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Canadian APRO

Our congratulations to the officers and members of CAPRO — the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. CAPRO is the result of a combination of CAPIC and the Canadian section of APRO. CAPRO will consist of an Eastern Division whose address is: P. O. Box 98, Postal Station A, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, and a Western Division with headquarters at 91 Voyageur Ave., Winnipeg 22, Manitoba, Canada. Allan K. Vezina will direct the Eastern Division and Brian Cannon will direct the western division. L. J. Lorenzen will be Chairman of the Board. CAPRO will be patterned after APRO in format with an advisory board of scientists and emphasis upon thorough, objective research.

We wish to make it clear that APRO and CAPRO will be administrated separately. There will be no change in APRO procedures. Members of APRO including those living in Canada will continue to send their dues to the Tucson office. Those wishing to join CAPRO are asked to contact the nearest CAPRO office listed above.

CAPRO will issue its own publication in a format similar to the APRO Bulletin.

We are happy to announce the formation of CAPRO, which, in addition to APRO Mexico and APRO Peru makes our world coverage even more effective.

Southern California APRO

All members in Southern California are asked to relay information of UFO cases which seem to be of significance that would warrant the attention of an APRO Investigation team to: Hal Kinney, 1651 Veteran Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90024. Telephone (213) 479-7285. For the purposes of this announcement, the Northern limit of southern California is defined as a line beginning on the west coast at Vandenberg AFB and running through Santa Ynez, Lebec, and Tehachapi, straight east to Highway 14, then following Highways 14 and 395 to Bishop, then due east to the Nevada border.

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Condon Committee Dismisses Two Members

February 9, 1968—An official phone call from Mary Lou Armstrong of the UFO Study at the University of Colorado informed the Director that Dr. Levine and Dr. Saunders, both Senior Investigators with the project, had been discharged for reasons of incompetence. We found ourselves unable to take the stated reason for their discharge seriously since in our judgment these two gentlemen were as competent (if not more so) as any one else on the project. Subsequent inquiry vindicated this attitude.

Professor James MacDonald of the University of Arizona had recently written a letter to Robert Low (Coordinator of the Colorado UFO Study) detailing a number of criticisms of the manner in which the project is being conducted. His letter contained material obtained from Saunders and Levine which Low and Condon regarded as confidential and whose disclosure they considered a breach of trust. This was the immediate reason behind the dismissals.

As a matter of fact, however, this incident is only the culmination of an internal dissent which goes back more or less to the beginning of the study. The focal point of this dissent is the question of Condon's sincerity and competence to handle this sort of study. From Condon's point of view his action can be seen as an attempt to put to an end a long history of undercover agitation. No doubt this move will contribute much in the way of tranquility. What it will do for research in general and the effectiveness of the committee in particular is quite another matter. Whether or not the charges of MacDonald are true, the study cannot help but suffer from the loss of two key people at this stage of the game.

Lorenzens Filmed By BBC

Mr. Philip Daly and his crew were in Tucson in January to interview and film Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen for a British Broadcasting Company Documentary on UFOs to be shown in the near future. The staff would appreciate a report on the program from English members after it is aired.

Four teenagers burst into the Lumsden, Saskatchewan office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at about 9:20 p.m. on the night of October 24 to report a strange disc-shaped object which they had viewed just minutes before. Their story:

At a few minutes after 9 p.m. the four were driving on a country road two miles southeast of Lumsden. One of the quartet, who was driving, called attention to a glowing image to the northeast, saying it was a "flying saucer." The rest first thought it was the moon and laughed about it. Soon they realized that they were looking at something a bit more unusual than the moon. Later investigation helped them to estimate the size as about 40 feet in diameter, 10 feet high and lens-shaped like "two saucers joined lip to lip." The color was described as brilliant red with a darker red or black band across the center. As the four youngsters accelerated their car and headed north toward Lumsden the object moved eastward at an "ambling pace" and disappeared into a wide wooded ravine approximately one mile east of their point of observation.

Constable Ferguson was dispatched by radio to the spot and Corporal Parsons, on duty at the RCMP station, attempted to soothe the teenagers. Both boys were badly shaken up and the girls were hysterical. One girl was incoherent.

Meanwhile, Ferguson drove to the indicated location and observed a brilliant red light to the southeast of him approximately halfway to Regina. The red light bore white lights along the widest part, flashing on and off simultaneously at one second intervals. It was observed for three minutes from both inside and outside the Police cruiser. The object was seen at approximately 1300 feet and climbed into the cloud cover at a 45 degree angle and disappeared from sight. The constable described the ascent as comparable to a jet aircraft at takeoff. Inquiries at Regina elicited the information that there was 100% cloud cover and no aircraft on radar at that time.

The youngsters who made the initial sighting said the object was huge and could not have been an aircraft due to size, shape, lighting, maneuverability and location. Its angular size was 18 inches (at arm's length).

During the investigation of D. W. Coulthard and J. Kenneth Crosby, the

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DR. AND MRS. OLAVO T. FONTES would like all the members to know how much they appreciated the expressions of reassurance they received during the Doctor's recent illness. DOCTOR FONTES, who is APRO's Brazilian Representative is well on the road to recovery and will be playing an integral part in APRO's future efforts.

Hynek Sets The Record Straight

Don Keyhoe's UFO Investigator for January-February, 1968, headlined as a "SURPRISE WARNING" a front page article with some rather startling statements purportedly made by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Hynek's response: "I made no such statement." The following is the complete text of his letter of denial:

6 February 1968

Editors, The UFO Investigator
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1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am distressed by the statement attributed to me (UFO Investigator) in which I purportedly stated that if the Condon Committee issued a negative report on UFOs I would open my personal files in rebuttal. I made no such statement. Such a statement would be quite contrary to my steadfast policy of in no way interfering with the Condon Committee's work either by deed or word and, in short, would be out of character. I do not know how the Condon Report will read, but in its preparation the Committee should be left entirely free to work according to its own lights and certainly without any interference from me, implied or direct. I hope that you will set this straight for the record.

Sincerely yours,
J. Allen Hynek
Director.

Matters of this sort are easy to clarify. It took the Director ten minutes and a phone call to obtain the following statement from Dr. Hynek concerning his current attitude:

Concerning your query about my present stand on the UFO situation; it is essentially the same as it has now been for several years, that is, namely, that a global phenomenon exists (the phenomenon of UFO reports) which is of sufficient interest and challenge to the inquiring mind to be worthy of serious scientific attention. Such attention, if it is scientific, should not assume an answer a priori. I have often said that if one assumes the answer in advance, it isn't research. Anything which troubles as many human minds as the UFO phenomenon seems to, constitutes a mystery that ought to be solved. To me a mystery is an itch that ought to be scratched.

Sincerely yours,
J. Allen Hynek
Director.

ITEM:

Our November-December 1967 Bulletin contained an article pertaining to the stopping of two vehicles on an English road—a Jaguar and a truck. Two items which are in doubt are the name of the truck driver and the reported fact that

both batteries were dead. Besides the press clippings, APRO received a report from a member in England who attended a meeting of BUFORA where the truck driver was interviewed. According to press cuttings the driver was named Farlow, but according to our reporter it was Barlow. The question of the battery was also reported at the BUFORA meeting but was not mentioned in the press. The problem is: how could both batteries have been dead when both men reported their lights and radios came back on without aid after the object left? It was not specified whether or not the batteries went dead afterward or not.

UFO Forum At Phoenix

On the 16th of March 1968 the Phoenix, Arizona Executives Club will present at its regular meeting a panel discussion on UFOs which will feature outstanding UFO experts, pro and con. The moderator will be Paul Dean of the Arizona Republic newspaper of Phoenix. Other members of the panel will be: Dr. James Harder, APRO Adviser; Dr. David Saunders, formerly senior investigator with the Condon UFO Committee at Boulder, Colorado (see item about dismissals in this issue); Dr. Donald Menzel of the Harvard Observatory; Dr. Leslie Kaelburn, Professor of Medicine at U.C.L.A., and a Mr. Hennessy, whose qualifications are not available to us at this writing.

Mr. James Soudriette, Program Chairman for the Executives Club has stated that he feels that the 16th of March meeting will have the largest attendance of any Program sponsored by the Club, and two thousand four hundred people including members are expected to attend.

Mr. Soudriette asked APRO to provide photos and art work to be used in the lobby display at the Towne House Hotel where the Program will be held and Mrs. Lorenzen was asked to be present to autograph available copies of the hard cover edition of her first book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax."

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Dr. Philip Seff and Dr. William D. Barnes of APRO's staff will attend the meeting and will be present at the press conference along with Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, on the afternoon before the forum is held.

Mr. Soudriette informed this office that the Forum will be the forerunner of a National Network TV Spectacular dealing with the UFO Problem which is being planned for the near future. A complete report on the March 16th Forum will be presented in our March-April issue and further information on the Television program will be reported in the Bulletin when it is available.

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boys said that after they took the girls home they started back to Regina on No. 11 highway. At a point about ½ mile east of Lumsden and one mile north of the original sighting where the ravine empties into the large Qu'Appelle Valley, they saw another strange object. At a point about halfway down the wooded southern valley slope 300 yards south of the highway, two white lights were seen flashing alternately on and off. The boys stopped the car and backed up in order to get a better look as the object was partially obscured by leafless trees and bush. The lights were described as bright, round and white and approximately 40 feet apart. They were stationary, level with each other and when one was on the other was off. There are no vehicle roads into the area, no buildings or residences at this point. The time was shortly prior to 10 p.m.

Strange Lights, Blast, Seem Connected

Residents in the area of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, experienced some strange phenomena during the fall of 1967 which seemed to culminate in a series of occurrences in late December. After a strange blast took place on the 28th of December, residents came forward and reported sightings of unusual aerial objects dating back to harvest time:

On August 4, 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Anderson of Clyde observed a glowing yellow "ring of fire" which Mr. Anderson thought was a grain fire and turned in an alarm. Firemen arrived but there was no fire. The next day while running his combine through a field Anderson found a circular area in a field of wheat some 200 feet in diameter which was smashed down. He could find no animal tracks which might indicate animals were there and caused the flattening of the wheat. A week later a "slow, pulsating light" that moved up and down across the hills was seen by several people in the Clyde area. The light was yellow-white and all observers said it was too large to be a star.

The December 28th phenomena took place at 11 P.M. in a stubble field located south-southwest of Milton-Freewater approximately 200 feet from the Old Pendleton Highway. The principal witness, Mr. Arthur J. Wrinkle, is an ex-police officer and is now employed as an installation man on a TV cable project, as well as being a Deputy Sheriff and Constable. At 11 P.M., Wrinkle, family and friends were sitting in the living room. The guests were preparing to leave when Wrinkle's daughter saw flaming debris falling down from the sky. Thinking a plane was in distress, they all rushed outside where they witnessed the slow descent of what appeared to be seven or eight objects on fire. As they fell behind a bluff and out of range of

their vision, a muffled explosion was heard. Mr. Wrinkle and his son jumped on a Honda motorcycle and sped to the field where the objects were presumed to have landed. On the way they met a neighbor, Mr. Roloff, who told them something was burning in the field and he was going to notify local police. The Wrinkles proceeded to the field but could see nothing. They were searching the area with flashlights when local and state police arrived and roped off the area. At this point a hole was discovered which was approximately three feet across and one foot deep. The earth was dry and powdery at this point whereas the rest of the field was a freshly disked wheat stubble field — very damp, and if the ground had not been partially frozen, would have been very muddy.

At the site there was a strange odor hanging in the air which dissipated rather quickly, and was gone shortly after Wrinkle and the police arrived. Upon searching the area further, they found shreds of black, partially burned material with what appeared to be copper tubing attached, within a radius of 100 feet of the depression. The hole and residue was found within 100 feet from Pole 55, a high tension wire hookup running parallel to the highway. The Milton substation is approximately 500 yards from the site, and the lines and station are a part of the Bonneville Dam power line. A microwave relay system is located across the valley from the area of the blast.

The hole was probed but nothing was found except a few small pieces of black, burned material. The residue was sent to the State Police Crime Laboratory and an APRO member who investigated forwarded samples of all material to APRO Headquarters for analysis. A local police officer who is a demolition expert said the odd smell in the area at the site of the blast smelled like kordite, indicating a possibility that dynamite was exploded there. The witnesses, however, could not identify the odor.

State Patrol authorities said that the falling lighted objects were reported from as far away as Arlington, which is 140 miles distant, where witnesses thought a plane had gone down.

Some suspected a hoax initially, but some factors indicated something much less mundane. Two nights prior to the night of the blast, on Tuesday evening, the area of Sunnyside, which is one mile south of Milton-Freewater, and parts of Milton-Freewater were subjected to a blackout lasting from 7:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. Unexplained was the fact that a high tension wire had apparently "arced" to a natural gas line buried in the ground nearby.

Object Trails Train

We are indebted to Mr. W. K. Allan of Calgary, Alberta for a tape and report on an incident which took place on the

13th of October between Red Deer and Mirror, Alberta. Ben Benwick, engineer on a northbound freight from Calgary to Edmonton described a glowing, saucer shaped object which followed his train. At about 2 a.m. on that date, he and another trainman spotted the object hovering over a clump of trees about 120 miles north of Calgary. The underside of the disc glowed white and was ringed with flashing red, blue and green lights. As the train approached, the object elevated and proceeded to fly parallel to the freight for about an hour. A relief crew and station personnel at Mirror also observed the object as Benwick hauled his freight into the station.

First Sightings of 1968 in Brazil

On the 20th of January Deputies Bias Fortes and Pinheiro Chagas of *Brazilia*, Brazil's national capital, reported that they were 15 kilometers from the capital in a car when they saw a triangular-shaped object which hovered in the sky for five minutes and then disappeared. The time of the incident was 6 p.m. and at first the deputies refused to say much about the incident for fear of ridicule. Later they filled in some of the details for the press. The object was first seen in the west and both men got out of the car to watch it. It stayed in one position for about four minutes, then accelerated suddenly and sped toward Goiania.

On the 5th of January a night watchman at the *Sacramento* micro-wave station, described a large bright greenish object which he saw after he was startled awake by a loud blast in the area. Two other watchmen of *Verissimo* and *Harmonia* gave similar descriptions of similar objects seen at about the same time. The greenish object turned yellow and orange and eventually disappeared. This later incident is similar to many being logged at APRO Headquarters involving strange lighted objects seen just prior to, during or just after unexplained blasts or concussions. The towns mentioned in this paragraph are all located in the district of Minas Gerais, which is an area of Brazil which has been visited many times by UFOs. This is also the district where the Uberlandia blackout took place during the flight of a UAO in 1959. (See Mrs. Lorenzen's first book for details).

Landing Near Yarmouth, N.S.

Mr. Percy McBride of Quinan, Nova Scotia, reports that a strange-looking apparatus flew in from the east at 2 a.m. on November 29, 1967 and landed on a hill near him where it stayed for about 15 minutes. The landing site is in a wooded area. The sounds described by Mr. McBride are interesting: he said the object made a noise like "six radios turn-

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ed on—each on a different station.” McBride was initially out in the woods back of Quinan near a big lake where he was camping. He was lying on his back by the fire looking up into the sky when the object came in from the east and “passed by” him. McBride said he got up and saw it land so he went over toward the object, eventually stopping about a quarter of a mile from it. He said the object was flashing “all sorts” of colored lights but that the main body of the object was white. It was about the size of a station wagon, he felt, but about 2 feet thicker. Two aerials protruded up into the air and he heard a clicking sound. He shouted to the object twice, asking “who it was.” When he shouted the second time the aerials folded down into the object and a howling sound was heard as if it was sucking air in. It then took off, taking about 1½ minutes to disappear from sight.

While landed on the hill the object had a square box-like protuberance supported by a pole which hung underneath. When it took off the square box folded up into the main body of the object. Length of McBride's observation: 5 minutes. McBride was frightened by the spectacle and when he returned to his camping spot he extinguished the fire, afraid that the “thing” might come back.

On The Canadian Scene

The number of Canadian sightings of UFOs in the fall of 1967 held fairly steady and continued up into the new year. The following are a selection of those forwarded by our Canadian members.

On the 26th of September, farmer James Creighton and his brother William Creighton and his wife observed a soundless, round, flat object with a brilliant red light in the center of the bottom and four white lights arranged around the circumference as it flew over their farm at 8:15 p.m. Attention was first attracted to the sky by a jet going over, and the object was apparently following it. As the object approached the leading two white lights were as bright as headlights of a car. When it was about overhead the object seemed to bank at a forty-five degree angle and increased its speed until it was out of sight in the sky.

A light-bulb-shaped object was spotted on the night of October 19 by a woman returning to Airdrie from Calgary, Alberta. The woman spotted the object first at 10 p.m. and told her husband and a friend when she arrived at home. The three went outside and watched the object from the porch. They described it as having a reddish glow with a green light haze around it and a white spot in the center—“something like a regular light bulb shape” they said. At one point

it appeared to fall like a meteor, then zipped back up into the sky.

Five objects sporting red, pulsating lights were watched by a newspaper editor and two doctors over Carman on October 22nd. Two men attempted to chase the objects in their cars and although they could not gain on them the objects did not increase their distance either. After about seven miles the two men gave up the chase. The objects faded into the west.

A metallic-appearing disc-shaped object was observed over West Kootenay, British Columbia during the lunch hour on the 25th of October. Sixteen people including two Royal Canadian Mounted Police watched the object for about an hour, after which it moved rapidly into the west and disappeared. Walter Jackson, 29, said that he spotted the object at about noon, and it looked like a dinner plate. He thought it was a jet or a balloon at first as it moved around, circled the town and then just stopped and hovered at what he thought was about a mile altitude. Training a 60 power telescope on the object Jackson was able to make out a raised cabin-like structure on top but no windows or lights were visible. It was metallic-looking on the bottom and red on the top, he told investigators. All those who viewed the object, whether with the naked eye or through the telescope agreed that they could not identify it.

At Carlisle, Ontario on the 28th of October two schoolboys reported observing a hovering object which made no sound. At about 8:55 p.m. the boys said, they spotted the oval-shaped object with flashing red lights hovering at what they estimated to be about 35 feet above the ground. “We were only about 25 yards away from it and we watched for about 10 to 15 minutes,” one of the boys said. The dog belonging to Eddie Hewitson “almost went crazy” said Anthony Terpstra, 15. Both agreed that the object had two white lights and two red lights and was about the size of a car. The red lights, they said, flashed alternately. The boys were observing it as it hovered over two houses on Alderson Road. It came directly overhead and stopped, then appeared to elevate to about 200 feet and headed north by northwest. Traveling at great speed it suddenly made a very sharp turn and then stopped again for a moment before it zipped out of sight. There was no noise accompanying the observation.

One of the 1967 fall incidents involves an object which literally upset the towns of Charleswood and Westdale, Manitoba, Canada on the night of October 22. More than 17 people reported to the RCAF and RCMP concerning their experiences. First sighted at about 6:45 p.m., the object or objects remained visible in various parts of the town until about 3 a.m. the next morning. The phenomenon was first seen over Westdale; a woman called her husband's attention to four flashing white lights over Assiniboia Downs. The

couple could not determine whether or not the lights were connected but they stayed together and sped across the sky at high speed toward the southwest.

At about 9 p.m. Mrs. Marion Harding picked up a flashing object in her telescope which remained fixed for a few moments and then was gone. It apparently disappeared when a plane approached. At 3 a.m. a woman woke up, went to the kitchen for a drink of water, and noticed an object with flashing red and green lights over the roof of a house across the street. A “silver-colored something” could be seen between the lights, she said, but she couldn't discern what it was. She didn't wake her husband as she felt he wouldn't believe her anyway.

At about the same time that Mrs. Harding observed the object people in Westdale, across town, spotted something. A couple caught sight of something from their living room window, but saw little except red lights that moved at great speed, changed shape (or formation) and seemed to form a figure 7. Two streets away from that sighting a salesman and saleswoman were showing a couple of prospective buyers some new homes. As they went outside preparatory to leaving they saw red lights hovering over a field about 300 yards away. They said the lights were a brilliant ruby red and two of the group walked toward the lights but did not approach too close. No sound was made, the object or lights stayed in that position for a few moments and then rose and veered toward the Perimeter Highway where it appeared to hover over the Hydro transmission tower. It remained fixed in that position for a few moments and then was gone.

At about 10 a.m. the next morning a painter who was working near the homes where the group of people had watched the object over the field, heard a curious “whining” whistle directly overhead and looked up but couldn't see anything. It lasted about two or three minutes.

On the Monday afternoon after the series of sightings RCMP officers as well as RCAF personnel were in the field where the object or objects had been hovering. Mrs. Marion Harding, working on behalf of APRO, was there and observed the photo-taking and investigation. She reports that no radioactivity was found but that three different types of impressions were found on the ground. One was a very narrow, deep-heeled, elongated print much like that of a woman's shoe, about 11 inches long. The second was a round cloven print in groupings of three and four—much like the tracks of a deer. The third was a rounded, horse-shoe type print which occurred in tight doubles like a figure eight.

The official investigators declined to give their names to anyone, and would not make any comment about the prints found at the scene where the object had been reported hovering the night before.

An 18-year-old postal clerk reported that on the morning of the 8th of No-

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vember he and four fellow workers watched a UFO in the skies over Sudbury, Ontario for about 10 minutes. Ronald Berube of Maner, Ontario said the object appeared to be about 10 to 15 times the size of a star and about 1500 feet in the air. It seemed to plunge earthward about 500 feet in a split second, and then took off and out of sight.

Harold Lee of Calgary, Alberta reported to authorities and the press that at 10:20 p.m. on the night of November 28 he was driving north on Highway 1A about a mile south of Aldersyde when the dash lights on his car began to flicker. The headlights also began to dim but the car engine was not affected. Recalling a similar incident in that area, Lee looked outside the car for mysterious lights of any kind. He saw a bluish green glow about 1,000-1,500 feet above his car which was moving from west to east. At Aldersyde he stopped his car and then heard a dull roar about the same intensity of that of a jet engine, and nothing else.

The Alliston-Cookstown-Barrie area of Ontario was the scene of a UFO chase by Ontario Provincial Policemen on the 21st of November. The slow-moving brilliant white light was first spotted by an Allison constable at about 4 a.m. and a few minutes later Constables Paul Kendrick and Harold Rose also saw the object and tried to catch up with it. Constable Ed Ziliotto of Barrie heard discussion of the object on the police radio and drove south until he spotted the object drifting westward over Lake Simcoe.

At Sarnia, Ontario where there has been considerable UFO activity in the past, two local police observed and followed a set of flashing red, green and white lights for more than half an hour on the same morning. City Constable G. D. Nicholson said that he was driving his police cruiser east on Cathcart Blvd. when he spotted the flashing light ahead of him at 4:15 a.m. Nicholson first thought the object was an airplane light, then he spotted another light, a brilliant white one this time, directly south of the first set of lights. Another car summoned to help identify the lights met Nicholson and Constable Balford watched with him. The two did not believe the object were stars as they were moving faster than stars or planets; also, the lights were clearly seen below the overcast in the east. They shortly had to discontinue their watch (about 5 a.m.) when they had to leave for their specific patrols.

In the farming district about 100 miles northeast of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Mr. John Hryszak and Gary Kostiuk spent two hours chasing "first one object and then another" between 7:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. on December 3rd. The first object, just a brilliant light, was sighted by Mr. Hryszak near Highway

20 about four miles from Crystal Springs. His sister and her husband were visiting the farm, left to go home and about 20 minutes after they left the sister called and was so excited she could hardly talk. She said a large, radiant object had passed almost in front of their car causing them to stop, as they drove home from Hryszak's farm. Her husband, Gary Kostiuk, his father and Mr. Hryszak decided to investigate. During the next hour and a half they saw "three or four" objects which would appear, then vanish, then "pop up" elsewhere. At one point a dome-like object rested about 500 feet from them and illuminated the area. Its light seemed to come from within, the observers reported. After this experience, further down the road a glowing red object came toward the car and when it was almost above the car it changed to white. No sound was heard during this series of sightings.

Past Sightings Come to Light

Along with the usual flow of reports coming into headquarters are some old but very interesting ones which we will summarize here:

In the spring of 1944 or 1945 two grammar school teachers observed a cigar-shaped object which gave an impression of being transparent with rainbow colors and with lighted "ports" along its side, while driving near Auberry, Calif. in the Western Sierra Nevada mountains. The two ladies had gone to the mountains to deliver clothing gathered by a church group for the Indians there. On their way home as they rounded a curve on the mountain road the car's engine stalled. At that time they saw in front and just slightly below their level, the object which hung motionless in the air. The trees of the forested mountainside on the other side of it could not be seen through the object despite the illusion of transparency. After watching the object and commenting upon it for some time the driver of the car turned the key and attempted to start the engine. At that time the object began to glide "like a dirigible" out of the ravine to the mouth of the valley. When it reached the valley it rose straight up several times, then suddenly shot into the west with breath-taking speed and was gone within seconds. Not long after the object left a man came along who was a garage man in a tow truck and tried to find out what was wrong with the engine but could find no reason for the stall. All of a sudden the engine started by itself.

Our next case took place on the day after Thanksgiving in November of 1952 and is a case which has been talked about often but which we had not been able to resolve before. At about 4 P.M., on that day a secretary was working in a building on the MGM movie lot at Culver City, Calif. She and her boss were waiting for the crew to finish on Lot No. 2. Suddenly one of those for whom

they were waiting came running into the building, grabbed his belongings and messages. The secretary asked him if he was finished already. The man, on his way out the door, stopped and said no, they hadn't finished but they were through for the day. A flying saucer had come down over the filming crew, he said and if she came outside she could see it. The three ran into the street and the man pointed to 70 degrees elevation in the west where a tiny silvery disc could still be seen. While they stood and watched the secretary heard the full story. In the secretary's words: "When rehearsals have been completed and camera, lights and sound are satisfied with their positions, they call "Quiet," "Ready to Roll" and if the action takes place outside, all the crew scan the sky. "Hold it — there's one over there!" pointing to an airplane—probably a Piper Cub—soon the noise begins and they wait until it has gone. On Lot No. 2, too near the International Airport, the delays caused by the noise of aircraft can be measured in "Man Hours Per Diem"—especially since a movie lot is a target for every sightseer in the sky!" Unquote.

On the particular afternoon with which we are concerned, when the crew was ready to roll and the cameras were loaded, the crew scanned the sky and one of them shouted "Overhead. Hold it!" They looked up and saw a flying saucer above them. It came directly down as if to observe the action. The cameraman turned his camera upward and shot his film. The UFO elevated and sped off to the west and one music assistant left immediately for Lot No. 1, anxious to get home and tell his wife.

It was still visible when the music assistant arrived at the building where our informant was located. Before the assistant left for home another music assistant came up to report that the Air Force had been called and everyone on Lot No. 2 was to meet with the Air Force representative in the auditorium on the following Monday at 2 P.M.

During the next week our informant tried to find out from various people if the film was developed and what it showed but got a constant brush-off. Finally the music assistant who had informed about the meeting with Air Force representatives said to her, "Jean, forget it. We've been told not to discuss it. This is national security."

The names of the principals in the above case are on file at APRO Headquarters but it is felt that if they do not wish to have their names known those wishes should be honored.

A close encounter with what seems to have been a Saturn-shaped UFO took place on January 7, 1966 near Mobile, Alabama and involved an 18-year-old boy. The sighting did not become public until the recent publicity given to the UFO subject. The basic facts as related by the principal, Gary Finch:

Gary, the son of an Assembly of God

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minister and a well-thought-of boy, was rushing home from school to get ready for work at a grocery near his home in Wilmer, which is northwest of Mobile, Alabama. He had dropped off a friend, then headed home where he hoped to get his car washed before reporting on the job. His old auto was bouncing along a deeply rutted red clay road outside of Wilmer when, just as he rounded a curve he saw before him a globe-shaped object hovering over the intersection of the road he was traveling, and Brannan Highway. Finch said he was fascinated by the appearance of the object and could hardly keep from looking at it. He brought his car to a stop at the edge of the paved road, just a few feet from the object, and left the engine running. On top of the object was a light which kept blinking on and off. The object descended to within five feet of the ground and Gary described the noise it made thusly: "It was whining . . . you really couldn't hear it. I mean, you could hear it, but it wasn't really loud. It was real high, just sorta stings your ears — like a turbine or generator or something turning."

The object had the classic shape of the planet Saturn, being surrounded by a ring, which had no apparent connection with the main body and was about 19-20 inches out from it. The apparent size of the ring itself was 10-12 inches, and there were what appeared to be diamond-shaped notches spaced about a foot apart on the ring. The light on top was green, about the size of a softball and had a pitted appearance much like a golf ball. On the bottom of the globe was an apparatus which looked like a hoop and below it the outline of what appeared to be an entrance. The whole thing was silver and did not look like metal to Finch. He said it looked like 10-inch thick glass with an aluminum or silver coating on the inside.

After observing these details Finch became frightened and decided to leave and backed up his car. He intended to "sneak" around the thing, but as his front wheels touched the pavement the car coughed and "went dead." He tried to re-start it with no luck. A second or so later the object took off into the north with a whining sound which sounded much like a siren. Finch then tried the starter again and the car began to function normally.

Finch discussed the incident with only a few friends and his family, and contacted the Air Force which sent investigators. Finch told them how his watch, which had always worked well before, had stopped at 3:27, the time he skidded to a stop near the object. Over the spot on the blacktop highway where the object had hovered was found a two-foot wide pool of "dingy, dirty, chocolate brown substance." It smelled like sul-

phur and the odor lingered for more than a week. According to the Mobile Press for January 22, 1968, the Air Force had said that the Finch report was placed in a category of "hoaxes, hallucinations unreliable reports and psychological cases." Checks with Finch's colleagues and teachers at Southeastern Bible College in Lakeland, Florida, where he is a student, indicate that he is a very reliable young man.



Three Discs Photographed In Yugoslavia

On the 23rd of November 1967, an amateur astronomer, Damir Gradis and other amateurs were watching the sky from the observatory in Zagreb, Yugoslavia when they saw three unidentified flying objects, two "hanging" in the sky and the third moving slowly without noise. All three gave off a bluish colored light. No further information is available concerning the sighting and members in Europe who may have further details are asked to furnish same as soon as possible.

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Disc Over Redlands, Calif.

On the 4th of February at about 7:20 p.m., about 200 residents of Redlands, California either saw or heard a huge low-flying disc-shaped object and at least one recording was made of the sound. Descriptions of the object forwarded to APRO indicate that the object seen was very much like the object seen by Rev. Father William Gill in New Guinea in June, 1959, although no occupants were seen in the Redlands case. A minister conducting services in a church in Redlands and recording the text of his sermon, obtained a recording of the sound which all described as a high-pitched modulated whining sound much like that of the "flying saucer" seen on the TV Program, "The Invaders." The investigation is being conducted by APRO Advisor and member Dr. Philip Seff of the University of Redlands. A complete report will be contained in our March-April issue.

New Photo of Landed Object

Shown at the left is a reproduction of a colored slide of an object on a mountain top in the Peruvian Andes 300 miles from Lima. The photo was taken by a passenger on a Lima to Buenos Aires jet flight in 1962 and furnished to APRO by an Argentine member. The Lima-Buenos Aires flight has been discontinued so it is not now possible to check the area although efforts are still being made. However, the large object is not the type of building to be found in that inaccessible area and inquiries to the Peruvian Air Force have not elicited any information. Close inspection of the slide indicates the circular object is just above the ground rather than resting on it.

More U.S.A. November Reports

Three boys of Scribner, Nebraska reported that at 9:15 p.m. on November 19th they spotted a football-shaped object while hunting five miles south of Scribner. It was in the vicinity of Maple Creek and appeared to be about 100 feet above the ground and travelling fast. They attempted to follow it but were soon lost. One side of the object had a red glow and the other side a white glow with a bluish cast.

An object seen from North Adams, Massachusetts and Stamford, Vermont as well as other points was generally written off as a sighting of a meteor despite the fact that at least one witness' description of the object precludes that explanation. Mrs. Gigliotti of North Adams was driving home from church at 6:30 p.m. when she saw "the thing" coming toward her car. Just before it

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reached her, it "swooped up," then hovered over a tree which she estimated to be between 50 and 70 feet tall. The object consisted of a circular mass of very bright lights. After a few seconds the object left, as soundlessly as it had come, emitting a glow from the trailing edge.

An object described by the viewer as a "flattened bell-shaped object" flew wing with a pilot for a period of 5 to 6 minutes on November 26th. The pilot was 46 air miles east of El Cajon, Calif. when the object first appeared, and it left when he was at 70 miles east of the city. He had taken off from Gillespie Field in El Cajon at 3:20 p.m. and was cruising at 140 miles per hour. The sky was cloudy, the pilot climbed above the clouds where visibility was very good. The object was first sighted at between 4,000-5,000 feet and it stayed at this altitude for 2-3 minutes off the right wing-tip of his plane, then pulled away toward the East. When it pulled away it went up to "at least 7,000 feet." The pilot tried to follow it and climbed to 7,000 but it outdistanced him. The pilot, who said the object glowed an orange-red color, said he estimated it was 30-40 feet in diameter and between 10 and 20 feet thick.

On the same night, at about 7:30 p.m. a woman reported to Deputy Sheriff Blair Siepert that a brilliant object had trailed her car as she drove along the Archer-Lyman Highway near Rexburg, Idaho. She claimed that she spotted lights being reflected from above on the telegraph and telephone wires and when she looked up she noticed the object. It was also traveling east but above her car. When she turned south toward her home the object turned also, keeping on the east side of the car. She then rolled down the window and heard a whistling noise like a motor running at high speed. The object appeared to be round and had several bright yellowish-orange lights. Frightened, she speeded up and the object kept pace with her. When she arrived home the object turned and went directly east. She rushed into her home and brought her family out, who managed to see the lights disappearing into the east. When the object speeded up, the woman said, the lights got brighter.

The Question of Proof— A New Slant

By K. Gosta Rehn

People have seen it, heard no sound from it except some at close-range, smelled it and felt its effects (radiations etc.). It is obvious to everyone who has studied thousands of hard-core cases that the UFO is a real flying craft and not merely a mystical "phenomenon." When the observations are correlated you are amazed to find that in the main the details of the descriptions and gener-

al patterns agree with an almost tiresome regularity. Encouraged you proceed to apply the simple rule found in many sciences: From the particulars of the cases in mutual agreement you arrive at a generalization, the conclusion that the flying saucers are real. In my Swedish book of 1966, an orientation on the UFO problem, I put it like this: "If an unknown flying thing X, always accompanied by the properties, a, b, c, d, etc., has been competently observed thousands of times, the reports even having been instrumentally verified, it follows that X is a new reality, a new specimen of a flying craft." Furthermore, since the typical properties of X (the mere wobbling on edge in tight turns may settle many a dispute) are absent in the numerous objects and phenomena, quoted as misinterpretations, i.e. false saucers, X reveals its extraterrestrial origin. The idea of this origin is a working hypothesis, also affirmed by the observations of the intelligent manoeuvres and of the occupants of X.

This is the *qualitative* model of proof of the reality of the saucers. Statistical demonstration may give the model a rather quantitative frame. According to Prof. Allen Hynek (in Allers, a Swedish Weekly) the skillful statistical work of Dr. Jacques Vallee has so far confirmed the patterns sought for.

But, oh no, in the stern, if not philistine, minds of the astronomers and physicists this sort of proof would not do. They want a *quantitative* proof, measurements as per the rigorous methods of physics. There is no such proof, they say, there is only a highly *subjective* circumstantial evidence and relying on numerous misinterpretations they reject the whole pressing UFO problem. The saucers still do not exist in the edifice of physics. Meanwhile, new "natural" explanations of UFO pop up such as the lightning ball or plasma ball theory of Mr. Klass in Washington. Incidentally, this theory was seized on with delight by Swedish professional sceptics and slipshod journalists. By comparing the form, exterior, the feats, effects and duration of the saucers with those of the alleged plasma conglomerations the task of refuting this new addition to saucer debunking schemes will be an easy one.

However, the UFO problem cuts across all sciences. It is unprecedented and absolutely unique. In our gropings we are by no means thrown upon physics and astronomy as our only recourse. The UFO problem is eminently fitted to be passed upon by modern scientific philosophy. Its *theory of science* is the proper forum for judging the UFO problem. And I have found that such a forum entitles me to claim *legitimate scientific validity* for the above qualitative model of proof. This approach lets us find the only road amidst the bickerings.

Briefly, the theory of science or the philosophy of science is a special function of modern scientific philosophy. In this forum are aired scientific differ-

ences, aims and informations. "Philosophy" aims at results which the other sciences can neither prove nor disprove. It may frame large general hypotheses which science is not yet in a position to test; but when it becomes possible to test the hypotheses they become, if verified, a part of science, and cease to count as "philosophy" (Bertrand Russell): Some specialists call it the science of sciences.

In a matter so charged with conflict as is the UFO problem, it appears at the outset that the philosophic theory of science in its considerations should be endowed with *superiority* over and above branches of science such as physics. Anyone who thinks of philosophy as a lot of moonshine, should consider the present unresolved conflicts in science, consider the great philosophers, grounded in the natural sciences, and on the other hand consider the famous physicists of our day who have turned philosophers in order to clarify their view of the world or to discuss their special problems.

The theory of knowledge is a part of the theory of science. How we get knowledge in various degrees, depends a lot on *perception*. Observation is a corner stone in science. If A sees an object and B is assigned to check A's perception as an objective outsider, B may start to establish an intricate causal chain originating from the light waves emanating from the object, travelling through a medium, the atmosphere, and finally hitting the retina of A. It is all very difficult physics and so far so good. But what next happens in the brain of A is not accessible to direct observation and cannot be tested by the objective method. We know of course from nerve physiology that the stimulus on the retina triggers off an impulse travelling along the optic nerve to the visual center in the brain. At most it may be ascertained that some sort of colored pattern has been formed on the retina of A that cannot in any way represent the true character of the object or the full-blooded picture perceived.

When you consider self-observation or introspection, however, things will look different. The subjective, private perception may yield an adequate direct knowledge about the object. We not only react to external objects, but we *know* that we react. Consciousness, memory, past reaction pattern, expectation etc. are involved. Witness psychology may make sure that these events in the brain have not distorted the picture perceived and described. Neither is witness psychology in checking the reliability of an UFO report overlooking the factor of terror, that in many cases has put the vegetative nervous system out of commission with obnoxious bodily consequences. This factor may strengthen the reliability of a lone witness who relates his harrowing experience with an UFO. Generally, the similarity of details in the reports enhances credibility of individ-

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ual accounts. Quoting modern Gestalt-psychology, form and wholeness are primary facts in perception. And every UFO report speaks of form.

The point in the theory of science relevant to the UFO problem is that in perception of an object self-observation is acknowledged to be a source of true knowledge. Thus the objections of hostile UFO critics about the alleged unreliable *subjectivity* in the saucer reports falls to the ground. The excellent definition by Anatol Rapoport illustrates the point: "Man is a self-studying servomechanism"—in distinction to other animals. Shorn of divers irrelevant elements in his perception the observer may behold a satisfactory picture of an UFO. What is it that is not subjective? Even in physics the testing of an instrument reading by another depends on self-observation. Nobody can claim that the two observations were exactly the same in time and space. A certain if ever so insignificant difference is always slipping in. Hence physics is also infected with subjectivity.

The above account is largely a crude simplification of Russell's theory of science, espoused by most philosophers. Lord Bertrand Russell is a scientist and the greatest philosopher of our time. Perception is the intricate, recurrent subject in his books. Note that the authors of several new books on perception confine themselves to the nerve-physiological-psychological aspects only and not to the wider philosophical analysis of perception.

In Spring 1966 three Swedish scientists conducted a discussion in a newspaper. It was mentioned that absolute faith in science does not agree with modern theory of science. The orders, rules, laws and formulas we develop in our scientific systems are *models*. They are no unambiguous and conclusive descriptions of reality. We are entitled to choose among these models and select the one that is best suited for our account of reality. On different levels, on different interpretative stages, different kind of models may be eligible, befitting for our orientation.

Bertrand Russell, the logical empiricist, praises physics as the most advanced of all sciences. However, he has also pointed out the new statistical views of approximation that are making inroads in modern science. In harmony with the above Swedish discussion and with his theory of science he says:

"Those who think that science is everything become complacent and cocksure, and decry all interest in problems not having the circumscribed definiteness that is necessary for scientific treatment . . . On the other hand, those who pooh-pooh science revert, as a rule, to some ancient and pernicious superstition (of the occult UFO interpreters) . . . Those who have a passion for quick re-

turns and for an exact balance sheet of effort and reward may feel impatient of a study which cannot, in the present state of our knowledge, arrive at certainties, and which encourages what may be thought the time-wasting occupation of inconclusive meditation on insoluble problems. To this view I cannot in any way subscribe . . . The demand for certainty is one which is natural to man, but is nevertheless an intellectual vice . . . Dogmatism and scepticism are both, in a sense, absolute philosophies; one is certain of knowing, the other of not knowing. What philosophy should dissipate is *certainty*, whether of knowledge or of ignorance. Knowledge is not so precise a concept as is commonly thought . . . all our knowledge is, in a greater or less degree, uncertain and vague . . . One may say broadly: all that passes for knowledge can be arranged in a hierarchy of degrees of certainty, with arithmetic and the facts of perception at the top." "Scientific laws may be very nearly certain, or only slightly probable, according to the state of evidence."

These lucid lines from Russell's "Unpopular Essays" hits the key to the whole UFO problem. They also give a severe jolt to the absolutism or dogmatism of the anti-saucer crowd of scientists, military men and their dupes. The denials of these die-hards of saucer reality are in fact a contribution to saucer psychology. They are victims to the wide-spread debunking propaganda. In the name of high science the professors feel insulted when contradicted on a supposedly shabby subject such as the UFO-problem. Clanship spirit helps saving loss of prestige by upholding the UFO-taboo and refraining from studying the UFOs. Above all they are victims of a *scientific gross misjudgment* of the UFO problem. Probably they are not aware of the fact that they have violated the principles of modern scientific theory. They have not as yet realized that in the scientific UFO-problem, that cuts across borderlines, philosophy of science has jurisdiction and must rule on the problem, claiming superiority over sundry scientific professions.

You simply cannot stand on the demand of the physical sciences for quantitative measurements and for 100% certainty as to the reality of the flying miracle machines, and at the same time throw at the side the enormous evidence mustered in ten thousands of observation reports. Furthermore, these antagonists have not lifted a finger to help accomplishing their objective, such as the creation of scouting networks on the watch for procuring photographs, spectrographs and other evidence that could bring in the wanted measureable data. Consequently, their proof requirements rest on a shaky ground. In the light of recent developments the burden of proof should be shifted to the deniers. It is about time that this grotesque controversy about the UFOs be stopped, nourished as it is by a false propaganda.

Among the admirable, serious books on the subject I find two by Dr. Jacques Vallee. All through they breathe confidence in the reality of the saucers. But there are important exceptions. In Vallee's "Anatomy" and in his "Challenge" there is a muddled verbiage that pays a timid tribute to the inapplicable scientific standards of the adversaries. The long-winded pronouncements by Vallee are confusing. What they amount to is this: UFO exists only on pieces of paper, called reports. We really have the right to analyze stories on those papers—imagine: But not the UFO itself: UFO is only a "phenomenon," you know, a perception of a visual object. The alleged "object" escapes rational analysis. The observations, which the naive UFOlogist thinks is an empirical treasure, are of no value in themselves. They only illustrate a phenomenon. The UFO phenomenon, he goes on, sometimes "manifests" itself. But that is only in the image. Now Vallee starts to classify and claims "a completely different point of view, which apparently has never been presented before" (of my slant submitted). After some mysterious eliminations "we are left with a set of reports which we call manifestations of the UFO phenomenon."

Why this beating about the bush? If Vallee holds that the UFO phenomenon is a forever hidden mystery, it has become a "thing-in itself" that Kant speaks about. Thus Vallee, like Michel, seems to subscribe to a philosophical *phenomenalism* that is discarded by modern philosophy. Or, does he find it practical to hedge about in Vaihingers "as-if" philosophy in his frantic endeavor to appear sceptical and scientifically respectable? I think that these passages are a flaw in his fine work.

Naturally, I hail Vallee as a great comrade in the UFO-game. I join his plea for a world-wide correlation of UFO-reports and for bringing every tool of modern scientific technique to bear upon the problem (mathematical statistics, computer technique, operation analysis, cybernetics and the information theory, the theory of games etc.). A lot of work is awaiting the courageous, costing millions and time. My special plea here is for scrutiny of the problem in the light of scientific philosophy. It may be a short-cut. I cannot bother 96-year-old Bertrand Russell, but there are professors in this specialty, who might be willing to take time off and study my outline. I am thinking of professors Stephen Toulmin in the USA, Karl Popper in England, Hakan Tornebohm in Sweden—not to speak of several interested scientists, active in their own fields. Finally, a note of hopefulness: a future cooperation by an agency of U.N.

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BOY BURNED BY UAO IN OHIO

Remains Of Crashed UFO In Colombia

On the 12th of February three ear-splitting blasts resounded through the plains area near Orocué, Colombia. Natives of the area said that a strange metallic-appearing disc-shaped object had been seen speeding through the skies only seconds before the blasts were heard. Immediately following the blasts local residents began to search in the direction where they had seen debris falling to the earth and finally discovered a large piece of strange metal which was taken to Bogota later (on the 20th) for examination by scientists. According to press reports, scientists from a dozen countries arrived to examine the object which was obviously metal, very hard, displaying tiny grooves in places which were thought to be a result of the explosion and extreme heat. Efforts to cut up the metal to facilitate transportation were unsuccessful, therefore it had to be transported in one piece to Bogota — thus the delay in delivery. The piece which was retrieved was three meters in diameter, weighed 57 kilograms, and was found at Pitipui, six hours from Orocué City. The metal's longer measurement is 5 meters (about 18 feet). It is generally shaped like a mud guard from an automobile. One Air Attache from another country said that in his opinion the object was doubtlessly extraterrestrial in origin. Except for the minute grooves, the metal is very smooth and has orangish and greenish hues and when struck by the hand, or any other metal, gives back a sound which seems to be magnified several times. There was no appendage to the metal which could be construed to be a part of a propulsion system. This incident is being investigated and as soon as further information is available it will be presented in the Bulletin.

Photographs For Sale

In response to continued requests from members, APRO will offer various UFO photographs for sale. Those interested may write to APRO Headquarter requesting a list of photographs available, together with prices.

The Strange Case Of The Frozen Pond

Samples of ice taken from a pond over which a UAO hovered on February 18th are undergoing tests by APRO specialists in an attempt to determine what caused the water in the pond to freeze during above freezing weather at Vashon Island, Washington, U.S.A. The following information taken from a report forwarded by Dave Akers of Mountlake Terrace, Washington, comprises the basic facts:

Three youths, all between 18 and 19 years old, drove into a gravel pit approximately 1 mile east of the town of Vashon on Vashon Island between 12 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Sunday morning, February 18th. They drove on an access road through heavy rain to a point where the road ended in a pond. A U turn was made at the edge of the pond and the car was stopped facing north on the access road. After the car was stopped all three witnesses observed a glowing object resting on a hill to the right of the car, or east. The witnesses described the object as oval or crescent shaped and having a glow which they found difficult to describe. "A shiny type of glow" or "reflected light" or a "pale, bluish-white" light was the closest that the trio could come to a description.

Initially, the trio had been comprised of Richard Frombach, 18; Boone Powers and another boy. They returned to Vashon to get others. Frombach did not return but Joseph Frabush, 17, came back with Powers. Powers parked his car on the main road and the two walked into the pit area on the access road. Upon rounding the curve of the access road they observed the object which apparently had moved from its original position and was now on their left. Frabush described the object as lens-shaped, about the size of a compact station wagon and made of shiny metal. The estimate of the size of the object by Frombach had been "about 30 feet." Frabush also had difficulty describing the quality of the light, but insisted that it was reflected rather than generated by the object.

Powers bolted immediately after he saw the object for the second time and when Frabush noted that he was gone, he also ran for the car. They then drove

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The following report, not complete in all details at this writing, has been and is under investigation by Dennis Jones of Wheeling, W. Virginia. Further details, if important, will be published at a later date.

At 8:30 on Tuesday, March 19th, 12-year-old Gregory Wells, was walking from his grandfather's house, 2½ miles west of Beallsville, Ohio (southwest of Wheeling, W. Va.) to the trailer home of his parents. Gregory was carrying a large insulated picnic jug full of water. The water line to the trailer had frozen and broken during the winter and the Wells' had been carrying their water from the grandparents' home, just a short distance away.

The boy had almost reached the front door of the trailer when he looked over his right shoulder. A large, red football-shaped object with four red lights was hovering across the highway above the two trees. He heard a noise "like a generator" and saw a tube come out of the underside of the object in the middle. The tube moved around until it was pointing at Gregory.

At this point the boy became very frightened and started to run but a red beam of light flashed out of the tube and struck Gregory in his right arm by his shoulder and knocked him to the ground. The jug was dropped to the ground and his jacket was in flames. His mother and grandmother heard his screams and ran to help him. His mother opened the jug and tried to drown the fire with the water and meanwhile Gregory managed to tear off the burning jacket and it lay on the ground in flames. He was wearing a heavy sweatshirt under the jacket which protected him from the flames.

The two women helped Gregory inside and tried to calm him. The grandmother went to her home and woke her husband who called Mr. Wells at a Masonic lodge meeting in Beallsville. Mr. Wells came home immediately and took the boy to the Barnesville Hospital.

Dr. Phillips who looked at the boy's burns, recommended the application of vaseline to the second degree burns. The largest of the two was the size of a 50c piece and was located between his elbow and his shoulder on the back part of his arm. The other smaller one was located just behind his shoulder and al-

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Sprinkle's Hypnotic Techniques Utilized At U. of C.

Recently, at the request of the UFO study group at the University of Colorado, APRO advisor Dr. Leo Sprinkle, pro-

fessor of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming, demonstrated the hypnotic technique which he had recommended in the Lorenzen's book "Flying Saucer Occupants."

Dr. Sprinkle used this technique in an attempt to bring out more details in the case of officer Schirmer of Ashland, Nebraska, who had reported a lapse of memory in connection with a UFO experience. This hypnotic session, which was conducted in the presence of a major part of the committee, including Dr. Condon, was generally successful in that further information was obtained through the application of hypnotic techniques. Unfortunately, on his return to Nebraska, officer Schirmer gave a press conference and according to members of the University of Colorado committee, much of the information carried by the press as a result of this conference was simply untrue. A further unfortunate circumstance is that various private UFO study groups have picked up and propagated this false information.

At a later date the APRO Bulletin hopes to carry an accurate account of the Schirmer hypnotic session based on Dr. Sprinkle's report. As a matter of ethics, it is felt that we must first obtain permission from the University of Colorado study group to publish this information since the session was carried out under their sponsorship.



Greenwell Tours S. A.

Mr. Richard Greenwell, APRO's Representative for Peru returned to Lima on February 28th after an extended tour through South America where he visited representatives and members and various officials in Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. A full report has been submitted to APRO Headquarters in Tucson in which he makes suggestions and comments on the current status of UFO research in those countries. The future for APRO looks very bright as Mr. Greenwell made arrangements for greater cooperation between APRO and the existing groups as well as arrangements to obtain certain very detailed reports which have not been published or forwarded to other groups before. As these are available they will be published in the Bulletin. Mr. Greenwell's photo,

which was not available for the new brochure, is shown above.

Salisbury To Contribute To Soviet Book

The Russian magazine "Soviet Life," in its February 1968 issue, carries an article by Felix Zigel, Doctor of Science (Technology) and Assistant Professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute titled, simply, "Unidentified Flying Objects." In addition to several very good sightings in the Soviet Union, Zigel theorizes about the possibility that the great Tungusky "meteorite" was actually a large artificial body or space ship.

The same article announces the forthcoming publication of a book titled "Populated Outer Space" to be edited by Boris Konstantinov, Vice President of the USSR Academy of Sciences. One of the contributors to the book will be Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, Biologist and member of APRO's Scientific Staff. The anthology will have a special section devoted to the UFO subject.

The Phoenix UFO Forum

On the 15th of March, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen drove to Phoenix, Arizona, to prepare for the UFO Panel Discussion held at the Dell Webb Townehouse on the evening of the 16th and sponsored by the Phoenix Executives Club. Dr. Harder, a member of the panel, was arriving from Berkeley, California by jet at about 4 p.m., so the Lorenzens met him and the three proceeded to the El Cortez Hotel, where they were lodged for the weekend. Dr. Sprinkle arrived at about 7 p.m. and was met at Sky Harbor Airport by Mr. John McChesney, a Phoenix member. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beal, Miss Joyce Davis, Mr. and Mrs. McChesney, Dr. Sprinkle, Dr. Harder and the Lorenzens met at Neptune's Table for dinner and to discuss the events of the next day. Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of APRO's Staff arrived later that evening. He had delivered four seminars at the University of Arizona on the afternoon of the 15th and fortunately was in the area so that he could get together with the APRO group that weekend. Dr. Philip Seff of APRO's Staff arrived that evening also.

On the morning of the 16th, preparations were completed for the lobby display of about 25 photos and artists' conceptions of certain UFO sightings. The Lorenzens had the pleasure of meeting again with Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, past president of the NICAP Southern California affiliate, who was a member of the panel, as well as Dr. David Saunders, formerly with the University of Colorado Condon Committee. Present at a TV filming session were Gordon Lore, Assistant Director of NICAP and NICAP member Dr. James McDonald of the University of (See Forum — Page Four)

Boy—

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most under his right arm.

Monroe County Civil Defense Director Ward Strickling was called to the Wells' home after the incident. He informed APRO's investigator, Mr. Jones, that he took a Geiger counter to the Wells home and checked both the boy and the clothing but found no unusual radioactivity.

Sheriff F. L. Sulsberger sent the clothing to OBIC in London, Ohio for further analysis. OBIC is the laboratory where Ohio law enforcement officials send clues and evidence for thorough examination.

Other pertinent information: Before and during Gregory's experience, all the dogs in the neighborhood were barking and howling, including his dog and his grandmother's dog.

Gregory's mother, Mrs. James Wells and his grandmother, Mrs. Claud Wells, saw the red object with a band of darker red lights flashing around the center after they ran to his aid. It was still hovering above the same two trees where the boy had said it was when he first spotted it. They watched it for about 10 minutes after which it disappeared. It did not leave—it faded out.

During Mr. Jones' interrogations he learned that Gregory had spotted the same object or a similar one two nights before the burning incident. It had been above the same two trees but the tube which protruded from the bottom had appeared to be twice as long as the one on the object on the night of the 19th. He only watched the object for about 10 seconds after which it faded from view. The tube he viewed the second time appeared to be about 5 feet long.

On the same night as the burning incident a Miss Janet Spears observed the same type of object between 9 and 9:15 in the same area.

Mr. James Wells, a retired Tech Sergeant who spent 20 years in the Air Force, notified the Air Force of the incident and they said they would investigate. However, no investigation had been undertaken at the time Dennis Jones carried out his investigation at 4:30 p.m. on March 22nd. Mr. Jones, after talking with the principals at length, felt that the people involved were telling merely what they saw, and he felt that Gregory was telling the truth. There appears to be no indication of a hoax.

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into Vashon to get more people to come and see the thing.

When the next group of people came to the scene the object was gone, but it was found that a pond of water approximately 100 feet in diameter and located in the gravel pit was completely covered with ice. The discovery was reported to Sheriff Don Holke at 2 a.m. He investigated immediately.

tures in the area were well above freezing and had been so for several days previous to the sighting. Puddles bordering the frozen pond which should have frozen first because of the small amount and shallowness of the water involved, had absolutely no ice, nor was the mud frozen. Holke reported to the press that the pond was frozen solid and that mud as much as one foot from the edge of the pond was firm in places. Another unusual feature of the ice was its unusual dryness considering the fact that it was raining very heavily at the time. The pond was checked for radiation and no abnormal levels were discovered.

Other details uncovered during the subsequent investigation were that the ice on the pond measured as much as three inches thick in spots and that it was formed in layers ranging from two to five in quantity. The ice was also riddled with large numbers of bubbles containing air and dirt.

Officer Holke sent soil and water samples to the King County Sheriff's Crime Laboratory in Seattle. Mr. Akers contacted the doctor who was to do the analysis on March 4th to learn of any results but found that the analysis had not been performed due to a heavy work load at the laboratory. He agreed to turn over the samples to APRO provided he received a copy of the final report.

Akers concludes that the possibility of a prank is unlikely because of the size of the affected area of the pond. Some of the puzzling aspects include the nature of the light. Witnesses had difficulty describing it, insisted that it was reflected, despite the fact there was a heavy overcast and no sources of light were known to be in the area which could have caused the reflection. Also, a triangular depressed area was found at the southeast edge of the pond in the vicinity of where the object was originally seen.

The Straight Facts

Although we seldom use Bulletin space for anything besides incidents and information directly connected with UFOs, we feel it necessary, in view of the editorial in the March UFO Investigator, to clarify some mistaken assumptions on the part of NICAP.

When Mr. Gordon Lore, Assistant Director of NICAP reviewed "Flying Saucer Occupants" in the October 1967 issue of The Investigator, it was felt that although the review was vituperous and not accurate in many respects, that he had a right to his opinions. The number of letters received at APRO Headquarters approving of the book and its contents seemed to indicate that Lore's opinion was the exception rather than the rule. Lore's criticisms of the accuracy of the book, however, was not warranted in view of the high degree of inaccuracy displayed in Mr. Frank Edwards' book, "Flying

Saucers, Serious Business" which was not criticized (in fact it was not even reviewed) by the editor of the Investigator. It is a matter of record that Mr. Edwards' account of the Lonnie Zamora sighting (Socorro, April 1964) contained no less than 13 errors, the most glaring of which was his insinuation that Zamora had approached to within 100 feet of the "little men" when in actuality he had been at least 450 feet and probably in excess of 600 feet from the vehicle when he spotted the two figures.

Among the illustrations there were four bits of misinformation including the caption accompanying the Achilles Greco photo, which Edwards used without permission from APRO. The Greco photo appears on page 213 of the second illustration section. Edwards said the object was following a Brazilian Navy Officers' fishing launch in 1953. Actually, the photo was taken by a civilian Brazilian physician, Dr. Achilles Greco in September 1955 while fishing with a friend near the Navy Base at Santos, Brazil. The object was not following the fishing boat.

On the next page, 214, the caption accompanying the map of Trindade Island area is also in error. The UFO did not "stop at the numbered positions" as described by Edwards. It stopped only once when it hovered for a moment over Desejado Peak, in number 3 position. In fact, numbers 4 and 5 were not photographs of the object at all—the photographer was being jostled by other witnesses to such an extent that those frames showed only the sky and the water.

To further establish our respect for accuracy, let's turn to page 101 of the first group of illustrations in Edwards' book. This photo, as well as the one on page 105 are from the same series of photos taken by Ed Keffel of O Cruzeiro (not El Cruzeiro) magazine on May 6, 1952. It was not taken in August 1954, and there was no parade in progress on the beach below. The Page 105 view of the May 6, 1952 Barra da Tijuca disc is labeled by Mr. Edwards as an edge-on view of a disc taken by an Argentine pursuit plane in late 1954.

Since 1966 when Mr. Edwards' book first appeared on the stands, APRO has received hundreds of letters inquiring about the accuracy of those specific illustrations as well as some of the cases which Edwards obtained either from the APRO Bulletin or Mrs. Lorenzen's first book which was published in 1962. This is part of the reason for this clarification.

Lore was obviously quite disturbed by the proofreading oversight in the book, "Flying Saucer Occupants" which gave the date of the Zamora sighting as 1966 instead of 1964 as it actually was. However, by no stretch of the imagination can Mr. Edwards' mistakes be laid to oversight on the part of the proofreader.

Mr. Edwards, before his death in 1967, and for many years previously, had been a member of the Board of Directors of

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Arizona, as well as the APRO contingent: Drs. Harder, Sprinkle, Salisbury, Seff and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen.

A press conference was held at 3 p.m. that afternoon and was attended by the aforementioned individuals. Dr. Donald Menzel of the Harvard Observatory, Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, Dr. David Saunders and Dr. Harder, the panelists, gave their professional and personal opinions concerning UFOs and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, Drs. Sprinkle, Seff, Salisbury and McDonald and Lore were also present and gave their views. Although a difference of opinion was quite obvious, the exchange was a civilized one and no "fireworks" was noted.

The press conference ended at 5:30, the Lorenzens assisted Mr. James Soudriette, Program Chairman for the Executives Club, arrange the lobby display.

Dinner was served at 7 p.m. and at 8:15 the panelists, Drs. Harder, Kaeburn, Menzel and Saunders were introduced by Paul Dean of the Arizona Republic who delivered a lengthy commentary on UFOs which indicated that he personally was not convinced of the reality of the phenomena. One member of the audience made the observation that Dean sounded as though he was auditioning for a stand-up comic spot in a night club show. At any rate, the members of the panel each stated their convictions, and the discussion was started. Dr. Saunders read a prepared paper dealing with scientific data analysis, Dr. Menzel elucidated his personal and professional opinion that no UFO sightings were explainable as anything except atmospheric and astronomical phenomena and ordinary objects seen under extraordinary conditions. Drs. Kaeburn and Harder delivered their statements as "pro" UFO panelists and the discussion began.

There was little "action" or "fireworks" during the whole affair except an exchange between Menzel and Kaeburn on a remote point concerning the professional status of civilian UFO groups. Dr. Saunders seemed to be neutral concerning the existence of UFOs as a real phenomena. APRO's Dr. Harder attempted to get some kind of exchange started when he recounted the facts of the Red Bluff, California sighting of a UFO in August, 1960. He had personally investigated that sighting himself and has since been very active in APRO as an advisor and investigator. The "official" explanation of the Red Bluff incident had been that the object reported had been merely the refracted light from Mars or the star Aldebaran, which had not yet risen. Harder pointed out that this could not have been true for both bodies were below the eastern horizon, and although viewed to the East, two of the patrolmen had driven to a fire control tower and watched the object in the western sky. This examination of one of the classic sightings brought no debate from Dr. Menzel as was hoped.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 p.m. and the audience retired to the lobby to inspect the display.

It was at this time that Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen had the privilege of visiting briefly with Dr. Menzel and found both him and Mrs. Menzel to be attractive, charming people. The conversation, however brief, was most amicable.

On the morning of the 17th, Sunday, Drs. Harder, Sprinkle, Salisbury, Saunders, Kaeburn and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen breakfasted at the Townhouse and a lively discussion ensued concerning the favorite subject and others. At noon, the Lorenzens and Dr. Harder drove to Tucson. Dr. Harder had made arrangements to catch his jet from Tucson instead of Phoenix in order to take advantage of the afternoon to confer with Mr. Lorenzen concerning future investigations and APRO policy.

Although the expected publicity was obviously not forthcoming, it is felt at APRO that the weekend was a fruitful one—culminating in what was almost an APRO Staff meeting. Considering the fact that Mr. Paul Dean is Science Editor for one of Arizona's largest newspapers, and was moderator of the panel, it seems strange that none of the Phoenix papers contained any mention of the Panel, although an interview with Dr. Menzel had been carried in the Republic that day (Saturday). Inquiries to the Republic concerning this lack of mention resulted in an explanation that nothing new had come out of the Panel discussion. It would seem that such an array of academic talent to discuss such a highly controversial subject would have been newsworthy.

We would like to thank Mr. James Soudriette of the Phoenix Executives Club for the many kindnesses shown the APRO staff members while in Phoenix and for a job well done.

Michalak Illness Recurring

Mr. Steven Michalak, the Canadian industrial mechanic who suffered chest burns when he got too close to an unconventional aerial object on the ground near Falcon Lake, Canada on May 21, 1967, has suffered recurrences of the illness which kept him bedfast for several weeks. Twice since the initial injury, Michalak has experienced a strange and very painful rash on his neck and chest and the burn marks have reappeared twice. At the present time, Michalak is out of work and has not been able to work for several weeks, complaining of stiffness of the joints and considerable pain. Blood marrow tests showed a considerable number of dead cells and doctors are not quite sure of the cause. APRO Headquarters has kept close touch with Mr. Michalak through the APRO representatives in Winnipeg where Mr. Michalak resides and further information will be contained in future issues of the Bulletin as it is available.

Another urgent matter needs immedi-

ate attention: Michalak is experiencing considerable financial difficulty as a result of his recurrent incapacitation and it has occurred to the Headquarters staff that the general membership might like to lend a helping hand to a man who has, through his misfortune, contributed considerable knowledge to the UFO mystery.

Those members interested in helping Mr. Michalak may send donations in the form of checks made out to Steven Michalak, and mail them to Mr. James B. Thompson, 28 Frederick Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Mr. Thompson is the CAPRO-APRO Liaison Officer and originally carried out the investigation of the Michalak case.

Michalak's Story

Steven Michalak's account of his experience with a grounded UFO, including a running account of his injuries and health problems since the incident last May are contained in a 40 page booklet entitled "My Encounter With the UFO," and published by Osnova Publications, in Canada. Accompanied by several illustrations including a chart showing the progress of his condition after the initial injury, the book is interesting and well-written. It has a graphic candidness which gets Michalak's story across most adequately.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ORDER FROM THIS OFFICE. The book sells for \$1.00 and should be ordered from Steven Michalak, c/o James Thompson, 28 Frederick Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Ordering from Mr. Michalak will insure a larger portion of retail profit for Michalak.

Clarification

In response to our request for information concerning the exact location of Glamorgan (See Page 6, Nov-Dec. Bulletin) we received several letters indicating that Glamorgan is a county in south-east Wales, England, whose county seat is Cardiff. Bridgend, Glamorgan is just north of the Bristol Channel at about the same latitude as London.

Bright Flash Over Indiana

What could have been material from a space shot re-entering, was spotted over Indiana on the night of March 3rd. At 9 p.m. that night switchboards at police stations were flooded with calls reporting a brilliant flash of light. The object was travelling east-northeast and appeared to be two objects, one closely following the other.

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NICAP. What his motivation in presenting spurious photographs (as some obviously are) and inaccurately captioned photographs cannot be learned at this late date. However, we agree with Dr. James McDonald of the University of Arizona who, at the Sunday Evening Forum talk on UFOs in the fall of 1967, said that Frank Edwards' book, "Flying Saucers, Serious Business," was about 60 per cent accurate.

Mr. Lore apparently is not familiar with the history of APRO. He laments what he takes as a fact, that Mrs. Lorenzen did not support Keyhoe or NICAP after its inception, despite a promise. He has never bothered to ask why. During the first year or so of NICAP's existence, there was considerable infighting; the group which originally founded the organization was eased out and it was taken over by Keyhoe. Financial crisis after financial crisis took place and it was decided that instead of retiring from the field as originally planned (at that time the Lorenzens had both been active in the UFO publishing field for fully five years before NICAP was formed) APRO should continue as it had until such time as NICAP seemed to be on solid ground. That time did not come and as the APRO staff learned more about UFOs and the governmental stance, the general policies of the two organizations grew further and further apart.

Mr. Al Brown, APRO's Research Director, had emphasized since 1956 his doubt that the Air Force had any plan to suppress information. He had worked with various military organizations since he began his career in Research and Development and was very familiar with military policy. He made us realize that the old Air Force "secrecy" line was highly emotional and passe. A new policy was born and a plan for APRO's future investigations and research was devised. We have followed it since. It has apparently been successful for our files are bulging with thousands of sightings, our membership rolls are more than adequate to support the organization without depending on contributions, and we enjoy a larger foreign contingent than any other American-based organization.

Lore's lament that the Lorenzens have not supported NICAP is not a point well taken, although we might ask, why should we support it? The Lorenzens are not APRO—they are only a small part of the Administrative Staff. APRO is a non-profit scientific, educational research corporation and its policies are guided by a Board of Directors as well as the International Staff and Scientific Advisory Staff. Although all are generally in agreement on the policy which guides APRO's efforts, no one or two persons can dictate what or who is endorsed by the organization as a whole. We have tried to avoid needless bickering in the pages of the Bulletin, feeling that every-

one is entitled to his or her opinion and NICAP is no exception. However, the petulant protest that APRO has never supported NICAP is somewhat ridiculous, considering the size and financial resources of APRO as compared to NICAP. Support? How? NICAP currently claims 11,500 members and their dues are higher than APRO's. APRO has 4,000 members. NICAP was claiming about 5,000 at the time that the organization was conceived in 1957. Until 1966 APRO has not enjoyed many more than 1500 members. APRO's staff worked during their spare time, holding down regular jobs, and APRO work was completely without remuneration as compared with the salaried officers at NICAP. So the question of what kind of aid and where the time would come from to work for NICAP is the question. It would seem that with a membership of 5,000 NICAP would never have had to ask for or expect help from anyone.

A substantial portion of "The UFO Evidence" was comprised of reports obtained from the APRO Bulletin with permission to include them in the book. That was cooperation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen as well as other members of the scientific staff met Mr. Lore while in Phoenix (see article about the UFO Forum this issue) and found Lore to be a sincere young person. His editorial attitude toward APRO is a puzzle.

Book Review—UFO'S IDENTIFIED, by Philip J. Klass, Random House, \$6.95, 290 pages.

The predominant impression acquired by this reviewer from his first reading is that Philip Klass has missed his calling—he should have been an attorney. His talent for special pleading is indeed exceptional. Any individual with no first-hand knowledge of the subject and a moderate background in physics is likely to find his logic quite seductive.

Klass admits quite candidly that he carried into his investigations a strong predisposition that "UFO's seemed to be a subject best left to fanatics and cultists" and "a subject of no real concern to science." A careful consideration of his work suggests that he saw little reason to change the ground rules as he saw them; he has applied fanaticism rather than science to the problem.

What Klass says essentially is that, since many of the reported characteristics of UFO's are also those of plasma phenomena, it is reasonable to assume that plasma phenomena account for substantial number of UFO reports. He is quite content to ignore the fact that many reported characteristics of UFO's are not those of plasma phenomena. This inherent weakness of the case for the plasmoid UFO hypothesis forces Klass to shift the burden of proof onto the skeptics who are required to prove that many UFO's are not plasma phenomena. This job is made impossible by a basic Plasmarian ground rule which says that cur-

rently held theory and knowledge concerning plasma can only be projected to support the hypothesis—never to refute it. He is blandly content to endow plasmoids with numerous capabilities which are not supported by any of his referenced empirical models.

I agree with Klass on two points: (1) that some UFO reports spring from observations of plasmoid phenomena (his "some" is undoubtedly much larger than mine) and, (2) The foregoing point is a very important one in relation to a thorough scientific appraisal of the problem. The more we understand about plasma physics the easier it will be to classify (no pun intended) the true plasma cases, simultaneously eliminating a nuisance to UFO research while contributing to the body of knowledge of plasma physics—and so on.

During the time that his book manuscript was in preparation, Mr. Klass initiated a communication exchange with this office, via letter and telephone. Initially he seemed persuaded, to the point of considering it axiomatic, that all UFO research organizations were dedicated incontrovertably to the proposition that all UFO's are extraterrestrial spacecraft and that they considered him to be some sort of heretic for having dared to make suggestions to the contrary. He seemed genuinely astonished to hear me give voice to the two points listed above. I also explained that APRO did not attempt to control its members' opinions, many of whom were quite unconvinced on the point of extraterrestrial visitation. Apparently this axiom was too dear to give up easily, for in the final draft APRO is exhorted, in part, to adopt the very attitude I had expressed on this former occasion.

For various reasons we expect this book to do well. Those who support the idea that some UFO's are real structured vehicles (or, as we say, UAOs) will no doubt enjoy reading this, the best effort of the opposition to date.

L. J. Lorenzen.

Capro On The Move

CAPRO, APRO's counterpart in Canada, has produced two Bulletins to date and hopefully their next issue will be an offset job which will be a great improvement over the present mimeographed periodicals. Their membership is 1400 and they hope to double it within a reasonable time. We would like to urge our English-reading members everywhere to contact CAPRO and support their efforts. Inquiries should be made to Brian Cannon, P. O. Box 1316, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada.

Other very good groups in the Western Hemisphere are UFO Chile, (Spanish language Bulletin) Casilia 13202, Santiago, Chile, and CIDOANI, Cespedes 3424, Buenos Aires, Argentina, (also a Spanish language periodical).

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Object Photographed At Caracas

Mr. George Steinheil, a German-born professional photographer and resident of Caracas, Venezuela, was taking color photos to be included in an advertisement layout for a car agency, at 7:15 a.m. on October 31st. Although at the time of the photography, Steinheil and his attendants saw nothing unusual in the sky, when the film was developed an unusual and totally unexplained object was very obvious in the photo. (See above). He had taken four different exposures and after careful examination deduced that the object was not an internal reflection in the camera nor was it a flaw in the negative, for the image of the object is completely bisected by the limb of a tree in the foreground, indicating that the image is that of an object which momentarily flew into and out of view.

The original photo shows a flattened, bun-shaped object, yellowish-white in color, with a darker shading of what appears to be exhaust, below it. The background is a vivid blue sky and the building on the hill opposite the camera is the Humboldt Hotel. Although Steinheil does not assert that the object is a "space ship" he does feel that a very unusual and speedy object flew past during the photography.

Book Review—REPORT OF THE UFO WAVE OF 1947, Ted Bloecher, privately published, \$5.00, 200 pages.

The Author, whose profession takes

him to many parts of the country, undertook several years ago the task of digging into newspaper morgues and libraries in the various locations that he visited for the purpose of bringing to light the wealth of little-known UFO cases buried there (it is of course quite well known that many outstanding cases receive only local press attention). Combining this with material obtained from APRO, Blue Book and NICAP he has put together a concise and illuminating study which no serious student of the UFO problem should be without. He has found that the weeks following the famous Arnold sighting brought hundreds of cases and he documents them for us in an orderly manner complete with tables, charts and thorough cross indexing. Highly recommended.

Because of the monumental expenditure of time and money undertaken by Mr. Bloecher and because we believe so strongly in the worth of his work APRO has made arrangements to help distribute it. Orders for REPORT ON THE UFO WAVE OF 1947 should be mailed to APRO, 3910 E. Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85716. Checks should be made payable to Ted Bloecher. Enclose \$5.00 per copy to be sent BOOK RATE. If you wish your copy to be sent by FIRST CLASS MAIL enclose \$1.00 extra for each copy to be mailed to U.S., Canada, or Mexico addresses. For FIRST CLASS MAIL to any other country, enclose \$2.00 extra per copy.

Research Aids - UAO Detector

A simple Gaussmeter type of UAO detector has been designed by Rick Gerdes, a member of the APRO Board of Directors. (Mr. Gerdes is president of OPTICAL ELECTRONICS, INC., designers and manufacturers of the SCENESCOPE, a three-dimensional oscilloscope).

The detector utilizes a simple telephone pickup coil for a sensing device. This is followed by a 709 type operational amplifier and a SCR latching device which could be used to operate a buzzer, light, camera, tape recorder, etc.

The instrument is portable—it could be carried in a coat pocket. It works on the same general principle as the common compass needle type of detector, that is, a change in the immediate magnetic field will set it off. However, it has the advantages of being more sensitive to magnetic changes, of being operable in a windy location and of otherwise being very easy to set up. It can be tested by simply moving the coil rapidly through the air (read "Earth's Magnetic Field").

This instrument is the first in a series of components which will be combined to make up a proposed automatic UAO detection ground station. Ideally, this station would record the passage of a UAO without an operator if necessary. This project is being spearheaded by Mr. Lorenzen who, at the time of his resignation from the Kitt Peak National Observatory in September, 1967, had over thirteen years practical experience in the design and utilization of automated data collection devices.

The schematic diagram (and explanatory text) of the detector is available from APRO Headquarters for 50c post-paid.

Those wishing to obtain two different definitive diagrams of the mechanical compass type of detector should send \$1.00 requesting Bob Allan's booklet, "The Saucer Seeker," also available from this office.

The Polygraph

It has come to our attention that the general validity and worth of the polygraph test is unclear to many. To help remedy this situation we called on Clancy D. Tull, an attorney of Kansas City, Missouri, for a few words of clarification. Mr. Tull's knowledge of the polygraph was acquired in the practice of criminal law over a period of several years. We quote from Mr. Tull's letter:

"It should be understood in advance that the phrase 'lie detector' is not a valid phrase. The examination is solely to determine certain organic or physical responses to certain emotional stimuli applied orally by the examiner to the subject. However, it is a valid comment that the organic or physical responses of the subject frequently indicate the

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truth or falsity of his responses, orally, or otherwise, to the experienced examiner.

"It is highly recommended that the examiner should first become acquainted with the religious and philosophical concepts subscribed to by the subject. This will enable the examiner to have a clearer understanding of the results that he is interpreting when he examines the various graphs. I consider it essential that the subject be isolated for a period of 48 hours prior to the initial examination. This is because many drugs and medications could be taken by the subject which would greatly influence the results. It is also essential that the subject be well rested and well nourished during the period of isolation to permit the subject's physical well being to be beyond question.

"It is also wise, although not essential, that the examination be conducted in more than one period of time. Frequently, when only one examination is conducted, the examiner is unable to compare his results against a like examination, and the most experienced operator can then arrive at an inconclusive result.

"The experienced examiner will spend that period of time which is necessary asking very innocuous questions which are designed to put the subject completely at ease. The experienced examiner will also know when is the time to ask a relevant question, and how to ask the relevant question. It has been my experience that a relevant question would be interspaced between many innocuous questions in order to get a better result. Obviously, the experienced examiner will not continue the examination if the subject appears highly agitated, or to the contrary, appears so at ease that they have the appearance of being "tranquilized." The experienced operator will engage in a very normal, chatty, and running conversation with the subject, and will occasionally interject a relevant question. Obviously, the subject will originally be quite nervous and agitated by the various instruments which are attached to his or her body. This agitation must be overcome before the results can possibly be conclusive. Again, I recommend that more than one examination take place, and the examiner can then compare the responses to the relevant questions during the separate examinations and compare the results therefrom.

"It should be understood that the experienced operator does not necessarily require an oral response to the question he has asked. The physical or organic responses as shown by the results obtained by the diagnostic instruments will frequently suffice even though a question is not orally answered.

"The above is a synopsis of my opinion on the way to conduct a Polygraphic examination. If you, or any of your associates, desire additional information in

depth on the use of the Polygraph, I will be happy to supply them with the information, or refer them to people I consider to be competent and experienced operators. In passing, I might note, that this is an expensive procedure, if conducted properly.

Respectfully yours,
CLANCY O. TULL.

May we add this brief summation: Strictly speaking, the Polygraph measures certain organic responses of the human body to oral stimuli applied by the examiner. It is capable of detecting anxiety reactions but which of these are caused by deception is problematical. Examples: A subject may show an anxiety reaction when questioned about a detail which is unclear in his memory. A subject who has been in an automobile accident may show anxiety when questioned about anything which concerns an automobile. In neither case would the subject necessarily be lying even though the instrument would record what is commonly referred to as a "deception" reaction. It would be the responsibility of a conscientious operator to clarify such cases through the techniques recommended by Mr. Tull.

Use Of Detectors In Spotting UFO

An increasing number of detectors, of one form or another, are being used by laymen to indicate the proximity of UFO. Since the first of the year at least six separate sightings have been attributed to the use of detectors in the Chicago area.

On January 15, 1968, the Achzehner girls (Janice, Denise and Lori) were playing records with friends in their home at Villa Park, Illinois. At approximately 9:00 p.m. the "Saucer Seeker" detector in the master bedroom started to "buzz." The girls ran outside and saw a large strange light hovering just west of the house.

Lori and one of her girl friends came back into the house for warmer clothing and returned outside to keep a closer watch on the object. Within the next forty-five minutes, they saw a total of six objects in the general area of York Township. This is an unincorporated area surrounded by Lombard, Villa Park, and Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois.

The objects were seen first as lights, but when observed through binoculars a triangular or cone shaped form was seen behind the light. Later determination indicated they were between 500 and 1500 feet altitude and possibly no more than one mile from the observation point.

The maneuvers reported were typical of most UFO reports. This included hovering, slow wobbly motion, right angle turns, and bouncing up and down. One of the objects approached a commercial aircraft directly from the front and below, made a 180 degree turn without slowing and followed the aircraft until it was out of sight.

Mr. Tom Hall, Hillside, Illinois, attributes four sightings to the detector between the dates of January 24, and March 24, 1968. One other sighting was made while approaching his home. His brothers reported, when he arrived home, that the buzzer had been sounding the alarm for approximately 5 minutes before he arrived.

Another interesting sidelight on this sighting, was the erratic behavior of electrical apparatus in the neighborhood. As Tom was walking home he passed a hardware store that had closed approximately 14 minutes before. The object he sighted was as big as the moon and estimated to be 900 feet in altitude. As it passed over the hardware store the burglar alarm started to ring, stopped, started to ring again and did this for two more times. Immediately after the disappearance of the object, which Tom and three witnesses estimated to be about 1,000 miles per hour, a series of light beams appeared to be coming down through the clouds. The strange thing about the light beams was that they did not diverge, but rather seemed exactly tubular and had no apparent origin or termination.

A third report comes from Mr. Don Ryon, Carol Stream, Illinois on March 4, 1968. Mr. Ryon had built a compass type "Saucer Seeker" about one week previously and it was connected to a battery operated transistor oscillator.

About 6:00 p.m., the alarm sounded and Mrs. Ryon and the two children went outside but saw nothing. Returning to the house the alarm was still sounding so Mrs. Ryon rotated the detector on its horizontal axis until it was pointing west. At this point the compass needle centered in the contact and the alarm stopped. This indicated that a magnetic field was present that caused the compass needle to deflect 90 degrees from magnetic north.

The detector was rotated back to its original position and again they went outside to look. This time one of the sons climbed onto the roof and did notice a unidentified object in the air over a local private airport. At approximately 6:25 the detector stopped sounding the alarm and returned to normal conditions.

Unfortunately, no photographs were taken of any of these sightings. Hopefully, a greater number of people will install detectors at their residences or business locations, where convenient, and keep cameras ready for possible photographic cooperation.

Texas Lawman Pursues UAO

Texas, which has for some time experienced some weird visitations by strange aerial objects, was treated to more of the same on the night of March 2nd. Chief of Police Alvis Maddox of Childress was in a habit of joking about UFOs until his own experience. At about 8 p.m. he and Sheriff John Rainey and Deputy George Hooten of Wellington had

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laughed, drank coffee and joked about UFOs. Shortly after that, at 8:30 Maddox, a Childress lawman for 32 years, was 2 miles south of Wellington when he saw a big light "coming catty-corner" from the northwest. Maddox was travelling south and it appeared to be about a half mile in front of his patrol car. He estimated its altitude at between 500 and 1,000 feet and he took up pursuit. For the next 14 miles, at speeds up to 105 miles an hour, Maddox pursued the light but when he would speed up, so would the light. Maddox kept in touch with Wellington by radio during the chase which ended when he reached the Red River just north of Childress. Then the object turned to the southeast and left with a spurt of speed.

Spate Of Sightings In Ontario, Canada

In early February several sightings were made in the vicinity of Chalk River, Ontario, Canada. The first of the series concerned a small, round, brilliant light which was sighted at 6 a.m. in the vicinity of the weather station one mile east of Killaloe, and was observed by four Ontario Provincial Police. The men said it was much bigger than any star and pulsed. Patrolmen Tom Ward and Bill Flegg were about one mile east of Killaloe when they spotted the object at 6 a.m., and radioed the weather station which informed them there were no aircraft in the area at the time. The radar station at Foymount said they had no comment. The object appeared to move very slowly in a westerly direction and an hour after the initial sighting it was no longer visible due to daylight. A second patrol car which was in the Barry's Bay area was radioed. Constable Lorne Steeves and Mike Quilty were in the village of Barry's Bay at the time and could see nothing in the sky because of buildings. As they moved out of town in hope of seeing the object they noticed that the sky to the east was unusually bright. They came to the top of a small ridge and immediately spotted the object in the east. They drove to Shrine Hill about four miles west of Killaloe and from that spot saw the object low on the horizon. Although none of the officers would state that it was a flying saucer that they had observed, none thought it was a star. Steeves and Quilty said that the bright round light appeared to be "sitting on the church steeple" at Killaloe.

At shortly after 6 p.m., on the same date, a brilliant object "parked" in the sky about 400 yards from the home of Miss Mary McCarthy, a retired telegraph operator, near Deep River, Ontario. The first to see the object was 16-year-old Lee Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Elliott. He was watching television with

his brother and four sisters and was alarmed when the set suddenly began to malfunction. When he went into the kitchen to ascertain if there had been some kind of electrical failure, he glanced out the back window and saw the huge bright light which appeared to be 12-15 feet in diameter. Miss McCarthy, who lives with the Elliott family, saw it also, and described it as being like "a bomb explosion" as seen on TV. Lee immediately hurried to get a telescope and binoculars in order to see the object better. Miss McCarthy estimated that the object was close to the ground and about a quarter of a mile from the farm house. It appeared to have "little red lights circling it." She said the outline of the object was so bright that the trees in the vicinity were illuminated. She was a bit frightened and called Deep River police and officers proceeded to the farm to investigate. When they arrived the object was gone.

In addition to the Elliott children and Miss McCarthy, the object was seen also by Mr. and Mrs. William Gleeson on nearby Rural Route 2. Gleeson said they spotted a bright light through the back living room window but first thought it was coming from a snowmobile. When Mrs. Gleeson went upstairs for a better look she noted that the object was a large bright object with two small red lights moving around its circumference. The object stayed in the area until about 7:15 when it slowly moved off in the direction of Pembroke. The Gleesons phoned their friends Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogue who live on the same road and the Hagues watched the light which Mrs. Hogue described as "above the trees and about the size of the moon as we see it." The Hagues watched the light until it went behind some trees "as if moving away or landing." There was no noise connected with the sighting, according to all of the witnesses.

Back at the Elliott house, the TV screen stayed "snowy" and returned to normal about 20 minutes after the object had left. The family dog barked and wanted to be let out but was kept in the house. Mrs. Elliott said she thought the object was hovering over the tractor but was bigger than the machine.

On the 10th of February authorities at Petawawa told the Pembroke Observer that the object might have been a flare dropped by a helicopter during military exercises that evening. He could not confirm the area in which the exercise had taken place but said that the description of the object closely matched that of the flares. He could not explain the coincidence of the TV interference, however.

U.S.A.

Some of the reports considered to be closed but just coming into APRO's office at this time date back to the fall of 1967 and will be summarized:

Herrin, Illinois, 9:30 p.m. 12 October:

The classic disc which reflected moonlight and sported a dome on top was sighted by a college student and her mother. No sound, travelling from north-east to southwest.

Wellington, Texas, 3 November: Mrs. Hazel McKinney and two companions sighted what appeared to be a car headlight in a vacant wheat field at 6:15 a.m. while driving south on U.S. 83 on their way to work. The light seemed to grow bigger, then turned southward and flew parallel to the car. Suddenly it changed position and flew in front of the car, then angled up and disappeared from sight. Mrs. McKinney and another passenger, Mrs. Harry Patterson said that after the object closed in it appeared to be silver-gray in color, cigar-shaped "and big enough to drive a car in." The rear end of it glowed like a fluorescent light and there was no sound.

Redding, California, 19 November: A school teacher and a boy helping him do yard work observed a round, flat object, gray in color which traveled faster than a jet but made no sound and left no vapor trail at 12:15 p.m. Object traveling into the wind toward Mt. Shasta and Shasta Dam. Obviously quite high but size of 50c piece at arm's length.

Australia

Koorda, February 9: Peter Stephens was plowing when he saw his dog Bob start running. He looked up and saw a round orange object about 3 to 4 meters (12 feet) above the ground and less than 600 meters away (2,000 feet). It appeared to be moving at about 40 kilometers per hour. Under the object dirt and stubble swirled around on the ground. The dog tried to chase it. Stephens heard no noise, but the noise of tractor could have drowned out any other sound. It eventually went out of sight.

Koorda, 15 February: Harry King reports having seen an oval black object taking off from an empty lot. Object, seen at 4 p.m., flew toward him, then veered and went out of sight at a high rate of speed.

Photo Caption Correction

The caption appearing on page six of our last Bulletin issue (January-February 1968) identified the object as being on a mountain top in the Peruvian Andes. This statement was in error. The photo was taken in an area of the coastal plain before the airliner turned inland to make a crossing of the Andes to Buenos Aires. Although letters to the Peruvian Air Force have brought no response, an Argentine officer, who has examined the original negative states that he feels sure that the "object" is a bombing target used by the Peruvian Air Force for bombing practice. He states that an enlargement of the original reveals craters in the area to support his conclusion.

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DOCTOR FONTES IS GONE

The Redlands Case

In the January-February issue of the Bulletin we mentioned a case which took place at Redlands, California on the 4th of February and stated that when further information was available we would print it. Dr. Philip Seff, who investigated the case, completed his investigation with the assistance of a professor of chemistry, a professor of mathematics and a professor of art who made a composite drawing of the descriptions and sketches given by the witnesses. The following is a condensation of the information gathered:

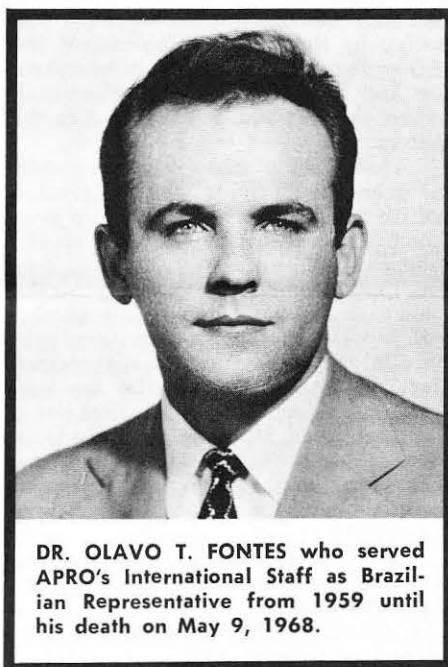
"The object apparently came down just west of Columbia Street and north of Colton Avenue; then proceeded slowly in a northeastern direction for about a mile or less at an altitude of about 300 feet. Coming to a stop, it hovered briefly, jerked forward, hovered again, then shot off in that direction with a burst of speed. Total time of sighting must be less than five minutes. Size and altitude were estimated by Dr. Sanderson. The object was at least 50 feet in diameter.

"The artist's conception was based on a series of interviews with witnesses by Professor Brownfield. His composite painting was verified by witnesses. The lights on the base appear to be jets and were seven in number. The lights on the top were alternating in color 8 to 10 in a row, giving the impression that the object was rotating, which it was not.

"In my discussion with the Air Force they informed me that the object was not detected on radar. However, since the installation is at March Air Force Base, a range of mountains stands between Redlands and the Air Base. Therefore, to quote them, they would be scanning above the object and it would be impossible to detect.

"The main controversy is in the sound which was reported by both visual ob-

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DR. OLAVO T. FONTES who served APRO's International Staff as Brazilian Representative from 1959 until his death on May 9, 1968.

Ubatuba Case Mentioned In Trade Magazine

An article entitled "Realistic Physical Testing," and dealing with the catastrophic failures in airliners, bridges, and automobiles, in the June 1968 issue of "Industrial Research" magazine, mentions the Ubatuba magnesium case from Mrs. Lorenzen's book, "Flying Saucers." . . . "these fragments were analyzed and found to be ultrapure magnesium — a reasonable selection when one considers the strength-to-weight ratio of magnesium and the structural requirements of a flying saucer," is one quote from the article. Those interested can obtain the issue from Industrial Research, Inc., Industrial Research Bldg., Beverly Shores, Indiana. 46301.

The case was documented by Dr. Fontes and American tests completed this spring verified his original findings.

It is with a sense of deep sorrow that we must inform the members of APRO and affiliated organizations of the death of Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, APRO's Brazilian representative on May 9, 1968 of cancer. Since 1957 when the Doctor requested membership in APRO he had represented the great South American republic of Brazil in UFO Research. His accomplishments have been many. Had it not been for his efforts many recent volumes dealing with UFOs would be slim indeed, for most of the books which enjoyed public consumption in the last two years drew heavily upon his material.

A kind and considerate man, Dr. Fontes was always mindful of the effect of ridicule on those individuals who dared to report UFO experiences. He put his own reputation (which was not a meager one by any means) on the line when he publicly declared his interest in UFOs and his convictions concerning them in 1954 when the first UFO wave hit Brazil. In later years he dared the vilification of other researchers (although they were a minority) when he began to document and write about "occupant" cases.

His first article in the Bulletin, "Shadow of the Unknown" documented some of the most detailed and interesting cases ever recorded in Brazil. This was followed by his careful investigation of the Itaipu Fortress incident and the Trindade Island incident and photos. In the last five years Dr. Fontes found a method by which he could accurately forecast UFO "flaps" and forecast the 1967 UFO activity and the extent of it to the exact month.

Dr. Fontes brought his lovely wife, Maria Teresa to the United States to visit the Lorenzens for the first time in June of 1961. A deep and lasting friendship began and grew between the Fontes and Lorenzen families and the Fontes' became Olavo and Teresa to all

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A 'Fiasco' Has Two Sides

By L. J. Lorenzen

This is an attempt to answer many queries received at this office concerning an article in a recent issue of LOOK magazine regarding the UFO study at the University of Colorado which de-

scribed that study as a fiasco and a \$½ million trick.

To begin with, I wish to make it clear that I do not question the author's (John Fuller) integrity or accuracy of reporting. I do feel, however, a duty to point out that the piece is obviously slanted to support a particular viewpoint and that there is another side to the controversy. I will now proceed to play "The Devil's Advocate" in order to bring out this other side. My source of information consists of numerous conversations with principals involved in the fiasco including Condon, Low, Saunders, Levine, McDonald, and various members of the study—both before and after the blow-up.

Before going further, let me freely admit that I am indulging in Monday morning quarterbacking which is always easier than the Saturday afternoon variety.

The complaint can be stated generally as follows:

1. That Edward U. Condon, aided and abetted by Robert Low, approached the UFO problem facetiously and irresponsibly and with a strong predisposition that there was nothing substantial to the mystery.

2. That Condon made repeated public and private statements which suggested that his mind was already made up even though he had hardly glanced at the evidence.

3. That attempts by members of the Committee to take a firmer look at physical aspects of the problem were discouraged or vetoed while a sustained effort was made to emphasize the psychological aspects of the problem.

4. That when attempts were made to discuss these attitudes, Condon and Low were intractable to the point that the scientific integrity of the project was in jeopardy.

5. Low's memo, "Some thoughts on the UFO project" shows that the project was undertaken in bad faith.

An answer to the complaint might be couched as follows:

1. NICAP's offer to help was really an attempt to control the study. Keyhoe wanted the committee to endorse his own conclusions, adopted twenty years ago without the benefit of research.

2. Dick Hall's (then of NICAP) visits to Boulder for consultations and briefing at Committee expense were devoted partly to attempts to convince younger members of the team that Condon was the wrong man for the job. This led some members of the team to take a paranoid attitude whenever any of their suggestions were turned down for any reason.

3. It should be noted that Saunders and McDonald are also members of NICAP and were part of a sustained effort to undermine Condon. This distracting influence became intolerable and forced the dismissal of the chief offenders.

4. That there may be dissenting voices

in any research or study program is understandable, but the prerogative of the dissenter is to write a minority report with the items of dissent stated clearly and concisely for the record.

5. Low's memo was written chiefly for the purpose of convincing certain University staff members that the UFO study could be undertaken without the University's public image suffering as a consequence. Since most of these members were convinced that there was absolutely nothing substantial to the UFO mystery, Low felt it was necessary to approach them in that frame of reference. Nothing in the memo was binding on the study. It was merely the sort of "puffing" that goes along with any selling job.

6. There was no attempt to emphasize the psychological aspects — merely to deal with them. J. Allen Hynek has recommended a study of the people who report UFO—he feels that such a study would show that reports tend to come from normal reliable people.

So much for the two sides of the Fiasco.

APRO, of course, is in general agreement with NICAP as to what a truly objective study of the UFO problem will show. I am, however, in specific disagreement with NICAP's attempt to "take over" the Condon Study. To me it is inconsistent to advocate an unbiased scientific study while attempting to impose one's own bias on such a study.

It can be easily and effectively argued that bias already existed in another direction. I will not dispute this point but will merely point out that there are more effective ways to deal with such bias.

How much better it would have been had Levine and Saunders stayed with the study to its conclusion and stated their dissent clearly and concisely in a minority report (or possibly a majority report). Since Condon's office is physically removed from the Woodbury Hall offices of the study an excellent opportunity existed to compile "files protection" in the form of inter-office memos. Such a report would become part of the record and provide a stepping stone for future studies. As I understand it, Levine and Saunders would have gone along with the minority report idea (which had been discussed early in the game) but McDonald felt that an immediate confrontation was necessary and personally forced the issue through his letter writing.

It can be argued that time is of the essence of the problem and that we do not have time to wait for the current study to grind to a halt—for another one to get underway, etc., but I am afraid that this "Fiasco" has made the time when a truly, unbiased, unencumbered study is likely to get underway, more remote than ever.

Several years ago Dr. Olavo Fontes wrote that the UFO problem was primarily an emotional one and only incidentally a scientific problem. A problem which science could solve quite readily

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of us. Their second visit was in 1963 when they brought their two children, Luis and Teresa II. The third and last visit came in February 1966 when they spent 8 days with the Lorenzens and that time they added another member of their family to the excursion—Marcia. They became Uncle Olavo and Aunt Teresa to the Lorenzen youngsters and we became Tia (Aunt) Coral and Tio (Uncle) Jim to the Fontes children.

Our visit to Rio de Janeiro in August 1967 was a very happy one and many long conferences concerning the future of UFO research and APRO were undertaken. There was no indication that Dr. Fontes was ill except that he mentioned to Mr. Lorenzen that he had a peculiar discomfort which concerned him. His father was ill at the time, and it is suspected that, true to his tendency to think of others first, he ignored his own problem in order to spend time with his father. In December the elder Fontes passed away and Olavo was immediately hospitalized for surgery. The cancer was removed and all was thought well until March when he underwent another operation. He had even gone back to his office to see patients who were waiting for him.

After the March surgery Olavo's health declined slowly until April when another surgery was performed. It was at this time that Mrs. Fontes was notified that her husband's days were numbered. His death came at 6 p.m. on the 9th of May, just one month before his 44th birthday. Mrs. Fontes in a kind gesture, wrote us of his last days, noting that he had spoken kindly of us, during the last hours. "His mind—that marvelous mind of his," she said, was clear up until his last moment of life.

Dr. Fontes was born on June 9, 1924 in Bahia, Brazil. His father was a Senator in the Brazilian Senate.

A gastroenterologist, Dr. Fontes took his medical training in Rio de Janeiro, and at the age of 28 was chief of the Gastroenterological Section at the National School of Medicine of Brazil. Prior to his death he was a Professor of Medicine at the National School, a consultant at other hospitals and had established his own ultra-modern medical center in Rio.

In 1951 Dr. Fontes married Miss Maria Teresa da Silva, daughter of one of Brazil's leading industrialists. He is survived by his wife and seven children, Luis, Teresa, Marcia, Deborah, Cinthia, Arthur and Adriana.

Those members wishing to send messages of condolence to the widow and children may forward them to this office and they will be relayed to the family immediately. Merely send your message, sign your name and stipulate your membership in APRO. We are sure Mrs. Fontes will be greatly consoled to know he is so kindly remembered by so many.

Olavo Fontes was gravely aware of the job ahead of us; we should, at this time, rededicate ourselves to the solution of the mystery of the UFOs, ever mindful of his own selfless contribution.

Because many APRO members either met or knew Dr. Fontes, and many hundreds of others greatly admired him for the work he had done, we are including in this issue several photos of the Doctor which we felt would be of interest.

Shortly after the Lorenzen visit to Rio in August, 1967, Dr. Fontes was interviewed by the Voice of America, representing APRO and Brazilian UFO research. That tape is now in our files and a complete transcript will be published in the Bulletin in the near future, as we feel that it will be of great interest to APRO members and to the field of UFO research.

Dr. Fontes often called APRO the "United Nations of UFO Research" and felt that APRO, because of its open-minded attitude toward all the evidence, was the last white hope for the truth about the UFO enigma.

We miss this man very much. Please forgive our obvious grief.

Jim and Coral Lorenzen.

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if the emotional obstacles (in the form of bias, etc.) and political considerations could somehow be set aside. History serves to verify this observation.

It looks like we can now all go back to playing IWWAF, (If it weren't for the Air Force) that social transaction which provides busy work, diversion and various other emotional pay-offs and leads us not one whit closer to a solution of the real problem.

It is certain to be asked by some just what contribution APRO made to the Condon study. Without attempting to insinuate anything more than cooperation, we announced our support of the study at the beginning. When Mrs. Lorenzen and I made our tour of South America in August, 1967, we carried with us a letter from Mr. Low which was designed to help us gather more UFO information on an official and unofficial level. When we returned we went to Boulder and briefed the committee on the UFO problem in South America (there was a "flap" in progress during our presence there). We then furnished the committee the names of some 300 APRO members for their "early warning" network, and forwarded copies of APRO's best cases for their files. We still continue to co-operate with the committee in any way possible without attempting to influence the resulting report.

L. J. Lorenzen.

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Dr. Fontes strolls on the walk in front of his home in Rio de Janeiro.

Argentinian Pilot Reports UAO

Capt. U. Tiviroli, commander of an Argentine Airlines Avro, stated on the 12th of June that on the 6th of June he had sighted a UAO during a night landing at the Punta Arenas airport. Tiviroli, 54, a veteran pilot, reported that while flying between Rio Gallegos and the southernmost city in Chile, Punta Arenas, at 1200 feet altitude, getting ready to land, an unusually bright object, long and spindle-shaped, appeared above the plane. His co-pilot stated that he had observed it for one minute, before he had to take over for landing. The object, they said, moved in a course parallel to the plane and stopped suddenly in midair. Then it swerved in a right angle bank toward the plane, then turned back on its course. According to its movements, both Tiviroli and the co-pilot thought it was a controlled vehicle. It was also viewed by airport personnel on the ground.

Report on Boulder Sighting, May 1968

By Lee Trenholm

On Saturday night, May 25th, Boulder, Colorado, experienced intermittent heavy rain, with occasional clearing. It was a night of many proms and yearend activities by university and high school students. Mrs. Dorothy Conner, 29, had brought her 17-year-old brother and his date to a prom at the Harvest House Hotel at 28th and Arapahoe, and was waiting for them in her car in the parking lot, facing south. She had her 4-year-old daughter, Shawn, with her, a bright Chinese youngster whom she and her

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servers and many others. At precisely the same time that the object appeared, the Redlands Emergency Rescue Vehicle left its garage and traveled along Lugonia Avenue. The sound its siren emits is very weird and loud. I believe the sound it made was mistaken by the witnesses to be coming from the UFO. The original sound was recorded on tape. I had the ambulance drivers run the same route and retaped the sound. Witnesses agree it is the same. However, the time I recorded the sound it was very low. I was standing in the church where it was originally taped (by accident by a minister who was taping his sermon) and had to open the door so that our recorder could pick up the sound. This is a strong discrepancy and should be tested on the proper instruments to see if the original and the second do correspond. If they do not, the only other conclusion is that the sound came from the UFO. I have enclosed witness accounts of the sound to indicate the fright that it caused.

"CONCLUSIONS:

"1. I can attribute the object sighted to no known type of aircraft. Since the atmosphere was clear and the object was low, witnesses obtained a clear view, also, no known aircraft was over Redlands at that time.

"2. To my knowledge and that of my colleagues, we can attribute the object to no known natural phenomenon.

"3. The sound heard was that of the emergency rescue vehicle. In the excitement of seeing a UFO, witnesses naturally assumed it was coming from the object overhead.

"4. The composite painting was obtained from witnesses seeing the object at different angles. Therefore the conclusion is probably a very accurate representation of the object.

"Classification: UFO."

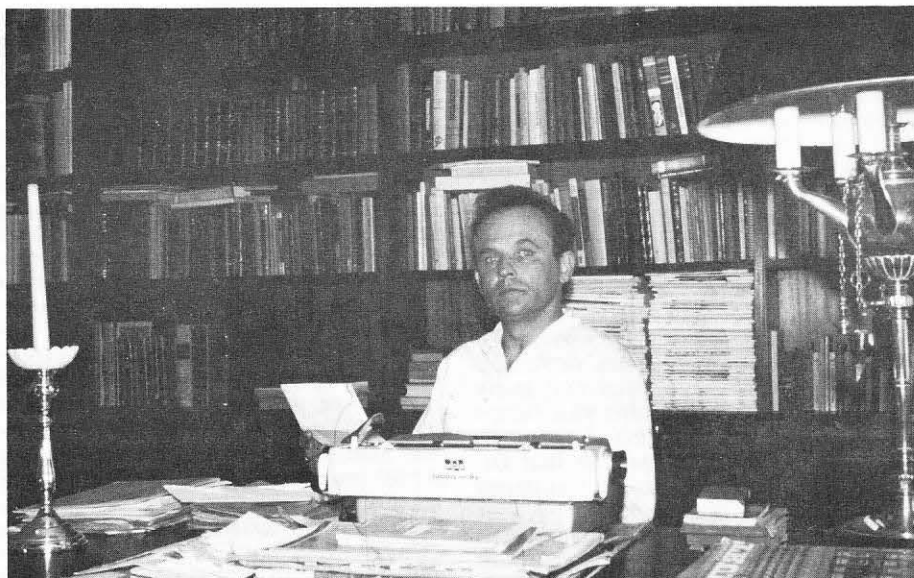
Philip Seff, Ph.D.

Saucers As Traffic Snags Also In Sweden

by K. Gosta Rehn

On December 3, 1967, the paper Goteborgs-Tidningen printed a long story of an encounter with a flying saucer on a road. The observer had withheld it for about 9 months, beset by the usual fear of ridicule. I called him up and he confirmed the story with the exclusion of some exaggerated details. Moreover, a saucer enthusiast, by name of Henry Svensson, visited the man, took down his statements on a tape recorder and told me that the man's reliability was above reproach.

One day in March 1967, exact date forgotten, Gunnar Lundstrom, 39, a road worker, living in the little hamlet, Smalandsstenar in Middle Sweden, went to work, starting his car around 5 in the



Dr. Fontes is seen above at the desk in his study at his home in Rio de Janeiro.

morning. It was rather dark out. While driving along the road towards Reftele he noticed an object far away over the treetops. It was surrounded by a red-yellowish glow. It lowered itself quickly and seemed to rush straight toward him just a couple of meters above the road. It looked like an egg, the size of which was as wide as the road. "I applied the brakes in panic to avoid collision," Lundstrom said. "The car swerved and stopped, standing across the road. The craft rushed over the car and I thought it would land behind me on the road. However, as I jumped out of the car and looked back there was only empty darkness. Then I turned my eyes ahead and, lo, there it was hovering just above the ground, about 75 meters in front of me." Lundstrom later measured this distance. The craft was situated at a point in the distance between him and a turning pike that exactly measured 102 meters.

Lundstrom states: "The object was formed like an egg and I could distinguish dark spots on the sides. It was standing still in the air for a while. Then it was hurled away in an angle opposite its earlier trajectory. A humming sound like that from a bee-swarm was the only sound I could hear. Its bright glow then changed to a greenish-white blue color that I never have seen before. I could follow it for some minutes until it disappeared."

"I admit that I was very scared," Lundstrom adds. "It was very nasty. I have never believed in visits from far away planets and decided to forget about what happened. I have kept quiet about this, because I am afraid to be disbelieved and to be regarded as a liar. But I cannot disbelieve my own eyes. The space craft must have been steered in some way."

The saucers are getting quite insolent, placing themselves on roads. In March 1967, a construction worker in Svappaara in the North of Sweden was stopped

ed by two oval objects in front of his car. Just a couple of lines in a paper and no investigation. In England two cars coming from opposite directions were stopped by a saucer on the road. (See case of Karl Farlow, APRO Bulletin 1967). And we have the collision case of Richardson and Quay last summer together with the South Hill, Virginia, case where Mr. Crowder met a fiery saucer on the road. (See APRO Bulletins May-August 1967).

These cases lend confirmation to the above Swedish story.

Formation Over Pennsylvania

At between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m., on 3 March residents in the area of McKeesport, Pennsylvania reported seeing a trio of objects generally described as three bright "streaks" of light in the sky. Radar did not register the objects and astronomers offered the explanation that the objects could have been meteors or parts of a burned-out rocket booster. Newspaper reports place the sightings between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. generally, but some reports indicated that it might have been as late as 10:30 p.m.

Two personally gathered reports included one from Pittsburgh, Pa., by a professional engineer, age 50, who wishes to remain anonymous. He at first thought the objects were jet engine flares but soon decided they were long for that, each subtending an angle of approximately half of that of the moon. The objects were in sight about 15 seconds and were viewed by the man's wife also.

Another report submitted by Michael Babb took place 3 miles east of Huntington, W. Va., at 9:45 p.m. and involved a radio announcer. The witness said he spotted red disc-shaped objects with yellow tails which he watched for a total of five minutes. No sound accompanied the sighting.

Boulder—

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husband have adopted. Sgt. Conner is presently stationed in Viet Nam. Mrs. Conner was engrossed in a magazine while Shawn was playing with her doll and listening to the dance music from the hotel. Shawn told her mother that there was a big moon in the sky (the moon had set that night at 7:05 p.m.). Mrs. Conner didn't look out until Shawn told her that the moon had started dancing up and down. Thinking it was probably a plane, she looked up and saw a brilliant white object in the east above the Harvest House, which hovered for a few seconds and then shot to the north at a high rate of speed, making a pattern of two square maneuvers in the sky. At each point of the squares, it hovered briefly. Mrs. Conner noted the time which was 11:05, and got out of her car to watch the object better. The intense light hurt her eyes and she had to look away from it several times. She described it as at least the size of a 50-cent piece at arm's length, like two saucers joined together by the rims, with a darker band around the rim, perhaps a foot wide, which was also brilliant, but not so bright as the rest of the object. She described the color as very white, one hundred times brighter than the landing lights on a jet, like the brilliance of the sun without any yellow tones. It was sharply defined with no surrounding glow, and did not light the clouds above it. She could hear no noise from it, but there was a good deal of noise coming from the dance in the hotel. After completing the second square movement, the object made a semi-circular movement upward, hovered for about 30 seconds, and then shot off to the north at a 45 degree angle. At no time did the intensity of the color change, and Mrs. Conner watched it until it was a small speck in the sky. She again checked the time, and it was then 11:12, the duration of the sighting being 7 minutes. One very unusual effect of this object was that when it moved sideways, it left an after-trail of bright, clearly defined light, tapering at the end, twice its length, and half the object's width. When the object stopped, the light "caught up with it" and merged. When it maneuvered upward, the aftertrail was the same width as the object, but acted in the same manner. She describes it as being rather similar to the behavior of spilled mercury when you are trying to sweep it up. Mrs. Conner drove to the police department and reported the sighting. She felt that when she originally saw the object that it was perhaps 2 to 3 miles to the east.

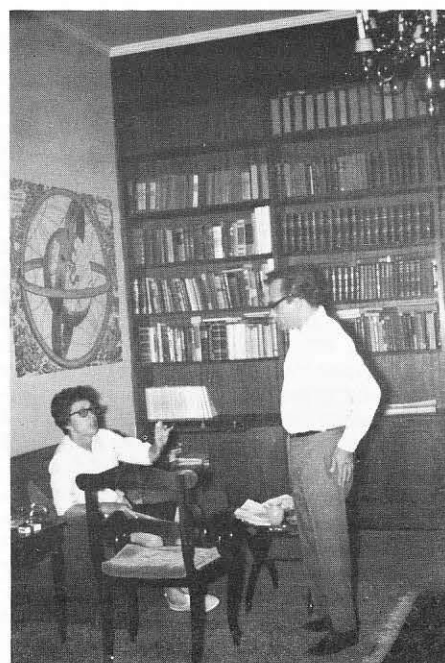
In checking all establishments in that direction, we met Mr. Walt Sneddon who works in the ticket office of the Motorena Drive-In theater, 2½ miles east of Harvest House. This theater is directly across the road from the Public Service Company and lake. Mr. Sneddon and

Dianne Aldrich, another employee, are unsure of the time, but after 9:30 that night they observed an object to the left and below the top of one of the chimneys at the Public Service Co. It was shaped like a football on end, or two plates lip to lip with no visible markings, a pale yellow, comparable to the neon lights running around the box office. The object was sharply defined, the size of a dime at arm's length. They were quite busy and Mr. Sneddon didn't see it move, coming to the conclusion that it must be an eclipse of the moon!

With the cooperation of our excellent police department and a notice in the newspaper, I received a call from Miss Jean McCarron, 21, a legal secretary, who was at another drive-in theater that night with her parents, about 3 miles north of the Motorena. She is not sure of the time, but saw a shooting star NE of the screen, and was looking in that direction at about a 45 degree angle when she saw a white object, the size of a tennis ball at arm's length, round with "jagged" edges like those of a star. It was of a uniform color and to the right and above the screen. The object moved down, then left (north), up, left, down, etc., making slow, jerky movements in a square-type pattern—straight lines and right angle turns. The sighting lasted 5 minutes.

Between 9:30 and 10:00 the same night, Mr. Frank Heffentrager, 29, an employee of ESSA working in the communications and forecasting department of solar events, came out of his apartment one mile south of the Harvest House and saw what at first appeared to be a shooting star heading northwest at about 60 degrees elevation. It was unusual because it was large, at least a dime at arm's length or more, extremely bright yellow, leaving no trail, with no noise, and moving in a fairly straight line. He estimated that it had to be going at thousands of miles per hour. There was no scattering of light and the object was round. He thinks it dimmed as it neared the mountains, and lost its light in the distance. This sighting lasted only a few seconds.

The following night, Sunday, May 26, Allen Wilbur, 18, and Dale Nelson, 16, were driving west on Chase Court at approximately 7:30 p.m., when Allen, who was on the passenger side of the car, noticed a silver-white oval object, slightly less than a pea at arm's length, to the west, over NCAR, moving rapidly back and forth from north to south behind the mountain tops. Mr. Wilbur is a student pilot and he feels this could not possibly have been an aircraft because of its great speed and direct back and forth maneuvering. They stopped the car and he got out to watch it. It was still light, but he said that the object had a glow about it that he did not feel could be reflected sunlight. Miss Nelson, who did not see the object the full time, described it as a silvery metallic object, the size of a nickel or dime at arm's



Dr. Fontes and Mrs. Lorenzen are seen above during one of their many discussions on UFOs in the study of the Fontes home in Rio de Janeiro.

length, and thought it was in front of the mountains. They watched it enter a cloud, go through it, and then shoot off toward the WNW at an incredibly fast speed until it was out of sight behind the mountains.

Two nights later, Tuesday, May 28, Mr. Harold Cambridge, 57, an employee at the water treatment plant in the mountains 3 miles west of Boulder, was outside the plant between 10 and 11 p.m., facing east, when he saw a large bright yellowish-white light which was flashing at first, which appeared to be over Boulder at 50 to 60 degrees elevation. It appeared to be about 6 inches across at arm's length, at least 3 to 4 times larger than aircraft landing lights. It came from the south, then stopped, circled slowly, making no noise at all. Eventually the object went straight NW with no change in speed or color. He watched it because of its size and sharply defined shape, and feels this could not possibly have been an aircraft. He reported this to the police the following morning.

(Mrs. Trenholm, with the able assistance of her husband Charles, heads up the Colorado State Section of APRO).

Calendars Needed

Headquarters would welcome the receipt of out-dated calendars for use in pin-pointing exact dates on reports of past sightings which arrive in the office daily. If you have a calendar which pre-dates 1964 and would like to assist us, please forward same. If some of the members have ancient calendars, we will be happy to copy them and return them.

PLEASE SEND ADDRESS CHANGES

Strange Incident in Washington

One of our Washington members relays the following information about an incident which occurred in the vicinity of Selah, Washington, between the dates of April 28 and May 6:

A woman who owns several hundred acres of orchards in the Selah-Yakima area, and who resides elsewhere except during the smudging season, related the following information to an APRO member, which involves members of her smudging crews. According to the informant, many members of the crew had seen strange objects in the air for eight days. These consisted of reddish and yellowish lights moving slowly or hovering near the orchards. On one occasion a very large object which disgorged five smaller objects was seen, and the smaller objects, upon taking to the air disappeared in different directions at very high speed.

On the same night that the large object was observed, a 16-year-old member of one of the crews was en route to another part of the orchard by car. He was just coming to work and was unaware of the sighting which had taken place earlier. As he passed through a wooded area his attention was arrested by a light off to his left. He stopped the car for a better look and was astonished to see three "beings" emerge from the trees. He estimated the distance from the beings to himself to be about 600 feet and they were coming toward him. The closer they got he realized that they were very small—4 feet tall or less. He described them as being dressed in orange-colored clothing of a shiny texture. He said they were human-like in appearance and he recalls seeing what he thought were ears but the other facial features were indistinct. There was no hair or other covering on the heads. The boy was badly frightened, and wondered why they were approaching and what they intended to do. He began to panic, and thinking of nothing else to do, he honked the horn of the car as loud and as long as he could. At this point two other similar beings of the same size emerged from the right side of the road and came toward the car.

At this juncture another young man, also a member of the smudging crew, heard the sounds of the car horn and ran up the road to investigate. He came up to the other's car and opened the door and found the young man virtually at the point of collapse. He thought the car's occupant was dying because he gave no response and seemed almost unconscious.

After being revived, the principal in this case was taken back to the ranch house and he stated that the beings had approached to within about 25 feet of the car when they suddenly turned around and walked back toward the left of his car where they disappeared among

the trees. They did not "glide" as is reported in some landing cases, nor did they run—they simply walked away. It was just as the men were walking away that the second fellow came running up to the car. The rescuer reasoned that he did not see the "men" because he was concentrating on the car which had been honking. And when he arrived at the car he was more concerned for the condition of the occupant than anything else.

On the morning after this incident the lady who owns the orchards went with the two boys to the area where the beings were seen. At the place where the "beings" turned back, a fence (a mesh "hog fence") was strung across that area. At this spot and surrounding it were six imprints in the soil which resembled footprints, but were 8 inches long, had a narrow heel, no instep and a "paddle-shaped" foot. There was also an area which appeared to have been dug up. The woman attempted to get someone from the local high school to come and take a cast of the imprints but no one arrived.

Also during the eight-day period during which many phenomena were seen, was the manifestation of an all-encompassing blue light which would suddenly illuminate a large area of several acres and just as suddenly disappear. Those who reported this phenomenon said that it was so bright they could see every twig and every detail of the landscape. Nothing was seen in the sky or on the ground to account for the light.

None of the foregoing was reported to authorities because the lady involved is very adverse to the ensuing publicity and feels responsible for the young man involved. She feels responsible for a young man who lost his job when she reported a UFO incident back in the mid-1950s and the young man involved was virtually ridiculed out of the country.

Investigation is under way and further details will be reported.

Another Car-Buzzing Incident

Mrs. Robert Finley of Healdton, Oklahoma, has reported that she and her daughter were "escorted" by a UAO for a distance of about five miles during the first week of March. They were nearing the Healdton Y on U.S. 70 when a saucer-shaped object crossed over the highway traveling south. Then it circled around and started following the Finley car as she turned to go to Healdton. Mrs. Finley said that the object, which had blinking lights, stayed on the west side of the road, just above the treetops, and disappeared as she arrived at the Healdton city limits.

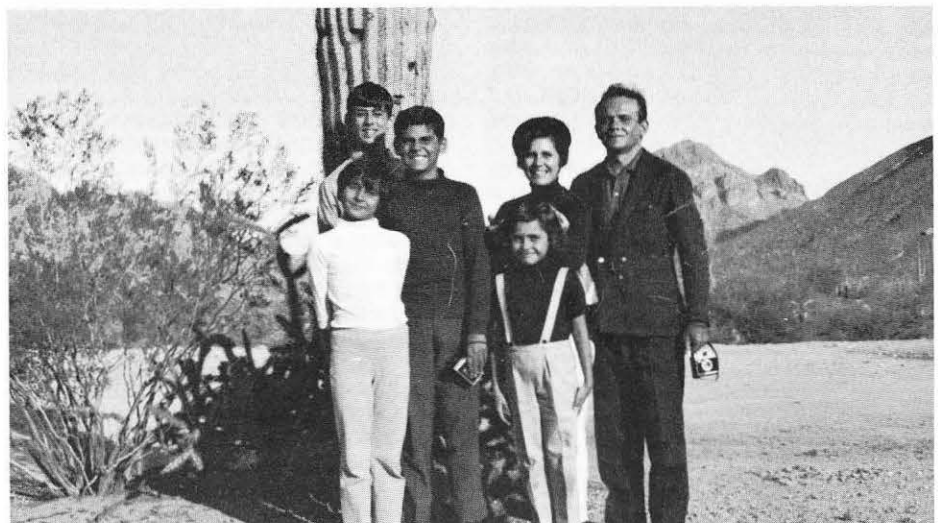
Note

We occasionally receive complaints from members that they are not receiving their Bulletins. As you will note, the Bulletin is mailed at special non-profit organization postage rate. Because of this, it does not receive the same attention in the post office that first class mail does and for this reason we lose a Bulletin or two at each mailing. Also, some bulletins take 10 days to two weeks to reach their destination.

We urge members to keep this office advised of address changes; many times those who have not received a Bulletin have moved without forwarding their new addresses and the Bulletin is returned to APRO. Please help the office force to be more efficient, and save them the extra work of re-mailing by keeping us apprised of your current location.

NOTICE!

Through an oversight, some of the early mail-outs of the Gerdes UAO Detector schematics were incomplete. The recipients of these incomplete copies may return them and receive complete copies by return mail.



Above, left to right: Miss Teresa Fontes, Luis Fontes, Mrs. Fontes, Marcia Fontes and Dr. Fontes. The boy at left behind Teresa is the Lorenzens' son Larry. This photo was taken during a visit to Southern Arizona in February, 1966.

STOP PRESS!

Last minute information reaching us from South America includes the following report which is condensed in the interest of space:

At about the 1st of June, two couples who were on their way home at night to Chascomas which is located some 150 kilometers south of Buenos Aires, Argentina, had a peculiar experience. One couple, whom we will call Mr. and Mrs. Vidal, were following the car of the others. Suddenly their car was enveloped in heavy fog, and when they next recalled anything, they were in their car on a dusty, lonely road, and it was daylight. They soon realized something was greatly amiss, and before long found that they were in Mexico, and it was 48 hours later than it had been when they had been driving in Argentina. Shortly, they went to and were assisted by the Argentinian Consul in Mexico City and their car was sent to the U.S. for examination.

The couple whom the Vidals had been following, meanwhile had arrived in Chascomas, and had waited for their friends until the early hours of morning. They assumed that there had been some kind of accident. Two days after this, they received notification that friends of the Vidals had received a phone call from them in Mexico. Several days later the Vidals arrived in Buenos Aires and Mrs. Vidal was hospitalized with what appeared to be deep nervous shock. Vidal told close friends that the Argentinian Consul in Mexico had warned him to keep silent about the whole incident.

Investigation of this alleged incident is proceeding among APRO members in Argentina and the full story, when it is available, will be printed in the Bulletin.

More of Those Mysterious Men

On Sunday, June 2nd, an APRO representative interviewed an elderly farm lady who lives alone outside of Towanda, New York, who had an interesting story to tell:

Her farm is on the other side of a hill upon which is located a rifle range. She said she has been observing "several" UFOs coming in a westerly direction from the rifle range in the early evening and she had contacted the officer-in-charge of the National Guard which uses the rifle range two days a month and told him of her sightings. She said he took down all the information she had and said he would check into it. This was several weeks prior to May 29, 1968, when three men arrived on the property and identified themselves as being from "the Department of Commerce." Mrs. X said they told her the government was interested in erecting an airplane beacon tower on an adjacent hilltop, owned by her, and were seeking permission for an access road. She also said they questioned her closely about air traffic over her

farm and casually asked her if she had seen anything "out of the ordinary."

She was told that surveys had been made and construction was ready to start and that they (the three men) would probably be in the area for two to three weeks to check on the air traffic. She was worried and contacted APRO's representative there (whom we are not naming until we receive specific information to do so). Through the staff of the Daily Review in Towanda, he made local inquiries and can find no one with information about proposed beacon construction. An inquiry has been sent to Washington, D.C., and when information is forthcoming, if pertinent, it will be published. The lady in question, although elderly, seems, to our representative, to be in complete possession of her faculties. She describes the objects she has seen as balloon-shaped and thinks they originate from the Sylvania Electronic Plant or the DuPont Company plant and are experimental models of something designed by our government.

We include this bit of information in view of the admission of the U.S. Air Force several months ago that unidentified men who were admonishing UFO witnesses to be quiet, were not a part of their service but that they were trying to apprehend them.

Daylight Sighting in Calif.

Two ladies, both in their fifties, and both married to prominent businessmen, observed four objects while fishing on the morning of May 5 in the area of Piney Creek Chews Ridge Look-Out about 35 miles from Salinas and Monterey, Calif. Neither lady wishes her identity known, but one of the observers is a relative of an APRO member and the report was made to her.

At 10 a.m., the two observers were fishing at a reservoir on a private ranch. Their husbands were a few miles away herding cattle. The ladies heard the sound of a motor and thought the men were coming back in the pickup truck. Then they both spotted four metallic-appearing objects, oblong in shape and rather flat, with apparent size about that of the full moon. They were up Piney Creek Canyon and maneuvered in a manner that suggested that they could not possibly be conventional aircraft. The women estimated the distance of the objects to be about four or five miles away, and they seemed to bob up and down incessantly. At one point one of the four objects left the others and appeared to approach the observers a short way, then rejoined the others. No details such as protuberances or portholes were observed. Most of the time the objects were seen against the background of the canyon and occasionally they would gain sufficient altitude so that they were observed against the clear sky. Finally, two of the objects headed toward the west and disappeared from sight within a few

seconds. The observers did not see the other two leave. The area where the observation was made is very isolated with no houses for at least seven miles. The Chews Ridge Lookout is the only building in the area.

Activity Still Extensive in Canada

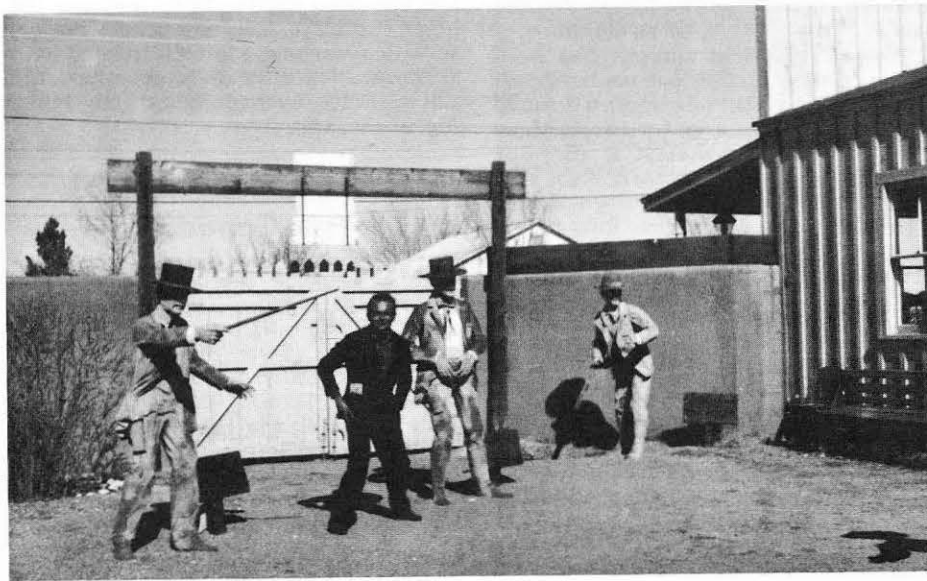
Canada, which received a large portion of the sightings made during the fall 1967 flap, still continues to yield a good number of very detailed sightings. We are especially indebted to Dr. P. M. H. Edwards, W. K. Allan, Brian Cannon, R. G. Mazer, Barrie Thompson and W. R. Mellor for the information and detailed cases forwarded to APRO Headquarters. The following are some of the more interesting sightings:

Fort Norman, North West Territory, 16 February. A local native of the Slave tribe, out on a cutline about four miles from Fort Norman at about 5 in the afternoon was cutting wood and her dog team was resting nearby. Canadian National Telephone lines run along the cutline. The dogs began to show signs of extreme nervousness, were barking and whining and seemed to be very frightened. The woman left the bush to quiet them and was startled to see what appeared to be a huge very bright orange ball, moving near the telephone lines some distance from her. She claims that she cannot estimate distance and size and since she was badly frightened, she headed immediately for town with her team. Nearing town she looked back and saw nothing.

Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, 2 March. A farmer of this town was among the observers of a huge, rectangular object at 6:55 p.m. He was driving at the time, stopped his car about two miles south of Gilbert Plains to better observe the object which appeared to be only a few hundred feet above the ground a few miles west of him. He said he thought the object was much larger than a DC-8, was rectangular in shape and about "three stories" high, no window seen, and it emitted black smoke. By the time he made these observations, he said, two other cars had stopped nearby and the occupants turned off their engines to see if any noise was discernible but there was none. After it maneuvered a bit in a small area, the object took off at a 45 degree angle at about the speed of a jet. When it left it seemed to have a tail and emitted a red streak.

Richmond, B.C. 9 April. A hovering orange light was sighted by an 11-year-old girl and her father, Henry De Boer at night. The girl sighted it first, called her father, and they both watched it move slowly into the north.

Although many more sightings have been received from Canada, we have presented only a few in order to give an adequate coverage of the rest of the world activity.



Seen above is a scene in the "O.K. Corral" at Tombstone, Arizona, which is a ghost town. The three statues in the photo are of "Doc" Holliday, Marshall Wyatt Earp and an unidentified gunman. The center figure is "Doc" Fontes, about to "draw."

Current South American Flap

The following is current available information on UFO activity taking place in South America:

Guayos, Venezuela, April 26. A spherical object with "uncanny" light flashes issuing from it was sighted by many residents of this town as it passed overhead at 8 p.m.

Caracas, Venezuela, 28 April. A strange cloud phenomenon was observed by Diego Angulo at 11 a.m. The sky was completely overcast and Angulo watched as the cloud cover was "rent" in two parts in a neat, perfect line as if slit by a giant, invisible knife. The slit was a wide one and proceeded slowly from the zenith all the way to the horizon in the west. The width of the slit was about that of three fingers held at arm's length. No object was seen, and the slit was slowly filled in at different points as the clouds eventually came together. Fifteen minutes after the rent was completed the sky was completely covered with clouds again. Personally investigated by Joe Rolas.

Arrecifes, Venezuela, first week in May. Five UAOs were observed diving into the ocean off the coast of this town in northern Venezuela.

Valencia, Venezuela, 14 and 15 May. On each of these nights a brilliant luminous object was observed by many as it crossed the sky at great speed, coming out of the south and disappearing into the west.

Caracas, Venezuela, 20 May. At 2:30 p.m. all the residents of eastern Caracas were panicked by an extremely loud and "hideous" rumbling noise that sounded as if roaring jets were passing over the area. Nothing was seen in the sky and no aircraft were in the area. The noise seemed to come from the mountains and

traverse the city toward the west when it faded out. Duration: two minutes.

Lima, Peru, 2 June. A group of people reported that they had seen six UAOs hovering over the highway to Chosica, about 40 kilometers east of Lima. Each had a red light and made a helicopter-like noise, though they moved much faster than helicopters are capable of flying. First, four stationary lights were seen which were joined by two other lights coming from the direction of the hills. After maneuvering for a few minutes, four of the objects moved swiftly out of sight while the remaining two dived toward the ground, leveled off and took to the air again. All were shaped like soup plates and were rounded on the bottom side.

Santiago, Chile, 12 June. Professor Gabriel Alvial, Director of the Cosmic Radiation Center at the University of Chile announced that on May 17th a UAO had been photographed three times by a crew of scientists in the Andean Range where the UAO hovered between two mountains for one hour. The object on the film appears as a bright, lens-shaped object with its sunderside in the shape of a cone. It was seen and photographed north of Valparaiso and the observatory. "We are sure it was giant in size," Professor Alvial stated, and "can't be scientifically explained away." The photograph shows the object on a moonless night between the profiles of two mountains and with the glare of the lights of the city of Valparaiso in the background. Attempts will be made by APRO representatives in Chile to obtain the photo for publication.

Cordoba, Argentina, 15 June. A young woman and her father informed the police that she had seen a strange being at about 1 a.m. this date. According to the father, he saw a strange object with two red lights about 50 meters from the

motel which he owns and where he and his daughter live. Upon approaching their quarters, he found his daughter lying unconscious on the ground. When revived the girl said that a six-foot-tall being encased in a blue helmet and suit which appeared to be made of shiny scales had approached her. He proceeded slowly and noiselessly, she said, smiling and whispering in a strange language, and from his feet and hands phosphorescent rays of light issued each time he lifted them. The girl lost consciousness out of fear.

Boulogne, Argentina, 16 June. The central portion of this city was disturbed and some residents panicked by a "hideous" rumble heard overhead. (See details of similar phenomenon in Venezuela above). This strange noise was accompanied by mysterious glaring lights which seemed to emanate from the sky. Dogs were panicked and took to the fields during this time, and the ceiling at the home of a farmer flaked off and collapsed.

Brazil

Leme, 8 December 1967: Capt. Carlos Augusto Correau and Mario Grosso reported seeing a brilliant light over the ocean which blinked off and on, red and white alternately. Time: 11:30; heavy rain had stopped, low hanging clouds in evidence. Object circling over ocean. Military searchlights were turned on in the direction of the light whereupon the light flew off and disappeared toward Santos Dumont Airport behind Sugarloaf mountain. Two couples on the beach also saw the maneuvering light.

Niteroi, Brazil, 4 June. Passengers traveling on the outside decks of the Rio to Niteroi ferry "Paqueta," observed the flight of an unidentified object which was estimated to be at about 600 meters (2,000 feet) and crossing from the Morro do Estado at Niteroi toward the center of Rio de Janeiro. Draughtsman Raimundo Pucu saw the object and made a drawing of it which showed a football-shaped object with a protuberance on the top. Observers described it as intensely bright, round, and with a red lower side. The Brazilian Air Force Search and Rescue Department was queried about the object and a spokesman said that they had not sighted the object, but that this may have been due to its very swift flight.

Utke Has New Project

Those members wishing to support Dr. Allen Utke in an expedition to a repeat sighting area in August are asked to mail checks made out to him at 1825 Oak St., Oshkosh, Wis., 54901. Results of the expedition will be reported in these pages. If trip is cancelled, all checks will be returned. Dr. Utke will also accept lecture engagements to help raise funds.

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Occupants In France

Accompanying this article are drawings depicting the general physical characteristics of four "occupants" observed on the 29th of August 1967. This information was contained in the French language periodical "Phenomenes Spatiaux" which can be obtained at the following address by anyone who wishes to subscribe: G.E.P.A. 69, rue de la Tombe-Issoire, Paris, 14e, France. This incident, although witnessed only by children, is most interesting, especially in view of the fact that it took place in the daytime:

On the date mentioned, Francois Depleuch, 13½ and his sister Anne Marie, 9, accompanied by their dog Medor, were looking after a herd of cows near their home on the plateau of Cantal, at the village of Cussac, which is 20 kilometers WSW of Saint-Flour. At 10:30 a.m., the cows were about to jump over a low wall and Francois climbed up on a pile of stones whereupon he saw, on the other side of a hedge, about 40 meters (150 feet) away, what he thought were four children whom he did not recognize. They appeared strange—they and their clothing are completely black and have a silken look. No features were visible. Near the four figures was a large, extremely brilliant sphere which shone so much it was difficult to look at.

One of the small creatures was bending over and seemed to be busying himself with something on the ground, while another, holding an object which reflects the sun like a mirror, waved his hands and seemed to be making signs to his companions.

At this point Francois called out: "Are you coming to play with us?" At that moment the creatures, who did not seem interested in the children, seemed to realize that they were being watched.

The first figure "flew up" vertically and dived head first into the top of the sphere. The second followed him in the same manner and the third one, after standing up, did the same. (See drawings for sequence of events). The fourth figure rose off the ground, came down again, appeared to pick up something, then he took off again and caught up with the sphere which, during this time, had begun to rise, describing small circles and had reached a height of

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Czech Scientist's Views Of UFOs

Dr. Ludvik Soucek, writing in SVET V OBRAZECH ("World in Pictures"), No. 49,50 (1967) had quite a few things to say about the possible reality and origin of UFOs. The first part of the article "The Mystery of Flying Saucers" dealt with historical matter including the Kenneth Arnold, Captain Mantell and 1952 Washington, D.C. sightings. After dealing with the historical aspect, Soucek took off on some intelligent speculation and some remarks about his own experiences in investigating UFO information. He said that in a conversation with a commander in the Czechoslovak Radar Corps he had been told that fast-moving unidentified objects had been tracked on Czech radars many times. The Commander also said that this information was not given to the public because "we don't want to cause a panic."

Dr. Soucek cited six possible explanations for UFOs: 1. Hallucinations and hoaxes (he concludes that most of the cases are undoubtedly these); 2. Natural Phenomena (he says that they are a very frequent source of reports and cites planets as often causing UFO reports); 3. Secret Weapons. Here Dr. Soucek speculates about the possibility that the UFOs are secret craft devised by the Nazis and spirited out of Germany before the Third Reich fell in 1945. Supporting this, he cites the disappearance of Nazi designers of specialized experimental crafts, appearances of the UFOs near rocket bases during the war (in the vicinity of Peenmunde specifically), appearances of UFOs over South America where many Nazis are supposed to be hiding, the fact that UFOs appear to avoid inhabited areas, the unexplained disappearance of several German Freight U-boats capable of taking up to 850 metric tons each, the disappearance of several long distance planes from Tempelhof Air Base with flight plans to Spain and documentation to South America, and last, but not least, the disappearance of a huge amount of several tens of millions of marks in hard currency, gold and precious stones from the Reichsbank shortly before the end of the war.

4. Man-made products (balloons, air-planes, satellites, etc.). Soucek states his conviction that many reports are gener-

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We have heard, in the course of the past 21 years, of many UFO residuals which although exhaustively investigated and analyzed, prove almost as puzzling after analysis as they did before, but the following case is one of the most intriguing.

On the 18th of May, 1968, at 5 a.m. C. S. Dos Santos, a night watchman at Caconde, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, returned home from his nightly work and found, in the courtyard of his house, a very curious object which was partly buried in the ground. It was quite heavy (comparable to a car battery) of grey polished metal, had no seams or rivets or screws showing and was cylinder-shaped and about the size of a medium-sized powdered milk can. At each end of the cylinder were dials which looked to Dos Santos like manometers. One dial displayed a black hand and the other a red one. These dials appeared to be encased under a glass or plastic lens and Dos Santos observed embossed figures on them arranged in a semi-circle. He thought they resembled our arabic numerals.

Above each figure there were other signs which Dos Santos could not decipher, and, being curious, he took the object into the house with him. His wife said she thought it might be a time-bomb and did not want it about, but Dos Santos put it on the floor and allowed their small son to handle it.

As was his custom, Dos Santos breakfasted and then went to bed, but before retiring he put the object on the slat-window sill of the bathroom. After getting up that evening, he went to work at his usual time, having completely forgotten about the object. At about 1 a.m., Dos Santos went back home to check on his wife who was pregnant and was surprised to find all the doors and windows open and the house brightly lit. Neighbors were outside with his wife, and both Mrs. Dos Santos and their son were in a very agitated state. Mrs. Dos Santos then told her husband of the strange events of the night.

She had been awakened by a sound like the "buzz of a big transformer" and a feeling of intense and stifling heat, despite the bitter cold of the night. She decided to get up and switch off the main electric switches, fearing that there had been a short circuit. As she left the bedroom, she noted a bright bluish light coming from the little bathroom, from

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Staff Changes

We call attention to changes in APRO's International Staff as follows: Professor

Flavio Pereira, of Sao Paulo, President of CBPCOANI (Brazilian Commission for the Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects) will act as APRO's Representative for Brazil, and his efforts will be supplemented by Mrs. Irene Granchi, who will furnish translations. Mrs. Granchi who is an English teacher, speaks and reads several languages, and we are most grateful for her cooperation. Professor Pereira is also President of IBACE (Brazilian Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences), the Director of the Superior School of Science of Sao Paulo, and a member of the Brazilian International Institute of Space Law, as well as a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Because of his very busy schedule, we are grateful that Professor Pereira consented to act in this capacity for APRO, and are certain that he will carry on in the fine tradition of Dr. Olavo Fontes' great contributions to the UFO field. Pereira was a close friend and colleague of Dr. Fontes and has proposed to found the "Olavo T. Fontes Forum" in memory of our departed friend. Professor Pereira authored the excellent Portuguese language book, "O Livro Vermelho dos Discos Voadores" (The Red Reference Book of Flying Saucers).

Mr. Richard Guillon, of Santiago, Chile has reluctantly resigned his post as Representative in Chile due to pressure of his architectural commitments, and Mr. Pablo Petrovich has kindly agreed to join the staff. Mr. Petrovich is well known in his country as a dependable and scientifically oriented UFO researcher and will be a valuable addition. When time and space permits, complete dossiers as well as photos of Professor Pereira, Mrs. Granchi and Mr. Petrovich will be published in the Bulletin so that members can acquaint themselves with the qualifications of these individuals.

Mr. Rodolfo Acosta Sanchez has recently joined APRO and has consented to represent APRO in Costa Rica, where some activity has taken place recently.

The staff would like to thank Mr. Richard Greenwell, for his herculean efforts on our behalf in South America. Since joining APRO a little over a year ago, he has done much to acquire information on sightings on the continent as well as to coordinate investigations and extend APRO's membership there. We also would like to congratulate Mr. Greenwell on his new book (in Spanish) which will be published some time this fall and will be available throughout Latin America. The name and price and where it will be available for purchase will be published in the Bulletin.

An Apology

Several incidents of the summer of 1968 have caused the current delay in issuance of the APRO Bulletin. In addition to a trip to New York where Mrs. Lorenzen appeared on "To Tell the

Truth" and an accident involving Mr. Lorenzen in August in which he suffered a broken arm, many reports and the ensuing investigations have been very time-consuming. The added responsibility for Mrs. Lorenzen as a result of Mr. Lorenzen's incapacitation for a time set the publishing schedule back somewhat but it is hoped that the September-October issue will be on time and mailed on or about the first of November.

If plans which are underway at this time come to fruition as expected some exclusive news involving one of the first real forward steps in UFO research will be published in the next issue.

APRO's Status Quo

Members occasionally inquire considering APRO's membership status and the general "health" of the corporation, and we will take this opportunity to describe as briefly as possible how the organization in general is faring.

At present the membership exceeds 4,000 and is climbing toward 5,000. We would like to ask the members, however, to make use of the membership blank which comprises a part of the Bulletin cover, and bring in one additional member for in view of the widespread interest in the subject, it seems quite likely that the membership could be brought up to 10,000 before Spring, 1969, if each of us brings in one additional member.

The "physical" status of APRO is very good. It has been decided to keep the offices in the present location (the Lorenzen home) for the time being, instead of re-locating in leased offices elsewhere. There are two reasons for this: First, the present location guarantees access of the members to staff members on a 24-hour basis. Secondly, although APRO's financial condition is stable, it is felt that in order to employ adequate office help and take care of any contingencies, considerable funds can be saved by staying in the present quarters.

These quarters consist of: A 25x9-foot sunporch where the membership secretary and stenographer work. The addressograph machine, plate files, card files and rotary files as well as correspondence and application blank files are housed in this office which also has one manual and one electric typewriter, two work tables, a large desk, the photo files, a Pitney-Bowes copier and the postage machine. All mailing is done from this room, including correspondence. Bulletin stock and stationery, etc., is also stored here.

The second office is a 10x13-foot room which houses two desks, the organization's library, a safe, and six filing cabinets. This is the "nerve center" of APRO where sighting files are stored and catalogued. At the present time a cross-indexing of all periodicals (which go back

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to 1952 when APRO was founded), technical papers and case files is being carried out.

The third room, which was recently added, is a large, (18x13 feet) glassed-in room which leads out to the Lorenzen's patio and swimming pool. Here most of the editorial work is done and conferences held. The entire Lorenzen home, including offices is air-conditioned by refrigeration, making ideal working conditions for employees of APRO.

In addition to the aforementioned office equipment, APRO owns four tape recorders: a large, old-fashioned two-speed recorder, a portable, battery-supplied model, a Cassette cartridge-type and a tape deck which will accommodate any size of tape at any speed. The latter is an independent stereo unit or can be played through any stereo system.

Much of the equipment belonging to APRO has been acquired bit by bit through the years so that at the present time we feel that the organization is well equipped. The house telephone as well as the office telephone (with extensions) enable the staff to accommodate two calls at once if necessary.

This may not sound terribly impressive from the standpoint of offices, but considering the fact that the organization started in the corner of the Lorenzen living room 17 years ago when the field of UFO Research was non-existent, we feel that quite a bit of progress has been made.

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which the noise apparently was emanating also. Frightened, she decided to call the neighbors and did so immediately. The neighbors had just gotten over to her yard, heard the sound and saw the light when they heard a very loud noise like tiles breaking. Immediately after this sound was heard the heat stopped and the light in the house went out.

After hearing this Dos Santos went into the house to investigate, and in the bathroom he found a hole in the roof, there was tile scattered all over the floor and the object which he had left on the sill was gone.

The indication is, of course, that the object either took off of its own accord, making a hole in the roof as it left, or was somehow taken out of the house. All the witnesses (Mr. and Mrs. Dos Santos and their neighbors) were interviewed and their testimony taken by Dr. Max Berezowsky, M.D., and Dr. Methodius Kalkasieff (Architect) on behalf of the Brazilian Commission for Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects (CBPCOANI) and forwarded to APRO by Professor Flavio Pereira, the organization's president and APRO's rep-

resentative in Brazil. We are indebted also to Mrs. Irene Granchi of Rio de Janeiro, our official Portuguese translator.

Congressional Hearing

On July 29, 1968, the House Committee on Science and Astronautics held a one-day symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects. This particular session of the Committee was chaired by Congressman J. Edward Roush.

Presenting papers at the request of the committee were: 1. Dr. Robert M. L. Baker, Jr., Senior Scientist, System Sciences Corporation; 2. Dr. Robert L. Hall, head of Department of Sociology, University of Illinois (brother of Richard Hall, formerly Deputy Director of NICAP); 3. Dr. James A. Harder, Associate Professor of Fluid Mechanics, University of California at Berkeley (member of APRO Advisory Staff); 4. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Department of Astronomy, Northwestern University, and Scientific Advisor to Project Bluebook; 5. Dr. James E. McDonald, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona and 6. Dr. Carl Sagan, Department of Astronomy, Cornell University.

Among other scientists asked to submit written statements were Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Associate Professor of Counseling and Testing, University of Wyoming (member of APRO Advisory Staff and associate member of NICAP) and Stan Friedman, (APRO member and officer of the UFO Research Institute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).

If the name of Robert M. L. Baker is new to the reader, the Journal of the Astronautical Sciences, Vol. XV, No. 1, pp. 31-36 January-February 1968 carries his paper, "Observational Evidence of Anomalistic Phenomena" which is an analysis of the UFO motion picture film taken by Nicholas Mariana at Great Falls, Montana on August 19, 1950, based on tests performed at the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1955-56.

We will not attempt to carry a full report on this hearing since a complete report has been published and is available on request through your congressman. We urge you to request a copy of this report immediately to help demonstrate public interest in this subject to your Congressman.

We consider this hearing, which was better attended than most, to be an important milestone in establishing a prestigious public record of the importance of the UFO problem. Much credit is due Dr. McDonald for his efforts which helped make this hearing a reality.

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ated by such objects.

5. A new, relativistic phenomenon. Here Soucek deals with something which most UFO enthusiasts do not care to

consider, having already committed themselves too solidly to the extra-terrestrial thesis. We will quote: "This possibility, as far as I know, was not considered as yet, but in 1952, a German physicist, Burkhardt Heim, presented his mathematical theory and claimed it is possible to prove it by experiment. Starting from the experiments of Frenchman Pages, designer of a flying disc, hovering in an electromagnetic field, and from the theories of Continuous Formation and Disappearance of matter, Heim asserts that this matter can exist in an as yet unknown state of "Mezo-field" in between electromagnetic and gravitation force fields. This mezo field can be used in the design of a cosmic disc-shaped craft. Such a craft would be able to travel faster than light and thus become invisible. By proper arrangement of "field drives" which he also computed, the craft would resist deformations from crashes and would be safe for the crew even in case of sudden change of flight direction or speed."

Soucek then goes on to admit that the foregoing is a "wild" theory, but that its author is an otherwise respected scientist. The acceptance of such a theory would mean correction or change of Einstein's theory of Relativity if only for the speeds in excess of the speed of light which are ruled out by the Einstein theory. Heim's "cosmic craft" would also exhibit certain features attributed to present-day UFOs which have been hitherto unexplained in the context of current technology, i.e., the ability to change directions or speeds abruptly, and to appear and disappear in a fraction of a second.

And then Soucek mentions the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, "probably the most popular and exciting" and says it should not be left out. He goes on to discuss the various possibilities involved.

Last but not least of Soucek's considered theories is the theory that our sons or grandsons are traveling into the past and that it is their ships which are currently being seen.

It is to be hoped that this will not be the last we will hear of Dr. Soucek, and in view of Czechoslovakia's current political problems we can only hope that scientific information will not fall victim to the recently instituted censorship.

New Planet

Italian Astronomer Raffaele Bendandi has announced in Faenza, Italy his discovery of a new planet which orbits between Mercury and the Sun at a distance of 25 million, 260 kilometers from the Sun, and which rotates around the Sun in 25 days and 10 hours, approximately.

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about 15 meters (50 feet). The fourth little figure then disappeared into the sphere in the same manner as the other three. As the sphere rose from the ground a low, fairly sharp "hissing" noise was heard, mingled with a noise like a breeze blowing which neither of the children felt.

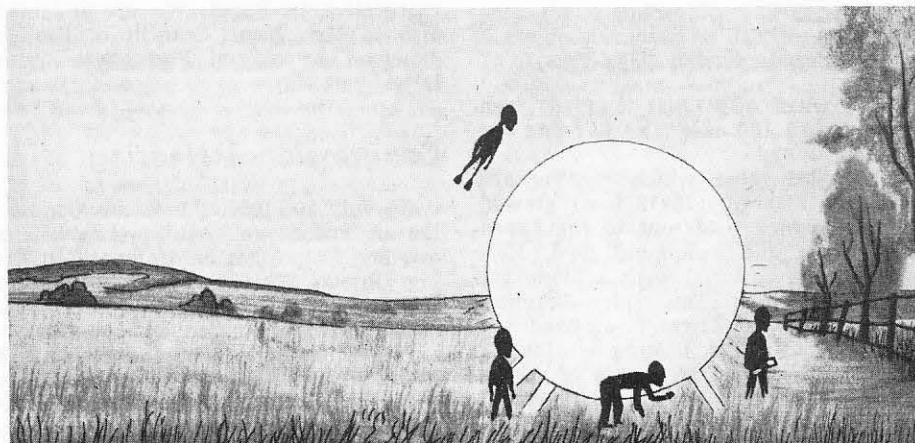
The object described a few more circles, still rising, and the intensity of the light emitted by the object increased greatly. Then the noise stopped and the sphere made off at full speed into the Northwest. At the same time that all of this was happening, a smell of sulphur was detected by the children and the cows began to bellow and become uneasy. The dog Medor was barking and appeared to want to follow the object. Francois and Anne Marie, because of the cows' upset, were obliged to bring them in a half hour before the usual time.

Details of the sphere are poor, probably because of the brilliance of the light. It was a perfect sphere, the children said, about two meters in diameter (6½ feet approximately), a very bright silvery color with no inscriptions, protrusions or openings that could be seen. Anne Marie claimed that she saw four stilt-like legs supporting the sphere, but Francois did not. Francois felt that Anne Marie might have mistaken some branches in the bushes for legs.

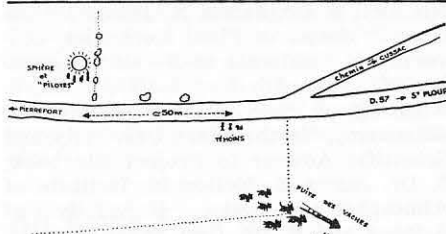
The details of the creatures are very interesting and quite detailed: They were about 1 meter, 20 centimeters (3½-4 feet) in height, but all were not of the same height. The first and the second (see sketches) are the smallest and the largest was the fourth. The children could not discern whether the black color was the color of their skin or if they were wearing suits of some kind, but they did not note any visible border line between a possible garment and the creatures' heads, which appeared to be bare.

The arms were a little long and slender, and no hands were noted. The legs were short and slender, and the "feet" of the fourth, when he caught up with the sphere, appeared to be webbed. Although the head appeared to be normal in size relative to the body, the skull was pointed and the chin very marked. The nose was also pointed (according to Anne Marie). Both Francois and Anne Marie agreed that the little creatures sported a "beard." It was situated on each side of the head, with a little tuft under the chin. No eyes or mouth were evident. Neither was there any indication of an apparatus which enabled the creatures to "fly".

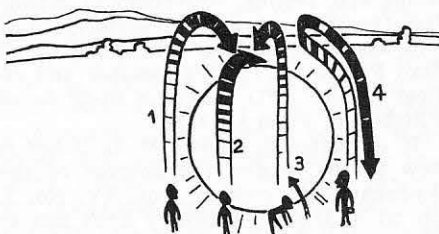
This incident was investigated and written for "Phenomena Spatiaux" by Joel Mesnard and Claude Pavy who pointed out that minute differences were found in the testimony of the children, but which could be accounted for by lack



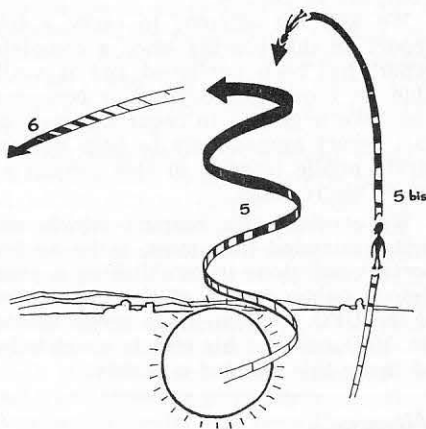
DRAWING NO. 1 shows position of sphere and "little men" on the ground. See story on Page 1 and at left.



DRAWING NO. 2 illustrates ground plan of sighting. Note sphere, little men at upper left, children and dog below road at center and cows at lower right.



DRAWING NO. 3 depicts paths of little men as they flew, then dived into sphere. Note difference in size.



DRAWING NO. 4 shows path of fourth little man as he dives into sphere, as well as motion and path of sphere at take-off.

of attention, etc. of one or the other. Their attempts to confuse the children and thereby cause them to contradict one another were of no use—both seemed very sure of what they had witnessed.

We would like to state that this is one of the most detailed and carefully investigated occupant cases we have had the pleasure to examine and the staff of G.E.P.E. are to be congratulated on its presentation.

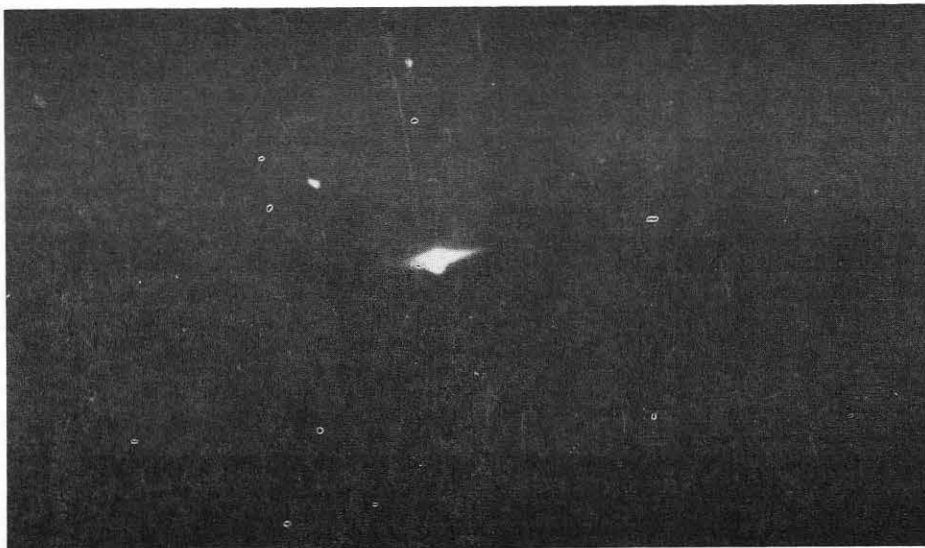
Object Heats Up Boat In N.S.

On the 4th of May Captain Woodrow Atwood, skipper of the fishing boat "Which Way In" had a puzzling experience with a lighted object at 8 p.m. about one and a half hours south of Seal Island.

Atwood said that he was watching the compass when he spotted a light to the north which appeared about the size of a "match light." "Suddenly," he said, "it burst into a blood red light and appeared to be about 50 to 75 yards away and coming towards the boat." As Atwood watched, heat apparently from the object became so intense that he had to move away from the window. After that, the object floated overhead for about five minutes and then lowered and seemed to float away from the boat and toward "Brown's Bank." Atwood radioed anyone listening to tell of his experience and was answered by the skipper of the "Racer" who said that his crew had just called him to report that a huge ball of red light had just missed the spars of the boat when it passed over. Atwood told reporters later that the heat from the light was so intense that he had expected his boat to be "burned" before the object left, and crew member William Nickerson, also aboard the "Which Way In" said that it was a "frightening experience."

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The Alvia Photos

Mr. Pablo Petrowitsch S., APRO's new representative for Chile, has forwarded the full report of the photos taken at the "El Inferinillo" Observatory in Chile, one of which is shown above. The basic details:

Since October 1967, technicians operating the cosmic ray instruments at the observatory have been observing a series of luminous phenomena which have been given the designation F.P.E. (Phenomena Requiring Explanation) by Observatory chief Professor Gabriel Alvia C. The phenomena have the appearance of stars of a magnitude Zero to one, move about and hover in space. Some of the photographs taken during a static period of the phenomena show luminous rings of Fresnel diffraction.

The El Fierinillo Observatory is a part of the Faculty of Physical Science and Mathematics of the University of Chile and is located at an altitude of 4,343 meters (13,600 feet) in the Cordillera de los Andes, at latitude 33 degrees, 10 minutes south and 70 degrees, 17 minutes west.

The above photograph was taken from the Observatory at 01:35 hours G.M.T. on May 17, 1968 and is one of three photographs taken over a period of 60 minutes of a flickering light. The smaller light showing above and to the left of the phenomenon corresponds to that of the El Roble Observatory which is almost 100 kilometers from El Inferinillo and is located at an altitude of about 2000 meters.

Professor Alvia states that the Cosmic Radiation Center prefers not to use the terms OVNI (Spanish for UFO) or UFOs or other terms in its search for an explanation of these "possible natural phenomena."

Currently, the Center is canvassing various foreign and international institutions for funds by which to purchase and install a space scanning camera, the cost of which is estimated to be about

\$35,000 and includes one year's operating costs.

Any further details which may be available on this case will be published in the near future. We might say that this is the first time, to our knowledge that any government-supported institution has released for public consumption a photograph and related information about a UFO.

A Classical Saucer In The Swedish Skies

by K. Gosta Rehn

Among all the puzzling reports about close encounters with flying saucers, it is quite a diversion to receive a clean-cut observation of a saucer in the skies.

In the evening of November 12th my telephone rang and the dentist, Dr. Borje Rindborg told me the following story:

Dr. Borje Rindborg as well as his wife, Svea, also a dentist, have their practitioner's offices in Falun, the main city of Dalarna, while enjoying as their home a cottage in Hosjo, a village about 5 miles from the city. On October 19th, at 7 in the morning, their boy, age 11, had arisen from his bed and peeped out of the window. His cry: "Look, a flying saucer!" brought the whole family to the windows. The sunrise had just taken place half an hour before. Now they all marvelled at the object they saw for 3 minutes.

When at first closest to view it seemed large as the moon. Later its size appeared to measure about one decimeter (4 inches) across at an arm's length distance. In the shadow it had a silvery shine, climbing up higher over the woods the sun gave it a golden luster. Everybody noticed plainly the disc-like form of the craft and the domelike elevation in the center. There was a hazy glow around the edges that seemed rather grooved or furrowed. It went rather low over the woods, then climbed to about 30 degrees, hovered motionless for a while; finally it made a sharp turn while tilting on edge, rushed across the nearby

lake until lost in view. Momentarily, it looked as if it was going to land.

With a view of forestalling possible back-fires from the professional disbelievers in the Defense I prepared a transcript of the story and supplied it with probing questions. Dr. Rindborg returned the sheet to me, duly supplied with his answers. The story as heard by me was okayed. His answers to my questions were as follows:

Direction when you first saw it? Answer: West. Direction when you last saw it? Answer: West-northwest. The sky, weather, wind, temperature? Answer: Sky partly cloudy in the west, for the rest clear, visibility clear, no wind, some plus-degrees (Celsius), Viewed the object through glasses? Answer: No.

Could it have been:

A cloud formation, illuminated by the sun? Answer: Definitely no!

The planet Venus, which at that time glittered as a morning star in the sky? Answer: Definitely no!

A weather balloon or pibal radiosond with parachute? Answer: Definitely not.

Velocity? Answer: Very difficult to estimate. However, we could very easily follow its motions, until it disappeared behind the treetops.

Before Oct. 19th you, your wife and your boy had only superficially read about flying saucers? Answer: Yes.

None of you was influenced by flying saucer stories in your observation? Answer: No.

Estimate of size is of course impossible when you do not know the distance. The saucer looked pretty close to the observers, but even if you take the distance to the saucer as one mile, my guess would be a saucer of considerable size, say 60 to 90 feet (20-30 m).

Dr. Rindborg's report to me was occasioned by the fact that he had gotten hold of my saucer book and was struck by the similarities between my descriptions and his observation, for which reason he now was firmly convinced that he and his family had seen a *real classical flying saucer*.

'Cigar' Sighted in Pa.

A 48-year-old housewife living in East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, a rural community, has reported to an APRO member that she observed a cigar-shaped object suspended motionless in the air about 30 degrees above the horizon on the 3rd of June 1968. No details could be discerned, other than that it was elongated and glowed with a steady "orange-red" color. The time was 8:30 p.m., the sky was clear and there was no wind. The woman said she watched it for about a minute until it seemed to fade from sight. No movement was seen, it merely faded out. Its apparent size was slightly larger than a 50c piece held at arm's length.

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A Reasonable Approach

Four well-known UFO-involved individuals have passed away since the beginning of the mystery in 1947. We have recently received speculation and hints that perhaps there may have been something sinister at work where the demise of these four men is concerned. Of course, we cannot speak for everyone, but being familiar with the various personalities involved, we can make an educated analysis of the situation. The four men are M. K. Jessup (astronomer and mathematician—NOT a Doctor, as some have reported), Professor Charles Maney of Defiance, Ohio, formerly of APRO's staff, the late Frank Edwards who wrote the best-seller "Flying Saucers—Serious Business," and our own Dr. Olavo T. Fontes who from 1957 until his death in May represented APRO in Brazil.

Jessup allegedly committed suicide, and we have no reason not to believe the police who investigated his untimely death. We do know that Mr. Jessup was a bitterly disillusioned man because of his inability to accomplish what he set out to do in UFO research. He may have had personal problems about which none of us are aware.

Professor Charles Maney was an elderly man and was in ill health prior to his death.

Mr. Edwards was a man who was on the "go" all of the time, writing, doing his radio program and lecturing. His doctors had apparently advised a rest, and, as quite often happens, when he slowed his pace his heart failed.

Dr. Fontes died of cancer. Without going into the awful details, there is no doubt of what happened to him, and the doctors attending him until his death were his own trusted colleagues. Olavo himself would have resented any inference that something untoward had caused his death, and we would like to put to rest any such conjectures. Mrs. Fontes visited the Lorenzens in the middle of July during which time she related the details of his terrible illness and death and his determination to live. His cancer was the worst type and he, himself, had neglected his own physical condition; there was nothing mysterious about it at all.

It seems that there are some fringe area individuals who, lacking sufficient coverage of the global UFO situation, must rely on rumor and mysterious "men in black," etc., in order to spice up their writings. The supposition that the four above mentioned men died in some mysterious way brought about by equally mysterious entities is about on the par with the hoax which is called the "Al-lende Letters."

Another ridiculous revelation was that of a small "fanzine" which, in August of last year, printed the silly rumor that Dr. Fontes was an agent of the C.I.A. According to Dr. Walter Buhler of Rio, in a letter to a contactee cultist in California, Fontes had met with Buhler and

Christian Vogt, another UFO investigator and had said that there would be funds available to Buhler for investigation if he would work with Fontes. This, on the face of it, is too ridiculous for words, for Fontes had his own network of reporters and investigators and could fly to any spot in Brazil and conduct an on-the-spot investigation. Dr. Fontes himself laughed at Buhler's accusation, and Mr. Vogt has stated that nothing of that sort was said at all.

The most despicable part of the aforementioned rumor-mongering is that the editor who published the accusation against Dr. Fontes did not bother to check with the two other individuals who were present at the meeting—Dr. Fontes and Mr. Vogt. Buhler's accusation about Dr. Fontes is about as irresponsible as his recent statement that Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, is an agent of the C.I.A. "possibly from the Pentagon." Mr. L. has been in Washington once—his plane stopped there for 40 minutes in 1957 on the way to New York—and he has never even seen the Pentagon except from the air.

Air Force Says UFO Reports Down 75 Percent

A recent report out of Bluebook at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, states that the number of UFO reports being forwarded to that group in the early months of 1968 were down from the fall 1967 quota by about 75 percent. Many communications from members have queried the accuracy of this statement and the staff can only say that there has been a decrease in reports, but not nearly that large, as far as APRO is concerned. Of course, the USAF deals mainly with domestic reports, whereas our coverage is global. Also, recent adverse publicity may have affected the number of reports from people who do not feel they can trust the USAF. At any rate, whereas domestic (U.S.) reports were down in early 1968 the number of sightings being reported in Canada, for example, held steady through January, February and March, after which UFO activity apparently shifted to South America again.

Other countries are receiving quite a bit of attention from the UFOs, reports of which will be carried in subsequent issues. Translation is being done on a very spectacular and revealing sighting of occupants in the fall of 1967 which will be published in our next issue. One of our great difficulties here at Headquarters is translation — this sort of work is tedious and time-consuming and our translators are generally overworked. Another difficulty has been the gratifying response to renewal statements which we won't apologize for because we are sure the membership understands.

We do expect further heavy UFO activity in the coming months and hope

that the membership will forward reports and/or leads on sightings as quickly as they are available so that our investigation teams can get to work before the trails get cold.

Two Under Investigation

The spring flap in South America has yielded three very interesting incidents, both of which involved hospitals, of all things. The first, which took place in July, was a landing in the vicinity of a hospital at Sao Paulo, was allegedly witnessed by "several dozens of witnesses." The object came down to the ground and landed on legs, and a ladder came out from underneath. At this point a young boy began running toward the disc, then the ladder receded up into the craft and it took off. We expect complete details from Professor Pereira momentarily and this incident will be dealt with extensively in the next issue.

The second incident took place at Mendoza, Argentina in August. A nurse at a local hospital watched a mushroom-shaped object land in the courtyard of Mendoza's neuropsychiatric hospital, said her ears buzzed and she had to put her hands over her eyes to protect them from the light. After a few minutes, she said, she took a look and saw that the object which had been bright red before, was now flashing blue and red lights and was flying away. A burned-looking grey spot about 30 by 80 centimeters (30-12 inches) was found where she said the thing had landed. Doctors who examined the 46-year-old nurse said the woman is in good condition but that she had been exposed to radiation though not at an intense level. The statement about the radiation was released by an Argentine Atomic Energy Commission scientist. We expect further details on this episode at a later date also.

At press time another very strange incident was reported from Sao Paulo and forwarded by Mrs. Granchi of Rio. This sighting is being investigated by Dr. Max Berezowski, M.D. of CBPCAONI and the full report, if it holds up under scrutiny will be printed in a later edition of the Bulletin.

An attendant at a Sanatorium in Lins, State of Sao Paulo reported to hospital authorities that a "pleasant" woman of medium height, wearing strange silvery clothing and a hood, appeared at the Sanatorium, pointing to the water filter (purifier) and repeated the word "baura" which the attendant could not understand. The language spoken by the woman was completely unknown, she said. When the woman left, the attendant followed her and saw her boarding a pear-shaped vehicle which hovered at about 1 meter (40 inches) off the ground. The object then took off and disappeared into the sky within a few seconds. Other individuals in the area

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also allegedly saw the UFO. The attendant told authorities that she does not read science fiction, does not even have a television, and is sorry that she even reported the incident for she has been subjected to much ridicule. The date of the incident was August 26, and it took place at night.

On the face of it, and without the experience which APRO old-timers have had, one might instantly conclude that the foregoing instances are the product of demented minds or hoaxers. However—we have said since 1965 that the UFO problem has gone into a new phase and, as Dr. Fontes stated last fall during the Lorenzens' last visit with him, "We have many surprises ahead of us." This may be just the beginning.

Around The World

At this writing information on what may be another "wave" is coming into APRO Headquarters from South America. As soon as the sightings are read and logged, they will be considered for inclusion in our next issue. In this column we will present sightings (some of which are dated) available in areas of the world with the exception of the U.S. and Canada.

Mexico City, 25 March. Dr. Jose de Jesus Fonseca and his wife, also a Doctor, were driving in the vicinity of avenues Division del Norte and Rio Churubusco, south of Mexico City at about 00:25 or 00:30 (shortly after midnight) when they sighted a round-shaped, luminous object traveling at great speed. The object had a halo around its circumference, the rear portion of which continued into a long tail which was three times longer than the object itself. The object was compared in size to a watermelon held at arm's length and the witnesses said it seemed to fly directly over the Olympic Pool. After the sighting the observers called the Mexico International Airport to report it, not quite certain that it was not an aircraft in trouble. Airport personnel said they, too, had observed the object and were puzzled as to its identity and that there were no aircraft in the air at that time.

Mt. Hawthorn, Perth, Australia, 15 March. Mrs. Hazel Franklin reports that at 3:30 a.m. on this date she woke up, hearing a purring, mechanical noise which seemed to pervade the air. Getting out of bed, she went to a window and observed a black, oval-shaped object from the bottom of which emanated a bright golden light which lit up several houses in the vicinity. She placed the object to the southwest just above trees beside Lake Monger, and said it appeared to be about the size of an airplane. Its speed as it left the area was so fast she felt it could not have been an ordinary aircraft.

Sundsvall-Harnosand, Sweden, 8 April. Mrs. Margaretha Svenson, 30, was driv-

ing between the two afore-mentioned cities on the 8th of April when a glowing light between the trees approached her car and lodged itself on the hood for several minutes. The light from the thing was blinding and the car radio went dead. Mrs. Svenson's bare arm was protruding outside the car window and the day after her experience she found a burn on her arm for which she could not account. It was not painful, and when she went to a doctor to discover what it was, he probed it and there was still no sensation of pain. It slowly healed with no apparent bad aftereffects.

Sliema, Malta, 18 April. APRO's Malta representative, David Brinkworth and two others observed a very fast flying light at 9:15 p.m. It was approaching from the Southern part of the island, and when over the three observers it appeared to change course. Other friends of Brinkworth whom he talked to later described seeing a similar light at the same time, which zig-zagged, flew in a straight line, then zig-zagged and shot off into the east. Brinkworth's view of the object was blocked by buildings shortly after he saw it change course.

Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. 20 April. Four civilian employees (one an engineer) at a Missile re-entry, Airborne photography and data gathering installation, observed an unidentified light during an open air movie. Wind was from the NNE at 10-20 knots, temperature was 82 degrees, barometric pressure 29.78, humidity, 78-86%, and visibility unlimited. The light took approximately 45 seconds to travel from zenith to the horizon, and was first seen overhead—about the apparent size of the planet Jupiter. It travelled from WSW to NNE, went through Orion, Gemini, under Ursa Major, made no maneuvers, flew in a straight line. A brilliant white light flashed at 1 second intervals, much like a strobe flash, throughout the observation. It was seen at first at 2010 hours and the observers watched until 0100, and it did not return which it should have had it been some type of satellite. One of the observers, very well qualified, reports it as unidentified.

Argentina

Catamarca, Argentina, 26 December 1967: Newlywed couple claimed they observed a UAO which moved at great speed and low altitude at 4 a.m. Couple on their way to Aconquija and when they reached a hill called Dolla Chirca they noticed a brilliant purple light which occasionally turned bright green, near the ground. They stopped to observe it and it lifted up into the air. Frightened, they got into the car and drove at high speed and the object followed them for a few minutes, then ascended into the air and out of sight in the distance.

Concepcion del Uruguay, 24 January 1968: Residents watched a large glowing object in the sky which moved across

the area in a southeasterly direction. It stopped and hovered once, then flew on at great speed. No sound. Object's presence coincided with an unexplained power failure in a high tension line.

Termas de Copahue, 23 January: Numerous people reported seeing a luminous object land in an inaccessible area at 12:30 a.m. Four hours later it took off straight up and disappeared from sight. While object was on the ground two unexplained blackouts took place. Two days after the incident people searched the area and found an area 590 feet in diameter which was burned, also some viscous material which reportedly was sent to Buenos Aires for examination.

Objects Over D.R. And P.R.

At Constanza, Dominican Republic, on the 10th of August, a woman and several other people reported seeing one silver and two yellow unidentified flying objects. More details forthcoming.

In Yauco, Puerto Rico on August 12, two police patrols spotted a strange flying object which they described as a "shiny object" observed at 9 p.m. The light from the thing illuminated the area and it made two sharp turns during the observation. The round, shiny, silent object, was "as bright as if we had full moon," they said, and after making the two turns flew into the south. Our thanks to Sebastian Robiou Lamarche for these reports.

New Zealand

Orewa, February: No definite date. An oblong white object which appeared to be at high altitude was observed for about a minute as it flew over at high speed, at about 1 p.m. Traveling roughly south to north, object moved very fast, until it suddenly stopped and seemed to hover momentarily over Kawau Island, then shot back over Orewa again. Then it climbed into the sky vertically and disappeared from sight.

Yugoslavia

Ivangrad, Yugoslavia, 23 November: Residents reported having seen unidentified objects which they feel are responsible for six forest fires in the area during the preceding week. One witness said an object with lights blinded him while driving his truck and that one hung close to the ground for about 15 minutes before taking off vertically and disappearing from sight.

From Russia

A Soviet Air Force pilot has reported that while on night patrol flight over Odessa on April 4, 1968, a UAO appeared on his plane radar screen. The object suddenly started to descend swiftly, first

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from 50,000 to 29,000 meters altitude in the first 15 minutes, then 25,000 to 17,600 meters in the next 15 minutes. He said he reported to all monitoring stations through the USSR, where some screens also registered the UAO.

At the time the above incident made headlines a famous Soviet pilot who was Chief Navigator of the Soviet Polar Air Fleet disclosed an experience he had in 1956: He said that while flying in a TU-4 for meteorological purposes over Cape Morris Jessup, on the Greenland Coast, "we went through the clouds when all of a sudden we sighted a UAO flying parallel to our route." He said also that it looked like a giant pearly-colored lens with wavy edges. He and his crew at first thought it was a new American plane and said, "since we were on a kind of spying mission we banked into the clouds to avoid an encounter. After a bit they went above the clouds again, saw the object which appeared to be closer, and started toward it. At this point the object took off at high speed and disappeared into the distance."

Venezuela

Guanipa Plateau, 22 December 1967: A luminous object in east-west flight seen by many Indians as well as several taxi drivers. It hovered just a few feet above the ground, then moved off until out of sight. Herds of mules and horses stampeded wildly while the object was there.

Acarigua, 18 December: State Senator Jeremias Pinto viewed a UAO in Portuguesa. He was in his car at 5:00 p.m., saw strong beams of light coming from a clearing in the bushes and heard a strange noise. At the moment that he approached the bushes five glowing objects took off up into the air. Pinto was so startled that he nearly crashed his car.

Porlamar, Margarita Island, 21 February 1968: The transmission of a radio station on this island was disrupted during the passage of a UAO at about 5:45 a.m. Mr. Morao, the radio announcer, said that the object which flew over was round, made no noise and gave off light which resembled tentacles. Morao was connecting the transmitters, which he does each morning when he first spotted the object which appeared at first as a bright star. As he made out its strange configuration, however, he realized it was unusual. As it came closer, and flew over the antenna, he heard a small explosion. He later found that one of the resistors was burned out, and attributed it to the passing of the UAO.

Caracas, Venezuela, 23 February: Three oval-shaped objects with a yellow glow on the tops and giving off red and blue light beams on the sides, crossed above the Avila Mt. from north to west at high altitude. V-formation.

Jakarta, Indonesia, May 4. An unidentified flying object caused many inhabitants in the town of Lake Poso, in the Celebes Islands to panic, thinking the world had ended. According to press releases there had been nightly displays of unidentified objects over the area.

Naples, Italy, 8 May. A luminous object crossed the skies above Naples early in the morning, headed in a northwest direction. It was at high altitude and was seen by many workers on their way to the factories.

La Union, Chile, 14 June. A eerie beam of light which appeared to emanate from the ground, reaching 3,000 feet into the air, was observed by residents of this city. The beam, which split into two separate beams at 3,000 feet, was seen and photographed by a professional cameraman. In the photo it appears as a luminous cloud, and the photographer described it as an ascendant paraboloid in a point of the sky which was clear in contrast to the darker clouds which at the time, (10 a.m.) hung over the city. The wind was from the north and the thing looked like the trail of a jet. At first it was a golden white continuous line but it split up in to a letter Y shape and blurred and disappeared. No aircraft aloft to account for the phenomenon.

Mendiolaza, Argentina, 15 June. A 35-year-old machinist in this city noticed a bright light outside his house at 3 a.m., and upon investigating he saw what appeared to be a passenger bus, or something of that shape, with a dimly lit tower and the underside illuminated by bright yellow, green and red lights perched upon or hovering over a tree. When he approached the object, it rose and took off into the night sky at high speed. A neighbor reported separately to authorities that at about 3 a.m., she had been awakened by a bright light which bathed her room and she connected with the intense heat she felt at the same time.

Brazil

Pueblo Ledesma, 2 February: Observers reported disc-shaped object with a blue nucleus and orange band around the middle just before midnight. Forty minutes later another similar object was reported over the city.

Itacuruca, 26 January 1968: Residents at this beach resort including Ludovico Granchi, (son of Mrs. Irene Granchi, APRO member) and his wife, observed a brilliant light much like Venus travelling from southeast to northwest with an undulating motion.

Barra Da Tijuca, 11 February: Dr. Fernando Moneiro, an attorney and journalist, spotted an unusual brightness coming from the hillside of Barra da Tijuca. Said he felt strangely drawn to the light, then noticed a circular object inside the glow which was "suspended" in an inaccessible spot at the top of the hill and

emitting silvery, bluish signals. He called Cruz' (his host) attention to it. Then both noticed that the object was within 500 meters distance from a TV or Radio transmitter tower on another hill. After ten minutes of trying to explain the object away as a car reflecting the sun's rays (it was 6 p.m.) the object suddenly took off in vertical flight at tremendous speed and disappeared up into the sky.

New Mystery in Colorado

Town Marshal Felix Gallegos of Sanford, Colorado is mystified concerning the "red balls" which he reports he saw taking off from a nearby farm on the 7th of May. He reports that he arrived home that night, looked out the picture window and saw a red ball or light zoom from the ground into the sky. Seconds later another similar object followed the same course. At this point he called to his wife and children and they arrived in time to see a third red object take off "in a straight line headed south about six feet off the ground." Then, according to Gallegos, he and his wife and children witnessed about five more objects which departed the ground, some going straight up into the air and others taking off at about a 45 degree angle. Gallegos said the mysterious objects seemed to be taking off from the Keith Morch farm which is located about 1/4 mile from the Gallegos home. He called Mrs. Morch who said she also saw the objects which appeared, from her vantage point, to be about two blocks from her house. Examination of the ground from which the objects apparently took off yielded nothing.

Cops Spot Crescent In Mo.

Two Webb City, Missouri policemen spotted a crescent-shaped object at 10:25 p.m. on the night of August 4 which was north of U.S. Highway 171 and west of Webb City. The patrolmen estimated that the object was 35 to 40 feet across and said that its color ranged from orange to red. One of the men, who saw the object first, thought it was the moon until it started moving into the north after which it hung over the airport, then moved out of sight. Just a few minutes later it reappeared and seemed to be about 50 feet above the ground and it finally dropped from sight behind some trees north of the airport and "appeared to land."

The above sighting is only one of many received at this office within the last 6-week period and illustrates the type of sightings which were reported in the United States during the summer of 1968.

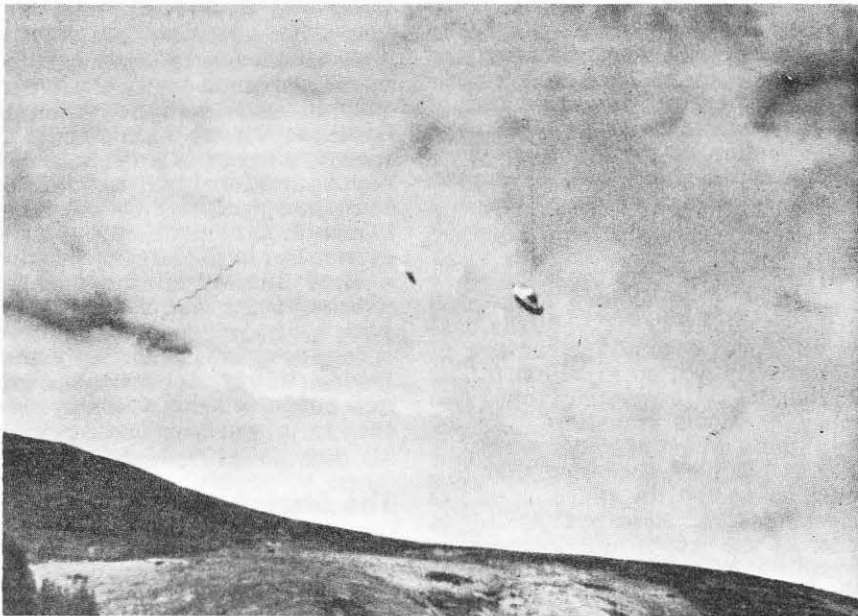
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Hynek Urges International UFO Study



On the 15th of October 1968 a group of scientists from various countries around the world met at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City to discuss the subjects of UFOs. The meeting was organized by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book, and head of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. This informal meeting of space specialists was held in conjunction with the congress of the International Astronautical Federation which was also headquartered at the Hotel.

Participants were urged to speak freely and they were promised that they would not be quoted by name without their specific consent. Representatives of eight countries besides the United States were in attendance.

In August, Mrs. Lorenzen sent a letter to all overseas APRO Representatives, asking that they send detailed reports of what they considered to be their most authentic UFO cases to be used in an important upcoming project. The project was the meeting held by Dr. Hynek. When he formulated plans for the round table discussion, Hynek requested reports from APRO, being cognizant of APRO's extensive coverage of global UFO information. The reports were forwarded to Dr. Hynek and he used them to refer to when discussing the subject with the scientists at the meeting. Here are some interesting sidelights of the conference:

Hynek stated that the purpose of the session was to explore the possibility of international cooperation in the study of the UFO problem. An Italian delegate urged the formation of an international center to deal not only with the UFOs but with their alleged occupants. This is the first serious reference to the UFO occupants to emerge from a scientific discussion on the subject.

A Yugoslavian scientist said that no reliable data on UFO occupants had been collected in his country. One of the delegates, an associate of the National Defense Research Institute in Sweden said the institute had undertaken a study of UFO reports in response to pressure from the public. We can assume that our Swedish

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Pereira's Report On Recent Landing

Professor Flavio Pereira, APRO's Representative in Brazil, has submitted the final report on the landing of an object about 200 meters from a large hospital in the town of Botucatu, which is 248 kilometers northwest of Sao Paulo and 96 kilometers from the city of Bauru. After reading of the incident in the Brazil Herald, arrangements were made for a team to go to the town to investigate. They learned the following:

At about 12:30 p.m. on the afternoon of Monday, July 1, Fernandinho, Waltinho and Valcinho, 12, 11, and 8 years of age respectively, saw something land at the above-described site. The three were playing about 500 meters from the place where they saw the object on the ground, supported by a big tripod and with a ladder which extended from the object to the ground underneath. They began to yell to attract attention of any others in the vicinity, whereupon the object took off, retracting the tripod and ladder as it flew. After it rose a few meters off the ground in a ver-

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Photo of Two Discs in Peru

The photo reproduced above is a color photograph taken in the Ancash Mountains of Peru, presumably during this summer's UFO activity. Richard Greenwell, APRO's Peruvian representative, is investigating the sighting and the photograph, and points out that if it is authenticated, it will not only be the first photo of TWO objects taken at one time, but probably one of the very few photos of a UFO which show a clearly defined outline and the typical disc-shape. Despite the fact that complete details are not available, it was felt that the members would like to see this photo as soon as possible.

The Mendoza 'Contact'

One of the many detailed and perplexing accounts of UFO landings and contacts in South America took place early in the morning of August 31 when two casino cashiers were on their way home from work. The following details were furnished by member Daniel Molina of Buenos Aires:

As the men drove along, the engine

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Scientific UFO Research Award

In accord with a suggestion made by our Mexican Representative, Mr.

Jesus H. Garibay, APRO is considering the establishment of a Research Award to be paid to the individual (or group of individuals) who accomplishes the most significant advance in scientific UFO research in a given period of time.

It is anticipated that this will stimulate interest and action among college students and graduate students around the world. Although it would by no means be limited to this group, we tentatively propose to set up a trusteeship outside APRO control. This would make APRO members, as individuals, eligible to compete for the award although the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Incorporated, as originator of the fund, would be ineligible.

The matter of raising the money for the initial fund will, of course, present somewhat of a problem but several possibilities have already been suggested:

(1) APRO members participated in a television documentary which will be shown on national TV in the next few months. A small percentage of the proceeds will go to APRO for its efforts. It is suggested that this money could be transferred to the award fund to get it under way.

(2) It has been suggested that this award be named the Olavo T. Fontes Scientific UFO Research Award in honor of the late Doctor Fontes who probably did more to bring scientific respectability to the subject than any other individual. The fund could be built by marketing a book containing the writings of Dr. Fontes on UFOs and related matters. We could also sell portraits of Dr. Fontes, as many requests have been made for them.

This office is open to any other worthwhile suggestions.



Lorenzens Interviewed On Japanese TV

On the morning of May 6, Mr. Jun-ichi Takanashi, APRO's Japanese Representative called the Lorenzens by long distance telephone while being interviewed on the program, "Midnight" in Tokyo. As Mr. Takanashi

asked questions of the Lorenzens, their photos were shown on the television screen along with his. (See above). The show was well received in Japan and Mr. Takanashi, who is also Chairman of the Modern Space Flight Association in Osaka did a very good job of promoting APRO in the Far East. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen talked about the most recent reports at APRO Headquarters during the interview.

URGENT NOTICE!

We would like to ask members NOT to use the membership blank on their Bulletin cover to renew their memberships! Those blanks are for the specific purpose of providing an extra blank for soliciting new members! Some members have been using those blanks in this manner, and it results in considerable confusion as there is a large number on the membership rolls and it is growing each day; when such a renewal is made, quite often it results in the membership secretary having to cross-check all incoming new members against the membership files to prevent duplications.

The Straight Dope

Several members have relayed copies of a letter from the Air Force which refers to the death of Lt. Gorman during his chase of a flying saucer during the early years of the enigma. Knowing this was in error, Mr. Lorenzen checked with the Air Force and received the following information in a letter dated October 7, 1968: "Thank you for your letter of September 23, 1968, in which you called our attention to errors we had made in connection with UFO matters. Upon re-check, we found that Lt. Gorman was not, in fact, killed at the time of his encounter with a lighted weather balloon." Unquote. The letter is signed by James H. Aikman, Major, USAF, Chief, Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information, Department of the Air Force in Washington, D.C.

The fact that an error was made relative to one specific UFO incident (the Gorman chase) is ample indication that the Air Force could also be mistaken in their pronouncement that Gorman had encountered a weather balloon rather than a UFO.

"Midnight" magazine, published in Canada, has been carrying some rather sensational pieces on alleged UFO incidents. One recent article alluded to the alleged "first flying saucer murder" which allegedly took place in Australia. A letter to Mr. Peter Norris, APRO's representative there,

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representative, Mr. K. Gosta Rehn may have been responsible, in part, for this, as he has published a book on the subject in his country.

According to the Czechoslovakian delegates, a group of astronomers have gotten together in their country in an informal effort to look into the subject but have as yet found no evidence that any UFO flights have taken place over their territory.

As might be expected, considering the great amount of activity over that country, Brazil was represented and its delegate said that the Brazilian Air Force was recently instructed to organize an investigation of UFOs with the aid of civilian experts. We can logically expect, according to our information, that Professor Flavio Pereira, APRO's representative in Brazil, will be one of the civilian experts asked to participate.

Two of the recommendations made by the panel was a standardization of UFO report forms and total international cooperation in the study. It was reported at the meeting that the results of an inquiry dealing with the question of whether the UFOs represent a problem worthy of scientific attention, and undertaken by a committee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics might be made public at the institute's meeting in Philadelphia during the following week. The study was chaired by Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner of the Environmental Sciences Services Administration in Boulder, Colorado.

The meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria as well as the results should be adequate indication of Dr. Hynek's motivations where UFOs are concerned. He has been much maligned by fellow scientists and UFO organizations alike because he will not take a definite stand on the reality of UFOs and their possible origin. The October 15th meeting is, in our opinion, the most intelligent and objective step that has been taken so far toward solution of the UFO mystery. We might add that Dr. Hynek informs us that continued informal association for exchange of pertinent information will take place, but that no formal move will be made by the international group until the Condon Report is issued and thoroughly digested.

Landing—

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tical climb, it flew off in the direction of Botucatu at high speed.

Attracted by the shouts, Dona Eloa, mother of Waltinho, went to the window to see what the excitement was

about, and saw the object which appeared to be completely enveloped in white smoke, flying off at high speed. Several people at the hospital, including a professor, saw the object also, but the most impressive testimony came from Dona Nair de Melo Rodrigues, a retired teacher living in Rubiao Junior (a section of Botucatu). Dona Rodrigues told investigators for IBACE that she had gone out of her house and had seen, flying at low altitude, an aircraft without wings which was circular, grey in color, with a dome on top, another underneath. It made no sound whatsoever, she said, and flew with its rim somewhat inclined toward the ground.

According to Dona Rodrigues' testimony, her sighting took place some 40 minutes prior to that of the boys, indicating that the object had been in the area for at least that long and perhaps on the ground for close to forty minutes.

Marks found in the area seemed to have been caused by great pressure, for they were deep and symmetrical and investigators did not feel they could have been made with manual instruments. These impressions were arranged to form an isosceles triangle, and the distance between the impressions were 6.80 meters by 7 meters by 5.45 meters.

The Administrator of the hospital is the father of Waltinho, and he and the father of Fernandinho said that the children were badly shaken by what they had seen. A local farmer told one of the Medical Faculty's staff that several days before the landing near the hospital he and his son had seen a silent, disc-shaped machine which appeared to descend beyond a nearby eucalyptus wood.

Mendoza—

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of their car suddenly failed. The two got out to investigate the cause, and were almost immediately surrounded by four smallish men (less than four feet) who were entirely bald and who appeared to be rather stocky for their height. They seemed to talk to the two men without using their lips, and the men said they felt as though a transmitter inside their heads were generating the words: "Don't fear, don't fear." During the course of this "conversation" the little men allegedly said that the sun was "the reason for everything," and that mathematics is the universal language. They then produced something which resembled a television screen which showed first a scene like that of Niagara Falls, next a giant ascending cloud, and then what appeared to be Niagara Falls but without the water, and only the rocky background showing. Then, with some kind of instrument, one of the beings

made marks on the side and running board of the car.

The next part of the incident involved blood-taking which was accomplished by the little men who pricked the middle finger of each of the men's hands. The men, although frightened, could do nothing but stand there until their visitors were finished, whereupon the latter went to their ship which was a disc-shaped object hovering about 3 feet above the ground near the road. They estimated that the diameter of the object was about 18 feet and said that it gave off a powerful light which illuminated the ground underneath it.

As soon as the little men had left, the two got back into their car, which started with no difficulty, and drove to the Military Academy which was nearby. They made their report, and the man on duty there not only noted their agitation, the marks on their fingers, and the marks on the car, but volunteered that he had seen the object leaving the vicinity.

A Mrs. Maria Spinelli, a resident of the general area, later reported that she had seen a strange lighted object in the vicinity, and cross-checking indicated that her sighting coincided with the time that the two cashiers had their experience.

Another corroborating (but unpublished at the time) incident in the area took place about a week before the above-described incident. An oil company employee was engaged in sample gathering on top of some oil storage tanks and when he finished and descended to the ground he found a humanoid, whose appearance generally fits that of those described above, who showed him a TV screen in which he could see people walking very slowly on a floor which appeared to be tiled, but there was no background of any kind behind them except for a yellowish color. The "being" told the fear-paralyzed worker that "many of these (referring to the persons on the screen) were like you, many of you will be like them," and then vanished completely from the man's sight.

We cannot even attempt to analyze these sightings at this time, but it is certain that something strange has been taking place in three South American countries: Brazil, Argentina and Chile. If any information becomes available which will shed some light on these alleged incidents it will be presented at a later time.

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Straight Dope—

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yielded the following information which he received in answer to an inquiry to the Criminal Investigation Branch, Coolangatta, Northern Territory: "Please find enclosed a letter from my Mate in Darwin who is a Detective from the C.I.B. there. It more than explains anything I could write to you about and it is the genuine document. I hope that the story written by the author is exposed as a Blatant Fake as I consider that stories such as these do more harm to the UFO Researchers than enough and **SHOULD BE EXPOSED** as the Fake it is. I feel very strongly about this . . ." Unquote. The enclosed document speaks for itself in the following pertinent parts: "I personally believe in these saucers and as such went into the matter very thoroughly. The matter is unknown to our entire police force, even to a bloke called White and another called Owens. There is a Sgt. Owens in Katherine and White is at Kulgara. The author was close with names but otherwise wrong in every detail. Even the part about the sheep farms. These do not exist at Borooloola or anywhere else in the N. T. To cap matters off I had a mate of mine in the office of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages go through his entire files. Not only were the names given by the author unable to be traced to a death at Borooloola, they were not listed as ever having died anywhere in the N. T." The letter is signed by Neil Plumb of the Darwin, N.T. Police Station. We hope this clears up another matter involving an imaginative writer and a trumped-up "UFO incident."



Triangle-Shaped Object Sighted Over Madrid

The third or fourth sighting of a triangle-shaped object moving through the skies over Madrid, Spain, took place on September 5th, during the evening rush hour, at 7:30 p. m.

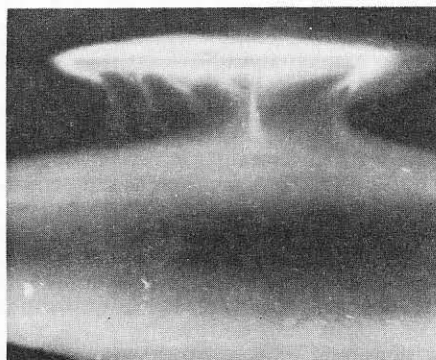


Photo Of UFO From Brazil

Professor Flavio Pereira, President of The Brazilian Institute of Astro-nautics and Space Sciences as well as APRO's Representative, has submitted the photo shown above along with the following details:

At 1 a.m., on the morning of 5 July 1968, Ibrahim Rodrigues Fonseca, a professional photographer, was suffering from bronchitis, so he stayed awake reading until the attack subsided. While sitting beside an open window Fonseca saw a large light descending from the sky. The upper part of the object seemed to be spinning at a high rate of speed and gave off a brilliant yellowish light. Fonseca rushed away from the window, came back and took the photograph just before the object ascended out of sight. He estimated that a period of about 2 minutes elapsed from the time he sighted the object descending until it took off. The disc-shape in the upper part of the photo is the object, while the lighted area below is the lighted area on the ground.

Various individuals reported their impressions of the object, and several photos (see above) were taken, some through telescopic lenses. Although people on the ground who observed the object for approximately one hour generally described the object as triangular in shape, a pilot who attempted to intercept the thing claimed it was pyramid shaped and that there were three globes of bright light at its base. This pilot climbed to 50,000 feet but had to abandon the chase when his fuel ran low, and the object was still a great distance above him. F-104 jets were dispatched to investigate but could not get to the altitude of the object. An official statement from the Madrid Observatory said that they did not know what the object was but that they assumed it was a satellite. This explanation was not accepted by the general public, however, because of the length of time that the object was visible. Apparently in answer to the Madrid Observatory's statement, a U. S. space tracking facility at Robledo, Spain stated that the object was

definitely not an American satellite. The Spanish weather bureau added their denial that it was one of their meteorological balloons.

As various authorities vainly tried to account for the strange object, a "respectable government source" suggested that it might have been a meteorological balloon which had drifted in from France. This theory collapsed, however, when French technicians said they had constantly tracked the balloon in question and that it had not drifted over Madrid.

The Spanish Air Force announced during the furor over the "thing" that their modern, American-designed radar network had picked up the UFO, although only briefly, and this gave rise to much speculation about the reason why the vast U. S. Air Base at Torrejón on the outskirts of Madrid did not register the object on their screens.

At any rate, official announcements to the contrary, the object was still unidentified 21 days later, on the 26th of September and at this writing no solution has been found to the puzzle. At the beginning of this article we mentioned other "triangles" over Madrid in the past. During a recent file search it was noted at APRO Headquarters that triangle-shaped objects had been observed at least two other times over Madrid, Spain.

Boys Report UFO in River

Four boys, David Taylor, 14, David Smith, 15, Gregory Cavanaugh, 12, and Peter Blakeney, 11, were on the Cornwallis River dyke in Nova Scotia, Canada, at 4:30 p. m. on the afternoon of September 1 when they spotted a disc-shaped object, black in color, hovering about 100 feet above the river. They ran to a point which was as close as they could get, about 4 feet from the object and stood there and watched it for about 10 minutes until it moved toward the water, went in and moved along with the current. While airborne the object appeared to be oscillating like a spinning top, the boys said. No sound was heard while it was in the air and it did not splash when it entered the river, they said. They estimated its size to be about 15 feet in diameter and about 6 feet thick. This is the second report in APRO's files involving a UFO entering a river. The other was observed by a young girl and fishermen when a disc in flight, struck a palm tree and then tumbled into the Peropava River in Brazil. This sighting was never publicized in the states, was first documented in Mr. Lorenzen's first book in 1962, and picked up and used by several writers on the subject since.

Two 1967 Brazilian Landing Cases

Two landings are alleged to have taken place at Kilometer 124 on the highway Anhanguera near Americana in November 1967. The following information is forwarded by Professor Flavio Pereira, and the investigators were Dr. Methodios Kalkasliel and Dr. Max Berezavsky, acting for Professor Pereira and the Brazilian Commission for the Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

A Highway Patrolman, who has requested anonymity, was on duty at Km 124 when he saw what he first thought was an aircraft without lights descending from the sky. The patrolman ran across the road, "in order to go to the assistance of possible passengers who might have been injured in the disaster." On arriving at the other side he saw that the object had stopped in midair some 50 meters from the ground, was not a conventional aircraft, and was like nothing he had ever seen. It was immense, he said, "as high as a 15-story building and elongated." He said it appeared to be made of aluminum and had enormous rivets on the fuselage and the lower part seemed to have hatchways. It also seemed to be spinning.

Just as the patrolman had made up his mind to return to the Patrol Post powerful lights streamed from the object, lights which looked like those from electric welding torches "but millions of times brighter" and he was unable to look directly at them. At the same time a very loud humming sound was heard and he clamped his hands over his ears because his head was aching very badly. Then he ran to the police car, but when he tried to start it there was no reaction in the starter. At this same moment he saw that the lights in the police cabin and outside the gas station beside it, went out for several seconds while the object took off and climbed into the sky.

When the lights at the police building came back on the patrolman was able to start his car. He drove to the building and went in and reported what had happened to a man on duty. The two then drove to the location where the object had been seen, but it was gone and all that could be seen was a very bright light in the sky.

It was later learned that during the observation two fluorescent lamps in the mechanics workshop (100 meters from the Patrolman's position) burned out, and the TV screen in the mechanics home went out. Also, at the moment when the patrolman was vainly trying to start his car, the engine of a passing truck stopped also, and when the driver of the truck inquired of the patrolman what had

happened, he got no reply.

Two nights after this incident, at 2:30 a.m. on the 28th of November, the same patrolman had another experience. This time he was prepared, he said, and was watching the sky rather than the passing cars.

The object returned from the same direction as in the previous incident, looking like the first. The patrolman took out his revolver, ran across the road and hid himself in a depression of the terrain in such a way that he could not be seen, as it was filled with bushes. The object stopped some 30 meters from the ground at a distance of about 50 meters from the patrolman. He could not decide whether to fire or not and was extremely nervous. Then he saw that from the underside of the machine a sort of elevator came down, which had only a back, two sides and a floor. Inside the "elevator" he saw two figures, illuminated by dull light. The figures were dressed like two frogmen, in skin tight clothing. He could not make out the color, but noted that they were wearing belts more than "four fingers wide," and on which were "shining objects, or better, the belt emitted brilliant lights in various places."

The patrolman said that he then heard one of them—the one on the right. He was gesturing and speaking to him, telling him to put his gun away and not to be afraid, that he was an intelligent and fearless man, and that they would be coming back again. After hearing this the patrolman wanted to leave his hiding place but could not because "his legs would not obey his will." He said they felt very weak.

The object then immediately took off and disappeared. Later the Patrolman submitted an official report to the Commandant of the Highway Police in Sao Paulo.

Professor Pereira and his colleagues should be congratulated on the job they are doing in documenting the activity in Brazil. The two reports above are very important, and fill in some of the gaps in the late 1967 activity which were left open when Dr. Fontes became ill. They bolster our contention that South America will ultimately contribute much in the way of factual information about the UFOs, for that continent seems to be the recipient of far more close-up sightings and landings than any other comparable land mass in the world, or at least people are reporting sightings far more often than elsewhere.

More Details Required

The APRO Headquarters staff is doing an indepth study of sightings involving the following: 1. Occupants. 2. Landings. 3. Sounds associated with UFOs. 4. UFO

residue. 5. Alleged contacts. 6. Observers claiming telepathic communication. 7. Observers claiming direct language contact with UFO occupants.

The foregoing categories do not necessarily imply belief of same by the staff, but it is felt that prejudice has too long exorcised these categories from UFO research. We will attempt to discern what part the disturbed personality plays in the generation of UFO reports, and in particular those which concern so-called communication. Therefore, it is important that ALL reports reach this office, no matter how bizarre they may seem. Flyovers are still welcome, as are all reports of strange and unusual occurrences.

Around The World

Again we must apologize for not listing a large number of sightings of the current flap, which originated in South America again, and seems to be working its way north. There has been such a large number of sightings that we are not able to list more than a small fraction of the overall number received at Headquarters.

Argentina

On the 5th of August, in Cordoba an 11-year-old girl asked help in getting back to her home on the opposite side of the city. She claimed that she passed out when she saw a great cloud near her house. The girl next found herself at Plaza Espana, in the center of the city and asked a young man and his lady companion to help her get her to her home.

Students at a school at Viedma, Bahia Blanca, were nearly panicked on the night of the 19th of August when they sighted a "fleet" of four black circular objects with luminous edges and a bulge on top and the bottom. The luminous edges gave off multi-colored light. The fleet at first looked as though the objects were flying at different levels, then all seemed to merge into one single mass, and went out of the south in the north-west. Among the witnesses were students, a physician, a chemist, several graduates in Economics as well as the President of the Astronomical Center there.

On the same night, the Director of a TV Station, the Head of the Work Section of the Province of Chubut, his assistant, one newsman and the former Mayor of Rawson, Argentina, all reported having seen a fleet of unidentified flying objects. A large object was in the lead, and an undeterminate number followed it across the sky. The group left a trail of multicolored light behind it.

The pilot of an Austral Airlines
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plane, flight 834, reported that on the night of 22 September, while enroute between Aeroparque and Mar del Plata he sighted a luminous object which gave off bright reddish, green and white light, while it maneuvered above a TV station tower in Buenos Aires. Both the pilot and the crew said they could not identify the object as an ordinary one.

Another "fleet" of UFOs which was described as luminous round objects, was sighted as it crossed over the sky above Chascomus on the 22nd of September. A blackout of electrical power in the area, which lasted 15 minutes, coincided with the passage of the discs, at about midnight. The objects disappeared over the lakes at very high speed.

Canada

At Oakville, Ontario, on the 29th of August, a local policeman and a control tower operator at the Toronto International Airport sighted an object encircled with white lights and with green and orange flashing lights on top. It was about 1,000 feet above the surface of the water, and about 1 mile from the Oakville lake shore. Although the object did not register on radar, it was seen by flight observers at Malton. The Constable watched the object for 20 minutes, and the Malton flight observers watched it for about 45 minutes through high power binoculars, and it simply disappeared from sight at daybreak. Many local citizens also reported seeing the object.

Cuba

Hundreds of telephone calls swamped newspaper offices and radio stations in the southern section of the province of La Habana on the 17th of August when a strange airborne object was seen in the area.

Colombia

A strange, egg-shaped object crossed the sky one day in the first week of August over Medellin. A newsman, an engineer and a University instructor reported they had observed the thing, and when news of the sighting reached newspapers another University teacher reported that a flying disc had landed in his back yard where it stayed for about 30 seconds, then flew off into the west and out of sight, about a week before the Medellin incident.

France

Radar screens at Paris, France, failed to register the passage of a UAO over that area on the night of the 17th of August. Some witnesses described the object as cigar-shaped with a slightly swollen or bulging underside and with "paddles" or "fins" attached. Others, who watched the

object in its west to east path, with the aid of binoculars, stated that it looked like a sphere or globe split into two sections.

Peru

A case currently under investigation by Richard Greenwell and APRO Peru, involves three strange-looking beings who allegedly came out of the sea in the vicinity of Naplo Beach, which is 70 kilometers south of Lima, on the 25th of August. Twelve fishermen made the report to police, and said the beings were dressed in black suits and that their faces looked "cold and pale like marble." When they saw the fishermen they sank back below the surface of the water. A luminous unidentified flying object was seen over that same beach that night by one of the fishermen and he assumed the beings were from the UAO.

Spain

Malaga, Spain. Ten luminous unidentified objects were spotted over this city flying in formation on the 23rd of September. Many observers saw the objects, which were ten in number, arranged as follows: Six of them, emitting, intermittently, red, green and white lights were strung out in a line, and the other three formed a triangle-shaped formation. The triangle was headed by a very large object, and the three also flashed bright red and green lights which were much brighter than those of the six.

Uruguay

Two UFOs were seen spinning in midair in the area of Salto which is 500 kilometers northwest of Montevideo, on the 4th of August. One stayed in position while the other came down to the earth, and after a bit both of them took off again and disappeared into the sky. Witnesses included school teachers and all said that the objects gave off very bright white light and that engine-like noises were heard.

United States

Surveyor Willy Barela, Jr. of Las Cruces, New Mexico was one of several witnesses to a UFO over that city on the night of 12 August. Barela's description was of a parachute-shaped object which he also described as "egg-shaped." A report to the sheriff's department alerted Deputy James Ramsey who said the thing he watched was "dome shaped with a flat bottom" and that it was orange and red in color. Barela's son, who first spotted the object in the north at 7 p.m., said he thought it was a satellite as it tumbled in flight, but his father said that movement was barely discernible with the naked eye and binoculars and that only while viewing it through his transit could he make out its movement. At about 8 p.m., the ob-

ject moved upward through the clouds and disappeared from sight. A later press release from Paul Massa out of Cleveland, Ohio to the effect that a re-entry physics vehicle which is disc-shaped could be responsible for some southwest sightings could not possibly be the answer to the Las Cruces sighting. The White Sands-launched object is carried into the sky aboard a rocket, then released and fired toward the ground, on the range, and it is unlikely that the motion described by Barela and Ramsey could be attributed to the test vehicle.

On the 21st of August two teenage boys reported to the Independence, Missouri police department that they had seen a UFO while westbound on Highway M-78 at 11 p.m. "Something," they said, had appeared behind their vehicle and followed them at about three car lengths behind. It had two white lights in a fixed position and erratically flashing yellow lights around them and they were unable to make out the shape of the object although they guessed it was about 60 feet across. At 11:15 p.m. as they approached the intersection of M-78 and Holke Rd., the first lighted area on the highway since they first saw the object, the object disappeared from sight. The foregoing is the testimony of the driver, whereas his passenger had seen the object appear when it rose from behind the tree line on the south side of the highway, whereupon it descended to within a few feet of the highway and followed the car.

Santa Rosa, California, 28 August A group of residents reported they spotted a pair of very large, high and fast objects over the city at about 1:30 p. m. Ten persons at an outdoor gathering spotted the two moving from the west into the southeast, and they all described them as boomerang-shaped, pale yellow and silent. After they were sighted it took only five seconds for them to pass from view. Five minutes later, another group of people spotted a similar object moving in a south-to-north path.

Venezuela

On the 6th of August a luminous object giving off red and amber lights was spotted by an Avensa Airlines Captain while flying the Maiquetia-Barcelona-Cumana route. The Captain called the Barcelona control tower and the staff there located the object at about 1200 feet altitude and watched it for 10 or 15 minutes until it moved out towards the sea and disappeared.

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More From Colorado

UFOs have not deserted Colorado, despite the dearth of information on the national press wires. Pearl M. Nicholas of the Alamosa Valley Courier has been carefully gathering information as it is available and the following incidents are some which came to her attention and were relayed to APRO:

On Thursday, February 1, the K. P. Wilsons and Mrs. Nicholas sighted an oblong, bluish-white light not far above the horizon which appeared to be bouncing across a meadow. It was in sight for several minutes and when the car lights were turned on the object disappeared. Location: northeast of the King Ranch (where the Snippy carcass was found). Time: 9:45 p.m.

At 9:10 p.m. on the 24th of February the same party spotted a blue cigar-shaped light near a car. Witnesses were near the King ranch watching for UFOs. On the same night at 10:30 p.m., another blue light was seen near the same car, about 1/4 mile from the observers.

On Monday, the 26th, shortly before 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Nicholas and the Wilsons had just turned off Highway 285 onto the Sand Dunes Road and were headed north when a silvery white light with a splotch of orange underneath appeared on the west side of the road. It moved slowly and when the car stopped and the lights were turned out the lights on the object went out also. Later, at about 8:15 a wide swath of light illuminated the east side of the field where the witnesses were parked. It was instantaneous and went out immediately. At 9:15 another blue light was seen in the east in almost the same place as the "ray" of light which was seen earlier. It moved at great speed and disappeared almost at once.

On the 16th of February the Wilsons and Mrs. Nicholas and an Episcopal priest and his wife sighted a large orange blob of light in the sky which appeared to be over the pasture where Snippy was found.

Two sightings reported to Mrs. Nicholas are the following: On Friday the 2nd of February, Harvey Smalley of Mosca, followed a blue light for about ten minutes for a distance of about five or six miles. Smalley was on the Great Sand Dunes National Monument Road east of Highway 17 and when he got to a point about a mile east he turned into a dirt road heading south. The blue light, appearing about the size of an automobile headlight appeared in the road ahead of him. Smalley at first thought the object was a reflection of some kind but shortly realized it was a mass of light and began to follow it. "It didn't seem to be in any hurry," he said, just drifted along in front of his car. When he slowed his automobile the object would slow and when he speeded up so did the light. He finally turned his car around and headed back in the direction from which he had come. Then he got out of the car to observe it and it disappeared. "I don't know how," he said, "It was just gone."

On the following night, Saturday, the Wilson-Nicholas incident of the first of February took place.

As a result of Mrs. Nicholas' publicizing the events of February, many other incidents which had occurred in that area were reported and she included them in the pages of the Courier. On the night of the 29th of March at about 8:30 p.m. Tom Martinez, a La Sauses high school senior, his sister Marvine, and her friend Becky Hendrickson, left La Sauses to drive to Sanford. It was 8:30 p.m. About 2 miles out of La Sauses where the highway cuts through the foothills they spotted a bright light on the north side of the road which appeared to be about 15 to 20 feet above the ground. They at first thought it was an aircraft but as it approached it became larger and larger, and was flashing red, blue and white. At its closest point it appeared to be about the size of a semi-truck, they reported. It crossed the road about 300 yards ahead of the car the youngsters were riding in and was headed toward the mountains. The witnesses thought it was going to strike the hills, but just as it seemed to be about to crash, it zoomed straight up into the air. They heard no sound of any kind and had shut off the engine of the car to watch it and listen.

Shortly after its swift ascension into the sky, the object's lights disappeared completely, then appeared again, headed for the car. At this point Martinez started the car and they headed back down the road toward home. The girls were screaming and crying and pushing to get into the house when they finally arrived there. Tom's father told Mrs. Nicholas that he was home when the group arrived and he was certain that something had badly frightened the young people and that Tom was telling the truth when he described their experience.

After the Martinez sighting was reported in the Valley Courier, several people came forward and told of their experiences in the San Luis Valley. On Easter Sunday (April 14) an unidentified (by request) man was driving from Grand Junction to Alamosa at about 10 a.m. At a point between Grand Junction and Delta he saw a shiny object which reflected light so bright that it hurt his eyes. He thought it was a helicopter and stopped to watch. It came toward the car and landed about a fourth of a mile away, beyond a hill, he said. It was round and spinning like a top and reflected the sun or gave off a brilliant light. He stopped to see if it would appear again but it did not. He estimated that it was about 80 feet in diameter and said that it appeared to strike the hill before disappearing behind it.

An Adams State College student, Rickey Bahr, reports that on Wednesday night, April 10 he was riding his motorcycle south on Highway 285 at between 11 and 11:30. When he was about 1 1/2 miles from Estrella he saw bright red lights, one flashing and the other stationary. They came from an object about 50 to 60 feet

above the ground just off the highway to the east. Thinking it was an aircraft, Rickey stopped his cycle and watched for a few seconds, but realizing it was a very unusual aircraft, he became frightened. It started to move and he followed it as it headed toward Alamosa. It soon was out of sight, however.

Further News On South America

There are so many sightings coming into Headquarters from the South American continent that it is impossible to even list them all, but for the record, we want to make the following comments about the "STOP PRESS" item in the last Bulletin: The couple involved in the alleged "kidnapping" on a highway in Argentina in the midst of a "green fog" was named in the press as Mr. and Mrs. Vidal—this is not their real name, but a pseudonym given by the press. APRO has the name of the couple and investigation is progressing. Our sources for this particular information are considered to be excellent, and despite their denials, the Argentine government is taking this incident very seriously. For new members who have not read the May-June issue, the basic information is the following: Around the first of June the Vidals were driving to Chascomas, which is south of Buenos Aires, following another couple in another car. The Vidals' car entered a patch of greenish fog on the highway and when they next knew what was going on, they found themselves on a deserted dirt road in Mexico. Through the Argentine Embassy in Mexico City they eventually got back to Buenos Aires, and they needed diplomatic help as their identification papers were gone. The car was impounded and sent to the U.S. (probably Detroit) for examination to determine the nature of the strange burns on the car. Mrs. Vidal was hospitalized for deep nervous shock.

Authorities in South America are in a dither. Despite discouraging announcements in the newspapers, strange reports continue to flow in. In one particular area in Chile on the lower slopes of the Andes, motorists are baffled by sudden, inexplicable car stoppages, warm winds which cause trees to flower prematurely, and in one instance a truck was halted, the driver got out to investigate, then the truck moved forward, turned off the road and stopped again.

Six residents of the village of Cauquenes have claimed that they saw a disc-shaped object taking off from the ground near them. The strange warm wind mentioned above brought the thermometer from a normal 32 degrees Fahrenheit to 73 degrees and there was no logical explanation for the change temperature.

The Chilean Air Force has begun investigations as has the Chilean Scientific Society.

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The latest out of Argentina (this time by word of mouth, not the newspapers) is a rumor that people are being discouraged from talking about UFOs and that people are loath to leave their homes at night.

The Isla Mocha Case

Pablo Petrowitsh S., APRO's Chilean Representative, has forwarded the following details concerning a well-witnessed UAO on the Isla Mocha on the 20th of July 1968: A Judge (name known to APRO) and his wife had just talked with a civilian pilot about flying to Concepcion in a Piper aircraft when the wife heard a roar and the three went outside the building where they saw what they first thought was a plane in flames. It was northwest of the island at a distance of about 1 kilometer and went up and down slowly, then hovered over the landing field for about 10 to 15 minutes. Witnesses are not certain that the object was over the landing field or just beyond and over the sea, however. After hovering, the object took off in the direction that a Piper had taken just seconds before.

An architect and two airport workers, located some distance from the Judge and his wife, but also on the Island, also observed the object. It was described as round, the typical disc, like two saucers or plates put together rim-to-rim. The object was "brighter than the sun," according to the witnesses, with a white-orange light, similar to that of the setting sun. All said that it appeared to vibrate and was painful to observe. The time was 2:15 a.m.

U. S. Reports

Nassau County, New York, 12 March. A woman and her daughter, two sons and a friend of the daughter were driving home to New York City from New Jersey at about 8:30 p.m. They were about halfway across Throgs Neck Bridge in Nassau County when one of the girls told her mother, who was driving, that she saw some flying saucers. The woman drove on across the bridge, then stopped, and for the next several minutes the five observers watched orange, glowing disc-shaped objects maneuvering at low altitude. No attempt was made to judge the distance from the witnesses. The description included in this lengthy report indicates that the things which were seen were nothing of a mundane nature.

Rockville, Connecticut, 21 March. This report comes from two adults and two teenagers who observed a hat-shaped object with two pole-like protrusions on the "brim" and flames issuing from the

bottom. The object was observed both with the naked eye and with 10x50 power binoculars. Trajectory was toward the northwest, then it appeared to reverse course, stopped again, the flame on the bottom became very bright, then the object went straight up into the sky at high speed, disappearing shortly.

Niagara Falls, New York, 2 April 1968. At approximately 2:15 a.m. several policemen in the area observed bright white lights which pulsated with red and blue colors, in the northern sector of the sky. One policeman, Thomas Shumway, drove to a dark area where he could observe without city lights to hinder him, and observed four separate lights, all of which were pulsating but with no apparent pattern. 7x35 glasses were used to observe, but it was not possible to discern a shape behind the lights. They were apparently not all on one object, as they moved independently of one another. The whole group was moving into the north and were out of sight by 3 a.m. A check with airport officials disclosed that there was no air traffic in the area at that time.

Cochrane, Wisconsin, 3 or 4 April. At about 8:12-8:20 a school teacher and her son (she is ex-AF) were driving along Highway 35 toward Cochrane when another car passed her going at a very high rate of speed (she estimated 65-75 mph). Just after it passed her car, an orangish-colored boomerang-shaped object which appeared to be enveloped in cloudy material, came from a dip in the hill at a high rate of speed, over the car, after which its lights went out. The woman pulled her car to the gravel shoulder, afraid that she was going to hit the other car. Thereafter, the object approached her car and her lights and engine went dead. Her lights had dimmed when the object was above the other car but she had paid no attention to it. She had opened the window when the other car's lights went out, and she heard no sound whatsoever. The object, after hovering over her car momentarily, took off again at high speed and disappeared by "simply going down." After it left she had difficulty getting her car started, but finally did and headed toward Cochrane driving as fast as she could, and asking her son to keep a watch for the object. An interesting thing about this sighting is the woman's description of how she felt afterwards (she reported to authorities immediately): "My feet burned for some time after . . . I felt as though I was light in weight and airy . . . I felt like the air and everything was light and weightless."

Friday Harbor, Washington, 10 April. A man and his wife observed a large, round, object with myriads of lights on it, at 4 a.m. The wife had gotten up to use the bathroom, glanced out the kitchen window toward the northwest and saw the object. The moon was plainly visible to the south. She called her husband, he got binoculars and looked at the thing. He estimated its size to be between 50 and 100 feet. As they watched, the object took off in a northerly direction at moderate speed, appeared to

turn and approach the observers, then it dived out of sight below the level of the trees and disappeared from sight. Total time of observation was about 10 minutes.

New Kensington, Pa. 19 April. About a dozen individuals reported observing a bright circular light which made a humming sound and flashed lights. The sighting, which lasted approximately 20 minutes, involved the object's course along the valley of the Allegheny River, a total of about 4 miles, until it went out of sight. One observer, Victor Babinack, of Lower Buirrell, said he thought the object was about 300 feet in diameter and appeared to have a glass dome on top, flashing lights on the bottom and stationary lights on the side. The control tower at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, about 40 miles from the area of the sighting, said they had not received any reports.

Wahoo, Nebraska, 25 April. Kenneth Dailey, a pharmacist at Wahoo, his wife and son Dan (13) reported a sighting of a cone-shaped object with a rim around the bottom which they observed at 11:45 p.m. Mrs. Dailey spotted the object first, while preparing for bed, and called her husband. The object was hovering when first seen but was moving at high speed and away from the Dailey home when Mr. Dailey came to the window to view it. The "dome" area of the object was outlined with flashing red lights, and the object, after it moved away from the Dailey home, appeared to land behind a house nearby. Its lights were observed flashing, then they diminished until only one could be seen. Dan Dailey, hearing his parents, got up and came into their room and spotted the second object which appeared to be at a much higher altitude than the first but not traveling as fast. It had an orange glow, and disappeared to the north and east.

St. Louis Park, Minn., 28 April. A "harvest moon" colored (orange) object, which, when first seen was much larger than a harvest moon, was observed for three to four minutes at 8:45 p.m. by five individuals driving in a car. The object was generally described as a "huge harvest moon which had been squashed (flattened) and then circled with a rubber tube." It did not maneuver, merely rose and moved away from the observers.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the membership for their response to our request for extended effort in getting new members. We will appreciate further efforts in this direction and would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous response in renewals. It is not too late to give the Bulletin for Christmas; orders will be taken until the 15th of December. Thanks again!

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AIAA VOICES INTEREST IN UFOs

Night Watchman Claims UAO Crew Attacked Him

A nightwatchman at the Central Electric Station of Sao Paulo, Brazil, has claimed that at 1 a.m., on an October morning he was attacked by unusual creatures. He had just signed in to work when he noticed a light shining above the building, so he went outside to see where it was coming from. He saw a man's face at a distance, and ran toward it. The morning was very dark so he could only make out that the man's head had a covering of some kind. The watchman had an iron bar in his hand, and he aimed a couple of blows toward the head, but the man dodged both of them, grabbed the watchman by the arm and threw him down. The two rolled about on the ground, and the first "man" was joined first by another, then a third, and the watchman was completely overcome. He noted that one of the "men" was dressed in yellow clothing and he tapped the watchman on the back, uttering some unintelligible words. The watchman called to other workers, whereupon the three entities got into a small vehicle which resembled a Volkswagen station wagon (in size) and it flew off into the air over the offices of the electrical complex. The watchman described the "men" as being about his own height, one wearing dark trousers and polo shirt, with his face covered. The one who had been on top of the small building who first caught his attention had worn light-colored clothes which he thought were yellow and resembled coveralls. The third wore dark clothing. The vehicle, he said, was unlit, and of a greyish color. The watchman's experience was reported to police who were impressed by the similarity between what he saw and the incident involving another encounter with UFO entities at Lins. A representative of the President of Brazil was sent to interview the watchman also. Authorities at first thought that terrorists might have been involved in the incident but after the questioning was over they were forced to discard the idea. When further in-

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Planes Paced By UFOs Over Florida

The UFO activity pattern continued heavy over the Southeastern U.S. in late November and on the 27th, two pilots of small planes reported having been followed by football-shaped objects for a distance of about 30 miles. One of the pilots, Robert Holder, said that he was not really sure what he had seen except that the objects appeared as bright moving lights. The other pilot, L. P. Duplantis, 27, gave the press a little more detailed description of what he had seen, which seems to indicate that he might have been closer. He said that the four objects were flying in an echelon about a quarter of a mile behind his plane, one was in the lead and the others stacked to the right. He commented that the flight characteristics were like nothing he had ever seen, and that he watched as one of the objects lowered at least three telescopic legs before it descended to a landing in a swampy area about 20 miles west of Melbourne's Cape Kennedy Regional Airport. The landing took place near what reporters called a "restricted U.S. Air Force bombing range."

Duplantis' passenger, a student at Florida Air Academy, said he first noticed two of the UFOs while over Lake Cypress, then later saw the four objects which he said were glowing red and disc-shaped and larger than most cars. Zachinni claimed that he saw the object land but did not spot any landing gear as Duplantis had, and got the impression that the object simply hovered before it streaked off into the sky again.

Hoax Story Leads To Good Report

A couple of days before Thanksgiving a call was received from a woman in Oakland, California, inquiring about an alleged encounter between a man in Kent, Indiana and the occupants of a UFO. The story, heard over a local station in Oakland, purportedly dealt with the kidnapping of one

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The December issue of *Astronautics and Aeronautics* carries the following statement from the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics: "The Committee has made a careful examination of the present state of the UFO issue and has concluded that the controversy cannot be resolved without further study in a quantitative scientific manner and that it deserves the attention of the engineering and scientific community."

The above statement, which headlines a boxed article entitled "AIAA Committee Looks at UFO Problem," resulted from a study by a subcommittee of the AIAA's Committee on Atmospheric Environment and the Committee on Space and Atmospheric Physics beginning one year ago. The subcommittee dealt specifically with the UFO problem, and included the following scientists:

Joachim P. Kuettner, (Chairman), ESSA Research Laboratories, Boulder, Colorado; Jerald M. Bidwell, Martin Marietta, Denver, Colorado; Glenn A. Cato, TRW Systems Group, Redondo Beach, California; Bernard N. Charles, Aerospace Corporation, Los Angeles, California; Murray Dryer, ESSA Research Laboratories, Boulder; Howard D. Edwards, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; Paul MacCreedy, Meteorology Research, Inc., Altadena, California; Andrew J. Masley, Douglas Missile and Space Systems Division, Santa Monica, California and Donald M. Swingle, U.S. Army Electronic Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

The article said that the group had carried out its own objective investigation of the UFO subject, had issued the above statement and the Committee plans to develop certain recommendations as well as give some insight into its reasoning in future issues of *Astronautics and Aeronautics*.

Following on the heels of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's bid for international cooperation in dealing with the UFO Problem, the AIAA's investigation and resulting position is heartening as it indicates that a larger number of qualified scientific personnel will be involved in the study of the UFO problem.

The very fact that the AIAA has stated publicly that the subject "de-

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APRO Begins 18th Year

On January 1, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization will begin its 18th year of existence. Without

sounding boastful we would like to say that we are proud of the record of APRO. We have been instrumental in organizing and promoting the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, and there is now an APRO Peru, APRO Colombia and APRO Mexico. Mr. Jesus Garibay, our Mexican Representative and Director of APRO Mexico has begun publication of a Spanish language APRO Bulletin and we urge all Spanish reading members to support this effort by subscribing to the periodical. Mr. Garibay and APRO's address is: Jesus Hernandez Garibay, Xochicalco 54-4, Mexico 12, D. F., Mexico.

Information concerning other APRO projects, including state sections, can be found elsewhere in this issue. Efforts to organize state sections in all fifty states are progressing satisfactorily and by the time the expected 1969 flap is manifested we expect to have all of the United States as well as several other countries organized with efficient investigative sections.

We have had several inquiries concerning the extent of our foreign coverage and would like to point out that members are not confined to those countries listed on Page two of the BULLETIN; they are the countries in which we have official representatives. We have participating members in Russia, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, South Korea, Thailand, South Vietnam, Israel, England, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Denmark, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Union of South Africa, Portugal, India, Ecuador, Paraguay, Bolivia, Rhodesia, Kenya, Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands. We fully expect to add several others before the year 1969 comes to an end.

We would like to urge members to continue to solicit new members to help push APRO's membership to the 10,000 mark. This number will not only increase our coverage of UFO activity, but will increase the budget to the extent that more research projects can be undertaken.

Connecticut Section Is Expanding

Larry Fawcett, Chairman of the Connecticut APRO Section has succeeded in bringing about some important progressive changes in that Section's operational procedure which have increased efficiency considerably. Fawcett set about, early in 1968, to obtain sufficient publicity so that the people of his state would know of the existence of the section. Newspaper, TV and radio personnel responded splendidly. Six automobiles with APRO's name and phone numbers displayed prominently have been attention-getters and resulted in many calls reporting UFOs. A ham network

with 8 operators has been established and efforts are being made to recruit more hams in order to blanket the whole state. A telephone chain system has been established also, in order to cut down on the toll call expenses.

All the investigators of Connecticut APRO have filed their names and phone numbers with police stations so that the police will know who to call when a report comes in. Mr. Fawcett informs us that the police cooperation has been tremendous. Larry has great hopes for the Section which has had phenomenal growth and meeting attendance and we hope that other sections will adopt some of the ideas used by Fawcett and his colleagues.

Staff Members See UFO

An unidentified flying object was observed for several minutes by Mr. L. J. Lorenzen, APRO's International Director, Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, Secretary, Mr. Richard Greenwell, APRO's new Assistant Director and Miss Susan Vilsick an APRO member.

The observation took place on December 4 right outside the APRO offices in the Lorenzen household. A telephone call from member Beverly Bauer alerted the above witnesses at 6:25 p.m. and they stepped out and observed a red-orange light source moving soundlessly over the north-eastern Tucson area, near the Mt. Lemmon Air Force radar installation.

Mr. Lorenzen observed the object through 10x35 power binoculars and Mr. Greenwell used 10x50 binoculars. All agreed that the object was not an aircraft of any kind and definitely not a balloon or a satellite. It could not have been any astronomical phenomena. The object was first seen moving north, then west and then north again. Finally it blinked out after 4 minutes of observation and was not seen again. This was Mr. Lorenzen's second UFO observation and Mr. Greenwell's first.

Greenwell Tours Americas

On November 3, Mr. Richard Greenwell, APRO's former Representative for Peru, left Lima on a second Latin American tour, visiting Quito (Ecuador), Bogota, (Colombia) and San Jose (Costa Rica). In Quito Mr. Greenwell conferred with the Director of the Astronomical Observatory and with members of the press. Public interest was enormous and APRO membership in Ecuador will increase as a consequence. During his week's stay in Bogota, Mr. Greenwell organized and co-founded APRO-COLOMBIA, directed by our new Representative John Simhon. APRO-COLOMBIA already has nearly 20 members (some of official

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serves the attention of the engineering and scientific community" indicates that some solid and unbiased work will probably be done in the near future.

Colo. Meeting Big Success

A report on the well-planned and informative meeting of the Colorado APRO Station Section which was held on the 26th of October 1968 was geared to a briefing of members in proper investigative procedures. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trenholm, Directors of the Colorado Section for the job they have done in their state. Speakers at the meeting were: Herb Roth, Coordinator of Boeing 721 flight training for United Airlines, founder and director of the VFON network which coordinates efforts of pilots in observing and reporting UFOs, and past President of the Denver Astronomical Society. Mr. Roth talked about the VFON network. Mr. Andy Gassman, a graduate of Penn State with a BA in Education, teacher of math and science at Aurora Central High School and instructor in astronomy at the University of Denver spoke on "Astronomical Considerations in UFO Reports." Ian Stewart, a senior in microbiology at Colorado State University and Director of the CSU APRO Group spoke on "Obtaining Cooperation from Local Authorities." Les Huntley, a physicist, spoke on the problem of "Triangulating Observed Objects." "Proper Photographic Procedures on Night Watches" was discussed by Gordon Snow, APRO's Colorado photographic consultant. Snow has had many years experience in aerial, scenic and portrait photography, was an aerial photographer in the Air Force, and is a member of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain. He has had a studio in Boulder for many years.

Mike Kellenbarger, Director of the University of Colorado APRO Group, is a senior in psychology there and discussed the "Use of Citizens Band Radio in UFO Investigations." Mike spent many months obtaining permission from the Federal Communications Commission for 50 Citizen Band units under one license for the Colorado APRO Section.

Charles Trenholm, employed by IBM for 13 years in electronics, gave a talk on "Nightwatch Procedures." Mr. Trenholm, Co-Director of Colorado APRO, worked with radar while in the Air Force when he tracked a UFO at 17,000 miles an hour over Morocco. Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Advisor to APRO and Chief of APRO Wyoming, discussed "Use of Hypnosis in UFO Investiga-

tions." Dr. Sprinkle is a Counselor and Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Wyoming.

Robert Young, a third year cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs spoke on "Specific Cases, Computer Studies, and Recommendations for Future Studies." Young is taking several psychology courses and hopes to begin a project attempting to establish patterns and obtain other scientific information in a study of apparently genuine contacts. Charles Upp, a specialist in medical electronic equipment, discussed sightings on Mt. Methodist and near Texas Creek, Colorado. Donald Richmond, an employee of the Post Office Department in Pueblo and a Deputy Sheriff for Custer and Pueblo counties has investigated many cases for APRO in Colorado and discussed "Investigative Procedures Used in the Snippy Case and the Westcliffe Area."

The final speaker for the evening was Mr. Ken Steinmetz who showed UFO slides and conducted a discussion of the "Snippy" case of 1967. Mr. Steinmetz is three-time president of the Denver Astronomical Society, general chairman and convention Coordinator for the National Amateur Astronomers, Inc., National Conventions of 1959, 1964 and 1969. He is a member of 8 astronomical organizations, former director of the Denver moonwatch, and planetarium lecturer at the Denver Museum of Natural History, and taught refresher courses in astronomy at Chamberlin Observatory.

The meeting was closed after APRO photo slides were shown, and it was attended by 150 people who came from all parts of Colorado. It was the sort of presentation which APRO members can be proud of and we congratulate the Trenholms and the speakers on their accomplishments.

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formation is available on this report it will be presented in the BULLETIN.

A considerable number of close encounters with strange beings and ships have taken place and it may be some time before APRO investigators can present the full facts.

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Fred Dalton, and his experiences supposedly closely paralleled those of Antonio Villas Boas, the Brazilian farmer who claimed he had been seduced by a strange blond woman from space.

Mr. Donald Worley, who represents APRO in that area of Indiana, and

who has conducted excellent investigations on our behalf, was contacted immediately and on the weekend after our request (the 30th of November) he went to Kent to investigate. It turned out that the people of Kent were as puzzled about the alleged report as Mr. Worley. The only Fred Dalton in the area is an elderly man who has been confined to a local mental institution for several years. Mr. Worley conducted a thorough investigation and as a result, concluded that the whole story was a hoax. Fortunately, however, Don learned of a couple of cases which he proceeded to investigate. One of these turned out to be a sighting of a large, round, aluminum-colored object which hovered over a tobacco patch about 7 miles north-east of Brooksbury, Indiana, at about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. on the 26th of November.

The witness, a 31-year-old housewife was driving home after having visited her son in the hospital. Proceeding west on a county road she spotted the object in the sky southwest of her location. When interviewed she said the object appeared to be about the size of the barn and that two "leglike" protuberances were in evidence on the underside of the thing and these had small "pegs" on the ends. The woman, who was driving at about 15 miles per hour, watched the object for about 10 seconds, then drove on and looked back later and watched it again for perhaps 25 seconds. The object apparently made no sound, but witness did not shut off engine or roll down window nor did it show any movement. She drove on down the road and out of sight of the object. Her sketch shows an oval-shaped object with two stick-like legs ending in landing pads of a sort.

House Symposium Document Out of Print

The House Committee on Science and Astronautics has now exhausted its printing of the House document of the 7/29/68 Symposium on UFOs. Demand for copies was very heavy.

However, persons desiring copies can acquire offset reproductions for three dollars (\$3.00) by writing to: Clearinghouse for Federal Scientific and Technical Information, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22151. The Clearinghouse catalog number on the item is No. PB 179541. The full identification of the document is: Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects; Hearings before the Committee on Science and Astronautics, U.S. House of Representatives, 90th Congress, 2nd Session, July 29, 1968, 247 pages. One can also purchase a microfilm of this symposium document from the Clearinghouse for 65c (sixty-five cents).

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standing) and it is expected that membership will increase considerably during 1969. The Colombian Institute of Nuclear Affairs, which houses Colombia's atomic reactor, has shown great interest in APRO's work and will collaborate in future investigations. This official backing and the growth of APRO-COLOMBIA puts APRO further ahead in Latin America. While in Bogota, Mr. Greenwell received wide newspaper publicity and was able to interview many UFO witnesses. He believes several cases are worthy of further investigation by APRO-COLOMBIA, including two incidents which took place during his stay there. These involved dozens of children and school teachers who observed UFOs separately on different days. After the children and the teachers have been interviewed by APRO-COLOMBIA and if the cases are considered interesting enough, they will be presented in future issues of the BULLETIN.

Due to the success in Colombia, Mr. Greenwell was forced to cancel his visit to Caracas, Venezuela where he planned to meet with Representative Horacio Gonzales G., and flew directly to San Jose, Costa Rica on Nov. 11. Mr. Greenwell stayed one week in Costa Rica, visiting various parts of the country and conferring with newly appointed Representative Rodolfo Acosta S.

Mr. Greenwell was a guest of Dr. Warren Forsythe, a soils physics professor at the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences of the Organization of American States at Turrialba. On November 14, he gave a lecture in Spanish ("*UFOs and the Scientific Process*") to many members of the Institute, including scientists in the fields of soils chemistry, soils physics, entomology, and others. It is hoped that another APRO subsidiary known as APRO-COSTA RICA can be formed soon as a result of the interest aroused by Mr. Greenwell's visit.

This made a total of 18,000 miles that Mr. Greenwell has travelled in Latin America on behalf of APRO.

On November 18, Mr. Greenwell arrived at St. Louis International Airport and was met by Dave Schroth, John Schuessler and Walt Andrus, Chairmen of the Missouri and Illinois APRO State Sections. Also to greet him was Susan Vilsick, former member of APRO-PERU.

On November 19, Mr. Greenwell appeared on WGEM television in Quincy, Ill., and was interviewed by news editor Charlie Griffith and later on KHQA television on the 30-minute program "*Meet the Tri-State*" where he was interviewed by Gene Terry, the news editor and an officer in the

Air Force Reserve, Bill Baldwin, of the Quincy Herald-Whig and Walt Andrus, Chairman of the Illinois APRO State Section. On November 20 Mr. Greenwell lectured before the Tri-State UFO group. On November 22, Mr. Greenwell, accompanied by Susan Vilsick, visited with Dr. J. Allen Hynek at the Dearborn Observatory and the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center of Northwestern University. Discussions were held also with Mr. William Powers, an electronic engineer attached to the Research Center and with Mr. Fred Beckman, an electron microscopist from the University of Chicago who has been doing research into UFO photographs.

On November 25 Mr. Greenwell was back in St. Louis and appeared on KSD television and was interviewed by news editor Bob Chase. On the same evening he gave a lecture in the St. Louis Public Library and the following day he was the highlight in the KMOX 45-minute radio program "*At Your Service*."

After his Mid-Western tour, Mr. Greenwell arrived in Tucson on December 3, for an extended stay and at this time is assisting the International Director with the overload of work in the APRO office. Mr. Greenwell will concentrate more on Latin America where further good reports are expected to be made.

NEW BOOK

We are pleased to announce the publication of Richard Greenwell's first book *Un Estudio sobre los OVNI's* (A Study of UFOs) published in Lima, Peru while he was APRO Special Representative. The book consists of 10 chapters, each covering a different facet of the UFO phenomena. One chapter delves into the psychological aspects and another relates his personal investigations in Peru. One whole chapter, the first, is dedicated to exobiology and presents the possibilities of extraterrestrial life and spacial mobility.

Greenwell's book, considered probably the best documented on UFOs in the Spanish language, has 250 pages and many photos. It is highly recommended by this office to Spanish speaking enthusiasts and can be obtained from Distribuidora Inca S. A., Emilio Althaus 470, Lince, Lima, Peru at U.S. \$1.50 (seamail) and U.S. \$2.00 (airmail).

Condon Report Due Soon

The much-disputed report of the University of Colorado's Condon Committee dealing with the 18-month study of the UFO problem was sent to the Air Force in early November. The report is estimated to be about

1,500 typewritten pages, was edited by Dan Gillmer, a former New York newspaperman and science writer. In a statement to Associated Press on the 30th of October, Dr. Edward Condon, the Project's chief, said that the findings of the committee would probably be released some time in January. From Boulder, where the study was conducted, the report went to the Office of Research and Development of the Air Force, and will be sent on to the National Academy of Science to be reviewed.

It is rumored that the report will be issued for public consumption in paperback form, but no firm decision has been made, according to our information. Another rumor which is rampant and seems to have some substance, indicates that Dr. Condon is asking the Air Force to guarantee him immunity from any libel suits which may grow out of the information contained in the report.

UFO Observation Aids

D. Herbison-Evans, in a letter published in *Science*, Vol. 161, No. 3848 27 September 1968, page 1297, urges the use of two simple devices to aid in the observation of UFOs. The two are a piece of transparent replica diffraction grating mounted like a 35 mm slide, and a piece of polarized celluloid. Herbison-Evans points out that if one could observe or photograph luminous objects through the grating it might be possible to get some idea of its temperature and composition. He further said that one could differentiate between reflections and objects through the celluloid by rotating it. It would seem that Mr. Herbison-Evans may have an idea which might point the way to lightweight, easily portable aids in identifying UFOs.

APRO-Peru

APRO's first subsidiary in South America was formed recently in Lima, Peru. The founders include Mr. Richard Greenwell, former Special Representative, current Representative Ermanno Maniero, an electronic engineer; Professor Enrico Mattievich, Director of Investigations, who is a member of the Physics Department of San Marcos University; Miguel Hernandez, a construction engineer; Jacques Rosetti, photographer, Enrique Mustiga, ex-commercial pilot and others. APRO-PERU is cooperating with the Peruvian Police Force, which has become interested in UFO Research and we expect to receive very detailed reports on APRO-PERU's future investigations. We wish to thank Mr. Maniero and Professor Mattievich for making APRO-PERU possible.

Scientific UFO Research Award

The September-October BULLETIN carried an article on the proposed UFO Research Award. It has now been decided to establish The Olavo T. Fontes Memorial Fund, named after APRO's late Brazilian Representative. This fund will sponsor the Scientific UFO Research Award which will be granted at the end of each year to a person or group who is considered to have done outstanding work in the UFO field, regardless of background or nationality. Those wishing to participate must submit a detailed report on the work accomplished to the Memorial Fund at APRO Headquarters. These reports may be presented in any language and the research conducted may cover any field of UFO phenomena. Entries will be received until mid-1969.

Although the Memorial Fund and the Research Award will be sponsored by APRO, the selection of the winner will be made by an impartial Board of Judges selected from the scientific community. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, has consented to be a member of the Board of Judges and other distinguished members of the scientific community, well versed in UFO matters but not attached to any UFO group, are being approached to determine their interest.

The only obstacle at this time is the financial aspect. Although APRO's finances have never been better, it is felt that a large expenditure out of current funds on such a venture would not be justified. It is therefore suggested that each APRO member contribute the sum of \$1 toward the Research Award during the first quarter of 1969. The amount of the Award will naturally depend on the efforts and the interest of each individual APRO member and we feel that all will be anxious to sponsor such a worthy cause. More details will be presented in the next BULLETIN.

Airport Tower Personnel Observe UFO

On the 26th of November, at 5:40 p.m. Jack Wilhelm, Jack Reeves and John Fischer, three air traffic control employes at the Bismarck, North Dakota airport tower spotted two bright lighted objects in the northeast sky. During the five to seven minutes that the objects were in sight, one object was headed in a northerly direction at a 45 degree elevation and the other traveling south at an elevation of 30 degrees. Suddenly the southbound light executed a sudden, 180-degree turn, rose and joined the other object. The two hovered together for just a

few seconds, then flew off into the northeast and disappeared from sight within seconds. Wilhelm later said that in his opinion "there's nothing that could make a maneuver like the lower one did and at that rate of speed."

When the objects were sighted, the Bismark tower got in touch with the Great Falls Air Force Base in Montana by telephone and found that radar at the Base had registered an "erratic target" approximately 83 nautical miles northeast of Bismark. FAA officials who were queried by the press said that the radar "fix" did not determine the number of objects or headings, merely that something was in that part of the sky while the Bismark control tower personnel were watching. Another visual sighting of what were apparently the same objects was made by Robert Watts of Capital Aviation and a student who were flying in the vicinity of the Airport. When Wilhelm informed Watts of the objects by radio both he and his passenger were able to spot and observe the lights although they did not see the violent maneuver described by the men in the control tower because his aircraft made a procedural turn and they were not in a position to observe the maneuvers of the objects just before they disappeared from sight.

New Rash of 'Buzzing' Incidents

Among the many reports which represent an increase in UFO activity in the fall of 1968 are the following incidents which involve people and cars and UFOs.

At Napier, New Zealand the press reported on a young man who claimed he had smashed his car into a fruit shop after it was chased by a "flying saucer" on November 13. John Dow, a 19-year-old apprentice joiner pleaded not guilty to a charge of dangerous driving and after he told his story, the magistrate dismissed the charge. His story was that he and his friend Paul Franklin were at nearby Taramakua township when they spotted a red light in the sky which changed to green and then a longish light flashed across the sky, apparently in pursuit of their car. Dow and Franklin left the car without turning off the engine or applying the brakes and it crashed into the building. After dismissing the charge the Judge said that most of "these lights people see" are natural phenomenon and that what the boys took to be a UFO in hot pursuit, might have been merely the lights of a car coming around the corner.

At Albany, Georgia, bank employee Conway Jones told authorities that on

the night of the 22nd of November he was returning to Albany from Bainbridge when he spotted a yellowish orange oblong-shaped ball of fire coming toward his car over the treetops. Jones said he started to slow his car when the radio which had been playing, began to pick up static. He was about 10 miles west of Newton on Georgia State Highway 91 when the object came over his car and hovered and all of the lights, the radio and the engine stopped. Jones got out, he said, and looked at the light for about two minutes but could not make out any definite outlines. It then changed color to red, then reddish orange and shot up into the air and disappeared from sight. Dougherty County authorities would only comment that they thought Jones had seen something but would not speculate concerning what that "something" was.

A Port Victoria, South Australia auto mechanic reported to authorities there that on the 26th of November, while he and a friend were driving between Maitland and Port Victoria, a bright object had paced them. The man, J. A. Wyatt, 21, had as company on his ride young Christopher Bolton, 15, who boarded with his family. After leaving Maitland, the two noticed a bright white light high in the sky over the town which was traveling parallel to their course as they drove in a southwesterly direction. Wyatt said they watched it for a period during which they traveled about nine miles, then it suddenly made a half-circle turn and crossed the sky in front of them, then came down in a slight angle toward their car, traveling at very high speed. As it grew larger and larger approaching them, it changed color from white to an orange-red color. Then it paced their car at what they estimated to be 200-300 yards distance and about 1,000 feet altitude.

Wyatt, who was very frightened by the object, speeded up in an attempt to leave the object behind and was doing 95 miles an hour. Three miles out of Port Victoria Wyatt rounded a curve going into the town and the object kept on going on a straight course, appearing to rise as it traveled. When the two got home they used binoculars to observe it but could not make out any shape behind the light. He had notified police upon arriving home and Constable D. Guerin of Port Victoria arrived on the scene and watched the object also. Both Wyatt and Bolton said the light was spherical and did not seem to be making any noise. Constable Guerin described it as "a brilliant light that really radiated." When Wyatt made the turn to go to Port Victoria the light had sped into the west, then returned and remained in the sky for 3 or 4 minutes before it rushed out of sight.

Around The Globe

It seems that as time passes the UFO problem brings forth more and more sensational and fantastic cases. Without endorsing them as factual, we will report a selection of global information below. Some of these will be investigated reports which we consider to be reliable and will be designated so following each item.

One of the summer, 1968 incidents which cannot be established as factual but which, nevertheless is interesting, took place on *July 2nd* in *Quebec, Canada*. Provincial police reported that they had received several telephone calls on the night of July 2nd which reported nude little men running along a country road. The *Montreal La Presse* quoted Constable Michel Michaud as saying that he and a fellow policeman had investigated the reports and had arrived on the scene in time to see the "little men" jump into a ditch and flee. However, none were caught. On the same night that the little men were reported, hundreds of people in the same area, near Joliette, Quebec, had reported seeing what they considered to be a strange "tumbling" ball of fire. Another incident which has not been reported on further was that of an egg-shaped piece of rock which farmer Paul-Emile Desbiens claimed was found by a friend in the area (St. Paul, about 40 miles north of Montreal) after a large burning object that illuminated the sky fell into a nearby field.

On the *8th of August*, two young men traveling from Seattle, Washington to Los Angeles watched two strangely lit and maneuvering objects just north of *Ceres, California* on Highway 99. Just prior to the sighting both had felt a strange sensation on the upper parts of their necks and the lower part of the head. A "prickly" sensation was also felt by both. The objects which they sighted later consisted of arrangements of lights which, because of their movements, low altitude and color, could not have been aircraft. An impressive report.

Las Vegas, Nevada was the site of a UFO incident on the night of the *28th of October* from 11:20 to 11:45 p.m. Three objects were involved. The first object was merely a group of colored lights which passed above the witness' car as he drove along Tropicana Blvd. in Las Vegas, in the residential section. The second object, however, moved rapidly toward the car, then stopped 300 or 400 yards away over the desert at an estimated 10 to 15 foot altitude. Then the object, until that time a bright white light, went out and was replaced by a group of smaller lights. The driver passed on along the highway, out of sight of the object. The group of lights were red,

white and blue in color and blinked in a pattern which indicated three sides of a square, behind which could be seen a somewhat nebulous dark body, but not clearly defined. The witness then drove home where he and his wife observed the third object, a bright red oval which described two semi-arcs almost straight up where it stopped abruptly and changed to a round bright white light. Then it dropped straight down to about the same spot where it had first been seen and where it again stopped and changed back to a bright red oval. It described two more semi-arcs almost straight up into the air and vanished as if a light had been extinguished. Total viewing time of the three objects: 25 minutes. All were observed within a comparatively small area during that time.

On the *30th of October*, at *Vancouver, B. C. Canada*, a man and woman who wish to remain anonymous, observed some strange objects which they describe in detail. The approximate time was 8:15 p.m., there were scattered clouds at 2,000, 3,500 and 4,500 feet. Both described the first objects as a formation of four arranged in a diamond-shaped group. The group were first spotted at 40 degrees elevation, proceeding into the north. When at about 80 degrees elevation in the south they slowed and were joined by another object, then more, one at a time, until there were ten in all. The time lapse between the appearance of each of the last six objects was about 30 seconds. After each object joined the main group the objects seemed to "mill about" somewhat. When the 10th object arrived it was noted that it was much larger than the others. The smaller ones appeared to brighten up and encircle the larger one which gave off two bright flashes. Then the small objects shot away in different directions, circled around, approached the largest object whereupon the whole group headed into the northeast at a very high rate of speed and disappeared from sight. No sound was detected, the small objects were about 1/4 the size of the largest object. The man said that the small lights were about the size of a street light about three blocks away and the largest was about the size of a street light at one block's distance. Total viewing time: 30 minutes. An excellent report.

Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia, was the location of an unusual incident during the first week of November. No exact date available. At about 1:30 a.m. a man and his wife (very reliable, the husband holding an official post in government) noted an unusually bright area in front of their house right after a power failure. Lights in houses across the street were still on. The wife decided to look outside, and observed a white disc about

100 feet above two trees in the yard. No noise came from the object, and others on the street were watching the object also. As the group watched the disc it began to diminish in size until it had disappeared, whereupon the lights in the house came back on. Observers said the disc looked like the moon but was brighter and appeared to be 4 or 5 feet in diameter. Considered to be a good report.

Eighteen people, including a group of female prisoners at the *Kalgoorlie Region Prison at Kalgoorlie, Australia* reported sighting three shiny, round objects over the area which were travelling at a high rate of speed. One of the observers, who reported the incident, was Prison officer George Edward Jarvis. The prisoners allegedly spotted the objects first. The objects appeared to have a brown ring around the edges and were spinning as they flew. After a period of 15 minutes, the three disappeared from sight. Clipping report, not investigated. Date: *7 November 1968*.

A family at *Westlock, Alberta, Canada*, reported seeing a bluish-green object with a red light in the center and white lights around its disc-shaped circumference at 6:20 p.m. on the *7th of November*, over the Dapp area. The object, they said, appeared to be rotating and remained in the same location. About every 2 minutes a large yellow flashing light would appear, whereupon the object would move a bit, emitting a blue-green exhaust. It was observed until approximately 6:45 p.m. when it disappeared. No further information, clipping report, not investigated.

A saucer-shaped object which darted about and hovered above an open field between *Bakers Summit and Sproul, Pennsylvania*, was reported by an unidentified woman (by request). The woman slowed her car to watch but was afraid to stop. She said that another car driven by a man and traveling in the opposite direction had stopped and was apparently watching the object. No further information as to time, etc. Date: *14 November*. Clipping report, not investigated.

A report from *San Jose, Costa Rica*, on the Reuters press wire claims that traffic was jammed on the main streets of San Jose on the *17th of November* when two silvery discs were spotted by residents there. One object flew from east to west and the other from northeast to southwest. No time or other data, but we expect that our Costa Rica representative will forward additional information which will be included in another issue.

An orange-colored UFO was allegedly spotted over *Guarulhos, Brazil* on the night of the *19th of November*. According to Reuters press service, the object was reported by local police and

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was picked up on radar at the Cumbica Air Base. It suddenly disappeared. Clipping report, no further information, not investigated at this date.

Strange Crater in New York

The farm of Howard Lacey near Venice Center, New York has another "mystery crater." Every year, since 1966, on the night of 12 November, Lacey and local residents have heard a "boom" in the night, and an unexplained crater was found later within a short distance of the home. This particular aerial phenomena is of interest to APRO Staff as member Robert Barrow of Syracuse, New York has done considerable research on this particular series of incidents. The first crater was attributed to a meteorite despite the fact that no meteoric residue was found in the hole. The second one was found by children playing in the area, and the 1968 crater followed the loudest boom and is the largest crater of the bunch. It is some 18 feet wide and almost five feet deep and the sound heard the night before it was found could be heard about 20 miles from Venice Center. Members of the New York State Police, geologists from Cornell University as well as Army and Air Force explosive experts have examined the most recent crater but have found nothing to explain the crater or the boom. They have, however, ruled out the possibility that ordinary explosives could have caused it. One of the geologists told the Binghamton, New York Evening Press that "there's a hole in the ground there—that's a fact," but said that the rest is open to conjecture.

Shrimper Crew Sight UFO

One of the sightings in the southeast U.S. which took place during the Thanksgiving week involved three crewmen of a shrimp boat out of Biloxi, Mississippi. The incident took place as the Gulf Central, a 54-foot boat was standing between Chandeleur and Ship Islands off the Gulf Coast, on its way toward port. The skipper, Preston L. Mallette, Sr., his son Kenneth and his brother William R., all report that the object, whatever it was, trailed their boat for a bit, came in over the boat and then went straight up into the air and out of sight. They said they had been in the midst of a dense fog most of the day and by late evening when the object was seen the night was very clear with a slight breeze. The description given by the men was one of the typical discs—round, flat on top and with a bulge on the bottom "just like a plate"

they said. The disc was white, they said, and appeared to be smooth and it glowed. When first seen the trio thought the object was a star, but it then descended, made a 45-degree turn and leveled off over the water behind the shrimp boat. Young Mallette said it came on toward the boat and it was not until it was directly over the boat that it stopped and hovered for about one and a half minutes before it shot up into the air and out of sight.

"UFOs — Yes" — A Must

It has not been our policy recently to review UFO books because of the large numbers of such books being produced—most of them worthless. But "UFOs Yes" (David R. Saunders and R. Roger Harkins—Signet, New York—paperback, 95c) is of such a quality that an exception is fully justified.

In form, the book is a first person narrative — Saunders' account of the events and intrigues which led eventually to the firing of he and Norman Levine from the Colorado UFO Project. But it is much more than that. Saunders' background as both a physical scientist and a psychologist has given him a special ability to understand and evaluate all aspects of the UFO problem as well as all aspects of the human problems encountered by those who attempted to come to grips with it. And Harkins' exceptional talent as a journalist presents the whole matter in a factual, subdued, yet entrancing framework.

No one should read the final report of the Colorado Project (which, incidentally is not yet released but expected out soon in paperback form) without first reading this book.

Of special interest to APRO members will be Chapter 17, a discussion of the Ubatuba magnesium case developed by the late Dr. Fontes—described as one "of the best available cases."

Highly recommended as an informative and illuminating piece of literature. Revealing but unbiased.

Spate of Reports in Georgia

A press report in the Atlanta Journal relates sketchy information about sightings in a swampy area near Conyer, Georgia which are still under investigation. Basic information is the following: Jim Beecham of Atlanta, who was coon hunting during the week of the 17th of November, saw a 70-80-foot object which hovered 300 to 400 feet above the ground in a swamp near Conyers. The object was silent, whitish-orange in color and appeared to have "Zs" around its edge. Beecham and his brother were so

frightened by the spectacle that they hurriedly left the area. Other incidents involved a bank employee of Albany who claimed that his car's electrical system failed and the engine stopped when a UFO approached him while he was driving in a swampy area, and three coon hunters were frightened by a strange object bobbing in the air over some woods for about an hour. Officials at Moody Air Force Base told the press that they would investigate reports of a UFO observed by several persons near Albany. One man described this one as a yellowish-orange oblong-shaped ball of fire, and others said it had blue and green lights which upset their hunting dogs. These incidents are under investigation and further pertinent details, when available, will be published if they merit the space.

Hoax Is Exposed

We wish to make public the fact that the humanoid case that was reported to have occurred at Naplo Beach, near Lima, Peru, on August 25, has proved to be false.

Mr. Richard Greenwell, APRO's former Representative in that country together with new Representative Ermanno Maniero and other APRO-PERU members personally travelled to Pucusana to establish the veracity of the incident. The report is attributed to a false newspaper article.

Disc Seen at Brasilia

The fabulous inland capital of Brazil reported one of the typical discs over that city on the 8th of November. Several residents of the suburb Taguatinga reported seeing an object which was round and looked "like two overlapping plates" which flew over the army radio control tower and the city's water reservoir. The bottom "plate" they said, was rotating rapidly and was lit by a twinkling red and green light. When first seen the object was hovering over the Army radio station, then it circled the town a couple of times and took off at great speed.

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Flying Saucers and The Falling Leaf

By Rayford R. Sanders

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Over the past few years, a considerable amount of comment has been made concerning the falling leaf motion of certain UFOs. While any theory at this point is as valid as any other, the following theory may be of interest to add to the list of possible explanations.

Admittedly there is no large statistical correlation of all sightings involving the falling leaf phenomenon, however, three characteristics appear to be quite common. One, the UFO is a disc-shaped object; two, the UFO is making a descent when it occurs; and three, the UFO has just completed a high speed run and its forward speed is zero or nearly so. The last point is not as well substantiated as the first two, but at least forward speed is generally small if it exists at all. A possible explanation would have to take these points into consideration as well as agreeing with other observed phenomena.

Consider a disc-shaped object with two modes of propulsion: One an electromagnetic/anti-gravity type, which is used for primary propulsion, and a secondary type used for low speed and fine control. The primary system would be used for all high speed — high performance flight and would be the propulsion system used for interstellar travel. With a system of this type fine control may be very hard to obtain, and a secondary system using smaller power ranges would be helpful when close to the ground and in slow flight. As noted in many sightings, disc-shaped objects may or may not present electromagnetic effects. Generally these electromagnetic effects are present when the disc is glowing, which is indicative of the primary power source in full operation. At other times when the discs are not glowing they do not seem to exhibit electromagnetic effects. The difference here may just be a matter of degree.

Many sightings have indicated a rotating portion on the disc, either the rim, lower section, or upper section. Elementary gyroscopic principles quite easily show that for maximum stability and minimum weight, an external rotating ring or shell would be the best approach. A few particularly close up sightings have indicated a rotating rim containing a shutter type of arrangement that appears to be movable. For a secondary low speed, fine control system, a rotating mass on the rim of the disc, driven by exhausting gas through angled deflectors, would be ideal. Especially if a primary system

were operating at just enough power to almost neutralize gravity. These deflectors could be controlled through a cyclic arrangement similar to that of a helicopter, thereby developing a precession force on the rotating rim for pitch and roll control. The escaping gas could in turn offset the remaining gravity force, allowing vertical control. Only a very small amount of gas would be necessary to drive the rim, offset the remaining gravity, and maneuver.

So far theory agrees with observation. Now consider the falling leaf. Assuming a disc has been flying at high speeds there does not appear to be any reason for fine control and/or gyroscopic motion. In fact gyroscopic forces at high speeds would be limiting in some maneuvering conditions. So if a disc is decelerating in order to make a vertical descent close to the ground, it may be that the secondary power system and gyro has to be turned on during some transition period. If we can assume that the pilots of these crafts are slightly less than perfect, there may be a delay in some cases in getting this secondary system into operation.

Now, anyone who has ever watched a disc shaped object descend in a viscous medium will recall the falling leaf motion. If you haven't noticed it, drop a dinner plate in a body of water, or drop a plastic Frisby upside down from about four feet. (And if you haven't gotten ahold of a Frisby you've been missing something!) As noted, this falling leaf motion is not always present, but this could be just a matter of pilot efficiency or attention. If the pilot started his secondary system soon enough, he (?) would have his gyros up to speed before descent was started. However, if he was a little slow in reacting, and these objects have been known to really come to a screeching halt, descent may have already started before the gyros come up to speed. While a disc shaped object may be efficient for edgewise travel, it is very unstable for vertical movement. Vertical travel at any significant speed would create a shifting center of pressure, leading to the falling leaf motion. Or it may be a case of gyro wobble while they are being brought up to speed. In some cases it may be a combination of both. In any event, if the gyros were up to speed and under control, stability would be established and no wobble or falling leaf motion would occur.

While this may not be the explanation, it is a logical one, and seems to be indicated more and more as data comes in. Consider the Brooksville, Florida sighting where Mr. John Reeves saw "Venetian blinds" in the rim move back and forth. Unique? I think not. Just a good close-up observation.

House Ad Hoc Committee To Form

The objective, non-sensational report of the Redlands UFO case by Dr. Philip Seff, APRO Investigator and Advisor (See APRO Bulletin for Jan.-Feb. 1968) has led directly to the request for an Ad Hoc Congressional Committee to investigate the need for an accelerated study of the UFO problem.

Congressman Jerry L. Pettis of San Bernardino, California, has stated recently to the press his intention of moving for the establishment of such a committee as soon as Congress reconvenes. He feels assured that his motion will carry.

In private conversations with Dr. Seff, Congressman Pettis revealed that it was the work of Dr. Seff, Dr. Reinhold Krantz, Dr. Judson Sanderson and Professor John Bromfield in investigating and documenting the Redlands case that prompted his decision to take such action.

Congressman Jerry L. Pettis is a member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and participated in the July 29, 1968 hearing (See APRO Bulletin for July-August 1968) on Unidentified Flying Objects. Thus he learned of the Redlands Case which was mentioned by Dr. McDonald and Dr. Harder on that occasion.

Recently, Dave Bell Television produced a feature for Educational TV in California called "UFO Over Redlands." This feature was a documentation of the Redlands case featuring, in addition to the aforementioned team from the University of Redlands, Dr. James McDonald of the University of Arizona.

Viewing this show helped Congressman Pettis realize that the subject could be handled in an objective, factual, non-hysterical manner. Soon after the show he contacted Dr. Seff and made his plans known.

The foregoing serves to vindicate the long-held APRO position that the respectability of the UFO subject should be *demonstrated* rather than simply *advocated* — that some who pursue the same goals (of respectability) sometimes exhibit a fervor bordering on fanaticism that estranges the very ones they seek to impress. It is to be hoped now that Congressman Pettis is allowed to proceed by his own lights rather than be subjected to the onslaught of well-meaning enthusiasts who can make him regret his decision. Particularly we hope he can withstand the efforts of those who will surely try to detract him from a straight-forward investigation by drawing him into a battle with the Air Force.

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