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We gratefully dedicate this issue of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization's bi-monthly news bulletin to JOE ROLAS and HORACIO GONZALES, our two hardworking members of Caracas, Venezuela. Because of their faithful reporting we are able to bring you the most significant sightings of unidentified flying objects and their unusual occupants for the year of 1954. We have received many hundreds of other reports but in the light of the spectacular and authentic nature of the following sightings, we offer them in this special issue dealing primarily with sightings on the continent South America. Our hearty thanks go to Mr. Rolas and Mr. Gonzales.

WORLDWIDE INCREASE IN UFO REPORTS

While the Pentagon super-secret contingent of the Air Force is engaged in a studied effort to blame flying saucers on anything but a logical source, the determined discs are making their appearances throughout the world, without a thought about official opinions. In Apple Valley, California, during the week of December 21, an oblong object hung over that town for at least 24 hours. The intrepid reporter of the Los Angeles Mirror tried to check the story, and despite the word of honest citizens that the thing had been there, that the Air Force had been notified, and jets had been sent up, the Air Force tried the old balloon run-around. It didn't work, Coates wrote a beautifully sarcastic note on the incident in his column,---but it didn't rate press-wire coverage.

In Kassel, Germany, Prof. Hermann Oberth reiterated his belief that the discs are interplanetary vehicles, adding that the occupants are probably afraid of earthmen.

A grey-coloured disc hovering at about 500 feet and making a sound like an automobile engine descended over a Mica mine at Manbhum, Bihar, India. Seen by about 800 people, the thing hovered for a few minutes, the sides appeared to inflate, and smoke billowed from the two ends. The object then soared upward at high speed. The best is yet to come.....

IN VENEZUELA ——— HAIRY DWARVES!

On December 16, 1954, President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower told a press conference that flying saucers are not from outer space and exist only in the imagination of the viewers. On the night of that momentous announcement, a young man of San Carlos, Venezuela was set upon by a small hairy man-like creature and spent the night in a hospital under the care of physicians for treatment of shock.

The most believable part of the San Carlos incident is the reason for young Jesus Paz being where he was when he was when the whole thing happened. Here are the details:

Paz and two friends had dined at a restaurant at San Carlos, then proceeded home. When the party neared the Exposition Park of the Ministry of Agriculture, Paz asked the driver of the car to stop while he went behind some bushes, apparently to relieve himself. His friends, still in the car, heard a piercing scream which literally raised the hair on their heads. They rushed toward the spot where Paz had entered the brush, came upon their friend unconscious on the ground, and were just in time to see a hairy dwarf running toward a flat, shiny craft which hovered a few feet from the ground. One of the men, Luis Mejia, a national guardsman, reached for his gun, but remembered it was back in his barracks at Guard headquarters. Mejia then picked up a stone and futilely threw it at the craft which had taken the dwarf in and was rising into the air with a deafening buzzing sound. At last report, Paz was under the care of doctors and all three men were telling a convincingly hair-raising story to the authorities. Paz is not only suffering from shock, but has several large, long, deep scratches on his right side and along the spine, as if clawed by a wild animal.

HUNTERS CLAWED AND BEATEN—

Just 6 days prior to Eisenhower's announcement that saucers do not exist, Lorenzo Flores and Jesus Gomez of Carora, Venezuela related their experience with four little hairy creatures near the Trans-Andian Highway between Chico and Cerro de las Tres Torres. The boys had been hunting, and when they sighted a bright object off the highway, they thought it was a car. Upon approaching, they saw an object which appeared like two wash bowls placed one on top of the other, and hovered about two and a half feet from the ground. They estimated the size as about 9 feet in diameter, and said it gave out fire from the bottom.

In the boys' own words: "Then we saw 4 little men coming out of it; they were approximately 3 feet tall. When they realized we were there, the four of them got Jesus and tried to drag him toward the object." "I could do nothing but take my shotgun, which was unloaded," says Flores, and thrust hard blows with the butt of the gun at one of them. The gun seemed to have struck rock or something harder, as the gun broke into two pieces."

Could they notice any features of the little men, they were asked by reporters. "No," said Flores, "we could see no details but what we did notice was the abundant hair which covered their bodies, and their great strength." Gomez could remember little of the incident for he had fainted from fright when the creatures grabbed him. When asked if they saw the saucer leave, the boys said no, that when they broke away, they ran as fast as they could for the highway about 150 feet away. Exhibiting scratches and bruises, their shirts torn to shreds, the boys rushed to the nearest police precinct and told their story.

Investigation by authorities showed signs of the fight and where the saucer had rested. They were examined by psychiatrists, found to be sane, responsible young men. But the United States Air Force and the President say that saucers do not exist....

TEACHER FIRES AT PURSUING DISC!

An unnamed (by request) teacher and director of an important educational institution of Barquisimeto, Venezuela relates how he was pursued by a glowing, disc-shaped object while driving along the highway to Guanare.

Respected and well-liked, the individual involved in this incident states that while driving one evening, he noticed a bright object which, at a cursory glance, he thought was the moon. However, when approaching the town of Guanare, he noticed that the object was moving toward him, and huge in size. The Professor, seized with panic, took out his gun and fired twelve times at the object while it maneuvered around his car.

Thoroughly frightened, the man then pushed his accelerator to the floor, hoping to meet another car. He soon met another car which he managed to stop, and in which were a lawyer, the sheriff of a nearby town, and a policeman. The party of men then turned around and headed back to the spot where the disc was last seen. When they arrived, they were in time to see the disc disappearing to the south leaving a bluish trail behind. The professor has recently consulted a psychiatrist regarding his delicate mental condition since the incident.

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"Little Men" Fail in Kidnap Attempt!!

Yelling, without his shirt and with a terrified look on his face, Jose Parra, 18 year old jockey of Valencia, Venezuela, arrived at the offices of National Security in the early morning of December 19 and related his hair-raising tale of how a hairy little man tried to kidnap him.

Immediately upon his arrival, Parra was detained by Mr. Lopez Ayara, Commissioner of Criminology until his nerves could calm down. Detectives detailed to examine the place where the incident happened, found tracks which they were not able to identify as either those of a man or an animal. Parra, out doing road work to lose some extra poundage, stopped near a Cement Factory on the highway, where he was surprised to see six little men, all very hairy, who were engaged in pulling boulders from the side of the highway, and loading them aboard their disc-shaped craft which was hovering less than 9 feet from the ground. Parra, startled and frightened, started to run away to call someone else to watch the sight.

At this point, one of the little men spotted Parra, pointed a device at him, which gave off a violet light. Parra was unable to move, and stood by helplessly while the little creatures ran to their ship, and leaped aboard. The craft then disappeared into the sky.

One hour after Mr. Parra's experience, a brightly lighted disc was seen hovering a few feet from the ground near the Barbula Sanatorium for Tuberculars at Valencia. Two hospital employees saw the object at different times, one at about 12 midnight, and the other at about 3:15 a. m. The fellow who witnessed the earlier incident, notified no one for fear of disturbing the hospital patients. The man involved in the latter incident attempted to approach the craft for a better look but it moved away and ascended into the air.

DOCTOR SEES LITTLE MEN, DISC—

At 6:30 p. m., December 10, a well-known (and, by request, unnamed) physician of Caracas, Venezuela witnessed a strange sight while out driving with his father in the vicinity of La Floresta.

The Doctor in question has been interviewed by members of the press so his identity is known. His story rings true, and he had a witness. While driving between La Carlota, Airdrome and Francisco de Miranda Avenue, his father suddenly pointed and exclaimed, "Look!"

Upon looking in the direction his father was pointing, the Doctor stopped the car in order to observe better. He watched who little men who were running into the brush. Shortly after they disappeared into the thickets, a luminous disc-shaped object emerged from in and with a sharp 'sizzling' sound, darted off into the sky at a rapid rate of speed. The Doctor, a former skeptic, isn't laughing anymore.

During the period in November and December in 1954 when many strange sights were seen in South America, including the foregoing incidents, the most reliable of people including a Bishop of the Catholic church, Professors, astronomers, physicists, law enforcement officers and members of the military, behold the strange goings on in the heavens and on the ground.

Stranger than the strange sightings themselves, perhaps, is the absolute absence of any mention of them on the wires of the international news agencies and in particular, the Free Press of the United States. Heretofore, the Director and close associates had begun to feel that perhaps press silence on saucers was due to their conviction that the saucers really don't exist. However, if (and it is a certainty that all news agencies throughout the world are aware of headlines which made front pages in Caracas for weeks on end) the news wire services don't think the foregoing items newsworthy, they need some new blood on their editorial staffs. If the reason for clamping up regarding these particular sightings is because they don't want to cause hysteria, then this is, to us, evidence of censorship and the authenticity of the sightings themselves. Let's all hark back to the European sightings---some of them obvious hoaxes, others actual sightings embellished by imagination. But---they received pretty good coverage in national publications in the United States, although in a humorous vein. Somehow, we feel that the powers that be have decided that the South American sightings couldn't be publicized at all, for the evidence is all against any conventional explanation, and considerable bad feeling might result if the President insinuated that these hundreds of observers were suffering from overactive imaginations.

ENGINEER SNAPS PHOTO OF COVEY OF FLYING SAUCERS Barcelona, Venezuela. An engineer employed by a petroleum company in El Tigre turned over to the Prefect of the district, snapshots which he took of a flight of 5 flying saucers while driving to a pumping station at El Tigre in the late afternoon of Dec 10. The engineer, an American, said that the objects were flying in perfect formation, to the north. The snapshot showed the five objects which resembled 'turtles', with two beams of light showing at the front, and another at the rear. Although published, the photos were shown to law enforcement men and to the press.

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It would be physically impossible to list in detail all sightings received during the eight-week period between November 15 and the present time, so we have attempted to hit the high spots, devoting the bulk of this issue to outstanding sightings in South America and Venezuela in particular. However, the following are sightings a little less sensational in nature, but important, nevertheless, in the overall picture.

LA ESFERA, VENEZUELA, Dec 6, '54. Radio Operator for Pan American Airways intercepts messages that have been proven to be from some other source than earth. The Operator's superior, Carlos Alvarez, informed reporters that the message had been sent to Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A., to be deciphered, if possible. Mr. Gonzales informed the press that other airlines crews had picked up similar messages, at first thinking them to be code communications of amateur radio operators.

ABRUZZIAN MTS., ITALY, Dec. 6, 1954. On Christmas night, many inhabitants of Sibilinian Mts. saw six glowing disc-like objects moving along mountain ridges, next day searching parties found foot prints of middle-size, apparently shoeless feet. Also, other footprints found in snow, appeared to be those of a person or creature suspended from something, as they did not leave a very distinct or deep impression.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 9, 1954, Mr. Cloris Hamel observes a group of unidentified objects crossing disc of the moon, while observing the lunar disc through 125 power telescope. Wife also watched phenomena, which moved from side to side on the moon's face.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, November, 1954. Residents of Caracas and surrounding areas witnessed a strange phenomena during the month of November, which manifested itself in the "Chair of Caracas" (a mountain) which overlooks the city. Mathematician Professor Boris Bessie was one of the hundreds who observed this phenomena at various times during the month, and described it as bright, immense in size, and throwing off beams of light at intervals. He intended to conduct an investigation, but no word as to the outcome is forthcoming as yet.

W-SHAPED MARK FOUND ON MARS--- The Carnegie Institute of Washington has announced that a W-shaped mark, not hitherto noticed or recorded, has been found on Mars, but is believed to be a more-or-less permanent cloud formation in the upper atmosphere. We remember that as short a time ago as 1953, Mars was believed to be almost devoid of atmosphere. Now---it has an atmosphere. It's interesting to speculate when the world of Science will reveal it's knowledge of a thermo-nuclear explosion on that planet a few years ago.

If the facts now available to determined saucer researchers could be made available to the general public via a popular communications media (i. e., newspapers or magazines) the Pentagon contingent of the U.S. Air Force would do some sudden talking. If the wind is blowing the way it appears to be, the Air Force might even state that the saucers are our own, in order to keep the big story under wraps for what they think would be the mutual benefit of all the people of the world. It is becoming increasingly evident that there is something big brewing, and it is very likely that the Air Force has finally realized that the saucers are here because our beloved earth is becoming increasingly unstable due to an ever-increasing amount of radiation in our atmosphere, that the earth's wobble is becoming more and more pronounced. That would be a mess, and we frankly can't see that any military agency should take it

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upon themselves to play God to anyone. If a fatal catastrophe is about to destroy Earth, we feel that the people should at least have a chance to make their peace with their respective deities in their own way.

It has been obvious to most members for some time now that APRO is definitely on the side of, and indorses the writings of Donald Keyhoe. For the first time we would like to state that of all the writers on the UFOs, Keyhoe is the most restrained, dedicated to facts, and worthy of the confidence put in him by so many people. Long association through correspondence with him has led us to believe that when and if the facts about the UFOs are finally ascertained by anyone outside of the military, Keyhoe will be the firstest with the mostest. Devoid of gimmicks, tall tales and 'psychic talents', Mr. Keyhoe is well-endowed with honesty, ethics and just plain guts. Our best to him in the coming year and we hope that any information that we can give him will be of some help to him in his work. Many people talk of UFOs, many people lecture on UFOs, but when Keyhoe talks, the former skeptics listen, and begin to believe.

Although plans had been laid to turn the APRO Bulletin over to the Los Angeles members, those plans have been altered for various reasons. First, a misunderstanding regarding the length of time which would be required, then the knowledge that it would be nearly impossible for a good-sized crew to get together because of the distances, traffic, conflicting hours involved. So---the Director decided that a change of page make-up would alleviate the time press to some extent, and with the recruiting of Mr. Lorenzen for a steady helper in the writing and stencil cutting departments, the APRO Bulletin could still be put together under her auspices and not suffer too noticeably. We hope the membership approves of this arrangement and the new style. Present conditions indicate that there will not be a let-up in saucer sightings in the year 1955 as expected (probably due to completion of moon bases) and therefore cannot promise to print in detail all sightings received. We have had a record collection of reports in the past 8 weeks---a few over 600 sightings, and a good share of them have been fairly well detailed. It is easy to see we could not possibly print even 1/6 of this number, so we have decided that as long as sightings roll in at this rate, we will deal with only the most interesting.

Another fine issue of CRIFO is on our desk, also the official organ of the New Zealand Civilian Saucer Investigations, is recently out. Both fine saucer news magazines with a wealth of interesting information.

Mr. Lorenzen joins us for the first time this month, with his "Commentary", beginning on Page Seven. We hope you will enjoy reading his ideas and conclusions regarding the recent incidents in Venezuela. We had hoped to be able to use an analysis of the Venezuelan sightings submitted by Mr. Gonzales of Caracas, who is feverishly working on that angle. However, it has not arrived to date, but if it should turn up before the stencils are put on the mimeograph machine we'll find room for the bulk of the analysis, somewhere, somehow.

Shortly before the close of the Truman Administration, Harry S. Truman told close associates that he would go down in history as one of the greatest American Presidents. Taking into consideration his extreme unpopularity at the close of his administration, he must have something BIG under his wig. We wonder---was he far-sighted enough to have authorized the necessary expenditures for the Space Satellite? (Con't Page 8)

ARE THE SAUCERS U.S. WEAPONS ?

Probably because the old, well-hashed theories about the origin of the saucers are now pretty well worn out, the theory which holds the least water by actual measure is now being revived. This theory has always laid dormant in the mind of the general public partly as a result of propaganda and/or the always existent fear of the nuclear weapons race going on between the two most powerful nations in the world. We will answer the question which heads this page in two short words and then go on to list the evidence to support our premise. The answer? YES---NO!

If anyone thinks we're indulging in leg-pulling, then hear this: At this time, and for some time past, Air Force Research and Development teams at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio have been experimenting with an aircraft utilizing the circular airfoil. And---how are they coming in this work? Fine---just fine. Really fine, since correlated facts regarding the flying-saucer type craft which have abounded in the skies throughout the world were made available for the research teams. Gleaned facts and physical evidence gathered from a very few specimens recovered after crashes.

But---the nagging question is this: Are they all Air Force research projects? The answer to that is No! Russia, without a doubt is carrying out similar research---as are England, Canada and Australia. But---are the saucers seen since 1947 made in one of these countries? NO---that is the real answer to the whole, involved question. Saucer-shaped objects now being developed by various countries are seldom seen, for they are not exactly the most dependable craft---in other words, the scientists don't have all the "bugs" out of them yet.

There are some very simple points of logic which some theorists just don't seem to be able to utilize in their thinking about the origin of the saucers and they are this: Despite the ingenuity of our scientists, they have not yet perfected automatic control systems which would be indispensable in craft of this sort. It is a well-known fact that in missile research and development as well as future plans for space travel, it is the electronic control systems which are the big drawback. The problems of suitable propellants and metal utilized for high-speed travel have long been solved. However, the human brain is not capable of thought processes and reflex actions fast enough to cope with the various hazards involved in high speed air-travel. The robot must take over, in this case, and the reliability of electronic control equipment is very doubtful.

Our last and probably best leg as far as standing up for our convictions, is that if the Air Force of the United States or any other country in the world was the owner of the flying saucers, they wouldn't be monkeying around with the comparative first-grade style missile development. If it takes years of sweat and strain to perfect the NIKE, how long would it take to perfect the infallible saucers? If we had perfected the infallible saucers, would we still be building NIKES? It's as simple as that.

We challenge anyone to show us evidence that would stand up under scrutiny, indicating that the saucers of the past seven years belong to a world government. If this evidence is available, and is in the hands of anyone except C.I.A. or the Pentagon boys, we suggest that these hands go dig a hole somewhere and pull the hole in after then, for the fat's in the fire. You just don't go around gathering TOP SECRET documented evidence on any Air Force development---it's IMPOSSIBLE!!!

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If so, Mr. Truman will surely rank with Washington and Lincoln, for the nation which succeeds in building and manning the first satellite will force peace upon the world---and the Russians and all their little pink friends will have to like it or lump it!

NEWSWEEK for January 24 states in it's "Periscope" Section, that hidden in Air Force budget is a sizable hunk for the sole purpose of building a satellite.

We dislike having to puncture a pretty scoop like that, but it so happens that in the summer of 1952, an informant told the Director and APRO members about having seen a disc-shaped object on blueprint at Wright-Patterson in 1949. Plans for the Satellite? We think so!

SAUCERS BASED IN BRAZIL!?

LIMA, PERU, January 9, 1955. "La Cronica", Lima daily paper, created a sensation by announcing that an earth-base for the flying saucers is probably based in the zone of the Marañon River, in Brazil.

The article went on to say that North American (probably American and/or Canadian) investigators travel to the area in search of such a base. Also, the paper, goes on, the "La Cronica" correspondent for that area has reported these travelers taking trips into the jungle toward Brazil, and the frequent observation of saucers over the Trujillo area and Peru. The paper then goes on to recount the sighting of a saucer at close range last June by the crew of a B-29 Flying Fortress.

The most comprehensive and detailed report on the real facts of George Adamski's book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" was published in the January issue of NEXUS, and authored by James W. Moseley. Seems that Mr. Moseley has had his doubts about the authenticity of the Adamski revelations pertaining to long-haired space men and meetings with one of them on the desert in 1953. One of the points brought up was one of our best arguments against the factual nature of the story, and that was the possibility that such clear footprints as were claimed to be found, could be produced in dry desert sand.

A few things of which we were not aware (because we had not considered the whole thing worth wasting time on) were mentioned: (1) That Miss Lucy McGinnis, Adamski's secretary, had personally purchased the plaster of Paris which George Williamson had 'just happened to have along with him' at the time of that fateful meeting. (2) That one of the saucers in one of Adamski's purported photos appears to be inside the telescope. Mr. Arthur C. Clarke, in the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, March, 1954, brought out this point, and also stated that the perspective in the pictures of the "scout ships" is all wrong, and that the pictures appear to be photos of small things seen at close range, rather than large things photographed with the aid of the telescope.

If Mr. Moseley or Mr. Clarke would like a good project, they might try locating an old model of a surgical room lamp and note the startling resemblance between the 'scout ship' and the lamp. With a couple of split tennis balls to add drama, it would make a beautiful saucer.

COMMENTARY

BY Jim Lotenzen

Although it is not the policy, we feel obliged, in view of the unusual correlations which appear among many of the recent South American reports, to set forth a few comments and an hypothesis or two.

Concerning the authenticity of the most important reports (i.e., contacts with animal occupants of saucer-like air-borne vehicles) we would like to point out that (1) the majority of these sightings were made by groups of people, and that the eye-witness reports agree in all major aspects. (2) The nervous upset and/or prostration exhibited by many of these reporters could hardly be faked. (3) Although cross-examined by doctors, clergy, police and National Security (Venezuelan version of M.V.D.), no eye-witness has 'broken' to admit hoax or fraud of any kind. (4) Our Venezuelan representatives who screened, translated and forwarded these reports are men of sincerity and integrity beyond reproach.

What do these visitors look like? They are unanimously described as hairy dwarves about 3 feet in height. They were reported in at least one case to wear a small garment like a loincloth or diaper. They have two eyes (described as glowing in at least one case), a breathing aperture, but no nose as such. We don't know whether they have mouths or not. Their fingers are adorned with sharp claws. Since no one reported whether or not they have thumbs we assume they have, since the lack of thumbs would be likely to attract more attention than the presence of thumbs. These characteristics combined with a short, squat, hairy body completes the picture as we have it now. It's a little hard to accept this, isn't it?

The first and most prevalent objection we've heard runs something like this: "I can't believe that such animal-like beings could have attained the scientific know-how necessary to build space-craft." ---A little careful consideration will show that this is Emotion speaking---not Reason. We are, after all, animals (a very high type of animal, of course---Primates, yes---yes, indeed---but animals nonetheless) and what could be more animal-like than an animal?

Well, let's call them beast-like, then (ignoring the fact that some men have proven themselves to be more beastly than any real beast that ever lived) but no matter what we call them, what we really mean is simply that they are not human-like. This, then, reveals the real source of our objection---human vanity. We humans are so intelligent that we just naturally assume that any other intelligent being must look like us. We're afraid we'll have to face it---little hairy dwarves could be a little smarter than we.

Now let's apply balm to the ego with the following consideration: The hairy fellows may be only the servants or slaves or the brains behind the space-exploration project---after all, aren't they energetic, athletic boys---and don't we all know that brain and brawn don't go together? (Whatever that means!)

All of which leads right into another phase of the mystery---namely the remarkable physical prowess of the little guys. They reportedly leave their saucers hovering anywhere from 2½ to 6 feet from the ground.

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and make their entry and exit by leaping. Now, a six-foot leap for a 3-foot animal is a pretty good average although several of our earth animals could match it. During the Petare incident, one of them threw a man 15 feet. This would be pretty good for a TV wrestler with rehearsals, yet. They not only can dish it out, they can take it, too. Gonzales, attempting to use a knife at Petare, felt it slide off a hard surface without penetrating. Flores, clubbing one with his shot gun succeeding only in breaking it (the gun), and said it felt like he was hitting a rock or something.

We would like to suggest at this point that when confronted with objects or situations entirely new or strange to us, we tend to interpret them on the basis of or in relation to previous experiences. Thus a strange, 3 foot tall biped is promptly called a dwarf. And when he reveals himself to be stronger and more agile than we expect a dwarf to be, our imagination exaggerates this fact until his strength is remarkable, indeed.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that these creatures come from a planet where the force of gravity is considerably stronger. Their greater strength and jumping ability would be a logical result. Gonzales, who attempted to capture one, reports that he was surprisingly light in weight---this fits the pattern, too. And consider this: although the dwarf-man was aware of Gonzales' presence, Gonzales was able to approach and grapple with him (it?). Under conditions where a man (or any physical creature) was effectively carrying less than his usual amount of weight, he would likely tend to get off balance quite easily and find evasive maneuvers a little difficult. Bull's eye again! Maybe we should quit while we're winning.

What about the hard skin? An external skeleton maybe? The hairy surface apparently hid any muscle outline if there was any. One guess is as good as another on this point.

One reassuring aspect to the whole affair seems to be that here, at last, we have reports of space explorers acting almost exactly as we would act if positions were reversed. In the first place, they seem to be chiefly concerned with collecting botanical and geological specimens while attracting as little attention as possible. Note that their only attempts at hairy-carry (pun!) occurred when their souvenir-gathering was inadvertently interrupted. These kidnapping attempts seem to be half-hearted and poorly organized to say the least---probably prompted more by hysteria than anything else. We propose that if our stronger gravity premise (accompanied by thicker atmosphere as it probably would be) is correct, the hairy fellows soon ran out of steam in our thinner atmosphere and were chiefly concerned with incapacitating or routing their intruders and making their get-away.

Note also that their one weapon (aside from those crazy fingernails) does not seem to be completely effective on human beings. Gonzales reported that the ray-gun caused him to lose consciousness but did not immobilize him and that he was later able to recall what occurred during his period of unconsciousness. This sounds a little odd at first, but essentially the same phenomenon can be produced through hypnotism. Joe Parra reports that it immobilized him but did not cause him to lose consciousness.

Little has been added to previous disc and sphere-craft reports except possible the burned mark left by the saucer encountered by the two young hunters.

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We still don't feel justified in assuming that all UFOs sighted in recent years were-piloted by little hair-suited almost-men. The main reason being that these little guys show many indications of being rather new at the game. Somehow, it's hard to associate them with many of the larger craft of many shapes that have been around for years now; the disappearing type that cruised over Washington, D. C., the maneuvering lights, green fireballs, etc., etc.

Further details on the Petare incident: Gustavo Gonzales reports that the dwarves he encountered were attired in a sort of loincloth (he compared them to diapers). Such a skimpy garment adorning a hard, hairy body was obviously not worn for warmth or protection. Why, then? For reasons of modesty, of course. Another characteristic in common with us humble humans. Scriptural sources attribute the cause of human modesty to the original sin.

Do the hairy ones have an original sin of their own? Or did their ancestors drop by in days gone by and snatch a snack from that self-same tree?

We would like to thank the members for the many get-well cards and letters of encouragement which arrived here shortly after the November Bulletin was mailed. It might also interest some members to know that Mrs. Lorenzen is improving in health and feeling better and better each day. After the attempt to transfer Bulletin work to Los Angeles failed, she was faced with two alternatives---either give up the work entirely or struggle along. The latter, of course, was the final decision, and we sincerely hope that the new Bulletin format meets with the approval of each and every APRO member.

Letters have stacked up on the Director's desk since the big move to Alamogordo, but she hopes to eventually get time to answer each and every one. In the meantime, we hope no one will feel neglected, for each letter and each clipping is fully appreciated.

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NEW VERIFICATION OF PETARE INCIDENT

A startling climax to the Gonzales incident, in which two men engaged in a scuffle with hairy dwarves (APRO Bulletin, 15 January, 1955) near Caracas last November, is the fact that a well known Venezuelan Doctor saw the scuffle and was invited to the United States to make his statement to authorities there. Although APRO has the name of the man, it will not be revealed as he has asked that his identity be kept confidential.

At the time the doctor was interviewed by APRO representatives, he had just gotten his travel papers in order and was about to make the trip north to the United States. His story is as follows:

He had turned into the street in which Gonzales and his helper were scuffling with the little creatures, and upon seeing the men and what was taking place, made haste to get out of the vicinity as fast as he could. He did not make a statement as to what he saw until he was called on to treat two other individuals who were involved with the mysterious hairy little bipeds. He then contacted the authorities and told his story. The fact that this man planned a trip to the United States indicates that the United States Air Force was quite cognizant of the happenings in South America during the closing months of 1954. This is most interesting, as we will see.....

US PRESS REP.S VISIT CARACAS

It is indeed surprising that no mention has been made in the U.S. newspapers of the Petare, Carora, Valencia and Zulia encounters. A reporter told our Caracas representative personally that all Associated Press and United Press wires received the stories which were published in France, Italy and some other European countries. Stranger, it seems, is the fact that Mr. Miller of Business Week, Mr. Arnold Dible of United Press and Mr. John Schell of the North American Newspaper Alliance were all 'coincidentally' in Caracas TWO DAYS AFTER THE PETARE INCIDENT! ---and made guarded comments in general about the UFO problem.

VENEZUELAN SCIENTIST-ASTRONOMER PROFESSES BELIEF IN INTERPLANETARY UFO
Dr. Aniceto Lugo, a Venezuelan astronomer and scientist who is very well documented on the UFO problem also believes that they are of extraterrestrial origin and has compiled all the authentic Venezuelan incidents into book form which is to be published shortly. As soon as information as to the availability of this book reaches us, it will be duly announced via this paper so that members may purchase same.

THE OVERALL PICTURE IN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES is almost too much to expect to cover, and inasmuch as we did devote the January issue to South America almost exclusively, we will hit the high spots this issue and give more space to the sightings which have warranted attention in other parts of the world.

THE PETARE CASE took Venezuela by storm---a group of intellectuals are now interested, and are following up the matter seriously by means of articles in the local press, radio and television programs. What caused quite a stir also was the declaration of the stand taken by the BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE, wherein they are requesting the united and cooperative efforts of ALL GOVERNMENTS toward the solution of the UFO problem which, in their opinion, based on factual observations and photographs, merits serious attention and study. The local (Caracas) press devoted whole pages to a briefing of Brazilian Air Force officials in Brazil by Colonel Jao Adil Oliveiera who gave good coverage to the cases mentioned by MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE in his book.

December 1, 1954: A strange glowing apparatus was seen hovering a few yards off the ground in Borburata, Venezuela. It was seen in the streets of the village.

Father Jesus Hernandez Chapellin, a Catholic priest, saw a luminous disc flying over Coro, Falcon State, on December 1, 1954.

The passage of a UFO in front of a plane piloted by Saul Paex Paredes, shook the plane and controls and frightened the pilot so that he returned to Maracaibo. The date: 2 December 1954.

Dr. Wilson Henry of the Pennsylvania Observatory, who was in Caracas on December 1, 1954, declared that the UFO are not the result of imagination or of collective psychosis, but are space-ships manned by visitors from the Planet Mars.

Astronomer Lugo reported in September, 1954, that as he was observing the moon at that time, he observed flashes of light inside the crater Kepler. Two nights after this, Mr. Venegas, secretary to the Minister of Communications, reported seeing TWO FLASHES OF LIGHT (of one and two minutes duration) on the borders of the Crater Copernicus.

THOSE MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS At 1:07 a. m. on the morning of Thursday, January 11, 1955, people saw an intensely blue light in the skies over the urban section of Los Palos Grandes east of Caracas and heard simultaneously the report of a great explosion. A complete door-to-door search of the area disclosed nothing. Some thought the noise was an earthquake, and one woman said that when she heard the explosion she rushed outside and saw a blinding, intensely blue light disappearing in space over the Avila mountain. Others also witnessed the blue light phenomenon.

....And then there is the case of the radio telegraph operator of Panamerican Airways at Maiquetia International Airport, who had a nervous breakdown after his experience with a badly misbehaving machine. Authorities blamed the disturbances on atmospheric disturbances, but others point out that it is exceedingly strange that the worst atmospheric conditions ever experienced in Maiquetia developed during the

passage of the hurricane along the coast in September and October, 1954, and nothing unusual happened to the telegraph machine. The telegraph operator, Palacios, has been at his job for six years, and it is the first time he had seen anything of the kind. What happened to the machine? This is not exactly clear, but it is known that WHAT CAME IN OVER THE MACHINE is what caused Palacio great concern, and it is also known that a detailed report was sent to Miami to be relayed to an agency in the United States. This on December 2, 1954.

Despite these and many, many other authenticated reports of strange explosions, little eyeless and earless hairy creatures, maneuvering fireballs, glowing discs and globes, the news wires of the free press of the United States have been silent.

A direct denial that such censorship was in effect was made to a Mr. Sam Stickney of the Tampa Florida News. A columnist, Stickney had written a very nonsensical column about a 'rumor of little men in South Amercia' which was overheard by a Control Tower operator in Tampa while two airlines pilots were discussing the South American situation by radio phone. The Director, rather peeved at the attitude, wrote to Mr. Stickney in order to clarify a few points. Mr. Stickney had insultingly mentioned APRO in a former column. This caused Mr. Stickney to ask press wire representatives if such censorship was indeed in effect, and had any of the incidents the Director had mentioned, really happened? No, they said, laughingly-----of course not---and they and the laughable Mr. Stinkey had a great time chuckling over the "High Mogul" of saucerdom they had 'flushed'. Mr. Stinkey is a sickening example of the popular present trend to lazily believe everything in the newspapers that has first been duly digested by the 'authorities', and thereafter sit in judgement on a subject about which nothing is actually known. Someday perhaps Mr. Stinkey will find himself 'flushed'. Red in the face, that is. We are going to keep track of Mr. Stinkey---and his columns on this subject are on file.

NEXUS: UFO are U.S. Weapons

We sincerely challenge the authenticity of any information offered by NEXUS to the effect that the UFOs are the property of the U. S. military or that of any country, as a matter of record. We would like to caution anyone who has been given 'reliable information' regarding the real ownership of the UFOs---the Air Force isn't telling anyone the truth and any little 'on the sides' are as false as the explanations they have been feeding the public for so long.

We would like to know: If the UFOs are U. S. weapons, why do we endanger the lives and property of people all over the earth by flying the things along airlines routes, often buzzing planes in flight? If they are earth-made, what kind of screwball outfit is allowing the U.S. to plunge into debt to the tune of a few hundred billion in order to research and produce the Nike, the Falcon, the Aerobee and other highly fallible guided missiles which cannot begin to approach the performance of the UFO? It is a well known fact that the guidance systems which are the life blood of guided missiles, will never be dependable until a reliable vacuum tube has been produced---and it hasn't to this date. The electronic guidance systems which are the eyes and ears of a guided missile and which would be the means by which a UFO type object would be controlled, are not even nearly perfected. One little vacuum tube

could louse up a whole missile---and the saucers haven't crashed--- that is, to our knowledge.

We would also like to know why Air Force personnel get so shook when a UFO is spotted near a base. It's happened, we know, and each time excitement mounts, careful observations are made, and all available tracking instruments are utilized in order to get as much data as possible. As for the Air Force statements that there have been no results with the special spectrographic cameras, we'll challenge that one, too! We happen to know that such a film was taken at a research center and after being classified, was routed to higher headquarters.

Jim Moseley's (Editor of NEXUS) claim that the special, much-lauded cameras which would, supposedly, disclose the nature of the saucers, only cost a pittance ~~a piece~~ is decidedly off-base to say the least! The things were made in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at the time the order was placed quite a few people in the employ of that company were rejoicing at this huge, juicy contract! A pittance, you say? Hardly that! The total expenditures on flying saucer investigations would make many a taxpayer writhe in righteous anger if they were to know the exact amount---and the fact that investigations are being stepped up with regular representatives in countries of the free world really makes the blood boil when we stop and think of how little of the results have been made public.

One statement made by Mr. Mosely which the Director would like to personally challenge is his statement on page 7 of the March issue to the effect that he doubts that America's highest skilled scientists have been under contract to evaluate saucer reports. The Director talked personally to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy and physics at Ohio University at Columbus, and Lt. Olsson of Air Technical Intelligence in June 1953, for a period of about 4 hours. Both of the men were detailed to investigate a report at Darlington, Wisconsin, and made many other similar trips after that. Although the talk was invaluable insofar as a discussion of authenticity of reports and general scientific knowledge of astronomy was concerned, she did not learn much in regard to the UFO---those intelligence boys are pretty sharp. We would also like to challenge this statement in the light of the signed statement in the hands of Frank Edwards which was written by qualified scientists in the employ of the United States government. Just because Mr. Mosely is 'not aware' that a situation exists' does not necessarily mean that it does not exist. Since Mr. Edwards is a pioneer in saucer research, also a noted and dependable news analyst and announcer, we are more inclined to believe him than Mr. Mosely.

Here is some added information which may interest Mr. Mosely: Most of the officers doing research work at Wright-Patterson are aware of the saucer building projects. Also---we definitely know that saucer information which gives any kind of detailed data is classified top secret. Our source---it's as good as Mr. Mosely's---and we can honestly, hand-on-the-Bible say that we fear the consequences if we revealed it. Have to eat, you know!

On the subject of the yearly cost of Project Grudge, 'a few thousand a year' is the understatement of the year. One hundred and twenty

military investigators at \$5,000 each per year (assuming they are all second looies, which they are not) gives us about \$60,000, and that doesn't begin to scrape the surface on UFO expense problems. The grid cameras---the salaries of the scientists whom Mosely doubts, the paper and the people to process the paperwork, the IBM machines for processing data cards, operators for those machines, the heavy cost of travelling for military and civilian investigators on temporary duty---it all adds up, and it adds up to more than 'a few thousand a year.'

Lastly, but certainly not leastly, we would like to know whether Mr. Mosely considers the Farmington saucers (hundreds of them, according to observers) just a bunch of U.S. secret weapons on parade? We doubt that the U.S. had gathered enough dope to even build a jet-propelled manned discoid at that time. However, there they were, either with pilots immune to G-pulls or with perfected guidance systems, doing sensational acrobatics in the air. Defying the forces of gravity and the laws of physics as well.

And then there was the young student who accompanied a team of scientists to a desert area in the southwest to examine and dismantle a saucer-shaped object. No bodies, he said, and all they could find that might have had anything to do with propulsion was the series of magnets fixed in a ring.

A few years ago, shortly after the epidemic of strange lights and aerial objects in Northwest New Mexico, a young tech sargeant wandered away from the rest of his crew who had been detailed to investigate. He was found huddled like a baby and babbling and crying intermittently. He is now in a mental institution and any mention of what he saw on that night throws him into a fit of depression, babbling and crying. Some people might have us believe that this unfortunate individual merely saw a U.S. secret weapon. We have the names and addresses of the people who can verify the above information---we do not merely say 'reliable source' (it's much over-used anyway)---rather, we say that these sources are unimpeachable.

It is much more expedient at this time of international crisis and economic instability for the U.S. government to insinuate that the saucers are merely hallucinations and/or our own military secret weapons, for if the truth were suddenly disclosed, a wave of hysteria including suicides, economic disaster and disorderly flight from the unknown to the unknown would be in the offing. They're actually pretty slick, aren't they? It isn't hard to plant information when there are so many Johanna-Come-Latelies in the saucer business who swallow anything and everything in order to 'scoop' everyone else. We old hands (8 years for the Director) just sit back and plug along---gathering reports, authenticating reports, examining reports and pictures, ---we don't know anything for sure---no documents, that is---but we have theories based on facts and they are worth far more in the long run than the 'off the cuff' revelations of the Air Force or any of its cohorts.

It is always easy to kick a man when he is already down, and who is ~~currently~~ the target for all the would-be 'exposers'---but we think a great injustice has been done in insinuating that Frank Scully let

himself be skewered. There are a great many facts which would appear to indicate that Skully wasn't talking through his hat, and time will tell. Remember the old saying---"The truth will out".

MOON NEWS

Our friend Horacio Gonzales sends us a very interesting hand-sketched reproduction of the Piccolomini area of the Moon. This reproduction is copied directly from Plate No. 1 of Lick Observatory Moon set Photos. His study of the photos revealed that very nearly the whole surface of the Moon is covered by strange markings with sharp corners, interlocking lines, all of which seem to be connecting small craterlets. It would be an understatement at the least to say that these strange markings are interesting.....also, they do not appear to be the work of Old Mother Nature.

Dr. Aniceto Lugo (page 1) of Venezuela last September reported that he observed flashes of light inside the crater Kepler. So no accredited astronomers have observed these phenomena, eh? What does it take to be accredited nowadays?

Mr. David V. Lansden of Cairo, Illinois, sends us a very nice cutting from the PRINCETON ALUMNI WEEKLY which deals with "Travel Through Space." The author, Lyman Spitzer, Jr., is chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Princeton, and one sentence particularly intrigued us: "We suspect that plant life may exist on Mars, since the surface turns green in summer and brown in winter. Perhaps there is animal life, too, possibly even intelligent life." Mr. Spitzer is one of the few scientists we have run across who isn't afraid of conjecturing along those lines. Incidentally, member Lansden is a graduate of Princeton.

The LIBRARY RESEARCH GROUP at 408 International Building, Washington, D. C. sent us a flyer on their "Case for the UFO" by M. K. Jessup. The advance publicity bills Mr. Jessup as a 'former professional astronomer of the University of Michigan who set up an observatory in South Africa.' We have no verification of this, but are checking. Inasmuch as this Bulletin is late, and the next one is not due out until May, we can only say that members should use their own discretion and judgement in buying this book---at least it is another book for the collection. In fact, our Michigan members might do a little independent checking and let us know the results of their findings.

Members may be interested to know that the Director and her family are planning to build their home this summer, and as soon as they are nicely settled, would like to extend an invitation to all who may wish to visit. Backed up against the San Andreas mountains, the homesite is a full acre with beautiful mountain view to the North, East and South. It will afford a perfect observatory site where the Director will keep her four-inch Skyscope in working condition at all times.

We have lost two APRO members to the grim reaper in the last two months. First to go was Mrs. Alice Gallaudet, age 70, of Essex, Connecticut, who had been with us for two years. On February 12 Walter Hagen, former Treasurer of APRO, succumbed to a heart attack at Green Bay, Wisconsin. We wish them peace and happiness on the other side.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

April 5, 1955, TWO BRILLIANT FIREBALLS, one a bright kelly green and the other brilliant white, were observed over New Mexico at 0955 a. m. These objects, seen by Airlines pilots, military observers and laymen, were not meteors said Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Department of Meteoritics, Albuquerque. In fact, Dr. La Paz said he didn't know what they are.

One night in February at Dexter, Maine, a man was awakened by a very brilliant light outside his house. It seemed in the direction of the barn, and thinking that his barn was on fire, the fellow rushed downstairs to look. Instead of the fire he expected, he observed a big silver object hovering over his barn. The object threw off very powerful beams of light that lit the place as bright as day. It took off at high speed when the man turned on his porch light. The incident was repeated the following night, whereupon the frightened man notified the police who in turn notified the Air Force. Air Force investigators arrived, made their investigations, cautioned the man to be quiet and not to tell the newspapers. However, people still talk about odd and interesting things, bless them, and so although even the local newspapers are being cheated out of news, we are not! Many thanks, Mrs. Mary C. Kimball!

On November 9, 1954, 1230 A. M., a young couple at Damascus, Ohio, the wife of a young ham radio operator turned on her husband's radio set preparatory to calling him on his mobile unit. She had the set tuned in and waiting for his call when she heard a rumble outside. The noise was deafening and rattled the windows and dishes. She looked out the front window and saw a huge oblong object hovering over the high school just across the road. It appeared metallic and gave off a pale glow, but no other details were evident. The thing appeared to be about 100 feet long, as compared with the section of the school over which it was hovering. She soon heard the sound of a low-flying jet, and the object seemed to vanish. After the jet circled a few times and left, the object appeared again in the same place. Soon it vanished again, just after dropping a small, sparkly object on or back of the school. The wife was extremely frightened and in a bad state of nerves when her husband returned home. Both had observed UFO on previous occasions, but had never reported for obvious reasons. We can thank member Walter N. Webb for this interesting report.

TIFFIN, OHIO, 1:20 A. M. April 8. A mysterious, green pear-shaped light floating gently earthward in the NE at 1:20 a. m., was reported by meteorologist Stanley Day. Day said the object was green except at the upper tip, which was white, with a dot of red at the extreme end. He also stated that it was apparently a long ways away, probably over Lake Erie, and tremendous in size. Day said he was a complete loss to explain the object for it was no astronomical or atmospheric phenomena, the sky was clear and there were no planes in the area. Here's another 'accredited' observer for our friends in the Air Force.

Cobalt, Ont, CANADA, A light described by one witness as brighter than daylight and said by others to have danced, moved in a straight line and hovered, was seen in the north late in the evening of Dec 26, 1954. Willis St. Jean, employed at a mine three miles north of Cobalt, said he was in the mine yard when the area was illuminated by a cone of light brighter than daylight, which came from a giant lighted disc.

Strange lights which moved at great speed and in circular directions, were reported recently over Milford, Massachusetts. No date on this clipping---we assume it to have been in February or March.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 20. A big black 'blob' was observed in the Southeastern sky at 5:25 a. m. A Mr. David Owen saw the thing and watched it as it descended so that it appeared to be at about the height of a town tower. Then, said Mr. Owen, it started to rise again toward the Southeast. It went out of sight within 3 or 4 minutes. Not smoke, black as ink, Owen said. The weatherman, A. W. Walstrom of the U. S. Weather Bureau, said he couldn't explain the 'thing'---it was not snow clouds nor smoke, and no balloons were aloft.

On his noon newscast on KFGO, Fargo, North Dakota, Paul Harvey mentioned an unidentified disc which has been found. The date of the newscast was April 14, 1955 and the few facts contained herein were gleaned by a chance tuning-in by one of our members. There must be one APRO member who knows Harvey or at least could get to him. This one sounds good, so how about it, someone?

During the latter part of January, a strange blue light was reported to be bobbing in the air over the Blue Mountains along the Weston-Elgin highway near La Grande, Oregon. First seen by a snowplow team, the object would stop when the driver stopped, bob up and down and then sideways. When first seen it seemed to be coming at the men at high speed. After doing acrobatics, the thing moved upward and vanished over trees to the left of the men, emitting a hum. The driver started up his vehicle, and the blue light reappeared in the sky to the right of the highway, emitting a bluish glow with an occasional blue flash---and then vanished. A week after this incident, another snowplow driver stopped to check one of his chains and was surprised to see that he was casting a shadow. He looked up to see a bobbing blue light from which came a humming sound. The driver started up the plow, and the light followed. Then it moved leisurely down the canyon. No satisfactory explanation has yet been offered.

Auckland, New Zealand, February 6, 1955. A mysterious explosion of terrific force shook the west coast of New Zealand's South Island. People reported seeing a strange silver shape flash overhead at the same time. Observers at widely separated points described the object as cigar-shaped and emitting a dazzling light and traveling at high speed. They said it lost altitude as it moved inland toward the Southern Alps. The explosion was heard and felt over several hundred square miles.

February 9, 1955, Tokyo, Japan. Army, Air Force and Japanese maritime officials were at a loss to explain the 'awesome' blasts heard along the east-central coast of Japan. Japan's Central Meteorological Observatory said that the blasts were not caused by an earthquake or undersea volcanic eruption. They also said there was no evidence that

THE BLASTS WERE MANMADE! The U. S. Air Force said they couldn't have been to blame and the army likewise denied credit for the phenomena. An atomic explosion was ruled out because there were no atmospheric radiation changes.

Dunedin, Florida, USA.---Five adult witnesses observed a bright reddish-yellow ball about the size of a basketball which brightened, then dimmed, but remained motionless in the sky for about five minutes at 10 p. m. January 27. The observers said that after watching it for five minutes, they saw it take off rapidly to the south. The light went off, then appeared again. Finally it disappeared.

Again, out of South America, comes another sighting made by qualified observers and which will go a long way toward convincing the skeptics. On February 2, 1955, Captain Dario Celis and his co-pilot P. J. Cortes of the Linea Aeropostal Venezolana (Airpost Airlines of Venezuela) said that they came near to a top-shaped, tri-colored object while en route to Barquisimeto. The men and their two passengers described the object as having a series of port holes and showing three colors. The top was green, the center red and emitted brilliant flashes of light, and the bottom, which was white carried a series of port holes. Celis described his experience as being 'the most sensational experience in his career as a pilot'. The object flew wing with the airplane, and rotated counterclockwise on its axis. Both pilots spotted the object at the same time, Celis put the plane into a 40 degree bank while Cortes went into the passenger compartment to alert the passengers, many of whom got a good look at the thing.

The airliner, upon having made contact with the object, called the tower at Barquisimeto and during their description of the object, communication was suddenly suspended. This fact is corroborated by the radio operator at Barquisimeto and also at Valera. This sighting took place during a routine operation at 11:15 a. m. between Barquisimeto and Valera, the plane's speed was 125 m.p.h., the altitude 7,500 feet, and visibility UNLIMITED.

On February 10 at 9:30 p. m. residents of Caracas were stunned to see a huge disc-shaped object with two brilliant lights on the underside cruise over the city. The lights were compared in size and brilliancy to those used at stadiums for night games. One observer called a member of APRO who is well-known in Caracas for his work in UFO research. He then gave the member a sketch of the object and the details. This man had been unaware that others had seen the phenomena and did not realize that there had been other witnesses until the article appeared in the papers the next day.

On February 11, a Panamerican pilot told reporters in Maiquetia, Venezuela that on one of his runs between Miami, Florida, and New York, two strange reddish-green objects had passed beneath his plane. He said that the co-pilot and the passengers also saw the objects, and that he had been silent about the sighting until after he made his report to the U. S. Air Force.

Quito, Ecuador February 16, 1955. Air Force Captain Francisco Soloranzano, while doing a routine flight with his squad, observed a brilliant object which looked like it was made of aluminum, shaped like a half orange, with a sort of dome in the center of the upper section and with a circle in the lower section. The object remained stationary over the volcano Pichincha (in the Andes) then began to descend from an altitude of approximately 18,000 feet. The object remained visible for about two hours, moving slowly about the sky, then just before speeding out of sight, it emitted a small lighted object which disappeared at a great rate of speed in the opposite direction (west). More than 100 personnel of the Air Base where Captain Solorzano landed, watched the maneuvering objects for some 60 minutes. Photos taken.

A disc-shaped object with a lighted cockpit was observed over Talará, Peru, on January 16, and was pursued by a plane from a local air-drome. The disc, maneuvering at some 20,000 feet, soared higher and higher until it was out of sight, eluding the plane. Peruvian Engineer Victor Pool stated his belief that the base of operations for the mysterious craft was undoubtedly located in the Huanuco region.

An orange-tinted light closed in on a commercial airliner in the vicinity of Punta San Juan, Venezuela at 6:45 p. m. January 2, 1955. The pilot, co-pilot and two other crew members watched the thing until, at close range, it focused some kind of bright light into the cockpit of the plane, at intervals of a few seconds.

Residents of Manizales, Colombia were privileged to observe a very bright object over that town in the evening of January 6, 1955. The object gave off streamers of bright light like flare-rockets at five-second intervals. This phenomena lasted from 7:30 p. m. until 9:30 p. m. when it vanished toward the Andean range.

A new type of 'saucer contact' has come to light, this one from Mexico City where, in August of 1953, a taxi-driver encountered a small man in the country while repairing his automobile. Other details: The little man had a 'pretty' face which was almost snow-white behind his helmet. The helmet looked like 'an American football player's helmet, with coils where the ears are, and on his back the little man had square protuberances. The helmet buzzed, he had long hair, a blue-colored belt which appeared to be perforated. The little man said the belt enabled him to paralyze any animal or mechanism. The craft itself, is described as an almost duplicate of Adamski's famed tri-landing-gear outfit, and that, coupled with the long hair, and claims that the little man could speak any language, made the whole rumor sound like too much tequila or a lot of dreaming at least. The claim that goes along with the story is that investigation showed a spot almost completely bare of vegetation, and that PHILLIPS Laboratories had come to take samples of vegetation and the soil.

If anything solid comes of the latter, it could be that a chance meeting was stretched a bit, and later reading of Adamski's book helped the man to fill in some of the bare spots in his story.

A letter from one of our members brings up the following: Out of the many commentaries on the January issue, only one member felt the "Commentary" column to be superfluous. This fellow felt that only 10 sightings and three pages of commentary a little out of balance. Our answer to this charge is this: We issue this Bulletin six times each year, and perhaps once or twice will theories be exploited---the rest of the Bulletin is confined to important news and sightings. We feel that after reading most of the other periodicals dealing with UFO, especially those which use most of their space for the airing of various and sundry theories, the APRO Bulletin is doing a pretty good job of reporting the FACTS.

Another member---and a fairly new one at that, upbraided the Director in a recent letter because of a doubting remark regarding Adamski and his friends. The plain facts are these---APRO is a research organization dealing with facts---not a religious organization dealing with dogma. As for the accusation (indirectly put) that the Director or APRO are in league with the Air Force or any 'pressure groups' we will say this: The Director was investigating saucers before a lot of the new 'enthusiasts' had gotten their feet (or their ears) wet in the sea of confusion that is saucer research. During all this time, starting with 1947 (when the Director saw her first UFO) she has never been in league with the Air Force, and has consistently fought for the revelation about the facts on UFO to the people of the world. However---she has never insisted that the occupants are human or otherwise, as many are wont to do. Anyone who is in doubt about the Director's intentions need only contact Major Donald E. Keyhoe or Frank Edwards. Written votes of confidence by both of these men are on file with the Director.

The Director will forthrightly say that she will personally vouch for the sightings made in South America and for the persons investigating them---one of whom is a linguist, amateur astronomer of years' standing (and respected by professional astronomers) whose profession is technical translation. This man deals with facts, and each and every sighting forwarded by him and authenticated by him has undergone exhaustive investigation. Most of these contacts with 'hairy' little men have been authenticated by physical evidence found by the police, and NOT BROUGHT FORTH AND PRESENTED BY THE CONTACTER himself, as is the case with Adamski, Betherum, Angelucci and others, who have never been able to get the consent of their 'space brothers' for a clear photograph. Any space explorer who wanted to get an idea across to the inhabitants of another world, would at least furnish his go-between with tangible, believable evidence. That has not been done.

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MAN ENTERS GROUNDED DISC

The Caracas, Venezuela Daily Newspaper, "El Universal" carried an almost weird sequel to the events of last fall when on May 7 1955, the story of an engineer's encounter with a saucer and it's defunct occupants in 1950, was aired for the first time within it's pages. Our Caracas informant, Horacio Gonzales, forwarded to APRO along with one picture taken at the spot, the following story:

Doctor B was driving along the highway about 75 miles from his hotel in an isolated region called Bahia Blanca, in Argentina, when he saw the metallic discoid object resting on the ground to his left off the highway. He stopped the car to investigate and immediately decided it must be one of the much-discussed 'flying saucers'. He watched it for a few moments to see what it would do, but as nothing took place, he approached it and saw an opening or door in it's side. He looked inside and it appeared to be empty. There was a red light pulsating in the dome at intervals of one second. Curious, he went inside and was surprised to see a sort of curved divan with three seats; two of which were occupied by small beings covered from head to foot (except for an opening for the face) in a kind of tight-fitting overall of a brown color. He estimated the height of the beings to be about four feet. Their faces seemed charred or burnt, with holes where the eyes should have been. Another of the little creatures was sprawled in a seat situated in approximately the center of the enclosure.

*light-colored eyes - dark light
tobacco-colored faces*

In front of them was a screen with rays playing on it, and on top of the screen was a globe of glass or other transparent material which was rotating. An ungovernable impulse urged Dr. B to touch one of the creatures, and it felt stiff and rigid. It was then, he said, that some inner voice told him to get out as soon as possible as he was in the presence of 'strange life' and he rushed to his car and sped off at high speed, not stopping until he reached his hotel. He related his story to a few intimate friends and armed with a camera, they decided to return. But as night had already fallen, and due to the isolation of the region, they refrained from going that very night but returned to the place the next day. On reaching the spot, all that was found where the disc had rested was a heap of ashes.

Dr. B. took 2 pictures of the ash heap and each of the three men of the group actually felt it with his hands which turned a purplish color.

Doctor B. and his friends were wandering around the site looking

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for additional clues, when upon looking upwards, they saw three objects. One of the objects was cigar-shaped and situated at a very high altitude, and the other two objects were discoid and smaller. One of the discs was hovering above them at an estimated height of about 600 meters, and Dr. B. estimated it's diameter to be about 10 meters. He began to take pictures hurriedly. In all, he snapped 5 or 6 pictures, only two of which show the objects with any degree of clarity.

The group felt that they were observed during their search and picture taking for the two discs shot up, MERGED with the cigar-shaped object which, after travelling horizontally for a short distance, turned blood red, made a 90 degree turn and disappeared into space in a few seconds, ascending vertically. The Dr. estimated the speed to be about 12,000 kilometers per hour.

Dr. B. told Mr. Gonzales during a personal interview, that although the object which he had entered had a metallic appearance, it felt sort of resilient like rubber, and that there were some holes or vents in the floor. For weeks afterward he said, he suffered from a fever or high body temperature and his skin was covered with blisters. Although he consulted several doctors, none were able to diagnose his illness nor relieve it and it went away after a time. Dr. B. had been wearing green-tinted sunglasses when he entered the disc, and the outline of the glasses was impinged in red around both eyes. One Doctor tested him with a geiger counter but could find no trace of radioactivity. However, greenish spots were visible on his skin, and which disappeared with the application of Listerine.

Mr. Gonzales, when he forwarded one negative and two prints of one of the exposures made, also made a few comments about the social standing and character of Dr. B. Incidentally, Dr. B. is an aeronautical engineer with a Doctor's degree. He is about 40 years of age, Italian nationality, and speaks Spanish and English. He is an ex-war pilot. The whole incident took place in 1950 in Argentina. In 1953 Dr. B. moved to Venezuela and did not even contemplate telling of his experience until after the events in and around Caracas in the fall of 1954.

Doctor B. contacted a reporter with the El Universal and told his story, stipulating that his name be kept clear of the whole thing. This has been done and is the reason that he has been referred to as Dr. B. in this paper. We have carefully examined the negative and prints furnished us by Mr. Gonzales, and have decided that if any pictures purported to be of UFO are genuine, these certainly are. We are awaiting further detailed information regarding the interior of the disc, which will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

At this writing, efforts are being made to reproduce two sketches of the interior and exterior of the disc plus the picture of the disc hovering above Dr. B and his friends, with ozalid facilities. If this is accomplished, one copy of each will be attached to this bulletin and all members who wish glossy photo prints of same may obtain same by writing to the Director. We hope to have the cost of same

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the air and space vehicles to the Air Force. There is a certain amount of superficial sense to this, and the end of this whole business will probably see the Air Force building and launching the satellite from the White Sands-Holloman AFB or Banana Run range, with Dr. Oberth presiding over the whole proceeding.

We are inclined to favor Oberth above many of the other scientists from his country for moral reasons. He was one of the few Germans who stuck to his own country to help in the rebuilding process while his exalted colleagues chose another country, another allegiance and the glamour and security of the American dollar.

SIGHTINGS

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. May 15, 1955: Warren Siegmund took pictures of a UFO from his roof in New York City while photographing a friend. The friend, Miss Jeannine Bouiller, spotted the object in the sky and Siegmund proceeded to snap it. Siegmund said the craft wheeled as he photographed it, its sharp metallic glitter faded, it became a blur and vanished. An Air Force officer, upon being shown the pictures said, "Whatever it was, it was moving." Whatever sober reflection may have been gained for the public through reading accounts of the episode were promptly lost to hope when the pictures were shown to a NYC saucer club president who is also involved in spiritualism, etc. At first glance, this person ohed and ahed about them--proving without a doubt to the newspaper men that all researchers jump the gun and are over-hasty in their judgement. Nevertheless, these pictures seem to be genuine, somewhat resembling one of the first saucer photos ever taken--over Phoenix, Arizona in 1947.

Another one of those mysterious 'fireballs' was seen near CARSON NEBRASKA on the 7th of May. Three musicians returning from a dance date watched a 'great big fireball which looked like a firecracker'. The object appeared to the men to be about a half a mile away and not very high. Jack Schaff, one of the trio, said it disappeared into the hills after about 30 seconds.

Member Stephen Seach relayed the following report from Rockford, Illinois. Unfortunately no date was given but we assume it was in May. Stephen's duty watch is 8 to 10 p. m. and on this particular night two boys called to report a white object going from north to south. While talking to Stephen on the phone, they told him it had started to ascend vertically. Stephen then called the Supervisor of the GCC, also the Chicago Filter Center. The Filter Center told him to keep a sharp watch, and Gregory, the Rockford Supervisor, told him to report to him personally no matter what time it was if the object reappeared. Gregory then told Seach that 'they are out again

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and we've had more than one report on them.' (Aha---so reports are declining---eh?---Ed.)

A flaming object was seen near Jonesport, Main, on May 9 and is still unidentified. The latest Air Force statement is that they have not determined whether it was a guided missile or meteorite. The object, reported to have 'exploded' early in the afternoon, was called a 'flaming object' by observers. No reports of missing planes, and a careful ground search in the area where the object is believed to have fallen after it exploded, yielded nothing.

On March 29 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rosplicka of Friend, Nebraska, observed a red light in the sky which looked like a quarter moon on fire, went through several maneuvers, then disappeared from view.

Sixty years ago on a nice warm summer evening at about 5 p. m., a little girl and her cousin witnessed a strange sight in the sky. Just a few weeks ago, that girl now 70 years old, wrote to the Director and described the objects she had seen. We can definitely say it is one of the best 'old sightings' which has come to our attention. Mrs. J. C. Allen, the witness, said the things looked like crystal or polished metal balls strung out in a zig-zag line with some sort of connecting links also resembling crystal or polished metal. The objects seemed to hang directly over her parents' farm, swinging like a pendulum, and getting higher and less visible all the time. The whole sighting lasted 20 minutes when the objects disappeared from view.

May 19, 1955, Montrose, California: Three silvery disc-shaped objects seen cruising high over the Montrose-La Crescenta area at sunset. Observed by the Sheriff and deputies, also Pasadena police who went out and got a good look for themselves after scores of puzzled residents began calling the station. Authorities at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, after being informed of the sighting said they didn't plan to make an investigation. No weather balloons were aloft, and the formation was changing formation as if playing tag. These objects were over Mt. Wilson, and we're wondering if the boys at the observatory might have gotten a good look or photos with telescopes and camera equipment. The objects were definitely disc-shaped and silvery, bunched together, climbed one atop the other or hung motionless in the sky. This, members, is the sighting which was tagged as just a bunch of 'pelicanus erythrorhynchos'. That, friends, to saucer-lubbers like ourselves, is nothing; but in simple language it means---pelicans. Nuts. The fellow who called this tune was a fish and game warden who didn't even see the objects.

Several incidents which took place at about the same time as the 'pelican incident' are most unusual, to say the least. They go something like this: The Pasadena Filter Center said that the UFOs were 'three balloons linked together'---but the Weather Bureau said that no balloons were aloft!

The day after the Pelican incident, Friday, May 20th, a powerful

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blast rocked 8 square miles of San Gabriel Valley and broke plate glass windows and a car windshield. It seemed to be worse in the Temple City-El Monte area. The papers called it the 'most powerful sonic blast ever felt here.' The sheriff's office said that 'some callers told of seeing a 'flash in the sky'---and hearing a plane. But Captain Griggers of the Aero Squadron explained that this was doubtful. He said the pilot may have been as high as 35,000 feet when he broke the sound barrier and he would have been miles away by the time the shock waves reached the earth. APRO members will recall the mysterious explosion that rocked the west coast of New Zealand's South Island on February 6 when people reported seeing a strange silver shape flash overhead at the time.

Member Jackie Sanders (who, incidentally, furnished us with the bulk of this information) remembers when she stood in the crowd at Edwards Air Force Base last June when the Armed Forces Day show featured a sonic boom. She was disappointed, to say the least, and recalls a new law which forbids 'sonic booming' over populated areas. We remember that one also---in fact, it is forbidden to do it over most Air Bases.

On Tuesday, 24 May, several 'sonic booms' were felt in the Los Angeles area---but the papers were silent. A friend of Mrs. Sanders sent a clipping from a San Gabriel Valley local sheet which described the booms and blamed them on a construction company blasting 'illegally' up in Sawpit Canyon.

Mrs. Sanders (who really knows her Southern California area) points out that she and her Mother felt and heard the blasts but they were faint---while her friend, who lives further away from the Sawpit Canyon area than she does, described them as having shaken and rattled houses, windows and doors. The sheriff's office at San Dimas said it was not felt there, but it was heard and felt at March Field. The latest attempt at explanation was a hazy thing about atmospheric conditions distorting the sound and disguising it's real origin.

The ORD QUIZ for May 5, 1955, describes the harrowing 10 mile drive made by one Don Wiberg, a 17 year old high school student when he was alternately pursued and preceded from 6 miles north of Loup City, Nebraska to Ord, Nebraska, by a cigar-shaped (with sharp ends standing vertically) glow. The object, as described by Wiberg, was dense in the center, but the aura or halo around it was more or less tenuous and the light of the stars could be seen through it. The object was estimated to be 15 to 20 feet long and about 3 to 5 feet wide at the middle. Don encountered the glow at 1 a. m., 6 miles north of Loup City when he turned a sharp turn and saw the thing directly ahead of him about half a mile down the road. The object stayed the same distance ahead of him, seemed to brighten when he put out his lights at a dangerous curve crossing to see if a car was coming. He went on, the object was lost from view when he came to a heavily wooded area. Three miles later, Wiberg stopped to see if he had really lost the thing, saw it about 300 feet back of him in the middle of the road,

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and moving toward him. He got into his car, drove to his home in Ord. His family later remarked on how excited he was when he arrived home. Don and Editor Bill Lee attempted to see the apparition again Friday morning, but had no luck. Three days later cattle on a nearby farm were stampeded through three fences---no one had an explanation of that incident, either.

Fresno, California, August 3, 1955: Two reports of unidentified flying objects over Fresno. Warren Langer, weather observer briefer stationed at the federal weather bureau at the Fresno Air Terminal, observed a round, silver colored object moving through the skies at a 'regular rate of speed'. Langer was making observations of a weather balloon at about 1:30 p. m. when the object passed through his field of view, travelling against the wind. "I was sighting through a theodolite at a pilot balloon," he said, "when the object passed close by the balloon". He said the balloon was at about 30,000 feet. "I followed for 20 to 30 seconds and it moved away at a regular rate of speed", he added. "I had no way of estimating its distance but it must have been up somewhere near the balloon. It appeared about one fourth or one third the size of the balloon, which is six feet in diameter. The other sighting involved the sighting of a mysterious speeding light over the city, by an International News Service Photographer. No further details.

Ainsworth, Nebraska, 9 August, 1955: The Mel Masters, Earl Smith and Lawrence Clapper families observed a bright object about the size of the full moon or larger which hung in the same position in the sky for approximately two hours between 9 and 11 p. m. The witnesses said that during short intervals the object disappeared and when it did, spark-like objects or rockets could be seen shooting northward from it. The observers all live about 20 miles southwest of Ainsworth. In order to keep track of the object it was necessary to climb a nearby hill.

LIMA, PERU, May 29, 1955: Eight persons, among whom are a pilot, radio operator and a meteorologist, saw a squadron of five UFO for a period of two hours maneuvering above the Pisco Airport situated about 270 kilometers south of Lima, Peru. The airport observers watched the object through a theodolite. According to the meteorologist Mr. Luciano Cardenas, he saw the saucers when he was tracking the flight of a trial balloon; they appeared to be round in shape with brilliant borders and in their centers toward the rear part were rectangular marks, while from the rest of the surface there was emitted a brilliant white light. The objects were maneuvering in circles above the air field at an estimated height of about 3,200 meters. The objects were also observed by other employees of the airport, and also a Peruvian Air Force pilot who was coming in at the same time to refuel his plane. The pilot said that he could not identify them as any product of the aviation industry known on earth.

LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA, June 2, 1955: A strange giant fireball was seen by the inhabitants of Gatis La Mar as it descended to situate

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itself at a height of some 10 meters from the ground. Some of the persons who saw the object said that it had small windows in its upper section. After remaining steady in the air for a few minutes, the strange machine flew over the whole length of the beach until it disappeared.

PETARE, VENEZUELA, June 10: At about 8 p. m. the news spread like wildfire that again various UFO had appeared over the town. (See APRO Bulletin for January 1955). Reporters immediately rushed to the scene and Gonzalo Laguna Reyes, sewing machine merchant, said he heard a loud strange noise and went out into his yard to see what it was. On looking up into the sky he was astonished to see a squadron of flying saucers landing on the hill and leaving a trail of smoke accompanied by a ray of light approximately 4 meters long. Reyes described the objects as looking like 'flattened balls'. He called his family to see and they could all make out signs of movement of the occupants. They all decided to go up to the hill to investigate but at this very moment the saucers took off in a direction from East to West and gave the general impression that they were going to land at the Carlotta Airport. The statement of Reyes concerning the objects and their maneuvers was corroborated by Mrs. Carmen de Rodrigues who says that she also heard the sound, saw the trail and the luminous ray of light. She also said there were at least five of the objects, which flew as fast as jet planes and passed immediately above her house.

PUNTO FIJO, VENEZUELA, August 6, 1955: A luminous object was seen flying at a fantastic speed over Puerto Cumarebo by three gentlemen. Mr. Clement Rodriguez, Rafael Martinez and Francisco Cruz Lemos said they saw an object as bright as a searchlight, and bright enough to be seen through the clouds. It crossed the skies from North to South and returned to its point of origin and disappear in space.

WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO, CANADA, July 13: Harold Prestage, who lives 2½ miles from Inniskip reported that on July 12 he saw 8 flying saucers between 8 and 9 p. m. His housekeeper also saw them. Prestage said that the oval, chrome-colored objects were clean-cut at the edges shaped like dinner plates and were in sight for 15 minutes.

LONDON, ENGLAND, May 26: The crew of a Portuguese air lines Sky-master claimed when they landed in London May 25 from Lisbon that they had seen a 'long, cigar-shaped object without wings traveling at terrific speed as they approached London. Radio Officer Jaoa Almeida said that in nine years of flying he had 'never seen anything like it! "It was long and slim and seemed to be revolving as it flashed under the nose of the aircraft," Almeida said. "It looked like it was made of aluminum and seemed to be only about 100 yards away, but I could be wrong." Flight Engineer Jose Silva said: "The object seemed to approach from the port side and pass right under the nose. To me it looked like a silver cigar, and there was no smoke trail coming from it". The Portuguese plane was flying at between 5,000 and 6,000 feet at the time. A British Air Ministry spokesman said the report will be investigated.

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FRANCE, July 5, 1955: AP Wire Service carried a photo and small description of what is called the "French Version of a Flying Saucer Machine". Looks like two saucers slapped together with an air bubble at the top. Typical newspaper filler stuff.

ENGLAND, July 5, 1955: Southern England badly shaken by one of those mysterious explosions. The usual 'meteoric explosion when a meteorite comes into contact with the atmosphere' and 'jet plane breaking sound barrier' theories were exhumed, but hours after the huge explosion shook an area 40 miles in diameter, Scotland Yard said: "It's still a mystery." Then---a jet pilot came forward (so the papers said) and admitted that while his oxygen tube got tangled in his parachute harness the plane swerved, gathered speed and rocketed through the sound barrier. This is one of the lamest explanations we've heard yet. Except for the most classified test planes still unproven, most jets have to be kicked through the sound barrier--they don't just wander through.

COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 3, 1955: Glowing round object seen over Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. Many observers, little mention by press or radio.

XENIA, OHIO, August 13, 1955: Schoolteacher observes bright red sphere apparent size of a tennis ball with tail. Tail resembled vapor trail of jet, only colored a lighter shade than the object itself. Tail appeared to be 10-15 feet long, if compared with size of a tennis ball. Object traveling rapidly to the southeast, disappeared behind trees, hindering further observation. Seen only for a few seconds.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, March 30, 1955. Triangle-shaped object of silver color hovered over this Air Base for about 15 minutes early one morning. Reported on the 8 a. m. newscast but never mentioned again. Newspapers carried no account of this one either. Object observed by friend of APRO member Miriam Yeakley of Xenia. Observer was riding bus past the air base and everyone riding the bus also observed it.

CAIRO, ILLINOIS, August 11, 1955: Unnamed lady (by request) observed a triangular-shaped object at about 9:30 p. m. The front end of the object was dark, middle part was bluish green, and the rear of the object was very bright. Seen low on the horizon above the trees, heading north and slightly west. There was no sound, trail, and the light of the object was not hazy, but rather 'brighter than the sun', as the observer described it. The lady said that the object appeared to be about 10 times as long as the width of the crossbar of a TV antenna in the neighborhood. By way of estimating the length of time that the sighting lasted, she said that she walked about 60 feet toward the north while keeping the object in view. This would be from 15 to 20 seconds, depending upon the speed at which the lady walked. At any rate, taking into consideration the limit of time that a meteor may be observed, this sighting cannot possibly be called a meteor.

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On May 23, saucer fans the world over were excited by the statement by Dorothy Kilgallen reporting that a 'British official of Cabinet rank' had told her that British scientists and airmen, after examining the wreckage of one mysterious flying ship, are convinced that the saucers are not optical illusions or Soviet inventions, but are actually space ships from another planet. We appreciate the fact that Miss Kilgallen got a little saucer news into print, but lament the fact that it is always the amateurs in this business who get the space sans ridicule. If a bona fide authority (not the AF) could get two columns a day in every chain paper in the U. S., without smart-alec editor's notes, the public would soon begin to ask a few questions with blood in their eyes. But alas, the press in the United States is as silent about flying saucers after a sighting as a thief is after a robbery.

Mrs. Harold Taylor of Albion, Nebraska, supervisor of the GOC post there, mentioned along with a news release regarding her replacement, that she had just received some new instructions for operation of the post, including closer identification of unidentified flying objects.

On August 7, the Air Force announced at Denver, Colorado that Californians have nothing to fear from the plastic strips which have been falling in the Sacramento area---if the strips are from giant weather balloons released at Denver two or three times a week. This is nice to know---inasmuch as the news of the plastic strips hadn't gotten out as yet---and the 'if' in this report sounds significant to us.

OTTAWA, CANADA, May 18, 1955: Wilbur B. Smith, director of the Broadcast and Measurement Section, and the man who made such a splash with his 'saucer detecting station' a year ago, has declared his belief that the department was premature in closing down operations in that field. Smith said that only the day after the first positive results were obtained on the instruments, the whole operation was closed down. (Our theory, Mr. Smith, is that the saucer hunting station probably still operates, but without your knowledge. It is not likely that the Canadian government has completely abandoned the search, but merely felt that in view of your unprecedented and frank statements regarding interplanetary saucers, it would be expedient to establish another station with someone else in charge---Editor).

STUART, NEBRASKA, April 7, 1955: Residents of this town were experiencing unexplainable static on home radio sets. The same thing was happening in neighboring communities, was described in the press as 'terrific static'. Nebraska has been experiencing quite a few reports of UFO---we wonder if there might be some connection.

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TV is now featuring a good number of shows with saucers the focal point of interest. We are thinking specifically of "A Night of Terror in New Mexico" on the Sunday "Science Fiction Theater" and the "Sunday Matinee" show of August 2.

The Futility of Fear and Fear of the Unknown were repeated phrases in a Civil Defense film recently. This, coupled with the warning of the "World Interplanetary Association" that the Geneva conference is merely to decide what to do about our interplanetary visitors, may be the beginning of a new trend. Could that blurb about the Association be merely a feeler to measure public reaction? It was one of the few saucer articles carried by the news wires in over a year.

Our hands are extended to Dr. Charles Maney, head of the department of Physics at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. An article by him and published in the Toledo Blade is another link in the evidence for the UFO. He is another of many scientists who are forsaking fear of adverse public opinion for the sake of truth. The last paragraph is enough to spell out Dr. Maney's stand on the whole subject: "The true scientific attitude or approach to any subject for investigation is that of an open mind---to let the facts as they can be best appraised spell out the conclusions." We are happy and proud to say that Dr. Maney is one of our members. Other scientists who hold APRO membership cards might take a clue from the Doctor and his example.

La Paz of U. of N. M. Meteoritics department is still chasing fireballs and still says he doesn't know what they are. Air Force spokesmen at Biggs AFB at El Paso state that the 'matter is by no means closed'.

We're wondering why all the pitch to promote GOC in the New Mexico-West Texas area. The area is literally lousy with radar and many other tracking devices. Could it be that the military is concerned about the 'hostile aircraft' which can be seen but not tracked by mechanical means?

A badly needed rest has kept the Director inactive since the April bulletin was issued. Back to normal now, she is hoping to be able to attach oxalid reproductions (experimental, as this process is new to her and Mr. Lorenzen) of the Argentine saucer of Dr. B's experience, and the sketches submitted by him. If enough requests come in, glossy prints of the photos will be issued to members at cost. Permission for reproduction in the United States has been given to APRO alone.

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IF AT FIRST YOU DONT SUCCEED — —

Try, Try, again! This, apparently, is the slogan which has guided the United States-Air Force in it's bungling search of an acceptable explanation of the flying saucers.

The collective hand of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization is again extended in a clasp of congratulation to Major Donald E. Keyhoe for the feat of bringing to heel (actually, if not publicly) the 'Saucer Silence Squadron' of the United States Air Force. Although they have not admitted that Major Keyhoe is right regarding the extra-terrestrial nature of the UFOs, they have admitted indirectly their fear of him and his facts, by very sloppily and frantically issuing statement after statement which are very obviously aimed at shooting down Keyhoe's theories and contentions....

By the latter, we specifically refer to the diversionary statements of recent Air Force release in the effect that the saucers are balloons, hallucinations, misconceptions of ordinary airborne objects, and/or some real or imagined Air Force project. But before getting too involved in this diatribe against Air Force policies and statements, let's look at the facts:

A jet-propelled Air Force saucer will in no way match the speeds (up to 25,000 mph in our atmosphere), maneuvers and lack of evident means of propulsion, of the real saucers: those figments of the imaginations of hundreds of thousands of people which inspired the Air Force's present experimentation with the circular airfoil.

Having nothing sensational with which to attract public attention to their piddling, nitpicking research activities, these high-altitude researchers and rocket men habitually incorporate the dirty words, 'flying saucers' into their headlines in order to attract public attention to their own small activities. A typical example is the recent (October 16, 1955) article in the 'EVERY DAY MAGAZINE' section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, titled 'Balloons, Not Flying-Saucers', but actually dealing with the giant plastic balloons used for upper air research. The Director has watched many a launching of such balloons at Holloman Air Development Center from her back porch in Alamogordo. Even when at high altitude, they are easily recognizable to the naked eye by their vibration, exhibition of little or no movement, and of course are readily identified with the aid of a pair of low-powered bino-culars.

Another press release using 'saucers' as a catch headline came out of Denver in August. This one followed the same line as the St. Louis Post-Dispatch blurb and fed the public the old, tired stories

of the giant plastic balloons, their purposes, speeds and configurations. In September, some wisecrack with no regard for the hushhush attitude of the Pentagon Air Force regarding saucers, submitted and had printed a saucer cartoon in the "ARDC News". This paper is the official news bulletin of the Air Research and Development Command. The picture showed an Airman First Class using a field phone to report to his commander the presence of an odd looking little man replete with ray gun, who had emerged from emerged from a suspicious looking object which resembled the popular idea of a flying saucer. His words: "I don't believe in flying saucers either, Sarge, but I'm sure he's not a member of the gun club."

While this nonsensical claptrap was being uttered by the "authorities", the screwballs, of course, got in a few licks for themselves:

In Los Angeles, one of the most fabulous "I Rode a Flying Saucer" authors was being sued for divorce by his wife, and guess who was named as correspondent? But of course---the beautiful red-haired captain of a saucer with whom he claims to have been keeping company since their earth-shaking meeting a couple of years ago. What we'd like to know is this: Who will serve the papers on the saucer girl, and how will he do it? Will he ride a weather balloon or a light inversion reflection?

And in New York a group called a "Flying Saucer Cult" by local reporters, has volunteered the information that one of the inmates of their club has offered free parking for the saucers on her large upstate farm.

Incidentally, we would like to clear up what might be an easily misinterpreted statement in our last Bulletin which lightly jibed a New York group which deals in all phases of saucers---physical, spiritual, interdimensional, psychological (mostly) and just about any kind you want to name. If they ain't got them, they'll get them. We sit to make it plain that we are not referring to the Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York. We have an interchange of members and find that those with whom we have contact are as level-headed and sincere as anyone could possibly be, and they're doing a good job of research.

In September, our old friend Lincoln La Paz of the New Mexico Institute of Meteoritics again tried to explain away the object of his favorite subject---the green fireballs. This time Dr. La Paz blames the darned things on the Russians, says they're guided missiles with dummy warheads made of ice which have been sent over the United States as a sort of experiment for ranging missiles. All the Russians would have to do, the experts say, is to shoot one our way, then watch for newspaper reports to learn the effectiveness of their experiments.

There are several objections to this attempted explanation but the most easily understood and logical one, even to the skeptics, is the lack of sound. Whether made of wood, metal, ice or plastic, the

objects seen over the Southwest and described as green fireballs, would have to make a noise of some kind--either that or be traveling miles above the earth where sound would not be so easily detected below. However---if this is true, the iceballs would then have to be so tremendous (thousands of tons) that it would be almost impossible, with available metals and propellants, to project them over such a wide area without them being eventually found. To this date---there has not been one bit of evidence found at the sites of supposed falls, not even at Hobbs, New Mexico where last summer a fireball was seen to hit and immediate investigation revealed not one drop of water and, of course, no ice, either.

You see, Mr. La Paz had to explain the one unexplainable phase of the fireball question---the fact that no trace of the objects has ever been found although they have been seen to strike earth and kick up dust on impact. La Paz has participated in these hunts---he should know!

"SONIC BOOMS" CONTINUE TO PUZZLE NATION

During the period since the last Bulletin was issued, several of what have been referred to as 'sonic booms' (the booming sound made when high-speed aircraft breaks the sound barrier) have manifested themselves throughout the national, for the most part concentrating in the west and southwest of the United States. Some of the most spectacular:

On September 10, hundreds of residents of Thornton, Colorado, suburb of Denver, were rocked by a heavy explosion. Many believed a jet plane may have crashed, but search proved that none had been in the area, ruling out the possibility of a sonic boom.

On September 29, a large area of San Francisco was badly shaken by another of those inexplicable 'booms' which incurred some damage. This noise and the ensuing concussion, cracked plaster in one home, made an exterior crack in another, and days later was still unexplained. An attempted explanation that it was a sonic boom was offered two days later, and the articles putting this theory forward did not bother to name it's author. AND THEN---the next day news reports admitted that the boom was still not explained satisfactorily. BUT THIS IS NOT ALL.....

Rocking a wide area of the Los Angeles Basin, a mystery earth shock at 3:58 p. m. November 1, caused buildings to sway and terrified the residents of downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, West Los Angeles, Alhambra, Glendale, the whole of San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, San Marino, El Monte, Temple City and Whittier. The news article on the front page of the Los Angeles Examiner stated that "Belief that a 'sonic boom' brought about by a jet aircraft might have caused the mysterious shock was not substantiated by officials at any airport or aircraft manufacturing plant." Buildings swayed, roofs and walls rumbled, and the Armed Forces Information Bureau officers added to the mystery by saying that "THE STRANGE SHOCK WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUND OF A JET AIRCRAFT, AND THAT A

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BREAKING OF THE SOUND BARRIER BY A PLANE HAD NEVER BEEN FELT OVER SUCH A WIDE AREA."

The Director has at different times stood directly under a planned sonic boom, and although she heard the blast and felt the concussion, found later that only two miles away, the boom and concussion were so slight that they were barely perceptible.

During the past summer and fall, Los Angeles has felt and heard a large number of sonic booms, which is very unusual, in the face of the fact that the Air Force outlawed sonic booms in the vicinity of populated areas last May 7. As member Mrs. Daily of Los Angeles points out, there seem to be more sonic booms since the order than before it was issued. Frankly, we were convinced in 1950 when we experienced a boom in Los Angeles, that these tremendous blasts followed by concussion of the magnitude of good-sized earth tremors, are NOT REAL SONIC BOOMS AFFECTED BY HIGH SPEED U.S. AIRCRAFT!

GREEN GOBLINS

Although the above headline may seem that we are being a bit facetious about the recent reports of little ugly men who are becoming increasingly bold, we actually have quite a few pertinent facts to add to the already tremendous wealth of information regarding the little fellows and their visitations.

Because of the large amount of information we hope to incorporate into this issue, we would like to confine this discourse to the following facts which are either unknown or ignorantly left out of the whole picture by other saucer publications and researchers:

In regard to the Hopkinsville, Kentucky incident which involved several little men who laid siege to a rural family for the greater part of an evening, our first item of information is that the papers and the Air Force (Oh, yes, they had their sticky little fingers in the mess also) very badly misrepresented the facts and thereby gave away the fact that they are aware of the 'little monster' stories of South America and elsewhere. From information gathered by APRO members and in particular, Jackie Saunders of Los Angeles, the little fellows were not green and there was no evidence of a bad odor. Other facts, however, that are equally interesting are:

1. Police called out to investigate, witnessed an odd light in the woods not too far from the Sutton home.
2. There was no evidence of anyone or anything having been on top of the Sutton house or in the surrounding area. No tracks, etc.
3. One of the individuals in the house at the time of the visitation of the little men, is the man who first reported 'a spaceship' parked in a nearby field. By strange coincidence, he was visiting

from Pennsylvania where there had been quite a little saucer activity and publicity just prior to his visit in Kentucky.

These facts do not necessarily all tie together to give a certain picture, but are outstanding ones which we felt we should present to our membership for what they are worth and in helping each individual draw his or her own conclusions.

However---these last two bits of information should be taken into consideration before drawing any conclusions whatsoever:

1. It's obvious that the press, in their presentation of the facts regarding the 'little green men' of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, were influenced by someone who knew the facts of the South American green dwarfs and unwittingly included part of those descriptions, thus indicating that the Venezuelan green dwarf incident is known in higher circles but has, for some unknown reason, been withheld from the American public. The similarity of the Venezuelan 'little men' and the odd little creatures of the Kentucky report is striking, especially when the Venezuelan facts could not have been known to the Sutton family. Thus, all parties, thousands of miles apart, observed something very similar, thus bolstering both stories.

2. The Suttons have forsaken their home near Hopkinsville and attempts to reach them for comment or additional information have failed. It is understandable that they may have left for reasons of desiring quietude and privacy, but to remain away for months, leaving the home completely abandoned, hints at a more involved and urgent motivation.

OTHER GOBLIN INCIDENTS

Hamilton County, Ohio authorities reported in August that two teen-age couples parked on Lakeside Drive (Cincinnati) said their car was approached by a four foot green man with a very bad odor. They fled to police and investigation only disclosed a dead skunk. Earlier, two county officers in different cruisers both saw a big round object, yellowish and bluish in cast---remaining stationary about one hour. Instead of flying off, it just blinked out. (Want our explanation? We think the odor didn't come from the green man, but rather the skunk who resorted to his only defense before finally dying from fright.)

In Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 27, police captured a 15-year-old youth dressed in full length close-fitting overalls and a green rubberized mask. He was captured after residents of an area reported seeing a 'green man'. No charges preferred---the cops just confiscated the suit. This one is very smelly, indeed!

The "Rocketeer", a weekly news publication at Holloman Air Force Base carried an Air Force Press Service release titled "Little Green and Glowing Describest Visitors From Space" and which really let the cat out of the bag regarding how little coordination there is in the

military, with the following quoted statements: "In the past three years, he (the current puppet saucer spokesman at Wright Air Development Center) has heard all kinds of descriptions, but the most frequent are of little, green, luminous, smelly types. Despite all the stories, Capt. White is convinced that no space men have landed on the earth. "Still, people keep insisting that they've seen little green men," he said.

"Also," he said with a smile, "Some folks believe we actually have a little green man pickled in alcohol out at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio."

Let us point out this important information to Captain White: Up until this last fall, there have been no reports made public regarding small, smelly, green, luminous-type men in the United States. Did Captain White foul up and inadvertently insert some of the description of the Venezuelan dwarfs? Just as happened in earlier releases regarding the Kentucky affair?

We noticed that Captain White did not deny that Wright Field had a little man. Besides--- formaldehyde would be the most likely the most suitable preservative solution---not alcohol!

MORE ON THE DR. B. AFFAIR

The much talked-about experience of the South American engineer who entered a grounded disc and examined the dead occupants is by now almost as well known as the most legendary of saucer reports since 1947. We would like to set forth here more minute details of the interior of the cabin of the discoid object Dr. B. explored. We would also like to inform the members that Dr. B. has become a member of our group is an enthusiastic UFO researcher like the rest of us.

Of course, the most interesting part of the story is the actual physical description of the little creatures. The light inside the object was very dim but it was very plain that the men had dark complexions, light, sparsely distributed hair, and light colored eyes. The eyes were open and the faces, of handsome countenance, were twisted in a look of horror. That there were no eyes was erroneously reported in the August issue of this Bulletin, and was as a result of misunderstanding and possibly of mistranslation.

We would like to ask the patience of members who ordered glossy prints of the saucer snapped by Dr. B. and his friends, for although it may not seem possible, the work going into gathering and sorting material for this Bulletin is exhausting and exacting and often hold-ups are unavoidable. A "spare time" job of providing snaps can become a two-headed monster when photo supplies and technicians are not plentiful, as in Alamogordo.

More and more unusual happenings are taking place with regularity and we expect that by the summer of 1956 there will be almost daily occurrences which will rival even the spectacular Dr. B. affair.

RECENT SIGHTINGS AND SUNDRY SAUCER ITEMS

We are curious to know what and if anything comes from the small blurb in Dorothy Kilgallen's column of September 20th in which she wrote, and we quote: "A new series of flying saucer headlines are in the making. Behind them: a group of scientists who have been investigating reports in the southwest."

August 12, 1955: A request for assistance in reporting objects sighted by ships at sea was made today to all operators of 31 steamship companies by Vice Admiral F. S. Low, commander western sea frontier. In his request, Admiral Low asked that all sightings of unidentified flying objects in the air or on the surface of the sea be reported immediately to his headquarters on Treasure Island, San Francisco. It was stated that the cooperation of the owners of fishing vessels and other private craft is desired. (Maybe if the Navy gets into the act, there may be some results---Ed.)

And then there is the incident reported in The Cincinnati Enquirer, which involved one Edward Mootz and that cloud that killed the peach tree. This is one of the weirdies of this season. Seems Mr. Mootz was out working on his lawn and trees when he felt a peculiar liquid substance, dark red in color, and oil, pelting down upon him and the tree. The substance caused a burning sensation. He looked up and saw an odd little cloud at about 1,000 feet. It was green, red and pinkish in color, and Mootz said he could see that the odd rain was proceeding from it. He went inside the house to wash off the stuff which had begun to burn and irritate. When he came back outside, the cloud was drifting away out of sight. The next day he went out to make routine examination of his trees and lawn and found the peach tree shriveled and dead.

During the week of September 6 mysterious lights flashing across the horizon near Superior, Nebraska, have caused much puzzlement and consternation. The lights have been described as coming in three flashes at evenly spaced intervals of a few seconds and about 10 to 15 degrees above the southern horizon. These lights plus several reports of a ball of fire streaking toward earth have been reported.

The whole country is having balloon trouble nowadays, it seems, and in at least one instance, the balloon research teams were hesitant to identify one of these wayward bags of wind as theirs. Durango, Colorado was startled by a round object which bobbed above the town for some time, but the authors of a balloon launched near Minneapolis earlier denied that it was theirs.

Another of these errant sky-farers perplexed Chicago, Illinois on September 11. No one would claim this one either, and eventually it drifted out over Lake Michigan and completely disappeared. Something is odd about this whole series of events---balloons are always a ready explanation if a UFO is sighted, but we would like to know why everyone is so hesitant to identify these balloons, thus at least satisfying the curiosity of the public.

West Alexandria, Virginia had a dilly of a mystery in September when, on the 23rd a baseball sized metal object was found in the ashes of a barn fire. George Miller, owner of the farm on the Fisher-Twin road south of West Alexandria, said he was unable to identify the thing. Conflicting stories were told by Miller and Fire Chief Earl Hickey when asked who had the metal object. Miller said he still had it at his farm and the fire chief said he still had it. Both agreed on one thing, however---and that was that the state fire marshall's office might be called in to investigate. The barn caught fire around 5 p.m. September 23 while tenant farmer Joe Martin was working in an adjacent milk barn. Martin escaped without injury and managed to save the livestock. Examination of a piece of metal roofing after the fire indicated an object had gone through it.

In Lewiston, Maine, on October 20, a real mystery was in the making---what manner of creature had attacked a local boy? It all started this way: The boy's father, Clayton P. Hodgkin, spotted an odd-looking baboon-like animal perched on a stone wall, went in to call authorities and report it. Meanwhile, his wife and 8-year-old son trailed it to keep track of it until Mr. Hodgkin finished his call. Suddenly the little animal (about two feet tall) turned upon the boy and struck him, leaving a wound which required 8 stitches. After biting the boy, the animal took off into the woods and wasn't seen again. A search was conducted, but the little creature wasn't found. Other than the description that the thing looked like a monkey, details are skimpy. However, there have been no reports of missing monkeys, baboons or similar animals.

The "Flying Saucer Review", put out quarterly by the Flying Saucer Service Limited, of London, England, carried an interesting story of an encounter with a UFO by a young 'week-end pilot' near the Thames Estuary. Watching two other 'Meteors' (a British jet fighter aircraft), at 16,000 feet while he climbed, Flt. Lt. J. R. Salandin suddenly noticed two circular objects streaking between the two Meteors. One of the objects was silvery, and the other gold in color, and Salandin watched them until they reached nine o'clock high ---a position high on his port beam---when they disappeared beyond his range of vision. When he turned to look through his windshield, he was horrified to see another object coming straight for him at his own level. Salandin said, "The thing had a bun-shaped top, a flange like two saucers in the middle and a bun underneath." As it closed in, the object changed direction and passed Salandin on his port side. Salandin said it was travelling at tremendous speed and so frightened him that he had to fly around quietly for several minutes to recover. Salandin is now sorry that he didn't have presence of mind to press his gun-camera button---he would have had the best and only close-ups of a saucer to date.

The Flying Saucer Review, incidentally, is printed on slick paper and has many contributors---including the eminent protege of world renowned Sigmund Freud---Dr. Carl Jung. It gave us quite a thrill to read Carl Jung's verbal hand-slap for the U. S. Air Force. He doesn't go along with the 'hallucinations' business, and, after all, who

is more qualified to speak on the subject of mental disturbances, than the world's expert on psychology? Jung very frankly lets it be known that he believes there is a very good case for the interplanetary hypothesis.

It was through the Flying Saucer Review that we learned of the newest 'I met a saucerman' character, one Buck Nelson, a farmer in the Ozark Mountains in Missouri. They drank coffee with him, he says, and his hopped-up pictures are submitted to prove that he at least saw one. The pictures, however, are pretty amateurish inventions, in our opinion, and wouldn't convince the old hard-headed skeptics who make up the bulk of the APRO membership.

In the same issue which contained the Buck Nelson narrative and the article by Dr. Jung, the Flying Saucer Review presented a discourse of saucers, their origin and motives by Dr. Hermann Oberth, the eminent German rocket scientist so well known for his views on UFO. A short quote: "Based on what I know today, I believe the interplanetary hypothesis to be the most probable answer to the unexplained percentage of UFO reports.

The TELONIC RESEARCH BULLETIN is a newcomer in the field, gives little actual saucer news, a lot of opinions on various things including health diets, and is headed up by George Adamski's erstwhile companion in saucer lore, George Hunt Williamson. In the vernacular of the day, They Don't Show Us Nothing.

ON THE SOUTH AMERICAN SCENE

A strange object described as a brilliant spherical globe of cast silver flew over the town of Guarenas (about 40 kilometers East of Caracas and about 25 kms east of Petare) on the morning of August 26th. Seen by hundreds of persons, the object was described as a silvery, flattened ball, making a loud humming noise. It was observed for about 40 seconds. Although it flew high, its shape was perfectly visible, and the sound was described variously as like the 'humming of bees' and the 'buzzing of a saw.' One man said the sound seemed to enter his body, he felt goose pimples raise on his body and felt a tickling in his stomach. The object stopped at times, at other times dashed about the sky at high speed, and left no trail of any kind.

Captain Manuel Huertas of the AVENSA Airlines reported an experience he had about two years ago when a lead-colored ball with no markings approached and flew alongside his airliner for about forty minutes. The crew of four observed the thing, which made its initial appearance at 6:20 p. m. It joined the airliner over Anaco and flew wing with it for a distance of nearly 400 kilometers, but when nearing Naiguata, it ascended and was quickly lost to sight. The co-pilot switched the landing lights on and off to see if the object would react in any way. The crew was badly shaken when the thing responded by showing an orange light at the top and a blue light which flickered on and off intermittently. At the end of its flight with the airliner, the lights remained on as it left.

THE CASE OF THE CRASHED B-47S

Since October 3, the Air Force has lost two B-47s which were apparently struck in mid-air by unidentified objects. Lovington, New Mexico: On the 3rd of October, a B-47 crashed, and one of the crew, the observer, survived. Authorities at first thought the giant jet bomber may have collided in mid-air with a small liaison type aircraft. However, investigation proved that none were missing, and other answers have been sought. After the initial news articles in which one witness claimed to have seen a ball of fire in the vicinity of the plane before the crash, reports on progress of the investigation ceased and to date there has been no more printed about it. The survivor stated only that the plane had been struck in mid-air and the jolt was so terrific that he thought that they had struck the ground.

Toward the latter part of October, another B-47 crashed and burned in Texas, and a witness of the crash said that she saw a ball of fire with sparks shooting out of it, near the plane just before it fell. This case is also being investigated but publicly nothing is said about conclusions. This rash of crashing planes in the West is becoming serious, as even the Air Force will admit. The two disasters in Colorado are something to make one sit up and take notice and then to begin to wonder. These things, whatever they are, that are striking planes in mid-air apparently come up so fast that no Mayday can be given and there is no hope for rescue.

Whether or not these things can be traced to Saucers or not, is not too important---but it is important that the odds against safe travel by air are growing by leaps and bounds.

KEYHOC'S BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

A recent letter from Major Donald Keyhoe, author of "The Flying Saucers Are Real", and "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" indicates that his much-awaited new book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" will soon be available on the book stands. For reasons of his own, and which, incidentally, we feel are quite valid, the exact date of the release of his book is a closely guarded secret. We would like to quote a few sentences from a recent letter which should be of interest to all:

"It's obvious they (the A.F.--Ed.) are worried about the steady increase in UFO sightings (which they also deny) and are trying to make the public believe that new secret Air Force devices are the explanation. Though they said they were just starting to test such a machine, many papers will paraphrase or cut and cause the impression that this is the real answer. The whole thing is a deliberate cover-up, a conspiracy to keep the public in ignorance of the important events and developments of the past two years. I think my new book, The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, will make this plain. And even if it is a 'benign' conspiracy -- to keep Americans from worrying --- it's dangerous, and, I believe, absolutely wrong. After all, we aren't children. If there is something serious behind the saucer operations, I'd rather know it than to be deceived by some Pentagon silence group

which is afraid to trust the American people."

Although Mr. Keyhoo's letters have carried a good deal more information in the last few months, because of his wish for keeping this information on a confidential basis, and because we agree that it will be more beneficial if it is put before the world in book form, one fact leading to another and without premature leaks which might adversely affect the overall portent of the book, we have kept our silence. We are sure that when APRO members open their copy of Keyhoo's new book they will find that every word is worth all the waiting.

AIR FORCE BALLOON MISTAKEN FOR "SAUCER" AT ALAMOGORDO

One would think that the citizens of Alamogordo, New Mexico would be so familiar with balloons and rockets, being so close to White Sands Proving Ground and Holloman Air Development Center, that it would take ten little men and 16 saucers to ruffle their smooth exteriors, but a recent incident in which an Air Force research balloon settling in a mountain canyon near Alamogordo was called a UFO and the local radio station reported it as such before investigating, testifies to the obvious fact, long overlooked by saucer researchers, that a lot of people just simply are not good observers. We are sure of this one, for Mr. Lorenzen personally went out and looked over the scene. This is a good example for members to remember---don't jump to conclusions over what is printed in the newspapers or recited over the radio---the people who report for these two communications mediums are just as fallible as anyone else.

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The Director would like to thank the membership for their exhibition of patience in regard to her failure to personally answer letters, and the irregularity of the Bulletin since her arrival in Alamogordo over a year ago. Because poor health brought her here, and because of the burden of medical costs which forced her to seek employment to supplement the family income, she and Mr. Lorenzen have had a trying year made more difficult because of their duty to the members of the organization. Although only four bulletins have been issued so far this year, the lacking will be made up in the future and present plans are to improve the Bulletin in the near future by possible printing as a means of reproduction. This cannot be a promise, but we hope the mention of it will prompt the members to stand behind the Director as they have so loyally done in the past.

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KEYHOE RAPS AIR FORCE U.F.O. POLICIES AND CONSPIRACY

Dear APRO Member,

As the first publisher of a 'flying saucer' periodical, and a pioneer in UFO research, I have watched the progress of Major Donald Keyhoe in his search for the truth behind these aerial enigmas, usually with admiration and always with approval.

Two years ago, after a thorough perusal of the already swollen files from six years of collecting and research, I personally endorsed Major Keyhoe's methods and approach to what has been the greatest challenge ever to face any scientific research worker.

Since that day in 1953, Major Keyhoe and I have enjoyed a very interesting and fruitful association. His new book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" brings flying saucer research enthusiasts up to date on many hitherto suppressed UFO incidents and reports and bares some startling theories which many research devotees have only dared entertain within the privacy of their own thoughts.

"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" not only cites many new and interesting points and reports related to the UFO problem, but also proves beyond a doubt that the United States Air Force is hiding a great deal of information which, according to Constitutional law, is the rightful property of the American people.

Mr. Keyhoe has painstakingly listed the out of context quotes which the Air Force used to damage his claims regarding the interplanetary nature of the UFO, and brings out of hiding two concealed military publications which cast a lot of light on the Air Force method of investigation of UFO reports and divulged the long suspected fact that military personnel are coerced into silence about UFO sightings or experiences by threat of courts-martial.

Although important facts and theories based on facts are brought to light in the book, the most important phase of the whole book was, in my opinion, the point-by-point disclosure of the Conspiracy and

and how it was conceived and nourished. With mounting frustration, the reader lives over again those days in 1954 when UFOdom was dealt a telling blow by the 'Silence Group' at the Pentagon who were using the free American Press to propagate their own claims and discredit the UFO believer. I would like to recall a statement that I made in a past issue in which I editorialized on the virtues of analytical reading. If the American Public had been thoroughly schooled in this noble practice, Keyhoe's 1954 publication would have forced the lifting of the iron curtain of UFO censorship.

The Air Force has, at present, one great factor in their favor, and that is time. In order to fully understand the situation, the novice must go back through the past 8 years and gradually bring himself up to date on UFO information, thus getting the full, straight story. The 'Silence Group' of the Air Force is fully aware of this and although we dislike facing the fact, it is obvious that if the UFO situation is to come to a head at this time, it may necessitate a startling incident or series of incidents which could not be easily alibied or hidden from the eyes of the public.

It is entirely possible, however, that if enough serious-minded American people read and absorb the shocking facts contained in "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy", and follow through with demands for the truth channeled through their legislative representatives, a slow but nevertheless inexorable disclosure of the truth will come.

Keyhoe points up the mystery involving the many midair accidents which have befallen both civilian and military aircraft, most of which, it is now evident, have been in some way connected with the UFO.

Mr. Keyhoe has done a magnificent job of documenting the closing chapters in the greatest story in the history of modern man. His logic in carrying the reader from one conclusion or theory to another, is clean-cut and decisive. The few words relating to the cultists and hoaxers are choice and in the best of taste.

I fully expect that as a result of Major Keyhoe's new book, there will be a loosening of censorship which will be the first step in the revelation of UFO facts. In all probability there is a tug of war in progress at this very moment between the Pentagon 'Silence Group' and those Air Force personnel who believe that the American people are big enough to accept the facts without hysteria. We can only hope that the 'Silence Group' is finally defeated.

IN SUMMING UP:

If all the superlatives known to the artisans of literary review were to be employed in favor of "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" I feel they would be insufficient for the portent of this book is beyond mere words. We may well find some day that it has had more profound effect on the lives of the people of the world than the reformation or the fall of the Roman Empire.

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We would like to take this opportunity to present a recent letter from Major Keyhoo which does a good job of speaking for itself:

QUOTE:

Dear Mrs. Lorenzen:

Thank you for your offer to review my book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy". An advance copy has been sent to you. I hope that the evidence of censorship and other UFO information will assist you in your continued investigation of the flying saucer problem.

As publisher of the first flying saucer investigation magazine, you have built up a membership which includes many pilots, aeronautical engineers and other trained observers, as well as thousands of citizens seriously interested in learning the truth. Through APRO, you have an unexcelled opportunity to help end the censorship of flying saucer reports. I am sure that concentration on the facts, and avoiding the many wild rumors -- or labeling them as such -- will continue to increase the number of thoughtful Americans in your membership. Many of these will probably demand, through their Senators and Congressmen, that the Pentagon release all the hidden flying saucer information.

Please accept my thanks for the verified sightings and other UFO information which you sent me during the last two years.

Sincerely Yours,

(Signed) Donald E. Keyhoo
Major, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

UNQUOTE

I feel that Major Keyhoo will agree with me that the appreciation voiced in his letter should be extended to each and every member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. Whereas I do dedicate many hours each week to reading reports and correspondence, answering mail and directing investigations plus the never-ending work involved with issuing a bulletin, none of these things could have been possible were it not for the members of this organization and their conscientious, patient cooperation.

Many times in the past three years various factors including a shortage of funds and more often poor health, have tempted me to give up the long battle for the truth, but each time some unexpected factor such as a letter of appreciation or a compliment on my work from one of you, has made me all the more determined to continue a little longer. Major Keyhoo's book, with the little bit we were able to contribute, has made the worry, hard work and ridicule seem very minute considerations in the overall picture.

"THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" is an object lesson in what can be

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accomplished when in individual sticks to the facts and makes the facts speak for themselves as Major Keyhoe has done. APRO has been criticized many times in the past for giving the cold shoulder to reports of 'saucer contacts' and interplanetary journeys although nothing that could be construed as corroborating evidence had been offered by the people purportedly involved in these adventures. One after another, other so-called research periodicals have consistently refused to take a definite stand on the question of 'contacts' by the many claimants. This is, in my opinion, an attempt to encourage members (for their value in monetary support) who are inclined to support the hoaxers and cultists.

I feel that the true spirit of research cannot be advanced by one who approaches a problem with foregone conclusions as to its solution. For this reason I have deliberately discouraged prospective members who would like to propagate the 'contact cult', declare dogma and make a religious issue of the saucer-mystery.

My feelings on this matter are just this -- I will, as I have often done, dig into my own pocket before I will prostitute the name and ideals of this organization for the sake of a few members and a few dollars.

Thus can be seen the advantage of maintaining APRO as a non-profit organization, since our aim is research rather than public performance for profit. For this reason foreign members have never been charged extra mailing costs. Even though in some cases postage on bulletins and correspondence completely consume the subscription fee and then some. We feel that by continuing the non-profit policy, APRO will never place itself in a position where it can be bought--- directly or indirectly.

The prime function of APRO is not to humor visionaries or human ostriches, or feed pap to the populace. Our policy will continue to be a patient ferreting of the truth wherever it may be found, whatever it may be, and to convey this truth to those who are ready to accept it.

This is the reaffirmed creed and policies of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. The Bulletin will continue to be a mimeographed paper until such time as the number of members and, consequently, the bank account, warrants and justifies a better means of reproduction. This will also depend upon the financial status of Mr. Lorenzen and I.

In 1952, when APRO was conceived, we were able to shoulder the financial burden until membership returns showed no deficits. At the present time, however, because of heavy personal obligations, this is no longer possible, and instead of supplementing APRO income in order to make use of a new and better system of reproduction for the Bulletin, we must continue with the present system in order to keep up our supply of information at a minimum cost to members. It is now possible that in order to be of any great value in the long campaign

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for truth ahead of us, we should have a reproduction system worthy of the contents of the APRO Bulletin. The opinions and suggestions of members regarding this question will be greatly appreciated and seriously considered. At any rate, there will be no increase in membership dues.

This new effort in behalf of our organization and the foal we have set, must have the consideration and cooperation of all members. On January 1, 1956, APRO will begin her 4th year of existence, which is a record in the annals of UFO research. APRO was the first organization to produce and publicize the existence of physical evidence of the reality of UFO. (the New Haven Incident, APRO Bulletin for September and November, 1953 and Page 233 of "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy") APRO is the oldest UFO research group now in existence and consistently reports the largest number of revealing and informative reports available. I feel, and am sure that our members will agree, that the Conspiracy disclosed by Major Keyhoe should not be taken as a signal to retire from the Battlefield, but rather a challenge.

Last spring I mentioned our proposed new home near the San Andreas mountains in this area. Because of building restrictions, shortage of contractors and builders, etc., we have been forced to settle for something a little less than that which we had originally planned. On or about February 15 we expect to move into a new four-bedroom home with ample space for the APRO office and files. Plans are under way at present to provide for an enlarger and developer with which to supply to our members at a minimum cost, copies of any UFO pictures considered to be worthwhile. Until that time, we must ask the members to confine their contact with us to letters and phone calls. At present the Lorenzen family is crammed into a small apartment jammed with files, personal possessions, a telescope, Mr. Lorenzen's electronic test equipment and gear, not to mention several musical instruments (including a bass viol). Holloman Air Force Base (where Mr. Lorenzen is employed by a private contractor), is the reason for the cramped condition of a good many of the residents of Alamogordo, and the close proximity of White Sands Proving Ground does not exactly help to alleviate the atrocious housing situation.

Mr. Lorenzen and I would like to take this opportunity to wish for each and every one of the members the merriest of Christmases, and the most prosperous of all the New Years.

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