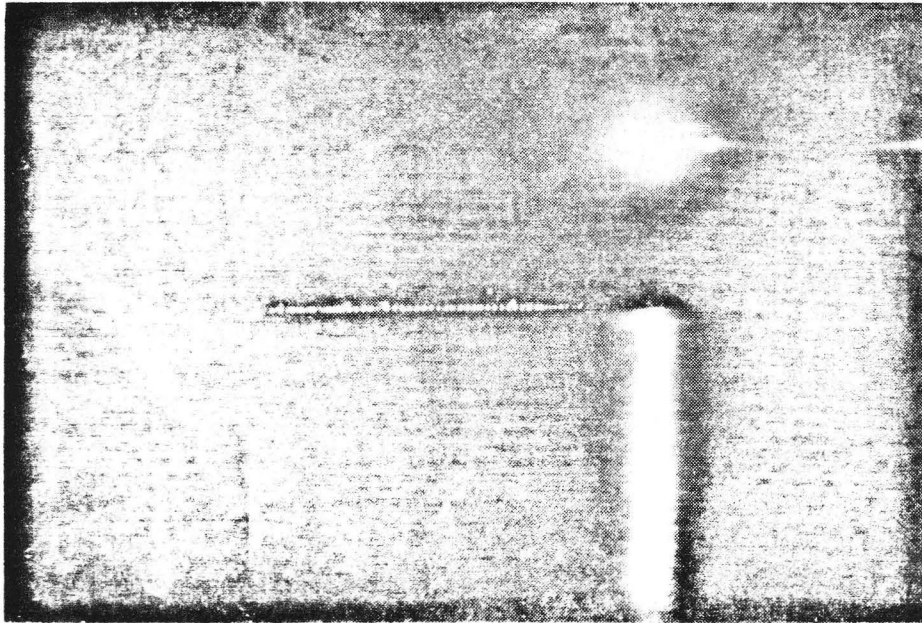


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A Saucer - Two Men - and "Little Creatures"



1956 UAO Photo Comes to Light

The object hovering to the right of the moon in the above picture was observed and photographed by engineer R. M. Azevedo of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on a summer night in 1955. He, his wife and friends were enjoying the evening on the veranda facing Guanabara Bay when the pictured object was spotted standing perfectly still in the sky. Azevedo snapped the picture, using a Leica camera, model F-3, with a Summaron f/1:35 lens. The film used was Kodachrome Type A for photoflood. Exposure time: 40 seconds, distance, infinity; diaphragm completely open.

Projected on a screen, the color slide shows the moon behind some thin high cloud haze, but the object is obviously under the haze. The moon sends a streamer of reflected light down on the water of the Bay, and so does the object. Azevedo and other observers watched the object while the photo was being made, saw it start to move, hesitate, then speedily leave in the direction of the mountains. The picture shows a faint light path where the object moved out of sight.

Azevedo at the time thought he had

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FAMILY DISAPPEARS; SAUCER SEEN

On December 7, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and their three daughters left home in Portland, Oregon to "drive out the highway" to look for Christmas greenery. They haven't returned.

The U. S. Corps of Engineers, Sonar equipment from the 13th Naval District at Bremerton, Washington, as well as Air Force helicopters, are being sought to join in the search along and in the Columbia River.

Quoting from "The Oregonian" for Sunday, January 4, 1959: "Possibility that the Martins' 1954 cream and red station wagon is covered by water was placed as a possible solution to the mystery. Other possibilities, in order of their feasibility are: The family drove off the road into a deep canyon, drove out of the area voluntarily, was murdered, or was abducted and held captive."

Then the "Oregonian" quotes a county sheriff as saying "thousands of persons have looked for the Martins, it is in everyone's mind and in the normal course of everyday travel, many have covered ground that we don't even know about."

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The following report is derived from news items appearing in Halsingborg Dagblad, Svenks Dagbladet, Stockholms Tidningen, Dagen Nybeter and the Swedish magazine Se. The material was collected and translated by our special representative for Sweden—Mr. K. Gosta Rehn.

Sighters: Merchant Hans Gustavsson, 25, and student Stig Rydberg, 30, both buddies and living together at Rydberg's mother's house, Langvinkelgatan, 26, Halsingborg, where the mother is engaged in a laundry business, Gustavsson helping as a driver. Photos show them as rather good-looking, well-groomed chaps.

Place of Sighting: Domsten near Halsingborg and near the straits of Cresund, dividing Denmark from Sweden.

Story: "We had been at a dance and drove home from Hoganas. Near Domsten in an opening in the pine woods, we suddenly saw a peculiar sight. We thought it came from some practice of the fire department. This was 2:55 a. m. on December 20th, 1958. Our curiosity aroused, we climbed out of the car to take a look, walking some 10 meters toward the light, we both stopped aghast at the sight of what we both assumed was a "flying saucer," for we had seen some fancy drawings of them in the papers. The object's diameter was about 5 meters (about 16 feet), its height was about close to 1 meter (about 3 feet, 3 inches). It rested on three sort of legs. The craft was self-illuminating, but the glare was neither blinding nor warming. In the center of the light we thought we could distinguish a darker core.

"All of a sudden we were attacked by four lead-gray creatures, about 1.3 meters tall (a little over 4 feet) and about 40 centimeters broad (13 and 3/4 inches). They seemed to lack extremities, looking sort of like scones or skittles, but when they attacked us we felt that they had a respectable grasping ability. They clutched firmly on to us and wanted to drag us towards the craft and we had to mobilize every resource to free ourselves. It was difficult to defend oneself, because one got no real hold on

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seen and photographed some new military device, so the slide reposed in his files for over two years. A few months ago, a friend, Dr. Anti (physician-surgeon) was visiting Azevedo, and the subject of UAO came up during the course of the conversation. Azevedo brought out the slide and showed it to Dr. Anti who immediately asked permission to show the picture to his friend, Dr. Olavo D. Fontes. In due course, Fontes had the picture examined by Ed Keffel (well known photographer of the magazine O'Cruzeiro who photographed a UAO in 1952), also Commander Bacellar, who is former chief of the Brazilian Navy's Meteorological Station at Trinidad Island and one of the Navy's top experts on UAO. Other photographic experts also examined the slide. Visual examination on a special slide projector and microscopic studies as well as granulation tests and measurements of the image's brightness were performed and rechecked several times. The results confirmed the authenticity of the color transparency and that possibility of a falsification or photographic trick was definitely excluded.

During the course of his thorough investigation, Dr. Fontes also interviewed the witnesses of the sighting. The full report, including estimates as to size and distance based on measurements of landmarks in the picture, will be offered as one of the special reports from this office in the near future. We consider this to be one of the most important photos of a UAO ever taken.

EDITORIAL

Is There a Lull?

Most of us who watch the newspapers for UFO sightings have gradually succumbed to an overwhelming impression that there is a lull in UFO activity. Last September's expected flap seemed to have scarcely "gotten off the ground." These "transient phenomena of random occurrence" seem to have become more random than ever.

Sometimes we think perhaps we are too involved in this thing to judge it objectively. Maybe we're just too anxious. Maybe we've lost our perspective. So we look back through the years of files and begin tallying some figures—there's a lull, all right. Especially in the United States.

There's a lull—but we believe that information contained in this issue of the Bulletin carefully interpreted indicates that the lull probably exists only in the press.

This, of course, is nothing new where the major wire services are concerned. AP has had an admitted tongue-in-cheek policy for years. UPI with its habitual lack of concern for the truth seems to trot out a UFO report only when there's a lull in other news and/or when it wishes to embarrass the military and stir things up.

It seems now that something new has slowly been added. The local independent newspaper has also gradually joined the boycott.

There has been seemingly a good deal of UFO activity—comparatively speaking—in Ohio in recent months. Many have asked why. Why are U.A.O.s interested in Ohio? Maybe they aren't. Leafing through the Ohio file we find that most initial reports appear in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. So we say maybe the UFO activity in Ohio is only average. Maybe the only different thing that Ohio has is a newspaper still interested in reporting news—all the news.

Consider the case of the missing Martin family. Member Johnson who forwarded this report points out that the

A FIREBALL TALE

January 9, 1958—A glowing object with a trail of fire was reported passing over Colorado Springs from Northeast to Southwest. The time—5:25 p. m.

At about 5:30 p. m. observers at Albuquerque and Roswell saw something. They said the thing moved from Northeast to Southwest in a straight, flat line, appeared to shade from white to red, trailed a white tail and disappeared in a second or two. Said Dr. Lincoln La Paz (who was not among the observers), "I think we're dealing with a meteoric fireball."

At Holloman AFB 10 Hughes Aircraft employees were working on a jet aircraft located on the West Area concrete apron when they saw what appeared as an object "glowing all over including a tail and traveling faster than any jet or fired missile witnessed here. It made no sound."

One of the crew pointed out that he had noticed a milky, translucent characteristic to the body of the object—"like the moon appears in the daytime sky," he said.

The object first appeared at a point slightly east of North and disappeared somewhere to the Southwest. Its path was a straight line at about 25 or 30 degrees elevation. When it had disappeared some of the observers looked at their watches. 5:35 p. m.

All observers were quite insistent that what they had seen was not a meteor. One suggested that a secret moon shot or satellite launch might have gone haywire.

. . . And when you stop to think of it, 10 minutes is a long life for a meteoric fireball, if of course, we've been talking about the same one all the time.

only newspaper reference to the UFO sighting involved is the rather belated one which we quote in this issue. The source is a deputy sheriff; therefore we can safely assume the incident was reported to the sheriff's office and if so reported it was available to local newsmen.

Consider tracks in the desert. Here is a sensational incident. It includes some physical evidence of a mysterious airborne vehicle. The one and only account appears in the Anaheim Bulletin. Remember, now, that Anaheim, California was chosen as the site of Disneyland because it is the population center of industrial and agricultural Southern California. The incident could hardly have

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TRACKS

— In the Desert

— In the Night

(The following feature is reprinted from the Anaheim (California) Bulletin for Tuesday, July 10, 1956 where it was found by member Ross Graham. The Bulletin photographer took 16 frames of this phenomenon—all of which will soon be available from APRO.)

Al Sterling of 111 S. Melrose St. has pictorial proof of some as yet, unexplained fantastic appearing "tracks" around his desert cottage. The pictures were made by a (Anaheim) Bulletin photographer who helped Sterling attempt to find out the source of the mysterious marks.

Sterling has a cabin near Joshua Tree which he and his wife used to occupy on weekends. One recent Saturday night or early Sunday morning, he and his wife were awakened by a loud noise; Sterling described it as a loud "whoosh."

Thinking the wind had blown down a large piece of plasterboard he had leaning against the cabin, Sterling and his wife went back to sleep.

On arising the next morning the night's occurrence had been dismissed from Sterling's mind and after breakfast he began building a road for his truck from the cabin. It was while shoveling sand over cut sagebrush that he came across the first "track," a six-foot long straight indentation in the sand.

As his wonderment increased he remembered the "whoosh" in the night and went around to the side of the cabin where he found the plasterboard still in place against the wall. He then remembered that the desert night had been clear and calm with no wind when he had gone to bed. Upon further investigation Sterling found the stretch of weird tracks reached in a semi-circle around his cabin.

The tracks just began and as abruptly ended with no indication of from whence they came. Sterling theorizes they must



have been made by some type of air-borne vehicle. The sand was not disturbed in the area except where the immediate tracks were laid down.

All evidences of the tracks point to a strange vehicle landing on Sterling's property, traveling on the ground and then taking off again. The huge marks in the sand give the appearance of being made by some huge caterpillar tractor but there is not a tractor made with the wide tread needed to leave the gigantic marks.

There were more than 20 of these gigantic "cleat" marks surrounding the house.

Each of these "cleat" marks left a depression about three inches deep in the sand with the leading edge of the marks cutting sharply into the sand and the trailing edge leaving a small mound of sand behind it which would apparently indicate the "cleats" were actually in motion and propelling something over the desert.

As the "vehicle" turned, there was a distance of almost a foot and a half between cleat marks on the inside of the turn and nearly six feet on the outside.

The strange craft, if it was such, went for 18 feet in a very slight turn from the house to the outhouse, made a turn and continued in a gradual circle for 54 feet. After a sharp turn, the impressions in the yellow sand traveled for 15 feet and then "just disappeared."

At places where these strange tracks passed over greasewood (in foreground of picture in which man appears) only a slight straight-lined impression was made on the brush. When the cleats were on either side of the plants (at turn in same picture) the desert growth was unharmed and remained upright in normal growing position.

In several places large rocks between the "cleat" marks were not moved and yet when a cleat hit a rock, it depressed it deeply into the soft sand. If a vehicle did leave the tracks, it was apparent it must have been huge to necessitate the

Object Punctures Barn Roof

At a farm near Tiller, Oregon on 30 December, "something" went through a barn roof, entering on one side and coming out the other. The almost level flight of whatever it was through the roof and the fact that hills on either side made it unlikely that it could have been a conventional object, our informant writes. There is no trace of the object, but the size of the holes left are impressive. An 8" diameter pole was broken inside the barn in the path of the object. A neighbor reported seeing a light coming down the road, but which did not pass her house.

Our informant later informed us that area residents had reasoned that a tire flew off from a passing truck and made the holes. The holes in this explanation are quite obvious, but it still isn't known what the real object was.

size tracks left in the desert, Sterling pointed out, and whatever connected the "cleats" must have been very pliable to leave the ground, growth and rocks virtually untouched between the cleat marks.

All military sources were checked to determine if any new weapon or vehicle had been in use or under experiment that would leave tracks like those found by Sterling. The answer from all sources was negative.

Armed Forces Information Services in Los Angeles queried all branches of the service and was unable to come up with an answer as to what Sterling's nocturnal visitor had been. A Marine officer told The (Anaheim) Bulletin he had just returned from Oklahoma where he viewed most of the new weapons for the Armed Services and he could think of nothing he saw which would leave the huge tracks found by Sterling.

Sterling, an auto mechanic by trade, claims to have worked on most types of large mobile equipment and never in his experience, he says, has he seen anything that would lay down tracks such as he found.

He is still looking for an answer to the strange tracks in the desert. He hopes he can find a logical explanation soon because as yet he has been unable to convince his wife to return to their desert retreat that both Sterling and his wife feel is not as private as it once was.

Sterling says finding the tracks was a disturbing experience. He hopes he doesn't find any more. There may be a logical explanation for the "tracks," he feels, but so far he has been unable to find it.

Report from Scandinavia

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On November 19th, 1958, I gave a very short account of a typical U. S. UFO case on Swedish radio. I also explored the interplanetary aspect. With me appeared the captain in charge of the UFO office of the defense staff and the technician in charge of the explaining-away research office. Interpolated in our talk was a tape recording of an interview with a UFO observer, a criminal investigator of the police department of the city of Visby (on Gotland, the Swedish island in the Baltic Sea). His name is Ernst W. Akerberg. I had never heard—no one else had ever heard of his sighting before. It is no wonder. Reports very seldom appear in the papers although they, according to the captain, average 25 every quarter—2% unexplainable in the true U. S. Air Force style. Well, the officers said "we believe it was a research balloon—he saw the inside lit up—sure, the balloons carry a little red light too, and that was what he saw."

I wrote to Akerberg and got some supplementary data from him. Piecing together these data with his oral statement on the radio, I got a truly amazing piece of evidence, because no Swede, in my opinion, has ever seen a UFO at such a short distance. It is amazing too because this competent witness, unaffected by any previous saucer readings and completely skeptical of the saucer business, states details of UFO behavior that checks with American observations. I quote:

"In the evening of August 5, 1957, I drove some friends of the family to my fishing cottage at Lergravsviken, 53 km from Visby (at the East Coast of Gotland). These friends were to stay at my cottage. Before I and my wife walked away from the cottage we looked at the moon through a binocular. It was a full moon, the sky was clear with stars, no clouds, and very good visibility. The time was around 10 p. m. As I was preparing to get myself into the car I had to put some things in order in it and was standing there with my head and abdomen inside the car. My wife was outside the car and exclaimed suddenly: "Look out on the sea, what is coming?" I rose and looked and then saw a saucer-like object that came toward us from the northeast, heading straight down on us from the road side. The nearer it came, the bigger the object appeared. The outlines of the object, which I shall keep defining as a craft, were at first blurred. The craft kept its constant course until it reached the shore, when it veered off sharply toward the South-

east. As a matter of fact, I was afraid it would collide with the mountains on the seashore. Its size was about that of a big football held at arm's length. When it veered off, the craft appeared to tip itself up on edge and when the distance appeared to be less than 300 meters I could plainly notice the joints and the boltings in the metal of its underside. In its sharp turn it appeared as if the craft fluttered, but immediately thereafter it resumed its quiet travel—I should say at the speed of an ordinary airplane.

When the craft took its southeast course I noticed that the color of its lower part was silver-gray and its form reminded me then more of the semi-sphere of a bicycle bell than a saucer. The bowl itself was shiny as stainless steel and it rotated slowly around half the lower part. I could see the glitter from the rotation. In the cupped part out on its nose there were cut-outs or notches with upward-folded edges. The craft had no markings, no windows or apertures, but outlines of black lines running alongside were visible. In the bottom part there was something like a tube; cherry red with a steady light, no flames or peaks as one may notice on a motor having a silencer. Moreover, there was another red light, not so big, not so bright as the other, and it reminded me of the tail-light of a car. I estimated the size of the craft to be around 25 meters in diameter. It traveled without a sound, except for a clicking noise reminding me of the winding of a watch, but more hollow sounding. After the passage of the craft a very powerful air current came, causing the surface of the water to be rippled and the treetops to swing and sway vigorously.

The craft flew southward at first perhaps 1000 meters and then it turned to the southeast and when it changed its course the craft appeared to stop and sway before it continued its flight and disappeared in a southeastern direction above the northeastern part of Fitudden Island.

Immediately thereafter came another craft of the same appearance, taking exactly the same course as the first, with the exception that its turn to the southwest was considerably more tight than that of the first craft. After its passage also came an air current. This second craft had only one steady light in the back—of the same intensity as that of the first craft."

(We would like, at this point, to recall to the reader's mind the incident involving a similar object which was viewed by the Chief of Range Safety at Holloman and White Sands, in July, 1957. —The Editor)

Report from Argentina

By BERNARDO N. PASSION

(It will be seen from the following that Mr. Passion's coverage is quite thorough. Each sighting is preceded by the name of the newspaper, the date, and the location in that order.—The Editor)

La Prensa, 9 July 1958, Montevideo.

A strange phenomena took place yesterday in this capital and in the interior of the country, regarding the passing of a flying saucer or a meteorite. At the national airport of Carrasco, a queer light was observed traveling in the sky through the clouds, but it was impossible to tell what it was. This was 2:30 p. m., and later at 8 p. m. the crew of an airplane of Iberia which had just landed, asked if something important had happened, for they felt a "strange sensation," but were unable to account for it.

At about the same time, from the town of Minas, it was noted that the inhabitants had been able to watch the odd phenomenon. Several people heard a violent explosion and then they saw a light of unusual intensity traveling at a high rate of speed and at a rather low altitude. The same was observed in the town of Mariscala, 50 kilometers east of Minas, but in this locality no explosion was heard. From Rocha it was also reported to have been seen. The information coming from this city was somewhat more definite, relating the fact that it was regarded as a "flying saucer" and that slight explosions were heard. The object, according to the reporters, seemed to be spinning in itself while traveling and leaving a many-colored trail of light.

Critica, 28 May 1958, Santa Fe. Senor Remo Dall'Armenilla, Argentine, 31, truck-driver living in Unquillo, Cordoba, reports that while driving his truck along a road in Santa Fe near Bica del Tigre, he saw standing in the middle of the road a queer character, a giant, with outstretched arms and his body covered with protuberances from which light emanated. "I stopped the truck," he states, "and got out, taking an iron bar, having decided to defend myself against the Martian, but he changed his white light to pink light which, when it shone upon me, made me lose consciousness." When he came to, the road was empty, and the giant or luminous ghost was gone. But good Remo decided to tell this to the police and he did, asking that he be examined by a local physician, as he had pains in his back and neck. He was examined but the doctor could not find anything wrong, so the policeman told him he should drink coffee instead of gin to keep warm.

Comment: Now the accusations in this

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article ridiculing Senor Remo are common, I think, in all these "contacts," especially in Argentina where the interest in flying saucers is just beginning to grow. In my opinion, two points should be considered about the sighting. Mr. Remo, unless he was really drunk, went to the police despite the fact that he must have known he'd make a fool of himself by telling such a fantastic tale, but if he was not drunk and had not experienced an hallucination, what did he see? Second, we must consider his aggressive attitude in attacking the "Martian." What prompted him to do that? Fear, no doubt, before such an unearthly thing.

A sketch appearing in an Italian magazine, "La Domenica del Corriere" for 15 June 1958 is captioned: "In Santa Fe (Argentina) a truck driver saw a giant being near a sort of flying disc. He pulled up. The mysterious character cast at him orange rays of light which made him faint. When he came around, hours later, the giant and saucer had mysteriously disappeared." Here we have another bit added to the previous report: the saucer.

(It is possible of course that this was a subjective experience similar to that of Angelucci of California, U. S. A.—The Ed.)

La Razon, 13 May 1958, San Luis. The residents of the locality of Arizona were astonished at observing, in full daylight, an odd space ship which was shaped like a saucer, traveling across the sky at tremendous speed. According to the observers, the craft left a wide trail of a material which was picked up by several people and will be analyzed chemically. (Angel's hair?—The Ed.) It flew silently and was in sight for over a minute. The object appeared in the north, flew south and disappeared a few minutes after 12 p. m.

Pregon, 24 June 1958, Monte de Oca (Province of Buenos Aires). An unusual sight was watched by several residents of this locality during the night. Alfredo and Estaban Hemborger, their families and the director of the school 170, Senor Egle R. Diaz, were chatting outdoors when about 9:30 p.m. They saw in the sky at an altitude of over one thousand meters, a luminous formation performing rapid changes of position while it ascended and descended. The luminous hue of the objects changed from red to an intense green and yellow or bluish. The continuous displacements could be watched until three minutes before 11. Then the strange object disappeared at fantastic speed in an eastern direction.

Intransigente, 18 August 1958, Oran, Salta. Workers of the Mercedes Plot in

the sugar mill San Martin de El Tabacal, last Wednesday morning at about 6:30 a. m. saw a disc-shaped object traveling across the sky rather fast from north to south, leaving behind it a violet trail and appearing to lose altitude when crossing over the sugar-cane plantation of Zenta.

La Prensa, 5 February 1958, Lima (UP). The flying saucer which was observed by many people on Monday night on January 27 while traveling from Arequipa to Lima along the Panamerican road, was reported as an upside-down mushroom with red incandescent patches and a more pale red body. The description was given by Senora Maria Teresa Cardenas de Valencia, wife of lawyer Jose Valencia, who was traveling by car with his wife and his nephew Manuel Navarro.

Senora de Valencia said that the lights of her car began to twinkle when the saucer appeared and that inasmuch as it continued to happen her husband thought it was due to discharge of the battery or a loose connection. The lawyer, who at that time was driving, stopped the car in order to check the electrical system and when he was about to raise the hood he spotted the strange object in the sky. Presently he called to his wife and nephew. The three of them saw the glare of an elliptical-shaped object which was descending and getting more and more intense as it came down in a looping trajectory. Coming along the road from the opposite direction was a bus; for a moment it seemed as though the object would drop on the bus, due to the speed at which the object was falling. It appeared to be about 5 meters in diameter, and was seen by both the passengers of the de Valencia car and the bus, as it shot up into the air quite rapidly and disappeared among the clouds.

La Razon, 16 September 1958. Sky phenomena in Cordoba. Eduardo Nucifero, the head of the expedition who climbed the Ojos del Salado Hill in 1957, was in the vicinity of Cruz del Eje, traveling in a car at night with Nicolas Alfredo Garcia when he saw something resembling a falling star. The object grew larger, appearing to have a luminous trail following it, and when it came through a cloud, the cloud appeared to be on fire. The object, whose color was a glowing yellow, dropped among the Sierras Grandes, 25 kilometers southeast of the Cruz del Eje city. The phenomena was observed by many others, in different locations. Nucifero suggested that it might have been a fragment of a satellite. (No satellite has been known to have dropped in whole or in pieces in Argentina.—The Ed.)

La Razon, 18 October 1958. Santiago

del Estero. Last Tuesday a strange sky phenomenon was observed for the first time and was repeated in the sky of Mal Paso on this date. Above the horizon, at dusk, an intense white light appeared, staying in the same place for several minutes at the crest of the Guasayan Hills. The phenomena was watched by a number of residents, who confirmed the account given the previous Tuesday by the priest Juan A Munoz and Dr. Juan Cantos, who observed the phenomenon from a plane flying over the airdrome. This is the fourth time such an occurrence has taken place in that same spot and is not yet explained.

Buenos Aires, La Razon, 19 October 1958. Yesterday, according to data furnished by several readers located in different places of the city, several of the much-discussed flying discs crossed the sky quietly, maneuvered for some time and then disappeared without a trace. According to the observations of these people, it was a squadron of discs, but others said there were only two. Nevertheless all agreed that the discs showed up from the southwest at a very high altitude, perhaps 5000 meters, giving out a luminous trail. They say they were elliptical, very bright and remained hovering, rocking on their axis. Some observers said the discs' flight was slow, others said it was very speedy; still others claim the objects cavorted in the sky for over an hour before leaving.

El Tribuno, 6 September 1958. Salta. Today at 10 a. m. Eduardo Sivero, Elias Antar, Norberto Dagati and Alfredo Skaf—who came to this newspaper to relate their account of watching a strange sky phenomenon, said that they were in the San Martin Park when they saw, very high over the San Bernardo Hill an object which gave out a strong bluish light. They observed the object for about one minute as it traveled from northwest to southeast, disappearing suddenly. Conventional sky phenomena ruled out because of slow speed of the object.

El Tribuno, 16 September 1958. Salta. A strange object was seen in the sky yesterday at 12:30 p. m. First spotted by the police post at El Portezuelo, it was observed at high altitude in a southwest direction. It had a clearly observable shape, which was disc-like. El Tribuno personnel informed the staff of the Flight Control Tower at Salta but the thing had disappeared in the southwest by the time the information had been relayed.

El Tribuno, 30 September 1958. Salta. At about 11 p. m. many reported the sighting of a strange luminous object in the northeast. It traveled slowly northward, leaving behind a strange trail. Viewing conditions were excellent.

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San Salvador de Jujuy, 21 October 1958. Carlos Edison Soruco, an office clerk, observed an intense whitish light at 11:04 p. m. which moved in different directions and vanished suddenly. It appeared at first to be ascending, then it moved to the right and then to the left, and when it stopped it appeared to rock.

San Salvador de Jujuy, 1 November 1958. Senorita Elsa Yolanda Lizirraga, her father and her girl friend observed a strange orange-yellowish light. When first spotted it had the shape of a sphere, later taking the shape of a rugby football. During the course of the 40 minute observation the object was seen as it ascended, turning into a tiny bright point of light in the distance, appearing later at a lower altitude. Descension was not observed, however; the object would merely appear again suddenly. A beam of light was visible coming from the upper hemisphere, and another from the lower half.

San Salvador de Junuy, 14 November 1958. Walter Hugo Pereira, clerk, observed a round luminous object resembling a fluorescent tube light, while traveling in a bus. It was descending slowly, with an attached trail. In sight about 15 seconds, it appeared to disappear behind a range of hills in the southwest.

More on Special Reports

The vote of confidence received in response to our proposed issue of special reports is indeed gratifying. It may be in order here to restate, amplify and clarify this proposal.

The problem is this: We have more material than can be handled conveniently in our bi-monthly publication—still we have neither the staff nor the money to undertake a monthly publication schedule. We propose to solve this problem by issuing the less urgent, lengthier reports at cost to members. The price of individual reports will depend on report length. For example, a four-page report will probably cost 0.25 (for printing and mailing) and members will be encouraged to send postage stamps in lieu of payment.

And while we're talking about special reports, the UFO Research Committee of Akron, Ohio has issued a 14-page pamphlet entitled "The Fitzgerald Report." It is a very comprehensive coverage of all aspects of the incident headlined "Landing in Ohio" on the front page of the A.P.R.O. Bulletin for September 1958. Among other things, it demonstrates that the Air Force investigation of this incident was deliberately dishonest or at least sloppy and incompetent. "The Fitzgerald Report" may be obtained from

Of Molehills and Mountains—

Several weeks ago members Idabel Epperson and Zan Overall arranged an informal discussion or "bull session" on UFO in Los Angeles.

They invited people who had previously indicated an interest in the UFO problem. Attending were Ward Kimball, head of Walt Disney's scientific project section, Dr. Leslie Laeburh, U.S.C. Medical Dept., Dr. Robert Baker, U.C.L.A. Astronomy Department, Robert Bulkley of JPL and others including personnel from Marquandt Aircraft and Ramo-Woolbridge.

During the informal get-together, various opinions were expressed and several agreed on the opinion that "flying saucers are real and under intelligent control." Ward Kimball told of private conversations with a Navy officer wherein that officer related a personal opinion that U.F.O.s were related to certain disappearances of jet planes and pilots.

Next day, Tom Towers, Aviation Editor of the Los Angeles Examiner, who had heard about the meeting, called a few of the people who had been present and on the basis of these phone calls wrote a column. The "UFO Investigator" for December 1958 played it up as a front page item. It begins: "A scientific conclusion that 'flying saucers' are real and under intelligent control was made public this month by a group of California scientists and engineers."

And a little later, "one reason for official secrecy was indicated by Ward Kimball, who revealed Navy fears that the UFOs might be linked with several disappearances of jet planes and pilots."

It appears that somewhere along the line (we really don't know exactly where) the true facts became slightly embroidered. As it turns out, no serious harm was done. The "scientists" concerned are a little surprised but not seriously offended.

From here it seems that exaggerations of this sort should be meticulously avoided. It is through inaccuracies such as this that we lose the confidence of the very people we need the most. (Our experience in July 1958 with the backlash from an article innocently printed from material which hadn't been thoroughly checked qualifies us to give this warning.)

the UFO Research Committee of Akron, Ohio, P. O. Box 5242, Akron 13, Ohio, for \$1.00.

We wish to thank member Fred Kirsh for furnishing A.P.R.O. with a copy of the Fitzgerald Report and member George Popowitch for a tape-recorded interview with Mrs. Fitzgerald. Excellent work!

FROM HERE AND THERE

Frankfort, Germany, 7 November 1958. Herman Oberth says he believes supernatural forms are watching the earth.

Seattle, Washington, 7 November 1958. Dr. Melvin Calvin, a University of California chemist, stated his belief that living beings, many of them more advanced than the humans on earth must exist on millions of other planets in the universe.

Gainsville, Florida, 29 December 1958. Dr. William M. Sinton of Lowell Observatory said today that new telescopic observations had definitely established the existence of organic matter on Mars.

Fort Davis, Texas, 8 November 1958. Olen Lenham says dark areas on Planet Mars appear to be lava fields rather than vegetation.

La Havre, France, 8 November 1958. Five "glowing balloons" were reported exploding over the sea near Normandie. "Bluish-colored radiating lights" were seen as far away as La Havre and Dieppe.

Salt Lake City, 18 December 1958. Two large lenticular shaped objects were sighted north of town. Judged to be 70,000 feet high and 1/2 mile in diameter through comparison with B-52 contrail. They hovered for 1 1/2 minutes, then receded rapidly.

Salt Lake City, 27 December 1958. Two cigar-shaped objects sighted below the moon last night at 9:25 p. m. They remained side by side for about a minute and a half, and then climbed rapidly and disappeared.

Newark, New Jersey, 23 December 1958 (Newark Star Ledger). The United States has captured at least one and possibly two flying saucers, a top Washington official told the Star Ledger yesterday.

Washington, D. C., 25 December 1958. The Air Force yesterday lost no time in denying that it has captured one or two flying saucers—Major Lawrence Tacker—termed as pure rubbish a story published in the Star Ledger yesterday.

Washington, 28 December 1958. The fall-out of radioactive strontium on New York increased 25% in the first eight months of the year.

Toronto, Canada, 28 October 1958 (Toronto Telegram). Canadian flying saucer may take to the air before next spring. This plane of tomorrow being built under tight security at the Malton plant of A. V. Roe Canada Ltd. could make its maiden flight by March.

Moscow, Russia, 12 November 1958. A

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Soviet scientist, Dr. N. A. Kozyrev, reported tonight that he had detected a volcanic eruption on the moon last week.

San Antonio, Texas, 12 November 1958. Dr. Gerald P. Kuiper described Dr. Kozyrev as a distinguished Soviet astronomer. Such a moon eruption, Dr. Kuiper added, would be a "major discovery."

Newport Beach, Calif., 2 January 1959. Trained observers of the Orange County Harbor Department and Newport Beach Life Guard Headquarters today notified government officials of a strange unidentified flying object that hovered at high altitude over Newport Beach before breaking up into four glowing parts and speeding away. The sighting lasted from about 4:55 until 5:10 p. m. Before splitting into four parts the object seemed to have a tail that rotated at various intervals.

Armed Forces News for November 1958—page 31. Space explorers have not discounted prospects of finding hostile groups on other planets. What to do in case of an unfriendly reception is just one of the problems bound to face planners in the new space agency.

NICAP Improvement Obvious

Of recent receipt at this office is NICAP's "UFO Investigator" for December 1958. We cannot help but comment on the over-all improvement this publication has made in recent months. Instead of folding (as one saucer pundit has predicted) they seem instead to be making solid strides in the other direction. The recent addition of Richard Hall to their staff is probably a prime factor in this change for the better.

A SAUCER...

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the jellylike creatures. My right arm," says Rydberg, "sank as far as to the elbow deep into one of them, when I tried to box myself loose. When the creatures got near to you, they smelled like stale marsh.

Gustavsson continues: "At a time all four were on me. It is difficult to explain now in plain words, but I got the impression that the creatures read my thoughts. The second before I had time to get a coupling on them they parried the holds I was planning. Their raw strength was not particularly great, but they were tremendously technical. Luckily enough there was a pole with a camping sign on it just near where I was standing and I clutched my arms

around the pole. This was my rescue."

Rydberg continues: "We have estimated that the struggle lasted 47 minutes. The creatures concentrated their efforts on Hans and suddenly I found myself free. They just ignored me. I took the opportunity and ran to the car in order to alarm people with the signal horn. Having my hand on the horn, I watched through the wind shield how Hans clutched firmly to the pole and how the lead-gray loaf-men teared at him so that he was spread horizontally in the air. But as soon as the blow of the horn sounded through the night, they released him so that he fell plump to the ground. I rushed to him. When I approached him the saucer rose. The light got more intense at its start and a smell that reminded us of ether and of burned sausages filled the air. But the most remarkable of all the things was the sound. It was a thin, high, intensive sound that you rather felt than heard. When the craft took off we were shaken by powerful extremely rapid vibrations that quite paralyzed us. The craft disappeared from our sight. It seemed to me that it rose straight up in the sky, but Hans claims that it disappeared out in an arch over the waters.

"Then we reeled back to the car. We felt thoroughly dazed. Our reasoning powers felt paralyzed and our tears were just streaming down. We just sat there in the car. About 15 minutes later we were clear enough in our heads that we could drive into Halsingborg City. Not until we came into the inner part of the city did we dare to talk to each other. The first thing we said was: "This we won't tell to anybody; they will laugh us down."

They kept this promise at first but when their relatives reacted to their strange looks, they got the explanation. When the neighbors were told and laughed also, the men thought it wise to contact the Defense and the papers to show that this was a serious adventure.

Gustavsson and Rydberg at first had a tendency to tell the story rather sketchily feeling that the details would make it seem all the more ridiculous. The above account is the final, complete form. The observers stated that they had previously laughed at the idea of flying saucers but; now they say, "Now that we have experienced it, we look at it in another way, of course. No one could wish more fervently than we for a natural explanation of the happenings. Therefore, we place ourselves at the disposal of any kind of investigation that is suggested, no matter if this concerns ourselves as individuals or as participants in the strange adventure."

A physician named Ingeborg Kjellin (MD) examined the men on January 8th.

He signed a sanity testimonial for them. (The explanation that the men had seen a herring boat and its crew which had run aground at Domsten was at first widely accepted. When it was discovered that the boat had freed itself and left on 18 December, this explanation was necessarily abandoned.)

The excitement around the occurrence rose. January 10th papers reported a new testing of the men by Lars Erick Essen and Kilhelm Hellsten, both M.D.s of Halsingborg. They applied a so-called hypno-analysis on the men. The physicians state: "At times it was a cross-examination that certainly was as sharp as any conducted by the military or by the police—but both of them responded quite softly to the test, which fact also is characteristic of the method. Dr. Essen tested them particularly as to eventual hallucinations but the test disclosed that they had gotten their experience directly **from the outside** and that they could also coordinate quite clearly as to other experiences outside those in issue.

It also developed with all the distinctness desirable that they have been right in the occurrence described. The only wrong impression they might have gotten concerned those shapes of little men; however, that is quite understandable. Thus, any clues as to contact with these odd specimens failed. On the other hand it is beyond doubt that the men happened to encounter a field of force of enormous strength, which accounts for their impression of little men who pulled them in.

The account that was given on this occasion was largely the same as the previous one and to which they had stuck. Just in a few detailed perceptions it deviated. This fact strengthens the view that the experiences related during this later test was more true and credible. The reason for this is that their earlier accounts contained small ex post facto constructions, done not only subconsciously during the innumerable times of recounting their stories for interview or examination purposes—thus influencing each other. Now was left the pure and real experience which in all essentials was the same for both of them.

Dr. Essen says, "It may be added that the boys' attitude was of a very sober kind. They do not want to put any frills on any feature, stuff it out, or to interpret their experiences; they want only to communicate them." He also said, "They were both very receptive to this form of analysis and I hold as a matter of result that it was one of the most successful analyses I ever made."

By this time the Swedish Defense organization had rallied. They arranged

a police and military examination of the young men. On January 18th, Svenska Dagbladet revealed that the military psychologist Dr. Michael Wachter conducted most of the hearings which lasted 12 hours. The following is summary of the findings of this hearing:

"It developed that Rydberg was freed from military service because of agoraphobia (a morbid fear of being in an open space) in 1948. Both men have not got any real training for any trade. Rydberg appeared to be the leader. He is more talkative than Gustavsson. Rydberg makes a nervous impression. He shifts his position according to what he deems to be most favorable to support his trustworthiness. He seems somewhat afraid and tries to guard himself. When he gets pressed, his constant resort is to refer to his experience and state that he cannot help that he has experienced it.

"That the scuffle or fight was kept secret for some time the investigators find peculiar (sic). His statements lack stringency, they are diffuse, sometimes directly unreasonable or also proven incorrect. He exploits to a certain extent his situation, aiming at the fact that he has voluntarily put himself at the disposal of the cross-examiners and he seems also to utilize the delicate position of the examiners with regard to the interest of the press and other circles in the matter.

"Gustavsson is not so talkative, says Dr. Wachter. He often replies as if he rattles off a lesson. He refers to what he has said earlier and does not intend to say anything else. Somebody might have told Gustavsson to stick to his story and not to deviate a bit from it. Gustavsson is a fit victim for suggestive influence. As to Rydberg, it is not unreasonable to hold that the spiritistic interests of his mother might have given him considerable impulses toward his world of conceptions.

Summing up: The credibility of both men ought to be strongly put in question. They are to be deemed as possessing a lesser reliability. Both seem to be convinced of the truth of their experiences. The possibility that the issue here is of a direct invention cannot be excluded. Most probably is that Rydberg is a victim of autosuggestion and that he in his turn has influenced Gustavsson. Irrespective of their subjective conviction there are weighty reasons present to seriously question the trustworthiness of both men as witnesses in this matter." (End of hearing summation.)

Here we have a good indication that

the ridicule technique is being understudied in Sweden now. Gustavsson and Rydberg, however, are not through. Concerning the Defense staff report (above) they had this to say: (1) The representatives of the defense staff were very skeptical and the investigation done by them was hum-drum, routine and nonchalant. (2) The psychologist was German-born and they could only partially understand him. (3) No earth specimens were taken for examination at Domsten although defense staff men ran around the area with a tape measure (!) for a couple of hours—the only other equipment they brought with them was a tape recorder which was out of order.

(Editor's note: This is not the first instance to come to our attention involving a supposed "force field" which held a binding attraction for the men involved. CSI Los Angeles (now out of business since 1954) a group made up primarily of qualified technical people, carried an article by an anonymous individual in their Winter, 1954 magazine (Vol. 1, No. 4). It described the close sighting of an object which caused the observer to feel "a growing desire to join himself to the thing." He said it was somewhat like hypnosis from what he had observed—although he had never been a successful subject for hypnosis. This individual consulted a competent physicist for an answer to this specific mystery. The Doctor said that "it had long been recognized that sudden and great exposure to gamma rays had an effect such as he had tried to describe.").

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escaped the attention of all other news media. It seems they just weren't interested.

One more factor which will bear mention here is the wonderful array of meteors which are reported these days. Some of them maneuver or follow straight line paths, but they are all meteors. Of course they are—it says so in the papers.

Before we wind up here, let's call your attention briefly to the two foreign reports. It seems that in South America and in the Scandinavian area people still see things in the sky that they can't understand and that reporters still have time to get their stories and that publishers still have room to print them.

Amateur Astronomer Sights Mysterious Objects

The following report was investigated and forwarded by Richard Johnson of Newark, Delaware: Mr. Clarence E. Ramsey of Wilmington, Delaware, his wife and two friends observed a dark, elongated, elliptical object progress from the south pole of the moon to the north pole of the moon, followed about a half minute later by another object which repeated its path. The Ramseys were using a 4" reflector telescope and the original observation was made by Ramsey while observing the moon. One object followed another at about 34 or 72 second intervals and at one point two objects, one right behind the other, traversed the moon's disc. Each object took about two seconds to make its way across the lunar disc. Ramsey's friends' attention was called to the spectacle, whereupon they observed the phenomena through a 2½" refractor. The objects could not be observed once they passed the moon.

Ramsey called a newspaper office, which checked with the airport. The next day the news item, after stating Ramsey's observations, mentioned that a check at the New Castle County Airport revealed they had seen nothing mysterious in connection with the moon (despite the fact that Ramsey said they could not be seen by the naked eye), but noted that there had been large numbers of blackbirds taking temporary refuge in swamps south of the city. This attempted explanation is at odds with Ramsey's statement that the objects were tiny against the moon's disc, although their shape was plainly discernible.

The Staff is again behind in the correspondence for this office. We ask the understanding of the members who are waiting for letters, with the promise that this matter will be attended to as soon as this edition of the Bulletin is mailed.

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"Many reports of possible clues still reach law enforcement agencies, most of which have no bearing on the case, deputies said. . . . "These include the sighting of a flying saucer in the Cascade Locks area on December 7, the day the family disappeared."

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Soldier Sees Flash; Unconscious 24 Hours

Hobbs Man Sees Glowing UFO, Hears Signals

Jim Dobbs Jr., 37, an engineering firm employee at Hobbs, New Mexico, reported to authorities and the press that on 25 February while driving south of Hobbs on State Road 18, he observed a glowing, egg-shaped object and at the same time heard signals on his car radio.

Dobbs saw the object in the south, at an estimated 10 degrees elevation. It was proceeding from west to east at a high rate of speed, disappearing below the eastern horizon about 35 seconds after he spotted it. When he first saw the object it was 8:45 a.m., and he was tuning in his car radio. The interference, which ceased when the object disappeared, was a steady succession of two dots and a dash.

Asked to estimate size, Dobbs said he couldn't as he had no idea of its distance from him. He told the press he hadn't discounted the possibility that it was a balloon but that a very high velocity wind would have had to carry it the distance it traveled in such a short time. The Director interviewed him by telephone on the 26th, but he could add nothing more to his original statement.

Missileman Says Saucers Just That

The Detroit Times for 26 February carried an article by Joseph Sfair which reviewed the words of Lt. Col. Lee B. James of the army ordnance missile command at Huntsville, Alabama, spoken at a meeting of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers on the 25th at Rackham Memorial. Outside of the usual "they could very well be interplanetary" line, James said he felt that those not tracked on radar could be a result of advanced technologies using new materials, etc. If members feel the staff is not sufficiently elated at this statement, they need only recall the hundreds of people who have been saying essentially the same thing for the past 12 to 15 years.

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UAOs Track Airliner Across Eastern U. S.

Peter Gillian, pilot of an American Airlines DC-6, reported at Detroit, Michigan that his plane had been tracked by three shining saucer-shaped objects from Newark, New Jersey to Detroit, on the night of 24 February.

This sighting made the wire press services from coast to coast, and was later "identified" by Air Force spokesmen as only a weird effect of the constellation Orion reflecting off clouds. Gillian was piloting his plane at a cruising speed of 350 mph at 8500 feet altitude. Passengers on Gillian's plane and the pilots of two other airliners also saw the objects.

The objects were lost to sight in the haze when Gillian began his let down for landing at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Gillian said: "The objects were by no means close to the plane, but one would move in at intervals, fall back again, then change its place in the formation while keeping abreast of the ship."

Those who have observed a powerful searchlight reflecting off clouds and noted the comparatively weak image created, know where the holes are in this Air Force explanation. Orion's stars do not maneuver, either, we might mention.

It is imperative that headquarters receive all clippings and other information pertaining to the mysterious disappearance of a man and his wife in Utah during the period of 15-28 February inclusive. The man was a diabetic.

By CORAL LORENZEN

A mysterious flash in the sky which Pfc Bernard G. Irwin of Ft. Bliss, Texas thought was a plane crash and set out to investigate, was possibly the cause of his unconscious state for the next 24 hours.

On the evening of the 22nd of February, Irwin, who was en route to Ft. Bliss via a short cut in southern Utah, after a furlough to his home in Nampa, Idaho, stopped on a small highway after seeing what he thought was a plane crash. He wrote the word "stop" on his car with shoe polish to attract other motorists, then wrote a note to explain where he had gone. Later, a Utah Fish and Game Department agent saw the car and the sign and stopped and read the note. He summoned police and a search was begun. Shortly, Irwin was found lying face down in the mud, unconscious. He did not awaken until 24 hours later, on Saturday evening. Doctors who treated him and observed him at Cedar City, Utah where he was taken by the police, said that he had no visible marks or wounds which would account for his state of unconsciousness. According to press reports Irwin could shed no light on what had happened to him. The note read: "Have gone to investigate what looks like a plane crash about one quarter mile to my right. Notify state police immediately."

The press, in their reports, said "flash in the sky"—Erwin's note said "what looks like a plane crash" and gave its apparent location. Investigation indicates there was no plane crash—none whatsoever—and therefore it must be assumed that Irwin saw something else. A meteor? If remains of such had been found it would certainly have been noted, but wasn't.

On the 12th of March, I called Pfc Irwin at his duty location at Fort Bliss and asked him numerous questions about his adventure. Irwin has no explanation of what happened, but a more complete picture of the actual incident was obtained.

Irwin said that he saw the light coming toward the ground, and it appeared

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UAOs COLLIDE WITH TREE, ROOF

UAO Splits Oak Tree in Ireland

Two separate incidents, continents apart, have been brought to our attention by members. The first involves the sighting of an unconventional object in Northern Ireland by Joseph Bennett of Portglenone, and his account is bolstered by the evidence of a 30-foot oak tree which has been cut off ten feet above the ground. His story:

On Wednesday afternoon, 31 December 1958, he was walking in his fields when suddenly he heard a strange noise from the sky. "I thought it was a rush of wind, when I saw this thing, big and black and about seven feet across. It came hurtling through the air about 20 feet above the ground. It came from the south and traveled northwest. Then it hit a 30-foot high oak tree, splitting it into two. In a matter of seconds it disappeared into the sky."

As usual, neighbors and friends doubted Bennett's story, but upon being shown the split tree, their doubt was somewhat allayed. Terent Nonweiler, lecturer in aeronautics at Queen's University, came to Bennett's farm and examined the tree, later telling reporters that lightning could be ruled out as there was no evidence of it. He also stated that "this would appear to be the first case in the United Kingdom where such a mysterious happening has been reported and some tangible evidence remains, in this case the damaged tree."

UAO Damages Priest's Roof in Greece

On a Tuesday night in February (no

exact date) in the village of Digeliotica, residents were aroused and alarmed by a curious noise coming from the direction of the sea. Many left their homes to investigate, and were startled to see a highly illuminated object flying over the village and emitting the strange noise. Some ran back into their homes and locked their doors while others watched the object describing circles in the air over the town, eventually disappearing in the night in the direction of Aigion.

Those who stayed outside to watch the object were further startled to hear a great noise shortly after the object left the vicinity. Residents of Aigion also saw the object. The entire sighting over the village of Digeliotica lasted for about 10 minutes. One of the eye-witnesses, Constantinos Vaginas, gave the following account:

"It must have been around 9:30 p.m. and I was getting ready for bed, when I heard this strange noise growing continuously louder. I went outside where I found other people who had also left their homes to find out what was going on. Suddenly a lighted object appeared in the sky from the direction of the sea moving at a great height. Shortly afterwards it passed over us, not going very fast. It described two large circles over our village and vanished in the direction of Aigion. No sooner was it lost to sight than we heard a great noise and the light died out from the sky."

Simultaneously, in the suburb of Agiou Apostolou, the home of the priest Papa-Costas, was "struck" by something that displaced many of the tiles of the roof. PapaCostas told reporters that there was a very loud noise and the whole house shook as if there had been an earthquake. He rushed outside where he found many people frantically asking one another what had happened.

All radios had stopped after the noise was heard and in one house the electric current had failed.

Next morning he ascertained with surprise that a good many of his roof-tiles had been displaced and some were broken. PapaCostas' opinion is that the object seen in the sky must have skimmed over his roof and just touched it. The loud noise, he said, sounded like the explosion of a hand grenade.

Members—There is at least a "small" flap in progress and the staff is anxious to receive all reports. Please include date of newspaper and its name when sending clips. Also—anything which catches the eye as being unusual or of a scientific nature plus statements by "authoritative" sources are needed. Whether or not they are used in the Bulletin is not necessarily cogent—some material is used for reference and is badly needed.

FROM HERE AND THERE...

Four persons, driving in two separate automobiles, observed a "missile-shaped" UAO as it zipped past their vehicles on the 14th of December near Barlborough, Connecticut. The object was bathed in a glow that changed from icy blue to red-dish-yellow, it had no visible windows or ports or lights, and moved parallel to the road at a high rate of speed. It flew in a northerly direction, then cut toward the east directly in front of the two cars. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wabrek of Windsor were two of the witnesses, and described it as traveling at a fairly low altitude. Mrs. Wabrek said that when it moved ahead of their car, she saw a round white lighted area which appeared as engine exhaust. The time was 1 a.m. Friends of the Wabreks, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus D. Rose, were a few minutes ahead of them in another car, and described approximately the same thing. However, Rose said he noticed a bulge about one third of the way back from the front or forward end of the object. (We have in our files a military sighting which matches the sketch of the object made by Richard L. Mourey and Tony Lloyd of the "Hartford Courant," according to descriptions given by the witnesses.—The Editor.)

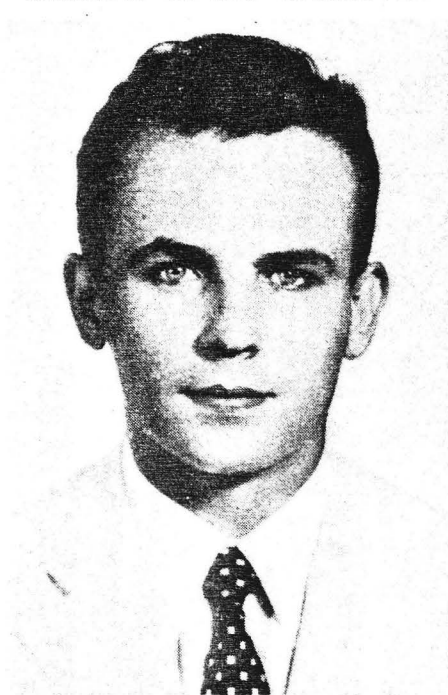
On the 27th of January, School Board member Robert H. Jamison and Tim Ponstingle of Cleveland, Ohio, reported seeing a sausage-shaped object with lights which appeared to land behind the Lincoln Storage Co. warehouse. Both sightings were made at about the same time: 9:45 p.m. The usual checks were made, and nothing which could explain the sighting came to light.

In Marysville, California on 17 February, several witnesses saw a brilliant light travelling slowly northeast past Marysville and emitting a smoke trail.

Richard Bosworth, 37, of Massillon, Ohio, said that he saw a dirigible-shaped object with a red light on top which appeared to fly at a moderate 60 mph about 500 feet off the ground a half mile away. The object was heading toward Medina when first seen, on Route 21 near Barberton. It was seen again by Bosworth at Brecksville near the Turnpike.

On September 3, 1958, at 9 p.m., Mr. Nikihiko Noguchi of Kyushu, a 23-year-old Seinan Gakuin University student, observed an orange-colored ball-shaped object surrounded by a white rim of light at its equator, as it flew from south to north in the western sky. There was no sound, the object was about 1/3 the size of the apparent size of the moon's disc, and it flew at high speed. (See Dr. Fontes' article this issue for configuration comparison.—The Editor)

Shadow of the Unknown



By DR. OLAVO FONTES

Part II: UAOs CHASE CARS

Beyond the Brazilian coastal region where civilization has been established for many centuries; beyond those areas where the cultivation of coffee, cotton and sugar-cane slowly developed and replaced the forest, vast territories still exist where modern civilization is represented by small towns and villages scattered here and there through an immense forest-covered plateau which impresses the traveler by its solitude; there, in the depths of the forests, small tribes of Indians are to be found, some of them still ferocious and avoiding any contact with the white man. This immense plateau, covered by a forest which has given its name to one of the states—Mato Grosso—may be the region where the first secret UAO Base on this planet was located. **For it was the scene of the most fantastic chapter in UAO history so far on record.**

The Shadow of the Unknown fell over the area around the small town of Ponta Poran, near the frontier of Paraguay, on the night of December 21, 1957. That night, two UAOs chased a car on a road near the town. This incident was the beginning of a long series of local observations which ended on March 5, 1958—about 75 days later. Never before were UAOs seen over the same area for so long a time—apparently the same UAOs. A very strange thing. Through the country the situation seemed to be calm, only 10 sightings of UAOs being reported in those 75 days (5 of them at the Island of Trinidad). In contrast, in the area around Ponta Poran, they were sighted night after night, week after week, and month after month—by hundreds of per-

sons living in the town or surroundings. In most cases strange lights were seen, flying near the horizon or hovering near the ground in deserted places. In five cases, however, the UAOs hunted cars traveling along deserted roads around the town.

Incident 1: Date, December 21, 1957.

Place, a road near Ponta Poran.

Witnesses: Mrs. Ivone Torres de Mendonca; her three sons, Fernando (9), Helena (7) and Luis Augusto (3); her servant Miss Bruna; and the driver, the mechanic Marcio Goncalves (18).

All the witnesses listed above were interviewed personally (excepting two of the children) and their reports agreed with each other in every detail. There was also another witness, Mrs. Elvira Torres, who saw only one of the UAOs moving away into the darkness, but she was not in the jeep that was chased by the unknown object; she observed it later. The sighting will be reported by Mrs. Mendonca in her own words.

"We had left my farm and were traveling back to Ponta Poran in a jeep driven by Marcio. In places the road is very deserted, running almost parallel to the frontier of Paraguay. The time was 6:30 p.m. The night had come early because of the low-hanging clouds covering the whole sky, heralding bad weather and rain. Suddenly, far away to the south, I spotted a large ball of light about the size of the full moon. It appeared to be close to the ground, but it couldn't have been another car because it was out of the road and far from it; it couldn't have been a star because it was very low—besides, no star could be seen through those thick menacing rain clouds; and it couldn't have been a house because only a few exist in the region (none at that particular spot), all of them illuminated by feeble kerosene lamps. What was that thing? It must be a 'flying saucer,' I said jokingly. We rapidly discussed and discarded all the possibilities and the hypothesis of some natural optical phenomena, unknown to us, was our first guess. But the light started to move rapidly in our direction, and then we saw it wasn't one light, but two; that is, two spherical, luminous objects flying side by side. They approached the jeep silently, gradually increasing the gap between each other so that, when near, each object was flying along one side of the road. Both of them followed a horizontal course but oscillated from one side to the other in a strange wobbling motion. They appeared also to be spinning around their own axes. Then one of them stopped in mid-air and dived toward the ground—stopping again a few feet above it, and about 60 feet from us. The other kept moving, maneuvering in circles around the jeep, sometimes getting very close. The one that came down

did it performing a 'dead leaf descent,' i.e., it came down in a very peculiar pendular motion I had never seen before. We couldn't see the outlines of these two 'things' very clearly because of the very intense light they emitted. We could see, however, that they were shaped like a spheroid, encircled by a kind of ring at the equator—just like the planet Saturn. Both were of the same size and of two colors; the upper hemisphere was a fiery red, also the ring; but the other hemisphere was surrounded by a bright silvery-white glow. In spite of this, we couldn't tell if they were solid objects or not because all of them was light—glaring, dazzling light, magnificent and extraordinary, hurting our eyes, variable in intensity and throwing blinding jets of light against the car.

"The whole 'crew' of my jeep were obviously scared by the eerie spectacle. The road was deserted, anything might happen—and that was no phenomenon to be studied and examined rationally. The children (except Fernando who was paralyzed with fear) started to cry. I was trembling, frightened beyond reason, but still was able to talk to the driver: 'Marcio, for the love of God, do not stop the car. We must run away—we must go away from this place. Please keep going, our lives may depend on it. . . .' Fortunately my driver is a man of courage and was able to follow my orders. The jeep started to run more rapidly. But that nightmare was not to end so easily because the two flying objects followed us, moving along the sides of the road (we were passing through a field with a few scattered trees), sometimes at our right side, sometimes at the left—sometimes coming very close to us, sometimes running away to come back again. They stayed around us all the time, flying close to the ground at our side, behind, over or ahead of us, distant or very close—apparently making a careful study of the vehicle and its passengers.

"We began to realize, with the passing of time, that the two UAOs were not maneuvering at random. There was a purpose behind their movements. The maneuvers were coordinated: while one of them remained in the air, throwing beams of light at the car, the other dived at high speed toward us (like a plane), was gone, and appeared again to repeat the maneuver. There was also another tactic they used sometimes: one of them moving in front of the jeep and sending jets of light toward us (as if to attract our attention), while the other appeared to 'study' us from behind—coming very close. The light they emitted was so bright that when one of them was in front of us the vision of the driver was affected several times and he almost lost control over the vehicle. This light

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was fiery red in color.

"That strange chase **lasted for two hours**. It was ended only when the jeep entered the town of Ponta Poran. For two moments along the trip the car was stopped. I gave the orders to the driver to do so, in spite of my terror, the first time to make an evaluation of our situation, and to verify whether the UAOs were also interested in a stopped car. Their reaction was instantaneous. They approached rapidly and one of them landed beside the road, while the other remained motionless in the air, throwing a beam of light to illuminate the spot where its companion was landing. This light was of a different kind, white and very intense. It was focused over the jeep, too, several times, at regular intervals—maybe transmitting a signal of some sort. Sometimes it came like a jet (a narrow beam), sometimes it seemed to come from a searchlight, but we couldn't locate its source because of the glare.

"That first landing was apparently vertical, but I am not sure. The blinding lights prevented a more accurate observation of the maneuver. The UAO remained on the ground **for about five minutes**. It was my impression that it touched the ground, but Marcio says it was floating in mid-air slightly above it—I don't know. That landing gave us a good opportunity for a better observation because the glow around the object lost most of its brightness at that moment. We were able to see that the strange craft was a huge metallic sphere **about 15 feet in diameter**; it was encircled at the center by a large metallic ring, just like the planet Saturn. But the ring appeared to be rotating. We saw no portholes, doors, or protruding parts on the surface of the sphere—nothing, not even the holes through which the searchlights should be shining. The whole surface of the spherical object showed only a polished, silvery metal—nothing more. There was no sound, no heat, no smell. The thing was so alien that my driver, in spite of his interest, had not the courage to approach the strange machine. We then started to move again—and so did the UAO. It took off vertically and joined the other in the chase that started again.

"When the jeep was approaching the town, the two UAOs moved away. Apparently their "study" was finished. We then decided to stop again, this time to fill up the gas tank which was almost empty. Marcio got the gasoline can and began to pour the fuel into the tank. At this very moment the UAOs made a startling appearance. They came suddenly, moving at tremendous speed. In a few seconds they were again flying over the jeep. As before, one of them landed beside the road while the other hovered in mid-air, flashing a powerful

beam of silvery light over the area where its companion was coming down. It was exactly the same maneuver of the first landing. But the second landing **lasted for about 15 minutes**. At the end, the UAO took off rapidly and joined the other. They climbed up into the sky, but remained in sight until we left the place to arrive at the town a few minutes later. Then they were gone. . .

"We arrived at my home in Ponta Poran in a highly nervous state. Our faces showed effects of the shocking adventure, that nightmare on a calm dark night when everything should be normal. I left the children at home and went back to the road. This time I was together with my sister-in-law, Mrs. Elvira Torres. My cousin Mr. Silvio Eschague and his wife, together with Marcio and brothers, followed us with another jeep.

"We arrived at the spot where one of the UAOs had landed (the second time) still in time to sight one of them. It was on the other side of the frontier—very far—flying away to the west. Elvira saw it clearly. The passengers in the other jeep, however, were not so lucky. They arrived too late to see the alien craft. But they saw another thing—as strange as the UAO itself: an odd '**luminous haze**' floating in the air just at the place of that second landing. I don't know how to describe it, but it seemed to be a kind of phosphorescent mist that hovered on the ground beside the road. At some distance, it looked like a large balloon on the ground, motionless, glowing faintly in the darkness. We all approached that eerie phosphorescent mist—but no one had the courage to put a hand on it. We watched as it slowly dissolved in the faint wind that blew from the north, until it was gone. We don't know what it was.

"Next day, the whole town was excited about the sighting. The skeptics were a little shaken, mostly, because of the fact that on the same day several people living in the surrounding areas came to Ponta Poran also reporting the sighting of strange moving lights in the sky the night before.

"The UAOs that chased my jeep that night emitted no sound or heat. **Their proximity didn't interfere with the motor of the jeep or with the headlights or any other electrical instrument of the car.** My watch was not affected either. Besides, none of the persons involved in the incident reported the feeling of any abnormal sensation during it, not even when the UAOs were very close to us." Unquote.

Comment: In this incident, the behavior of the UAOs' crews involved suggests that they were "newcomers," not familiar with the natives of earth and their mechanical contraptions. Their attitude was that of intelligent beings that

had come in contact with something unknown and alien. Their almost morbid curiosity about the jeep and its passengers was more than evident. They also seemed to want to investigate the emotional reaction and feelings of terrestrial minds when faced with something alien and unknown (the UAOs themselves).

Incident 2: Date, February 19, 1958.

Place, **the same road** near Ponta Poran. Witnesses: Mrs. Yvonne Torres de Mendonca; her son Fernando (9); the keeper of her farm; a worker who lived there; and the driver, the mechanic Marcio Goncalves.

This sighting will be also reported by Mrs. Mendonca in her own words. Her description checks with the other reports in every detail. All of them were personally interviewed and told the same story. Their reports are strongly supported by the story told by a second group of observers, including the following witnesses: Mr. Athamaril Saldanha, civilian pilot and chief of the Post of the "Instituto Nacional do Mate" at Ponta Poran; his wife and two sons; and Dr. Eraldo Saldanha and wife. They came later in the last part of the sighting. Let's see the account of the whole incident as reported by Mrs. Mendonca:

"We had left Ponta Poran at 4:00 a.m. on a trip to my farm. We planned to arrive there at sunrise just before the beginning of the day's work. But our plans didn't work because, just after the town had been left behind, in a place called 'Porteira Ortiz,' we spotted a reddish light in the sky. The night was very still and dark, there was no moon; the sky was cloudless and full of stars; there was no wind. Marcio was the first to sight the UAO and immediately called the attention of the keeper to it; he did so because that man was a hard-headed skeptic who had not believed our report about the sighting two months previously. Marcio told him that the 'star' was one of those 'flying saucers' that had chased us along that same road. The man laughed at him and answered: 'You are wrong, that thing is merely the Planet Mars.' But the smile froze on his face when he realized that his 'planet Mars' was approaching rapidly. It came from the east, closing in at high speed. It was moving silently, steadily growing in size—no more a mere light in the sky, but a large spherical object encircled by a brilliant red glow. It came down quietly, slowly, performing that peculiar 'dead leaf descent' we already knew about, and seemed to be 'wobbling in mid-air' as it floated toward the ground about 180 feet (60 meters) away from the car. It then stopped in mid-air about 530 feet (20 meters) above the ground, the bright red glow dimming noticeably and turning, a few seconds later, into that powerful silvery light

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we had already watched in the first sighting.

"The UAO remained there, absolutely motionless, hovering just over the road in front of us. As if waiting for us. . . . Its apparent size was large at that distance; in fact, it was as big as any of the two UAOs in the other sighting. It was just like them, so identical that I am sure it was just one of them I was sighting again. Or perhaps, a 'twin brother': the same spherical shape, the same polished silvery metal all over the surface of the sphere with no portholes, doors or protruding parts, the same rotating ring encircling the equator of the sphere, etc.

"I shouldn't have been so scared this time as I was in my first experience, I know. I was a 'veteran,' after all I had been chased before by two of these 'things'—for two hours—and nothing had happened—nothing beyond the terror of being 'chased' by two alien machines of origin and purpose unknown to us. But I was again almost frozen by fear and unable to control my thoughts. To tell the truth, I could only pray. . . . The three men sat still in their seats like living statues, sweat trickling down their faces and necks as they watched that nightmarish scene. The only one to enjoy the spectacle was my son, as the child he was, unaware of the possible danger waiting in front of us. I was frightened this time, I confess, not because I am a coward (because I am not), but because of one thing: that UAO was **hovering just over the road before us**, in such a position that to continue our trip, we had to pass just **under it**; besides, it was so low that obviously it might land on the road—if necessary—in a few seconds; and therefore, it could easily obstruct the passage of the jeep if we attempted to move onward, to pass under it and continue on our way to the farm. I had the unpleasant feeling that the UAO was doing that on purpose, i.e., that it was a purposeful maneuver to stop our car at that lonely place. Why? I don't know. But it may be that the other UAO was also nearby, somewhere along that same road ahead of us—maybe landed on it or beside it—doing **something** we couldn't see. Then the one in front of us was being the sentinel against intruders. Or it might be for something worse, to get specimens, for instance. I don't know. . . . but I believe it was enough to scare anyone. Mostly because of the different behavior. The first time, 'they' had only trailed the jeep—obviously making an accurate observation of the vehicle and its passengers, but only that.

"This time, however, the approach appeared to be very different; not observation—but **direct interference** with our movements. Why? There it was, motionless, waiting for us over the road ahead.

Something hostile and perhaps sinister was suggested by the UAO's attitude. In fact, the other men felt it too, because when Marcio came to life to tell us that we should do something, that we should go ahead to try a '**contact**,' they vehemently refused to accept his suggestion. I forgot to tell you that we had stopped the jeep the moment the object was seen coming down on the road. Marcio started the motor and started to move the car forward. The fool had really decided to go ahead toward the UAO—he even attempted to get my permission to do so. In an angry voice, I told him to stop talking nonsense and to go back to town before anything worse happened. He realized my fear about that thing and decided to change his plans because of it, I believe. He maneuvered swiftly to reverse our course, put the jeep in the direction of the town, and worked his way along the road back to Porta Poran.

"The UAO didn't interfere with our maneuver—remaining motionless. . . . but when the jeep turned away from it, the alien craft climbed up abruptly. We half-turned on our seats to see if it was coming after us. In fact, it followed us for some time, then passed at our side and started to climb up rapidly; it happened just before we entered the town. It continued to track us from a high altitude—**now over the town**—and finally stopped over the Brazilian Army's headquarters at Ponta Poran. It stayed there, motionless, **for half an hour!**

"Meanwhile I wasn't wasting my time. I was running through the quiet streets, knocking at the doors of my neighbors and friends to alert them about the UAO. In a few minutes a group was gathered in the middle of the street, including the following persons I had called for: Mr. Athamaril Saldanha, Dr. Eraldo Saldanha and his wife Ione, and Mrs. A. Saldanha and her two sons who joined our group some minutes later. They all watched the UAO **for more than fifteen minutes.**

"At the end of our observation, someone suggested that something should be tried to make the UAO do something. It was obviously watching us all the time. As it was high in the sky, we concluded it was only being a 'sentinel'—waiting. . . . to see if we were going to remain in the town, or to go back to the road. We decided the best thing was to go again to the same road outside the town. This should be enough to make the UAO react (if the minds of the people inside it were not very different from ours, of course.) The glowing object was still hovering over the Army's headquarters when we jumped into two jeeps and started to move away. The UAO was alerted by the motion of the vehicles apparently, and started to move also. It followed us. We stopped at the place called 'Porteira Ortiz.' **The UAO stopped**

too. Yet it didn't come close this time. It started to climb up vertically (instead of coming down to investigate). It moved up to a high altitude and stopped again—it was then the size (apparent size) of a billiard ball, hovering at unknown altitude. It moved for a second time with the first rays of the sun, which changed the darkness into the new day; the UAO climbed up to a higher position in the sky and stopped once more.

"At sunlight, sighted through binoculars, that object was just like **an aluminum ball.**

"At 6 a.m., the UAO moved suddenly. It shot straight up at tremendous speed and vanished. . . ." Unquote.

Comment: Incident 1, as I said before, disclosed something about the psychology of the UAO people which we already know: that they have **very curious minds.** Of course, this was an obvious thing since the beginning of their survey of our planet, many times proved or suggested because of their behavior and attitudes—chiefly in relation to our airplanes and guided missiles. Incident 2, however, showed something we did not know. In fact, their entirely different attitude suggests that their curiosity about the natives of that region, and about their terrestrial vehicles, was already satisfied—and they had had time for that. When the jeep appeared, they possibly recognized it was the same one they had "studied" 60 days before (it is highly probable that the UAO was one of the two of the first sighting, in my opinion). But this time, it is obvious that the UAO resented the interference of the "natives." It was there as a **sentinel against intruders**, it seems clear. Possibly there was another UAO somewhere ahead (the companion was absent)—doing something that couldn't be disturbed. Or there may be another reason we cannot guess. Anyway, the one behaving as a sentinel blocked the passage of the jeep with a purposeful maneuver. This is, **direct interference to stop the travelers.** To make sure the natives were not going to cause more trouble, it followed the car all the way back to town. This is not a mere speculation; the way the UAO reacted when the two jeeps went again to the road cannot be explained otherwise. It tracked the vehicles, but didn't attempt to interfere the second time. Why? Because the cars stopped at the "Porteira"; after this it was obvious they were not interested in going ahead—but in the UAO itself. It then climbed up but even so, kept vigilant until 6 a.m.

Incident 2 shows that the entities inside the UAOs (at least the one involved) as being just like us—not supermen. Their psychology was not that of benevolent superminds, but that of worried explorers on an alien planet, behaving

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as interlopers and not trusting the natives—or doing something which might have been against the natives' laws.

Incident 3: Date, February 19, 1958 (the following night). Place, the same road near Ponta Poran. Witnesses: Professor Cicero Claudino da Silva, a very responsible citizen; Mr. Mustafa Esgaib, a student of law; Mr. Alegario Campos, the **substitute notary**; and Dr. Joao Manuel Vasques, a clerk at the state's Taxes Office.

The above witnesses were personally interviewed and their accounts agree with each other. They are citizens who are very esteemed in the town and considered as reliable and responsible people. Their sighting will be reported through the words of Prof. Cicero Claudino da Silva.

"Since the morning, we began to hear about the startling experience of Mrs. Mendoca and her friends. We became very excited about the presence of UAOs around the town and even decided to make our own investigation the following night—if the story was real. We talked at last with the witnesses and checked their reports against each other; there was no doubt that they were telling the truth. So, there was an "unknown" wandering around our town. It may be that it was going to be still around the next night. It was a possibility. We decided to search for it, with a hope: to attract the creatures inside that strange machine to ourselves. The others were only curious about the UAO, but I was personally interested in a "contact" with the beings inside the craft, if there was any chance to try it. I made the decision to make the necessary attempt if the opportunity arrived—I was sure that "they" were here for something important and, being intelligent and civilized people as it was obvious from their technological progress, obviously should be interested in a "contact" with earthmen. At least in a "contact" started by intelligent and peaceful men, not frightened, and as interested as themselves in the whole thing.

"After dinner, we jumped in the station wagon and left the town. We were traveling along the same road where the UAO had been sighted the other night. At 10:30 p.m., we arrived at the place called 'Porteira Ortiz,' and stopped the vehicle in a position chosen in such a manner that the car's headlights faced the plains to the west and south of the road—just in the direction of the frontier of Paraguay. Afterwards, we started to blink the headlights at regular intervals—on and off—flashing light signals that should certainly attract the curiosity of the UAO (if it was somewhere around that area). We had planned the right thing, for it apparently saw our signals, became interested and came to investigate. From the west, from the side of

Paraguay, it appeared—a light in the sky, reddish in color. It was low on the horizon and very distant from us. It came toward the station wagon, silently approaching and gradually increasing its size and brightness. That light, we could see, was flying with an odd **side to side horizontal, oscillatory motion**. It came so near that the ground around the car was brilliantly illuminated for a few seconds. There was the beginning of panic among us at that moment, for the maneuver was obviously to frighten us. It had been a purposeful maneuver, we had no doubt about that fact. I didn't like it. Then the UAO came again toward the car. At that very moment, we spotted the presence of another similar light. It was still closer than the first one, coming from the other side. We realized at once the dangerous situation we might be in in a few moments—and lost our heads. There was no courage to wait for more. The movement of those 'things' suggested something alien—from another planet—and there was something hostile and menacing behind those aggressive maneuvers against us. We forgot our plans to make a 'contact'—everything—we jumped into the car as rapidly as possible and ran away at the highest speed from that haunted space. Fortunately, the lights didn't bother to follow us. They moved away in opposite directions but remained in sight for a long time yet. They were high in the sky and oscillating from side to side, but not far away.

"When we arrived in town, our haunted faces attracted the attention of many people. We had nothing to tell them except to relate what had happened and ask for their help in taking other measures about the UAOs. They accepted and we again went to the road outside the town, followed by several other cars. But this time we saw nothing. The two UAOs were gone. . . .

"Next night, we left the town again together with many cars of all types—a true caravan. We stopped again at the 'Porteira.' We flashed light signals with headlights, spotlights and flashlights for many hours. Nothing happened. . . ."

(In our May issue we will conclude this sensational report by Dr. Fontes, in which two incidents even more astonishing than the three above, will be related. The apparent use of a weapon which inhibits the electrical systems of cars, will be evident in one incident. Because of the necessary length of this report, it was necessary to serialize it, but all facts are included. We are indebted to Dr. Fontes again for some excellent investigative work and top-notch writing. Dr. Fontes is a Brazilian, his native language Portuguese. He learned English by reading it, and does a superior job of reporting in this language which is not entirely familiar to him. A top flight

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES AND PURSUING SAUCERS

By C. W. FITCH

The article, "Family Disappears, Saucers Seen" on the front page of the January 1959 issue of the A.P.R.O. Bulletin is thought provoking. It reminded me of an article I read several years ago entitled "Are Flying Saucers Kidnapping Humans?" which appeared in the October 1953 issue of "Man-to-Man" magazine. As may be assumed from the title it was of a sensational nature. After taking the trouble to check out one of the occurrences related in it, namely the supposed levitation of farmer James Greer from a farm near Zanesville, Ohio and finding that it was apparently pure fiction, since Zanesville residents had never heard of the happening, I mentally classified it as interesting science-fiction. But the **Bulletin** article focused my attention on this subject again and brought to mind a number of cases in which individuals have claimed they were followed by "flying saucers."

First let us briefly consider three recent cases in which entire families have mysteriously disappeared. The **Bulletin** article referred to in the first sentence of this article heads the list.

"On December 7, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and their three daughters left their home in Portland, Oregon and drove out into the country to get a Christmas tree and greenery for decorations. They purchased gas on a credit card at Cascade Locks, east of Portland, the same day and have not been seen since.

"Many reports of possible clues still reach law enforcement agencies, most of which have no bearing on the case, deputies said . . . 'These include the sighting of a flying saucer in the Cascade Locks area on December 7.' " No bearing on the case? Possibly not, but then again . . . !

Three weeks and one day later, on December 29, Earl Zrust, his wife Caroline, and their five children left their ranch style home on the north edge of Silver Lake, Minnesota in their 1957 Oldsmobile and vanished without a trace. When their absence was first noted their home was found unlocked, their Christ-

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medical doctor specializing in gastroenterology, Olavo is outstanding in his field, which makes heavy demands upon his time and energies. Dr. Fontes utilizes the same conscientious care in his UAO research as he does in his medical research, studies and practice. His investigations, research and writings about UAO are done in what little spare time he has, and we are indeed grateful that he chose APRO as his reporting outlet. —The Editor.)

mas tree was still up and the utilities were not turned off, all of which seemed to point to the conclusion that the family did not intend to be gone very long when they left. However, that was six weeks ago and the mystery of their whereabouts is as deep now as it was the day they disappeared. (Despite intensive searches involving thousands of people, including all-state alarms, there has been no trace of the Martin or Zrust families. Neither family had any reason to "disappear." Both were financially in very good condition, happy in their homes, etc. . . . The Editor)

Thirteen days later, on Sunday, January 11, Carroll V. Jackson Jr. and his wife Mildred and their two daughters drove from their home in Apple Grove, in Central Virginia, to Richmond. On their way back they stopped off to see Mildred's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Hill at Buckner. Then they headed the final 16 miles to their home.

Monday afternoon Jackson's late model car with the keys in the ignition was found at the side of a country road, half the distance home. It appeared to have been forced to the side of the road, then hurriedly abandoned.

In four weeks 625 square miles of rugged backland have been searched without turning up a single clue. Authorities are no closer to knowing the Jacksons' whereabouts than they were the day the car was found. It was as though they had vanished into thin air.

(Since receipt of this manuscript two bodies tentatively identified as Jackson and one of his young daughters have been found in Spotsylvania county about 40 miles from where the Jackson car was found abandoned. The man was found with hands bound behind him. If the tentative identification proves correct, it may be found that the Jacksons were victims of criminal action of some kind. It should be noted here that the Jackson case is the only one of the three disappearances in which the automobile did not disappear also. . . . The Editor)

To date no report that flying saucers were seen in either of the last two areas has been received. Therefore, any attempt to associate UAO activities with the latter two cases must be purely conjectural. However, let us not close the door too quickly on this possibility. While authorities proceed with standardized and approved methods of crime detection it falls to the lot of the UAO investigator to closely scrutinize and examine this "unrecognized" possibility and, by evaluating the experiences of others, attempt to arrive at some conclusion as to whether they merit serious consideration as offering possible clues to certain of these strange disappearances. With this thought in mind, let us consider a few such actual experiences and the feelings of those concerned in them.

The Monon Railroad Case

In the November 1958 issue of the **Bulletin** under the caption, "They're Back Again in Indiana," was related the amazing experience of a five-member train crew on the Monon Railroad in Indiana on the night of October 3, 1958. All five members had the unique experience of witnessing one of the most spectacular exhibitions of low-level flying by a team of four UAOS ever to be seen on this earth. On this occasion four saucers followed a freight train for over an hour before abandoning their pursuit tactics.

The Jacksonville, Fla. Case

At 11 o'clock on the night of May 9, 1956, two girls, Joan Frost and Gertie Wynn, having left a dance on the outskirts of Jacksonville, were waiting for a bus at the corner of Water and Colonial streets. Their attention was attracted to two moving lights in the sky, so high they looked like stars except that they were flashing on and off. The girls' first thought was that the objects were falling stars but when they followed each other across the sky, swiftly and in a horizontal position, they decided they must be something else. In about fifteen minutes the two lights were seen returning. When almost overhead they stopped suddenly and the lower of the two objects appeared to go up into the other so they appeared as one. This one then dropped earthward at a terrific speed until it was just above their heads at an estimated height of 150 feet. As it lowered the girls saw that it had three white lights on top which pulsed while it was in flight. It was round and appeared to be from 50 to 75 feet in diameter. When it was directly overhead they could not see the white lights but noted that the object appeared to be surrounded by an eerie deep red mist of light. They could discern the outline of a good-sized door in the bottom of it which was outlined by a brighter red "almost like a flame" shining through the cracks between the door and the body of the object. Just then as the strange craft was hovering close overhead the bus approached and the door opened and the smaller object dropped out of it. It, too, was a circular disc. The girls' graphic description of this close-up sighting and their feelings at the time serve to give one a good idea of how unnerving and frightening such an experience might well prove to be.

Joan Frost: "We saw the door but did not take too much notice of its size because when it looked like we were going to be picked up by the object, I got terrified and started to run down the street. Gertie just stood there staring up at it."

Gertie Wynn: "The object went just above our heads. There was definitely no sound at all. I sure had a fear of

being kidnapped."

Wallace L. Marlowe (the bus driver): "As I approached the corner of Water Street on Colonial Street, I saw two strange objects in the air just above the girls and ahead of my bus. I pulled on down to where the girls were standing and got out of the bus and looked at the objects myself. They hovered just above us for a second then they both went up into the air at a high rate of speed.

"As I recall, the girls were terribly frightened when they boarded the bus, and I do believe they mentioned something to the effect that they thought they were about to be kidnapped."

(Thanks are due Leonard H. Stringfield of 7017 Britton Ave., Cincinnati 27, Ohio for permission to refer to this sighting which is related in complete detail as case #162 along with many others in his outstanding work "Inside Saucer Post . . . 3 - 0 Blue.") Direct quotes are from letters received from the three principals by this writer.

The Second Jacksonville, Fla. Case

Under date of June 7, 1957 the Jacksonville **Chronicle** carried a report of an experience which Mr. W. G. Duckworth of Jacksonville related to them.

At 11:30 p.m. on the night of June 3, 1957 he and Mrs. Duckworth were driving north on U. S. Highway 1, just south of Fort Pierce when they noticed a glowing object in the sky which seemed to be following them. Duckworth said they stopped their car and the object came to "within 300 to 400 yards," the closest distance it got. It then halted, made a sweeping reverse turn and took off at high speed. He estimated it was "about 2000 feet high."

Duckworth said the object appeared to "glow all over, was oval-shaped on top, concave in the center and oval-shaped on the bottom."

The Preston (Ontario) Case

On August 15, 1957 **The Evening Reporter** of Galt, Ontario ran the following headline and article: "Two Preston Girls Chased by Strange Flying Object."

"Two Preston girls were given 'the scare of their life' last night by a 'strange flying object.' Colleen Weiler, 16, and Diane Kloepper, 15, had a good view of the object as it circled above them at a height of about 100 feet on King Street across from the Post Office.

"On arriving at the intersection where the Bank of Montreal is situated, Colleen was attracted to a very brilliant light seemingly hovering above the bank. Colleen at first was too startled to say anything to her friend but simply stared at the object until Diane glanced up as well and she too was shocked at the sight. 'It was round and the light was blinding,' said Colleen. 'I couldn't look at it for any length of time at all or my eyes would have been more painful than they

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were. It was stationary for a short time, then it would spurt away and then would return to a position above us.'

"Diane's comments substantiated Colleen's description of the object. 'It was really scary and so close to us. I was glad when it left us but then it came back and I noticed the flames, or it was more like white heat, coming out of it on each side. When it did start away it grew paler in light and there seemed to be a dark plate or spot in the middle of it. The flame, or whatever it was, also died down a bit. We never did see the top of it so I don't know what was on the top. When we saw this "thing" it seemed to be as big as a large room.'

"Diane then hurried home after this experience as did Colleen but the object followed Colleen back along Church Street as far as her house. Said Colleen, 'I practically ran all the way home and every time I looked over my shoulder it was right above me. I was really scared. I ran in the house and told Mom what I had seen. She didn't say very much.'

"Comment from Mrs. Weiler completed the happenings to the girls. 'Colleen came running into the house and told me what she saw and I could see by her face and eyes that something had happened to her. Her eyes were very red and bloodshot and they were watering something awful. I tried to pass it off as nothing but I was so frightened myself that I couldn't go out to look. I don't know what the girls saw, but I believe them in their description of this "thing," whatever it was. They just got back from camp and didn't know a thing about this flying saucer scare. They certainly do now, though.'

(Thanks are due Gene Duplantier of 1157 St. Clair Ave., W. Toronto 10, Canada for bringing this valuable news story to the attention of his readers through the medium of his excellent publication **Saucers, Space and Science**, a bi-monthly mag.)

The Ortonville, Minnesota Case

In **The Ortonville Independent** of Nov. 15, 1956 appeared an account of still another individual who had the experience of being followed by a UAO. (See **APRO Bulletin** for Nov. 1956, page 6.)

Under the heading "Redfield Trucker Said It Followed Him for 4 Hours" appears the following narrative:

"A flying saucer, a spaceship or what have you, was definitely seen near Ortonville at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning and, although several attempts have been made to identify the object, it still remains a mystery.

"First to report seeing the object was Marlan Hewitt, of Redfield. He was driving a bulk milk truck from Pelican Rapids to the Redfield creamery. Hewitt always stops at the Theatre of Seasons Cafe at Hilltop for early morning break-

fast. He pulled into the Russ Mileage station breathless and visibly affected. Hewitt shouted to the night attendant, Jim Scherer, to look at the object in the sky to the east. The two watched it for several seconds. Hewitt said the first he saw the spaceship was at about 1 a.m. near Pelican Rapids and that it 'followed him all the way to Ortonville.'

"He said it appeared to be about a thousand feet in the air and a half mile away from the road, had windows in it and turned a brilliant red when he turned his lights off at Graceville to watch it. He also said he could discern what appeared to be individual lights around the top of it. His description was that it was saucer-shaped, gray in color and he would estimate that if it was on the ground it would cover about an acre of land. Hewitt said that when he turned off the lights of his truck near Graceville, the ship or object turned red and sped away and upward. He said it was visible the entire distance to Ortonville. Hewitt is a member of the National Guard at Redfield. In talking with Hewitt late this afternoon he said that between Big Stone and Milbank the ship also came very close to him although not as close as it did when at Graceville.

"Definitely substantiating Hewitt's description of the object was young Scherer. He said he was scared at first. Scherer said he could see windows in the object. That is what Hewitt said as he saw it at Graceville which was the closest point at which the ship came to him."

The Greencastle, Indiana Case

A most unusual experience in which a saucer followed and "buzzed" a car was reported by four teen-age boys to the Greencastle, Indiana **Graphic** on June 26, 1957 and appeared in the following day's paper and in **The Indianapolis News**. Gray Barker, well-known UAO researcher of Clarksburg, W. Va. learned of the happening and contacted the **News** and Kenneth Bennett, father of one of the boys involved and publisher of the **Graphic**, and brought a first-hand account of the event to his readers in his publication **The Saucerian Bulletin**. I visited the boys in Greencastle and obtained from them another first-hand version of the affair, similar in the most part to the prior accounts but adding a few details not previously mentioned. It is this account of their experience on the evening of June 25, 1957 which is related here.

According to the boys' story, on Tuesday night, June 25, they were returning home from Russellville when they saw a large circular red light in the sky. Present were Jack Glover, Jerry Brattain, Bob Coleman and George Bennett, all of Greencastle.

They stopped their car and directed the beam of its spotlight toward the light, flashing it on and off. As though

in response, the red light moved toward them. The boys became frightened and took off in their car in flight. The UAO quickly dropped lower and apparently discharged a small object which entered the open car window, bounced with a thud on the floor and exploded at their feet with a bright flash and a sharp report similar to a firecracker. Grover said he was so scared he cried. The UAO had approached from the north but the "bomb" came in through the car window facing south, so they felt that the UAO apparently had passed overhead and continued on its course toward Greencastle. After the explosion they speeded up and shortly afterwards hit a bump in the road. They distinctly heard two simultaneous clicks which they thought were made by the hub caps coming off the front wheels. They stopped and backed up to the spot where they had hit the bump. On getting out they found that the hub caps were actually missing. They were unable to locate the hub caps so continued on homeward. They returned the following day but were unable to locate the missing caps. The boys theorized that it might have been possible for the craft's magnetic attraction to have been sufficiently strong to have drawn the caps from the wheels.

They were all considerably shaken by their experience and on arriving home narrated it to their parents. Some of the parents believed their story while others were inclined to think that they were the victims of their own too vivid imaginations. After interviewing the boys I was very much impressed by their apparent sincerity and felt that they were telling the truth.

The Ajo, Arizona Case

Here is recorded, for the first time, a hair-raising experience which never reached the press for quite obvious reasons as in the first Jacksonville, Fla. case. In both, the persons involved wished to avoid publicity and possible ridicule. In this instance the story was related to me when I visited the principal at his home in Marietta, Ohio in 1956. I first heard of the case while visiting with Mrs. Kathleen May of Flatwoods, W. Va. Mrs. May, it will be recalled, was one of the principals in the Sutton Monster case. Mrs. May mentioned that she had met and talked several times with a Mr. Nick Riggs of Marietta who was very much interested in matters pertaining to UAOS and that he had related to her his own astounding experience with one. She repeated the story on request. I expressed a desire to meet Riggs and hear his experience firsthand and succeeded in doing so that fall by making a trip to Marietta. The following account was obtained at that time.

In 1950 Nick Riggs and his mother were

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living in the copper-mining town of Ajo, Arizona near the Mexican border. They had moved there from St. Marys, W. Va., in the hope that the climate might benefit his mother's health.

Frequently, toward the end of the day, they would go for a drive out into the surrounding countryside to enjoy the beauties of the desert sunset. On one such occasion they were on the highway between Ajo and Gila Bend on which, at that time, there was an abandoned airport. As darkness fell they were some distance out of Ajo but had not reached the old airport when they suddenly became aware of a humming sound, seemingly coming from overhead which Riggs described as being similar to that made by a large dynamo. Looking upward out of the car windows they saw a huge circular object flying low overhead. It was the color of dull aluminum. Riggs and his mother were both frightened and he speeded up in an effort to outdistance their unwelcome companion. However, it descended lower until it was only a few feet above the top of the car with its rim protruding just far enough ahead of it that by looking upward through the windshield they could see that it was dangerously low. Riggs said he had a feeling that the beings inside the craft wanted him to stop and that if he did they would be goners.

The saucer paced their car for miles across the desert during which time Riggs drove as fast as he dared over the lonely highway but was unable to get away from it. He knew they were close to the abandoned airport and decided he was going to turn in its drive and by circling its buildings head back in the opposite direction toward Ajo. At about the same moment he reached this decision he saw the lights of approaching cars. Apparently the UAO also saw them for they were suddenly aware that it was no longer overhead. Riggs turned into the airport drive, circled the buildings and came out between the two approaching cars and in that position returned to Ajo. The experience had so frightened his mother that she was in a state of near hysteria and required the administration of sedatives on reaching town. Riggs remarked that this experience put an end to their sunset drives on the desert.

There are also cases on record of UAOs following planes. From these facts the obvious conclusion to be reached is that the intelligences directing the UAOs demonstrate sufficient interest, curiosity or unknown intent to follow and no doubt scrutinize us at times when we are going about our earthly activities.

It is only a matter of another step in the process of deductive reasoning to assume that the UAOs could be interested in obtaining specimens of our plant, animal and human life in order

to become better acquainted with them, just as we will probably do a few years hence when the time comes that we are able to cross space and reach the moon, Mars and other planets if we find there is life on them. Army rocket scientists at Winter Park, Fla. predicted this month (Feb. 1959) that the U. S. could land men on Mars in 15 years if it made an all-out effort. If we expect to be able to reach Mars within the next few years why isn't it entirely within the realms of possibility that dwellers on another planet simply beat us to the punch and got here first. One writer recently said that such civilizations might be fifty years ahead of us in scientific achievements. Yes, and for all we know, they might be several hundreds or even thousands of years ahead of us. Why limit it to a mere fifty years? Their source of energy and speed capabilities might very well indicate that they could easily be more than fifty years ahead.

Scientists, authorities and the general public who refuse to recognize and admit that it is entirely possible that we may already be playing the part of host to visitors from outer space might do well to consider the words of an unknown author:

"A thousand persons observe and report a UAO. One self-confident, assertive and arrogant scientist, backed by others of his esoteric profession, can deny the occurrence and come close to convincing the public they did not see what they plainly saw. This is NOT science! This is intellectual dictatorship, an imperialism of the intellect."

Credit for this quotation goes with thanks to Ray Streib, publisher of **UFO News**, Route 3, Danville, Ind.

Personal experiences such as those related in this article cause one to wonder how many of the individuals who are yearly reported as missing might have chanced to come upon a UAO in some lonely and out-of-the-way spot and were not as fortunate as those whose experiences we have just considered. It is certainly food for thought and time we all gave this possibility some serious consideration.

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(When considering all the facts at hand, the indication that certain groups of human beings have been kidnapped—however unpleasant—is unavoidable. It is an hypothesis so complete that it leaves no important aspect of the disappearance "mysteries" unanswered as the following questions and answers will demonstrate:

Q. What would be the Aliens' purpose in kidnapping humans?

A. To study human habits and reactions at close range.

Q. Why family groups?

A. An individual removed from familiar to alien surroundings would be an un-

fit subject for a reliable study because of the resultant emotional stress, worry, or just plain loneliness. This would be much less true of a family group. Here they could expect to find more adaptability and cooperation. It is possible that individuals kidnappings have already occurred (there are hundreds of extant missing persons cases) with unsuccessful results, i.e., the subject broke down emotionally.

Q. Why do they want to study us at all?

A. It may be mere scientific curiosity or it may be part of a preparation to contact and/or colonize us. (The missing families may eventually be returned.)

Q. Why more than one family?

A. In any statistical study the more samples taken—the more reliable the results.

Q. Isn't it highly unlikely that advanced beings such as these must be (to have traversed space) would resort to such heartless tactics?

A. Not necessarily. They need be technically advanced only. We contemplate space travel within a few years. The way things are going at present the USSR is likely to man the first earth-originated spaceship and enforced servitude is still the order of the day in Russia. Also—in the 1800s, generally known as the era of spiritual enlightenment, spiritually enlightened people thought nothing of capturing and enslaving other humans. —

Q. What happened to the automobiles in the Martin and Zrust cases?

A. They are probably taken along. UAOs have often demonstrated their curiosity concerning planes and automobiles.

Q. How is it possible to kidnap a whole family without a struggle?

A. UAOs have many times demonstrated their ability to stall automobile engines. Elsewhere in this Bulletin read the case of Pfc Bernard G Irwin. His adventure started when he left his car to investigate a "flash in the sky" . . . a UAO . . . Irwin was found unconscious but physically unharmed. Apparently they have no more use for single specimens. After stopping a vehicle and rendering the occupants unconscious, our visitors would have only one remaining problem—removal of their specimens from the scene . . . J. J. Lorenzen.)

Headquarters is still behind on correspondence. Mr. and Mrs. Brown transferred to California in January where Al will be engaged in basic research for a private company. We wish them much luck but miss them very much. Of course, we are short one secretary (thus our correspondence problem) but Mr. Brown will continue as Director of Research.

Soldier Sees Flash...

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to land about 1/4 mile from where he was. He thought it was a plane crash although he heard no sound to identify it as such. The light was very bright, and had a shape, but not definite. When it came to the ground it flared up then died out completely.

The soldier, who is a 23-year-old volunteer, said he was walking up the hill, does not know when or where he blacked out. When he came to 24 hours later in the Cedar City Hospital, he was talking about "jacket on the bush," but doesn't know why he mentioned it. There is one important point however, and that is the fact that Irwin was wearing, besides the normal clothing, a sports jacket with an overcoat buttoned over it. He had it on when he left the car, and said that his overcoat was on and buttoned when he got to the hospital (according to hospital attendants) but that his jacket was missing. The jacket just simply was not on him when he was undressed by attendants at the hospital—nor was it found during the air and ground search—nor was it in his car. It can be theorized that the jacket was stolen, but by whom and when, except during the period when he was lying unconscious near that lonely road?

My conversation with Irwin also brought out the fact that Irwin was given a complete physical checkup at Cedar City, and was found to be a very normal, healthy young man. He has no history of neuroses or "blacking out" spells.

Pfc Irwin was flown to William Beaumont Army Hospital by the Army, and underwent a 4-day psychiatric and medical examination and observation by Army doctors, who also found him to be normal, according to Irwin. I asked him if he had any troubles or anxieties which he felt might cause the "black-out" and Irwin answered that he had none that he could think of. However, several days after he had returned to normal routine at Fort Bliss, Irwin did suffer a fainting spell during his off-duty hours. No evident physical reason for this, either.

In reviewing the facts of the incident, we know that Irwin saw something bright in the sky and on the ground—sufficiently unusual to make him believe he should investigate because it could be a plane crash. He started out in search of whatever it was he had seen, and lost consciousness and stayed unconscious for 24 hours. He has no memory after starting the search for the light—"it's as if my memory of that period had been completely wiped clean," he says.

When removed to the hospital a piece

of his apparel was missing—an ordinary sports jacket. What would anyone want with a sports jacket? The ordinary thief would have taken any other things of value, but none were missing—not even money. Even if other valuable articles had been taken, we would have some sort of explanation, but none for the light that Irwin had observed before losing consciousness. The light and his unconscious state must be connected. But how? It is evident that his overcoat and his sports jacket were taken from him while he was unconscious, and the overcoat put back on and buttoned up again. But why? Was it an oversight?

After considerable thought on this problem, the possibility that the jacket being left off was just an oversight seems reasonable. When he was regaining consciousness, Irwin was mumbling about "jacket on the bush." Was his conscious mind momentarily concerned with a memory of something which had stuck in his mind during the time he was unconscious? Had he, while in his state of unconsciousness (or whatever the state was) been worried because he saw his jacket hanging on a bush?

The jacket was not found during air and ground search later, so it was taken away, by someone. Why? It does not seem logical that a man would be knocked unconscious for the purpose of stealing his sports jacket. It seems more correct that the jacket was an oversight, and that it was taken away later—perhaps after Irwin was taken to the hospital and the searchers were gone.

Taking into consideration all of the strange coincidences and facts about this incident there is a strong possibility that Irwin saw a UAO by accident, attempted to approach it and was incapacitated by some means not yet known to men, thoroughly examined, and the examiners, whoever or whatever they were, not being familiar with a man's conventional clothing, overlooked putting the jacket back on Irwin. Perhaps they were interrupted when another car approached, or when the conservation agent and the police started searching for Irwin, and had to take the jacket along rather than attempt to get it back on their unconscious victim.

In the process of analyzing such an incident it is natural that all avenues of explanations be exploited, and the possibility that "they" needed an article of clothing came to mind, but this is not entirely logical, either, because it appears that Irwin accidentally came upon the light, and that it was not pursuing him. (See other reports by C. W. Fitch and Dr. Fontes in this issue relative to pursuing saucers and car stopping.)

It is not possible for a man to feign consciousness for 24 hours. We do know one thing for certain: this is not a hoax.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Blue Flash at Plymouth, England

Plymouth, England, 2 November 1958. A five-second blue flash which illuminated the western end of the English Channel is still a puzzler. Dozens of ships and coast guard units saw the flash. No explanation.

Yellow Disc Over London Airport

An unidentified yellow disc seen hovering over London Airport on February 26 has been listed by the Air Ministry as unidentified. An air traffic control officer studied it through binoculars before checking with radar operators, found there was no image of the thing on the radar screens. One eye-witness said it looked like the reflection of a searchlight on clouds—but there were no clouds. Royal Air Force Fighter Command Headquarters, asked to investigate, gave this official description: "Bright yellow light varying in intensity some two hundred feet from the ground. It stayed in one position for about 20 minutes, then climbed away at high speed."

PILOTS REBEL

John Lester, staff writer for the New-ark, N. J. Star-Ledger, informs the public that a group of more than 50 airlines pilots have labeled Air Force secrecy "ridiculous." Each of the group has sighted at least one UAO, the rest several, and all have at one time or another been interrogated by AF officials relative to sightings and one stated: "We are ordered to report UFO sightings, and when we do we are usually treated as incompetents and told to keep quiet." One of the statements made by a spokesman for the anonymous group was to the effect that many pilots "forget" to report sightings rather than endure the AF quizzing and ridicule. One pilot said he was refused permission by his company to appear on a nationwide telecast. Another said he was ordered to "cease and desist" after he'd appeared on two network telecasts of recent date, with his company's approval. Also pointed out was the fact that any pilot who fails to maintain silence after a UAO report is subject to a maximum prison sentence of 10 years and a \$10,000 fine. (This latter bit of information smacks of the tactics of a couple of late, little-lamented dictators, and is not what is expected in a supposedly democratic free nation.—The Editor.)

Our sympathies are extended to Alamo-gordo member Mrs. Barbara Parker on the death of her husband Fran on 5 January in the crash of his F-106A here. Fran was a wonderful fellow, a top-flight test pilot, and had helped the staff immeasurably in a difficult analysis last fall (see September Bulletin, "The Holloman Cigar"). He is missed by many.

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UFO Involved In C118 Crash

CITIZENS FORM POSSE TO TRACK "OBJECT"

The following sighting of a UAO in the vicinity of Kuger, Ohio, should be compared to the incidents cited by Dr. Fontes in his currently appearing article, "Shadow of the Unknown."

The March 20 edition of the Gallipolis, Ohio Daily Tribune featured the accounts of whole families, usually driving home in their automobiles late at night, being paced and generally pestered by lighted objects estimated to be 16 to 24 feet in diameter. One of the viewers, Mr. Mayo R. Bales, was "led" on a 27-mile chase by the object on the night of 19 March. He said his car radio receiver cut out and a "buzzing, static-like sound" took over the band. He then spotted the object about 300 feet up and 75 to 100 feet in front of his car. He also noted that his car lights had dimmed. He described it as shaped like a "shined-up aluminum pan with white light coming from it, but not bright enough to hurt your eyes."

On the preceding Saturday, 13 March, high school junior Charles Athey came upon the object while walking in the Kyger "graveyard hill" area. He said the object looked like two "face-to-face saucers pressed together with a red sphere-like affair which rotated." The sphere contained openings through which a light penetrated, striking his shoulder. Frightened, he ran to a nearby house, but when he came out the object was gone.

The object was first sighted on January 17 when Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rupe and their two children were driving in the area. The object persistently followed the Rupe's car, despite evasive tactics on their part. He finally rammed his car into the steps of a farmhouse after turning into the driveway to avoid being "trapped." At one time the object had hovered a few feet above the road about 40 feet in front of his auto.

At this printing we have no further data regarding this rash of sightings in the Kuyger area.

"VOICES" INTERFERE WITH MISSILE FLIGHT

Holloman AFB, Friday, 3 April, 1959—At "X plus 3" during a routine Mace firing, the missile suddenly went out of control. Simultaneously, the boys at Tula Peak were astounded to hear the telemetry band being jammed by a strange voice. This strange phenomenon persisted for the remainder of the mission—a period of approximately fifteen minutes duration.

Now, "skip" effects or ionosphere reflections are not uncommon in the VHF band and lower. But both frequencies concerned here are in excess of 200 mc. and are chosen because of their immunity to skip effects. . . . Question: What transmitting source within line-of-sight range interfered with the Mace mission? Was a spare transmitter on the ground flipped on by accident? No, telemetry transmitters are not equipped to handle voice modulation. Deliberate sabotage? Not likely. Why would a saboteur waste his energy talking? And where did he get the strange language? The combined linguistic background of the listeners was able to eliminate all European languages as well as Russian and Japanese.

To continue, on Monday, 6 April, two AF officers arrived at Holloman from Wright-Patterson in a "T-bird." They called a conference of military personnel concerned with the above incident, stamp-

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LATE BULLETIN

Salvador, Brazil, 24 April 1959. A "contact" involving an ultimatum was received by a resident here. Apparently corroborating the claim are four pictures of the UAO involved. Argument for authenticity of the claim is the fact that the "contacter" took undeveloped film to lab for developing. The Brazilian Army is seriously investigating this claim. APRO neither endorses nor refutes the claim, as there is much to be done in investigation and analysis of the photos involved. More next issue.

Bob Gribble of Seattle is a member of APRO and also heads up APRG (Aerial Phenomena Research Group, 11323 14th Ave. S.E., Seattle, Washington) which at one time published the now defunct APRG BULLETIN—very similar in format and editorial policy to this publication during our mimeographical days. This Seattle group is very active in the field of objective research and investigation into the UFO problem. It represents the type of influence and effort which could eventually bring respectability to a much maligned subject. The following story is a combination of several reports sent to us by Bob during the course of APRG's investigation into this highly significant incident.—The Ed.

At 6:29 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 1959, a C-118 transport—with a crew of four aboard—took off on a local training flight from McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash. About one hour and fifteen minutes later the pilot radioed: "We've hit something or something has hit us." (The exact location of the plane at the time of this message is unknown). The pilot then called "Mayday"—the international distress signal—and reported that he was headed back to the base. Sometime later came the final message, "This is it."

The C-118 crashed 5 miles S. E. of Sumner, Washington—between Sumner and Orting—at about 8:19 p.m.—about 30 minutes after the "contact" message. Although we (APRG) did not see the wreckage ourselves, we did talk to witnesses who had. They said the plane, a four-engined transport, was shredded almost beyond belief—smashed to bits. It was reported that two bodies were found buried in the ground. This report fits in with statements made to APRG investigators that the plane slammed into the ground, straight down, while in a horizontal position, as though it had been thrust to the ground by an unseen force. (This is a fairly accurate description of the appearance of a low altitude stall—Ed.) Three of the bodies of crew members have been found. The fourth member of the crew is still missing . . .

Incidents preceding and following this
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crash make the entire case highly unusual. They are listed in their order.

1. At 7:00 p.m. a series of aerial explosions shook the north Seattle area.

2. At 7:20 p.m. entire Seattle area shook by a tremendous aerial explosion. Damage was reported.

3. At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Sam Snyder of Graham, Wash. (near the crash area) said his wife and a guest witnessed a brilliant glow through the timber in the direction of the crash scene. After dying out, it was followed by a second glow, which soon disappeared. (Note that this time coincides approximately with the time of the pilot's "contact" call—Ed.)

This glow (or a similar one) was seen by the tower controller at the Seattle-Tacoma International airport just before the pilot reported his aircraft in trouble. Such phenomena often accompany UFO sightings.

4. During the early hours of darkness mysterious lighted objects were seen in the sky from Kent, about 20 miles north of the crash scene, to Carbonado, about 8 miles southeast of the crash scene as well as in the Mt. Rainier area. Sightings of these mysterious objects in the Orting area was confirmed on April 2nd in a telephone conversation with Orting's Chief of Police and the P.I.O. at McChord AFB. The latter, however, said the objects were flares being dropped by parachute during a parachute jump exercise at Ft. Lewis, which is located next to the air base. Mr. Delwood, News Chief at Ft. Lewis, denied that such an exercise was in progress on the night of the crash.

5. Witnesses in the Sumner area stated

that, as the C-118 passed over their area, none of its four engines were running. The same witnesses said also that two parachute-like glowing objects were following the transport, and, further, that part of its tail assembly was missing. A large portion of the horizontal stabilizer was found later in the hills on the north side of Mt. Rainier.

6. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Orting reported seeing three or four parachute-like objects in the air as the plane passed near their home. The Air Force had no comment regarding these objects.

7. For some unknown reason, the plane did not land at McChord AFB. Instead, it turned away from the field, still flying at a very low altitude, struck trees on Crocker Heights, damaged #4 engine, tore open the wing tank which then caught fire and turned the plane into a flying torch.

8. At 10:00 p.m. another series of explosions shook the Seattle area.

9. About 10 o'clock on the morning following the crash, an anonymous phone call was received by APRG headquarters in Seattle. We were told: "Radar at McChord AFB picked up UFO's prior to the crash." The P.I.O. at McChord would neither confirm nor deny this report.

On Saturday, April 4, a group of APRG investigators went to the Orting-Sumner area to investigate the reports of UFO's seen in the area prior to the crash. Fred Emard, Orting's Chief of Police, had advised us by phone that he would be glad to furnish us with information regarding the mysterious flying objects but he would like us to come to Orting so that he could "see who he was talking to." We obliged.

Upon our arrival we found the chief in conference with an Air Force Colonel. The whole town was alive with brass. After we had waited about 15 minutes for an interview the Chief arrived, announced he had nothing to say to the members of our group, then left. We were advised by a confidential source close to the Chief that he had (together with other officials of Orting) been "silenced." . . .

Since the crash, the Military has been working frantically to question and silence everyone with information pertaining to the crash. The entire area was placed in a semi-state of martial law. Troops were moved from Ft. Lewis to interview residents of the area and instruct them not to discuss the crash. Tower operators at some local airports have been pressured into signing affidavits compelling them to remain silent. No sign, no job . . . free country?

One gentleman, one of the first to arrive at the crash scene, at first talked frankly and freely—then he was muzzled too.

The citizens of Sumner-Orting area are silent and scared. They know something is wrong, but they can't put a

AN EDITORIAL

This issue of the Bulletin is rather late because of a particularly difficult and time-consuming investigation which had to be carried on in the vicinity and which could not be postponed. The investigation is not complete and may not be complete for some time and therefore will not appear in the Bulletin at this time, but nevertheless must be pursued to its conclusion.

Mystery ice "fallouts" continue to be in the news, as well as ear-splitting, unexplainable sonic booms. The staff appreciates all clippings dealing with these subjects, the end result of which will be a report attempting to cast some light on the origin of same.

We have had several inquiries dealing with the status of APRO representation in the countries not listed under special representatives. We would like to assure the membership that we do have adequate representation, but that in many instances the members representing us are not in a position to declare themselves publicly (some are government employees).

LETTERS, REPORTS AND PICTURES

Various family and personal duties have kept scheduled work at headquarters at a virtual standstill, and the staff is asking the members at large to try to understand. Local investigations have also taken a lot of time and effort and it is felt these problems must take precedence over other duties. Those having pictures and reports ordered, and have letters due them, are asked to be patient just a little longer.

finger on it.

The unlawful suppression of freedom of speech which occurs in cases like this is hard to believe and easy to dismiss as exaggeration when it happens to someone else. Where in the past many APRG members were reluctant to believe such stories, they have now experienced such censorship first hand. The impact of the realization that such things can and do happen in this free country of ours is far from pleasant.

This case is far from closed.

The fourth member of the crew has not been found.

The shredded condition of the plane is still a mystery.

A much sobered APRG, despite threats, continues its investigation.

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ed the telemetry tapes TOP SECRET (they were previously unclassified), tucked the said tapes under their hot little armpits and went home and that, I imagine, is the last we'll hear of that.

THE SHADOW OF THE UNKNOWN

By DR. OLAVO T. FONTES

(PART II—Concluded)

UAOs CHASE CARS

Incident 4: Date—March 3, 1958. Place—a road near Ponta Poran. Witnesses: Mr. Marcio Goncalves, who had been the driver of Mrs. Mendonca's Jeep during the first two sightings at the region (incidents 1 and 2); one of his brothers (a boy, 13 years old) together with two friends of the same age; and a girl, Marcio's girlfriend.

The sighting will be reported by Mr. Marcio Goncalves, the chief witness. His report is seen below (transcribed verbatim).

"My second 'adventure' of the UFO-kind caused on my mind an impression far more strong than I had realized at the start. The experience with those eerie 'things' was something that never could be forgotten, I know, but that wasn't important. The trouble was that I felt the strange sensation that something should be done about the problem. The UFOs I had sighted were **controlled machines**, certainly with a crew inside. I was convinced they were doing an exploration of some sort in the region surrounding Ponta Poran. **We should discover what that something they were doing might be.** . . . The only way was to make other night trips to the spots where they had been sighted before. I gathered a group of friends for such a purpose and—night after night—we made many exploratory trips through the roads around the town. Our efforts failed, however. We only saw lights, distant lights, moving low over the horizon; none of them came close enough to permit a good observation. They might be UFOs—but they also might be cars' headlights seen from distances beyond our ability to recognize their true origin. The last hypothesis should be adopted in each case, we decided, unless proven otherwise. Therefore, after a ten days' investigation with no result, we closed our search.

"A few days later, on the night of March 3, 1958, I decided to invite my girlfriend for a ride in the moonlight. But to get her parents' permission, I needed other companions and also a reason for the ride. After an evaluation of the situation, I called my small brother and told him to gather some friends for another 'flying saucer hunt.' I also invited the girl. We left the town in the Jeep some time around 9:00 p. m.

"The UFOs were not, of course, my real interest that night. I had decided to drive up to a lonely and romantic place between two small thickets along the road. I stopped the car at the wanted spot, beside the road, in a large field

between the two small forests. I requested the boys to leave the car and start the 'hunt.' I told them to search across the plains around that region, flashing signals with their flashlights. I was going to remain in the car with the girl, but—if anything happened—we should be alerted at once. What I was actually doing was making believe they **might** find the UFOs. It was a little trick but I didn't feel guilty about it, because the boys were enjoying the situation and excited about the adventure.

"The time was 10:30 p. m. I was talking with my sweetheart, when suddenly she looked as if she was going to get sick. She didn't talk, but I saw through her frightened eyes that something was wrong—very wrong. I quickly turned my head to the point she was looking at and then I saw it, too. Something very bright was hovering in mid-air over the thicket ahead of us. The 'thing' seemed to be studying the situation before making any decision concerning us. The boys had sighted it, too, and started to run towards the Jeep. They were shouting: 'the saucer, the saucer. . . .' Their behavior apparently didn't please the UFO. It must have seen their shadows moving in the moonlight and . . . with unexpected readiness . . . it shot straight toward them at high speed. It rapidly went after them, coming down from a westerly direction. It appeared to be **'wobbling in mid-air'** as it dived to the ground, flying slightly above their heads. Fortunately, the boys were not too far away and reached the vehicle in time—just before the arrival of that 'thing.' Then everything lighted up, as if the sun had suddenly come out. But the light was as red as blood. My hair rose straight up the back of my head. Where was the UFO?

"We were directly **under** the 'thing.' It was something made of polished metal, of a silvery colour. It was **larger than a car** and shaped like a round ball. It appeared to be so near that we could have hit it with a pole.

"The boys had jumped into the Jeep. They were scared. The girl was mumbling and trying to scream, but no sound came from her throat. The situation was very bad. At any moment that thing might land on the car and we would be smashed, and killed. I decided to run away at once. That thing was trying to scare us, **it was not friendly**—it might even try something worse. . . .

"I started the car and drove hurriedly to the town. The UFO followed us, staying just behind the Jeep—**flying at about 9 feet from the ground.** It was very low, indeed; the vehicle as well as the surroundings was illuminated by the bright glow emitted by the object. There was no noise, or heat coming from it. I began to drive more rapidly, risking our lives because the road was in very bad condition, but there was no

other alternative. . . .

"The chase lasted for **fifteen minutes**, until we reached the other thicket (the one on the way to the town). The road passed through the woods, and I hoped the object couldn't fly under the small trees. I was right. We saw it pass behind the trees and disappear. We then relaxed, thinking it was gone. . . . When we left the protection of the woods, we spotted it hovering over the thicket—higher in the sky. It was clear that it was waiting for us to appear. The road at that place curved toward a hill a few hundred yards away. Then the thing saw our car; it dived at high speed, but not toward the Jeep. It left the road and cut its way to the hill; it shot straight toward the top of the hill. After that maneuver, it was ahead of us.

"The UFO descended over the hill, stopping on the ground just in the middle of the road. The situation was bad, the object had maneuvered to cut off our way to the town. In fact, our path was blocked for it was now on the road ahead (on top of the hill), hovering about a few feet above the ground. The Jeep was starting to climb up the hill—the UFO was there, just waiting. . . . I had only one alternative left: to drive the car on a collision course against the object; I couldn't stop; to come back, on the other side, was to do exactly what **'they'** wanted. No, there was no other choice. The Jeep picked up speed and we prepared for the crash.

"Then an odd thing happened. As the car was climbing up the hill, its headlights gradually were raised **until their beams of light hit the UFO directly.** To our amazement, THE OBJECT RE-ACTED STRANGELY as if its propulsion system had been disturbed by the light rays. When the beam of light from the car reached out and found it, the UFO **WOBBLED VIOLENTLY IN MID-AIR AND SHOT STRAIGHT UP.** I don't know why, but it was **RUNNING AWAY FROM THE LIGHT.** A very strange and unexpected thing. But it was good for us because I saw our chance and crossed the dangerous point rapidly. We passed just **under** the object, but there was no interference. . . . Some minutes later the UFO began to follow us again, but cautious, never coming close (as it did before). **After ten minutes**, it changed course for the last time. It climbed up vertically, **switched off its lights** at a height of about 300 feet, and vanished into the darkness. It was gone. . . ."

Comment: Incidents 3 and 4 are linked together, for the UFO's behavior and attitudes were obviously the same in both of them (with minor differences in detail). These cases are the most important and valuable of the whole series. They show the entities inside those UFOs were **against any contact with us.** They

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refused to contact. They disliked the attempt to contact them, and their behavior was angry, almost hostile. Why?

In incident 3, four persons left the town with the purpose of contacting the aliens. This incident is **UNIQUE** in the whole history of the UFOs: for the first time, a group of responsible and reliable people had left their town to meet the UFOs—**AND FOUND THEM**, but they got more than they wanted. They had stopped their car at the same place where one UFO had been spotted the night before. They started to blink the headlights of their automobile—an obvious signal to the UFOs. "They" evidently realized what was the purpose of those "natives." They came toward them. But their behavior was not that of a very intelligent and civilized people. In fact, their attitude was unfriendly. Their angry attitude and almost hostile maneuvers against people who attempted to be friendly to them, are evidence that their psychology is very much like ours. In other words, it seems evident that we cannot expect them to behave much different than we—men of Earth—would, given the opportunities. Besides, they seem to have little or no sense of humor (at least the ones involved in incident 3).

Incident 4 was of the same kind. A car was stopped beside the road, boys were running across the fields flashing light signals. Another attempt to make a **contact** with the UFO-people, it was obvious. Their reaction was the same: they refused to contact. Also they must have concluded that the first **dose** had not been enough: something worse was necessary. Therefore, their **interference** was still more direct and frightening this time. It appears they had planned something more to be performed after the UFO blocked the road, coming down on it. But something—the car's headlights—interfered at the last moment. It seems that UFOs do not like to be the target for beams of light of any sort. It seems that the balance of the electromagnetic propulsion system of the UFO involved in the case was badly disturbed by that light beam focused on the alien craft, at close distance. It caused the UFO to wobble violently when hit by the light rays. A **PHYSICAL EFFECT**, in my opinion, and a very interesting one.

Incident 5: I had planned to include here an incident that took place on another road near Ponta Poran, on March 5, 1958. It was similar to the others, another car being chased by two UFOs until it reached the town. But this sighting had to be excluded from this series because the witnesses involved (a couple, i.e., husband and wife) refused to be interviewed about their unpleasant experience. They do not want to talk about

it, and all attempts to convince them to cooperate failed completely. I can only say that the case existed, but it was discarded from this review. It was replaced by another report of the same kind, in spite of the fact that it happened in another state—more than two thousand kilometers away from Ponta Poran.

It happened on February 24, 1958, in the state of Bahia, on a road between the towns of Nazare and Salvador (the state's capital). Witnesses: Dr. Carlos Jose da Costa Pereira, a lawyer, also a technician of the SENAI's National Department; Mr. Manoel Mendes, his driver; and Mr. Antonio de Araujo, a friend.

Sighting Report: It happened when the observers were traveling between the villages of Santo Antonio de Jesus and Conceicao Almeida. They were on a night trip. At 3:05 a.m., the motor of their car began acting up—coughing and missing. **Then it abruptly stopped dead.** All attempts to detect the trouble failed. The next inhabited place was far away. The travelers decided that the best thing to do was to sleep at that spot, beside the road. Next morning they would try something about the situation, getting help from some nearby village or farm. It was then that they sighted a large luminous object hovering overhead. According to Dr. Pereira's report, "it glowed with a strange light, which seemed fluid—between silver and blue. It was only a light when first sighted, but that light approached and we were able to notice that a body existed inside the glow. This object was shaped like two hemispheres placed on top of each other, but between them there was a luminous disk (or ring) spinning at high speed. It was the source of the brilliant glow encircling the whole object."

The UFO came silently toward the car and stopped in mid-air about 240 feet (80 meters) from the observers, at an altitude of about 90 feet (30 meters). Then, "it came down slowly, in a vertical descent, until it was only 9 or 12 feet above the ground. At that moment we could see clearly its outlines: the bottom part was smaller than the upper dome and slightly flattened underneath." It remained motionless at that height, "its luminosity spreading toward the ground like a curtain of light—suspended between the UFO and the ground below."

The driver, scared by the eerie scene, jumped into the car. The two friends, on the other side, were not frightened. They felt a strange sensation, a mixture of fear and enthusiasm, a feeling difficult to explain. The UFO was still motionless and appeared to be about 60 to 75 feet in diameter. After a careful analysis of the situation, the two friends began to walk towards the "unknown." However, when they came close to the

illuminated area (about twice the size of the UFO itself), the object suddenly took off vertically (in a straight line). It stopped again about 600 feet (200 meters) above the ground—its brilliant glow illuminating a large area. Then it described a tight circle in the sky, making its luminous focus on the ground to rotate around itself. After this maneuver, the UFO stopped again in mid-air—tilted on an angle of 45 degrees in relation to the horizontal plane. That position permitted a better angle for the observation of the rotating ring around its center. Dr. Pereira got the impression that this rotating ring was notched like a cog-wheel, but the indentations appeared to be oblique in relation to the edge of the ring.

The UFO started to move again a few minutes later. It began to perform a series of high speed maneuvers across the sky, sometimes moving vertically, sometimes flying in tight circles around the car—sometimes moving in a straight line in several directions. When doing these "straight-line evolutions" it moved "more rapidly than the lightning"—changing into a small dot of light lost in the sky in just a split-second, to come back later in the same manner. At one time, the UFO lost altitude in a vertical plane, dropping to the ground with a motion compared (by the observers) to "the drop of a falling leaf"; it came down until it was again about 12 feet from the ground, and stopped in mid-air.

At this moment, for the second time, the observers attempted to approach the object walking towards it—but **again the UFO ran away**, avoiding any contact with them. It took off vertically, in a straight line and at tremendous speed—and was gone. . . The time was 4:35 a.m.

At 6:30 a.m., the UFO appeared for the last time. It was not very high in the sky and showed a silvery colour, but with no gleam or reflections. It was motionless, and tilted to one side. Then, it suddenly shot straight up at tremendous speed and vanished in a split-second.

Afterwards, the travelers tried to start the motor of the car and—to their surprise—the motor functioned properly. It didn't stall anymore, and the car was able to travel all the way to Salvador City with no further trouble.

Comment: Incident 5 was one of the so-called "stalled-motor reports." In this case, however, the car's engine stopped **first**—and the UFO came (or was sighted) later. In the usual case of this kind the UFO is spotted first, or at the same time as the trouble in the motor. Because of the different sequence observed—i.e., the motor stopped before the UFO was seen—the witnesses didn't realize the connection between those two apparently unrelated phenomena. As a matter

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of fact, they didn't suspect the UFO as being the cause of their troubles, of the "stalled-motor effect," in spite of the fact that the motor functioned properly when the UFO was no more in sight.

But the really important question about this kind of incident is: **Why does this kind of thing not always happen when a UAO is near an automobile?** In the series reported here, for example, the same type of UFO was involved in all cases but the "stalled-motor effect" was seen only in the last incident. Why? The answer is obvious. The evidence shows this "electric effect" may appear suddenly with no relation with the position, distance or maneuvers of the UFOs. IT MUST BE THE RESULT OF DIRECT INTERFERENCE, OF A WEAPON OF SOME SORT BEING USED AGAINST THE CAR (as in incident 5). Such an effect is obviously produced at will, only if wanted. . . In other words, it is evident that this "electric effect" is not merely a **side-effect** of the powerful, modulated magnetic field that exists around the UFOs. In none of the other cases reported here was there such an effect—yet the UFOs were closer to the cars (in all of them) than in the last report; the magnetic field was obviously present in every case, and the UFOs involved were of the same type. So, the field of force around the UFOs cannot be the real cause of this "stalled-motor effect." It must be the result of an interference by a device of some sort.

The five incidents described here are linked with each other by common characteristics, that are significant because they set a pattern for the whole group. In all of them the UFOs chase cars; the same type of UFO is involved in all cases; and four of the sightings took place at the same region and same road—in spite of the long time interval between them. None of the reports were printed by the press at the time they happened—but several months after the last incident. Another important thing was that all witnesses were interviewed personally and separately. Even the children. Their reports checked with each other. Besides, different groups of observers were involved in two cases (incidents 1 and 2), each one checking the truth of the facts reported by the other group.

An evaluation of the UFO's behavior and attitudes in each incident suggests that the psychology of the entities inside them appears to be very much like ours. Their behavior indicates the presence of emotional reactions similar to the ones we might expect from human beings put in identical situations. This is a very important point; it certainly demonstrates they are not **supermen**—but just

like Earthmen. Surely, they have developed more perfect machines and instruments, in order to be able to travel the vast distances between planets. They are many years ahead of us in technology, it is evident. But this does not mean they are more intelligent or more wise than people of Earth. Their behavior in the incidents listed here, suggesting a psychology and emotional pattern very similar to ours, seems to indicate that the conclusion is correct. In such a case, it is evident that we cannot expect them to behave—now or in the future—much differently than we, ourselves, would, given the opportunity.

It was suggested that the "stalled-motor effect" observed in incident 5 may be the result of a weapon of some sort—being tested against automobiles. This surely brings into view the idea that UFOs may be **hostile**. As unpleasant as it may be such a possibility cannot be discarded, yet, I would like to emphasize, at this point, that—if UFOs are hostile—the problem would then involve **matters of Intelligence** which affect the National Security of every country in this world. Then, there would be a logical reason for the censorship. . . .

It is not easy to make sense out of the UFO riddle. There are too many loose ends. But, on the other side, there are things that may be the clues we need to solve the whole mystery. Most of them seem to fit into a definite pattern. They may give us the answer, if we can put them together. The strange events reported by the witnesses of the five incidents listed here may be too fantastic to be believed—but they fit into that pattern, too. They show that the operating methods of the UFOs have changed. The change has not been realized yet by many UFO researchers, perhaps because it came in a very gradual manner, but it is **real**. The UFO's tactics are very different now. They are landing everywhere, they are chasing cars, and they are even interfering with people—chasing them, teasing them and even trying to scare them. Besides, at least in certain countries, they are concentrating their attention on certain areas for very long intervals (weeks, or even months). The reports from the region of Ponta Poran, Mato Grosso, may be taken as the first example of such a type of **"local UFO activity."** It is evident that their activity in that region has a meaning, but this "something" they were doing there has no apparent connection with the inhabitants of the area. In fact, they showed no interest in contacting the "natives"—and even refused such a **"contact"** in two opportunities (incidents 3 and 4). Besides, their attitude towards the people who attempted the "contacts" was not friendly; they apparently considered those attempts to call their attention as **interference**—and their reaction

was aggressive, almost hostile. As if they did not want to be disturbed by the inhabitants of the area when doing their work. Why? What kind of secret activity might they be engaged in? What might be the reason for their interest in one of the most remote and deserted sections of my country?

I don't know the answer for these questions. But the evidence suggests that a local activity of this type might point to the place the UFOs were coming from, i.e., might reveal the proximity of a secret UFO base on our planet—maybe the first of the kind. The thing may sound fantastic, I know, but it makes sense. According to the evidence at hand, their first move was to observe our civilization from a distance, in order to determine (among other things) if landings might be made without danger. If so, their next move might be the selection of a remote region of the planet, on which to locate their base. It seems logical. From that base, away from the prying eyes of the "natives," their flying machines would then make exploratory trips over the populated areas. Of course, the "natives" living in the region where the base was located would notice the unusual activity of alien craft—but they would be the only ones to notice the fact. Measures might be necessary to avoid their curiosity. The logical measures to be taken would be the following: (1) to avoid any daylight aerial activity in the area around the base—making all trips across the region **at night**, never in daylight; (2) to make no exploration of nearby inhabited places (villages, towns, etc.), but only of more distant targets; (3) to avoid any meeting with "natives" in the area close to the base, with the only exception of special cases—when there was some important reason involved; and, (4) **to scare** the "natives" if they showed too much curiosity about the UFOs; such a curiosity might become dangerous, for obvious reasons, and should be stopped at once.

The UFO's behavior in the sightings around Ponta Poran fits into such a pattern. Even their attitude in the first incident might be explained—if we remember it was the **first** sighting. The UFO's "crews" involved, if it was the first time they had sighted "natives," had to show an almost morbid curiosity towards them—for it would be their first contact with something unknown and alien to them. . . The fact that no UFO was sighted across the whole state of Mato Grosso at the time, in spite of the unusual activity around Ponta Poran, also fits into that pattern. They were seen over other states, but not there—not even around the nearby towns, Bela Vista (about 100 Km. to the northwest) and Dourados (about the same distance

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PAA PILOTS OBSERVE UFO

At 3 a.m. on 4 February 1959, Capt. H. Dunker, enroute from New Orleans, La., to Panama in a DC6B, sighted an unexplainable aerial object performing unexplainable maneuvers in the sky in front of the plane. The object was seen also by the co-pilot and engineer.

At a point just south of Swan Island at 17,500 feet, a reddish light sped across their path from their right to their left (west to east). At about 45 lateral degrees to their left, it stopped abruptly with a rapid fade in color intensity. A few seconds later it sped back across their course to a position about 10 degrees to their right, and again stopped abruptly. In only a few more seconds the object sped back to the 45 degree left position, again stopping suddenly and again, as each time before, with a quick fade of color intensity. When the object started to move again, it moved right straight up at the same tremendous speed until out of sight. Total sighting about 45 seconds. The observers were impressed by the object's maneuvers, can apply no other term for the object other than "UFO."

Pilot John Novak, who was sitting in the ready room listening to the above account, volunteered the information that he had heard of a sighting in Costa Rica on the same date. The tower operator at San Jose "El Coco" Airport had told him that he had seen an oval object flashing west to east across the airport just at sunset on the 4th of February. (Thanks to member Capt. William B. Nash, Pan-American Airlines.)

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to the east).

The clues discussed above support the possibility of a UFO base somewhere near Ponta Poran. But they do not represent **real evidence** that such a base exists. Also they are not sufficient, in my opinion, to attract the interest of the authorities—to convince them that the matter should be investigated. It is evident that only a military investigation, a methodical search of the whole region, might give the answer to the Ponta Poran riddle. As such a task is too big for civilians—and as the evidence at hand is not enough to request a military investigation—nothing can be done about the problem at the present time.

The only thing we can do—in the near future—is to wait for new developments in the area around the town of Ponta Poran, keeping the region under close watch at all times.

CORRECTION AND AMPLIFICATION

The name "Gillian," page 1, March issue, was a mistake. The major portion of clippings and press releases and feature stories dealing with that case, gave the pilot's name as Peter Gillian—the correct spelling is Killian.

On the same subject, we would like to point out that the Killian case was first explained away as the reflection of the constellation Orion on the clouds—by overenthusiastic AF officials. At a later date, about the 21st of March, an AP release out of Washington stated that the lights reported by Killian and his crew as well as the crews of two other airliners were nothing but the lights from B-47 bombers which were being refueled by a KC-97 aerial tanker, an operation which presumably required the space of one hour. Being confirmed skeptics where any official explanations are concerned, we only wonder at the coincidence that these aircraft took a parallel course, at the same approximate altitude as the craft piloted by Capt. Killian, and also moved in toward the airliner at intervals (a very dangerous maneuver to say the least). It is highly unlikely that neither Killian nor the other pilots were sufficiently familiar with military navigational lights to recognize them as such.

UAO SEEN NEAR HERMOSILLO, MEXICO

On the 22nd of March at 11:45 p.m., Engineer Francisco Cantu-Castro, Marcelino Sors and Francisco Gutierrez Caranza saw an intensely blue object hovering close to the ground near the White Mine Ranch, about 5 kilometers from the Hermosillo Airport.

The three men had gone to the mine to take some measurements, and as they approached the road which led to the mine they saw the object before them. Somewhat skeptical of approaching the strange object, they stopped and carefully wrote down their observations. Sors stated his intention to make a complete report to authorities. No further description or details available to this office at this date.

MONTREAL HOSTS UAO

Canadian Air Force authorities announced on 13 April that an unidentified aerial object which hovered over St. Hubert Air Base near Montreal on the 12th, was still unidentified.

The object, which did not register on radar screens, appeared as a red light to observers on the ground when it was spotted at 8 p.m. The control tower operator said it seemed to hang in the sky at between 3,000 and 7,000 feet for a few minutes, then it headed north at a

MATH PROF INVESTIGATES LIGHTS IN VIRGINIA

After reading the AP account of sightings of strange lights near Coeburn, Virginia, Mr. Lorenzen placed a telephone call to Professor Ted Gibson, an astronomy enthusiast and professor of mathematics at Lynch Valley College. The Prof. stated that the account, as carried in the Baltimore Sun for 2 May 1959 was correct, and we condense the information as follows:

Members of the college's Astronomy Club has been among the most frequent viewers of the strange orange objects, and 26 separate sightings have been logged in a special journal since the first sighting was made on 5 March. Louis Estes, a funeral director, has seen glowing red-orange disks which land and take off as close as 1,000 feet away from his point of observation. On the side of Wise Mountain, whose steep slopes are in clear view from the town of Coeburn, mysterious strips of metallic foil appeared overnight in a field a farmer was plowing to plant potatoes. This incident is still under investigation by APRO.

Bob Gribble has informed us that his name has been included in a list of "contactees" and "representatives" of the OTC Enterprises. Members are probably aware that OTC was to have launched his "flying saucer," claimed to be a revolutionary new flying machine, on 21 April in Oklahoma. Rumor says that OTC became ill and the demonstration did not take place. At any rate, it is apparent that these brochures are listing anyone and everyone—apparently to gain prestige by inference. Bob Gribble has nothing to do with OTC Enterprises, and wishes this expressly stated. APRO was also listed on a series of sheets headed, "List of Space Clubs and Special Space Interest Groups for Lectures and Interchange of Information." APRO is neither a space club or special space interest group, and no one in APRO was approached for permission to list this organization.

IN ETHIOPIA

A green sphere which moved several times with a swaying motion (!) over Yergalem, Sidamo Province, caused quite a bit of comment and commotion during the month of April. Sighting made during the early part of the month.

the speed of sound. The object was seen by St. Hubert personnel as well as many observers in the general Montreal area. The descriptions varied: "long red cigar," "black ball with a red light on it," and "a large sphere hanging in the sky to the southeast." The U. S. Air Force has offered none of their polyglot

FROM SCANDINAVIA

Our Swedish representative, K. Gosta Rehn, forwarded the following two incidents which appear to be quite similar to the Ponta Poran sightings of the March and current issue of the Bulletin:

14 April 1959, Ove Christensen, 32, while riding his motor-bicycle on the Svendborg-Nyborg highway near Fyn, Denmark, became aware of a brilliant semi-sphere, which glistened like metal and rotated a few feet above the ground. When first sighted, Christensen watched the object for about 5 minutes. It rose into the air and disappeared. Soon, however, the object reappeared and followed him, circling about 7 meters above his head as he proceeded toward his home. Christensen described it as a diffuse, oval sphere, and it followed him for a total of 5 km. His brother also saw the object, but from a distance.

On the 19th of January, Shoemaker Gunnar Jonsson and plumber Sigurd Hamberg saw a brilliant object in Sunne, Stigsjo near the city Narnosand, Sweden. It went slowly from southwest to northeast over Lake Langsjon and came about 300 m from the place these men stood talking. It was round, about 6-8 meters in diameter, and around it was a brilliant ring, about 2 m transverse section; it gave off a red-yellow light. The men ran to get other witnesses, and during a 3 minute observation about 8 individuals watched the object. The Defense Department claimed it was a searchlight from a car playing on the clouds (naturally).

IN VENEZUELA

Two sightings have been forwarded by member Joseph Rolas of Venezuela: November 12, 1958. A large luminous object was seen by numerous individuals early in the morning in the vicinity of the Caracas-La Guaira superhighway. A taxi driver, Raimundo Quinones, and several workers reported that it flew along the highway at a low altitude, then tilted and ascended at high speed, just missing one of the hills in the area. Described as brilliantly blue, disc-shaped and "swollen" on the upper and lower sections, it gave off a sound like the "turbines of the newest planes."

March 17, 1959. Mr. Jesus Cuadras, manager of the Bank of Venezuela deposits section, and five other witnesses, observed two luminous, round objects maneuvering in the sky above the Avila mountain and Catia region. They saw one object first (it was cylinder-shaped and motionless when first spotted), and watched as it went over southeast Caracas. Minutes later another object with the same shape appeared and followed the same trajectory. Mr. Cuadras observed the objects through binoculars, stated that they were not explainable in conventional terms, and that they appeared to be under intelligent control.



IN ARGENTINA

Mr. Bernardo Passion, our Argentina representative (pictured above), sends the following interesting incidents involving UAO from his country:

January 9, 1959, Cachi (Salta): At 8:57 p.m., for the third time, a strange aerial body crossed the sky at high speed from southwest to northeast. It was observed by most of the residents of the locality.

On the 14th of December, 1959, a strange aerial object came out of the clouds, flew below them for a short period and then shot up disappearing into the sky. It was a bright silver color and made a slight sibilant sound while passing overhead.

28 February 1959, Cordoba. For about 25 minutes, a round, silvery object was observed by a large number of persons. The time was 8:40 p.m., and the object was in the vicinity of the moon. From one side of the object, at more or less regular intervals, there issued a sort of explosion of great luminosity or brightness. After about 25 minutes, the object disappeared.

28 February, 1959, San Salvador de Juyuy. At 11:40 p.m. Alfredo Ficosecco and Victoriano Flores, electricians who were replacing a burned out street lamp, were surprised by a brilliant light which illuminated them for several seconds. They said an object was traveling at high speed at a rather low altitude, with three strong lights on the front or leading edge. The full description of the object is as follows: The front looked like a helicopter (?), and the body tapered back to a fish-like tail. The lights which illuminated the men were of an intense bluish color. No protrusions or details were discerned except for small red and green lights which ran along the sides back toward the "tail" of the object, which was immense in size. For a few brief seconds, the object stopped, whereupon it let out sev-

ADMIRAL DUFEEK SAYS SAUCERS POSSIBLE

From Wellington, New Zealand, via a Reuters dispatch dated 11 March, a statement by Rear Admiral George Dufek to the effect that the existence of flying saucers cannot be discounted, was aired 'round the world. Dufek, retiring as commander of the U. S. research and exploration program in the Antarctic, is returning to the U. S. We quote: "I think it is very stupid for human beings to think no one else in the universe is as intelligent as we are. . ." He said it was not beyond possibility that meteors that exploded in the earth's atmosphere were "saucers driven from Venus or other planets by intelligent creatures."

Although we think it is very brave of the Admiral to make such a statement (unless, of course, his courage comes as a result of his retirement from service) we are prompted to challenge the validity of his Venus hypothesis. If the findings of Immanuel Velikovsky ("Worlds in Collision," "Earth in Upheaval," and "Ages in Chaos," Vol. I) are correct (and the burden of proof is on his adversaries), Venus was a comet as late as 1500 B. C. and is an extremely young planet, probably just arriving at the stage at which life begins to evolve. Velikovsky's best argument against the possibility of life on Venus is the fact that Venus' dark side radiates as much heat as its bright side, thus indicating that it is an extremely hot planet. This would also seem to discredit the claims of the contacters who claim that they have conversed with Venusians, visited Venus, etc.

eral red balls from its rear section. After traveling for several hundreds of meters, the balls exploded silently into a display something like a flare. Then the large object disappeared in the direction of the Chani Range in the northwest.

The three following reports appear to coincide with Ficosecco's report, although there are minor differences:

At 11:30 p.m., Carlos Edison Soruco, living in Villa Lujan, observed a cone-shaped object passing over at high speed from east to west. Its leading section was bright white, and the rest of the body red and green. It lit up the ground underneath as it passed over.

Another report of a cone-shaped object came from schoolteacher Senora Mercedes de Fascio, at about the same hour. Still another report came from Senora Candelaria Yanex de Montero, who described the object as heading west, cone-shaped, and generally matching the description of Mrs. Fascio. She stated that it lit up the roofs of the houses while passing above the city.

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Five Pan-Pacific Pilots Sight UAO

MESSAGE FROM A FLYING DISC

Text by Joao Martins

Photos and Drawings by Helio Aguiar

Translation by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes

"The strange case we are going to relate here came to our knowledge through an officer of the Brazilian Army, from the 6th Military Region, located at Salvador, Bahia. Its authenticity was investigated to the limits that any investigation can reach when every possible explanation is analyzed and evaluated. That is: the photos and negatives were examined from every technical angle, the position of the sun and shape of clouds on the day of the sighting were determined and compared with what appears on the pictures, and the life and personality of the witness were exhaustively investigated. In a case of this kind, however, we could only reach a definite conclusion if such a conclusion was negative. In other words, if the photos or negatives showed clues suggesting a trick; if the position of the sun and shape of clouds on the day and time alleged contradicted what is seen in the photos, or if facts or motivations in the life and personality of the witness were found, showing that he couldn't be trusted, was a psychotic, or had reasons for simulation of the whole thing. As nothing of the kind was found or discovered, the case must be accepted as possible in spite of the fact that, even so, the inflexible investigator is not capable of admitting it as definitely proved—for lack of absolute proof. Many may consider this criterion as exaggerated, but in a matter so delicate and controversial the lack of evidence **against** does not imply a **positive** conclusion. On the other hand, the witness obviously cannot present more than was presented: his photos and his report. Therefore, in this article, we bring to the readers the account of this strange case, another UFO case where a proof **against** was not found in spite of all data we were able to collect in our investigation. The absolute truth, that only the witness himself can be sure about it. Our duty is

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OTC AND AHO TAKE FIFTH AMENDMENT IN SECURITIES PROBE

The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Fri., May 29, 1959—Otis T. Carr, president of OTC Enterprises, Inc., and two employees of his controversial "flying saucer" corporation Thursday were barred by a federal court from selling stock.

The temporary restraining order was issued by District Judge Ross Rizley on a petition by the securities and exchange commission.

The SEC complaint charges Carr, Kendrick and Rhoades "engaged in practices in violation of the Securities Act of 1933." The SEC specifically charges that since Nov. 18, 1955, the defendants have been selling securities, namely options and rights to purchase and deposit receipts for shares of OTC capital stock, and shares of stock.

SEC also contends the trio has been using U. S. mail and "other interstate communication" to sell, offer and deliver stock which has not been registered with the SEC.

Thursday's action . . . was based on an investigation by C. E. Booth, Fort Worth, chief securities investigator of the SEC regional office.

Booth estimated that the OTC firm raised approximately \$150,000 before coming to Oklahoma City . . . afterward, an additional sum of \$34,997.38 was deposited at Liberty National Bank.

During a questioning session with SEC investigators here May 12 and 13 Carr testified he had only \$20 in the bank, Carr took the Fifth Amendment 84 times, and Major Wayne S. Aho, his "educational director," took it 11 times during the questioning.

Considering the dubious talents of the Carr crowd, it is quite likely that should they be convicted of a violation, a hue and cry will go up from their followers: "Persecution," "suppression," etc., etc., ad infinitum.

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"FRIENDS OR FOES"

By DR. OLAVO FONTES

Special to the APRO BULLETIN

A cluster of extremely bright lights were observed by the pilots of five different transpacific planes early on the morning of 11 July 1959. First to report the sighting was Captain George Wilson (19 years flying experience), commander of Pan-Am World Airways flight No. 865 which had left Frisco for Honolulu at midnight. One thousand miles east of Hawaii, flying his DC7C at 21,000 feet, Wilson radioed the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center at 6:00 a.m. to report "an object which had an extremely bright light in its center and four smaller lights alongside." Co-pilot Richard Lorenzen of Los Altos and Flight Engineer Robert Scott of Palo Alto also observed the object(s) fly a parallel course toward the aircraft—then suddenly turn right and disappear.

Later, in Honolulu, Wilson said, "The closure rate was extremely rapid. It was flying faster than anything I've ever seen. I've never seen anything like it before. The weather was clear and we were atop a deck of clouds. It was pitch black. It couldn't have been another aircraft. . . . For at least ten seconds it maintained its course, which was an opposite heading to us, and had it been another aircraft it would have passed well to our left. Suddenly the object made a sharp right turn at a speed inconceivable to any vehicle we know and the light suddenly disappeared. The smaller lights were evenly spaced and were either a part of the mysterious object or this was an example of darned good formation flying."

Wilson was asked if he thought the UFO was controlled by a pilot. He replied, "It is possible, but the rate of turn was faster for that speed than any conventional aircraft in existence."

Since the lights all disappeared simultaneously immediately after the object made its 90-degree turn Wilson concludes, "Apparently all the light energy was in front of the object."

Could what he had seen been any sort of reflection? Wilson left little room

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Five Pilots...

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for doubt. "A total of five planes sighted the same object," he stated. "It is absolutely impossible that it could be a reflection."

One of the planes referred to by Wilson was another Pan-Am plane piloted by Noble Sprunger of Los Altos Hills. According to Sprunger, "It looked something like a falling star or meteor but it appeared to be coming right on track toward us."

Corroborative reports came from Capt. E. G. Kelley in still another Pan-Am plane, a Canadian Pacific plane outbound from Vancouver, and a Slick Airways plane.

A 12th Naval District spokesman said that there were no naval operations in the area at the time.

Crewmen of the planes were interrogated by Air Force investigators in Hawaii immediately after they landed.

A Vandenberg Air Force Base spokesman states that they had no firing at the time.

Pilot Wilson states that he had previously discounted reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, but, says he, "I'm a believer now."

Before military moguls could hush it, the information leaked out that the pilot of a B-50 bomber also reported seeing a cluster of mysterious lights at the same time as the civilian pilots.



CONTACT?

(With the following reports, we introduce J. Escobar Faria, long-time friend and fellow researcher [Editor, "UFO Critical Bulletin"] who has recently become an honorary member of A.P.R.O., because of his great contribution to the field of UFO research and his critical and accurate reporting. Formerly Editor of "O Estado de S. Paulo," [a Sao Paulo paper comparable to the New York Times] an expert on official documents for the Sao Paulo State Government, and ex-president for Prosecuting Committees for that state, Mr. Faria is currently an Official Attorney for the same government.

(Born May 10, 1914, in Santa Rita, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Faria received his Bachelor of Laws Degree at Sao Paulo University. He is a literary reviewer and critic, has written and published five books of poetry, was awarded the National Prize in 1953 [the "Olavo Bilac," comparable to the Pulitzer Prize] by the Academy of Letters at Rio de Janeiro. Faria approaches UFO research with the same critical attitude as he entertains as a member of the Brazilian legal profession. We are sure the members of APRO will enjoy his efforts in our behalf.—The Editor.)

On the 23rd of April 1959, student Luis Henrique Silva, 17, felt a strange urge to go into the back yard of his home. It was late at night and the other household members were sleeping. He went outside, looked to the sky and saw an object hovering at about 900 feet altitude (estimated). He said it looked like a sombrero and was the color of red-hot metal. Silva felt paralyzed, then watched as the round bottom of the object opened and a man clad in a one-piece suit of metallic-like material, spiraled down toward him. The creature stopped about 8 inches from the ground, and appeared to be a normal human-type wearing plastic gloves over exceptionally long fingers, and his head encased in an opaque device like a diving helmet. Then the

being held out his hands and shook hands with Luis. To make a long story short, the being, like Adamski-type spacemen, spoke the local language (in this case Portuguese) "slowly and musically," told him not to be afraid, told him to meet him again on the 27th for another get-together.

On the 27th Luis again had a strange feeling, got up and went outside, this time was approached, via a spiralling path from the UFO or saucer, by no one but three beings (one at a time). The third one glanced at his garden-pea-sized watch, said "Just two hours and five minutes at night on earth," then asked for a sheet of paper, which Luis brought. The being took the sheet into the saucer, came back and held something like a small piece of iron over it; then he gave it to Luis, saying: "Look at the sheet; on your planet there is a man who is able to decipher what was written upon it, and when this message is deciphered, we will know what to do." Then he said good, went into his saucer and it took off into the sky.

Mr. Faria has interviewed the boy; his complete account plus a reproduction of the "message" was forwarded to us. We placed this bit of hieroglyphics in the hands of men whom we feel are most likely to be able to decipher or at least identify it. Faria reports that Silva claims another contact, this time on May 25. During this conversation, said being inquired about Luis' health, asked if message had been deciphered and promised a trip to another planet at next visit. We are inclined to believe, as Escobar Faria does; it is just a tale.

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五、各級黨部應注意之事項

A sighting by several people in several areas at the same approximate time (7:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.) seems to indicate that a very strange "meteor" appeared in the vicinity of Cidade de Deus on 16 March 1959. Various descriptions as a meteor of very unusual behavior, in some instances it was tear-drop shaped, it traveled a horizontal course across the sky, chunks of it broke off and were clearly seen falling from the main piece. Other descriptions were of a stationary object which let fall "droplets" of glowing material which disappeared beyond the horizon. At least one sighting counted three such "droplets" let out, one after another.

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only to report the facts to all people interested in the matter.

"Mr. Helio Aguiar, protagonist of the case we are going to report and author of the photos and drawings included here, works for the Statistics Section of the 'Banco Economica da Bahia,' in Salvador city. He is a professional draftsman. He is 32 years old. He is married and has five children. He lives a modest life, but with dignity. He has the reputation of a serious and honest man. He is a white man of small stature and uses glasses with very thick lenses because of his myopia. He has a dynamic temperament. He got nothing for his story, his drawings or photos—he didn't want anything, he said he only wished to cooperate for the progress of science and knowledge. He is considered by some as an 'eccentric,' because of his study of hypnosis, telepathy and metaphysical research, but he is not a mystic nor a fanatic. Concerning the position of the sun in the hour corresponding to the time when the photos were taken, as well as the aspect of the clouds, no discrepancies were found. The negatives didn't show anything abnormal. The camera used was a 'Flexaret' with film Agfa Isopan. The film was over-developed and, as a consequence, is too **hard** and with an excess of granulation. The message was examined from a graphic viewpoint: the characters present signs that the message was written in an abnormal state, when compared with his usual handwriting. He was submitted to several interrogations and told the same things every time. He agreed with no hesitation to be put under hypno-analysis, or submitted to a 'lie detector,' if and when necessary. In fact, the only things he may get with his report are worries and headaches. He has no material motivation to fake it. These are the things that were possible to determine. Now we can turn our attention to the case itself, according to Mr. Helio Aguiar's report.

"On April 24, 1959, Helio Aguiar went to the 6th Military Region's headquarters to meet a close friend, Captain Leib Leibovitch. The friendship between the two men was based on two common interests: both appreciated the study of hypnosis and metaphysical research, as well as to ride a motorcycle. Captain Leib had a motor, which frequently was used by Helio. However, the officer had been transferred to Sao Paulo and, as the time of his trip to the new post was near, he called Helio and asked for a gun (a particular weapon) he had given him some time ago. This gun, however, was with another friend of Helio, a resident of the Amaralina district, which was very far from the Q. G. Besides, Helio had his camera and wanted to

take pictures of his nephews. So, he got permission to use the motor of the Captain and left. He took the pictures of his nephews and then went to Amaralina. Afterwards, he decided to take his last ride on the motorcycle, along the marvelous highway that runs to Itapoan, on the way to the airport. This highway spreads for several kilometers, between the sea and the palm-tree thickets.

"When he was approaching a place called Piatan, Helio spotted something like a dark smear in the sky just over the ocean. At first he thought it might be some defect of his vision, but the smear was getting shape and closing in. At this moment, the engine of the motorcycle stopped. Already motionless, Helio noticed that the smear was a disk, flattened at one of its faces, from where protruded four half-spheres, and on which some dark signs were visible, like symbols. He had the chance to see them well. On the other side there was a cupola or dome of some sort surrounded by concavities or windows. From the base of the cupola protruded several parallel tubular devices. The object was silvery in color. On the side of the cupola there were also other signs which didn't register in his memory. Helio took three pictures. The object was rotating in the air, making a kind of 'looping.' Two of the photos show the flattened part, and the third one shows the cupola on top of it. When taking those photos, he began to feel a strange pressure on his brain and such a feeling was associated with a growing mental confusion. He sensed vaguely something like an order to write something. It was like being hypnotized. When winding his film for another picture, he completely lost consciousness. When he came out of this state he was dropped over the motorcycle, there was a paper in his left hand which had been before inside his pocket (on the other side of it there were some notes about a 'kid's game' of his sons), and a pencil in the right hand. There was a message written on the piece of paper, in Portuguese, in his own hand. And the message was the following:

" 'ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS FOR WARLIKE PURPOSES SHALL BE DEFINITELY STOPPED. . . THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE UNIVERSE IS THREATENED. WE WILL REMAIN VIGILANT AND READY TO INTERFERE.' "

"It could be only a hallucination. Still with this idea in his mind, he went back to the Q. G. and reported the events to Captain Leib. Afterwards they went together to find a person to develop the film at once. The task was finally done by Prof. Ismael Barros, a resident of the Saude district. There were ten photos on the film. The first had been taken at the Q. G. and showed Captain Leib together with the Reverend of the 6th

M. R. The following five pictures (until the sixth) were the photos of the nephews. The seventh, eighth and the ninth showed the object, exactly like he had sighted it. However, there was also a tenth picture, one he didn't remember having taken, on which the object appeared very small, almost turned into a point. The two remaining pictures showed nothing, they had not been exposed.

"This is the story of Mr. Helio Aguiar, reported with utmost objectivity. The film was not cut. Later, he made drawings showing what he had seen, including detail which only vaguely can be noticed in the photos. These drawings are the ones appearing on these pages.

"What to think about this story? And about the message? Was he under the effect of self-hypnosis? Was it a hoax? Or a communication made easier by his telepathic experience? The knowledge obtained by Helio Aguiar about hypnosis and telepathy, the experiments he has performed in these fields, represent a knife with two cutting edges in the evaluation of his story. On one side it could be suggested that he had spontaneously fallen into a hypnotic trance because of the shock caused by the appearance of the UFO (if the photos are considered as authentic, as they seem to be), and the message was written under the influence of what has been published about the possible motivations of the probable crews inside the possible interplanetary machines. On the other side, however, it cannot be denied that a mind like his would be the best receiver for any transmission of such a kind. In fact, he has well developed the capacity of guessing, of receiving 'telepathic messages' transmitted from distance under experimental conditions, verified in other cases which have nothing to do with the "flying saucers." As it can be seen, a cold evaluation of the facts in his case does not drive us to any definite conclusion. But the subject must be reported and registered. It is so presented here, for those who are interested."

GENERAL DISCUSSION

By DR. OLAVO FONTES

APRO's Special Representative, Brazil

The case transcribed above was printed in the June 13, 1959, issue of the CRUZEIRO Magazine, which was published on June 1, 1959. The man who made the investigation, Mr. Joao Martins, is the well-known Brazilian reporter who, together with the photographer Ed Keffel, took the first authentic photos of a UAO in my country in 1952. He is an engineer also and a responsible and honest UAO researcher. He is also an APRO member. A few weeks ago he received a letter from a Brazilian Army officer (on a confidential basis, to protect the author's

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identity) telling about the case. He decided to go to Salvador in order to make a personal investigation. He found that a complete investigation had already been made by the Army's Intelligence agents. He repeated it and came to the same conclusions, which are the ones reported in his article. He was lucky because the Army had not confiscated the negatives. After examination, the film had been returned to its owner in good condition by an Intelligence officer. Incidentally, the witness was not told to keep his report confidential. It would be illegal procedure, by the way, because there is no legal authority for any Government agency in Brazil to compel private citizens to keep UFO reports confidential. Therefore, the witness is free to report his story to the press, and so it was reported to Mr. Martins, the only one who already knew about it.

Because this story, if widely accepted, could spread hysteria about UAOs and atomic tests, I have asked Mr. Martins for the proof in his hands: the negatives and drawings, the original of the message and the witness' written report. He kindly agreed to show me the evidence and I was able to make a complete investigation. The essential facts are the ones described in his article. The negatives appear to be good. The message seems to be true. The investigation about Mr. Aguiar's life and personality was complete.

What to think about the case?

Four possibilities must be considered in the analysis of this remarkable incident. They are the following:

1. **This is a very bad hoax**, i.e., the pictures, drawings, message and report are all false, faked by Mr. Aguiar. It is possible to concoct such a tale from known facts. If so, the "message" was badly chosen, since it implies a veiled menace of interference from UAOs. However, the investigation was unable to discover any motive for such an elaborate and expensive scheme. Besides, the witness was submitted to a cross-examination as sharp as any conducted by military Intelligence but stuck to his story and did not deviate a bit from it. When pressed, his constant report was to refer to his experience and state that he cannot help that he had experienced it. He also agreed to be examined under the control of a "lie detector," or submitted to hypno-analysis. But his best evidence is the pictures of the "flying disk." The negatives were carefully examined by photographic experts. The results confirmed the authenticity of the photos and the possibility of a falsification or photographic trick can be definitely excluded. I consider them to be among the most important photos of a UAO ever taken. They represent proof

that the sighting was real.

2. **The sighting existed, the photos are authentic—but the message was faked.** This is an interesting possibility. The motivations of the witness would be related to the increasing alarm about the danger of radiation fall-out all over the world. If he was deeply worried about the problem, he also knew that only very strong reasons could change the present-day attitude of the military about it. A "message" from outer space would be evidently a very strong argument for his purpose, especially if it was backed by photos of a real UAO—as in his case. Even a reliable and responsible person might do it, doing it for the well-being of mankind. It seems clear.

3. **The sighting existed, the photos are real, but the witness was a victim of autosuggestion.** That is, the message is true in the sense that it was written by the witness in a trance-like state. But it is not a message from the UAO crew. It came from his own subconscious urges and fears and was written when the subject was in a state of self-hypnosis caused by the shock of the UAO's startling appearance. In this case, he would be absolutely convinced of the truth of his whole experience.

4. **This is the first true message from a UAO**, i.e., the sighting existed, the photos are real and the message is authentic. It was written in a trance-like state directly caused by some device inside the UAO, from the outside, in order to make the subject able to receive and register it. The method used would be obviously unknown to us, so it cannot be discussed here.

I have discarded the first two possibilities, based on the facts of the case. The answer is between the last two of them. Which one? I don't know yet. **The final answer will come only after the next A-bomb or H-bomb tests. . . .**

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UAO AT CARACAS

El Paraiso (suburb of Caracas) Venezuela, 11 June 1959—Mrs. Edith Klissans, 40 years of age, medical director, reports that at 19 hours (it was already dark) her 15-year-old son casually informed her that there was a flying saucer in the sky to the south of Caracas above the mountains. She looked and saw an oval shaped light, yellowish, about as large as two thumbnails at arm's length. It was visible about 10 minutes moving south to west just above the mountains and parallel to the horizon. Mrs. Klissans states that it could not have been a plane due to the size of the light and the fact that no sound was heard. Also the disappearance was as though it faded into the distance. This information, taken together with the horizontal flight path suggests a straight-line path rather than the great-circle path characteristic of a plane. (cr. Uwe Fedder)

ZURICH ROUTS ADAMSKI

A report from Europe informs us that all has not been sweetness and light with space traveler Adamski on a recent junket across Europe. Viz.: He started a rumor to the effect that he would be invited to Buckingham Palace—this was scotched by a palace spokesman stating rather bluntly, "The royal family has decided that it cannot entertain Mr. Adamski or his ideas in any way." Juliana of Holland invited him to court for a conference with top military and scientific men of that country—but the results were so scandalous that she had to issue a communiqué saying "not creditable."

Then, an eminently reliable source in Zurich tells us, Mr. Adamski came to Switzerland where he "lectured in Zurich one evening before an audience of several hundred people. The evening was uneventful. He promised further evidence and gave a second lecture—or tried to. He had no chance. The public was there en masse, among it many students. They started a hellish concert, whistling, throwing rotten tomatoes, etc., and pe-tards. In spite of the police interfering quite tamely and inefficiently, Mr. Adamski had to quit and all his further lectures in Switzerland had to be cancelled. . . . This enterprise (i.e., Adamski's European trip—Ed.) has certainly done no end of damage to the idea of serious research."

UFO OVER NEVADA

Las Vegas, Nev., 17 June 1959 (AP)—An unidentified flying object—visible to the naked eye but not radar—streaked across Nevada skies last night. It was the third mysterious sighting in the Las Vegas area in three weeks. An airman at the Air Force radar installation at Angels Peak, 30 miles northwest of Las Vegas, saw the object.

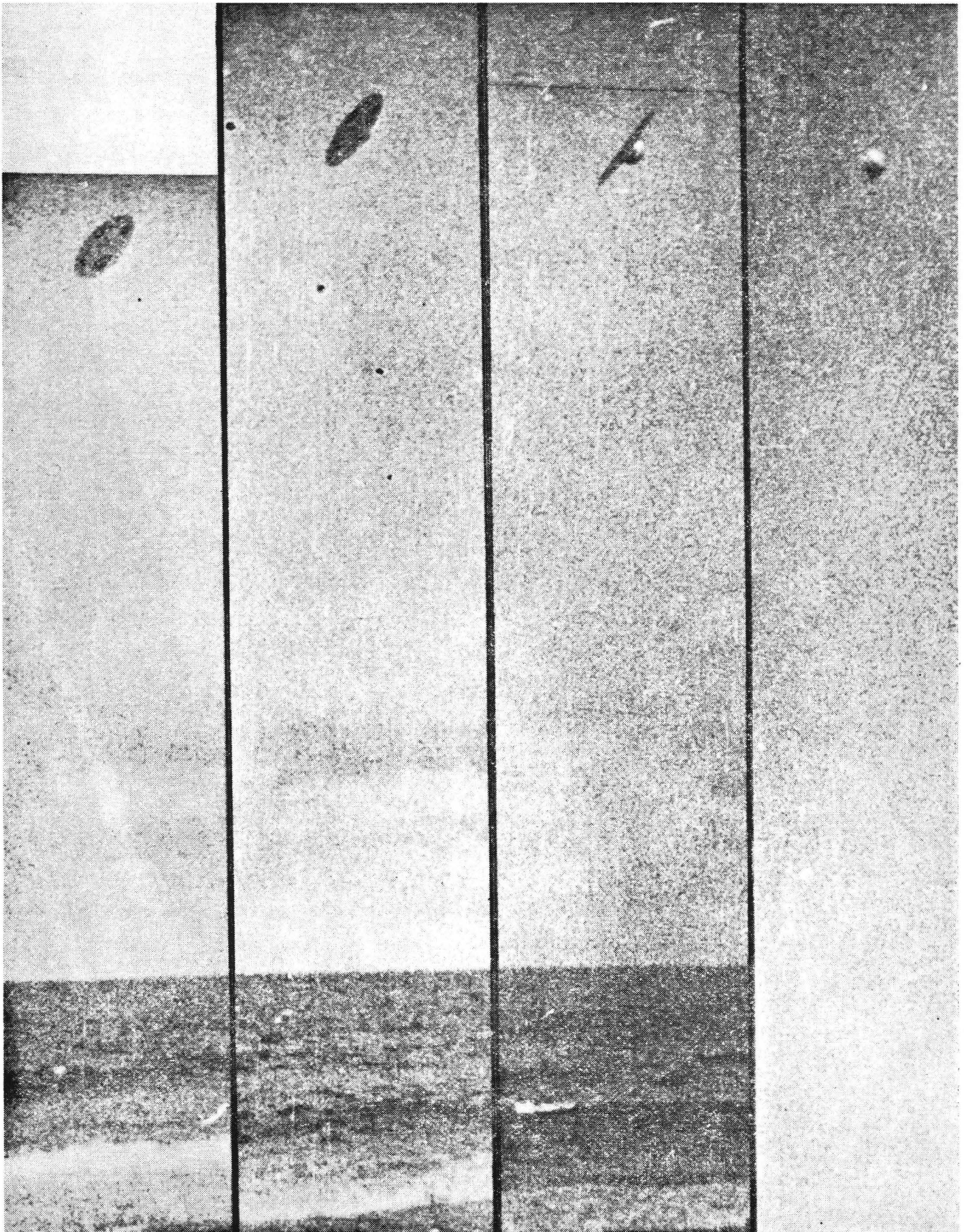
Three weeks ago a man told Air Force officials at Nellis Base he saw four unidentified objects flying in apparent formation at tremendous speed over the Black Mountains, 40 miles southeast of Las Vegas. Two weeks ago another object was reported sighted over the eastern horizon near the city.

JUPITER — COLD?

Electronic Design, 24 June 1959—Russian scientists say that they have identified 13.5 meter waves coming from the planet Jupiter, but they admit the source is still a mystery.

Only two other solar-system bodies emit signals: the sun and the moon. Thermal radiation is the source of signals in both cases. But this does not apply to Jupiter, which gets little heat from the sun. The science of astronomy calls Jupiter a frozen world. (?)

The pictures shown below are the four exposures obtained by Helio Aguiar. See page 6 for photographic analysis by our consultant, Mr. Hopf, plus two of Mr. Aguiar's drawings of the object and its details not caught by the camera.



Transmitting . . .

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and unprejudiced consideration and evaluation.

Such evidence that some, if not all, of the UFOs are equipped with receiving and/or transmitting devices is also to be found in certain particularly revealing photos taken in recent years.

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Under date of April 18, 1959 the (UPI) wire service carried an article headed "DEFENSE NEWS DENIED TO PEOPLE, EDITORS SAY." The same may very well apply to UFO news and official governmental knowledge of the subject. This article relates that the American Society of Newspaper Editors are continuing their battle for recognition of "the people's right to know." More power to them! May they win their battle in which more and more groups and individuals are joining, as attested to by the following opening paragraph of an article captioned LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS by Herman K. Joseph in National Amateur Radio, Cleveland, Vol. 2, No. 8, April, 1959:

"Some fellow once said, '... government of the people, by the people, for the people . . .'" This statement could lead to many ramifications but the main concern of this article is the virtually impenetrable wall the government has erected around the story of the flying saucers. In view of the forboding nature of this situation and the government's news blackout on matters concerning saucers, isn't it time for the 'people' to take the initiative and do some organized research of their own?"

With these sentiments I am in hearty agreement since I am of the opinion that as voters and taxpayers the public is entitled to know the facts, whether they are of a pleasant or an unpleasant nature, which their own government know about the UFOs.

SIGHTERS USE TELESCOPES

Sunday Post (Scotland) 5 April 1959—Six people in Selkirk were puzzling their heads yesterday over a queer object they saw in the sky. A bright light low on the horizon towards the north caught the eye of Mr. Alex Handyside, a TV engineer. He brought out an astronomer's telescope and saw what appeared to be a saucer standing on its end. He called five neighbors who all confirmed his observation. They watched for 45 minutes. Gradually the object travelled toward the west, rose a little, and suddenly the light went out. (Cr. G. Conway)

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El Nacional (Caracas, Venezuela) 9 July 1959—Last night between seven and

nine p.m. a strange and luminous object was seen in the sky above the city, to the astonishment of the many persons who sighted it. Mr. R. D. Verson and Dr. Juan Marin Osorio were among the observers who sighted the object as it appeared in the western hemisphere of the sky above the city, viewing it through their telescope. Both amateur astronomers, they have for some years devoted a good deal of time to the observation of phenomena. This observation was not a comet, satellite, weather balloon, or any known solid body. It had a luminosity higher than that of the full moon—very much like the light of a fluorescent lamp. To the naked eye its luminosity appeared one hundred times that of Jupiter.

With the help of their telescope the two observers tracked the object as it moved from east to west. In two hours it moved about 40 degrees at a speed hard to reckon as its distance could not be guessed. The observers' opinion was that it floated in space and its gradual fading away was due to the rotation of the earth. Other persons in the neighborhood used binoculars to watch the object. At first it looked like a circle or a saucer, completely round. Then it changed to resemble a half moon, with the characteristic of "throwing beams of light which scattered over and modified its outer aspect."

They discarded the idea of a sidereal spaceship because of its performance in space (it is supposed that such a ship would travel at high speeds and not permit such a long period of observation). They admitted that this could be a light emission left in space by any celestial body which of course does explain the phenomenon. Verson and Osorio stated that they had never before seen the likes of this in the sky. They contacted the observatory, but failed to get any corroboration. Then they were informed that Mr. Gonzalo de Gumucio, attache to the Embassy of Bolivia, had the same experience; also with a telescope. (Cr. J. Rolas)

20 May 1959, 5:30 p.m.—About seven leagues from Tres Lomas (Argentina) and three from the station Pehuelches, Antonio Sanchez and Ernesto Fogliani alighted from their car to hunt rabbits. They were astonished to see a saucer-shaped machine "the height of a person but of large size and silver in color" resting on the ground about 300 meters away. They approached to about 150 meters when the object rose into the sky and disappeared. After some minutes the witnesses walked to the spot and saw that the grass was flattened in the shape of a large oval. (Cr. B. Passion)

TWIN CIGARS

(The following report is presented exactly as reported to member Joy Ferrie by the 16-year-old witness Conrad Recksiek.—The Editor)

Date: Nov. 1958. **Location:** Lodi, Calif. **Time:** 15 min. before sunset. **Environmental Factors—Wind:** Dead calm. **Sky:** Perfectly clear. **Visibility:** About 200 miles. **Limiting Factors:** None.

General Narrative

I had just purchased a pair of binoculars and was playing with them much the same as a boy plays with a new toy. It was about sunset and the sun was a short distance above the horizon. Suddenly I noticed a bright object in the sky at about a thirty degree angle from where I was standing, looking west. Thinking the object to be a large bomber or Globemaster glinting in the setting sun, I began to peer with interest. Much to my surprise the thing turned out to be not one aircraft but two cigar-shaped objects, hovering side by side as I brought them clearly into focus. The light that I had thought to be reflected light was in reality shining through the ships and coming out through five large portholes, much the same as light passes through a prism.

The ships (as I have chosen to call them) were parallel to each other continually during the time I was looking at them. Although the ships were practically stationary, first one would move ahead of the other, then the other would catch up and move ahead, simulating a race between two cars.

After I had watched the ships for perhaps two minutes they separated slightly, and each one discharged a smaller object which looked like a red fireball. The two fireballs from the larger ships each took opposite directions, one going north, and the other going south. I soon lost sight of these fireballs as they left the field of the binoculars, for I was determined to keep my eye on the mother ships. Immediately the ships started to move down to the horizon and slightly northwest, away from me. Since the ships were now so low on the horizon, the setting sun no longer struck them, and the lights went gradually out. The ships hovered together for another half hour. When I voluntarily shifted my gaze from them for a fraction of a second they disappeared. Try as I would, I could not locate them again.

General Size

I viewed the objects through 6×30 binoculars, and at last viewing, just before I lost sight of them they appeared to be about an eighth of an inch long from a distance which I estimate to have been about fifty miles.

[signed] Conrad Recksiek

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TOP SECRET REPORT UNVEILED

AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS ON UPSWING

In July, sightings of UAO in Australia showed a definite increase over past months. On the 18th, two prominent business men and two doctors from Brisbane reported seeing an object about half the size of the full moon with an exhaust-like tail, at 6:30 p.m. while on a crocodile hunting expedition 20 miles down the Norman River from Karumba.

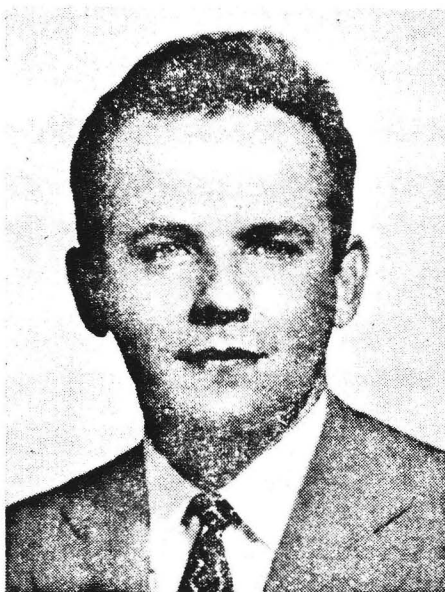
On the same night, natives on Prince of Wales Island, 10 miles off Cape York Peninsula, saw a huge glowing red object land on a hill. They were too terrified to go near the object; it gave off a reddish glow at night, but could not be seen in the daytime. It apparently stayed there for a period of over 24 hours, although the Brisbane "Courier Mail" account did not elucidate. Sightings have also been made at Boulia, Bowen and Darwin.

UAO Over Woomera Missile Test Range

On the 20th of July, an unidentified object was sighted over the secret Woomera range in South Australia. At Woomera, observers in the village as well as trained staff workers on the range reported that the object looked like a bright white shuttlecock travelling south in the western sky. The sightings lasted nearly a minute, according to range authorities, who made the sighting public three days later on the 23rd of July. (We note the candor with which officials of other countries, especially Australia and New Zealand, treat the subject, as compared with the American official attitude. Also of note is the coincidence of UAOs over three of the world's largest and most important research and test ranges—within a period of six weeks.—The Ed.)

The staff of APRO is interested in contacting anyone visiting or stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, on the night of the 2nd or 9th of November, 1957.

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OLAVO T. FONTES, M.D.

Editor's Note: There has been a multitude of theories to explain the presence and motivations of the UAO proffered by a multitude of individuals in the past 12 years. Despite the obvious ramifications, it is felt by this office that the incidents described in the following article, along with the carefully formulated scientific explanations of certain physical evidence should be brought to light and be made available to every citizen of the earth. It is not without considerable soul-searching that this report and its conclusions are brought to the members of APRO.

SHADOW OF THE UNKNOWN

By DR. OLAVO T. FONTES

Part III: FRIENDS OR FOES?

There are such things as UAOs from other planets, and these things from space may have entities controlling them that mean to do us harm. The UAO situation has come to the point where it would be wise for mankind to start turning the eyes and thoughts toward outer space, because there is more danger lurking there than on the earth itself. We must be ready.

You are not going to like this report. For one reason—it will make the existence of hostile UAOs self-evident. It will prove beyond any doubt that "they" are testing weapons against harmless civilian

airplanes as well as against military fortifications and soldiers. I am aware that such things will represent a hard blow for most civilian UFOlogists in every country, but not for the military—they already know. They cannot talk. I can, and I do not think I have the right to conceal the sinister angle of the UAO problem. The incidents I am going to report are **real**, they really happened, so I cannot do anything except to get them published. In doing this I am assuming a calculated risk, mostly because one of them is a top-secret military case. I will take such a risk myself. The matter is too important to be considered under the perspective of my personal security.

The "contacters" are going to be disgusted with this report, but that is not important. Far more important should be the effect of my cases on the group who thinks that UAOs are U. S. secret weapons. Take Dr. Leon Davidson, for example: I would like to know how he will explain my cases in the light of his theory. He found a CIA "tie-up" in Adamski's case. However, I would like to know his explanation for UAO hostility against my country—a friendly nation, allied to the U. S. A. in World War II and still linked to it by military treaties. There is no explanation possible unless my evidence is rejected without consideration.

I will present only three incidents, all of them occurring in the second half of 1957. The first case is a report of UAO hostility against an airliner. Some kind of weapon was used—possibly a **micro-wave ionizer**—i.e., the same device that has been tested again and again against grounded vehicles. The plane did not crash, and there was no physical evidence that the story was true. The second report describes what happened to another airliner when the same weapon was used against it. This plane did not crash either, but showed physical evidence that the UAO was not joking. The last report tells about a vicious attack by a saucer against two poor soldiers; two sentinels from the Itaipu Fortress. At least two weapons were used: one against the sentinels, possibly

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Pictured above is Horacio Gonzales Gauteaume, our newly designated Special Representative for Venezuela. A technical translator and linguist, Mr. Gonzales is well known in his country for his pioneer work in UAO research, as well as his work in the field of astronomy. Now working on a book dealing with the UAO picture in Venezuela, including the "hairy dwarves" which were widely seen and encountered in 1954, Mr. Gonzales' forthcoming report on the UAO situation in his country will be an interesting and informative addition to the Bulletin in a future issue.

year-old Gene Smith, Mrs. Homer Meyers and Franklin Cook all saw the thing which was sitting in an empty field behind the Brookside Boarding Home on Phelps St. Mrs. Meyers and Mr. Cook were hanging clothes at the rear of the boarding home when they spotted it, about 200 feet away. Smith said it looked like a big boat, and that he saw it take off. Cook stated to a Gloversville Leader-Herald reporter that it looked as big as a garage, about four feet high and appeared to be covered with a greenish-brown canvas. Mrs. Meyers was less garrulous, saying that she saw it, didn't know what it was and would rather not talk about it. Cook handed over a strip of limp black rubber about a foot long and an inch wide, as well as a 2-foot long strip of aluminum which looked like carpet finishing metal. The reporter asked questions calculated to identify the object as some conventional object, but none of the eyewitnesses could identify it. He did verify the fact that the grass was pressed down in the area where the object had rested.

Northwest California, 8:53 p.m., 8 August 1959. A bullet-shaped silvery object was seen speeding westward over California following at least 24 hours of extensive lightning and thunderstorm activity. Observed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullock of Red Crest, Paul Johnson of Scotia, all three of whom said it was moving straight west on an apparently level course but seeming to

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STATESIDE SIGHTINGS SCATTERED

Sightings in the United States seem to be few and mostly a hodgepodge of varied-shaped objects. One of the most interesting is that of a sergeant and his wife which took place in July during one of New Mexico's worst dust storms of the year.

Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico (about 14 July). Sgt. and Mrs. — — — (anonymity requested) of Holloman observed an unusual aerial object near and over this southern New Mexico missile development center for from 30 to 45 minutes. Just before 10 p.m., the couple went outside. The wind was strong, 30-35 miles per hour from the north, temperature about 75 degrees. Looking west, they saw three white lights through the veil of heavy dust. The sergeant commented that he thought there was a plane coming in for a landing and that it was in trouble because, although the middle light was steady, the end or "wing" lights were wobbling. The object approached very slowly until almost overhead. Long before it reached overhead, however, they realized they were watching a strange object. It was on a west to east heading and traveling very slowly. As it approached, it appeared to be rising, then it turned to the north, into the wind, and disappeared slowly, ascend-

ing into the sky. While it was overhead it appeared to hover for some time.

The couple decided the object was not a plane, for no motors could be heard, and it proceeded at a speed too slow for a plane. They also ruled out the possibility that it might have been a helicopter. The sergeant, a 12-year serviceman with the AF, said the lights were not the correct color for any conventional craft, and pointed out that he is familiar with aircraft external lighting. Planet, meteor and "fireball" explanations were excluded because of speed and direction, as was balloons, because the object pursued a steady course cross-wind, hovered for about 15 minutes and then proceeded into the heavy north wind.

Superior, Nebraska, 20 July. Jim Chapman of Nelson reported seeing an object at about 10:30 p.m. as he drove home from Oak. It turned when he did and followed his car. Along the route Chapman met Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kubicek who were also on their way to Nelson, and who verified the object's maneuvers. All described the object as round, lighted but not bright, and several inches in diameter.

Gloversville, New York, 10:30 a.m., 4 August 1959. Several people saw an object which was stationary in a field, and then ascended into the sky. Thirteen-



K. Gosta Rehn, our Swedish Representative, did not have a picture of himself on file in January when he presented his excellent report on the Swedish "Little Men" incident, so we take this opportunity to introduce him to the membership. A graduate of Fordham University, with a degree in Law, he is a painstaking and critical investigator.

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lose altitude gradually. Estimated time of observation was about 4 seconds. Mrs. Bullock described it as glowing in the twilight, but of a silvery hue rather than the pink glow exhibited by planes reflecting the light of the sunset. Johnson said it was shaped like a Zeppelin but appeared smaller, and travelled at a tremendous speed.

Felton, California, 8 August 1959. An unidentified Felton woman reported the sighting of a silvery fast-moving object which streaked across the sky at about 9 p.m. It moved in a westerly direction and was clearly outlined in the sky. (This sighting is obviously the same as the above listed observation, but our information came from two separate sources. One tends to corroborate the other.—The Ed.)

Greeley, Colorado, 12 August 1959. Paul Fleetwood and friends sighted a group of ovoid-shaped objects streaking through the sky. His account: I was leaving the house of friends and had stopped to talk on their front walk, when my friend saw the first object passing from north to south in the eastern sky. He thought it must have been a meteor but remarked about its level flight, brightness and shape. As we continued talking I saw a large object to the north streak through the sky from west to east (it left a faint trail, was ovoid-shaped and about 1/4 diameter of the moon in length). It remained lighted for only about 10 degrees of arc and seemed to be traveling parallel to the earth's surface (most were noted to have flat trajectories) at a terrific rate. My friend then saw another light or object streak from north to south in the east and we then called to his wife to come outside. The three of us watched as the object flashed overhead several more times (the object's flights rose from approximately 30 degrees above the eastern horizon to directly overhead as time passed—no maneuvering was noted). The couple's 15-year-old son then arrived with a friend and was told what had been seen, and another object skimmed across the sky. The group then moved to the backyard to avoid porch light glare. The sightings lasted from 10:15 to 10:40 p.m. The longest flight observed was of one object which traveled from west to east for approximately 40 degrees of arc directly overhead. It left an orangish trail while the others were white; it was the only object exhibiting this color trail. Sightings were somewhat erratic and it would have been hard to find a definite period of time between them. The objects were noted to become smaller in size as time passed although the first sighting made was at approximately 40 degrees above the horizon. (This is a

good observation by a qualified observer. The fact that the Perseids meteor shower coincides with the time of year of this sighting was taken into consideration; however, the shape of the objects, flat trajectory and direction of flight precludes this explanation. The Perseids originate in the northeast, radiating into the east, south and west, but not from west to east.—The Ed.)

Let's all give a loud round of applause for Harold Fulton, top man in Civilian Saucer Investigations of New Zealand, for the excellent job he is doing in his country as well as abroad. In the July 28 issue of New Zealand Truth, he summed up the intentions and aims of his organization, now seven years old. With a few well-placed words he put the screwballs in their places, stressed an objective, scientific approach to the UAO problem. Congratulations, Harold! We only wonder if it would be possible for a non-commissioned officer in the Air Force of these United States, land of the free, to do what Mr. Fulton has done. He shortly leaves for a two-year tour of duty in the Singapore-Malaya area. It's doubtful that he'll forget saucers, but we wish him bon voyage and hope he'll be back on the job at Whenuapai sooner than that!

OBJECT LANDS IN TEXAS, U. S.

Freeport, Texas, 13 Aug. 1959. Orville Shanks, of Houston, was driving, with his fiancée and two other girls, on Highway 332 about two miles north of here at about 9:30 or 9:45 p.m. when they noticed a bright object approaching at a low altitude to the left of their car. As it neared the car the motor stalled and the lights went out. In addition to the UAO itself, the witnesses noticed two small lights—apparently not attached to the main object. These lights seemed to circle over the road and then move to the right, maneuvering over the field, lake, and woods. The main object followed and then it and the two lights appeared to land in the wooded area. During all this time, Shanks said, the UAO appeared to be continually changing colors or varying the intensity of its light. Shanks said that the object gave off so much light that he could not determine its shape.

Shanks stated later that he had wanted to stay and watch, but that the girls protested, so they drove on and went swimming a few miles away as they had originally planned. (The automobile lights came back on and the motor started normally as soon as the object had crossed the highway.)

About midnight they returned by the same route and, much to their surprise, saw the UAO still in the same place.

This time Shanks stopped the car and told the girls he would get out and walk toward the object to see if he could determine what it might be. No sooner had he started from the car than the object began glowing brightly; the two lights reappeared; and a low but penetrating sound came from the direction of the UAO. Shanks was thoroughly frightened, and hastily retreated to the car, where he found the girls in near hysteria, mostly from the weird sound. They drove off immediately, all having the same urge—to get away as fast as possible. They then decided to report the matter to the sheriff's office and/or the Freeport police. When they returned with the officers the UAO had disappeared. Present, however, was Randy Chandler of Freeport and his girl friend, Miss Leslie Ann Fowler of Surfside, who had apparently seen the object leave. Their account seemed to support the description given by the Shanks group.

Deputy Tyler of the Brazoria county sheriff's office checked the area the following day. He described the terrain as follows: To one side of the highway lies an expanse of open field. Beyond this is a lake, about 300 yards across. On the opposite side of the lake lies a small wooded area. It was in this wooded area that witnesses thought the UAO had landed. Tyler checked the field and the lake, but was unable to make his way through the dense underbrush of the wooded area. The sheriff's office considered flying a plane over this spot but finally abandoned the idea. Tyler stated that no evidence was found to indicate that anything had landed or moved around in that vicinity.

Tyler stated that he thought the witnesses had seen something, but he didn't know what. He stated that when he had talked to them the previous night, he had explained that the sheriff's office had been getting calls complaining that three planes in formation had been flying low around the Freeport area. Shanks and his companions, however, all vigorously denied that what they had seen was any kind of conventional aircraft. When questioned, Tyler admitted that the planes had never been identified. (Credit for this detailed report goes to David Wuligr of Houston, who did an excellent job of investigating and reporting.—The Ed.)

HUGE, BRILLIANT DISCS OVER BARSTOW

Barstow, California, 31 August 1959. Charles Hamilton and Felix Torres, out practicing on the Police Pistol Range between 9 and 10 a.m., observed four huge, brilliant disc-shaped objects. They were watching a high flying jet north of the range which left a contrail and made a sonic boom, and as they watched

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they noticed four objects to the northwest flying in a vertical diamond pattern with one object above, one underneath and one to each side. They appeared to be of an elongated oval shape as they approached. Over the first range of mountains near the Camp Irwin Road's first summit, the four objects abruptly changed course at almost right angles and swiftly disappeared. "They were huge," said Hamilton, "and it would take almost a city block to sit one down, judging from their appearance. They gave off a brilliant reflection and seemed to almost sparkle. As they turned, I could notice the disk shape and the under surface seemed to be a series of concentric rings one of which, toward the center, was a dark circle—it was strange and gave us a "funny feeling."

Torres said the object moved at tremendous speeds and "sparkled like bright glass." Both men were in agreement on all major details of the sighting and were hesitant in telling their story because of the "ribbing" they might get. (It should be noted that Barstow is located a little south, but almost exactly between the Mojave Desert Anti-aircraft Firing Range on the east and Edwards Flight Test Center on the west.—The Ed.)

WOMAN SEES SAUCER, OCCUPANTS

On the 13th of July, Mrs. Frederick Moreland, Marlborough, New Zealand, reported to police at Blenheim that she had seen a saucer-shaped craft hover near the ground a few hundred feet from her house. She told police by telephone: "You may think I'm mad, but I saw a flying saucer about 5:40 this morning. I was walking from the house to the cowshed and when going across the paddock, I noticed a green glow in the cloud, and then all at once a round thing came down into view with two green lights pointing to the ground. I could see a light greenish glow on the ground and around the edge was what appeared to be something like two elevator belts, one going one way and one the other. As it came down, it was just low enough for me to see a long cowl-like affair and there were two men in it, and one stood up and leaned forward and I could see as he leaned over something, that he was silver colored and he shone all over. I have told my husband, but he thinks I'm drunk, and by the way, it left a smell just like pepper, well that's how I describe it, and as it left it made a high-pitched whine noise. It was about 30 feet across and when I saw it, it was above my head and to one side. I did notice that there were

some sparks flying also as it left." Unquote.

Harold Fulton, director of Civilian Saucer Investigations of New Zealand, furnished further information, gleaned from an interview with Mrs. Moreland by an Air Force officer on that same day. The extra essential points are these: The rotating belts on the middle of the craft gave off fiery orange-colored jets. When first spotted, Mrs. Moreland was in the center of the paddock, and when the green glow shone on her, she ran to the shelter of some trees. She said the craft had a "glassy cowl" over the top of it, through which she observed the men. The one in the rear stood up, appeared to lean forward and rest his hands on something, and appeared to be looking down between his hands. After a second or two he sat back, the machine tilted and the orange lights stopped whirling.

The men appeared to be encased in silvery shiny suits from the waist upwards when they were sitting. Their headgear resembled divers' helmets which glittered brightly. The men seemed to be normal sized; one never moved at all and they did not appear to be carrying on any conversation.

Harold Fulton learned that the police vouched for Mrs. Moreland's reliability. They were unable to discover any indication of fabrication and all were impressed.

Another sighting of an unidentified light source was made by Mr. R. A. Holdaway of Dillons Point Road, Blenheim, some three miles east of Mrs. Moreland's location at between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m. on the same morning. Holdaway got up for a drink of water and after returning to bed he saw a bright light shining through his window. As car lights on vehicles approaching along the road frequently shine through his window, he waited for the sound of an engine, but heard none. The light, which appeared to be of a whitish orange color became brighter until it reached a high intensity and then gradually faded away without any accompanying sound.

SAND IN OUR EYES

By L. J. LORENZEN

The thought has occurred that the biblical admonition concerning the foolishness of building on shifting sand is a rather useless one; hardly anyone would knowingly build on sand. What is needed is a foolproof means of identifying solid rock.

We at one time considered it practically axiomatic that the simultaneous sighting of a UAO by a group of persons was a guarantee of the physical reality of the incident. Unfortunately, it is not that simple. This rock crumbles away when we consider the incident at Mons

during World War I (bowman in the sky) or the famous "miracle of Fatima." History tells us that in both cases there were hundreds of eyewitnesses.

This and other sandtraps are posted for us by that wonderfully honest scientific pioneer in the field of psychology, C. G. Jung, in his "Flying Saucers, a Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies" (Harcourt-Brace). For the most part he deals with the religious aspect of the situation pointing out that in the face of modern day technology, traditional religious answers are no longer satisfactory. . . . "No Christian will contest the importance of a belief like that of the mediator," he says, "nor will he deny the consequences which the loss of it entails. So powerful an idea reflects a profound psychic need which does not simply disappear when the expression of it ceases to be valid."

It would be rather presumptuous to attempt an abbreviation of Jung's work. Those of you who are familiar with the work of this astute gentleman know that he does not waste words. We can only say that anyone who is interested in getting anything resembling a true picture of the UFO problem cannot afford to overlook this book. We cannot recommend it too highly.

More easily understood now is the motivation of the elder-brother-in-the-saucer worshippers who have sprung up on every hand. More comfortably comprehended is our own apprehension over their growing legions. The aura of confusion becomes thinner but does not disappear. As Jung says, "Unfortunately, however, there are good reasons why the UFOs cannot be disposed of in this simple manner."

I would like, in this connection, to point to the Venezuelan incidents of November and December 1954 involving hairy bipeds (APRO Bulletin, January and April 1955). Did Paz, Gonzales and the young hunter scratch and bruise themselves to support wild yarns involving UAOs? What strange coincidence or telepathic quirk caused the details of three separate tales to correlate although none of them had had the opportunity to hear of the other? How do we account for the radiation burns of Kuhn (APRO Bulletin, January 1958), Cohn and Small, (APRO Bulletin November 1958)? Each of these three claimed the burns resulted from the proximity of a UAO. If this is not true, where did they get the burns? Must we assume that the new age faith brings with it a modern version of sympathetic stigmata? What about the two sentries of Dr. Fontes' report in this issue? Can we fairly assume that a medical scientist of national reputation would risk his career on a pipedream? No, we're afraid not. Incidents such as

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an ultrasonic beam of some sort; another against the fortress itself, to paralyze its electrical system, probably the same tested against the airliners. This case was kept secret by the Brazilian Army, but I was able to get all the details from one of the witnesses—an Army officer—and also to confirm his report through other military sources, in spite of the censorship.

Incident 1:

On the night of August 14, 1957, a Varig Airlines C-47—the cargo ship PP-VCC—took off from Porto Alegre Airport, Rio Grande do Sul, en route to Rio de Janeiro. At the controls was Commander Jorge Campos Araujo, a veteran pilot. His first officer was co-pilot Edgar Onofre Soares, also an experienced airline pilot. The plane was over the state of Santa Catarina, flying at 6300 feet, when co-pilot Soares spotted the UAO.

"It was 8:55 p.m.," Commander Araujo reported to the press, "the plane had crossed over the town of Joinville just five minutes before. I was absorbed with the instruments' control panel when my attention was called by co-pilot Soares. He was pointing out to a luminous object which was flying at the left side of the airliner. I began to watch it. It was not another plane, neither an astronomical body. I am absolutely sure. It was a strange craft. When I spotted it for the first time, it seemed to be placed far to the left of our aircraft. We were flying on a ten degrees course. There was no chance of any mistake. Though there was a thick layer of clouds below us, at 5,700 feet, all the sky above that layer was absolutely clear. We had a visibility of about 80 miles.

"Suddenly, in an unexpected maneuver with unbelievable speed (obviously supersonic), the mysterious craft was ahead of us and then it crossed to our right side, following a horizontal trajectory that made it pass just in front of the airliner, at the same level. After such a dangerous maneuver, the object apparently stopped in mid-air for a brief time, motionless. Then it abruptly went into a dive and was out of sight—lost into the cloudbank below."

Besides the commander and co-pilot, radio-operator Rubens A. Tortilho and stewards Jose D. S. Machado and Afonso Schenini also saw the unknown object. They were called to the cockpit and came there still in time to watch the UAO. There were some passengers aboard but none of them witnessed the sighting. One of them was an Army officer—he was called by the crew to be a witness. However, when he entered the pilot's cabin together with other passengers it was too late; the UAO had already disappeared into the thick

layer clouds 600 feet below the airliner. Incidentally, the crew was sure it couldn't be seen from any of the passenger's windows for it had cut off the way in front of the plane.

All members of the crew declared that the object looked like one of the so-called "flying saucers." "It was shaped like a saucer with a kind of cupola or dome on top of it," reported Commander Araujo. "The whole cupola glowed with an intense green light. The flattened base glowed with a less intense yellowish luminosity. No windows or portholes were visible on the object. As we didn't know its real size, we cannot estimate with accuracy the speed and distance of the mysterious flying object in regards to our aircraft. Its apparent diameter, however, was about 6 feet. The speed was incredible—obviously many times the speed of sound. I believe it was about six miles from us, but this was just an impression, concluded Commander Araujo.

Soon after the sighting Commander Araujo radioed a UAO report to Varig Airlines communications at Congonhas Airport, Sao Paulo City. Others heard about it and a few days later, someone told a Sao Paulo newspaper about the sighting. The PP-VCC's crew was then interviewed and confirmed it. Commander Araujo's report hit the headlines all over the country on August 20th. Despite this national publicity, the Brazilian Air Force refused to make any comment about the incident—not even to debunk it. Why?

Because they had very strong reasons to "ignore" the incident. In fact, the story as published by the press was not complete. There was something more, something not told to the press—something "too hot to handle." It would be unwise to apply any kind of pressure on the crew for they might get angry and talk too much—so they were left alone.

What was it?

Some time after the sighting of the UAO the Varig airliner landed at Sao Paulo Airport. There Commander Araujo met a man who was a close friend of his, a former airliner pilot who still worked at the airport as traffic chief for another airline. This man is also a close friend of mine. He found them seated around a table, silent, and scared. He felt there was something wrong with them and asked about it. Commander Araujo reported the incident. At the end they were silent again, the whole crew. My friend tried to break that uneasy silence with a joke.

"I see that you are shocked about your uncanny experience, all of you. Don't be so worried about it. After all it was only a saucer, not a ghost."

"It was more than you think, worse than you think," answered Commander Araujo. His hands were trembling, betraying deep emotion. "There is some-

thing more, but keep it confidential. When the object reached our right side and stopped for a brief time—just at that moment—the engines of the airliner began acting up, coughing and missing, and all lights inside the cabin dimmed and almost went dead. It seemed that the whole electric system of the plane was going to collapse. But a few seconds later the UAO dived abruptly into the clouds—and everything was normal again. However, we cannot forget those terrible seconds when we were suspended between life and death. I tell you, I saw my plane crashed and everybody killed. It was like Hell . . . Damn it, it is not pleasant to play the sitting duck."

It is not difficult to understand why no member in the crew had courage enough to report such a thing to the press. But they did not refuse to talk about it privately so that I was able to check the story through other sources. It was confirmed.

Incident 2:

This case was investigated and published by Commander Auriphebo Simoes, a well-known UAO researcher. He personally interviewed Captain de Beyssac, the chief witness, and printed his report in the Jan.-Feb. 1958 issue of "The Flying Saucer." I will quote from it:

"Jean Vincent de Beyssac is an airline captain actually working for Varig Airlines. Formerly he was a co-pilot in Cruzeiro do Sul Airlines.

"Do you know what happened to him on the morning of November 4th, 1957?

"His flight that day started about midnight of November 3rd. He took off from Porto Alegre in Southern Brazil on a trip to Sao Paulo and Rio aboard a C-46 cargo ship. During the day a cold front had passed and the sky was starlit over Porto Alegre. About 1:20 a.m. while flying over Ararangua, Santa Catarina, at 7,000 feet, he flew over a layer of stratus. Suddenly, blinking his eyes in disbelief, he sighted an impossible red light to the left of his aircraft. He watched it curiously and joked with his co-pilot suggesting that they were at last seeing an authentic flying saucer. When the THING grew larger, Jean decided to turn left and investigate. Just before he pressed his rudder, the thing jumped a 45 degrees arc in the horizon and became larger.

"Jean started the pursuit. He was about midway on his left 80 degrees turn when the thing became even brighter and at once he smelled something burning inside his ship.

"Yes. His ADF BURNED, HIS RIGHT GENERATOR BURNED, HIS TRANSMITTER RECEIVER BURNED, ALL AT ONCE!

"Then the 'thing' disappeared almost suddenly—while his crew looked for fire. Scared, Jean turned on his emergency

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transmitter and told the Porto Alegre control what had happened. He went back to Porto Alegre where he landed about an hour later. After writing a full report he went home and got soused, just to scare the scare.

"On that same day, Varig Airlines issued an internal circular forbidding pilots to tell the press about their sightings of UAOs. This, according to the airline bigshots, was to prevent the public getting too wise about certain things happening to some pilots..."

The evidence in this incident suggests that our visitors from outer space are dangerous when approached and definitely hostile when pursued. Positive proof is given—physical proof—that they have means to interfere with any electronic instrument and make it useless. In other words, that they have a weapon—probably a high frequency radio-electric beam—with power enough to short-circuit anything within its range; any apparatus, or electric instrument, or motors with electrical systems. The technical aspects involved will be discussed later.

Incident 3:

This is a top-secret military sighting. It is printed here for the first time—it was never published before. It is a horror tale. Any one after reading the report will understand the reasons why it has been withheld from the public under a curtain of absolute censorship. I am breaking this official secrecy because I believe it dangerous. I still believe that civilian scientists should be told. One of them may find a defense not yet discovered. Civilian scientists and technicians, working in every country, might help to find new weapons and defenses before it is too late.

On November 4th, 1957, at 2:00 a.m. (just forty minutes after Incident 2) something sinister took place at the Brazilian Fortress Itaipu. This fortress belongs to the Brazilian Army and was built along the coast of Sao Paulo state, at Sao Vicente, near Santos.

It was a moonless tropical night. Everything was quiet. The whole garrison was sleeping in peace. Two sentinels were on duty on top of the military fortifications. They were common soldiers, they did not know that saucers existed. They were performing a routine task, relaxed because there was no enemy to be feared—Then a new star suddenly burst into searing life among the others in the cloudless sky, over the Atlantic Ocean, near the horizon. The sentries watched the phenomenon. Their interest increased when they realized it was not a star, but a luminous flying object. It was coming toward the fortress. They thought at first that it was an airplane but the speed was strange—too high... There was no need to

alert the garrison, however. In fact, so tremendous was the object's speed that the two soldiers forgot their patrol just to observe it. It was approaching rapidly.

In just a few seconds the UAO was flying over the fortress. Then it stopped abruptly in mid-air and drifted slowly down, its strong orange glow etching each man's shadow against the illuminated ground between the heavy cannon turrets. It hovered about 120 to 180 feet above the highest cannon turret and then it became motionless. The sentries were frozen on the ground, their eyes wide with surprise, the Tommy guns hung limply from their hands like dead things. The unknown object was a large craft about the size of a big Douglas, but round and shaped like a disk of some sort. It was encircled by an eerie orange glow. It had been silent when approaching, but now, at close range, the two sentries heard a distinct humming sound coming from it. Such a strange object hovered overhead and nothing happened for about one minute. Then came the nightmare...

The sentinels were startled, unable to think what to do about the UAO. But they felt no terror, no premonition, no hint of the danger. Then something hot touched their faces (one of them thinks he heard a faint whining sound he could not identify at that same moment). In darkness this would have been horrifying. But the UAO was bright and they could see that nothing had changed. Then came the heat. Suddenly an intolerable wave of heat struck the two soldiers.

One of the sentries said later that, when the heat wave engulfed him, it was like a fire burning all over his clothes. The air seemed to be filled with the UAO's humming sound. Blind panic yammered at him. He staggered, dazed, heat waves filling the air around him. It was too hot... He went stumbling and lurching, his whole conscious purpose that of escaping from that invisible fire burning him alive. He fought, and gasped and beat the air before him. He was suffocating. Then he blacked out and collapsed to the ground—unconscious.

The other sentry got the horrible feeling that his clothes were on fire. A wave of heat suddenly enveloped him. Horror filled him and he lost his mind. He began to scream desperately, running and stumbling and crying from one side to another, as a trapped animal. He did not know what he was doing, but somehow he skidded into shelter, beneath the heavy cannons of the fortress. His cries were so loud that he awoke the whole garrison, starting an alarm all over the place.

Inside the soldiers' living quarters everything was confusion. There was the sound of running footsteps everywhere,

soldiers and officers trying to reach their battle stations, their eyes wide with shock. No one knew what could explain those horrible screams outside. Then just a few seconds later, the lights all over the fortress collapsed suddenly as well as the whole electric system that moved the turrets, heavy cannons and elevators. Even the ones supplied by the fortress' own generators. The intercommunications system was dead too. Someone tried to switch on the emergency circuits but these were dead too. The strangest thing, however, was the behavior of the alarms in the electric clocks, which had been set to ring at 5:00 a.m.—they all started to ring everywhere, at 2:03 a.m.

The fortress was dead, helpless... Inside it, confusion had changed to widespread panic, soldiers and officers running blindly from one corner to another along the dark corridors. There was fear on every face—fear of the unknown—hands nervously grasping the useless weapons. Then the lights came on again and every man ran outside to fight the unexpected enemy who surely was attacking the fortress. Some officers and soldiers came in time to see an orange light climbing up vertically and then moving away through the sky at high speed. One of the sentinels was on the ground, still unconscious. The other was hiding in a dark corner, mumbling and crying, entirely out of his mind. One of the officers who came first was a military doctor and, after a brief examination, he saw that both sentries were badly burned and ordered the men to take them to the infirmary immediately. They were put under medical care at once. It became clear that one of them was a severe case of heat syncope; he was still unconscious and showing evident signs of peripheral vascular failure. Besides this, both soldiers presented first and deep second-degree burns of more than 10 per cent of body surface—mostly on areas that had been protected by clothes. The one that could talk was in deep nervous shock and many hours passed before he was able to tell the story.

The nightmare had lasted for three minutes...

Next day the commander of the fortress (an army colonel) issued orders forbidding the whole garrison to tell anything about the incident to anyone—not even to their relatives. Intelligence officers came and took charge, working frantically to question and silence everyone with information pertaining to the matter. Soldiers and officers were instructed not to discuss the case. The fortress was placed in a state of martial law and a top-secret report was sent to the Q. G. (at Rio or Sao Paulo). Days later, American officers from the U. S. Army Military Mission arrived at the

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fortress together with officers from the Brazilian Air Force, to question the sentries and other witnesses involved. Afterwards a special plane was chartered to bring the two burned sentinels to Rio. It was an Air Force military aircraft. At Rio, they were put in the Army's Central Hospital (HCE), completely isolated from the world behind a tight security curtain. Two months later they were still there. I don't know where they are now.

Three weeks after the incident, I was contacted by an officer from the Brazilian Army, a friend who knew about my interest in UAO research. He was at the Fortress of Itaipu the night of the incident. He was one of those who questioned the two sentries. He told me the whole story exactly as it was described above. His name was suppressed from this report in order to protect him. The reasons are obvious; he told me something he should not tell. As a matter of fact, this officer has asked me to forget his name and he wasn't laughing. He was too frightened.

I was aware, however, that the information was not enough despite the fact that it had come directly from one of the witnesses. The case was too important. On the other hand, to get more information through the security ring built by Army Intelligence would be an almost hopeless task. The only way was to attempt to break the secrecy around the two soldiers under treatment in the Army's Central Hospital. As a physician, I might perhaps contact some doctors from the hospital and even examine the two patients if possible. However, all my attempts failed. The only thing I was able to determine was the fact that two soldiers from the Fortress of Itaipu were really there under treatment for bad burns. Only that.

The case remained in my files until two months ago, when the final proof that it was real was finally obtained. Three other officers from the Brazilian Army who had been at the fortress on the night of the UAO were fortunately localized and contacted. They told the same story. They confirmed the report transcribed above in every detail.

UAO Weapons—Comments on Technical Aspects Involved

The evidence at hand indicates that UAOs possess means of creating, in the ignition system of internal combustion engines of cars and aircraft, secondary currents powerful enough to destroy synchronization of sparkplug action and so to stall the engines; that they can interfere at will with radio transmitters and receivers, with generators of electric current, with batteries, with telephone lines, and generally speaking, with all electric circuits; and that these "electric

effects" are not merely side-effects of the powerful electromagnetic fields that exist around UAOs—but the result of purposeful interference, of a weapon used as means of defense and attack. These effects are quite independent of the proximity or any movement of the UAO and sometimes (as in Incident 3) they appear to be provoked entirely by the behavior of the witnesses. Such a weapon is very efficacious, because the great majority of man-made machines are either electrical or depend on an electrical ignition system. In Incidents 1 and 2 it was used against two airplanes, but produced no biological effects on the crews inside them. In other cases, however—chiefly in France—the witness reported that they were "electrified," "paralyzed by an electric current," or felt a "sensation of heat." But such a heat was not enough—in any case—to produce the biological effects described in Incident 3.

The evidence at hand suggests that such a weapon is not an alternating magnetic field in itself, but a high-frequency, long-range electromagnetic beam of some sort, i.e., a radio-electric wave concentrated into a narrow, powerful beam. After a careful analysis of the data I came to the conclusion that this weapon might be a micro-wave ionizer—a generator of odd-shaped microwaves that ionize the air where they strike. They would make air a high-resistance conductor, among other things. Nothing more than that. And if ionization can make air a high-resistance conductor, then an ionizing beam would make a high-resistance short between the power terminals of a battery. With the electric charge a battery carries, that short would get hot. So would the battery. It would get hot enough—given enough time—to boil the solution inside it. Which has happened in some cases (in some "stalled cars"). Besides, a microwave generator with power enough would short-circuit anything within its range; any apparatus or electric instrument (as in incident 2, or motors with electric systems as in Incident 1); or it could momentarily paralyze every bit of electric equipment in a plane, ship, grounded vehicle, or military fortress (as in Incident 3).

Such a microwave device might be used as a scanner too. In this case it might explain the so-called "spy beam" sometimes described in connection with UAOs. This appears to become visible near the focal point to radar, photography or the human eye. Jets have sometimes flown through such radar "ghosts," while others have appeared on film as discs, ovals or cones.

The "heat wave" which burned the two sentries in Incident 3 represents another problem. It was not a side-effect of the weapon which produced the "elec-

tric effects"—these came at least one minute later, when an all-over alarm had been caused by the soldiers' shouts. Besides, the heat produced by an electrical device would be diffuse, less intense, similar to that obtained through diathermy. The witnesses would report also a tingling on the skin and a raising of hairs. As it happened, it is clear that a weapon of different kind was used against the soldiers. What was it?

It is known that the temperature rise of any volume element of matter may be brought about by two different mechanisms: (1) a readily accessible surface is kept elevated in temperature and as a result of conduction there is heating of deeper parts. (2) Heat may be developed in the volume itself (in our case, a human body) by physical energy being conducted through it and converted into heat. The first is exemplified by application of a heating lamp or hot packs, the second by diathermy. But in none of these cases would the heat produce the feeling of burning clothes, neither would the burns be worse on skin areas protected by clothes—as it happened with the two sentries. This effect is unique and can be termed "structural" heating. It can be produced only by ultrasonics. This arises from the fact that the longitudinal ultrasonic oscillations are transformed into transverse waves (shear waves) at interfaces between mediums of different acoustic impedance as, for example, between clothes and skin. These resulting transverse waves are more rapidly absorbed than the longitudinal ones, with subsequent increased heat development at interface areas. This ability of ultrasound to produce a unique thermal effect, unduplicated by any other modality available, through differential heating at interfaces between different substances and differences in absorption capacity has been demonstrated and accepted. An ultrasonic beam is the only thing that could produce the peculiar characteristics of the "heat wave" that struck the sentinels in Incident 3. There is no other choice.

(It is the contention of this office that the "charred roots" of the grass in the vicinity of the Desvergers incident in August 1952, should be considered within the scope of Dr. Fontes' proffered theory of the ultrasonic device. We refer the reader to page 242 of Capt. Edward Ruppelt's book, "The Report of the Unidentified Flying Objects," in which he describes the strange charring of grass roots. The blades of the grass were not harmed, except for the tips which had been bent over and touched the ground, Ruppelt said, and also claimed that the laboratory which did the analysis of the ground and grass samples could duplicate the condition described by heating

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the clumps of dirt and grass to about 300 degrees Fahrenheit. How it was actually done outside a laboratory, the technicians couldn't even guess. However, if we apply Fones' postulation, we have at least an educated guess as to how the grass roots became charred. It is certain that they were not heated in a pan in a laboratory.—The Ed.)

An ultrasonic weapon can explain the sudden "heat wave" encountered by military pilots when pursuing UAOs. For example, early in 1954 one of the test pilots of the French Fouga Aircraft Company of Pau, in the Lower Pyrenees, tried to approach a UAO hovering near the town but was forced to turn away because of the intense heat that built up in his cockpit. About two months later, a USAF "Starfire" was scrambled to intercept a UAO . . . but the crew bailed out because the cockpit had become unbearably hot. Anyway, this ultrasonic device seems to be a short-range weapon, used only at close range. It might also destroy aircraft if a powerful ultrasonics generator is used—through the phenomenon of resonance. If the driving frequency of the beam coincides with the natural one of the vibrating body (the metallic structure of an aircraft, for instance), then a maximum motion or vibration occurs. Cases have been recorded in which such vibrations reached proportions where large structures were destroyed. In the case of an airplane, the molecular cohesion of its metallic structure would be suddenly disrupted; instantly all metallic parts of the plane would disintegrate into thousands of small fragments. The plane would explode as if hit by an invisible external force—an explosion without fire . . . The non-metallic pieces or objects wouldn't be affected by the sudden disintegration. The **shredded condition** of the plane would be the chief clue that such an ultrasonic weapon was used. Confirmatory evidence might be also found in the bodies of the crew members killed in the crash. (see headline story, May issue of the APRO Bulletin—the Editor)

An ultrasonic scanner, i.e., an instrument to meter the nature of the terrain below, might also be used by UAOs. The constant stream of reflections of the ultrasonic signals (microwaves or shortwaves might be used too) being sent out—channeled into proper computing devices at precisely the right time for comparative analysis—might give data enough to obtain a complete picture of the planet's outer crust. Such a device could explain the strange behavior of animals and birds—chiefly dogs—when a UAO is sighted in their

proximity. The ultrasonic vibration emitted from the UAO, which bypasses the ear and directly stimulates the brain, could play on that the way a musician plays on his instrument—creating emotional moods that would strike too deep for any untrained animal to resist. Dogs would be especially sensitive for obvious reasons.

At this point, I would like to emphasize that I can merely give you my technical interpretation of the available evidence. I cannot prove to everybody that such UAO weapons are, in fact, a microwave ionizer and an ultrasonic beam. But some of you will agree that my reasoning is sound. Others will feel that the conclusions are controversial. However, none of you can deny that the evidence included in the three incidents I have reported makes two things absolutely certain: (1) that UAOs possess weapons of peculiar type which have been tested against planes, soldiers and a military fortress; (2) that UAOs are hostile . . . at least some of them.



Joao Martins, pictured above, is the Brazilian reporter on the staff of "O Cruzeiro" who has consistently and successfully made UAO information available to his reading public. First interested in the subject in 1952, when he witnessed the photographing of the now famous "Rio" saucer by Ed Keffel, he is a close collaborator of our Brazilian Representative, Dr. Olavo T. Fontes.

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these are not easily explained away, nor are they easily believed. Human judgment is offended either way.

And there is yet another puzzle. Ever since the idea of space travel was first contemplated, it has been the underlying assumption of the layman that space would be traversed for purposes of conquest and exploitation. Now that the idea of space travel shows the possibility of becoming fact, why is this once popular assumption so readily repressed? . . .

except in South America. Why do the Saucer-Saviour cults thrive so readily in Europe, North America and Japan—but not in South America.

I would like to point to certain facts which appear to have, at least partly, a causal relationship to the observations immediately above. (1) Of the areas mentioned, only South America was relatively free from involvement in recent global conflict—there also, the pressure of world politics is less severe. (2) Japan was but recently deprived of its God-Emperor without the benefit of a satisfactory substitute. (3) The U. S. has for some time been engaged in an all-out get-into-space program. In this connection it is quite common to hear discussions of "space law," property rights of space explorers, etc. I would like to suggest that it is hardly possible for a person or a people to plan the exploitation of something or someone without evoking the possibility that one could be (or should be) exploited in return—that evidence for UAO hostility is rejected and the saviour-myths embraced in order that hope for the truth of the latter may mask fear for the truth of the former. (4) With all due respect, I think we need to consider also the dominance of Roman Catholicism in South America. Due to its long-established program of early indoctrination, it is fairly safe to assume that there the position of traditional mediators has not been seriously challenged. Resultantly, it is to be expected that the average South American could view the evidence for hostility with less apprehension.

All this seems to lead to the not very satisfying conclusion that while a goodly portion of UAO activity is probably psychic projection, there remains a core of correlated instances which cannot be fully accounted for in this manner, which indicates, rather, the stealthy advance of a reconnaissance timetable.

I repeat, what is needed is a foolproof means of identifying solid rock.

Mystery Cylinder Hovers Over Ship

Hammerfest, Norway, Sept. 1, 1959 (Reuters). A mysterious object which was cylindrical, approximately 10 feet in diameter and made no sound, hovered above the bows of the Norwegian vessel Aida near Hammerfest on 31 August. Captain Kaara Eakariassen reported the sighting to a Hammerfest radio station. The captain, who was alone on board the vessel at the time, said the object remained for five minutes before rising rapidly out of sight.

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Priest Watches Hovering UAO For Three Hours

APRO STUDIES SOIL SAMPLES FROM EASTERN LANDINGS

Two incidents which took place within a period of three months have come to the attention of APRO, both of which yielded physical evidence of a sort. Soil samples forwarded for analyses have been turned over to Mr. Fleetwood for study and the results will be published in a forthcoming issue. Meanwhile, it is felt that the basic details will be of great interest to members:

Couldn't Rise from Bed

In July, Robert Ward of Jane Lew, West Virginia, was awakened one night by the barking of dogs. He couldn't go back to sleep, and soon became aware of a peculiar high-pitched sound like a motor of some sort which seemed to get louder and louder. It seemed to be over the house. Upon attempting to get out of bed, he found he couldn't move. He nudged his wife, awakening her, and she heard the noise also. She became frightened, tried to get out of bed to go to the children, but couldn't. Finally Ward was able to roll out of bed and crawl to a window out of which he could see a glow outside. He was afraid to go outside to investigate. As he looked out the window, he saw and heard a heavy truck approaching on Rt. 19 which runs close to his house, and suddenly the high-pitched noise decreased rapidly as if it were leaving and fading into the distance.

Grass Withered

Next morning Ward went out and searched his one-acre lot to see if he could find out what had been in the area. He discovered a 25-foot area (oval in shape) where the grass was withered. Subsequently the grass died. Later new growth began showing through. Ward and Gray Barker, who notified APRO of this incident, dug down into the withered area and got a bag of soil and some vegetation. When first dug the soil had a vile odor while still wet; normal soil was the typical soil of that area, and not black and cinder-ish like the soil in the oval-shaped spot. Normal soil furnished APRO from the surrounding ground appears light brown and of the

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TEXAS PLANE CRASH UNEXPLAINED

A Braniff Airways plane crashed on a farm some 70-odd miles southeast of Waco, Texas on 30 Sept. 1959. According to R. V. Carleton, operations vice president for Braniff, the plane "came apart in the air." Wreckage was strewn over a square mile area. Although witnesses reported that the plane blew up in the air and streaked across the sky like a comet, producing a second blast and brilliant flash as it struck, investigators arriving at the scene stated that the shattered plane had not burned. Thirty-four persons lost their lives. There were no survivors. The incident is only one of a series of recent airplane crashes which coincided with several mysterious falls of ice from the sky and a current increase of UAO sightings.

Credit PETER NORRIS

Special Australian Representative

The Reverend Father W. B. Gill of Boianai Anglican Mission, Papua, New Guinea, in a series of letters to another priest in Brisbane, disclosed the month-by-month UAO activity over the area adjoining and including his Mission at Papua since November, 1958.

In a fully documented report, our representative, Peter Norris, who is also a respected and competent lawyer with a Melbourne law firm, presents step-by-step accounts of the many sightings observed by Father Gill, medical assistants and natives at the Mission, during the summer of 1959.

Gill, 31 years of age, is married and has two children. Educated at Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne and St. Frances College, Brisbane, he is an ordained priest of the Anglican Church. A qualified teacher, he has completed over eight years of service as a missionary in New Guinea. Investigators for the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society (including Norris who is President) found Gill cooperative, friendly, interested in UFOs, and a former skeptic relative to the UFO subject. He exhibited an impressive scholarly detachment and his objectivity is evident in the lengthy report.

Corroborative witnesses totaled 38 persons who observed the principal sightings at Boianai, 27 of whom signed original statements examined by VFSRS investigators. The Boianai sightings climaxed a relatively short but remarkably acute period of UFO activity in the vicinity of eastern New Guinea. UAOs were observed by both Papuan natives and Europeans. They were reported by educated Papuans and by totally illiterate natives relatively untouched by western civilization and quite ignorant of "flying saucers."

Types of craft observed: Large, manned craft with elaborate superstructures and smaller apparently remote-controlled discs with no apparent protuberances.

Performance: Hovering, pendulum swinging, tremendous spurts of speed. The manned UAO observed on June 27th was seen to cross the Boianai Bay (approximately 30 miles wide) in less than

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EDITORIAL

The front-page headline story, "Top Secret Report Unveiled" in the September issue of the APRO Bulletin evoked singularly little comment either from APRO members or other UAO investigative groups. At first comment was sparse, echoing an obvious shock from some quarters, later letters referring to the story offered praise for our Brazilian representative, Dr. Fontes, for his daring expose of official secrecy.

Besides the aforementioned reactions, another very valuable bit of information was obtained through the airing of the Itaipu Fortress incident. An Associated Press editor, interested in the story, not only for his own information but for a possible press wire feature story, asked for extra copies, then sent an airmail request for further information to the Rio de Janeiro office of AP, requesting an interview of Dr. Fontes, as well as other corroborative investigation. Before the incident was published by APRO Dr. Fontes had expressed his doubts that the incident would receive much attention via news media because of the sensational nature of the incident; he said

they would consider it "too hot to handle." As usual, the Doctor was right; he was not approached for an interview; the story died somewhere in Rio. It is reasonable to assume that the Brazilian and United States military authorities who held the two sentries incommunicado after the incident, are responsible for the lack of information out of the Rio bureau. Being familiar with news methods in tracking down stories, we realize that the first thought of reporters checking on the case would be to contact military authorities in Brazil. And so the story died.

The Rev. Gill sightings, which had garnered a great deal of newspaper, TV and radio notice in Australia, rated only a few lines in international news blurbs. As far as UAO trade periodicals are concerned, the contactee adherents gave the Gill sighting quite a bit of play, while supposedly top-rate "serious" publications only mentioned it. It is obvious that the cultists will grab the Gill sighting as a demonstration of their claims, while serious ufologists will try to ignore it on the premise that it too closely approximates a contactee type claim. Whether or not they realize it, it is quite obvious that the latter are being rather prejudiced in their viewpoint. Some will wonder why we used the "hostile" Itaipu incident in the September Bulletin, only to do an apparent about-face and feature the Gill incident in which the disc occupants obviously show a rather friendly interest in at least one group of humans. The answer is very simple: Both of these incidents were thoroughly investigated, documented and reported by qualified, objective and competent investigators. Both of these incidents are considered to be authentic. APRO reports the facts.

To predict and prevent a bevy of letters asking how APRO can possibly resign the two incidents, we would like to take this opportunity to outline a theory regarding how these two incidents can be accepted, ipso facto, and yet not negate the hostile conclusion proffered by Dr. Fontes.

To do this we must first assume that the occupants of the discs are endowed with a good deal of the curiosity attributed to humans. Next, we can logically assume that in the course of their duties, the disc men occasionally come in close proximity to humans; combine the two assumptions, in the case of the Gill incident, and it is readily apparent that the curious occupants, observing a group of humans, give rein to their curiosity and do a little experimenting, such as mimicking gestures.

In the Itaipu incident, the disc came directly and purposefully to the ramparts of the fortress, stopped, hovered and then loosed the power of its weapon or weapons. The fortress is a heavily armed military installation bristling with

cannons; the sentries carried weapons. The fortress was their target for that night; they did what they had been ordered to do. In the Gill case, considering the amount of activity in neighboring vicinities (Mt. Pudi for example) it is obvious that the hovering discs in the area of the Mission were for the purpose of satisfying the curiosity of the occupants while other ships, large and small, apparently unmanned discs carried out their mission in nearby areas. Neither Gill nor any of the other thirty-odd observers carried weapons. It is also possible that the peaceful nature of the Mission station was obvious to the observers in the discs. The UAOs have been active, to some extent, in that general area since November 1958 and it is very possible that by this time they are quite conversant with the existence and purpose of Reverend Gill's Mission.

Since the spring of 1959, disc activity has centered mainly in uninhabited areas of Brazil, with some exceptions, and also in remote areas of New Zealand, and Australia. In the United States, activity has been largely confined to the Ohio River valley (i.e., Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania). Since the military reconnaissance of the United States in 1952, the concentration of reports in this country has been primarily over five clearly defined areas: the Ohio River Valley, Texas, Florida, the New Mexico-Colorado area and Washington and Oregon. There are outstanding features about these areas which would make them interesting to any future invaders; they are, in order, (1) the most highly industrialized area in the United States is the Ohio River Valley which is known for its production of chemicals, natural gas, tires, munitions, steel, etc. (2) Texas is the home of many military installations as well as the country's oil producing center. (3) Florida also hosts many military installations as well as the launching sites for our satellites. (4) New Mexico and Colorado comprise a two-state military area, the former of which has the largest continental research and development test range. New Mexico is also the "home of the A-bomb," the site of which is frequently host to

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Mrs. Lois Duke, newly appointed librarian and secretary of A.P.R.O., was born on April 1, 1927 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, graduating from Westview High School in that city in 1945. She obtained her B. A. Degree at Texas Western in 1949. She has held several responsible positions, including Historian at Southwest General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, and was a cartographer for Rand McNally Map Company in Chicago.

Lois lives in Alamogordo with her husband, who is engaged in research and development work, and her 8-year-old son.

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the discs. (5) Washington and Oregon, bounded by the Columbia river, make up another highly industrialized area, and the river is the location of one of the largest dams (the Grand Coulee) in the United States which furnishes electrical power for a large portion of the north-west. The mouth of the Columbia is the location for some of the biggest shipyards in the United States.

The staff of APRO, currently working on a pattern which has been found to embrace the past ten years of visitation by the discs, would like to ask members to include along with clippings, not only date, name of paper, etc., but the following information in addition: location of any major highways, railroad arteries, dams, locks, power stations, reservoirs and/or ore and metal deposits. We hope, on the basis of the information contained in the contributions of members in the next four months, to furnish the membership of APRO with the whole story of the discs, their origin and their intent. The above mentioned data on each sighting is needed for further corroboration of said pattern and also to enable us to fairly accurately predict future UAO activity.

Members are asked to note the change in listing of representatives. Representatives from countries other than the U. S. have, for some time, participated in the formulation of official policy for APRO and will continue to do so. We feel that in the future the cooperation of every competent researcher and investigator will be essential and ask all members and representatives to redouble their efforts to bring in new members. If each United States member were to enlist the support of and bring into APRO at least two new members, and each representative or member in countries outside the U. S. would redouble efforts to promote APRO among English-reading enthusiasts the world over, the projected plans for APRO would not be hindered for lack of financial and moral support.

Speaking of the latter, APRO has never asked its members for anything but their dues, their cooperation and the contribution of information. Some have very generously paid in dues far exceeding the set rate because they felt the Bulletin was worth more than the established \$3.50 per annum. We are not now asking for donations; we are merely asking that members put forth their best efforts toward expansion of membership. Two members for each member is not much to ask; some individuals have far exceeded that number on their own volition. If donations are proffered, they will be gratefully accepted and used for what each penny has always been used; research and investigation.

The APRO headquarters, which has, in the past, found its home wherever a spare nook could be found in the homes of staff members, is now ensconced in a 12x20 knotty-pine paneled office adjacent to the Lorenzen domicile. It is a fully equipped office suitable for holding the meetings of the local members and staff. We have Mr. Lorenzen to thank for his generous contribution of the new office.

In this issue we welcome Mrs. Lois Duke who will be listed as librarian and secretary and who will serve in whatever paperwork capacity is most sorely needed at the moment. Being a cartographer, she hopes to do correlation work with sighting location curves, but this project must be relegated to the future. Her main job is "keeper of the files" and although at present she is merely acquainting herself with them, all indications point to her becoming a very competent staff member.

The office is badly in need of regulation-type state highway maps, principally of the United States. We can never have too many, so we feel that if we make the request to the membership in general we should get quite a few duplicates of each area, and of course they will be made use of.

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usual texture for the area. A gas line which is exposed above the ground runs within a few feet of the spot, and when the local gas company checked with Ward, they said a leak could not have caused the soil condition.

The second incident took place at 2:30 a.m. on the 7th of September 1959. W. E. Ogden, postman at Wallingford, Kentucky, got up to walk around the house about 2 a.m. He is an asthmatic and was suffering a mild attack. Getting no relief, he went outside. The weather was muggy and warm, and Ogden sat down on a wooden platform which covers an old cistern. Eventually he fell asleep with his head cradled in his hands. He awoke with a start and noticed the area illuminated with a blue glow. He almost immediately noticed an object in the distance apparently hovering above some trees. He estimated the object's size to be from 30 to 40 feet in diameter, somewhat resembling a weather balloon. Almost immediately after he spotted it, the object ascended from a complete standstill to about 500 feet altitude, and then made a right-angle turn, disappearing over some nearby hills. The object left in its place above the trees a perfectly formed smoke ring, apparently formed by the sudden acceleration, and which remained for a few minutes and then disintegrated. Upon leaving, the object assumed a brilliant blue illumination.

Burned Area Found

The next day Mr. Ogden reported the incident to some friends and immediately became the butt of friendly jokes. The story spread and created some speculation. Six days later on Sunday, Sept. 13, Ogden attended a family reunion taking place at his neighbor's home. The subject of what Ogden had seen came up and one of the men suggested a search for the spot in case there might be some "evidence" left behind. The place was found about 900 feet behind Mr. Ogden's house on the property of another neighbor. The field was grown up with about 12 inches of weeds and grass, and at the spot where Ogden figured the UAO had hovered, there was a burned band, 8 to 9 inches wide, around an area about 12 feet in diameter. A very strong odor resembling that of sulphur was noted. A week later the odor resembled that of gas, but could have been the result of intervening rain.

AF Agents Arrive

Someone at the reunion reported the incident to the Kentucky State Patrol and troopers immediately converged upon the scene. Upon observing the location of the UAO's hovering, they questioned Mr. Ogden as to why he had not reported it and informed him that they had standing orders to report such incidents to Air Force Intelligence immediately. Mr. Ogden sat in the State Patrol car while they radioed headquarters and were put through to Wright Patterson Airfield in Dayton, Ohio, which in turn ordered the Air Force agents to Ogden's home.

Agents Photograph Area,

Take Soil Samples

Two AF agents arrived, giving their names as Mr. Thomas from Louisville and Mr. Stark from Lexington (the photographer), as well as several other people of whom Mr. Ogden was told one was an FBI agent. They requested the County Sheriff to have the area roped off and guards stationed around the perimeter. The agents had a Polaroid Land Camera and a Speed Graphic with which they proceeded to take pictures from all angles. They built a small fire and with the Polaroid they took a picture, passed it around and then burned it. The number of pictures taken with the Polaroid is not known, but amounted to more than one roll. Pictures taken with the Speed Graphic were kept. Witnesses and APRO's investigator suggested the Polaroid was used to determine correct angles for use of the Speed Graphic. The agents also took soil and grass in the burned areas and other places. The surrounding area was thoroughly searched but apparently nothing additional was found.

After the investigation, Mr. Ogden asked the agents if they would inform him of the results. After much evasion of a direct reply he was informed that

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they could not report anything to him and that he would never know their conclusions.

APRO's investigator, Walter R. Foster, of Portsmouth, Ohio, stated there was a possibility that the burned area was faked, but that the perfect symmetry of the circle and the "all pervading odor" made this conclusion remote and does not explain the details of the sighting.

Mr. Foster interviewed Mr. Ogden at length. The general opinion of his neighbors, friends and townspeople is that Ogden is honest, sincere and reliable. Ogden told Foster that some of the newspapers had exaggerated the incident out of all proportion, saying that he had seen the object on the ground (which he had not) and had also seen "little green men" (which he had not). According to Ogden, he had never considered the subject of flying saucers one way or another prior to his experience.

Further details: Ground conditions were dry at the time of the sighting. Object shaped like "squashed pumpkin" (no handle or stem), or flat weather balloon. Story carried in Fleming Gazette, Flemingsburg Times Democrat, Maysville Independent, Maysville Public Ledger and the Lexington Herald. Foster adds that he found Ogden to be an extremely friendly, intelligent and sensible man and that he personally believes Ogden saw and experienced precisely what he stated he had.

Ogden very kindly forwarded soil samples from normal soil, from the circle inside the burned area, and from the burned band itself. It is now in the hands of Mr. Fleetwood for analysis. Complete results will be published at a later date.

APRO's analysis of the Ogden sighting: Ogden saw and experienced what he claims he did. The object was no known conventional aircraft, principally because of the blue glow and the lack of sound. We have found a correlation with the "smoke ring" described by Ogden, in one of the Ponta Poran incidents, described by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes in his article, "Shadow of the Unknown" Part II, "UAO's Chase Cars" in the March and May issues of the APRO Bulletin for 1959.

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a second. Even allowing for the admitted inaccuracy of such a calculation made by scientific laymen the range of the UAOs' performance is staggering. The reported changes of colour and light intensity are especially interesting.

Evaluation of the Boianai Sightings:

The principal witness is veracious and psychologically stable. The legion of cor-

roborative witnesses supplies supporting testimony of an objective nature.

The Boianai UAOs are not psychological phenomena.

The Boianai UAOs are demonstrably not electrical phenomena, meteors, birds, conventional aircraft and cannot reasonably be attributed to any of the gamut of accustomed physical rationalizations.

The Boianai UAOs are advanced craft, manned by humanoid beings, capable of a fantastic range of aerodynamic performance.

The Boianai sightings do not prove ipso facto that the UAOs are non-terrestrial spaceships; they indicate a strong likelihood that they are such.

UAO researchers need no longer inquire as to the nature of the UAOs but only as to their origin.

THE SIGHTINGS:

Time, 1 a.m. Sunday, 21 June 1959. Weather conditions: Patches of low clouds, otherwise clear. Moonlight. Name of observer: Stephen Moi, teacher. Quote: "On coming out of the house at one o'clock on Sunday morning (21st June) I saw a bright light (white) silently coming out of the sky from a point about a quarter of a mile out to sea, slightly west of the Boianai station. It descended from what seemed a great height and I watched it for the space of about three minutes moving and descending eastwards and parallel to the coast. It stopped at a point a little to the east of the station and at a height of about three hundred feet. There it remained stationary for perhaps half a minute and gradually decreased in brilliance until the shape of an inverted saucer could be discerned, which was tilted slightly backwards with part of the base visible. The object then moved upwards and disappeared from view into the clouds. When first sighted, I thought it to have been a light similar to those dropped by 'planes during the war. Underneath the saucer I saw about four round black spots." Unquote. Signed, Stephen Gill Moi.

2nd sighting listed: 26 June 1959. At 6:45 bright white light came in from northwest direction. At 6:50 others called by Gill to observe object, which came in closer, to approximately 500 feet at 6:52. Object then deep yellow or orange in color. At 6:55 object on top of disc-shaped object begins to move. Then what appeared to be three glowing men moving about on top of object. Then they disappeared from sight.

At 7:00 p.m. Men 1 and 2 appear again, to be gone at 7:04. At 7:10 cloud ceiling covered sky at about 2000 feet. Men 1, 3, 4, 2 appeared, in that order. Thin electric blue spot light appeared, and men disappeared. At 7:12 Men 1 and 2 appeared again, along with blue light; at 7:20 spot light went off, men disappeared. At that time the UAO disappeared into cloud.

At 8:28 UAO seen again by Gill—overhead. Clear sky here, heavy cloud over Dogura. He called station people as object appeared to descend and look larger. Not as large as first object but seemed nearer than the other. At 8:29 another seen over sea, hovering at times. At 8:35 another seen over Wadobuna village, then another to the east. Clouds forming again. At 8:50 large object stationary and seems to be 1st UAO seen. Others coming and going through clouds. As they descend through cloud, light reflected like large halo onto cloud—no more than 2000 feet, probably less. All UAOs very clear. "Mother" ship still large, clear, stationary. Clouds patchy. At 9:05, Nos. 2, 3, 4 gone.

9:10 p.m. "Mother" ship gone, giving off red light. No. 1 (overhead) gone into cloud. At 9:20 "Mother" ship back. At 9:30 Mother gone across sea towards Giwa turning from white to red, to blue, then out of sight. At 9:46 overhead UFO reappears, hovering. Still there at 10 p.m., going behind cloud at 10:10. At 10:30 this object very high, hovering in clear patch of sky between clouds. At 10:50 sky very overcast, no sign of object. At 11:04 heavy rain sets in—end of sighting.

The foregoing is a chronological description of happenings on the evening of the 26th of June, and the following contains particular characteristics noted but not written down at the time of the sighting:

The height of clouds was determined in relationship to highest point visible of mountains. As UAOs were often below clouds (under) and their glow gave off a wide halo of light reflected on clouds, it follows that UAOs descended to below 2,000 feet.

The color of the UAOs was dull yellow or perhaps a pale orange except when moving, then they were very bright. When they finally moved away at great speed at 9:30, the colour changed from thin white to deep red, then to blue-green. A rough sketch of the UAO as observed between 6:55 p.m. and 7:22 p.m. by 38 witnesses at Boianai, Friday 26 June, showed the object to be shaped like an inverted saucer with a "deck" projecting above the outer rim. Four stick-like legs were located on the bottom, and the "men" sketched in on the deck appeared from the waist up. A shaft of light designated as blue was projected upward by the use of parallel dotted lines.

Saturday, 27 June proved to be the most important of all sightings in the Boianai area. Here is the word-for-word report: "Large UFO first sighted by Annie Laurie at 6 p.m. in apparently same position as last night (26 June) only seemed a little smaller, when W. B. G. saw it at 6:02 p.m. I called Ananias

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and several others and we stood in the open to watch it. Although the sun had set it was quite light for the following 15 minutes. We watched figures appear on top—four of them—no doubt that they are human. Possibly the same object that I took to be the "Mother" ship last night. Two smaller UFOs were seen at the same time, stationary. One above the hills west, another overhead. On the large one two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the center of the deck—were occasionally bending over and raising their arms as though adjusting or "setting up" something (not visible). One figure seemed to be standing looking down at us (a group of about a dozen). I stretched my arm above my head and waved and to our surprise the figure did the same. Ananias waved both arms over his head then the two outside figures did the same. Ananias and self began waving our arms and all four now seemed to wave back. There seemed to be no doubt that our movements were answered. All mission boys made audible gasps (of either joy or surprise, perhaps both).

As dark was beginning to close in, I sent Eric Kodawara for a torch and directed a series of long dashes toward the UFO. After a minute or two of this the UFO apparently acknowledged by making several wavering motions back and forth. Waving by us was repeated and this followed by more flashes of torch, then the UFO began slowly to become bigger, apparently coming in our direction. It ceased after perhaps half a minute and came on no further. After a further two or three minutes the figures apparently lost interest in us for they disappeared "below" deck. At 6:25 two figures re-appeared to carry on with whatever they were doing before the interruption. The blue spot light came on for a few seconds twice in succession. The two other UFOs remained stationary and high up—higher than last night—smaller than last night. At 6:30 p.m. I went to dinner. At 7 p.m. No. 1 UFO still present but appeared somewhat smaller—observers went to church for Evensong. At 7:45 p.m. evensong was over and sky cloud-covered—visibility limited.

A terrific explosion just outside the Mission House occurred at 10:40 p.m. Nothing was seen. It could have been an electrical atmospheric explosion as whole sky was overcast. At 11:05 p.m. a few drops of rain fell.

On Sunday, June 28, no sign of UFO at 6 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. only 1 UFO practically overhead, slightly north, very high. 7:30 p.m.—same UFO moved to southern position but still more or less overhead. At 9:10 p.m. 3 UFOs in almost straight line—all high, sky clear.

8 UFOs at 11:00 p.m.—this greatest number yet seen at one time. One was fairly low, but except for an occasional hover, no activity seen on board. At 11:20 p.m. a sharp metallic and loud bang on Mission House roof as though piece of metal dropped from great height. No roll of "object" down roof slope afterwards. Outside 4 UFOs in circle around station; all high. Went to bed at 11:30 p.m.—UFOs still there.

Monday, June 29, roof examined—no sign of mark or dent which one might expect after last evening's noise." Unquote.

Monday, 6 July 1959. "At about 8:40 p.m. I noticed a white glow through the cloud, similar to that caused by the moon. Position NW a few degrees above Gubanauna Point (3 miles from College). Glow changed to brilliant spot of white light. It descended and moved a little to South. Brilliance faded to a glow and then to faint glimmer. After 5 minutes it glowed again brilliantly and moved in circular motion counterclockwise. Then it moved further south and down until it became obscured by the Point of land at 9:00 p.m. Through the binoculars I noticed it to be orange in color and shaped like a disk." Unquote. This was observed by Mrs. Durie, Rev. E. Dams, Rev. W. Gill and more than ten college men. This latter incident was reported by David F. Murie.

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The foregoing incidents were witnessed in full or part by Rev. William B. Gill, Anglican priest, five teachers, two medical assistants and many natives. Mr. Norris has done a particularly thorough job of gathering and recording this information, securing signed statements and preparing the full report which, because of its length, had to be condensed due to limited space. There can be no doubt, after Mr. Norris' endorsement of Rev. Gill (he has met and interviewed the Reverend personally) as to the authenticity of Reverend Gill's observations. Also, it is obvious that the Gill sighting is one of the most detailed and close-up sightings of UAO and their occupants ever made. Mr. Norris is continuing to gather pertinent evidence in conjunction with the continuing UAO activity in his area, which will be presented in future issues.

ICE FALLS

A piece of ice landed in the garden of C. J. LeCroy, Toccoa, Ga. on Oct. 28 shortly before dark. It landed about ten feet from where he was standing. Toccoa science teacher, Joe Vaughn, reported that it was soft water, untreated and unchlorinated. Arrangements were made to send some of it to the Smithsonian Institution to check for heavy water to help verify the theory that it may have come from the tail of a comet. No one would hazard a guess as to how the ice

fragment managed to withstand the tremendous heat of atmospheric friction.

On Nov. 7, 1959, Tim McEwen and Allyn Riznikove were playing in the Riznikove garage at 951 Cleveland-Massillon road in Sopeley Twp. (near Akron, Ohio) about 6:30 p.m. They heard a thud and seconds later another. Upon investigation they found, 75 feet way—near another garage, a pile or group of ice chunks. Two buckets of ice covered an area approximately 18"x12". Member George Popowitch, also active in the UFORC of Akron, obtained some of the melted ice for us. It has been turned over to our Assistant Director of Research for analysis.

TWO COUPLES SIGHT UAO IN OHIO

At 11:15 p.m. on the evening of 25 September 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Momchilov of LeRoy, Ohio, walked their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Indoes, to their car to say goodnight. While standing at the car talking, Momchilov, who was facing west, looked up and spotted a lighted object which he first thought was a "barn owl." Gray colored and disc-shaped, according to Momchilov, the object sported a golden-white light at each side, and moved to the north side of the house. As it did so, it went behind a chimney and it was at this time that Momchilov realized it was no barn owl, but some sort of flying object. As it flew, it rotated in a counter-clockwise direction. It appeared to leave the area, so the Indoes and the Momchilovs, determined to get a better look at the object, got into the Indoes' car and attempted to follow it, heading in the direction in which it had disappeared. They drove several miles, keeping a lookout for the object, but seeing nothing, they decided to stop and look. When they stopped the car, Momchilov turned off the engine and lights and got out. In a field to the right, he spotted the object, which immediately rose from the ground, hovered, whirled clockwise, and then rose straight up, and disappeared into the sky.

The Indoes did not see the object on the ground although they saw it as it flew out of sight. Momchilov, evidently a good observer, was certain of the motion of the object in relation to its movements. When it revolved or spun counter clockwise, it was hovering, and when it revolved clockwise it moved. He also observed that, judging by the size of the chimney as the object went behind it, it was fifteen to twenty feet in diameter. A dime held at arm's length would not have obscured the object. When the object left it was headed in the general direction of the new Turnpike, U. S. Highway No. 1. (This sighting is forwarded by George Popowitch of Barberton, Ohio, who is a member of APRO and also the UFORC of Akron.)

BRAZILIAN DESTROYER TRACKED BY UAO

By OLAVO T. FONTES, M.D.

One day last June, the Brazilian Navy destroyer "Bauru" pulled away from her dock at Rio de Janeiro. The warship was going to a rendezvous with the Brazilian Navy task force 12 off the coast of Bahia State. Their mission: to perform anti-submarine maneuvers. It appeared that Task Force 12 was going to have another routine training trip—but this time things were quite different. The first unusual happening was a meeting with an unknown submarine. On June 30, between 10 and 11:30 a.m., something which appeared to be a periscope was spotted in the sea by lookouts on one of the ships. The information was immediately reported to Rear-Admiral Z. C. de Araripe Menezes (the Commander-in-Chief) who ordered the activation of Task Force 12 sonar network. The first sonar contact with the submarine was obtained in the area between Porto Seguro and Caravelas, Bahia. The submarine was moving at a speed of 4 knots, course 280. Instead of answering the request for identification, the unknown ship started a series of evasive maneuvers to escape and the contact was lost. A search was started with the help of all warships in the area. Air Force bombers equipped with special anti-submarine devices were also sent to take part in the chase. Several other contacts with the unidentified submarine were made in the following 48 hours, but the mysterious ship finally eluded the hunters and disappeared towards the South Atlantic. Days later, it was tracked and chased by ships from the Argentine Navy but once more was able to escape.

The unknown U-Boat was probably the U.S.S.R. "Severianka," i.e., the Russian laboratory-submarine for oceanographic studies. But this is not important. The really important thing was the tremendous publicity given to the incident in Brazilian newspapers all over the country, and which ultimately led to the discovery of a second unusual incident involving Task Force 12. The first news about it was published in the newspapers "O DIA" (Rio de Janeiro) and "FOLHA DA MANHA" (Sao Paulo), on July 10, 1959. Both papers described in detail the sighting of a UFO which, at night, had maneuvered over the ships of Task Force 12 in the area around the Abrolhos Rocks. It had been spotted by the crew of the destroyer "Bauru" and also tracked with the ship's radar as it maneuvered in the sky at high speed. The press report also said that the ship's Commander ordered the use of searchlights which were focused on the object for a brief time before it started an evasive maneuver and moved away at high speed; that all the crew in the ship sighted the UFO; and that the incident was described in

a detailed, classified report from the Captain of Corvette Mallet Soares, the C.O. at the "Bauru," which was being examined at Navy Headquarters by "experts" on the UFO subject. Commander Mallet Soares was interviewed on the matter, but refused to make any statement about the case saying that "the press knew more about the sighting than he did."

Another Rio newspaper, the "DIARIO DA NOITE," reported the incident on July 12 but connected it with the case of the "ghost submarine." There was no connection, however, except for the coincidences of time and place. Reporters from this paper tried to get more information on the subject from Navy authorities but the answer was: "The case is classified." Commander Telmo Becker, director of the Navy Public Relations Department, refused to make any statement about the sighting or even to confirm its existence.

At this time, convinced that the incident was real, I had decided to make a personal investigation to get the information related to it—including the facts not revealed through the press. I was very lucky in my search. In fact, through my contacts in the Brazilian Navy, I was able to arrange a meeting with Commander Mallet Soares himself, at his residence, in the Copacabana district. The interview was witnessed by one of his officers from the "Bauru" as well as by the wives of the two Navy officers. We talked for a long time about the UAO problem but I was the one who answered the questions; both officers confessed their interest in the subject and their curiosity about my opinions on the UAO mysteries—chiefly those based on my own research in the field. Everything I said was tape recorded. At the end, Commander Mallet Soares made a complete description of his sighting. His report was the following (transcribed verbatim):

"The UFO was sighted on the night of June 27, when my ship was traveling near the Abrolhos Rocks. The sky was clear, with some haze and scattered clouds, and we had good visibility. The object was first sighted by the officer of the day at 7:45 p.m., when it was coming towards the ship at high speed. However, because of the unusual characteristics of the phenomenon he was sighting, that officer did not report the fact immediately (as was his duty), but called for another officer in order to confirm his observation. He was convinced that he was seeing one of the so-called "flying saucers" and the fear of ridicule was the chief reason behind his prudent attitude. For several minutes, the two men watched the glowing object moving around the ship at a terrific rate, changing course abruptly at almost right angles. It appeared to be continually changing colors or varying the intensity of its glow, even when it finally

came to a stop in mid-air and became motionless. At this moment the two observers gave the danger signal, starting an alarm all over the ship. Every man ran outside to the deck to see what was happening. Everyone aboard the ship had the chance to watch the strange luminous object—which remained in sight for about 40 minutes.

"To the naked eye the UFO looked like a star about two to three times brighter than the planet Venus, but with a light of reddish color which changed at regular intervals—from red to orange, to bluish-green and again to red—and also varied the intensity of its glow.

"Seen through high-power binoculars, the object looked like a luminous sphere with hazy edges (maybe as a result of atmospheric turbulence), encircled by a glowing halo several times larger in diameter which changed its brightness at regular intervals. The color changes observed were the following: the bluish-green glow, when present, was seen only at the lateral edges of the object; the central part was red, changing to orange and again to red, but never assuming the bluish-green hue seen at the periphery.

"When it became clear that we were confronted with an unknown craft, I ordered the crew to focus the ship's searchlights in its direction and to transmit a message through luminous signals. This message included two questions, **one about the identity of the UFO and another about its intentions with respect to my ship**; it was sent through the aldis and repeated several times—but there was no response. The only reaction of the object was to move away to a more distant position. And there it remained, motionless, for a long time. At the end, it moved away rapidly—along a vertical trajectory—towards the horizon, but disappeared before reaching the horizon line.

"The sighting occurred off the Bahia coast near the Abrolhos Rocks. I have sent a confidential report about the case which is being studied at Navy Headquarters, Rio de Janeiro. I was informed later that, on the same night of our sighting, an unknown object with similar characteristics had been observed over the town of Ilheus, Bahia. However, I do not yet have the details about that other sighting. . . ." Unquote.

When asked about the nature of the strange aerial object, Commander Mallet Soares said that it was obviously one of the so-called "flying saucers" and that every man in the crew of the destroyer "Bauru" was now a believer. He denied the information that the UAO had been tracked with the ship's radar.

The sighting off the Bahia coast was on June 27. On the following night there was another UAO sighting in Rio Grande do Norte, a nearby State. The same UAO

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was probably involved in both incidents. The chief witness in the second case was a Brazilian Army sergeant from the Admiral Tamandare Instruction Center (CIAT). He was traveling along a road not far from the small towns of Riachuelo and Sao Paulo de Potengi, and was close to the Santa Teresa Farm when he spotted the UAO. The time was 11:00 p.m. Sighting the strange object, he stopped his station-wagon beside the road and went toward the farm to alert the people living there. He went back to the road together with the following persons: Jose B. Barbosa, Francisco F. Sobrinho and Edite Machado. All of them witnessed the sighting. There was also two men who were traveling in a truck: Antonio N. da Silva and Manoel T. da Costa. They also saw the luminous object in the sky, for ten minutes.

The UAO was round-shaped, emitted a red light and seemed to be made of metal. When it was far from the observers it looked like a kind of tub but, as it approached, it took the shape of a saucer with a small cupola (or dome) on top. It was approaching silently, making no sound. Then it suddenly stopped in mid-air at a low altitude, illuminating the ground with its strong red glow. It hovered over the place, motionless, for ten minutes. As it was close, sergeant Joao Batista da Costa decided to make signals with the station-wagon headlights—but there was no response. The saucer moved away in a vertical direction, making a noise that seemed identical to that of a turbo-jet. It was gone in just a few seconds.

Several reports about this sighting appeared in the Brazilian press (Sao Paulo "FOLHA DA TARDE," July 1, 1959; Sao Paulo "O TEMPO," July 4, 1959; Rio de Janeiro "DIARIO DA NOITE," July 6, 1959, etc., etc.). However, no one suggested the obvious thing: that this flying saucer should be the same UAO seen by the destroyer's crew on the preceding night.

Here is a report that is important, even though we may not know the full significance. It is a military sighting which was not denied by the Brazilian authorities. Com. Mallet Soares' cooperation was an agreeable surprise in these times when the guardians of our temporal security seem to be addicts of Anatole France's view of the human race. The theory is that if you tell the people of the perils under which they live, they would cease to be good citizens. It would be a case of eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die. I am afraid that secrecy is not limited to my country. All the governments of the free world shrink from telling the truth to the people and this habit suggests a lack of faith in democracy. Yet things and actions are

what they are and the consequences will be what they will be. Fortunately it seems that the Brazilian government and military authorities are now getting over their reluctance to take the people into their confidence regarding their major preoccupation. Let's hope the same situation will eventually prevail in other countries.

EAST COAST BALLOON STIRS COMMENT

On October 28th, observers in various localities from Maine to Charleston, North Carolina, U.S.A., were startled to see a strange sight in the sky; a glittering, brilliant spherical object which most were certain was a "flying saucer," or as APRO members would call it, a "UAO." Our photographic analyst, John Hopf, also saw the object with the aid of binoculars and his mock-up photo description of what he saw enabled us to identify the object as just what authorities said it was: just a balloon. Silhouetted against a background of stars, the object was indeed outstanding, but the stickler was the existence of bright spots of light surrounding the center "object." When the object faded into the distance, so did the accompanying points of light. This was the clue, and here is the explanation supplied by an unbiased Alamo-gordo APRO member advisor with plenty of qualifications (anonymity necessary): "The points of light surrounding the balloon could be explained by the reflections from the many planes of the crinkled surface of the balloon being refracted from the point of entry into the atmosphere, to the observer's eye; thus the point of light would appear not to originate from the balloon, but from the point of entry into the atmosphere." (Launched at dusk, 5:40 p.m., the balloon was shot 250 miles into the sky over the Atlantic Ocean, inflating into a 100-foot diameter giant at that altitude. The balloon was in the "sunlight" area while observers on the ground observed it from earth's shadow. —The Ed.)

FOR LOVERS OF THE UNKNOWN—"Stranger Than Science" by our friend, Frank Edwards, is a must. It documents many strange occurrences which, because of lack of conventional explanation, science prefers to ignore. Published by Lyle Stuart, 225 Lafayette St., New York 25, New York.

THIS ONE REALLY WAS VENUS

The Associated Press carried a short article datelined October 29, Honolulu, which stated that a "shiny, disc-like object" was sighted moving over the Pacific on the 28th. "Weather Bureau experts were at a loss to explain it," the article said. Several residents spotted

the object from the island of Hawaii, and H. Dean Parry, chief meteorologist at the Honolulu weather station said the disc was seen through a low-power telescope from the airport weather station here.

Raymond Busniewski, weather bureau chief in Hilo, estimated, through triangulation, the article said, that the disc was moving at 11,000 feet altitude over the Johnston Island area about 1500 miles southwest of Hawaii. No balloons up, and Perry said the disc "moved too fast across the sky to have been a planet."

Luckily, APRO has a physicist (who must, because of government employment, remain anonymous) on the job at one of the meteorological stations in Hawaii. In answer to our request for information, he wrote: "I happened to have been up to my neck in the subject 'sighting' and, believe me, if there had been the slightest evidence to support the presence of UAO, you would have been among the first to be informed."

"I took a major part in tracking the object, in the computations, and in running down a reasonable explanation. This case is apparently one of those things where certain persons jumped the gun on speculation before sufficient facts were in. I even made an effort to squelch the news release—but you know the papers. (We sure do.—Ed.)

"We found that this object was first noted on Oct. 27, quite close to the moon in early morning. Tracking with a standard theodolite revealed near constant movement for many hours. Crude computation (straight trig and without aberration, instrumental tolerance and error) placed the object too low and moving too slowly to maintain natural orbit. At this point, the story reached the papers. I had suspected Venus in inferior conjunction but had no ephemeris or almanac. An assist from a local Coast Guard navigator pinned it down, as far as I'm concerned. . . . The object, viewed from Honolulu at 1250 local on 10/28/59: Elevation 37.12; Azimuth 257.33. Venus: 37.70-257.30." Unquote. Yup—Venus!

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Portugal's representative at the U. N. has commented that we ought to go slow on disarmament because of the possibility of attack in the future by beings from other planets. . . .

Professor Kirill Ogorodnikov of Leningrad says that life unquestionably exists on Mars and that Russia intends to send out a "Marsnik" to photograph it. . . . The September issue of the Omaha World Herald announced that Clarinda Junior College Adult Education Program, Clarinda, Iowa, U.S.A., will air the question, "Are there really flying saucers?" during their current panel study; we hope they can arrive at some kind of con-

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LANDED SAUCERS AND CREWS; DETAILS AGREE

By K. GOSTA REHN

Mr. Rehn, APRO's Swedish representative, has submitted the following astute observations regarding the "Little Men" incidents reported by Fontes, Michel and others. A retired lawyer, formerly with the Swedish State Power Board, Mr. Rehn has contributed heavily to UAO research in his own country as well as throughout the world.

The radio engineer and eminent saucer researcher Aime Michel has gathered over 200 cases and discovered the fact that the UAOs fly along straight lines. This is the main message of his latest book. The French edition "Mysterieux objets celestes" numbers 394 pages (Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery—Criterion). It offers a beautiful display of nice typography and maps in blue and black. It is unfortunate that in the American edition about 100 pages of important matters are left out. When you look at those maps you may wonder: what is the hidden purpose behind these criss-cross alignments besides a systematic survey of France? Do the saucers derive their main power from more or less straight radio microwaves sent by the big mother ship, as suggested by Mr. L. J. Lorenzen? Or, is there a hidden message, a sort of code to be found in the geometric patterns formed by the network of lines? For, having landed, why don't they try to communicate with us?

All the same, among Michel's cases there are 30 cases of landings and sightings involving little men that are truly amazing. It seems that Michel is so engrossed in his discovery of the straight line mystery that he falls prey to an inconsistency. I refer to his peculiar statement extolling the orthoteny as the only finding worthy of scientific analysis while belittling generalizations from the sense data of observations only. How could he connect his lines if he disregards the truth or falsity of the observations as he pretends to do? In fact he does not, for later he substantiates and verifies the cases. Having no means of duplicating his straight line findings due to the black-out of saucer information should we in Sweden or in the USA accept his dictum and be deprived of our prime evidence from genuine cases that have gone through the wringer? By no means. Rejecting the bombastic obfuscations of Dr. Jung and isolated visionary cases, we have thousands of cases in which an unknown phenomenon X exhibiting the properties a, b, c, d . . . has been reliably observed. When we infer from these sense data that X is a real machine, we are legitimately following the scientific method. Radar confirmation, photographs and movies buttress the evidence. Michel's orthoteny just

provides us with additional evidence. His findings may enable us to sort out false saucers from the true ones.

Having admitted that the saucers are real, there is no escape from the conclusion that they are piloted by some type of beings, as also pointed out by Michel. I am roused by the discovery that Michel's thirty cases of landings with little men in essential details agree with corresponding cases in the USA, in Venezuela and in Brazil—and we owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Olavo T. Fontes for his unparalleled feat of reporting Brazilian cases (APRO, July '57, Mar., May, July '58, Mar., May, Sep. '59). Perhaps I am now mostly concerned with the fact that the cases agree with the only Swedish landing case ever to be reported (APRO, Jan. '59). I found that the boys from Halsingborg spoke the truth, but still I could not stomach this weird story lying far out on the spectrum of probability and almost touching farcial Adamski. Fancy, then, that individuals in widely separated parts of the world, unacquainted with saucer lore, at different times sit and concoct strange stories about landed saucers and dwarfs, the peculiar features of which stories tally or bear a curious resemblance to each other. . . Impossible, as I later found out. These were no hoaxes or hallucinations. My dilemma was resolved.

Recalling some points in the Swedish story: the luminous saucer, about 12 feet in diameter, stood on three legs, four grotesque creatures resembling scones or skittles, about 4 feet tall, lead-grey and with no noticeable arms, the scuffle in which the boys felt arms and legs locked, paralyzed and drawn towards the saucer, the sound of the horn which made the monsters release the boys and scurry to the saucer, which rose with an unearthly whistling sound, leaving a smell of ether and burnt sausages . . . Their reaction: weeping in the car afterwards, unable to speak a word to each other. Compare e.g. the Michel stories: "lumps of sugar, split at bottom to make legs," a kind of over-all "diver's suit," the fight of the Venezuelan boys (APRO, Jan. '55), the "quick, waddling gait" of the creatures, noticed by Michel's Madame Leboeuf, who suffered a nervous break-down with fever for two days. All the witnesses experienced a shock, hence it would be ridiculous to quibble about complete agreement in the descriptions of the little men. Dimensions and many other details dovetail. Invaluable verifications in the French cases are the conspicuous marks left by the saucers: grass trampled down in a circle, earth sucked up, bushes and twigs broken, etc. Blinding, paralyzing rays, close inspection and pursuit of cars, stalled engines and a generally hostile behavior are features you meet in Michel's reports and which are substantiated by such reports as Dr. Fontes'.

The cry of the skeptics: "Why don't they come down?" has been heeded. They have landed. Try to shake hands with them and ask where they come from! They have scared the wits out of everybody who has seen them and have hurt many too. Their purpose is hidden from us. Meanwhile, cannot we be contented with this further proof of the saucer's interplanetary origin and with this disproof of the Adamski-tales about beautiful, wise supermen from Venus?

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clusion—we've been at it for eight years. . . . Mosely of "Saucer News" has published an attack on Major Donald E. Keyhoe of NICAP, Washington, D. C., which is authored by a Mr. Michael Mann. The usual whole cloth stab in the back, the article is without basis in fact. . . . On November 12 UPI carried a short (about 6 lines) article announcing that Spain has decided to investigate Flying Saucers. A group of scientists, it says, has founded an interplanetary study center to investigate aerial phenomena, etc. We wish them luck, too. . . . A barrel of clippings on our desk pertaining to the conclusion of Russian scientists that the "meteorite" of 1908 which smashed into Siberia, was in actuality a nuclear-power space ship. Radioactivity at the center of the crash area is 50 to 100 times greater than the perimeter. Another first for the Russians. . . . November 5, a news item out of Washington, D. C., says that new evidence of possible plant life has been announced by Dr. William M. Sinton of Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona. . . . Soviet scientist Feliks Segal predicted in an AP feature story datelined London that space-probing earthlings will meet with beings from other worlds. We think they already have, in some cases.

AIRLINE SIGHTING DIVULGED

Cr.: B. G. Gostin

The following is an excerpt from a letter to an APRO member re: UAO sighting.

"I made reservation on Oct. 7 for flight to Atlanta, Ga. by Eastern Airlines Flight No. 541, which left Washington, D. C., at 2:40 a.m. on Oct. 7.

"It was a beautiful night in Washington, but twenty minutes after takeoff, we ran into some clouds and rough weather. There were times in which we were completely enclosed in cloud formations.

"About thirty minutes from takeoff, while coming out of a cloud bank, the pilot rang frantically for the stewardess three times in rapid succession. I seemed to be the only passenger awake and I

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flying saucer. Accompanying it was a group of pictures of the ship, heavily retouched, some looking conspicuously like tabletop photography. From the various texts forwarded to APRO headquarters by members it was possible to assemble the following information:

So far a prototype has made only tethered test flights at the home plant. Another is being sent to Moffett Field, Calif., for possible free-flight testing there. Projected cruising speed for the Avrocar, as it is called, is in the neighborhood of 200 m.p.h. The craft makes a loud high-pitched whining roar when in operation.

The Avrocar's operation depends on a physical principle called the Coanda Effect which states that fluids in motion tend to follow a curved surface. Its uniqueness among so-called "ground-cushion vehicles" is that it proposes to utilize this effect to convert lifting force into forward motion. Although well supported in theory the effectiveness of this method has yet to be verified in practice. \$10 million has been thrown into this project so far.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Copenhagen, Denmark, 8 July, 1959--Two young bird-watchers submitted an exposed film to the newspaper "B. T." When developed, three exposures of a saucer-shaped object were revealed. The two young men, Ole Strandgaard and Joegen Ekval, stated that they had been out studying birds on the island of Amager when they photographed the strange object coming in low over the landscape.

Brisbane, Australia, July 8, 1959, 6:37 p.m.—Four prominent professional men saw "a round patch about half the size of the full moon, a mixture of yellow, red, and green iridescent light travelling at about twice the speed of a Canberra jet bomber." They added that it appeared to be about three miles from them at 2000 feet and was visible up to eight seconds. It travelled parallel to the ground.

This incident was later verified by a surveyor employed by the Railways Dept. He had been in a survey camp 20 miles from Cloncurry at the time. Still later, four other men who had been camped 40 miles east of Cloncurry reported that they had seen what was apparently the same object, only it seemed to them to be gliding as though making a landing.

Rio de Janeiro, 13 July, 1959—Three Brazilian astronomers followed, for twenty minutes, the trajectory of a lighted circular object (the lights were green) which occasionally emitted rays. From 2210 to 2230, Professors Luiz Eduardo,

Mario Ferreira, and Silvio Vaz watched it from the Valondo Observatory of the University of Brazil. It evolved from the constellation of Alfa to the constellation of Paon after which it entered the southern triangle of the Southern Cross to finally disappear on the horizon. The trajectory was the arc of a circle. The mysterious object did not revolve about itself. According to the astronomers, it could easily be seen with the naked eye, being about twice the size of Venus. "I am persuaded that it was a Flying Saucer," declared Professor Eduardo.

Auckland, New Zealand, 2 Aug. 1959—A Groveton woman saw a greenish light which illuminated the ground at 6:50 p.m. well enough to enable her to find the daily paper. It moved at moderate speed from behind one dark cloud to another. It traveled south to north at an elevation of 60 degrees. After the incident was recounted in the Marlborough Express, two other witnesses came forward to verify it, adding the important detail that the mystery light had made no audible sound.

Wanganui, New Zealand, 31 Oct. 1959—Walter and Brian Hawkins while motor-ing between Ohingaiti and Desert Road, were accompanied by a strange flying object. The time involved was from 3:15 a.m. to 4:45 a.m. while the two traveled a distance of approximately 60 miles. They stopped and hailed a passing car and its five occupants joined them in watching the object. Several times they stopped and switched off their motor but heard no sound from the strange light which then moved about over the valley like a helicopter. At daylight the object suddenly moved straight up and disappeared.

Invercargill, New Zealand, 3 Nov. 1959—At about 9:30 p.m. two business men saw a large, unusual, flying object. It appeared to be rectangular in shape with a large balloon-shaped section below. The rectangular section was estimated to be 40 feet long and was glowing with a brilliant light. It appeared just above the tops of trees to the right of the road ahead of their car. As the car, approaching at 50 m.p.h., drew within a few hundred feet of the object, it suddenly accelerated in a northerly direction at tremendous speed. In so doing, it appeared to change to a sausage shape as its light became more brilliantly white.

OBJECTS CONTINUE VISITS TO WSPG RANGE

The White Sands Proving Ground-Holloman AFB Integrated Range continues to be of interest to the UAOs. On the 7th of November, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, their son Larry and daughter Judith were travelling Highway 54 south

toward El Paso on a regularly scheduled trip. At about 27 miles south of Alamo-gordo and 10 or 12 miles north of Oro-grande (the scene of the famous Lindsay sighting of 1957) Mrs. Lorenzen spotted a peculiar appearing object quite high in the sky to the southwest. The Lorenzen auto was travelling almost directly south. The object appeared to be elongated, red at one end with a brilliant white light at the other. It hovered, completely motionless and appeared to be over the White Sand Proving Ground main Base. Mrs. Lorenzen called it to the attention of her daughter Judith, who was driving, then rolled down the window on her side of the car to make sure it was not a reflection. It was still visible and Judith could also see it clearly through the windshield. The object, not too clearly defined, gave the impression of being at great altitude. It then appeared to swing the white light toward the observers, the red portion no longer visible. At that moment, Mrs. Lorenzen turned to inform Mr. Lorenzen who was dozing in the back seat. Judith, meanwhile, cried out, "Mother, it's gone." Turning to look, Mrs. Lorenzen immediately saw that the object was no longer visible. She questioned Judy as to the nature of the object's departure, and Judith said it had merely "winked out" as though "someone had turned off a light." Needless to say, Jim Lorenzen, who has spent much time and money on UAO research, was quite disappointed, as he has yet to observe a UAO.

This sighting brought to mind two accounts of a UAO seen at night by a young sergeant at Holloman in the fall of 1957. Both accounts came to light from different sources, and an interview of the observer verified the details. The young man, driving on Highway 54 in the vicinity of Escondido, New Mexico (about 15 miles north of Orogrande) noted a light which ascended and descended out of sight near the ground off to the west. Shortly he came to a road leading off into the sagebrush, and, his curiosity aroused, he turned onto it and drove some distance. Suddenly his lights went out and his motor stopped. Off the road a few yards, partially hidden at times by small mesquite-covered hillocks, was a disc-shaped glowing object which appeared to lower itself into a depression in the ground, only to reappear minutes later, and repeat the maneuver. When the object descended out of sight, the sergeant's engine would start and his lights came back on. Somewhat alarmed with the situation, the young man turned his car around while the object was obscured and left the area. Because the object was seen in the vicinity of a classified range installation, he reported his sighting, asking for an explanation. The officer with whom he discussed the sighting told him that White Sands was conducting "electromagnetic" experiments in the area.