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PILOT GROUND CREW, OBSERVE DISC

Young Couple Terrified By Pursuing Lights

A young housewife, Mrs. Rhonda Du Bois, of Westminster, California, notified reporters at Westminster on or about 23 October 1961, that she and her husband were terrified by one, then four, flying lights between Datil and Pietown, New Mexico, on Highway 60, when returning from a vacation in Maine.

At about 2 a. m. on the morning of 21 October (Saturday) Mrs. Du Bois spotted a brilliant ball of light which flashed across the front of the car. "I thought at first it was an aircraft making an emergency landing and told Richard (her husband) to look at it," she said. The thing flashed up into the sky and Mr. Du Bois explained it as only the moon's reflection. "When we passed through a dark canyon which was unlighted by the moon, we found that the object had returned quickly, apparently had raced ahead of the car, then waited until the car caught up with it." Mr. Du Bois kept insisting it was only the moon, until they reached the dark canyon. The thing was still traveling along in front of the car.

Suddenly the object broke up into four smaller lights that followed alongside the car until the couple reached a small roadside motel and service station. When Du Bois stopped the car the lights flashed up into the sky and floated out of sight. The Du Bois' stopped at the next town and inquired if UFO were seen in that area, but were laughed at. "They may have thought it was funny but we were plenty scared," Mrs. Du Bois said.

Some members will recall similar incidents which took place in November of 1957 in New Mexico (see November 1957 and January 1958 issues).

Perry Photo—Film Flaw

The "UFO Pictures" taken by Joe Perry of Grand Blanc, Michigan, have been examined by our photo-analyst Mr. John Hopf. Conclusion: a development flaw.

Discs Trail White Fibrous Stuff

Sheep-shearing contractor Edwin Payne, 37, reported sightings of "12 white metal discs" which gave off a fine fibrous substance, to police at Meekatharra, Western Australia, on August 6, 1961.

The substance, which eventually came to earth, crumbled in the hands before it could be preserved. He (Payne) described it as a "snowy white mesh-like substance" and it was picked up by John Lee Steere, owner of Mt. Hale station.

The 12 objects, which traveled in pairs, were seen by 12 people between 3:30 and 9:30 a. m.—against a clear sky. It was clearly evident the substance came from the discs as it was seen at the trailing edge of the objects and watched as it fell to the ground.

An RAAF spokesman said there was no service aircraft in the area at the time of the reported sightings.

Falling Objects?

Some of the information about the late 1961 "flap" is becoming more clear in 1962—including falling objects (see Goff case of Angel Hair, this issue). Also—

At Seventh and Indiana Sts., Wichita Falls, Texas, on 13 November 1961, 8 p.m., passersby found a strange contraption. Ball-shaped, it appeared to be closely wound with copper wire in a cocoon-effect and police dispatchers reported a steady and mysterious beep-beep-beep over their radio for 5 minutes a half hour before the thing was found. On top of it was a projection 2 inches high with 9 projections radiating out from the main one.

Most observers felt the object was a hoax but no one could decide what kind and why. Air Force personnel packed it off to Sheppard AFB and it was seen no more. Any further information would be welcome. Source: Wichita Falls Record News, 14 November 1961.

Civilian pilot Waldo J. Harris, an insurance man of Salt Lake City, Utah, was one of eight individuals at the Utah Central Airport to observe a disc-shaped metallic UAO on 3 October 1961. After perusing slippings sent by members (the story, incidentally, was widely carried by the press), Mrs. Lorenzen called Mr. Harris and supplemented the information with specific queries. The narrative of the incident runs thusly with no dramatization:

Harris was taking off at 1 p. m. in his light plane from Utah Valley Airport. He saw the object while taking off but thought it was a plane. He spotted it again after he was airborne, and noticed that it had not moved from its original position when he first saw it. He flew toward it, radioed the Central Airport to see if anyone there could see it. He estimated its altitude as 6500 to 7000 feet. It was gray, and had a mottled surface like "sand-blasted aluminium." It was shaped like two saucers, one turned upside down over the other.

Harris got to within 3 to 5 miles of the object and got a look at the top portion as it tipped toward him.

Mechanic Robert Butler, at the airport, watched the object through binoculars, said it appeared to be 25 to 30 miles from the airport, hovering over Utah Lake.

When Harris got close to the object, it moved south, and Harris followed. It stopped and hovered with a rocking motion, as before, over the Utah Lake Omni Station, and then it moved straight up, then west and out of sight in a few seconds.

During the entire flight, Harris maintained contact with the Utah Central Airport and the Provo Airport, also relayed information to FAA Control Tower at Salt Lake City Municipal Airport.

Another witness, Virgil S. Redmond, said the object wasn't there (where he later observed it) when he landed his plane. Witnesses watched the object for about 15 minutes. Redmond said the disc hovered with a "rocking motion" and when it moved it was at a terrific

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Editorial...

The contents of this issue and the March 1962 edition of the APRO Bulletin are late as a result of several misfortunes. Foregoing personal problems, we will deal with the two main bottle-necks which are the added work entailed by the publication and sale of "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" and the huge number of sightings which have come in since the first of January.

In view of the long delay, in August the Tucson contingent of APRO deemed it best to issue two fairly up-to-date issues (May and July) and to fill in the January and March issues as time became available. If everything goes as scheduled, members should receive two envelopes containing two bulletins each — the January and March issues in one which will be mailed out in December (we hope) followed by the September and November issues.

We hope that the contents of these issues will somewhat make up for the long delay. We thank the members who have been so patient and ask further forbearance of those who have written their concern about the lack of communication from Tucson.

New Procedure

Because of the coming first class postal rate increase, ways and means of mailing the Bulletin via first class with little added cost have been studied. It seems there is no way to avoid the extra one cent per bulletin, so the following procedure will be initiated to cut our mailing expense to some extent:

Instead of printed postal card dues reminders, members will be notified of delinquent dues via a hectographed slip of paper inserted with his or her bulletin at the approximate time of dues lapse.

We must ask that members try to pay dues on time, or failing that, try to remit when the notice is received.

As a result of the time shortage in the last 12 months, dues notices for a 9-month period were not mailed out. Some members whose dues lapsed in September, October and November 1961 mailed in their remittances when they received notices in August 1962. We hope they will not be offended by a second notice when it is shortly received.

Occasionally an error is made in keeping records and a member is billed twice. Usually this elicits a reminder from the member to the office, and sometimes (very infrequently, fortunately) a caustic letter.

We do not consider ourselves super-human or infallible. We do our best under very difficult conditions and without expecting or asking for remuneration of any kind. A little understanding is very much appreciated under the circumstances.

Flying Furnace— New Zealand

September 27, 1960—Invercargill, New Zealand. A Woodlands woman reported that she and a companion together with her husband watched a maneuvering UFO come out of the west and travel in a huge circle. As it returned to the west it seemed to go very high. Then it came back again. When far away it appeared to have three lights; when close, the lights seemed to merge "like a big flying furnace." "It was like a saucer and seemed to have a sort of bowl underneath," she reported.

If you are a new member, coming into APRO since March 31, please forward the amount of 50 cents each for the January and March Bulletins if you should receive them. Because of our backlog of publications, there may be some errors in mailing, and we would appreciate the cooperation of members in this respect.

UFO Follows Truck

The close-up sighting of a strange aerial object which followed a truck driven by Jose A. Fillipin near Catamarca, Argentina, received world-wide attention, appearing in newspapers throughout the world. The account from "El Mundo" dated 10 January 1962 was used almost word-for-word in a Greek newspaper, indicating little change in translation or interpretation.

Fillipin and two companions were driving from Tucuman to Catamarca "last night" (possible the 9th) when they noticed two bright lights overhead which appeared to be following their vehicle. When the three men stopped to investigate, both lights disappeared with surprising speed. Further along the highway at Amadores, they noticed a strange machine standing stationary near a hillside about a hundred yards from the road next to the shore of the Palin River. The light on top of the object outlined a dome-shaped superstructure.

The object moved away rapidly when Fillipin and his companions tried to shine the truck headlights on it. When they got closer, they saw that there were two identical machines instead of one and they were moving slowly back and forth in a zig-zag motion.

Fillipin drove to Catamarca and informed the police. A group of officers accompanied him back to the spot and shortly after they reached the area, an object which appeared to be the same as observed before, descended slowly and landed or nearly so, at a considerable distance from them. Apparently the object then took off, but this information was not included in the report.

Collector's Items Available

All back issues with the exception of Vol. 1, No. 1, which are out of print, are now available at the price of 15c per page. APRO has recently acquired a photo-copier and it will be possible to copy issues without letting them out of the office or going through the arduous task of re-typing or re-printing.

Some of these issues date back to 1952, are mimeographed and therefore could run as large as 20 to 30 pages. If interested, write this office, stating issued wanted, noting "back issues" on the envelopes and the page-count and price will be sent along shortly. Those ordering back issues should expect to wait up to six weeks for their photo-copied bulletins.

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rate of speed. Harris estimated the object was about 10 by 50 feet in diameter.

Air Force officers who began investigating said it was undoubtedly the best report "we have had of a UFO in the area—one not identifiable as Echo, a satellite, a meteor or an unidentified aircraft."

In his conversation with Mrs. Lorenzen, Harris said two commanders (names on file at APRO headquarters) and 18 lesser officers of the 12th Naval Intelligence District, San Francisco, interviewed him, showed no levity and said they would keep in touch. They were seriously interested in his sighting and believed his account.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said winds were from the SE at 2 miles per hour, precluding a balloon explanation. However, the object was officially explained as a balloon or Venus several days later by Air Force Pentagon spokesmen.

The weather was clear and warm—no clouds or haze. The object was seen against hills by Harris while he was airborne, thus ruling out the possibility that he had seen and misinterpreted the planet Venus.

Angel's Hair Fall In Nebraska, USA

On November 8, 1961, a pale, fibrous substance fell on the farm of Theodore Goff at Chadron, Nebraska. The stuff fell all over the farm, draping over machinery, etc. The Air Force was notified but the investigative team which was supposed to visit Goff never showed up. Two weeks after the incident, some of the fiber was still on various pieces of machinery and Goff was trying to preserve them, hoping to get some light shed on the mystery by the Air Force.

In an article in the Chadron Record for 30 November, mention was made of the fibrous metallic-appearing stuff having been found on the Sandhills Golf course around November 8—also, Goff talked to duck hunters who said they had seen similar material near Sandhills. An unconfirmed report from the state of Georgia said fibers appeared there about 28 November.

We will reiterate at this point our request for samples of this strange material. Possibly the best way to preserve it would be to use a stick (preferably cool as warmth seems to disintegrate the fiber) to gather the stuff, then put it in a sterile jar and package it to keep the light from it. Headquarters will appreciate any samples which

will be analyzed with all due haste, the results being published in this periodical.

The fiber found on Goff's farm came from a "rough-appearing" "ball-shaped metallic flying object which was tumbling through the sky. Goff said "it was going faster than any aircraft I ever saw and it just disappeared from sight when it got out of the sunlight. It made absolutely no noise. Big chunks of it broke off." Goff said it looked "as big around as a tractor tire, 4 feet in diameter," and came out of the southwest, going northeast.

The object first struck Goff as being an aircraft, then as a balloon, but there was no wind and the object was traveling at a high rate of speed. The fibers were most strange:

Much smaller in diameter than a spider's web fiber, they were, however, very strong. They could not be broken, but a lighted cigarette severed them. They did not burn, just seemed to shrivel and sever.

We would like readers to note the number of "rough-appearing" objects, as well as those "trailing material" in this and up-coming issues.

Boy Reports Disc

Ofttimes the objective report of a child yields more information than that of an adult. On Thursday, November 2, 1961, the mother of 8-year-old Mark Simpson of Santa Cruz, California, reported the following to a reporter on the Santa Cruz Sentinel by telephone: At about 2:30 p. m., he was on a bus and spotted a thing which looked like two saucers clamped together. Another boy, Mike Cotton, also saw it. Mark said it was "being chased by a plane which couldn't catch up. It was kinda gray and there was a lid that you could kinda see through, but I didn't see anyone." He thought he saw "wheels" on the bottom of the object. It left by flying out of sight at high speed.

Snail-Shaped Object In California

Melville Phillips of Lakeport, California is curious about an object he saw at 10 a. m. on the 9th of October. Watching a two-motor airplane going in the direction of Upper Lake, he was startled to see a snail-shaped object with a long tail whipping back and forth, descending from the sky. It dropped to just above the trees, on the ridge, whereupon it accelerated and disappeared "in a flash."

Floating Globes

As a result of the publicity in connection with his paper on Martian Biology, Dr. Frank Salisbury has received considerable correspondence — some of it dealing with UFO incidents. There follows one such letter for the most part self-explanatory though hardly enlightening.

We print it here without further comment not knowing what to make of it but feeling it should not go unrecorded:

"One summer evening in late July 1960, sometime after midnight, I was awakened by some noise and leaving the house, carrying my ordinary two-cell flashlight, I went out on my front porch and shone my light off into the trees near my home; detected (about twenty-five feet away and approximately eight feet from the ground) where three symmetrical objects somewhere between the size of a basketball and a medicine ball, hovered. They were visible only in the light of my flashlight and were composed of three concentric circles which were, from the outer portion in, light, darker, and at the very center, dark. They were as close together as they could be without touching and were arranged in an irregular row with the center one slightly higher than the other two.

"Below the one to the far right appeared to be attached a hook and at the end of it was an attachment which resembled a thumb-like object with two small concentric objects hanging below.

"The night was dark, there was no moon and the stars were obscured by clouds. It was clear and since I live in a relatively isolated area of the country, quiet, I made no attempt to molest the objects and did no more investigation than I have related. The following night they were again visible but without the appendage. They also appeared in the same spot for a total of three nights after which time they disappeared for from about seven to ten days.

"On the second day a blob or large particle of what appeared to be fine human flesh corresponding to the thumb-like part of the objects appeared on my porcelain type front door knob; at the time I attached no significance to this and absentmindedly wiped it off the doorknob). At this time, I now believe that it was part of the objects. It left a corresponding corroded spot on the knob itself. Since then there has been no similar reoccurrence; however, in September following, there appeared on the windshield of my car, parked in front of the house about forty feet from

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the prior appearances: three almost symmetrical spots of blood-colored material about the size of half dollars and except for the bottom section which looked as if they had begun to run (as paint would) slightly. I feel that there was some connection between these occurrences.

"After they (the objects) had disappeared for a few days they reappeared in a new area. This time they were off to the far right of the original spot and were rearranged with the center one about one diameter lower than the other two, without any other change in their appearance. They were about one hundred feet from the house and up about twenty-five feet to thirty feet near a utility pole. Once more unmolested, they disappeared after a few days and did not reappear again."

"I am firmly convinced that these were some manifestations of observation by some other form of life from another planet. I had hesitated to secure witnesses to this phenomena, largely because I felt that they would leave the scene and partly because I was afraid that my neighbors would not appreciate being disturbed at such an hour."

"I have not relayed this information to official government authority largely because I feel that they are primarily interested in Unidentified Flying Objects and also because I fear that they are not receptive nor equipped for analysis of this type of observation."

"I thank you for your letter and enclosure. I do not think you should or should not believe me but merely do your best to analyze this event and compare it to your past experiences and information from others. Very truly yours
Hans Ludwig, New Jersey."

We have not included Mr. Ludwig's address as we do not know his feeling concerning a hoard of inquiring mail, also we feel that the facts have been well recorded and there would be no need to disturb the man with added inquiry.

Pulsating Fireball

On Sunday, October 5, 1958, Milford Vickman of Green Bay, Wisconsin reported seeing a tear-drop shaped glowing object move across the sky from west to east about 45 degrees above the northern horizon. He heard no sound but noted a pulsating glow at 2 CPS (cycles per second).

The New Guinea Sightings, Part IV

By Rev. N. C. C. Cruttwell

Illustrations referred to in the text were published in the November 1961 APRO Bulletin.

Two of the witnesses state that they saw about four portholes or windows in the side, which they have indicated in their drawings. These are not indicated in Fr. Gill's drawing. Commenting on this he said, "I saw what appeared to be panels in the side of the object, which glowed somewhat brighter than the rest, but I did not interpret them as portholes. I did not indicate them in my rough drawing." They were, however, indicated in a reconstructed drawing by the artist of the Australasian Post under direct verbal instructions from Fr. Gill, proving that he had seen and remarked them.

There was a certain discrepancy in the witnesses' estimate of the number of legs, though all agreed that they were in two groups. Fr. Gill is emphatic that there were four legs, tapering, two at each end, somewhat divergent. He admits that his drawing is not very skillful, and refers again to the drawing in Australasian Post.

I have reproduced Fr. Gill's drawing and the drawings of three of the witnesses for comparison, together with my own composite drawing which appears to embody the true appearance of the object from the description of the witnesses.

Here are Fr. Gill's comments on the 'men':

"As we watched it (the object) men came out from this object, and appeared on the top of it, on what seemed to be a deck on top of the huge disc. There were four men in all, occasionally two, then one, then three, then four; we noted the various times the men appeared. And then later on all those witnesses who were quite sure that our records were right, and that they agreed with them, and saw the men at the same time as I did—were able to sign their names as witnesses of what we assume to be human activity or beings of some sort on the object itself."

"Another peculiar thing was this shaft of blue light, which emanated from what appeared to be the center of the deck. The men appeared to be illuminated not only by this light reflected on them, but also by a sort of glow which completely surrounded them as well as the craft. The glow did not touch them, but there appeared to be a little space between their outline and the light. I have tried to indicate this in the drawing. They seemed to be illuminated in two ways:

(a) by reflected light, as men seen working high up on a building at night caught by the glare of an oxy-acetylene torch, and (b) by this curious halo which outlined them, following every contour of their figures and yet did not touch them. In fact they seemed to be illuminated themselves in the same way as the machine was.

This is indicated in Fr. Gill's diagram.

When asked whether he thought they were wearing space suits he replied: "I couldn't say. It may be so, that would seem to be a possible explanation of the double outline, but I could not see any such suits."

I asked him whether he could see any details, such as the colour of their skins. He replied that they were too far away to see such details, but that he would say they were probably pale. As for the details of their bodies, all he could be sure of was that they had the outline of normal human beings from the waist up. Their legs were hidden by the sides of the craft. If wearing clothes they were very tight fitting.

Describing the movements of the objects, especially the smaller discs, he said that they were most erratic. They moved sometimes fast, sometimes slowly, approaching and receding, changing direction, even swinging to and fro like a pendulum. One of the objects, apparently No. 1 of the data (and B. on the map) appeared much larger than the others, and appeared to have five illuminated panels, or windows, on the visible side. When the first object (A. on the map) moved away, it appeared to descend in the direction of Wadobuna village, and everyone thought it was going to land. The Papuans ran down on the beach, intending to catch it up, but it swooped up and away over the mountains, turning red as it disappeared (W. B.G. and Ananias). It apparently returned, but hovered more to the west of the station. When it finally departed at 9:30, Fr. Gill says it made a slight wavering movement, and then suddenly shot off at immense speed, changing color to red and blue green, and disappeared across the Bay in the direction of Giwa in a fraction of a second. It just diminished to a pin point and vanished. In spite of the fantastic speed of thousands of miles an hour, there was no sound. Fr. Gill is emphatic about the absence of sound throughout the whole activity.

4. The Night They Waved

Boianai had not seen the last of its strange visitors. The next evening they returned even earlier. At six o'clock, the sun would have only just gone behind the mountains, and the sky would have
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still been bright until half past six. It would not have been really dark until at least 6:45 p.m. This rules out any possibility of the object having been a planet, such as Venus, which would not have been at all bright at such an early hour. Here is Fr. Gill's report of the happenings of Saturday, 27th June:

"A large UFO was first sighted by Annie Laurie Borewa, a Papuan medical assistant, in apparently the same position as last night. The time was about six o'clock."

She called Fr. Gill, who came out at about 6:02 p.m., and saw the object for himself. It had the same appearance as light night's object, but seemed a little smaller, probably due to increased distance.

"I called Ananias and several others, and we stood in the open to watch. Although the sun had set, it was quite light for the following fifteen minutes. We watched figures appear on top—four of them—there is no doubt that they were human. This is possible 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, and another overhead.

"On the large one, two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the center of the deck—they were occasionally bending over and raising their arm 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)."

Fr. Gill, describing this to me afterwards said that the 'man' was standing with his hands on the 'rail' looking over, just as one will look over the rails of a ship. His report continues:

"I stretched my arm above my head and waved. 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 seemed to wave back. There seemed to be no doubt that our movements were answered. All the Mission boys made audible gasps (of either joy or surprise, perhaps both).

"As dark was beginning to close in, I sent Eric Kodawa for a torch, and directed a series of long dashes towards the UFO. After a minute or two of this, the UFO apparently acknowledged by making several wavering motions back and forth (in a sideways direction, like a pendulum).

"Waving by us was repeated, and this was followed by more flashes of the

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 p.m. two figures reappeared to carry on with whatever they were doing before the interruption (?). The blue spotlight came on for a few seconds, twice in succession."

Subsequently I asked Fr. Gill whether he had tried to communicate with the men by voice. He said he had indeed shouted, as had they all, and made beckoning motions to the men to descend: but there was absolutely no response, apart from the waving and motion already described. Neither the men nor their machine made any sound whatsoever. The report continues:

"The two other UFOs remained stationary and high up—higher than last night (?), or smaller than last night (?).

At 6:30 p.m. I went to dinner.

7:00 p.m. Number one UFO still present, but appeared somewhat smaller. Observers go to church for Evensong.

7:45 p.m. Evensong over, and sky covered with cloud. Visibility very poor. No UFOs in sight.

10:40 p.m. A terrific explosion just outside the Mission House. Nothing seen. It could have been an atmospheric explosion, as the whole sky was overcast.

11:05 p.m. A few drops of rain."

He says that the explosion made him jump out of bed, and gave him a tremendous shock. Remembering the UFOs he wondered whether one had landed, and rushed out to see what had happened. He saw nothing unusual, but found that the explosion had woken up everyone on the station. Papuans are not usually woken by the loudest thunder. They are very heavy sleepers. He described it as "a penetrating earsplitting explosion, not an ordinary thunderclap. It appeared to be just outside the window."

However he admits that it may not have had anything to do with the UFOs. It must, however, be recorded as one of the unusual phenomena of that amazing night.

The facts of this sighting and the waving by the men and the response to the torch signals are fully corroborated by Ananias Rarata, Eric Kodawa, Mrs. (Nessie) Moi, Ilma Violet and Dulcie Freda (Teachers), and many of the other witnesses in personal interviews with myself. They have also told the story independently to other Papuans, who have passed it on to me. They are

all most emphatic about having seen and exchanged signals with the men. Stephen Moi was not present on this occasion, as he had gone to Dogura during the day.

It would be very interesting to know the actual size of the 'men' and their machine. Unfortunately, as they did not land, this is very hard to estimate. Fr. Gill estimates that, assuming the men to have been of normal size (about 6 ft.) the machine would have had a diameter of roughly 35 feet at the base and 20 feet on the upper 'deck'. However, if this is correct, the machine must have been further away than he thought as a width of 5 inches at arms length would give a diameter of nearly 60 feet (incidentally the estimated size of Mr. Evennett's object). If the men were smaller, the machine must have been considerably less than 35 feet. However, all these estimates are mere guesswork, and of little scientific value, except as approximations.

Fr. Gill and his 38 witnesses at Boianai, not to mention others who may have seen the objects independently, were not the only people to see strange things in the sky that night. There were sightings at Giwa, Baniara and Sideia, which amply confirm that mysterious intelligently controlled flying machines were visiting Papua on June 26-28th 1959.

5. The Third Night

But before passing on to these, we shall complete the Boianai reports. For the mysterious craft returned on the Sunday night, 28th June, the third in succession. This time they did not come so low, nor did the men appear. But the objects were more numerous than ever. Here is Fr. Gill's laconic report:

BOIANAI SIGHTINGS (contd.)

Sunday, 28/6/59.

6:00 p.m. No sign of UFO.

6:45 p.m. Only one UFO practically overhead. Slightly north. Very high, but clearly distinguishable, due to hovering. (Fr. Gill uses the word 'hover' in the sense of wavering movement in a small area).

7:30 p.m. Same UFO—moved to southern position, but still more or less overhead.

9:00 p.m. 3 UFOs in almost straight line—all high, sky clear.

11:00 p.m. Eight UFOs. This is the greatest number seen at one time. One fairly low, but except for occasional 'hover', no activity seen on board.

VI. Corroboration From GIW AAnd Baniara

1. Can the Report be explained away?
The sightings at Boianai are at first
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sight, so fantastic that it is not surprising that many people have refused to accept them as true, and consider that Fr. Gill, although obviously a sincere man, must either have imagined it all, or have seen some ordinary object such as Venus, and misinterpreted it. Others admit that he may have seen some unidentified object in the sky, but that his report is enormously exaggerated.

However the authorities were sufficiently interested to request that copy be sent to the Assistant Administrator of the Territory, and all reports of UFOs are being recorded in the government files.

The President of the Victorian Flying Saucer Society, Mr. Peter Norris, LL.B. wrote to the Director of Air Force Intelligence on 12 September 1959, asking whether the Air Force had investigated the Boianai Reports, and what conclusions they had come to.

The Air Force replied that they had had no official information of the sightings but were now making enquiries into the matter.

Later, Squadron Leader D. F. Gibson visited Fr. Gill, and cross-examined him about the Boianai sightings.

Later this official reply was received by the Flying Saucer Society:

From: Squadron Leader F. A. Lang.
Royal Australian Air Force
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Administrative Building
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22 February 1960

Mr. P. E. Norris,
Honorary President,
Victorian Flying Saucer Society,
100 Collins Street,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 25th January 1960. An Officer of this Directorate has investigated Reverend W. Gill's report of UFO activities in the Boianai area of New Guinea, and copies of his findings have been submitted to appropriate authorities. As mentioned in our 114/1/201 (AAA) dated 14th February 1957, such reports are not releasable to the public. However, although it is not possible to reach any positive conclusions, we do not believe that the objects observed by the Rev. W. Gill and his party were manned space vehicles. An analysis of bearings and angles above the horizon does suggest that at least three of the lights were planets, e.g. Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Light refraction, the changing position of the planets relative to the observers,

and the unsettled tropical weather could give the impression of size and rapid movement.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) F. E. Lang.

The Flying Saucer Society is now asking the Melbourne Official Astronomer to check whether the planets concerned were in the right positions at that time to account for any of the UFOs. The ambiguity of the letter is evident, and it only claims to be a possible explanation of some of the smaller objects. The main object carrying the men is not mentioned, and is presumably regarded as inexplicable.

Fr. Gill says that he is quite prepared to accept the possibility that some of the smaller objects could have been planets, though from their apparent size and behavior it is very hard to believe. The most noticeable characteristic of Fr. Gill is the moderation of his claims, and his absolute refusal to subscribe to any theory about the origin of the objects. He always reiterates that he does not know what they were or whence they came. All he knows is that he and 37 others saw them.

Luckily the evidence does not depend on Fr. Gill only. There is other corroboration of things in the sky over Goodenough Bay at the same time as he was watching them at Boianai.

2. The Evidence of Mr. Ernest Evenett

It so happened that on the night of Friday, 26th June, a trader from Samarai, Mr. 'Ernie' Evenett, was anchoring his little launch Sirius off Giwa, opposite Boianai, on the north coast of Goodenough Bay. He had been listening to the 7 o'clock news. Here is his own report of what he saw (as told personally to me). At between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. on 26th June:

"I saw an object approach from a north to northeast direction. It was greenish and very bright, with a trail of white fire behind it. It looked like a shooting star. It descended quite close to me, appearing larger and larger, and slowing down until it hovered about 500 feet above me at an angle of about 45 degrees.

"The light on it faded out except for the portholes, which were brightly illuminated. The object had the silhouette of a rugby football, and had a kind of ring or band round it with 4 or 5 semi-domed portholes below the band on the side which I could see. A glow was coming from the portholes.

"From my knowledge of boats I should estimate it as between 60 and 80 feet in length. After hovering for about 4 minutes, it started to move again. As it moved it made three distinct noises like "WOOMP! WOOMP! WOOMP!" It glow-

ed a brilliant greenish white and shot off like a shooting star, at high speed, disappearing toward the mountains to the west of Boianai.

"I was very frightened, but I couldn't take my eyes off it, I was so fascinated."

Unfortunately there seem to have been no other witnesses, except perhaps the boat crew. The Trader did not see it, and when Mr. Evenett told him about it afterwards he did not believe him.

Next day Mr. Evenett crossed over to Boianai where he picked up some native people to take into Samarai. They said to him "Taubada (Sir), did you see the American Air Force last night? We did at Boianai."

When he arrived at Samarai he first told our Mission Secretary, Fr. Kendall, about his experience, and later gave an official report to the District Commissioner.

His sighting is a remarkable confirmation of Fr. Gill's observations. Although the craft which he saw differs in some respects from Fr. Gill's (in any case it couldn't have been the same craft as the times are too close) it was obviously equally 'out of this world.' It is inconceivable that Fr. Gill and Mr. Evenett, perhaps 15 miles apart and unknown to each other, could have invented such similar stories on the very same night.

Although the elongated shape of Evenett's craft, the portholes and the lack of upper deck suggest a different type of craft from the Boianai disc, it must be remembered that if seen in perspective from below (45 degrees) a disc would appear oval in silhouette. The portholes may have been the 'panels' of Gill's object, and the legs may have been retracted, or invisible, and the deck may have been hidden by the steep angle of sight. The discrepancy in estimated size is not significant.

In any case there is little doubt that what Mr. Evenett saw was part of the same fleet of aerial vehicles which visited Goodenough Bay that night.

3. Confirmation from Baniara.

These are the words of the report made at the time by Mr. Ronald Orwin, Assistant District Officer, in charge of Baniara subdistrict, Milne Bay District of Papua.

Sighting of Flying Object, Baniara

"On Saturday, 27th June 1959, at 1940 hours Mr. R. L. Smith noticed a bright white spherical light NNW from Baniara and high in the sky. It appeared to be between 8 and 9 thousands feet from the ground. Both Mr. and Mrs. Orwin also saw this object after Mr. Smith drew their attention to it.

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SAUCER BLOCKED ROAD IN NORWAY

Connecticut Landing, 1957

Harvey B. Courtney forwarded the following report derived from an interview with the witness:

First or second Sunday, February, 1957 (sure of the date as she was visiting her daughter who just moved to a new home that month).

Time: Between 10-10:30 p.m. Night clear and bitter cold, bright moon. Returning home from visiting daughter.

Had turned off Redding Glen Road on to Route 53 (heads toward Georgetown). Very desolate area. Stopped for stop sign at foot of hill and just saw object as she was driving up the hill. Object was hidden by trees and she was almost upon object before she saw it. In her excitement she took her foot off the accelerator and the car almost came to a stop.

Object was cigar shaped without wings or fins of any kind. "Looked as if someone was holding a giant cigar in the air," she said.

Object was approximately 10-15 feet to the left of the road, "Hovering not too far off the ground." There were 3 or 4 portholes along the side of the object and they were illuminated with a yellowish light. Portholes were approximately 18-20 inches in diameter.

Noticed movement inside through portholes—"looked like shadows moving past the windows." Object had large square on the bottom and was illuminated with same yellowish light. Had the impression that the square was an opening because the light instead of going out, got smaller "as if a door was sliding along, the length of the square, sealing off the light."

When she was abreast of the object it suddenly rose straight up, staying parallel to the ground. It hovered for a second or two at just about tree top height, then "sped away very purposefully" still staying parallel to the ground.

Couldn't tell if object made any noise because car heater made too much noise.

"Those red lights by the road were

very bright" — referring to reflector posts alongside the road. She said she never noticed them so bright before. Sighting made by Mrs. Ina Salter, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

This report compares very favorably to that of an elderly lady at Old Saybrook, Massachusetts, several years ago.

Las Cruces Lights

The El Paso, Texas Herald-Post for 16 January 1962 recounted rather sketchy details of sightings in the Las Cruces, New Mexico area on the 15th.

Dan Garcia, Las Cruces police officer, reported seeing a red flash at about 5 a. m. which appeared to be moving in the direction of the Organ Mountains—15 miles east of the city. Later, just before dawn, Garcia saw a stationary light which eventually began to circle around and a few minutes later disappeared.

The radio at White Sands Proving Ground (east of the Organ Mountains) told police officers, upon inquiry, that a "falling star" had just missed an aircraft over Las Cruces. The plane was enroute to El Paso, about 40 miles southeast.

The Herald-Post said White Sands Proving Ground was checking for further reports but apparently none were forwarded to the newspaper as there was no follow-up in later issues.

Light Buzzes Youth's Car

Jerry Hislope, 20-year-old Kentland High School senior (Kentland, Indiana, USA) claims a UFO buzzed his car two miles north of Lafayette, Indiana in late December. The incident was related in the 28 December 1961 Indiana Journal.

At 9:45 p. m. on Thursday night, Hislope was driving toward Kentland when he noticed the object "diving straight at him." He described the object as dull, glowing white in color, and about 8 feet in diameter and three feet thick. Hislope said it passed over the top of his car, about 10 feet from the ground. He stopped his car and watched it disappear back up into the sky.

By K. Gosta (Gus) Rehn

In 1954 as a novice in the study of the saucer problem I regarded the following story too fantastic to be seriously considered. Now I think otherwise. Authentic close range observations like the following are extremely important in the way of proof. Our military mentors try to pooh-pooh them; they shun such cases because they are red-hot. If forced to investigate such as happened in the Gotland case (APRO 1/1959) and in the Lock Raven Dam case (APRO 11/1959) they are completely stumped. Cudgeling his brains the scientist-aide can find no loophole, so frequently offered by the long range sky cases ("hallucinations" ruled out). Now, these close range cases have grown in number (flying, hovering near ground or landed). The descriptions of details show a remarkable agreement. And there are other proofs of the sightings, promising to build up the best evidence we have that UFOs are interplanetary space ships.

Paint contractor M. Tryggve Jansen told his story to Miss Inga Moller, who was sent to see Mr. Jansen in his house at Ski, Norway, by her paper, a well-known Swedish weekly, "The Allers."

"It happened one evening in November 1953. I had finished my work and picked up Mrs. Gudrun Buflod in my car. She had arrived from Trysil and was invited to visit us in our home. We were sitting and talking about trivial things. Reaching the Gjersjo bridge on the Mossevei road we noticed a luminous object, that did not go straight ahead high up, but that really was maneuvering around on a low altitude. Sometimes it disappeared out of sight, but all of a sudden it was back again, flying in wide circles over the woods and the lake. Then it came down low close to the sides of the car. On one occasion I had to move away as far as I could when the thing swept close past the door of the car.

"Another thing like that and I stop the car," I told my companion. Just as if my words have been comprehended by the driver of the strange craft, it

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Ohio Sightings

An object (or objects) was reported in Ohio from Toledo in a line extending over Lima and on down to the west of Dayton and Cincinnati on the 3rd of January 1961.

Sheriff's deputies Hicks and Baker spotted something from their patrol car on Ohio Highway 117 between Lima and Spencerville at about 7 p. m.—a bright green light which did not blink, moving very fast to the southwest, in view 5 or 6 seconds.

Paul D. Carroll, a reserve Air Force navigator made a sighting at about 6:09 p. m. It looked like a ball of green and orange, flashing red. It was traveling southwest from the north. "I would have thought it was a jet exploding only it moved faster than a jet," he said.

The most impressive report came from Paul Plescher and four companions at Cairo. Paul thought the object they saw looked about the size of a light bulb. It did not flash but was a steady green color. They saw it seemingly headed toward Lima (south) but as they watched it seemed to circle slowly and headed in a southwesterly direction. No sound was heard. Time: 8:30 p. m.

Webb Says Mars May Be Inhabited

Wells Alan Webb, a research chemist at Hexcel Corporation, Berkeley, California, stated in a paper delivered before the International Astronautics Congress, a meeting of more than 500 Space experts from 27 countries, that Mars "canals" bear great resemblance to man-made rail networks. He suggested unmanned space probes for Mars which would "provoke a reaction" and thus determine if it is inhabited.

Webb also said a flight near Mars would yield accurate shots of the canals but not enough other information. He said a second kind of probe should be utilized to give out strong signals and monitor the Mars radio spectrum. He suggested a means of establishing a colony on Mars and keeping it supplied using the Sun as the primary source of energy.

Maneuvering "Star"

Mary C. Kimball of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, sighted another most unusual "star" at between 6 and 6:15 p. m. on 23 January 1962. When first seen it was stationary and to the left of Betelgeuse. Miss K. had just spotted the light which she knew was "out of place," when it flew right at Betelgeuse at a very high rate of speed. As suddenly as it had begun its flight, the object reversed course until it reached the point where it was first seen, after which it slowed considerably and moved slowly eastward. At about this time an "object" went over Miss K.'s house, which she felt at the time must have been an airplane. In reporting the event, she noted three unusual things about the second object: 1. It had one red, one yellow light outlining what she thought was a window. 2. It made no sound. 3. The shape of the plane couldn't be discerned. After the object disappeared behind trees, she looked again for the star-like light which she had seen first but it was also gone. Sky conditions were very clear.

Balloon-Shape Object In South Dakota. USA

On the 2nd of October 1961 at 6:20 Leon Jurgens saw a bright red ball-shaped object which he first thought was a balloon until it disappeared and showed up near the ground still ball-shaped and not deflated. Several minutes later it zoomed up into the sky and was not seen again. Also witnessed by Jerry Doschadis, also of Wilmot.

More Discs In Utah

On Saturday 14 October 1961, Mrs. Michel Burson, wife of Sunset, Utah's mayor, reported seeing four white, circular objects traveling east at 5:30 p. m. The mayor also spotted the objects several moments earlier. What seemed to be the same or similar objects were also reported by Thomas Kay and Kent Draper of Sunset.

On the 15th, R. A. Miskin, APRO member and head of SASIO (Strange Aerial Objects Information Organization), just being organized at the time, went to interview Mr. and Mrs. Burson. At 4:20 as the trio stood in the yard, Burson pointing out where the objects were seen, a small white object flew into view. Another followed and they sped across the sky at high speed, in the same line of flight as the discs seen on Saturday by the Bursons.

Miskin described the first as the color of the moon, rather "puffy and irregular" and "like puffs of cotton," the second as having different shape, smooth and disc-shaped but of the same color as the first.

In giving a description of the four objects seen Saturday, Burson said two of them had the appearance of fluffiness and appeared to be attached together with "long stringy stuff." No sound was heard.

On the 5th of October, Mrs. Marian Southam of Naples, Utah, watched a dinner-plate-shaped object which rocked back and forth as it hovered in the sky in the direction of Vernal, Utah at 9:50 a. m. She watched the object for 10 minutes, then went inside to get field glasses when it began moving east, toward Diamond Mountain, at high speed. When she returned outdoors, she said, it was gone.

"Who Put The Plastic In The Perth Apple Tree?"

Is the headline on a news story in the West Ontario edition of the London Free Press for 7 December 1961. Seems several citizens of North Easthope Township reported that what sounded like at least two low-flying aircraft were heard at about 3 a.m.

Next morning inquiries revealed no aircraft missing or in trouble. The big puzzle: a 15x20 foot piece of plastic in an apple tree in the back yard of Victor Neeb's farm at Hampstead. This report doesn't involve a UFO, but the sounds and the plastic were off the ground and therefore aerial — and unexplained or unconventional, so—aerial phenomena!

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made an abrupt turn and kept right toward us. It came down over the road, some ten meters in front of us. It did not land on the road but hovered a bit above it. Nor did it stand still but moved gently to and fro in our direction.

When "landing" the craft had executed an elegant right-about-turn. All of its movement seemed to be consciously calculated and intelligently executed.

"Well, there it was, a flying saucer, but as unlike a saucer as is possible. Yes, true that its form was that of a plate, but this one was not flat but very bulging in the middle and tapering off toward the sides. The diameter looked to me to be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. (Note: probably underestimated), and the greatest bulge perhaps 2 m. The side that was up in flight had a domelike enlargement, underneath the craft some shorter things were sticking out, which I cannot tell exactly how they looked. The body was yellow, it seemed to have the same color as the sun when it sets. In the center of the side turned against us, some dark fields appeared, marked out by light sections and around this kernel there was a very bright glowing ring, ca 40 cm broad, that looked like melting iron. Beaming out from both sides we saw a sort of wings, certainly 15 m long, which appeared to have been formed from some sort of luminous gas. When the craft was flying these wings were lengthened and when the craft stood still they were pulled inwards and were shortened. The luminous sections did not blind us when we looked at them. (Note: This wing observation is most remarkable. The Editor might know. My suggestion is that the gas or jets pertain to the propulsion system and that it has caused some confusion in the descriptions of the shape of the saucers (triangular or square or delta). The only similar case that comes to my mind is the Redmond, Oregon, FAA case of Sept. 24, 1959" . . . The hovering disc glowed brightly, tongues of "flame" periodically extending from the rim."—Rich. Hall's "Challenge" p. 7).

"Whatever the dark spaces inside the craft's body contained I could not see, but I had an intense feeling that something or somebody within gazed at the two creatures who were sitting in that earthbound vehicle, feeling small and foolish. For my part I have never felt to small or gotten such a dizzying perception of the infiniteness of the universe and of the brittleness of our earth's crust.

"Really, I was never scared stiff. In a manner unexplainable but yet obvious

it felt as if a message from the space visitor had reached me. It told me he was friendly inclined and that we had nothing to fear. This soothing influence was indeed needed: we had no idea what might happen in the next second. We could fancy also that the bright phantom might explode. Then we would be worth nothing.

(Note: Anybody in the same situation as Jansen would get the same bodily-mental feeling, due to the physical effects from radiations (gamma rays?), and without succumbing to occult telepathic interpretations. Jansen just describes!).

"About a minute the apparition hovered there close to us. But these 60 seconds seemed to last as long as 60 hours.

Presently the brilliancy increased, the wings extended and the craft took off. It went over the automobile so low that I felt it grazed the top. Then it climbed right up, flew across the lake away over the woods.

During the flight the craft radiated a glimmering green light so that the woods shone brightly emerald green during some seconds. All the time it moved absolutely without a sound! It disappeared from sight and did not return. A while later a dull bang was heard from the air like a thunder. What happened then? Perhaps the unknown explorer never reached his home in order to report what he had seen on the planet Tellus?

"I did not experience any bodily discomfort except a stinging, burning sensation in my face and on my hands, just like I would feel after having been exposed to an intensive sunbath. This irritation persisted during the entire evening and the following day. My co-passenger was, on the other hand, as good as paralyzed in her arms. She could not even lift her little handbag. Well, it could have been the effect of shock.

"Just before I stopped the car I had looked at my wrist watch. It was a precision watch that had worked perfectly during 10 years. At that time it showed 35 min. past six (P.M.). When I climbed out of the car at home on our yard I happened to look at the watch again. It showed still the same time, 35 min. past 6. The watch had stopped at the same instance when the saucer blocked our road. The watchmaker who took care of it later, explained that the watch was overmagnetized.

"But this was not the only concrete evidence of our peculiar experience. When my wife came out to bid us welcome home, the first thing she exclaimed was: "Heavens, Tryggve, have you

bought a new car?" She could not get convinced that the car was the usual old one until she had inspected its interior. Indeed, its exterior showed something different! Its usual beige-yellow color has disappeared, instead it shone beautifully verdigris green, like phosphorizing. Unfortunately this new color faded away very slowly, just like when you have ironed some clothes with a hot iron and they turn colors. So this could not be due to any imagination of my wife — certainly she had not the faintest idea of our strange encounter.

(Note: Wanted: A test to ascertain if any kind of electromagnetic radiation may change lacquer colors on a car!).

"That Saturday eve we had a little party with some guests. But neither Mrs. Buford nor I could get down the slightest bit of food. Nor did we feel like telling the people of our experience. We felt altogether too dazed and overwhelmed. It is no fun, either, to start to tell that you have made the personal acquaintance of a space visitor. If there was one in the craft. I don't know what it was. Just that it was not ball lighting or a mirage or a light reflection or a meteorological balloon or anything else that all the clever and skeptical persons have suggested.

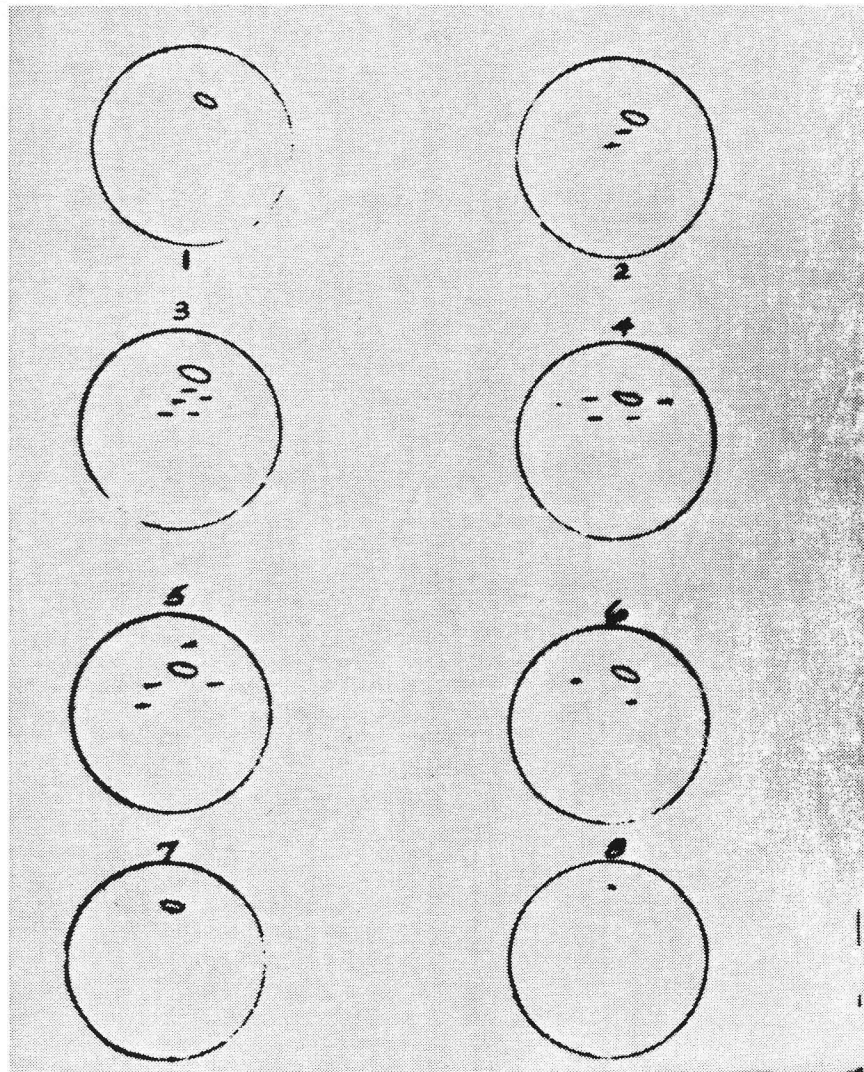
"I have never been specially interested in the phenomenon called flying saucers. I have never believed, nor disbelieved, even if I, like many others, have found it fascinating to speculate about visitors from other planets. Now I am compelled to believe in what I myself and another person of good judgment have seen.

The same evening flying lights had been seen in many places of Norway, such as Frogn and Langhus. The bang had also been heard and been taken as thunder.

The most peculiar thing was, I thought that the mystical stranger chose my little station car as an object for study. And I am glad I was not alone. Had I been alone I am afraid that I at times would have doubted what I myself had experienced. I repent one thing: that I had not brought my camera with me, as I planned to do the morning before. From that time on I have it with me in my car most of the time. But I rather wish I would be spared from meeting another saucer!

Aerial Phenomena— Radio Failure

On January 16, 1962, a blue-white streak passed over Santa Fe, New Mexico at about 5:30 a.m. From 5:30 until 6:04 police headquarters reported a complete radio failure.



Large, Small UAOS Over Tucson In 1957

Earl E. Sydow, engineer and amateur astronomer of Tucson, submitted the following account of a sighting of unconventional aerial objects to APRO in 1962. The original account and drawing were sent to Dr. McDonald of the Atmospheric Physics Institute, University of Arizona, in 1958.

DRAWING: The drawing shown above illustrates objects seen by Earl C. Sydow on October 6, 1957 with aid of telescope (see text).

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1957 — 4:15-4:30 p. m. MST. Observed UFO's at 60 degrees elevation, 135 degrees Az.

Bright object was seen having the magnitude approximately of the planet Venus or approximately -3. The single object measured approximately 3 minutes in diameter along the major axis and measured about 1 minute along the minor axis.

Smaller objects seemed to exit from the larger object as observations con-

tinued. A total of 6 objects were seen at one instant, but other observers noted a total of 10 objects.

The objects appeared to be flat white to a silver white. The shape of the smaller objects appeared to be short traces of light at times and at other times appeared to be somewhat semi-wedge shaped.

The objects moved from the SE toward the NW. The smaller objects disappeared from the field of the telescope until in the final phases of observations there was only one object still in the field of view. This object was the original object sighted and it slowly disappeared from view as if it were moving away from the observer.

I would estimate the diameter of the smaller objects to be about 15 to 30 seconds. The last object was observed at about 180 degrees Az. and 85 degrees elevation.

Condition of sky: Clear, light blue.

Wind conditions: None.

Type of instruments used: 1 20mm x 15x; 1 70mm x 140x Astro scope.

Number of observers: 7.

New Guinea Sightings

(Conclusion)

By Rev. N. C. G. Cruttwell

The object remained stationary for some time and then slowly began moving across the sky in a westerly direction.

"It had the appearance of a 'sparkler' which is commonly used in fireworks displays. Also shafts of green light emanating from the base of the object appeared to be blotted out at regular intervals. A green light also appeared at regular intervals at various points of the object. There did not appear to be any definite order in the appearance of this light. The object looked as if it had a red base, or that a red glow was emanating from its base.

"At the time of sighting and while the object was under observation, there were many stars present and few clouds in the area where the object was to be seen. There was a definite reflected glow on the few clouds in the area, when the object passed in close proximity to them. It was also noticed that there was a reflection like a beam of light on the water between the mainland and the island and this emanated from the object. In contrast the reflection of the stars in the water, which was very smooth, were similar to pin points only.

"As the object moved slowly across and downwards in a westerly direction, it was kept under constant observation. From the wharf it was then seen that there was what appeared to be a round bronze colored disc below and to the right of the bright light. As the light moved so did this disc, keeping the same distance, about 500 to 1000 feet, each time. This was first noticed at 2025 hours.

"The bright light and the disc both finally disappeared behind cloud low in the western horizon at 2045 hours."

In questioning Mr. Smith, who also witnessed the sighting, I asked him about the curious shafts of light. He said that they emanated from the base of the object, which was about the size of a sixpence at arm's length. There were three of these thin needle-like shafts of green light, one vertical, and one on each side diverging from it at an angle of approximately 15 degrees. They extended for a distance equal to about 3 inches at arm's length. They did not exactly flash on and off but seemed to lengthen and shorten in a most peculiar way, as if they were objects being protruded and withdrawn.

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They did not appear to be solid legs but only rays of light.

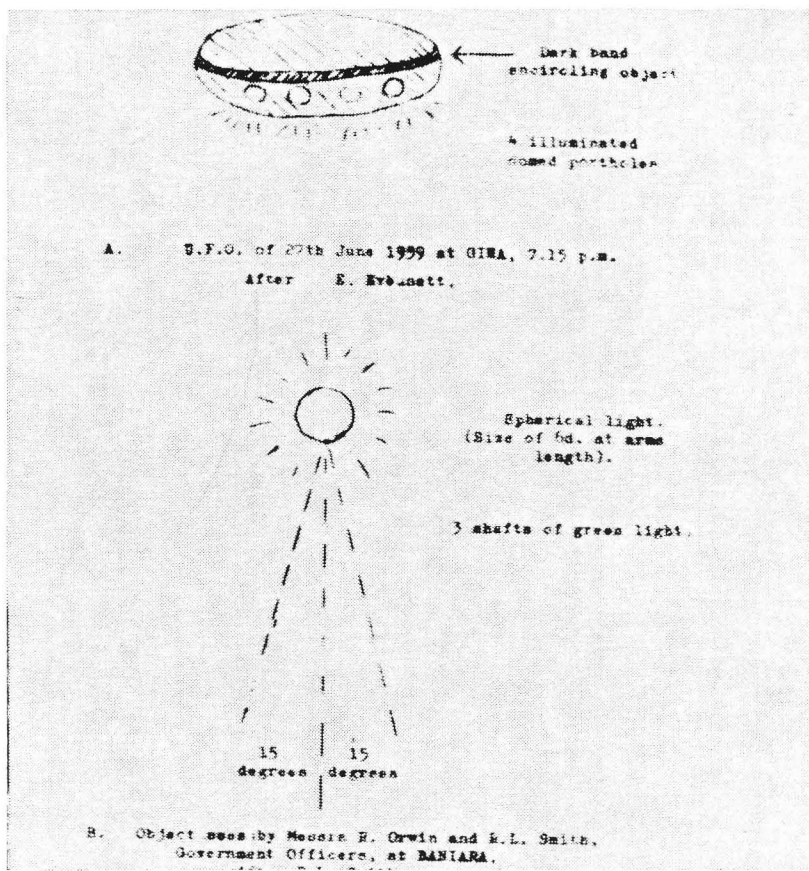
This sighting is a most remarkable one, first because it was on the same night as the Boianai one, which was not itself seen at Baniara (20 miles away). But secondly it is important for the remarkable details of the green shafts and the bronze disc. Evidently the object was of quite a different type from the Boianai objects, but equally fantastic in a different way. It is hard to believe that such curious details should be invented. They are so unlikely. They were observed later in several subsequent sightings.

Mr. Orwin and Mr. Smith are both intelligent and observant men, and it is reasonable to suppose that their descriptions are accurate.

The same object was sighted again the following night. Continuing the report:

"On Sunday, 28th, at 1820 hours, the bright light was again seen by Mr. and Mrs. Orwin. It appeared in the same position as on the previous night, although it was not as bright at first. At 2001 hours the bright light moved at great speed along the same track as the previous night, but in a minute covered the same distance it had taken half an hour to cover previously. The light became very bright during this rapid movement, as did its reflection on the sea. It dropped about 5000 feet during the period, and in my opinion it looked as though it was going to land to the northwest of the station on the mainland. The light was kept under observation during this rapid movement, and Mr. Orwin ran to the wharf for this purpose. It slowed up and remained in the western sky until it slowly disappeared again low on the horizon at 2115 hours. The bronze disc was again sighted in the same relative position as the night before. Mr. Smith was present with Mr. Orwin to keep the bright light under observation from 2005 until it disappeared."

Mr. Orwin gave me some more details of this sighting. He mentioned that when the light moved rapidly, it became dazzlingly bright and, when it dropped as if it was going to land, it was 'like a thousand searchlights'. He was so concerned about its apparent intention to land that he ran in his pajamas with no shoes down to the wharf. He mentions that the bronze disc which accompanied the object appeared to jump up towards the object when it descended and seemed to vanish into it.



A Naval Intelligence Officer visiting the District, suggested that it might have been Venus, which could be expected to be seen from the station in the approximate direction of the bright light. Mr. Orwin replies:

"I am of the opinion that the bright light was not Venus, as this light was much lower than the position of Venus and more to the north."

Apart from that, it is hard to imagine how Venus could appear to perform all the extraordinary maneuvers and manifestations attributed to this light.

It will be noticed that this sighting coincided with the third night of UFO activity at Boianai.

4. Sideia Saw Something Too

The last report for this period comes from the Roman Catholic Mission at Sideia again, perhaps 90 miles southeast of Boianai.

"At 8:30 p.m. on June 27th (Boianai's second night, Baniara's first) two of the Brothers saw a large fiery object about half the size of the full moon in the western sky, moving slowly either down the western sky or away from the observers in a westerly direction. At one stage the object, of which the light was appearing to diminish to a pinpoint, suddenly glowed brightly again. It turned blue before finally disappearing. The whole phenomenon lasted about 10 minutes."

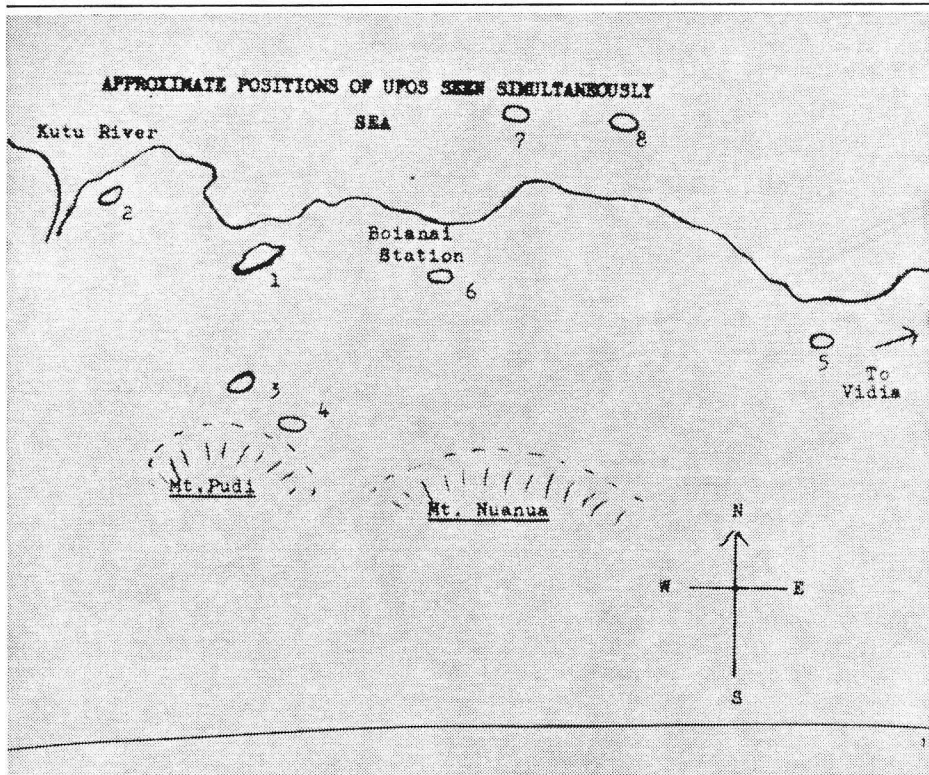
Venus was also held responsible for this light. The Harbour Master of Samarai Mr. H. Riding, is quoted as saying

"This planet sometimes has the habit of emitting blue, green and red flashes of light, and also light refraction due to temperature changes in the atmosphere gives the impression of the planet moving."

It is of course quite conceivable that some of the sightings may be explicable by the vagaries of Venus, but what stands out is the remarkable consistency of certain features of the sightings, from quite independent witnesses. That there appears to be a definite pattern running through them seems to become more and more evident. In any case many of the sightings were made long after Venus had set.

This completes the large body of corroborative evidence indicating that during the nights of 26th, 27th and 28th of June 1959 South East Papua was visited by a number of unknown aircraft manned by intelligent and apparently human beings. So far no one has been able to offer any explanation of who they are and where they came from, let alone their purpose in examining so closely such a remote and unimportant corner of our planet.

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11:20 p.m. A sharp metallic and loud bang on Mission House Roof, as though a piece of metal had dropped from a great height. No roll of 'object' down roof slope afterwards. Outside, 4 U.F.O.s in a circle round station. All high.

11:30 p.m. To bed, and U.F.O.s still there.

Monday 29/6/59.

Roof examined. No apparent sign of mark or dent, which one might expect from last night's noise.

This appears to have been the end of the activity at Boianai. Fr. Gill says that nothing more was seen at Boianai, apart from what is contained in the reports.

Mysterious Flash In Nevada, U.S.A.

On February 1, 1962, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) stations at Elko, Ely and Battle Mountain, Nevada, reported a curious split-second flash of light near Austin. The three stations took bearings and placed the flash northeast of Austin near Mt. Callaghan. No aircraft were reported missing. Stead AFB near Reno and the Reno airport also had reports of the strange occurrence but both had little recent air traffic because of dense fog.

One of the FAA observers at Elko who declined to be named said he saw a flash accompanied by falling debris.

An Austin rancher, Dick Magee, was driving home from Reno on Highway 30 at 4:30 p. m.: "It flashed quickly, then disappeared," he said. "There was no smoke or debris and it didn't look like an airplane."

Air Force authorities said helicopters might be dispatched to search for wreckage. At the risk of seeming snide,

Strange "Jelly" Fires Truck

Boiestown, N. B., Canada—On April 4th, a mysterious object lit up the sky over a large part of New Brunswick and was believed to have set fire to a truck parked in Wendell McFagden's mill yard near Boiestown. The fire was extinguished with mud and the object, not identified two days later, was described as having been very hot and looking like jelly after it cooled off.

A sighting involving strange globe-like objects and a later discovery of a jelly-like residue will be described in this or a future issue.

It occurs to us that the strangest part of this sighting is that no one, especially the Air Force, suggested a meteor as an explanation. There were no aircraft in trouble or missing—yet the AF was looking for wreckage. This bolsters our policy to keep an eye on these mysterious atmospheric concussions, especially when accompanied by a flash or fire ball.

Red Ball Flies Erratically In Indiana

On September 28, 1961, John R. Bernstein, 13, and his mother, Mrs. Jeanne Bernstein, of Lawrence, Indiana, at about 5:50 or 6 p. m., saw in the northwest sky a red ball-like object. Mrs. Bernstein thought that it appeared to be made of red glass. It flew in an erratic path blinking off and on in an irregular manner. John said that it once moved between the observers and an airplane. It was seen only for a few seconds.

At the same time and in the same area of the sky the same witnesses saw a pair of shiny objects. John described them as silvery—his mother said "opal—not so shiny as aluminum."

These two objects alternately hovered and maneuvered, sometimes cutting across each other's paths. They were seen intermittently for a half hour period. The edges were clearly outlined.

Pilot Sights Object Twice

Ernie Stadvec, pilot and owner-operator of Stadvec Aviation, Incorporated, at Akron, Ohio, reported seeing a UFO at about 10:15 p. m. on July 4, 1961 and again on July 5 at about the same time.

Stadvec said that he first spotted the greenish object at 1 o'clock high coming down on collision course with his plane. It then stopped, moved off to the northwest (330 degrees azimuth) stopped again, then moved up and disappeared. The next night it did approximately the same thing.

Major Robert Friend of Wright-Patterson Field suggested "atmospheric refraction of the star Capella."

It is interesting to note that Capella, a first magnitude star, appears in Auriga in close proximity to two second magnitude stars. What sort of selective refraction bent the light of Capella through many degrees without breaking it up into its composite spectrum, while successfully ignoring its second magnitude companions? We might recall here that the refraction index of the atmosphere only approaches one-half degree at the horizon.

Correction . . .

Jerome K. Clark writes to point out an alleged error in the September 1961 Bulletin in that it was stated that NICAP did not analyze the Simonton "pancakes." What we should have said was that NICAP did not report any analysis made. Judge Carter, who turned the sample over to NICAP had not received any feedback on the subject at the time the Bulletin was issued—or at least we were not informed.

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Extraterrestrial UAO Thesis Gains Support

Glow Seen, Numbrness Follows:

A group of 5 teenagers, ranging in age from 15 to 18, observed a strange glow near Modesto, California, in the early hours of 13 April 1962.

The five teenagers were visibly shaken as they related their experience to Stanislaus (Calif.) County Deputy Sheriff Ron Hackett.

The youngsters were parked near a canal bank on Ustick Road when they noticed a strange glowing object or light in the west. It appeared to be two to five miles away, over the Riverdale tract area on Hatch Road near the Tuolumne River.

At first the light was about 500 feet high but it descended toward the ground and got brighter as it neared the horizon. It faded away, however, when it appeared to reach the ground. The observers started to get out of the car but when they did, their bodies began to feel numb. They said they could hardly move but later rushed to the home of one of the party where they called the sheriff.

Pilot Reports Speedy Globe

On 21 May an Irish International Airlines pilot, Capt. Gordon Pendleton, and his crew told reporters at Dublin, Ireland, that a globe-shaped object had been sighted while they were flying across Southern England.

Pendleton's plane was at 15,000 feet altitude when he spotted the brown-colored object which appeared to be smaller than his aircraft as it approached from the opposite direction. It had irregular antenna-like protuberances. Pendleton estimated its speed at 500 miles per hour. He said it definitely was not a balloon.

The object passed 3,000 feet below Pendleton's Viscount when he was 35 miles southeast of Bristol on the Cork-to-Brussels run. The co-pilot also observed the object but neither he nor Pendleton informed the two hostesses and 60 passengers.

NASA Is New Subscriber

We welcome the Washington Headquarters of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to APRO's tiny list of subscribers. As most know, APRO exists solely to provide information to members only through their individual active cooperation. The only exceptions have been various libraries and research laboratories. We sincerely hope our work will be of value to NASA as it has to our other group subscribers.

In view of this new interest, (foreign and pre-1947 evidence aside) it is even more difficult to accept Dr. Leon Davidson's theory that UAOs are a propaganda weapon of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. It would seem unlikely that NASA would be interested in a propaganda tool, or be completely unaware of its existence.

In answer to the many vehement reactions to his original thesis, Dr. Leon Davidson recently mailed an open letter to UFO Researchers plainly marked "not for publication." In it he lists his qualifications as an expert—among them his degrees, work record at various secret labs and the confidence of the USAF UFO Project and the CIA. The latter two make Dr. Davidson open to question concerning unbiased research in the UFO field.

On Page 2 (Item 4, paragraph 3) of his open letter, Dr. Davidson quotes Allen Dulles' statement in Leonard Stringfield's book, "By use of injunction, if necessary," he could prevent anyone from testifying in court concerning Adamski's book "because maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFOs." Davidson infers that he believes that the statement Dulles made indicates Adamski's book was the CIA's promotion. But there are too many factors involved to enter into that argument here.

At the end of the open letter, Dr. Davidson invites people to write for detailed references but not for discussion. If we are not allowed to discuss the issues presented by Dr. Davidson via correspondence (although we realize it would
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In April U. S. news wires hummed with a brief condensation of Dr. Frank B. Salisbury's (Colorado State University) theory concerning the nature of the biology of the planet Mars. As usual, news stories were comprised of bits and pieces of the original theory, all of which added up to sensationalism.

Shortly after the first wire story was read at this office, Mrs. Lorenzen forwarded a copy of her book to Dr. Salisbury and requested a copy of his paper, of which several copies subsequently arrived.

Salisbury's complete dissertation on Martian Biology is far more interesting than the short UPI-AP version. The complete text appears in the April issue of "Science." In a telephone conversation with the Director, Dr. Salisbury stated his feeling that scientists interested in the exploration of other planets should read Mrs. Lorenzen's book and said he would recommend it. Subsequently the Doctor joined the ranks of APRO members, thus increasing the number of scientists on record who are interested in the subject of UFOs. It is this sort of recognition by sound-minded individuals which will accomplish much in UFO research.

In May, Dr. Carl E. Sagan of the University of California at Berkeley stated that Mars is the most likely abode of life in our solar system. He also theorized that although it is generally believed that the Moon cannot support life on its arid and airless surface, "conditions are appreciably milder some distance beneath the lunar surface, and the likelihood of living things beneath the moon's surface is probably small but it is not negligible." Dr. Sagan's ideas were expounded on a "Voice of America" science lecture broadcast.

At least one sighting which was forwarded to Dr. Salisbury as a result of his recent publicity will appear in this issue.

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Inasmuch as there seems to be a ques-
tion as to who is doing what to whom
and why, we will continue this discus-
sion in a subsequent issue.

UAO Over North Philly

In a personal report to APRO mem-
ber Michael J. Campione, Mr. Zigmund
Hill of Philadelphia, Pa., described his
experience of 23 May 1962. Mr. Cam-
pione informs us that some of the names
have been fictionalized to some extent
as the observers were hesitant about
publicity.

On the date mentioned above, Mr.
Hill, his wife, daughter Rosemarie and
niece Valentine London were relaxing
in front of their home at 4th and On-
tario in the north area of Philadelphia.
Mr. Hill's son Michael suddenly tugged
at his arm, pointed to the sky and said,
"There's a flying saucer and it's all lit
up."

Hill jumped out of his lawn chair, and
looking in the direction indicated by his
son, saw several people at the street cor-
ner looking upwards into the sky. The
neighbors were John Site, John Saw,
Robert Kind, Leonard Leon and Rosalee
Haven. They beckoned to Hill.

When Hill arrived at the street corner,
Rosalee Haven thrust a pair of binocu-
lars into his hands. Hill sighted the ob-
ject almost immediately. It appeared to
be hovering about 2 blocks away at
about 2500 feet altitude. The object ap-
peared as an inverted "saucer" with six
port-like holes surmounted by a dome-
like cabin with a large window which
was lit up by a greenish light.

Moonlight on the object made it ap-
pear light grey or silverfish in color
and the portholes were also of a green-
ish color. A hissing or humming sound
emanated from it and the bottom half
seemed to rotate in a counter-clock-wise
manner. A light belt of greenish color
came from the section where the dome
met the inverted saucer top portion, but
the belt was fuzzy and spinning slowly
like the bottom. Hill estimated the ob-
ject's total diameter as about 20 feet.

Shortly after sighting the object, Hill
heard the familiar roar of jets as two
of them, with riding lights, came into
view at about 5,000 feet and circled the
area. Within several minutes two prop-
driven planes also appeared on the
scene and were apparently on a collision
course with the saucer-shaped object.
When the planes were approximately
half mile away, the lights on the UAO
went out completely after making a fast
maneuver which resembled a "6".

Hill timed the sighting as lasting a
full five minutes. The planes continued
to circle for several minutes and then

left the vicinity. The observers watched
the lights of the planes until they were
obscured by buildings and were about
to leave when someone shouted: "There
it is again."

During the course of the next 40 min-
utes, the saucer reappeared three times,
as did the jets and the prop-driven
planes. The maneuvers were the same
in each of the second and third instances
but in the fourth reappearance, when
the aircraft showed up, the UAO zoomed
straight up into the sky at very high
speed until it became a pinpoint of light
and sped away in a northwest direction.
The jets attempted (apparently) to pur-
sue but were swiftly outdistanced.

Mr. Hill further stated that although
he heard "scuttlebutt" about UAO in
WW II, and other rumors since, he had
never put any stock in stories of flying
saucers.

Additional information pertaining to
the sighting: Object passed in front of
the moon at one time, bolstering the ob-
servers' feeling that it was a solid, ma-
terial object. A bright moon and many
stars were evident in the sky. The ob-
ject's light pulsed during the times
it was hovering and brightened notice-
ably during flight. Hissing or loud hum
was heard during hovering, but no data
is available concerning sound during
maneuvers and flight. Color of the ob-
ject was light grey or silver, slightly
fuzzy appearing on edges. Object was
so close it's apparent size was the size
of a grapefruit held at arm's length.

Railroad Men Spot Bullet-Shaped UAO

At 3:30 a. m. on 16 May 1962, two
New York Central freight train crews,
working miles apart, spotted and subse-
quently reported their observation of a
fire-spewing object.

One crew was working near the O. H.
Hutchinson power station between
Franklin and Miamisburg in Warren
County, New York. George Enneking, a
trainman, said the object traveled from
northwest to southeast and looked like
a rocket with blue-white flame issuing
from the rear. Enneking also told news-
men that four other members of the
crew, working the length of a 95-car
train, also observed the UAO.

The other crew, working near the Earl
and Daniel plant at 525 Carr St., saw
a "fireball" streak across the sky over
Northern Kentucky. The flash lasted
about 7 or 8 seconds, and appeared to
be "shedding" or throwing off fiery
sparks.

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be a gargantuan task for Dr. D. to under-
take such a correspondence) the letter
becomes a one-sided attempt at indoctrina-
tion, not an unbiased attempt to
get at the truth.

By 1957, when Dr. Davidson claims
he became aware of the "truth" con-
cerning the CIA's role in the UFO mys-
tery, UFO research had become effec-
tive and well-organized. By then the ex-
tremely important works of Aime Michel
and Dr. Olavo T. Fontes had contributed
to the weighty evidence. Was it THEN
that the CIA decided on a new maneuver
to disorganize the research which was
turning up some disturbing answers
to the UFO mystery? I have a couple
of questions for Mr. Davidson:

1. Was Michel fed phony information
by French peasants who were coached
by the CIA?

2. Was Olavo Fontes fed phony infor-
mation via hundreds of private citizens
or was he also a CIA pipeline or plant?

There is another theory or two which
have not yet been thoroughly probed.

UFO Seen By Prof. Maney, Others

A UFO was seen at Defiance, Ohio, between 8 and 9 p. m. on 20 May 1962 by Prof. Chas. A. Maney, of the Department of Physics, Defiance College. The professor is also consultant in physics for APRO and a member of the board of governors of NICAP in Washington, D. C.

First spotted by Don Reimund, the object was a round, blue ball of light moving in a horizontal path from the northwest, about 10 degrees above the horizon. It changed to a bright orange, became dull and disappeared in the southwest at 8:22 p. m. Reimund called Maney at 8:20, by the time the professor arrived at Reimund's residence the object was out of sight.

Reimund began describing the object to Maney and the object reappeared in the southwest at 20 degrees elevation, moving horizontally toward the north. Maney then viewed the object with unaided vision and binoculars of 7 magnifications for 10 minutes as it travelled north about 40 degrees. Maney watched the object for 3 or 4 minutes with binoculars, turned them over to another observer, during which time he lost sight of it. A minute later he caught it again, and the object had turned a brilliant yellow in color. Presently the object stopped, hovered 5 or 6 seconds, then reversed direction, traveling south. At times it appeared to move rapidly, then hover, apparently motionless. It continued to travel south getting closer to the horizon, becoming fainter until it disappeared in the southwest at 9 p. m.

During the sighting both jets and prop-driven planes were observed from west to east, presenting a good opportunity for comparison observation. Professor Maney decided the object was closer to observer Reimund in the first sighting as it was clearly defined as a ball whereas in the second sighting it was just a brilliant light.

The sighting was published in the Defiance Crescent-News on May 21, where in Professor Maney asked for accounts from other possible observers. Subsequently he received the following information which he hailed as "very significant additional information:

The sighting from 8 to 8:22 was possibly observed by Quincy L. Dray, Jr., from St. Johns, Ohio, about 55 miles south of Defiance. He said: "I sighted the same object outside St. Johns moving west and south at 'an altitude lower than a star.' It was blue and became quite bright, remaining at the same

level and I thought it might be Echo II but was quite skeptical. It was visible for about 20 minutes, 8:10 to 8:30 p. m. It would be impossible to identify this as it was not a meteor, not a shooting star nor a comet. It moved erratically, seemed to dip or back up, then start forward fast."

Miss Linda Baker of Hamilton, Ohio, with three members of her family and a neighbor, Jerry Conrad, observed an aerial object between 9:30 and 10 p. m. on the same night—one hour later than the sighting made by Prof. Maney. The object was viewed in a northwest direction over a hill, both with and without binoculars. They observed it as it shimmered as a star, constantly shifting colors from blue to orange. It moved with a "frenzied motion"—it stopped once. It was watched for 15 minutes before the group retired.

See article elsewhere in this Bulletin for a 1960 sighting by a scientist which was passed on to Prof. Maney as a result of publicity regarding sightings noted above.

Scientist Reports Sightings

Upon hearing of Prof. Maney's sighting of a UFO on May 20, a scientist at a University in Ohio informed the Professor of an incident witnessed by him in 1960. Following are the pertinent details:

At 10 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1960, "Dr. Blank" he requests anonymity) of the Science Department of "Blank University" was driving south on a highway not far from the campus. A member of his family was a passenger. Low in the sky ahead of him appeared a black spot which he at first assumed to be an approaching plane. But as the object got closer the professor could see that unlike a plane the object had no wings. His curiosity aroused, the professor stopped his car at the side of the road adjacent to a golf course where he and his companion got out to get a better look at the approaching object.

As viewed by the two observers when at an altitude (elevation) of approximately 70 degrees and two or three blocks to the west (estimated), and at a straight line distance of 1200 to 1500 feet, the object was clearly visible. It was egg-shaped or elliptical, perfectly smooth, no protuberances or markings, clear curved edges and a bright chalk-white on top with just a narrow band of shadow across the bottom.

This appears to be a view of a disc-shaped object with the top tilted toward the observers. The apparent diameter of the horizontal major axis of

the ellipse shape viewed at arm's length and 1300 feet for the straight line distance of the aerial object, evolves an approximate diameter of about 100 feet.

The object moved at moderate speed like that of a conventional propeller-driven airplane, but silently with no trace of noise whatever. The object traced a smooth arc of travel with no up or down travel. It was in sight some five minutes, moving toward the northwest until it disappeared from view.

In explaining why he did not want his name to be released in connection with the report of his sighting, the Ohio scientist wrote as follows: ". . . I have been thinking about permitting my name to be released, and have decided that I do not want my name released. I hope you will understand. I have grants here at the University for research which I do not want to jeopardize should someone that is prejudiced against analyzing UFOs truthfully and scientifically (and you know there are many) make an issue out of this sighting . . . I am sorry I must ask you to keep my name confidential but I hope you understand. Sincerely, I hope that I have helped in some way, nevertheless, by telling you of what I saw . . . Sincerely Yours, Dr. Blank of Blank University."

UFO Color Photo In Antarctica

An unidentified "very strange" object was seen over Cape Hallet, Antarctica, at 11:10 p. m. on the evening of 9 July. Harold T. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation New Zealand (now in recess) forwarded several news clips as well as the text of a radio broadcast containing the information:

Mr. C. B. Taylor, scientific leader at Hallet station, reported by radio-telephone on the 10th. The object had three yellowish-white lights, the center light being midway between the other two and much brighter than the others. It travelled from southwest to northeast, with its highest point in the northwest about 35 degrees from the zenith. When the object was in the northern sky, it emitted a brilliant flash of white light. As it neared the horizon, the smaller lights disappeared in the auroral glow.

"It took about three to four minutes to cross the sky, from about 11:10 to 11:13 p. m." Mr. Taylor said. "We have no idea what it could have been. It was too slow for a meteorite but too fast for a satellite."

Seven of the station's crew of 18 saw the object, and it was photographed by the all-sky auroral camera, in color. Further information will appear as it is received.

An Engineer Looks At UFOs

By Glenn D. Bryant

(The writer is a graduate of Mississippi State University, holding a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is a rated pilot, has spent 10 years in the Aerophysics Department of Mississippi State U. and served as Project Engineer for Modification, Design and Production of Research Aircraft. Mr. Bryant belongs to the Institute of Aerospace Science and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi. He is married and has three children).

Please don't read this article if you are absolutely sure Unidentified Flying Objects can all be explained as terrestrial objects. I will make no attempt to prove they are the space ships of another planet, which I am convinced they are. Instead, those who admit there may be space craft lurking in the Earth's skies may find here an aeronautical engineer's analysis of what this all adds up to. This summary is entirely based on several years of observation and study of available unclassified material. The writer's background includes design studies on unconventional aircraft and their relation to certain military and civilian applications. This account, in a like manner, considers U. F. O.'s as machines either designed for or adapted to a particular type of mission.

First, what do I assume is their mission? A study of reports gives convincing evidence of a mission of surveillance of the Earth by extraterrestrial beings. Their lack of aggressive action suggests they are not in process of colonizing the Earth. Lack of formal contact casts doubt on a trade motive. Evidently, these gifted creatures are in a far more favorable environment on their native planet than on Earth, and their advanced technology would probably put them in a position of self-sufficiency. Lack of formal contact, however, also indicates something more than curiosity or scientific interest.

The remaining likely motive is concern over their own security. The increased surveillance to keep pace with our own technological explosion is evidence that they consider us to soon be in a position to threaten their native planet. The advent of the use of atomic energy and the beginnings of space flight by man are putting him in just this position. Our space visitors are obviously aware of the instability and frequent violence of Earthly society. This uncertainty of intent completes the menace imposed by our growing capability

for harm to them. On the other hand, we must assume that theirs is a mature, self-restrained society with concern for the well-being of others. If this were not so, they would likely have waged preventive war against the Earth at the first sign of a threat. Some may argue that they are yet considering the preventive war alternative. Their weapons and means of delivery are still so far ahead of us that for some years to come they could defeat us without serious losses to themselves. The date would be set by a level of our development which is high enough to pose an inevitable threat to themselves, but low enough to assure an easy victory.

This gloomy alternative, preventive war, is by no means the only one available to them, however. It is most likely such an advanced race has long ago renounced war as a method of settling disputes between societies. They must therefore, have advanced know-how in getting along with other civilizations. It is most reasonable that these diplomatic methods would be tried before resorting to all-out violence.

The question now is why the delay? Why have formal contacts not been made with major Earth governments or the United Nations? An early start would be advantageous in bridging the gaps between our backgrounds. There would be more time to arrive at a mutual working understanding. There must be good reasons for delay which outweigh these considerations. Is there an actual communications barrier between us? Are formal relations impossible because they cannot decipher our spoken or written language? Are they unable to articulate a reply? Evidence from reports and even a superficial examination of the problem render these assumptions unlikely.

Reports indicate space creatures have been prowling around the Earth for many, many years. What would be more likely for a science-minded race than taking specimens of terrestrial flora and fauna back to their planet for study under laboratory conditions? It would be surprising if they did not have a whole "Bureau of Earth" with hundreds or thousands of employees working in numerous laboratories and offices specializing in various features of our complex planet. It would be surprising, indeed, if they overlooked the most interesting and pertinent of terrestrial fauna, man.

Without formal contact with Earth, a large number of humans would have to be collected, studied, and interrogated to keep up with the state of the Earth's civilization. Surely some of the

crop of missing aviators and others must suddenly find themselves living in an artificial environment in a Martian or Venusian laboratory colony. No, I am sure there is not a serious communications barrier. If the Earth's monitors cannot hear our spoken words or voice replies, I am sure they could train human interpreters or even translate by machine. Our written language would be even less of a problem.

Note the above reference to Martian or Venusian. Why do I assume Mars or Venus or both as the home of our visitors? Some well-informed persons state these creatures come from planets around distant stars. If that is true, why is there such an impression of urgency in their surveillance? They monitor our advances in the space arts with exacting thoroughness. The cost of such an operation at a distance of four to ten light years would be staggering even for a highly advanced civilization. Would all this be for the absurdly remote security threat that we could pose for an unknown planet at such a distance? The home of our uninvited guests must surely be in our Solar system and, indeed, right next door.

The apparent primary reason for lack of formal contact goes back to the security threat. It is an engineering matter and gets to the real point of this essay. There is yet one major step for mankind to make technologically before he will be a serious potential menace to our space neighbors. This one momentous bit of know-how is paradoxically utilized by the very space craft which monitor our progress. If one of these craft fell into our hands, the odds are very great that the secret would soon be disclosed to us.

Our feeble attempts at space flight are now achieved by rockets which fire for a time to build up velocity and then coast along. Though much lauded at the present time, these space craft compare with those of our celestial neighbors like a glider with a jet air liner. The vital difference comes from the fact that we have only one tool with which to overcome gravity and inertia. That is inertia itself used in various forms. Initially, a large part of the mass of our ships must be jettisoned at high velocity in order for a small part to coast along to its destination. Our neighbors' ships do not require any such means to oppose gravity. No deafening rocket with billowing smoke from enormous boosters is required for their ships to hover, maneuver, or race skyward to outer space. Instead, they accomplish these feats with

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the silent ease of riding a bicycle around a park.

The only reasonable explanation for the reported performance of the U. F. O.'s is that they are able to generate a field to directly counteract gravity. Also, since gravity and inertia are related, it is not surprising that some of these ships are reported doing fantastic maneuvers. Evidently this anti-gravity device enables our observers to also control inertia forces so that their ships can turn or accelerate at unbelievable rates. This may likewise explain why they fly through our atmosphere at supersonic speeds without the sonic boom of high speed terrestrial aircraft. In other words, their field generator not only opposes gravity and controls inertia within the ship, but controls the inertia of the air flowing past, as well. Apparently, the field generator requires a large amount of power in one form or another, and a nuclear power plant is carried on board. Any power plant must reject heat and the most practical way to reject heat in space is by radiating electromagnetic waves, such as infra red or visible light. It, therefore, comes as no surprise that large quantities of both heat and light are reported emanating from U.F.O.'s. Further, the color is often reported to change with the intensity of the maneuver. When cruising steadily along, the color may be rather dull. Indeed, I and others have seen them switch off their radiators completely at intervals of about every ten seconds when cruising along in straight flight.

It is interesting that these ships make no attempt at concealment. They are conspicuous by their light and are easily picked up by radar without any apparent use of electronic counter measures. They evidently rely entirely on vastly superior performance and armament for safety among their potentially hostile hosts. As to their armament, impressions from bits and pieces of reports here and there indicate that at least one form is of the "ray" variety that can be turned on and off independently of the main propulsion system of the ship. Rays have been reported which cause heat, radiation burns, temporary failure of electrical equipment, and even mechanical force on their targets.

Can you imagine the military significance, of these missing technological links in human hands? Is it any wonder, then, that our space neighbors do not risk this vital security information by making a formal contact that could only be our advantage at this stage of the

game. Such contact would expose their handiwork to close scrutiny, and the utmost of Earth's resources would be rushed into the quest for their secrets. Once given the clue that a secret is to be wrested from nature, and a general impression of what direction to go, man, with all of his weaknesses, will persevere to the solution. Anti-gravity is no exception. The ironic fact is that our visitors have already given us just this clue. A few years ago gravity research was very unfashionable among scientists mainly because no one thought it was possible to do anything about it. Now, the picture is rapidly changing, thanks partly to the example of the U.F.O.'s. The very security surveillance we are undergoing is helping to stimulate mankind into a feverish quest for the missing links which will threaten that security.

It is easy to see that this shocking knowledge is also raising very interesting terrestrial security problems. What a hot potato this is for the world's major governments. What, for instance, would happen if the Russians get it first? All the free nation's defense strategy would become obsolete. Is it any wonder, then, that governments go to ludicrous lengths to soft-pedal it. The official denials of the problem's existence do not fit the impressions one gets of the attention it is getting under the wraps of security.

Of course, I do not have any concrete proof to offer that I and thousands of others have actually seen visiting space ships. Perhaps they are just what many are convinced: Mistaken identity of familiar objects, mirrages, hoaxes, and the like. On the other hand, perhaps these thousands are not all fools or knaves and the Earth really does stand on the threshold of the greatest historical event of the millenium: The formal meeting of two worlds.

Robots Scare Woman

An official Argentine TV Station, with the assistance of the Argentine Air Force, released to the press an account of a woman rancher who saw a disc-shaped unconventional aerial object on the ground at close quarters. The woman had to be hospitalized for shock.

The woman's name was not revealed by the TV station or the Air Force but they did state that she was from the province of La Pampa. She reportedly saw two strange robot-like creatures near the unidentified object. The report also said that experts had confirmed that grass in the area where the object presumably landed, was singed in a six-yard-wide circle.

Some members will note the similarity

of this report to the one reported in the November 1961 issue concerning burned grass roots at the site of a UAO landing in Venezuela, last fall. Also, this is not the first time the sight and proximity of such objects has thrown an observer into shock.

At this writing we have no further details but have requested same from Mr. Remonda and other South American representatives. No exact date was given but the incident is presumed to have occurred in early May.

1947 Pilot Sighting Revealed

The following report was submitted via letter to Dr. Frank Salisbury (see article elsewhere in this issue) by a friend pertaining to the sighting of a formation of UAO's in 1947:

"I did not make a report. Those making reports were looked on as some sort of nut and even the few friends I mentioned it to seemed to think I had joined the "club." Beulah, Ron and I were flying from Los Vegas, Nevada to Salt Lake and while over Utah Lake saw the six or eight objects coming towards us and slightly to our right. They were at the same altitude as we. I did not notice them until we were practically to them. As they passed I banked the plane sharply and flew after them for a few minutes during which time they left us as if we were standing still.

"Size is difficult to estimate in the air but I would guess they were not over six feet in diameter. They were silver-white, oval top and bottom much like two saucers face to face. They were closely spaced. They fluttered as a group for a second or two and then stabilized for a second or two, alternately between these two modes. The incident happened on July 12, 1947, at approximately 2:30 p.m. P.S.T., according to my flying log."

Bullet Speeds Over New Zealand

A mysterious, bright, bullet-shaped object flashed through New Plymouth, New Zealand skies on the night of 4 February 1962. Fishermen who watched the object for at least 10 seconds said it definitely was not a falling star or comet. Mr. H. Edwards, who was fishing off rocks near the New Plymouth Railway station said the object traveled from north to south, was white with a reddish tinge on the leading edge. It had a short tail which flickered as the object disappeared.

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Mystery Object Over Whakatane, NZ

An unidentified object hurtled over the central Bay of Plenty coast at 9 o'clock on the night of 9 July, leaving a fiery trail hanging in the sky for several minutes.

The object, which witnesses described as appearing larger than the moon, traversed the sky in a couple of seconds and disappeared behind hills west of Wakatane. Eye witness Contable Douglass Gray of Whakatane said the object seemed to come from north of White Island, an active volcano 30 miles off the coast and lit the whole sky with a whitish glow. The center of the ball appeared multi-colored, and the rim was surrounded by lines resembling rocket trails.

Noises, Lights Over Cincinnati

Dave Wahler and Mike Benesch of Bridgetown reported seeing a light moving east to west across the sky and changing from red to white, on the evening of the 25th of May. A Mt. Washington man said he saw a moving light which was 3 to 4 times brighter than Venus, going north to southwest at low elevation.

A housewife in Ft. Thomas also reported seeing a large moving light during which time she heard a zooming, "swishing" noise.

The FAA tower at Greater Cincinnati airport reported no strange objects and Dr. A. Presnell of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society said he thought the object probably was Venus, which is large and bright at this time of the year. Presnell did not say he had personally seen the object, however.

Another Sighting In New Zealand

On the same evening (July 9) as the sighting of a UFO by Antarctica scientists, two residents of the Stokes Valley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Skeet, observed a similar phenomena. The couple were in their back garden when "suddenly this blue-white shape appeared in the sky." Skeet said that both he and his wife thought that it was heading due north.

Mr. Skeet said the object appeared about as large as an orange, and that the overcast sky and dense clouds made the object look fuzzy at the edges. The object appeared to be throwing off pieces, "like sparks jumping from a hot fire." Skeet estimated that the craft was crossing the sky at about 40 degrees above the horizon, somewhere over the Wairarapa.

"Platillos Valadores Sobre Venezuela"

The above is the name (in English—"Flying Saucers over Venezuela") of a new book in Spanish authored by APRO's Venezuelan Representative Horacio Gonzales G. and published by Tipografia Olimpica of Caracas. With heavy dependence on a Spanish-English dictionary, abetting some very sketchy Spanish, the Director managed, finally, to finish reading the book. Some of the strangest, most inexplicable sightings of UFOs including landings and "little men" are carefully documented and discussed. We can recommend without qualification this great book for those able to read Spanish. Any suggestions concerning an English edition will be appreciated also.

The Disappearing TVMs

On Page 12 of the American Legion Magazine for April 1962, Allan W. Eckert documented the case of the disappearance of 5 Navy TBM Avengers off the Florida Coast. Radio contact indicated the planes were lost and their compass apparently of no help. When radio communication was broken off after many conversations indicated the men were frightened and helpless, a Martin flying boat with full rescue equipment and crew of 13 men took off in search of the planes. It gave several routine reports, then lapsed into silence. During the conversations the obviously frightened men said the sea and sky "looked strange".

Eckert goes on to document other strange aircraft disappearances in the same area—all at approximately the same time of the year. For a hair-raising explanation other than the UFO kidnap possibly, get this and read it! Extra copies could be obtained by inquiring at American Legion Magazine, P. O. Box 1055, Louisville, Kentucky. Price is 15c—suggest an extra 5c to handle mailing in the U. S., Canada and Mexico.

Same Old Stuff—USAF

On or about 8 February 1962, the USAF issued its usual debunking news (?) release pertaining to UFO. Inasmuch as there was no new innovations to the usual line, we only present announcement of this denial of the reality of the UFO for the record.

Shiny Ball Speeds Over Norway

Police investigated reports of a mysterious "shiny, ball-shaped object" which sped across the sky at Honningsvaag, Norway on the 4th of May. No further details at this time.

Gonzales Writes For Army Magazine

APRO's Venezuelan Representative Horacio Gonzales G. authored an article entitled, "The Real Facts of the Flying Saucers" for the September-October 1958 issue of the official Venezuelan Army Magazine. The article gives a short history of the phenomena of the UFOs in the early years and outlines various explanations.

More On Mantell

After reading the Director's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax", Mrs. Charles Brunes of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota writes to APRO to offer more information on the Mantell incident of January 1948 which still puzzles UFO researchers today, and has never been solved due to unavailability of military dossiers pertaining to the case.

Briefly, the Mantell case involved the chase of a UAO by 3 P51 fighters. Mantell, one of the pilots, closed in, described it, then no more was seen or heard of his plane til it was found later smashed to bits over a wide area of the terrain.

In one of his books, Donald E. Keyhoe of NICAP, said that Mantell's body was found, but that because of a "mysterious wound" a closed-casket funeral was held. At least two other members of the Air Force at Godman Field at the time have said that they were in a position to know and that Mantell's body was never found.

Mrs. Brunes and her son John were listening to short wave when they were startled to hear an excited voice say: "It has a metallic look and it's moving fast." Later, the voice said—"It's huge", and then, "I'm going to try to ram it."

After hearing this somewhat shocking monologue, Mrs. Brunes and John attempted to learn more about it via the radio. According to reports they heard later, the object was seen from at least two different points about a hundred miles apart. Those same radio reports indicated that Mantell's plane was found in bits and pieces "like kindling wood", scattered over a wide area. This may be the reason there were no reliable reports of its fall.

The Mantell case may be one of the first incidents in which instruments, particularly the radio, were knocked out prior to actual destruction of the plane itself. It is obvious that the Brunes just happened to hear what they did through a freak of radio waves.

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Saucers Shoot Rockets over Tucson, Arizona

Support NICAP?

From time to time we receive letters from members and others urging us to "throw our support to NICAP" or "back NICAP policies" or "help NICAP press for congressional hearings," etc. Until now we have remained tacit on this matter but we feel the time has come for a clarification of our stand.

The major difference between NICAP and APRO is that NICAP concentrates on lobbying while APRO is primarily concerned with research. We do not participate in lobbying efforts for two reasons: (1) We would lose our tax-exempt status (2) We feel that we are more effective in other areas; that, in fact, lobbying would lessen this effectiveness.

APRO's efforts, especially the Director's book, are gradually drawing the endorsements of the scientific community. This we feel, is real progress. Such endorsement would arise with more reluctance we feel, had we the reputation of using such for purposes of direct political pressure. A scientist, once aware of the true nature of the problem, becomes a firm supporter. Politicians, on the other hand, are notoriously fickle.

To illustrate a point, we quote from a letter from Dr. Frank Salisbury, Plant Physiologist with the Colorado State University. "Both Monday and Tuesday of this week I gave talks about life on Mars and of course inserted the up-to-date section on UFO's. The first talk was to a group of scientists (about a dozen), and sure enough, at the end of the talk one of them came up with an account of a personal sighting. This person was the organizer of the group and a rather well established chemist of many years standing. I was really quite amazed to hear her tell of two objects that came over the horizon and descended into a valley below her ranch and then headed straight upwards toward the zenith . . . On Tuesday I talked to an institute of humanities and again I put in a healthy pitch for the UFO subject. I even went so far as to say that in a group of that size (50 or

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Cigars, Discs Over Argentina

A Reuters Dispatch from Buenos Aires, Argentina dated June 18, 1962, reads: "Unidentified Flying Objects — saucer or cigar-shaped—are becoming a common sight for Argentinians. The last of a recent series was reported in Olavarria—a town in the province of Buenos Aires.

Farmer Jose Muro telephoned the local newspaper El Popular reporting the presence of an unusual object which he had spotted with a small telescope.

Reporters, neighbors and photographers went to Muro's home and 20 minutes later the object was still hovering overhead, barely moving. Witnesses claimed that shortly afterward it vanished upwards, only to reappear closer than ever several minutes later. The color of its light appeared to change from red to blue, from blue to green and again to red. Other residents in Olavarria claimed to have seen similar objects.

Buenos Aires press dispatches say a confidential report to the authorities compiled by officers of the naval base of Puerto Belgrano, at the southern tip of the province of Buenos Aires, confirmed the presence of unidentified objects in the skies over Argentina. The officers cross-examined scores of witnesses, particularly those who reported unusual activity of flying objects during the night of May 14 in the neighborhood of the base.

Still Available

The first edition of the Director's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" is going fast but copies are still available from headquarters to those who have not obtained their copies, or who may wish to order for friends. Some members, among them John Hopf, our photo-analyst and Jeanne Gregory, recommend that those who can afford it should buy an extra copy for placement in the local library. Copies are still available at the \$3.95 price—10% off for members.

By Coral E. Lorenzen

"Some doors opened in the bottom and something came out." An unconventional aerial object hovered for a period of time at Tucson, Arizona and a strange device had lowered to the ground. The boy relating the details was 14-year-old John Westmoreland. He and his brother James and next-door neighbor Ronnie Black had spent the night of June 25, 1962 in the tent in the Westmoreland back yard and during the course of four hours had witnessed a strange but revealing chain of events.

On the evening of the 26th of June I opened the Tucson Daily Citizen newspaper. When I came to the local news section, these words seemed to pop right out of the page: "Saucers, Rockets Inhabit Night Sky."

I scanned the article briefly and reached for the telephone book. Seconds later I was talking to Mrs. Logan Westmoreland, the mother of John and James Westmoreland. She graciously invited Mr. Lorenzen and me to come to her home and interview the boys. Three hours later we were seated in the comfortably furnished living room of the Westmoreland home in southeast Tucson.

The boys were eager to talk about their adventure, partly I suspect, because they were met with doubt at first. As soon as we got the gist of the story we started the slow process of cross-examination.

The three boys had been given permission to spend the night in the tent, so, armed with a deck of playing cards, pad and pencil, they settled down to a game of 500 Rummy by lantern light. Shortly before nine they were bored with cards and not sleepy, so they decided to go outside, watch for meteors and look at the stars and try to catch an errant, cooling breeze. The summer rains were in the offing and the air was warm and humid. The day had been hot; the night air was a welcome change.

At about 9 o'clock John noticed a star at 5 degrees south of due west, 30-40 degrees elevation, which didn't behave

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60 people), that it was quite likely that one or two would have had a personal sighting. Sure enough, after the end of my hour talk and half hour discussion (most of the discussion about UFOs) two people came up and told me their stories. Unfortunately the accounts are rather cold by now, but I think it is extremely interesting that even with such a limited sample one can find 2 or 3% of an audience that has personal accounts to tell about. If this were really true on a national level, it would mean that literally hundreds of thousands of people in the United States have witnessed UFOs in the past 15 years. In none of the cases which I have passed on to you in recent weeks has the person ever reported his sighting to anyone else other than close friends." Unquote.

The point is that it only took a serious treatment of the UFO subject by an established scientist to bring the others out of "hiding." Professor Maney's experience seems to bear this out. We quote from the Defiance (Ohio) Crescent-News:

"Among reports of other sightings of unidentified aerial objects received by Professor Maney the last few days is one which Prof. Maney regards of special significance. The report was received in the person of a scientist from one of the universities in Ohio, who made a special trip to Defiance for the sole purpose of conferring with Prof Maney concerning his experience. The scientist whose identification is withheld for reasons given by himself below, had told no one previously about his experience. He had just learned through the account of the Defiance sighting in the press of Prof. Maney's serious scientific interest in the study of unidentified aerial phenomena and desired to contribute his personal first-hand observation, which he felt to be of value in the study of these phenomena." The account of this sighting appears in this issue, incidentally.

When scientists speak up, laymen are encouraged to do the same and when enough of this has taken place, congressional investigations will follow automatically if still needed. It is our feeling that the Air Force UFO program is a public relations program. It's an advertising scheme which explains UFOs as conventional objects because that's what it's designed to do. Why dispute them?

You might just as well claim that king-size Coca-Cola doesn't give you that refreshing new feeling.

Space Visitors—A Review and Comments

By Coral Lorenzen

From time to time in the past 20-odd years, I have exposed myself or have been exposed, to various and sundry writings concerning theories pertaining to the Origin of Things, Life, and Man. In the course of my pursuit of the Unknown, and attempts to find logical explanations for same, I have noted and duly studied data pertaining to unexplainable artifices and artifacts.

Recently, an article entitled, "Space Visitors" was featured in "Australian Flying Saucer Review," published in Melbourne, Australia and edited by APRO's able representative, Peter E. Norris, a Melbourne attorney-at-law. The article is a translation and condensation from the Soviet magazine "Smena," No. 10, 1961, and was authored by Alexander Kazantsev.

Mr. Kazantsev, after duly philosophizing concerning life beyond earth and the possibility of space travelers, proceeds to recite the details of various strange findings. Among them are:

A purported shoe print made on sand-

stone in the Gobi Desert "millions of years ago." Kazantsev says its size and pattern suggest that this is the print of a space traveler's sole who had landed on earth at a time when there were no human beings. We ask this question: What criteria determines that this print did not belong to a member of a race which inhabited this earth and was long since destroyed?

Another case listed by Kazantsev is a polished steel block 2½"x2¾"x2" weighing 785 grams, found by an Austrian physicist in the Alps in a coal stratum of Tertiary period.

Case number three which is also germane: The mountain lake of Titicaca in the Andes has still preserved a well-defined line of a seashore. Remains of sea weeds, shells . . . and ruins of a sea harbour can be seen there.

The Gate of the Sun in Tiahuanaco is covered with unique hieroglyphics which, deciphered by Epstein, turned out to be an astronomical calendar of great precision but which gives the year only 290 days. Kazantsev automatically concludes that the calendar was brought to earth by spacemen.

Also listed is the strange light-colored stones of the Nasca Plateau, in the Andes, which from the air form various animals and other symbols. Kazantsev assumes that these markings are signals or landing guides for space ships.

There are many, many more including the strange but famous iron pillar erected near the ancient tower of Kutb-Minar in Delhi, India "over 1500 years ago." The pole is eight meters high and weighs twelve tons. It can be circled by a pair of hands. It does not rust, indicating that it is made of highly pure iron.

Considering the obvious tentative conclusion of Mr. Kazantsev that these strange artifices and artifacts came from a race of space dwellers, I feel that he has fallen into a common and most tender trap. This trap consists of a compulsion to attempt to apply one theory to all of the erratics, no matter how one must bend the facts—or logic.

In a letter to the editor of the Alamogordo Daily News, Alamogordo, New Mexico, a resident of the Tularosa Basin recounted his discovery of a large, symmetrical metal ring and eye-bolt set into solid rock on the face of a high rock wall near one of the highest peaks of the Sacramento Mountains.

The ring was located about 2 to 3,000 feet above the floor of the Tularosa Basin which is 3500 feet above sea level. Fossils found in the Basin and the general alkaline nature of the soil indicate

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like a star. It was very bright, white in color, and "moved around a little," in the boys' words. Soon it dimmed, moved a little toward the south, lost a few degrees in altitude and then became stationary.

The boys soon lost interest and went back into the tent to another game of Rummy. From time to time they peeked out and took a look at the strange "star" but it "just stayed there." Then at about 11:45 things began to happen.

The bright "star" became much brighter and seemed to move closer. Instead of looking like a star, it assumed a triangular shape as it grew larger. Then it became stationary again. How long this process took the boys did not know, but according to the kitchen clock (they kept peeking in the window to check the time), a surprising thing happened at 12:15. Three green flares or rockets were fired horizontally from the main object.

At this time, John scrambled into the tent and emerged with the score pad and pencil. He decided to keep notes. On the pad he wrote: "At 9 o'clock at night we saw a flying saucer. At 12:15 it shot three green things that traveled faster than any plane." These rockets were too fast to track visually.

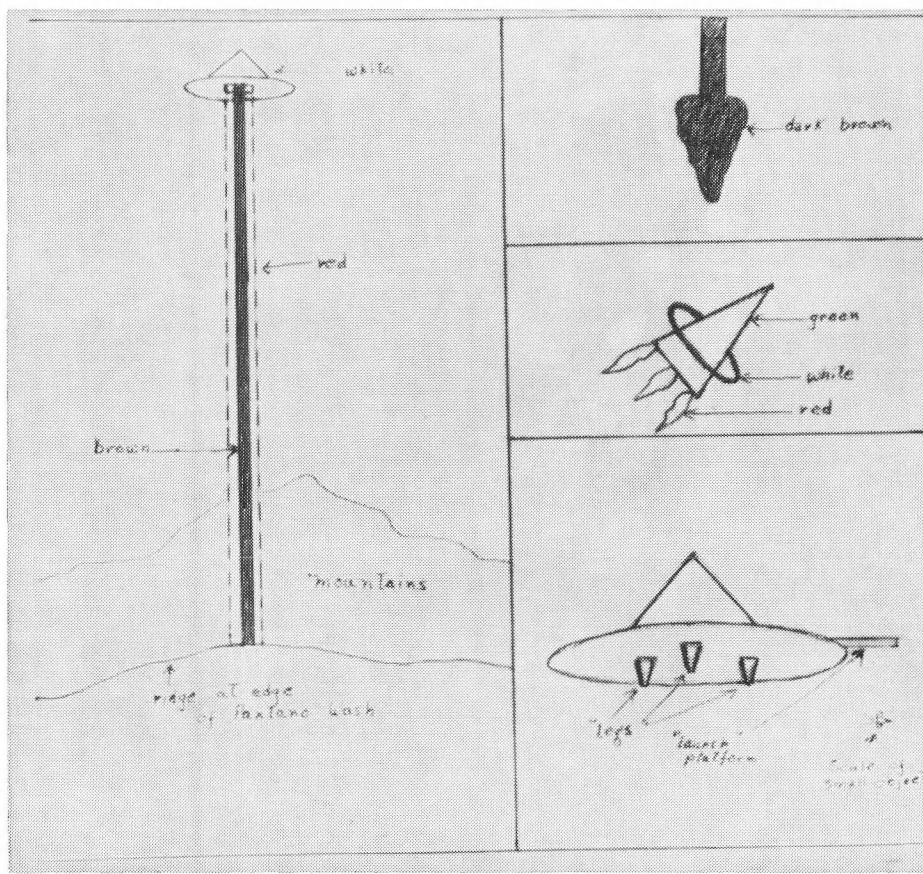
After the first "rocket" was fired, John noticed the second "saucer" which we will hereafter refer to as Number Two. It came in racing from west to east across the northern sky, "turned a flip" and came to rest at about 15 degrees east of north at a slightly greater elevation than No. 1. Shortly No. 2, which appeared closer and larger than No. 1, was approached by the "flare-like object," which came in from underneath and appeared to be absorbed through the bottom of No. 2.

Then the first "saucer" spat out another of the small objects. About three minutes later No. 2 was again approached by the tiny object and again the boys watched as it seemingly disappeared into the bottom of No. 2.

No. 1 was still in the same position, appearing to be triangular in shape, and No. 2 appeared much closer and round-shaped with two leg-like or stilt-like protuberances on the underside.

A third flare emerged from No. 1, and was shortly "received" by saucer No. 2. Things were getting interesting. No. 2 then shot out a rocket which quickly disappeared into the night sky. No. 2 began to dim and fade into the night sky and was not seen again. No. 1 retained its same position.

At this time, Saucer No. 3 was spotted



at about 100-110 degrees and about 45 degrees elevation. It appeared the largest and highest of the three, which suggests that it was closer. The detail reported by the boys bears this out.

But the best part of the show was yet to come.

Number three sported a cone-shaped superstructure above an apparently round airfoil. Its color was white and like the others it made absolutely no sound. At 1:16 a jet plane went over—we later decided it was probably in the flight pattern of Davis-Monthan AFB, a Strategic Air Command installation a scant 3 or 4 miles from the Westmoreland home.

The new visitor closed in and three of the stilt-like protuberances "popped out." Then the object gained altitude. An elongated dark "something" slid out from above the circular rim and three of the small rocket-like objects emerged in quick succession. In a few brief minutes they were back. Two doors swung open, down, and back up against the underside of the saucer. As the doors opened, the "legs" receded into the object. The little rockets, now clearly seen, swiftly entered the opening, one by one. The big object elevated slightly, and moved sideways, then became stationary again.

The newspaper had printed only the boys' notes which were not detailed ex-

cept for general movement of the objects. In describing saucer No. 3, John had written: "Something lowered from the bottom. Something came out."

I asked John what he meant by that. He said that something which looked like a rope or cable came out and lowered to the ground. I asked him what color it was, and two voices—his and James', piped up and said "brown." I wondered how they could tell colors at that time of the night and asked them. "From the light," they said.

"What light was that?" I asked. Then then told me that when the doors opened a red light shone down from the inside in a perpendicular narrow beam, that extended to the ground. When the long, ropelike object began to come out, it was clearly visible and appeared to be brown in color.

The boys estimated that the "rope" was extended for from three to five minutes, after which it began to come up into the saucer again. After it had cleared the top of the ridge bordering the wash, they realized that something was on the bottom of it. It was slowly pulled up into the large object, the doors closed and the object moved up and into the east until it was out of sight.

The youngsters stayed up a little longer, watching for more activity in the sky but before long the excitement of

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the night and their lack of sleep overcame their curiosity and they retired into the tent. As soon as they had awakened in the morning they rushed in to tell Mrs. Westmoreland what they had seen.

Pat Westmoreland, about 40, is an understanding mother but a firm one. The thought at first that perhaps the boys had had a touch of imagination and set about using all the "trapping tricks" she knew to trip them up in their story, but to no avail. She began to realize that they had had a real experience. She decided the newspapers should know what had happened the preceding night and called them. Thus the article which had drawn my attention came about. It should be noted here that the newspaper printed the notes, pointing out that it could be imaginary or real—they printed it because it was a sensational story.

The matter of the boys' honesty comes to mind as a matter of course in these investigations. After three long visits with the boys, during which time Mr. Lorenzen walked with them to the wash over which they thought the UAO had hovered, and I had sketched the objects from their instructions, we found no indication that the boys were not telling the truth. Mr. Lorenzen said that he had not caught any signs of strain, rehearsed conversation or trickery during his talks with them while walking to and from the wash. Nor did I ever detect any evidence that the boys were attempting to perpetrate a hoax. Some of the things which impressed me concerning the sighting as well as the honesty of the boys were these:

When attempting to describe the object which was brought up by the rope or cable, John Westmoreland said he got the impression that the object was about as long as his father—in other words, its length equalled approximately the height of his father who is about 6 feet tall. If saucer No. 3 was above Pantano wash as the boys felt it was, we have an idea of its size as well as the size of the rockets or flares and the size of the object which was pulled up into the large object.

The rim of the saucer appeared to have the same angular displacement as a five foot cross-arm on a utility pole at the corner of the Westmoreland lot. If it was over Pantano wash (quarter mile distant) it was approximately 80 feet in diameter. The small objects then would be about 6 feet long, and the object which was taken up into the saucer

would be about the same size as the "rockets," and certainly the same general configuration. (See sketches).

It is interesting and tempting to speculate that one of the rockets, at some time or other, had become disabled, a search initiated, and eventually, a recovery effected. The latter phase of the sighting, in which a device was lowered to the ground and returned to saucer No. 3 with a triangular-shaped object at the end of it, could have been that "recovery." This may further be supported by the fact that after the object was taken into the saucer, the saucer left. The recovery of that object may have been the sole purpose of the presence of the saucers that night.

It is interesting to note that after the case was fully investigated, the local newspapers were not interested in further information or a follow-up story.

On the 29th, a group of local college students sent up some balloons filled with ordinary kitchen gas and lighted by candles encased in fireproof crepe paper. Although this was not accomplished until three days after the Westmoreland sighting, the idea of saucers had been firmly implanted in the public mind. A local professor of atmospheric physics who is interested in UFO, was told of the strange lighted object in the sky, and went to the U. of A. meteorological lab to track the thing. The story of his sighting was in the Arizona Star morning paper for Friday 29 June 1962. Upon reading the details, plus his theory that the thing was an "extended source of light," I wondered if some hoaxers might have been at work. I called the Tucson Citizen asking that they mention APRO and ask for further sightings of the Thursday evening object and suggested that the object seen that night might have been the result of a prank. Later, I talked to the physicist who had been viewing the object and found that he had also decided that the object was a hoax.

Later news stores stated that the college boys involved in the "prank" were "carrying out experiments dealing with wind velocity and other weather conditions." Considering the type of home-made balloon, and the fact that it contained dangerous highly inflammable gas which was tied to a device with an open flame, it is not likely that any such experiment was being carried out. It appears more likely that a childish prank was being played and the "young men" involved did not want to admit their part in it, attempting to write it off as an experiment.

It is lamentable that the newspapers were satisfied with the experiment ex-

planation and stated that these "experiments" may have been the cause of the saucer sightings in Southern Arizona in the past few months. Certainly, the easiest way to dispose of the perplexing UFO problem is to ignore the evidence which prolongs its mysterious nature. A large percentage of the press is inclined to do precisely that.

In the case of this latter sighting, the only two observers of the lighted plastic bags who called me felt the object was a balloon. The local press gave the impression that those who viewed the hoax objects were completely fooled, but that certainly was not the case.

The events of the week of June 24-30 very aptly demonstrated the contention that I have had for years concerning the psychology of the disbeliever. The skeptic is often so intent upon disproving that which he does not care to believe, by attempting to label it a hoax or a misconception of a conventional object, that he sets about to perpetrate a hoax to support his own convictions and allay his subconscious fears.

A thorough perusal of newspaper stories concerning the Westmoreland sighting as well as ensuing reports of unidentified sky objects emphasizes the foolhardiness of accepting en toto the information pertaining to UFO sightings as presented by the news media and points up the need for thorough investigation. Had I accepted the Westmoreland story as presented by the Tucson Citizen, I would have had a short dissertation completely lacking in detail. A few hours spent in investigation yielded some very important facts, and enabled APRO to log one of the most detailed sightings of an unconventional aerial object which has ever been observed.

Ice Cutter Encounters "Lake Lights"

On March 17, 1962, strange lights off the shore of Erie, Pennsylvania, got the ice cutter Ojibwa out of dock to investigate. Chief Warrant officer Kenneth N. Black (Coast Guard) said the lights were seen by several individuals including the ship's crew. The ship got underway, cutting through heavy ice all the way to the Canadian shore and Black said "The closer we moved toward them, the farther away they seemed to be." Black also said he believed the lights were the result of unusual atmospheric conditions causing lights to be refracted on the lake. It is interesting to note that the obvious explanation — that they were chasing moving lights — was apparently not mentioned or considered by Black.

Visitors

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that the Basin was once an inland sea—a body of salt water.

The ring and eye-bolt, apparently made of brass or bronze, appeared to have been set by first drilling a hole and inserting the hardware, then pouring in molten sulphur which later hardened.

This finding indicates that fairly advanced people lived on the land called the Sacramento mountains and also suggests the ring was a device for tying or mooring a vessel. Obviously, because of the metal and workmanship, this ring was not a product of the Apache Indians who were a barbaric tribe which predated white men of that area. The known history of the Apaches does not record the presence of a sea or any body of water in that locale. It does not mean, however, that space men came to the Tularosa Basin and moored ships at that mooring place.

The foregoing is only a few of many examples of evidence suggesting past civilizations. This evidence is found throughout the world—some of which was mentioned in Mr. Kazantsev's article.

In the interest of objectivity, students of the unexplained should avoid accepting theories which could be based on possible emotional preference. Facts which have for the most part been ignored by orthodox science and religion are now being seriously considered. These facts include the evidence of past civilizations as well as the evidence of visiting space travelers.

Some of us show a strong inclination to link these two groups of facts, and sometimes even attempt to tie in other completely disassociated fields such as ESP and parapsychology.

In my book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," I mentioned, however briefly, the tendency of the Russian scientist toward feelings of inferiority. This is evident quite often by demonstrations of boasting and further especially in regard to speculation concerning space travel by extraterrestrials. When theorizing about the artificiality of the Martian moons, one Russian scientist (Schklovsky) assumed they were the product of a recently evolved technology rather than a very advanced race with hundreds or thousands of years of space travel experience behind them. The recognition of a race of nearly the same scientific accomplishment as ours would be far more preferable to a person or people with feelings of inferiority than the idea of a race thousands of years ahead.

Mr. Kazantsev, who is probably a member of a political party known for its atheistic convictions, seems to reach out for security of a kind — we might say "technical-type" angels" in his speculations concerning space travelers who have visited earth in past milleniums, teaching new scientific concepts, etc.

Several years ago, I became engaged in a lengthy conversation concerning the origin of man with a world famous astronomer. The scientist, who undertook a study of geology in order to better equip himself for planetary studies, said that Earth was a favorable abode for man at least millions of years before man apparently (according to present-day science) made his appearance here.

If we view Mr. Kazantsev's data with an emotional inclination against the idea of extra-terrestrial visitors because of the apparent evidence, we come up with the conclusion that man has existed on earth before, and due to causes and effects about which we know nothing, was, along with what civilization he had attained, utterly destroyed. And perhaps these cataclysms have happened many times. This theory of devastating cosmic cataclysms is dealt with in detail by E. Velikovsky in his books, *Ages in Chaos*, *Earth in Upheaval*, etc., and seems well substantiated. Such occurrences could account for a carefully wrought steel block being buried in a coal strata—an indication that a very advanced civilization had been utterly destroyed eons ago. It could also account for a 290-day calendar which survived an orbital disturbance which gave us, depending on which cataclysm is involved, the 365-day calendar of the present. The IGY studies of 1956 concluded that the north pole was once located somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

Why could not the stone arrangements of the Nasca Plateau be remnants of the ancient Indian cultures which worshipped the sun? Some, of these arrangements, at least, could be exhortations to the god of the Sun and it would be a simple matter to transfer the concept of the various animal-shapes, etc., from small to large proportions encompassing acres and miles.

There is a budding theory prevalent among some researchers which postulates the escape from destruction by space travel of advanced earthmen a millenia ago. These same theorists feel the space beings visiting earth today are descendants of those same migrating races, and related to man. Why is it so important to associate these beings with man?

Is it because the idea of a race evol-

ing elsewhere makes God a less personal entity and man a more puny, insignificant cog in a machine which is so huge as to be impossible to comprehend? Do some of us prefer to juggle and warp the facts to suit our own emotional needs? Sadly enough, this seems to be the case, for all of us cannot be entirely correct. Perhaps the answer to the origin of the erratics lies in a combination of these speculations. But — UFO researchers are concerned with the unconventional flying machines which obviously do not have an earthly origin.

If one can prove something has happened once, it is reasonable to assume that it could happen again. Such is the case with the UFOs. If we could prove that space ships have traversed space and landed on earth in the distant past, we could reasonably speculate that it could happen at this time.

However, there is no proof of space travelers in ancient times — merely speculation based on arbitrary association of erratics.

Conversely, we do have massive evidence supporting fact of space travelers today! Let us proceed from there. To wean the orthodox masses from their dearly held convictions of the exclusiveness of man is a task of tremendous proportions—this is not a time to meddle with John Q.'s ideas of history which are deeply rooted in his religious inclinations. Easy does it.

Back Issues

The office has many back issues of the Bulletin for sale at 50c each. In some instances, however, the stock is so large that it is taking up needed space. We urge members (especially fairly new ones) to order back issues. Three or more issues will be sold for the price of 3 for \$1.00, 4 for \$1.50, postpaid.

Also in stock is a small supply of Special Report No. 1, the Barra da Tijuca Saucer, illustrated with photos and diagrams. This is the first and only complete account of the famous four detailed photos taken near Dio de Janeiro, Brazil in May 1952 by photographer Ed Keffel. The report is by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes of Brazil.

UFO Over Argentina

Miguel Thome, news photographer of "La Nueva Provincia" took four exposures of a UFO over Bahia Blanca, Argentina in May, obtaining one picture out of four attempts. The photo shows only an illuminated ovoid object against a black sky. When further details are available they will be presented in this Bulletin in the future.

Fireball Lights Pacific Northwest

On the evening of 28 May, a giant fireball was observed by thousands over the Pacific Northwest. At 10:45 p. m., the large, multi-colored ball of fire trailing smoke and flame raced across the sky in a southeast direction, as observed by Canadians. Most observers in the U. S. as well as Canada observed the spectacular object for a period of at least 15 seconds.

One observer near Royal Oak, British Columbia, Canada, spotted it while driving, had time to stop the car to look. Research scientist Frank Hughes of North Gurrey, B. C., says he's seen 200 meteors, that this was the biggest. "It was on a 20 degree angle from the earth, 10 degrees in width and traversed about 30 degrees in 5 seconds. It was glowing with a white brightness like a magnesium flare—the different portions of it glowed with varying intensity," Mr. Hughes said.

Upon reading the initial descriptions of the fireball in news clippings, we were struck by the extraordinary length of time the object was observed. Mr. Arthur H. Randell of Victoria, B. C., was one of the eye-witnesses, and furnished this first-hand report:

"We had been into the city and were driving home at about 10:45 p. m. We were within a quarter mile of home, on the coast road, at Cordova Bay, where our home is situated. The Patricia Bay Airport is eight miles north of us, near Sidney and we are on the route used by TCA (Trans-Canadian Airlines) and other commercial airplanes to Seattle and other USA points, and are quite used to all types of planes and helicopters passing overhead.

"The night was dark with some stars, but few clouds, the sky being quite clear. When we first saw this object or rather lights, we thought it must be a Seattle plane. However, we immediately saw it was not, as the lights were of a different intensity and color. They were of a luminous quality, white with also some blue, almost like lighted cabin windows. It was travelling southeast towards Seattle, and was over the sea, the Haro Straights. It was not travelling very fast, but about usual plane speed, or a little faster. We could not discern the shape due to the lights and luminous glow from it. It was definitely not like any meteor we have ever seen, did not travel like one, and resembled an object intelligently controlled and going somewhere. It did not appear to be up at any great height, about usual plane height. After about 2 or 3 minutes it disappeared into the southeast in the

general direction of Seattle. As it was seen in Alberta, Vancouver, here and Idaho, it must have been on some course, made several turns, and was not falling to earth in a straight line like a meteor."

Paul Quam, APRO member at Spokane, also observed the spectacle and adds further mystery to this so-called sighting of a large "meteor."

"A very large mass of material traveled in a southwest direction, coming from the north-northwest at a very high speed and not too high an altitude; at least in Spokane it wasn't close enough to be above us. It traveled parallel to the horizon. Most so-called shooting stars usually fall or streak from above to the earth. This display was quite different. It was very large, its color was beautiful, but the distance it travelled and the perfectly straight line it held was something to wonder about. Even when it began to fade away, (the "head" of it) it just traveled straight on. Almost like a jet plane shooting along.

"It is difficult to determine the altitude and speed of something like this but reports show it was seen over the larger part of the Pacific northwest. I would say it was visible to us for about 12 to 15 seconds, perhaps longer, but there were trees in the way at the north entrance and it was possible it could have been in the atmosphere longer than when we first saw it."

Flashing Lights Seen In Colorado

APRO member Martha T. Nichols of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, has forwarded the following information concerning a sighting made by herself, her husband Charles R. Nichols, and their sons, Philip and Ross:

First sighted by Philip Nichols, the object was seen in the East-southeast about 25 degrees above the horizon at 1 a. m. MST on 26 June 1962 from the 7000 block of W. 48th Ave. Philip called his brother Ross, who arrived in time to see the object, after arriving at an overhead position, turn in a tight curve and fly toward the south. When it turned it did not tilt or bank, and proceeded to disappear at about 30 degrees from the horizon.

To the naked eye the object appeared to be a white light about the size and brightness of Jupiter. Through 8 power binoculars it appeared the size of a penny held at arm's length. Through the binoculars three white lights, spaced like the points of an equilateral triangle could be seen. In the center of the triangular formation of lights was a smaller, flashing red light. The bottom of the

triangle was faintly illuminated. It flew with one light leading, point first.

Duration of the sighting was about 8 minutes, there was no sound and observers said it was impossible to judge the size of the object or its speed.

Both Philip and Ross observed the object through the binoculars while it was close enough for them to study it. They both decided that it could not be any plane that flies, as there were no wingtip lights and no sound, and the object did not bank at the turn. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, their parents, can attest to the white light visible to the naked eye, and to a flashing red light but by the time they saw the object, it was too far away to be seen clearly.

Ross Nichols was employed (outdoors) at Stapleton Airfield at Denver for six months. Both Ross and Philip Nichols worked as helicopter mechanics on the flight line at Fort Ord, California, during basic training. Both have watched planes, both military and civilian through binoculars for years. Most of the planes in this area come and go from the west in full view of their home. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are members of the Denver Astronomical Society and are familiar with astronomical phenomena.

It might be added that the Martin Missile plant at Littleton, Colorado, is south of Wheat Ridge, as are Colorado Springs and NORAD.

It is also interesting to note that approximately 8 minutes after the object mentioned above left that area, a round object with three legs showed up at Tucson, Arizona. See front page story.

What Were The Green Fireballs?

The great, glowing green fireballs of 1948, 1949 and 1950 still remain pretty much of a mystery to UFO investigators and theorists. APRO member Steve Erdmann of St. Louis, Missouri, forwarded pages 93-98 and 240 of Popular Science for July 1953 which contains an article entitled: "Man-Made Meteors to Spy on Space" by Edward Hutchings Jr. and Olin J. Eggen.

Erdmann says: "Just as we planned to shoot man-made meteors to the moon and analyze the flash of impact (spectrographically) in order to learn its chemical constituents, could it be possible that outer-space beings have the same ideas and have been bombarding our planet and spectroscopically charting our chemical constituents? (Example: the green fireballs of 1948, 1949 and 1950)."

Mr. Erdmann's reasoning is fresh and clean and may well be a beginning of the solution of the green fireball systery.

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MAN KIDNAPPED BY GLOBES

UFO Over Titan Site

On or about the 7th of August, 1962, a brilliantly glowing object descended over a Titan missile site near Tucson, Arizona, in the vicinity of Oracle. Because of fear of reprisal, the witness first contacted was not willing to give his name for publication and because of this APRO was in doubt as to the authenticity of the sighting. However, within five weeks after the initial report, two other reports reached us which indicated that indeed something strange had happened at the site on or about the 7th. The first report was that at about midnight on the 7th, one of the night crew while outside the complex spotted the brilliant light overhead which began to appear larger and larger. He realized the object was ascending directly over the site, went inside and notified another man who came out and watched with him. Shortly, the object appeared to be coming so close that the men were somewhat frightened and they took refuge. Davis-Monthan AFB had been notified, and two jets streaked in from the direction of Tucson. As the jets approached, the objects took off fast and was out of sight in seconds. The jets circled the area, then headed for Tucson. Minutes later the "visitor" was back again. Witnesses said the bottom of the object was similar to the color of the moon in the night sky. Shortly after the second ascension over the Silo, the object ascended vertically and moved off at high speed, disappearing in seconds.

Another witness' testimony indicated that the object or a similar one was seen either the night before or the night after the above-described sighting, with similar maneuvers taking place.

Boy Snaps Photo Of UAO Covey

Alex Birch, a 14-year-old schoolboy of Moor Crescent, Mossborough, Sheffield, England, snapped a box-camera photo of a group of NAOs on or about 25 February 1962, in the presence of two other boys, Steward Dixon and David Brownlow. He and his friends were in the old

nursery garden in the back of his home when they spotted the five dark objects over the currant hedges and trees. The picture was taken with a simple Brownie camera, shows five dark fan-shaped objects, slightly out of focus above the trees.

Air Ministry experts examined the photos but would not comment on them. They questioned the boy for nearly two hours. Alex's father said he was told he would get an answer if he came to London with the photo and negative, but after the meeting, officials said they would have to make more inquiries.

The Yorkshire Post said the Ministry officials smiled when they saw the boy and his box camera but did not smile when they saw the photograph. They later referred to the objects as UFOs and Aerial Phenomena, and say the photo is not a hoax.

On the glossy pictures and the negative, there are several clusters of white or clear spots. One cluster is immediately above one of the objects.

Landings In Italy

In addition to the Zuccala sighting (or experience), there was several other close-up sightings of UFOs—especially in the vicinity of Florence. On the evening of the 11th of April, Iller Benazzi, 28, accompanied by three friends, was driving along the Saronno-Legnana road. He stopped the car so that he and his company could watch a strange looking flying machine. He said it made no noise, dived on their car, then landed on the road some distance from their car. The Edinburgh Evening News for 14 April did not give a detailed description, but quoted Benazzi as saying the objects had "three smaller tail lights with a violet gleam." The four drove on. He told police that he and his friends decided not to talk about the object, as they feared no one would believe them. He changed his mind after reading of the Zuccala sighting which described a similar type of craft seen on the same night. No further details; see Zuccala sighting.

Report by Olavo T. Fontes, M.D.

The tragic case I am going to relate here was investigated to the limits that any investigation can reach when every piece of evidence is analysed and evaluated, when every clue is exhaustively followed, and when every conventional explanation is explored and dismissed for lack of proof. In a case of this kind, however, we could only establish a definite conclusion if that conclusion could be negative. We could be sure, in other words, if the body of the victim was found; if facts or motivations in the past life and personality of the victim or witness were demonstrated, showing that they couldn't be trusted, were psychotic, or had reasons to simulate the whole thing; or if additional evidence was not uncovered connecting the facts in the case with the sighting of unconventional aerial objects. As the body was not found, facts or motivations of such a kind were lacking and there was definite evidence concerning the sighting of UAOs—the case must be accepted as possible despite the lack of absolute proof. On the other hand, we must recognize the witness obviously cannot present more than was presented: his report about the mysterious disappearance of his father. You can believe it or not. The absolute truth, that only the witness himself can be sure about it.

The readers may not like this report. For one reason—it will show them that such things as UAOs from other planets could be interested in kidnapping humans, in order to become better acquainted with them. In fact, personal experiences such as the one related here will cause you to wonder about missing people—about how many of the individuals who are yearly reported as missing might have chanced to come upon a UAO in some lonely spot and were captured as specimens.

A noise of running steps, a shadow seeming to float into the dark room, two ball-shaped objects emitting light and discharging a strange yellow smoke, a human being disappearing into that yellow mist before the eyes of his terror-stricken son—such is the fantastic story

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Salisbury On "Life On Mars"

In "Popular Science" magazine for
September 1962, APRO member Dr.
Frank B. Salisbury tells "Why I believe
in Life on Mars."

The reasons: 1. The color change fits
nicely into a spring-summer vegetation
cycle, and 2. When the yellow clouds
do cover the planet they don't perma-
nently tinge it. Whatever is there ap-
pears to grow through it or shakes it off.
This rules out lichens which also require
a lot of water, algae and fungi for ex-
istence.

He points also to the riddle of the
Martian satellites—and the canals — in
support of possible "higher forms of
life."

Moving Lights Over Philly

On the nights of April 25 and 26, 1962,
objects were reported over Philadelphia
which moved, stopped short, changed di-
rection and faded from sight. Authorities
suggested airplane landing lights or fire-
balls. What'll you have?



PALO ALTO, Calif., Monday, Sept. 10, 1962—Research scientist Alvin E. Brown, of Lockheed Missile & Space Co., finds his way through a wooded area with a "bat radar" device which uses the principal of the bat hearing system in detecting objects in its path.

Brown Plays "Batman"

With pardonable pride we wish to call
attention to some recent accomplish-
ments of Al Brown, our Research Direc-
tor.

No. 1 is a portable electrocardiograph
so small that the heart patient can wear
it under his clothes while pursuing his
normal daily activity. Heart activity is
recorded on a tape capsule which is re-
moved and interpreted later. Al design-
ed and patented the device in the course
of his work at Lockheed Missiles and
Space Co. It is already on the market.

No. 2 is described briefly in the fol-
lowing excerpts from a Lockheed Mis-
siles and Space Co. news release:

"FOR RELEASE: Monday, Sept. 10,
1962. BAT RADAR DEVICE ENABLES
MAN TO 'HEAR' OBJECTS IN HIS
PATH. PALO ALTO, CALIF.—A "bat
radar" device which, when fully develop-
ed, may allow a blind man to throw
away his cane, has been produced by
Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. scientists.

"In its present preliminary form, the
instrument enables a blindfolded person
to detect and make his way around such
objects as filing cabinets, cars, trees, and
other people.

"If scientists can learn more about the
mental mechanism of bats—as well as
other animals—they may convert this
knowledge to great value for man. This
is the real object of bionics research and

development at Lockheed and else-
where.

"But Lockheed's "bat radar," built to
enable a man to navigate sightless like
a bat, is expected by its inventors to
have broad applications. Studies connect-
ed with the instrument, or with devcies
based on the same principle, may teach
scientists much about radar and sonar
that is not now known.

"Experiments with bats are continu-
ing, but research scientists in the Lock-
heed Laboratories at Palo Alto decided
to attempt to reproduce, at least in crude
form, the bat's navigation system. The
specific task was given to Lockheed
electronics research scientist Alvin E.
Brown, 36-year-old graduate of the Uni-
versity of Washington." (See photo of
Brown testing the device above).

Red Ball Speeds Over Phoenix

Earl Vaughan, his wife and guests,
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beckman from Colo-
rado Springs, Colorado, observed a huge
glowing reddish-orange ball (about the
size of tennis ball held at arm's length)
on 11 August 1962 at 8:20 p.m. The ob-
ject's course was from north to south,
and was seen in the eastern sector of
the sky. It proceeded swiftly south in a
flat, horizontal trajectory, and was in
sight about 5 seconds.

Kidnapped . . .

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told by a 12-year-old boy, Raimundo de Aleluia Mafra. His father, Rivalino Mafra da Silva, is missing. Raimundo states that he was kidnapped by two strange objects, on the morning of August 20, 1962, just in front of his house, in a place called Duas Pontes, district of Diamantina, State of Minas Gerais.

The sixteen thousand citizens of Diamantina are divided in their opinions about the happening: some believe there was merely a murder with a missing body; others think that Rivalino ran away for some unknown reason and his son is telling a tale to cover him; still others think the whole thing was "the work of the Devil"; many others are certain that the child is telling the truth. On the other hand, the situation is quite different in Biribiri, Mendanha and Rio Vermelho, small villages in the vicinity of the area where the strange events took place. The residents at those places—those who still remain there—are living with panic in their hearts. They do not dare to go outside at night. They do not risk walking alone through the fields. Their doors and windows are closed after 8 p.m. Their streets are empty and silent at night. Many families are leaving toward Diamantina.

You cannot laugh at them — they are too frightened, haunted by the pitiful cries of a child: "They've got my father! I want my father back! Help me! . . ." They are under the terror of the almost unreal, of something alien and unexplainable, something so different from common sense that your mind is repelled by it. This may sound to you like the science fiction stories you customarily read in Science Fiction magazines.

Perhaps this is best for your sanity—if you don't believe in UAOs from other planets.

Raimundo Aleluia Mafra's Report

Rivalino disappeared on August 20. That same day the police was called and the investigation started. Rumors began to spread and reporters were alerted on August 24. The case hit the headlines on August 26. On the evening of August 25, the boy Raimundo was interviewed by the press about the circumstances related with the disappearance of his father.

In spite of his undernourished aspect and obvious anxiety, the youngster was able to give a clear and detailed account of the tragic event. He falters only when forced by direct questions about his

father: then he begins to cry. He is only a small boy, who has never attended school and doesn't even know the alphabet. He lives in a small house in a lonely spot, about 28 kilometers from Diamantina. He helps (or helped) his father as the oldest son, taking care of the two small brothers and doing all the house work. His mother died about one year ago. In his ignorance, living in a deserted place outside the civilized world, he has never heard about flying saucers, "space beings" from other planets, comics, or even radio and television. His report was given in the presence of Lieutenant Wilson Lisboa, Police chief at Diamantina. For the twentieth time — according to the information of that authority—he tells about the incredible drama lived by his father before his startled eyes. He says that things started in the night of August 19. The whole family was in bed—himself, his father and his two brothers (Fatimo, 6-year-old, and Dirceu, 2-year-old). He cannot tell the time, because there is no clock in the house, but he was awakened by the sound of steps and got the impression that people were walking hurriedly through the room. He called his father who lit a small candle. Then, under the flickering light, they saw a strange silhouette more like a shadow, floating in the room without touching the floor.

"It was a weird shadow, not looking like ours because it was half the size of a man and not shaped like a human being. We remained in the bed, quiet, and the shadow looked at us—then it moved to the place where my brothers were sleeping and looked at them for a long time, without touching their bodies. Afterwards, it left our room, crossed the other room and disappeared near the outer door. Again we heard steps of someone running and a voice said: 'This one looks like Rivalino.' My father then yelled: 'Who goes there?' There was no answer. Father left the bed and went to the other room, when the voice asked again if he really was Rivalino. My father answered it was right, that Rivalino was his name, and there was no answer. We came back to bed and heard clearly their talk outside, saying they were going to kill father. My father started to pray aloud and the voices outside said there was no help for him. They talked no more.

"We passed the night awake. In the morning, still afraid, I had the courage to go outside to get my father's horse in the field. But then I sighted two balls floating in mid-air side by side, about two meters from the ground, one meter from each other and a few meters away from our door. They were big. One of

them was all black, had a kind of irregular antenna-like protuberance and a small tail. The other was black and white, with the same outlines, with the antenna and everything. They both emitted a humming sound and appeared to give off fire through an opening that flickered like a fire fly, switching the light on and off rapidly. I was frozen by fear. I called father to see those strange flying objects. He came out of the house, still praying and asking about what those things could be, his eyes locked on them. He warned me to stay away and walked toward the objects. He stopped at a distance of two meters. At that moment the two big balls merged into each other. There was only one now, bigger in size, raising dust from the ground and discharging a yellow smoke which darkened the sky. With strange noises, that big ball crept slowly toward my father. I saw him enveloped by the yellow smoke and he disappeared inside it. I ran after him into the yellow cloud, which had an acrid smell. I saw nothing, only that yellow mist around me. I yelled for my father but there was no answer. Everything was silent again.

"Then the yellow smoke dissolved. The balls were gone. My father was gone. The ground below was clean as if the dust had been removed by a big broom. I was confused and desperate. I walked in circles around the house looking for father, but I found no tracks, footprints or marks. Was this the work of the Devil? My father had disappeared in mid-air. I have searched the plains, fields and thickets with no results. I have watched the flight of vultures, looking for clues to locate his body, but I saw nothing. Five days have passed and nothing was found. Is my father dead, taken by the globes? I want my father back . . ." (Unquote—Belo Horizonte DIARIO DE MINAS, August 26. Rio de Janeiro CORREIO DA MANHA, September 4. Lieutenant Lisboa's report, transcribed verbatim).

The Police Investigation

Lieutenant Wilson Lisboa, Police chief at Diamantina, was called the same day of the strange disappearance. He put the Raimundo boy under cross-examination but failed to make him change his incredible story. He then decided to make a complete investigation. Policemen were ordered to look for Rivalino's body, to find him at any cost. The search was started inside Rivalino's house. No clue was found. The surrounding country was covered by trained men. At the spot Rivalino had been kidnapped by the ob-

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jects—according to the boy's report — the ground was clean of dust in an area about five meters in diameter, but no tracks or marks were visible. About fifty meters away, a few drops of blood were found. Lieutenant Lisboa collected samples and the analysis identified them as human blood. The search for the missing body spread through the whole district of Diamantina. It took ten days. Police dogs were sent from Belo Horizonte, bloodhounds trained by the military police to follow tracks and find missing people. They found nothing. A complete investigation of Rivalino's past life, possible love affairs, enemies, friends, relatives, etc., was undertaken. No clues were found.

Another investigation was made concerning the possible sighting of UAOs over the region by other witnesses. The following reports are of interest:

(1) The vicar at Diamantina's cathedral, priest Jose Avila Garcia, contacted Lieutenant Lisboa to inform him that, by a strange coincidence, a friend of his had reported an unusual fact the night before Rivalino's disappearance. That friend, Antonio Rocha, was fishing at the Manso river, close to Duas Pontes, when he sighted two ball-shaped objects hovering over Rivalino's house. Priest Garcia believed that the boy had dreamed and his father had been murdered, but it was his duty to report all facts to the police — even those opposed to his own opinion.

Mr. Antonio Rocha, who worked at the Mail Department in Diamantina, was called and confirmed his story. On the evening of August 19, he was fishing at a place near Rivalino's house. "At 4:00 p.m.," he said to Lieutenant Lisboa, "I sighted two strange ball-shaped objects in the sky. They were flying in circles over Rivalino's house. They came very low and were gone a few minutes later. I don't know anything about Rivalino's disappearance, but—from the report given by his son Raimundo—I have the impression he saw the same objects I sighted."

(2)—Rivalino Mafra da Silva was a diamond prospector. Lieutenant Lisboa interviewed other prospectors in the district who did their mining work with Rivalino. They told him a startling story. Rivalino had informed them that, on August 17, when going back home, he had seen two strange persons digging a hole in the earth at a spot near his house. When approached, the creatures ran away into the bushes. They were

approximately three feet tall. A few moments later, he sighted a strange object which took off from behind the bushes and disappeared into the sky at high speed. According to Rivalino, this object was shaped like a hat and surrounded by a red glow. They didn't believe him, of course.

(3)—Doctor Giovani Pereira, a physician living at Diamantina, went to the police to report the sighting of a disc-shaped object over his own house two months before. He had had a night call from a patient and was driving back in his car. When closing the car's door to go inside his home, he suddenly sighted a brilliant object, shaped like a disc, hovering low over his house. He stopped and watched it for several minutes. Then it moved away at high speed after crossing over the sleeping town. He said he had kept the sighting secret because he knew nobody would believe him.

(4)—On the morning of August 24, a UAO crossed over the town of Gouveia, about 42 kilometers to the south of Diamantina. The sighting was witnessed by more than fifty people, including the local Police chief, Lieutenant Walter Costa Coelho. According to the observers, the object was white colored, shaped like a soccer ball and encircled by a kind of fluorescent glow—remaining in sight for about two minutes. It was traveling to the north (toward Montes Claros), then changed course to the northwest.

A few minutes later, the same (or similar) object was spotted in the sky by more than one hundred citizens at Brasilia de Minas, a small town about 120 kilometers to the northwest of Montes Claros. Again it looked like a soccer ball and was surrounded by a white glow. According to the local priest, this UAO hovered for a long time over the town's church before disappearing to the west at high speed.

This sighting was printed in the papers on August 28. The news had a deleterious effect on the residents of small towns and villages in the same area of Duas Pontes. The coincidence was too much for them: a ball-shaped object, sighted over the same region, just four days after Rivalino's disappearance. The consequence was panic and hysteria.

The last step in Lieutenant Lisboa's investigation was to check and recheck the sanity of Raimundo and the reliability of his report. Raimundo was intensively questioned by the police and, at police request, a psychiatric examination was made by Dr. Joan Antunes de Oliveira. He was found to be sane. Dr. Oliveira then decided to make a last

experiment. It was a cruel test, but justified due to the circumstances in the case. In the presence of witnesses, the boy Raimundo Mafra was taken to a room where there was a human body covered by a cloth. "Raimundo," said Dr. Oliveira, "this is the body of your father. He is dead. You lied when you told us that he had been kidnapped. Tell now the whole truth (what really happened on the morning of August 20.)" The boy began to cry, in a state of great emotion, but continued to affirm that his story was not a lie, that his father could be dead but had been taken by the two objects. "Perhaps they brought him back, dead," was his conclusion. This ended the experiment. Dr. Oliveira was interviewed by the press. He said: "I don't wish to discuss the facts in the case. They are beyond my competence. But I can tell you that the boy is normal and he is telling what he thinks to be the truth."

An attempt was also made to cross-examine the kid applying the technique known as hypo-analysis. The attempt failed because Raimundo was not receptive to hypnosis.

So Lieutenant Lisboa came to the end of his investigation and found himself in a very peculiar and difficult position. He was certain that Rivalino had been murdered, but the corpse had vanished. He had thought that the boy was lying or out of his mind, but failed to get proof showing he couldn't be trusted, was psychotic, or had reasons for simulation. He didn't believe in flying discs or balls—yet the evidence he had collected pointed in that direction. At this point, he decided to do two things: (1) to continue the search for Rivalino's body; (2) to make a written report to the Secretary of Public Security of the State and send Raimundo Mafra to Belo Horizonte, the State capital.

Raimundo Mafra Goes To Belo Horizonte

On August 30 (the boy arrived at Belo Horizonte. He had a companion, Mr. Antonio de Carvalho Cruz, the Commissioner of the State Child's Department at Diamantina, who had the mission of taking the boy to the proper authorities in the capital. At that moment, general curiosity had been aroused about the kid, and he was interviewed by the whole press and even appeared on a television program. Then Colonel Mauro Gouveia, Secretary of Public Security in the State of Minas Gerais, took charge of the case. Raimundo was questioned, cross-examined, photographed and again

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submitted to medical and psychiatric examination. Three days later he was taken into custody by military authorities. An Air Force plane took him to Rio de Janeiro, where he disappeared behind the protection of a tight security ring. No one knows where he is now.

Epilogue

A month after the mysterious disappearance of Rivalino Fafra da Silva, the police at Diamantina decided to stop their investigation and to close the case. The body is still missing and every effort to find new clues has met with complete failure. Lieutenant Lisboa and his policemen are depressed. One of them, policeman Clemente, said to the press: "Nobody expects to find a satisfactory explanation with respect to Mr. Rivalino's disappearance." (Belo Horizonte ULTIMA HORA, September 22, 1962).

At this point, it would be preferable merely to present the evidence and to allow the reader to draw his own conclusion; but I find it necessary to call attention to a very important thing: Reports indicate space creatures have been investigating the Earth closely for more than fifteen years. They appear to follow a very methodical plan, step by step. Available evidence indicates they have already taken specimens of terrestrial flora, water, rocks and soil. An investigation of the fauna was apparently lacking, as far as the collection of specimens is concerned. However, would it not be logical that they eventually turn their attention to collecting specimens of fauna? It would be surprising, indeed, if they overlooked the most interesting example of terrestrial fauna—man himself.

The case of Rivalino Mafra da Silva appears to be the first one—in the whole UAO history—where vanishing people and UAOs are definitely connected by direct evidence. Therefore, in spite of some incredible details we cannot explain (i.e., the happenings at night inside and outside Rivalino's house), I am forced to conclude he was kidnapped by two ball-shaped UAOs—in the presence of his own son. There is no other alternative. And—as they always repeat their moves—it is reasonable to expect that other similar cases will happen soon.

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Low Flying Disc In Washington

The "Whisky Ridge" area east of Marysville, Washington, played host to a disc-like object which was reported by many residents in the summere of 1962, and a reporter recently suggested that Whisky Ridge be re-named "Disc-Slope" if any more are seen. The most recent object was shaped like a whale, dipped down toward a field as though it were going to land, then headed off into the northwest. It made no noise, and travelled at about the speed of a small aircraft. The latter sighting was made by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brooks on 17 September 1962.

AF "Bugged" By UFOS At Truax

APRO member Herb Thrune of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reported the following information which he heard on the radio on June 30 and about which he inquired and recorded: "For the past week reports of UFO have been reported to Madison, Wisconsin police. The objects were first thought to be "Echo" balloon. There have been three UFOs which fly erratically, mostly in the vicinity of Truax AFB, and they cannot be tracked on radar. Reports also came from Green county, to the west of Madison." Nothing was found in the Milwaukee Journal, and the Sentinel was inactive because of a union strike at the time, so no further confirmation was received.

UFO Over Milwaukee, Wis.

At 1:45 a.m., CST, on August 3, 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thrune of Milwaukee, Wis., observed the passage of a huge light from south to north above their home. The couple said it appeared to revolve to the right, going faster than any airplane with which they were familiar. As it approached overhead position, a "huge sunflower-shaped light" blinked on and off. Mr. Thrune went out on the lawn between his house and the one next to him and watched as it sped due north over the Miller Brewnig Co. He said the incident happened so fast that it was difficult to determine the altitude. He felt the object was cigar-shaped, and it did not arc, but adhered to a flat, straight course at a very high rate of speed. The color was golden or orange, and there was no sound or contrail of any kind. Thrune is conversant with the types of planes usually in the area, and cannot identify the strange luminous body as anything conventional. Mitchell AFB is 8 to 10 miles south of the Thrune home.

Light On Moon Observed

At 9:50 p.m., on August 12, 1962, Donald R. Westlake of Yorktown Heights, New York, observed a small star-like object on the dark portion of the moon. According to the report he submitted to a Valhalla, N. Y. APRO member, the moon was in its gibbous phase and the light was quite obvious. He was using a 16 power, 3-inch Bausch and Lomb Naval "Spy Glass." He at first thought it was a defect on the glass itself, and after checking this on a starfield, he turned his attention to the moon again. The object was as bright as the Ray system in Tycho but was well into the dark of the moon. He thought then it was a mountain top or peak just catching the rays of the sun. Westlake then got out his 2.5" refractor telescope and with 50X lens the object seemed to take on an oblong narrow shape. He used 90X and although it looked clear, the shape of the object remained the same. The object at no time seemed to move as would be the case if it was a star or planet occulted by the moon. Westlake then called his wife Mary and neighbor Alex Zajac. As they watched the object Mr. Westlake attempted to call a friend who lived down county and was also interested in this type of occurrence. As he talked to his friend, Mr. Zajac reported the object was beginning to fade. Westlake went back to the scopes and looked but the object was gone from sight. His friend with whom he talked on the telephone had told him that he also had been watching the moon prior to being called, but he had noticed no object. They all watched the moon until clouds covered it at about 11 p.m. EST and the object did not return. Westlake checked his Sky and Telescope magazine and could find no occultation scheduled for stars on that date. "Anyone who has ever witnessed an occultation knows that the star disappears instantly and does not fade out as this object did. The object in question appeared to be as bright as the lighted side of the moon. Any explanations sent to APRO will be forwarded to Mr. Westlake, who, incidentally, is a UFO skeptic.

Teacher, Friends, See UFO

Arthur Sketchley, a school teacher, and five companions, observed two unidentified objects while driving near Winfield, 140 miles northwest of Calgary, Alberta, Canada at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 1962. The objects were described by the observers as cigar-shaped,

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long and slender and golden in color. The objects were observed in the western skies, and when in silhouette, appeared long and slender, but when viewed from another angle, looked fluffy at the sides. One eventually disappeared behind a cloud, the other was in view for some time. There is not sufficient detail in this sighting to thoroughly evaluate, but the description could fit a high altitude aircraft contrail reflecting the setting sun, thus appearing to be golden. This is also indicated by the "fluffy" description. However, the testimony that the objects were viewed from two different angles suggests that they changed position and this might lead to doubt as to their identity as contrails. As for the one object disappearing behind a cloud, if the contrail were from high altitude aircraft as, say, 50,000 feet, cloud cover at 10,000 could easily obscure them.

Liberal, Kansas Sightings

On August 2, 1962, personnel at the Liberal, Kansas airport were shaken considerably when various colored brilliant objects "lit up the runways." Whether or not this indicates the objects were low enough and bright enough to actually shed light on the ground is not known. However, similar reports came from Albuquerque, N. M., Pueblo, Colorado, Garden City, Kansas, and Gypsum, Oklahoma. Central Airline Agent Fred Jones said about a dozen individuals at the Liberal airport saw the phenomena at about 8 p.m.

According to Jones, Capt. Jack Metzker, CA pilot enroute from Wichita, Texas, to Amarillo, told airport officials he saw the objects which he said were moving higher and faster than any plane he had ever seen. Metzker's aircraft was at between 5500 to 7000 feet at the time he sighted the objects.

Witnesses described the lights as about the size of car headlights, and they varied in color from white, green, blue to brilliant orange. There were four of the objects, Jones said, which moved singly across the sky. One became stationary over the airport and seemed to produce a landing-type light directly under it.

All sighting took place at approximately 8:45 p.m. The reports came to Liberal over the airport's telephone communications system. The FAA said no planes which could produce such lights were scheduled in the area at the time.

At Amarillo, Metzker made this state-

ment: "People I talked to after landing here seemed to think it was a meteorite, but it wasn't like any meteorite I've ever seen."

Witnesses at Pueblo described a blue ball of light traveling north.

Rotating Ball—Wisconsin

APRO member Mrs. Forence Cummins reports a sighting by a friend who lives about 12 miles north of Thorpe, Wisconsin. Said friend was visiting daughter the week of 19 August, cannot place exact date, but incident took place during that week. The observer was outside with 11-year-old granddaughter when she saw a balloon-like object which was speeding across the sky—"sort of whirling." She illustrated with her finger, and Mrs. Cummins said the observer indicated a horizontal flight, although the object was rotating—somewhat like a circular "penmanship exercise." The woman called her daughter to see it, but the object had disappeared from sight by the time the daughter arrived outside.

UAO Formation North Of Toronto

On July 2, 1962, an observer in Toronto, Canada, witnessed the flight of a formation of three white, round objects which passed overhead, directly north to the horizon. The observer said each was about the size of his thumb at arm's length. No noise was heard, but he said he heard a jet airliner go over shortly before or after the objects' flight. Time: 5:25 p.m., EDS. Nothing appeared in local papers about other observations, but a neighbor told the observer he and several others had seen a huge object hovering over the new Highway 401. No newspaper reports on this sighting, either. Observer in first named sighting is friend of APRO member and remains anonymous.

Boys Sight Maneuvering UFO In 1961

On August 7, 1961 Danny Okrasinski, 12, Route 1, Gresham, Oregon, and James Towell, 12 also of Route 1, camped out in a field near their homes and while looking at the stars sighted a strange light which circled, hovered and started at intervals. They claimed it made several passes over Gresham and appeared to be very large as it came down close to the ground. They had seen it two weeks previously and the August 7 sighting made the second time they observed it.

Books

It is with considerable pleasure that we say a few words about "Mars, The new Frontier—Lowell's Hypothesis" by Wells Alan Webb. In addition to reading the book, the Lorenzens had the pleasure of meeting the author in August while visiting APRO's Research Director, Mr. Brown, in California.

Some of the more humble of the saucer buffs will feel somewhat embarrassed to learn that this scientific contribution to our knowledge of Mars was published way back in 1956 (Fearon Publishers, 2450 Fillmore St., San Francisco 15, Calif.). Others, of course, may have already read it.

Although a clear and concise analysis of Lowell's Hypothesis constitutes a major part of the book, some pearls of wisdom inevitably take the reader's attention. Two chapters of considerable interest are Numbers 1 and 2: "Science and Controversy" and "Science and the Personal Factor," respectively. A close perusal of these two chapters will give the reader a larger insight into the necessary objectivity of a scientist, however frustrating the caution may seem to the layman.

To be brief, we would like to quote a few words from Chapter 10, Page 130, entitled "Strange Sightings": "The end that I hope to have accomplished by all of this is to induce scientific men at last to take that quantum jump, that revision in basic philosophy essential to tentative acceptance of Lowell's Hypothesis, an explanation that I believe correctly orients the phenomena of Mars. But I urge such acceptance as a trial, to stimulate inquiry; for I do not maintain that proof-positive has been established for intelligence on Mars, but that my correlation is corroboratory evidence, the best present answers for the facts of the network. I think that future research will establish for certain that Mars' canals are either the beaten footpaths of lower migratory animals or they are engineered conduits devised by intelligent beings for their survival on an oxygenless planet. Every effort should be made by scientists to resolve this question promptly."

Mr. Webb, a chemist with Hexcel Products, Inc., Berkeley, Calif., has also forwarded a copy of his paper entitled "Mars as an Object of Exploration and Settlement" and which was presented to the International Astronautical Federation, XIIth Congress, in October 1961, at Washington, D. C. The paper is a carefully outlined plan by which humans may be able to establish self-sustaining colonies on Mars. Mr. Webb's conclusions are interesting, to say the least.

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GLOWING LIGHTS INVADE HOME

Monitoring And Scanning Discs

The 'Ears' and 'Eyes' of the UFO's

By C. W. Fitch

Numerous and varied reports of small flying objects, diminutive saucers and night-flying balls of light, leave little doubt as to their reality.

Their true nature and activating motives remain a mystery which has given rise to considerable speculation. However, the most logical deduction would seem to be that these small objects are scanning discs or monitoring devices or a combination of both—remote controlled electronic 'eyes' and 'ears',—TV and Radio, employed by the UFOs for close-up observation and the transmission of information. This video and audio information recording could be transmitted continuously to the parent craft; a spaceship hovering above at such an altitude as to render it invisible from the ground.

The following cases, among other things, are illustrative of the objects' maneuverability, with the resulting conclusion that they must, therefore, be under intelligent and precisely accurate control.

While certain of these occurrences have not involved the visual observation of small UFOs they have been included since it is quite possible that the phenomena observed in these cases was under the remote control of a spaceship.

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The opening chapter of these recorded sightings takes us back to the war years of 1943-'44.

In his book "Black Thursday" Martin Caiden on pages 211-212 relates the following provocative account of a close-up sighting of diminutive saucers which took place on October 14, 1943.

"During the bomb run of several groups, starting at about the time the Fortresses approached the Initial Point, there occurred one of the most baffling incidents of World War II, and an enig-

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Michel Tells of New Findings

The following is a translation of an article by Aime Michel, entitled: "At What Point Have We Arrived in 1962, in Our Studies of Flying Saucers?"

"The following is a definite exclusive document announced within recent months. We have Aime Michel, the author, to thank most sincerely for the results of this long research, who has been so gracious as to give the first fruits of his labors to the readers of "Lumieres dans la Nuit."

"This document includes not one but five discoveries of the greatest importance: (1) The certainty of the origin of the instruments (perhaps not of their real origin, but in any case of a base or of a relay serving their exploration); (2) orthotenic lines are planetary, and do not stop as one might have supposed after a few hundred kilometers.

On the subject of orthoteny, let us refresh people's memory as to what it is, especially those who are not informed and can no longer get the authoritative work, now out of print of Aime Michel: "Mysterious Celestial Objects": "It is the rectilinear disposition, causing networks, of the immense majority of observations relative to flying saucers in 1954 — as the author (Michel) wrote in "Science and Life," in February, 1958. This disposition is authentic for the observations noticed during the same day and seems all the more powerful as it was possible to determine the trajectory of the object precisely (for example its landings). Some scientists have calculated that the probability that such a rectilinear disposition was an effect of chance just does not exist, especially if one reflects that 90% of the observations are situated on straight lines, and that this phenomenon was repeated over western Europe for weeks during all of September and October 1954, something which is fantastic.

"Reading nothing further in the newspapers on the subject of flying saucers, the public may be led to think that no observation is being registered any more

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On the 10th of October, residents on Spring Park Road, Jacksonville, Florida, observed strange small fireballs which had fuzzy outlines and stole silently around and among houses on that street. House lights dimmed and some went out entirely as the phenomena occurred. Mrs. J. P. Baker said she was in her upstairs kitchen at twilight when her husband told her he had seen a ball of fire moving through a field behind the house. Mrs. Baker looked out her kitchen window and saw a "round ball, big as a No. 2 wash tub" which was pinkish in color and so brilliant it almost blinded her. She said it hovered outside her kitchen window apparently less than 6 feet away, then floated around the corner of the house and cross Spring Park Road. Harold Whitehead of Browning Fuel Oil Co. on Spring Park Road said he and two others saw a fireball gliding along a utility wire a block south of the oil company. "It was the size of a washtub, a blinding, whitish ball of fire. I watched it about five seconds. It moved about 10 or 20 feet during that time, then went out with a big "pop." Our lights were dim for about a half hour after," Whitehead reported.

On Pampas Drive, which connects with Spring Park Road, an unidentified woman (by request) said a formless "glow" moved through her house, out through the front door and along Pampas Drive. She said it was about a half a block long, and brilliantly illuminated a car and other objects in the vicinity. She said that as the glow moved through the house, it enveloped her, her hand tingled "as if it had gone to sleep" and her children screamed through fear.

Mrs. Gladys Faucette of Cascade Road, the street from which Mrs. Rakers' fireball seemed to come, said she saw a glow descend to within 3 feet of the ground between her home and the adjacent house. She said the form was too vague to be described as ball-shaped, but she called it a "terribly big brilliance." She said the circuit which carries electricity to her bathroom and bedroom was knocked out about this time, and was still out the next morning.

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1960 Sighting Of UAO Carrier

The following was forwarded to us by a member, but the name of the contributor is not on the original report, nor the names of observers. Will the contributor please inform us of his identity just for the record?

On the last Sunday of December 1960 a man and his family were visiting relatives at Cottonwood, Minnesota. At about 11:45 p.m. the husband went outside for a breath of fresh air, then noticed an unusual light traveling in the north. Not knowing of any satellite which would be in that sky sector, the observer watched the object, which obligingly came closer. In about 30 seconds it was close enough so that he could observe the following details: It was shaped like a "half-ball" with a dome on top, which was about half the size of the bottom portion. On the extreme left was what he took to be a porthole, as light was shining from it. At the base of the object was an opening which revealed a small part of the interior. All that was

observed of the inside was what looked like a white string. The UFO itself was a tan color and had a silvery glow outlining it, and was quite large.

The object seemed to flutter down, rocking gently from side to side, somewhat like a "falling leaf." It came down at an angle, stopped, hovering a bit, then it ejected a whitish object the size of a pea held at arm's length. It appeared to come from the back side of the large object.

The small UAO floated in a westerly direction until it appeared "about the size of a star." After this, the first UAO, the large one, went straight down and let out two reddish objects, Nos. 3 and 4, which came out together, rather than one at a time. They were the same size as the first small one. After clearing the mother-ship, they flew southeast at the same distance from each other, appearing to flash green light beams at each other. As the observer put it, "For example, No. 3 would shoot out the beam, and hit No. 4, and in turn, No. 4 would return a similar beam. After three or four such exchanges they separated and went different directions.

The mother ship (object No. 1) went a short distance in the direction of No. 4, then stopped briefly and began moving up and down in the opposite direction; finally it went twice as high as its original apparent altitude, where it hovered. Suddenly the observer noticed two reddish objects, apparently No. 3 and 4, near the opening of the big ship. They entered the opening or port, and while they were doing so, No. 2 (the small white UAO) was spotted coming back to the big object. When No. 2 had entered the opening, the "port" closed, and the large object left in the same direction it had come.

The duration of the sighting was from ten to fifteen minutes, and there was only one witness. We note the similarity between this sighting and that of the Westmoreland boys of Tucson in June 1962.

Boys Watch "Shooting Star"

Robert Santillo and Thomas David of Garrett Mountain, N. J., watched a strange, blinking star in the sky on September 21. The star grew brighter and brighter, shooting off beams of light, which brightened up the area. It then gave off a variety of colors, they said. Then the star shot off red blasts and disappeared. The whole display lasted about four minutes. As usual, few details were given by the newspaper and the boys did not respond to inquiries.

Where Is Private Irwin?

The above is the title of an article concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial object and the unexplained amnesia and subsequent disappearance of the young soldier who observed it, in 1959. The article was written by Mr. L. J. Lorenzen, our Public Relations Director, for the November 1962 issue of "Flying Saucers" (Ray Palmer, Amherst, Wis.). Members who recall the incident from the pages of the APRO Bulletin will want to read this complete documentation of the incident. Gerry Irwin's case is not closed in our files, but we have come to a standstill. Because it was too detailed and ponderous for the Bulletin, and we hoped to establish contact with Irwin, the article was submitted to the magazine. For one of the most puzzling incidents in the annals of UAO history, don't miss this one.

Man And Dolphin— A Book Review

The above is the title of a new book by John C. Lilly, M.D. (Doubleday and Co., Inc.) Garden City, New York). Just a few words from the preface should suffice as an introduction: "Within the next decade or two the human species will establish communication with another species: nonhuman, alien, possibly extraterrestrial . . ."

Carrier UAO Launching

We would like further information on the following incident which took place near Tri-City, Washington, possibly in July or August. Taken from the Pasco, Washington, Tri-City Herald, it was reprinted in "SPACE" — 267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida. No date was given and we need a date plus additional details.

Ed Olson, 20, of Kennewick, and neighbor Don Sprinkles, 17, watched a large, brilliant object (larger than Venus) at 45 degrees elevation in the east at 10:45 p.m. It appeared to move south, then up for some distance—then it stood still. "The thing that puzzled us most was the small objects that seemed to come out of the top of the big one and then float away," Olson declared. According to Olson, the large UFO lingered in the sky for a moment after the small ones disappeared, then "it went out like a light." He said the big object emitted a white light and appeared larger than either Venus or America's satellite.

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ma that to this day defies all explanation.

As the bombers of the 384th group swung into the final bomb run after passing the Initial Point, the fighter attacks fell off. This point is vital, and other pilots were queried extensively, as were crew members, as to the position at that time of the German fighter planes. Every man interrogated was firm in his statement that "at the time there were no enemy aircraft above."

At this moment the pilots and top turret gunners, as well as several crewmen in the plexiglass noses of the bombers, reported a cluster of discs in the path of the 384th's formation and closing with the bombers. The startled exclamations focused attention on the phenomenon, and the crews talked back and forth, discussing and confirming the astonishing sight before them.

The discs in the cluster were agreed upon as being silver colored, about one inch thick and three inches in diameter. They were easily seen by the B-17 crewmen, gliding down slowly in a very uniform cluster.

And then the "impossible" happened. B-17 Number 026 closed rapidly with a cluster of discs; the pilot attempted to evade an imminent collision with the object, but was unsuccessful in his maneuver. He reported at the intelligence debriefing that his "right wing went directly through a cluster with absolutely no effect on engines or plane surface."

The intelligence officers pressed their questioning, and the pilot stated further that one of the discs was heard to strike the tail assembly of his B-17, but that neither he nor any member of the crew heard or witnessed an explosion.

He further explained that about twenty feet from the discs the pilots sighted a mass of black debris of varying sizes in clusters of three by four feet.

The SECRET report added: "Also observed two other A/C flying through silver discs with no apparent damage. Observed discs and debris two other times but could not determine where it came from."

No further information on this baffling incident has been uncovered, with the exception that such discs were observed by pilots and crew members on missions prior to, and after, Mission 115 of October 14, 1943." Unquote.

The New York Herald-Tribune of January 2, 1945, carried an article relating to similar phenomenon under the heading "Nazi Balls of Fire Race Along

with U.S. Night Raiding Planes — Weird New Weapon Keeps Pace With Planes for Miles, Following Every Turn; Does Not Attack or Explode and Purpose May Be Psychological." — By the Associated Press.

"A UNITED STATES NIGHT-FIGHTER BASE, France, Jan. 1, 1945. The Nazi have thrown something new into the night skies over Germany—the weird, mysterious "foo-fighter," balls of fire, which race alongside the wings of American Beaufighters flying intruder missions over Germany.

Pilots have been encountering the eerie weapon for more than a month in their night flights. No one apparently knows exactly what this sky weapon is.

The balls of fire appear suddenly and accompany the planes for miles. They appear to be radio-controlled from the ground and manage to keep up with planes flying 300 miles an hour, official intelligence reports reveal.

"There are three kinds of these lights we call 'foo-fighters,'" said Lt. Donald Meiers, of Chicago. "One is red balls of fire which appear off our wing tips and fly along with us, the second is a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly in front of us, and the third is a group of about fifteen lights which appear off in the distance—like a Christmas tree up in the air—and flicker on and off."

The pilots of this night fighter squadron—in operation since September, 1943—find these fiery balls the weirdest thing they have yet encountered. They are convinced that the "foo-fighter" is designed to be a psychological weapon as well as military, although it is not the nature of the fireballs to attack planes.

"A 'foo-fighter' picked me up recently at 700 feet and chased me twenty miles down the Rhine Valley," Meiers said. "I turned to starboard and two balls of fire turned with me. We were going 260 miles an hour and the balls were keeping right up with us.

"On another occasion when a 'foo-fighter' picked us up I dove at 360 miles an hour. It kept right off our wing tips for a while and then zoomed up into the sky.

"When I first saw the things off my wing tips, I had the horrible thought that a German on the ground was ready to press a button and explode them. But they don't explode or attack us. They just seem to follow us like will-o-the-wisps."

(An Associated Press report from Paris, Dec. 13, said the Germans had thrown silvery balls into the air against the raiders. Pilots then reported they had seen these objects, both individually

and in clusters, during forays over the Reich.)

But apparently the mysterious "foo-fighters" which our pilots thought at the time were psychological weapons of the Germans were something else for seven years later, in late 1952 and early in 1953 U.S. Airmen flying missions over Japan reported seeing "Mysterious flying objects—rotating clusters of red, white and green lights." Unquote.

The WASHINGTON POST of Jan. 21, 1953 carried an article entitled: "U.S. Airmen See 'Saucers' Hurtling Over North Japan."—AP.

"A U.S. AIR BASE, NORTHERN JAPAN, Jan. 21, 1953.

Mysterious flying objects—"rotating clusters of red, white and green lights"—have been sighted over northern Japan by American airmen, the Air Force disclosed tonight.

Intelligence reports placed the sightings close to Russian territory in the Kurile islands and Sakhalin. They added:

"There are too many indications of the presence of something to be considered an observation of nothing." And they discounted the possibility the lighted objects were mere "reflections of light."

Col. Curtis R. Low, in command of the northern division of the Japan Air Defense force, said the flying clusters were seen by fighter pilots and ground personnel and were tracked on radar. He released official intelligence reports on the sighting to the Associated Press.

The reports were similar to those describing "flying saucers" in the United States. One said the lights appeared to hang motionless at times, and at other times disappeared with blinding speed.

Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee, World War II ace and commander of an escort fighter wing, took detailed observations on one rotating cluster and tried in vain to intercept it in a jet.

The report was signed by Lt. Col. Russell Powell, intelligence officer, U.S. Air Force.

The intelligence report said Blakeslee, of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, sighted a mysterious object twice on a night flight Dec. 29th.

The report said Blakeslee closed on the object after extinguishing all the lights on his aircraft "to make certain he was not getting some reflection from his canopy surface. When all lights were out he noticed no change in the appearance or brilliance of the object and its color scheme."

Col. Blakeslee chased the object in
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his F-84 Thunder-jet for seven minutes at 600 miles an hour but couldn't get near it before it "disappeared into the night." Unquote.

The year 1948 witnessed a fantastic occurrence which took place the night of October 1st. In his book "A Report On Unidentified Flying Objects" former Air Force Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt refers to this case as "One of 'The Classics,'" in UFO history.

On that evening Lt. George F. Gorman, a P-51 fighter pilot of the 178th Fighter Squadron, North Dakota Air National Guard, had a 30-minute encounter with a mysterious round, brightly-lighted object in the night sky over Fargo, North Dakota.

The following is Lt. Gorman's experience as related to THE FARGO FORUM of October 3, 1948 and a subsequent article on the 4th:

"FARGO PILOT TELLS OF CHASING 'FLYING DISK,' Others Confirm Weird 'Dogfight.'"

"A National Guard Air Squadron P-51 pilot Saturday told The Fargo Forum he had staged a dogfight with a "flying disk" object over Fargo Friday night. The object—which the pilot said was round with well defined edges, and brilliantly lighted — outdistanced him, then made a 180-degree turn and came at him head-on.

The pilot attempted to crash the object several times but it dodged out of his way.

That is the story of Lt. George Gorman—and it is corroborated by three other persons who declared that they also saw the object.

Maj. D. C. Jones, commanding the 178th fighter squadron at Hector airport, has Gorman's signed statement and is referring the incident to U.S. Air Force intelligence.

Gorman, Jones said, was so shaken by his experience that he had difficulty in landing. He had been in communication constantly with the airport control tower during the chase, giving a description of the object and its antics for the tower controllers.

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This is what Gorman told his commanding officer:

About 9 p.m. he sighted the object, dimly lighted, slowly circling over the city. He decided to investigate, but as he approached the object suddenly became brilliantly lighted and put on a burst of speed.

At first, Gorman told Jones, the ob-

ject apparently was traveling about 250 miles per hour. But after Gorman began the chase it speeded up to what Gorman thought was about 600 miles per hour. At that time Gorman's plane was doing about 400 miles per hour, near its maximum speed.

When the object had outdistanced him considerably it made a 180-degree turn and came straight at him, Gorman said. He attempted to crash into it, he said, but as it neared him it veered suddenly upward and passed him overhead.

Another time, Gorman told Jones, the object began an almost vertical climb. Gorman said he gave chase and climbed to about 14,000 feet, where he nearly stalled out. He gave up the climb and started down. When he reached about 12,000 feet, Gorman declared, the object again "made another head-on overhead pass" at him.

Lloyd D. Johnson and H. E. Johnson, both CAA controllers at the Fargo control tower, and Dr. A. E. Cannon, 1330 Eleventh Ave., S, an optician, also asserted they saw the object.

Jensen declared that through binoculars "the object appeared to be only a round light, perfectly formed, with no fuzzy edges or rays leaving its body. The edges were clear cut. No other shape was observed. The main identifying characteristic was the high rate of speed at which it was apparently traveling."

Gorman Saturday confirmed the story to The Fargo Forum.

"Once," he said, "when the object was coming head-on, I held my plane pointed right at it. The object came so close that I involuntarily ducked my head because I thought a crash was inevitable but the object zoomed over my head. It was the weirdest experience I've had in my life."

Gorman said it was impossible to determine the outline of the object—"it just looked like a big light"—but he saw a Piper Cub below and could make out its silhouette.

Gorman during World War II was a pilot with the U.S. Army eastern flying training command, flying a B-25 overseas. Unquote.

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The Fargo Forum of October 4th, carried another follow-up item relating to Gorman's experience: "WRIGHT FIELD OFFICERS PROBE 'DISK' REPORT."

"A group of Air Force officers from Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, flew to Fargo Sunday to investigate reports that a pilot here had staged a dogfight with a "flying disk" object Friday night.

They conferred with Maj. Donald C.

Jones, commanding officer of the 178th fighter squadron, North Dakota Air National Guard. They left today in an Air Force B-25.

The visiting officers, termed by Dayton field headquarters as "one of its investigating teams" assigned to probe "aerial phenomena" left instructions here that no information was to be released." Unquote.

Considerable enlightenment as to how the military operate to prevent too much information from reaching the public in an authentic UFO sighting such as this case represents, is contained in a letter written by Lt. George F. Gorman to Mr. Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, under date of December 18, 1948, reprinted in Arnold's interesting booklet "The Flying Saucer as I Saw It." The following is a pertinent extract from it:

"I am sorry that I have been unable to answer your letters. However, I think that you can understand my position better when you know the facts.

First of all I am under the military control of the Tenth Air Force and they have issued direct orders concerning the disc or object.

Second the Air Material Command has issued orders classifying the information as Secret. And this makes it a General Court Martial to release any more information. The Command has asked that my commanding officer and myself be court martialed for releasing what information we did. I have General Edwards or some high officer to thank for refusing to carry it out.

Third the Counter Intelligence Corp. have asked that I turn over all information to them. And I have no doubt that the F.B.I. will get around to sending a few letters too.

The public relations officer released more than he should have and now we are being given a rough time; and they can do it too.

I have a normal amount of curiosity and I have a lot of questions to ask. But then I had a lot of them answered that night. The rest that I have will have to wait until they get ready to answer them." Unquote.

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The writer made attempts to contact Lt. (now Capt.) Gorman who, in Feb. 1962, was stationed with the 818th Air Division at Lincoln Air Force Base, Lincoln, Nebraska, but his Certified letters went unanswered. No doubt Gorman, who would be subject to AFR 200-2 and JANAP 146, finds it necessary to refrain from any further discussion of his experience.

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and that the study commissions for the explanation of the mystery have ceased their efforts.

"There is nothing to this, of course. The observations continue to be as numerous, and as far as research goes, I can vouch for the fact that never, since it began nearly 15 years ago now, has it been as active and efficacious. In reply to our friend Raymond Veillith's request, I am going to bring these two aspects of the situation, observations and studies, up to date.

"A. Observations. It is sufficient to follow regularly the specialized reviews (Flying Saucer Review, London, and APRO Bulletin in the U.S.A.) to realize that the activity of non-identified flying objects is actually very intense considering the cyclical aspect of the phenomenon, to which I'll return shortly. Without speaking of the photos taken by the American experimental jet plane X15, and by Scot Carpenter the time of the last American trip into space, photos which lead to discussion, I shall cite but one episode: that of the numerous cases studied since mid-May 1962 by the Navy and military aviation in the Argentine Republic. Between the 12th and 25th of May, numerous observations were registered at Cordova, Chumbicha, Bahia Blanca, Salta, etc. Witnesses were innumerable. At Bahia Blanca, photographer Miguel Thome, was even able to take several pictures. Brilliant objects passing quickly at night, stopping, changing direction, putting forth colors, came close to earth and even landed; one finds the whole gamut described in my book, "Mysterious Celestial Objects" in 1958. The best observed landing took place on the 12th of May at 4:10 a.m. at Kilometer 72 of Road No. 35, in the province of Pampa, three truck drivers were able to see at 70 meters distance, for a minute, an object as big as a railway coach, brilliantly illuminated, with approximately 20 "portholes" showing intermittent lights. Captain Luis Sanchez Moreno, of the Marine Information Service, gave himself at once to a serious protracted investigation. A conference of the press held at the Ministry revealed that 4 other persons had noticed the object. Rear-admiral Eladio E. Vasquez and the 2nd in command of the Naval Zone, Captain Aldo Golivari, added that they themselves had observed a similar object the day (evening) before. In the succeeding days, many other observations were made. A few days later, G. Ariel Ciro Resti, president of the Commission of Inquiry, CODOVNI,

was pointing out the predominance of the apparitions on the orthotenic line joining Bahia Blanca, Cordova and Salta, confirming once again the discovery made the first time in France from the study of the wave of 1954.

As I write these lines, the observations continue.

B: Studies of the Saucer Phenomena since 1958:

These have been carried forward by my collaborators and myself, essentially, in France, Dr. Olavo Fontes in Brazil and by the engineer, Buelta, in Spain.

(1) In France: We have carried our investigation in two directions: generalizations of orthoteny, and study of the periodicity of the waves.

As far as orthoteny is concerned, the question which was posed in 1958 was to know if the orthotenic lines discovered in Europe were planetary lines. After the work of my collaborator J. V. working with a powerful electronic calculator, we know the answer: it is yes. We have thus discovered that the line of 24 September 1954 (Bayonne-Vichey) is in reality a great earthly circle, crossing not only Europe, but Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Chile, New Zealand, and New Guinea. In all these countries, observations have been found on this line, with the fantastic precision of 40 meters of error for a great circle of 40 million meters. Other lines have likewise been identified, and we are presently working to recognize their location on the terrestrial globe.

Insofar as the periodicity of the waves is concerned, J. V. has been able to show while studying separately two distinct catalogues (mine and Mr. Guy Quincy's of Constantine) that there exists a period of 26 months separating the waves of recurrences. That means that the frequency of the observations in the world varies, and passes through maximums every 26 months.

2. In Spain:

Buelta has separately found this same periodicity working with a third catalogue, different from Mr. Quincy's and from mine. While comparing the successive periods, Buelta has found that the form of the curve of frequencies could be definitely an exponential function. Now these functions, in physics, define the amortized movements. That means that everything takes place as if the energy utilized by these instruments were delivered to them every 26 months, something like the polar expeditions which receive their fuel once a year.

3. Finally, and quite separately, Dr. Olavo Fontes, eminent Brazil researcher has also found this 26-month periodicity studying his own catalogue. But Fontes

has made another observation, a very curious one: according to him, this 26-month periodicity is covered by another, the latter of 5½ years. That would result in a definitive periodicity rather more complex and would explain well the slight variations observed by experience, for it permitted him to announce a recrudescence for June-July 1962, and indeed that is what the wave presently being observed in Argentina is showing.

But, some will say, what does the periodicity of 26 months found separately in North Africa, in France, in Spain and in Brazil, mean? All who have some knowledge of astronomy have already guessed it: There exists in astronomy only one cycle of 26 months, and it is the one of the approach of the planet Mars.

C. Conclusions:

We French researchers have in the last few weeks met our South American colleagues, Dr. Olavo Fontes and Mr. Christian Vogt, of CODOVNI. We have discussed at length all these new facts. And here are our conclusions, published here for the first time:

1. Flying objects not identified are advanced astronautic objects.

2. They are of extraterrestrial origin.

3. They are piloted by intelligent beings who are not men.

4. They come from Mars.

5. Mars is not necessarily their real origin. This planet plays the part, perhaps of a convenient planetary base between earth and a more distant world.

6. The question of the intention of the beings which pilot these instruments remain unknown. These intentions may be inconsequential to our terrestrial destiny; it is, until further absolute proof, my personal opinion; they may be well-wishing (beneficent), though nothing leads us to believe it; They may be aggressives or malevolent; and I must say this is Dr. Olavo T. Fontes' opinion, which is based on a very troubling statistic: the number of aviation accidents seems to augment with the number of observations of flying saucers; that is, every 26 months. In order to be certain of this, it would be necessary to establish worldwide statistics, something which is difficult to do.

Such is the actual shape of the research. As one may see, it has not remained inactive since 1958. But one must recognize that if certainties are required, the depth of the mystery remains. We do not know whence, exactly, these flying saucers come, or what they do in our heaven." Unquote.

The following may be added to what is currently known about UFO: Through

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the preliminary study of data gathered in the calendar months of 1962, Mrs. Lorenzen verified her prediction made in her book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," to the effect that 1962 would be the next "5-year" big flap, the last having been 1957. The sightings, however, are expected to lap over into 1963 with a diminishing, yet substantial number of sightings being reported. Several other curious correlations should be noted: The high incidence of low-flying or hovering UAOs in the vicinity of reservoirs, lakes, etc., brilliant exploding fireballs accompanied or followed by blinding flashes of light, and bright high-flying lights which resemble earth-launched satellites except for their orbits and time of transit.

Several people, after reading Mrs. Lorenzen's book, wrote and indicated great curiosity pertaining to the small bipeds which have been observed on occasion in the vicinity of landed UFOs. Mrs. Lorenzen deliberately refrained from theorizing to any great extent in this respect inasmuch as even experienced UFO researchers have a tendency to discount the occupant accounts, and also she hoped to create an atmosphere of intellectual freedom, urging the reader to fill in the gaps for himself, rather than imposing her ideas. However, the demand, even from researchers, for her impressions concerning the non-human occupants helped her to decide to elucidate the following:

The appearance of non-human occupants, sometimes in the company of the humanoid types, in the vicinity of the UFO was a great puzzle, except for a possibility of an "interplanetary alliance" of a sort, until the U. S. launched their pre-manned satellite, sending first the chimpanzee, "Ham," then "Enos" into controlled orbits around the earth before sending a human space pilot. These anthropoids, although of a lower species were trained to perform certain functions while in orbit.

Would it not be possible, then, for the human-type higher species connected with the UFO, to recruit and train lower species for certain functions? Perhaps these creatures are indigent to our own solar system and have been recruited by our "visitors," who actually originate in another star system. Perhaps they (the hairy dwarves, etc.) were imported along with other materiel, by the UFO occupants, to supplement work crews, etc. However—there is a strange coincidence which may indicate that lower species from within our solar system

have been recruited and trained: In 1956 or 1957 (the clipping is not immediately at hand) an anthropologist's theories concerning life on other planets in our solar system came to our attention via a small wire service bulletin. In it, the anthropologist described the probable inhabitants of Jupiter thusly: They would be short, about 3 feet tall, light in weight, but extremely strong, with an external skeleton and hairy bodies. The height and weight would be a result of evolutionary factors resulting from the strong gravitational pull of Jupiter. The external skeleton and great strength would be results of the same. The profuse hairy covering would be protection against the bitter cold thought to prevail on the surface of Jupiter.

If we compare this physical description with that of the small hairy bipeds seen frequently in South America, and Venezuela in particular in 1954, and recall their great strength, and invulnerability to weapons, we find an astounding similarity.

If, as we suspect, the UFO inhabitants did indeed come from another star system, the five-year sighting cycle is not too difficult to explain. The two year (or 26 month) cycle coincides with the close approaches of Mars. A colony of Mars would have to be supplied and reinforced periodically with new personnel—thus the five-year cycle of sightings in earth's atmosphere might indicate an orientation procedure for new personnel arriving from the home planet. If we again apply the reverse position procedure, theorizing what would be logical for earth colonists on a planet in another solar system, certain things about the UFO cycles become more clear. We would not land an expeditionary force on a strange planet in another system and desert them. We would periodically check on them, furnish them with necessary supplies and reinforcing personnel. At the same time, if the colonists observed, through exploration or scientific observations (telescopes, etc.) any event on other planets which would have some bearing on their existence and/or future it would be duly reported to the next expeditionary and supply force and a check would undoubtedly be made by the new arrivals. Thus we have an accounting for both the 26-month and five-year sighting cycles. True, it is only speculation, but even if we had all the facts about all sightings of UFOs for a period of, say, the last 75 years, it would be necessary to speculate concerning those facts in order to discover their meaning.

A complete cross-indexing of all sightings gathered by APRO for 1962 will

be carried out during 1963 and there should be a report on our findings before the end of this year. Ideas and suggestions will be welcomed, but please do not ask for answers or comments as time is at a premium here and the 1962 study is an added task.

Flash, Boom Over Utah Fireball Lights Skies In Ten States

The huge "ball of fire" which flashed across the Western U. S. between 8:15 and 8:19 p.m. on 18 April 1962 was so brilliant that it triggered the photoelectric street lighting system in Eureka, Utah. The object was traveling from east to west. All street lights turned off in Eureka as the object passed over. Authorities thought the fireball crashed about 10 miles south of the small town. Residents saw a "blue flash" and heard a "rumbling" off in the distance immediately after the sighting.

Salt Lake City observers said the light of the "meteor" was as "bright as day." It was seen in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Kansas and Utah. An FAA spokesman at Salt Lake City said the object vanished over southwestern Utah about 35 miles northeast of Delta. He also said aircraft and ground observers in the area confirmed the report.

Although not definitely established, a green glow seen by a tower spokesman at Peterson Field (Colorado Springs, Colo.) west of Pike's Peak, may have been connected with the sighting. The light was obstructed by the mountain.

Air Force officers from Hill AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who had observed the object. Bob Robinson of Eureka said it first looked like a "polliwog" with its tail on fire, going east to west in "sort of jerks." He said it suddenly exploded into a "sodium blue-white light brighter than day" and then continued on, looking like a vapor trail from a jet. He estimated it was 8 to 10 seconds before the sound became audible, sounding like cannons firing in the distance.

Most observers in Nevada declared the object was traveling west to east.

The thought occurs that this object was a perfect high-altitude flare—illuminating most of a two-state area to a point of daylight brightness. It so happens that the two states receiving most of the light were Utah and Nevada, both locations of U. S. Missile and nuclear test sites.