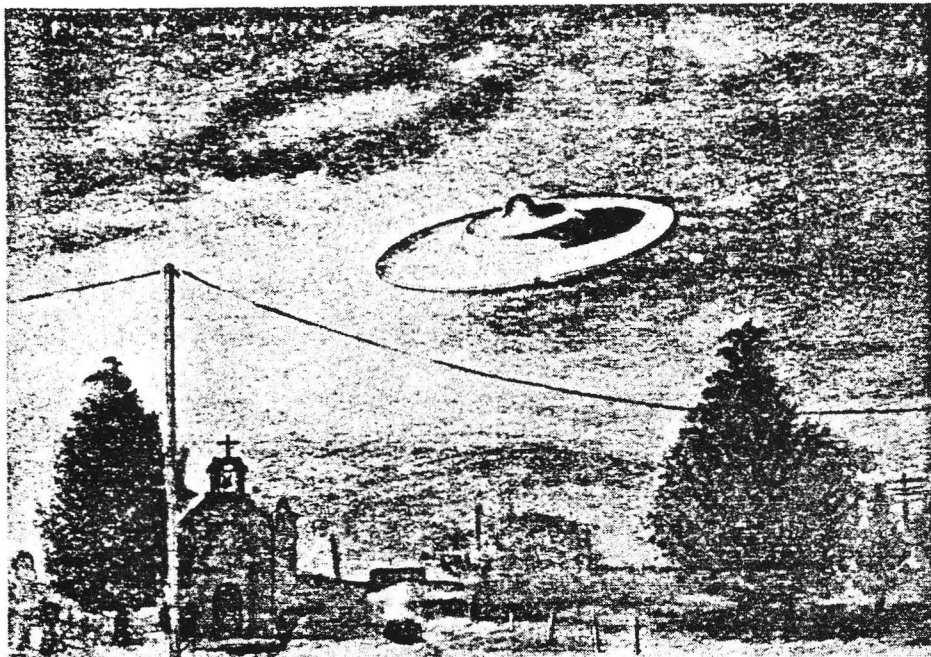
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An Apology or Two

First to William Brenton Nash, a pilot with Pan American Air Lines who was mistakenly referred to as a TWA (Trans-World Airlines) pilot in the September issue of the Bulletin. Our only excuse is that we were doing some thinking about a sighting involving a TWA man, and let it slip through. So sorry, Bill — promise never to pull a Boo-boo like that again.

... and to Max Miller of SAUCERS (organ of the Flying Saucers International group of Los Angeles) for the inferred relation to Jim Moseley's publication. In our September issue the stencil cutter omitted the periods in S. A. U. C. E. R. S. (Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society) and thus Max feels that some may entertain the idea that there may be a tie-up between the two groups or that they are one and the same. Miller's SAUCERS is a copyrighted publication, preceded the Moseley publication (formerly NEXUS) by at least a year or two.

accept. In this field of endeavor this attitude is not only laudible but necessary.



Labelled as prime evidence of the existence of "flying saucers", the original photo from which the above water color reproduction was taken was published in the January 1956 issue of "Revista Nacional de Aeronautica", (National Review of Aeronautics), official organ of the Argentine Air Force.

The photograph was snapped by press photographer Pedro Francisco Navarro on August 30, 1955, while on another assignment near Dudignac, Argentina. The

object projected above was speeding through low-hanging clouds and in the published picture was not too clear. Therefore we will not reproduce the picture for distribution among members.

The above painting, executed by Mr. Booth, is an excellent job and is technically superior, in our opinion.

The negative was submitted to Brazilian officials who pronounced it untouched and unexplained.

The Mark of Saucer Charlatan

Certain individuals have been instrumental in focusing the most undesirable attention on the subject of UFO research. The shadow of their self-seeking (in the guise of truth-seeking) efforts tends to obscure the honest efforts of sincere researchers. They, without exception, can be identified with the following common denominators:

1. They claim to have been "selected" for "contact" by space-travelers because of certain special personal qualities (i. e. more understanding, more advanced, more peaceful, less inhibited, more brother-loving, etc.) and generally display a Messianic attitude.
2. They offer phony photos or bogus artifacts in lieu of proof when any Venusian wanting to prove his reality could easily furnish a contactor with indisputable evidence.
3. They generally try to hide or disguise their own past history and generally for good reasons.
4. Through the sale of books and photos and/or the staging of lectures they display an energetic eagerness to achieve riches or fame or both, belying the qualities claimed under item No. 1 above.

These individuals are aided in their nefarious schemes by a silent partner—the United States Air Force, which reaps dividends in the form of public ridicule of the whole subject. Not wishing to do-

Book Reviews

"Strangest of All" is authored by news commentator Frank Edwards whose recent "My First 10,000,000 Sponsors" was a big hit. The new book is aptly described by the legend on its jacket which reads . . . "A storehouse of the incredible. Fantastic but true stories involving vanishing ships and people, noted historical figures, religious and scientific miracles, talking animals and flying saucers, treasure hunts and a host of other intriguing themes by Frank Edwards, famous radio and TV commentator."

Published by Citadel Press at 222 Fourth Ave., New York 3, New York, in case your local bookseller doesn't carry it. We enjoyed the writing very much (Frank is a wizard at making words work for him) and must admit we enjoyed each and every chapter as well as the one on saucers.

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"There Is Life on Mars" is a book which will be much talked about in scientific as well as lay circles. Written by a member of British nobility, its author is also a fellow in the British Astronomical Association. It's a must for every member.

nate any undue publicity, we do not name names, but the feet that the shoe fits are aromatically obvious.

Who's Throwing Monkeys At The Earth?

That's what Mrs. Faye Swanson would like to know! She is a housewife at Broadmoor, California and was quite startled when, stepping out into her back yard October 26th, she found a small, furry body that had obviously fallen out of the sky during the night.

The little thing had struck her clothes line with such force that a solid 4-by-4-inch post was splintered. Mrs. Swanson suggested to police that maybe the body was that of a small monkey that fell or jumped or was pushed out of one of the airplanes that pass over her house after taking off from San Francisco International Airport.

A spokesman for the Airport said that no regular airliner had been transporting monkeys during the night. A lid of secrecy was immediately clamped on the incident—police referred reporters to the SPCA, SPCA referred them to the CAA and CAA officials refused point blank to issue any public statements on the case—mainly, they said, because they didn't know anything about it.

The SPCA denied reports the little furry animal had been cremated immediately. Anthropologists who were questioned hadn't heard of the case. The FBI denied it was investigating. The extent of the secrecy was evident from the fact that not one official involved ever once mentioned "Martian", or "flying saucers".

The only one who would say anything at all was Mrs. Swanson who said, simply, "I want a new clothesline." (San Francisco Chronicle, Cr: M. C. Hix)

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NOTICE:

It has become obvious that certain items of mail received at this office have been tampered with and/or opened. The most recent case involved a packet of information sent by registered mail, which is supposedly invulnerable. How or by whom we are not prepared to say. Your guess is as good as (and probably identical with) ours.

We strongly urge all members to obtain sealing wax, use as instructed in the directions, utilizing a personal object which cannot be easily duplicated to effect the seal.

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Meet Our Illustrator

The man whose name appears on the illustrations in this issue is Mr. Clifford Booth, who has been a member of APRO for some time and it was not until the third photo in this feature series was obtained that we decided to accept his kind offer to assist us with illustrative work. The Director already has one water color painting (artist's conception of a UFO) and a colored pencil drawing of a night sighting which she treasures.)

Mr. Booth is a technical illustrator employed by a corporation under contract to a branch of the U. S. military. His work speaks for itself and we feel privileged to have his talented cooperation.