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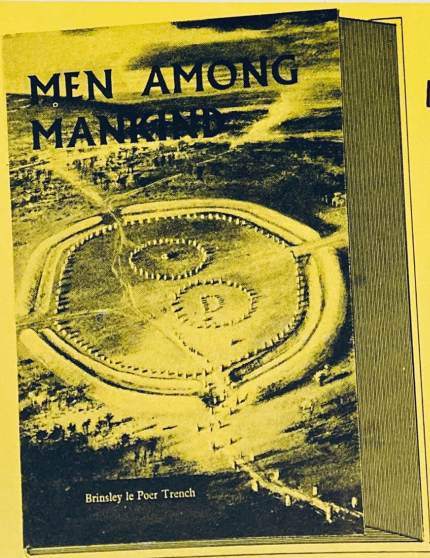
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The Myth of UFO "CENSORSHIP"

John A. Keel

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"On January 4, 1945, the Office of Censorship asked newspaper editors and radio broadcasters to

give no publicity whatsoever to balloon incidents. This voluntary censorship was adhered to from coast to coast, a remarkable self-restraint in a free-press-conscious country . . . Three months later, in a 'strictly confidential' note to editors and broadcasters, the Office of Censorship stated: 'Cooperation from the press and radio under this request has been excellent despite the fact that Japanese free balloons are reaching the United States, Canada, and Mexico in increasing numbers . . . There is no question that your refusal to broadcast information about these balloons has baffled the Japanese, annoyed and hindered them, and has been an important contribution to security.'" - Article, "JAP BALLOONS DROPPED BOMBS ON U.S. DURING WORLD WAR II", by Major Robert C. Mikesch, U.S.A.F. NATIONAL ENQUIRER, July 28, 1968.

Are all of the governments of the world deliberately suppressing reports of UFO sightings in the same way that the Office of Censorship (long defunct) managed to suppress news of the Japanese fire balloons during the Second World War? The cry of "censorship" was first raised by the late lamented Fortean Society in the 1930s . . . long before the "flap" of 1947. Within weeks after the events of June-July 1947, the emerging groups of civilian UFO researchers clutched at this anarchistic banner and proceeded to trample across two long decades with it. The protests of "censorship" quickly jelled into allegations of a dark, sinister "conspiracy" purportedly instituted by the government to keep the "truth" from the American people. Over the years bits and pieces of circumstantial evidence were added and weighed by the UFO buffs. The Air

Force - not just the American Air Force, but all Air Forces - were made the villains of the "plot". Censorship ceased to be a mere suspicion; it became one of the "facts" of Ufology.

How true is this "fact" really? How much censorship actually exists and how is it implemented?

As of 1964, there were 1,763 major dailies in the United States, plus thousands of smaller daily and weekly newspapers. That same year there were 589 television stations and 5,350 commercial radio stations. These figures have naturally increased in the past five years. Most of these newspapers, radio and TV stations are independently owned. Many are fiercely independent and anti-establishment. To issue any kind of censorship "order", either in person or by mail, to all of these editors would be a formidable task. The Office of

Censorship, which folded in 1946, had the personnel and financing to do this. The U.S. Air Force does not. What's more, the turnover of personnel in the communications media is traditionally very high and any such "order" would have to be issued again and again, perhaps even semi-annually, to remain effective. If such an order existed at all, it would quickly become common knowledge to newspapermen everywhere. And some maverick, anti-establishment editor in a "flap" area would almost certainly take the trouble to publish the order in its entirety.

I've been in the newspaper and publishing business since I was 12 years old and I have never met an editor or a reporter - or a publisher who has even heard of such an order. Nor have I ever personally encountered a member of the news media who claimed to have been

"silenced" by any kind of government agent so far as UFOs are concerned. (Editors near secret military installations, atomic energy plants, etc. are sometimes asked not to mention these installations in their papers. But this is a clear-cut matter of national security and the newsmen willingly concede to such requests, just as they obeyed the balloon order of 1945. This is purely voluntary on their part. God help anyone who tries to order a hard-boiled newsmen not to print something he feels should be printed!)

The clippings from both small-town and big city papers throughout the past twenty years also belie the censorship myth. During the year-long "flap" of 1966 in New Jersey, the Patterson, New Jersey Evening News and many other papers carried almost daily box scores of UFO sightings. Many hundreds of local sightings have been given banner headlines in the large dailies across the country, all out of proportion to the actual merit of the incidents. I have met many researchers who have collected huge files of clippings from the so-called "lull" years. The late Morris K. Jessup compiled an impressive yearbook based entirely upon the published sightings of 1955, a "lull" year. In 1966, I subscribed to 5 nationwide clipping services and I was buried in 10,000 clippings from local and national news media for that year.

If somebody is being employed to censor UFO news they should be given the sack immediately. They just haven't been doing their job!

For the past several months I have been conducting an extensive nationwide poll of both UFO believers and sceptics, asking 77 key questions to determine their attitudes and beliefs. While I have not yet completed tabulating all of the results, some startling statistics are already apparent. Over 15% of all the disinterested (i.e., non-UFO researchers) polled now claim to have seen an unidentified flying object. (Only 6% of those polled by Gallup in 1966 made the same claim.) But a whopping 65% of this same group said they believed the government was actively suppressing UFO information. Nevertheless, in every state and every isolated area polled, the newsstands were glutted with

UFO paperbacks and magazines.

The simple truth is that the UFO organizations and their members have been screaming about censorship for so long that today a large percentage of general public believes these allegations. To add to the mess, Air Force public relations have been grossly mishandled by disinterested personnel (the Pentagon post of Project Blue Book spokesman is used as the last stop before retirement, so the turnover of officers there is very high).

We've heard a lot about the Air Force censoring its own personnel. But the big question is: does AF censorship go beyond its own bases?

In February and March of 1968, I was invited to record two 1-1/2 hour pro-UFO programs for the VOICE OF AMERICA . . . in Washington, D.C. Mr. Al Johnson of VOA had done many, many pro-UFO shows for the government propaganda station and they have been broadcast all over the world. He has interviewed everyone from government employees who have seen UFOs to the most controversial of the contactees. No AF officer has ever come around to snip his microphone cable.

Both the Pacific and European editions of the Army's newspaper, STARS & STRIPES, also carry frequent UFO items, pro and con. American troops overseas have been duly informed of everything from West Virginia's "Mothman" to "Snippy the horse".

If governmental suppression of UFO information were a reality, it would stand to reason the first media to be censored would be AFN, VOA and Stars and Stripes. If those mysterious AF censors can't even shut up the governmental news media, how in the world can we believe that they are able to "silence" the Podunk Weekly Gazette?

ARE FLYING SAUCERS REALLY NEWS?

Those who have been loudest in accusing the AF of censorship have apparently never taken the trouble to discuss the subject with the editor of their hometown newspaper. Many of the "censorship buffs" have delightedly gone on local radio and television and discussed censorship publicly for hours . . . without ever getting cut off the air. When they managed to insinuate their names

into the columns of the local press and the editor or reporter chose to give their talk of "little men" and disappearing planes the tongue-in-cheek treatment, these same buffs have claimed that here again was proof that the press had been ordered to ridicule the subject.

Actually, the press has spent years ridiculing the believers, not the subject. When a believer failed to say anything quotable, the reporter often tossed his notes in the wastebasket . . . there was no story. But believers who opened up and chattered about blond Venusians and "Men In Black" were quoted . . . and justifiably ridiculed.

"Flying Saucers" attained a high degree of respectability in the early 1950s. Major American magazines such as LOOK, LIFE, the READER'S DIGEST, the NEW YORKER, and all of the glossy Sunday supplements carried lengthy articles which were either very fair, or in many cases, outright enthusiastic for the subject. At the same time, Captain Ruppelt's brand new Project Blue Book struggled almost heroically with the contradictory data. Ruppelt is remembered for his honest dealings with the press. He didn't know what the answers were, he admitted, but the government was then spending a million dollars a year to try to find out.

The loudmouths weren't satisfied, however. They wanted to read about new sightings every week. Frank Scully's controversial "BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS" hit the best-seller lists and the "little men" were fast becoming part of American folk lore. Then the "contactees" broke noisily onto the scene with their tales of desert meetings with the Venusians. The AF censors didn't do a very good job of shutting them up, either. They lectured, wrote books, appeared on radio and TV, and suddenly it was almost too much for the bemused public to swallow. Perhaps if the contactees had bided their time, the subject would have grown steadily more respectable. The public, quite naturally, had to accept the reality of the unidentified objects before they could be prepared to accept the notion that someone or something might be riding around in them. This was a very big emotional hurdle in the early 1950s. Nearly all of the

learned astronomers of that period were still flatly rejecting the notion that there might be extraterrestrial life. And Ufology was based upon the concept that extraterrestrial life not only existed, but was visiting us.

The timing was extremely bad. Now, in retrospect, it almost seems planned. We might shudder at the thought . . . but suppose the UFO occupants realized we were beginning to take them seriously. And suppose they did not want this? One way to counteract all of the favorable publicity would be to create situations which would bring ridicule to the subject again.

In any case, the somewhat premature appearance of the contactees . . . and the mind-shattering possibilities presented by their claims . . . produced automatic censure. Nobody was ready to believe backwoods farmers and disreputable amateur astronomers. So the press and the public turned against the funny contactees and their pseudo-philosophical cults. Simultaneously, the C.I.A. Panel looked over the speculative and unsubstantiated material so

painfully collected by Ruppelt and his men and they ordered the AF to stop wasting money on something that could apparently never be verified or proven.

The Dark Ages yawned open again. Newspaper editors yawned, too. They'd been dealing with flying saucers stories since 1947 and nothing ever seemed to come of them. Now that UFOs were disreputable . . . the new reports were often quite absurd . . . the editors became more and more selective about the stories they used.

Occasionally an incident like the "little men" of Hopkinsville, Kentucky (1955) would capture the editorial fancy and be played up nationwide. But a story had to be almost outrageously silly before the newspapers would bother with it.

The UFO buffs must recognize several solemn facts about the newspaper business. First of all, the average small city daily has from two to six teletype machines rattling away 24 hours a day, churning out miles of copy covering everything from the price of cloves in Zanzibar

to the scores of high school basketball teams in Eldora, Iowa. A large proportion of the editor's paper is composed of advertising, comic strips, and local news. He has to be very selective about how he uses the remaining space. Important national news ranging from wars to motion picture publicity naturally take precedent over "human interest" items.

Flying saucer stories are human interest items, like occasional yarns about haunted houses, sea monsters, and sensational murders in other states. (Local murders are played up big.) Speaking of murders, there were an estimated 10,920 (F.B.I. figures) in the United States in 1966. How many did you read about in the New York TIMES or the Emporia, Kansas Gazette? Perhaps a dozen of these crimes actually made news nationwide. Does this mean that crime news is being censored? Hardly.

I can speak with some authority on the UFO news of 1966 because I enlisted several expensive clipping services to supply me with every available "flying saucer" story that



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year. In addition, people all over the country and the world began to send reports to me. I collected over 10,000 for 1966. Of these, sixty were given extensive national coverage by the wire services and many of them were played up on the front pages. Flying saucers had become more important than murder!

There were nationally publicized contacts, "little men" stories, police chases, and military sightings. In addition, there was a sudden revival of interest in the national magazines. A year or two earlier, a professional writer couldn't have stirred up interest in a UFO article in any editorial sanctum. Now, suddenly, every writer in New York was pouring over NICAP's "UFO EVIDENCE" and re-writing it for popular consumption. One-shots (single-issues of special magazines) flooded the newsstand.

During 1966-68 no less than forty-six paperback books have suddenly appeared on the subject, covering everything from George Adamski to attacks against the AF. These books became available in every corner drugstore. Many of them followed the old ufological line and were harshly critical of the government. No AF sergeant ran from store to store buying them up.

Two books, Coral Lorenzen's "THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER HOAX" and Captain Ruppelt's "REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS", were ruthlessly rehashed by no less than four of my writer friends and kept them all in groceries for six months. Another friend of mine wrote a quickie paperback novel based upon the Betty and Barney Hill case (it was titled, "THE TERROR ABOVE US") and moved to Tangiers on the proceeds.

Plagiarism, yes. Censorship, no. If the government sincerely wanted to censor UFO material, they could have stopped this flood of material by quietly visiting no more than six or eight of the major paperback publishers. No-one would ever have known.

But to show you how tenaciously the UFO buffs cling to the censorship myth, look at the rumors surrounding the demise of the Dell magazine, "FLYING SAUCERS - UFO REPORTS". Dell had originally jumped on the UFO bandwagon with a single, competently edited rehash

intended as a one-time only project. It sold so well that they put another issue together . . . three more, fact. Response from the distributors is slow, often taking from two to four months. So Dell editors were working on the fourth issue when the executives learned that sales on the second and third had fallen sharply in comparison to the first. Since this type of publication must sell at least 250,000 to break even, they realized they were in danger of selling less than that number by the fifth issue. So, being practical businessmen, the Dell executives decided there would be no fifth issue.

I contributed several articles to "FLYING SAUCERS - UFO REPORTS" and was on very good terms with Carmena Freeman, the editor. When she reluctantly announced that the magazine was no more, she was anxiously queried by students of the censorship myth asking why this fine publication was folding. She inadvertently sent out brief letters in which she casually mentioned that the decision had been made "by the powers that be".

That phrase ricocheted through all the UFO fan magazines. "The powers that be" had shut down "FLYING SAUCERS - UFO REPORTS"! The evil AF silencers had struck again!

THE FAD CYCLE

There had been UFO one-shots in the early 1950s, too. Saucer books sold well for awhile and then interest died out. There's no mystery about it. One-shot publishers move with the fads. Today, unhappily, assassination is a fad in the United States. The newsstands are glutted with one-shots dealing superficially with our recent national tragedies. A few months ago, "Hippies" were the fad, and before that we had the tribute to abominable taste called "Camp". Next month bullfighting might be the thing . . . or kite flying.

Are the American bullfight aficionados crying "censorship" because their beloved and bloody sport is being neglected?

We must face it. Flying Saucers are a "nut" subject. When the New York publishers smell growing public interest again, they will again flood the newsstands with rehashes of Lonnie Zamorra's flying egg and Captain Mantel's premature demise.

The real UFO "hardcore" seems to consist of about 5,000 people in the United States. Until 1966, and then only because of John Fuller's excellent efforts to popularize the subject, there was simply no profitable market for UFO literature. Overnight, a "softcore" of perhaps 500,000 people appeared. This "softcore" has been buying up the quickie paperbacks but they will soon tire of reading about Zamorra and Mantel. Sales will drop off and publishers will again avoid the subject.

And when this decline does occur, there will undoubtedly be new cries of "censorship" from the myth-mongers.

SELF-IMPOSED CENSORSHIP

There is another kind of very real censorship which has never been reasonably approached by the UFO buffs. This is the self-imposed censorship which takes place on the local level. I have encountered it continuously in my travels and have commented on it briefly in some of my other articles.

On the magazine level, we find that many editors try to avoid the truly wild and unbelievable things now occurring nationwide. Some editors are still shy about contactee stories unless they are given a humorous treatment. Others seek to maintain the tired old controversy of "Air Force suppression" because it has a strong emotional appeal. Some editors do not believe in UFOs themselves and so they demand that the subject be handled in a light, off-hand manner. A number of editors have told me, "oh, we did a UFO article last year. It's too soon for another one".

Only two nationally distributed magazines in the U.S. try to carry a UFO article in each issue! FATE has, of course, been following the subject for twenty years but has a limited audience; SAGA, a blood-and-guts men's magazine, has carried in-depth articles monthly for about two years. Most of SAGA's pieces are written by Brad Steiger, Joan Writenour, Otto Binder and myself. We have all been doing comprehensive articles based upon our own personal investigations. Some of the hardcore believers in Venusians have literally frothed at the mouth over our findings which do not always fall into accord with

their beliefs. It is rather ironic that the same people who have been crying for years, "Why doesn't somebody tell us what's going on?", are now whipped into a frenzy because a handful of us are actually investigating the subject firsthand and are trying to tell them what is going on. We have been accused of making up pure fiction by some of these groups, even though I long ago issued a standing offer . . . my files are open to any serious investigator and I will happily supply full names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. of witnesses to any ufologist who displays sincere personal interest and has a genuine desire to recheck my cases. So far only six people have taken me up on this.

Many self-styled ufologists remain bitterly in the dark because they are actually unwilling to do anything more than read (and criticize) often heavily-edited summaries of complicated cases. Very often the published article is so watered-down and condensed that it bears little resemblance to the original. Overly critical readers do not seem to be aware of this problem. It is not censorship. The cuts are usually made because of space requirements.

Newspaper articles are even more severely limited. And this self-imposed censorship is exercised to a very high degree. The average small-town editor does not want to willfully ridicule - or subject to ridicule any of his subscribers. Thus, if a local citizen becomes involved in a UFO incident, the editor and the reporter are likely to be overly-protective of their story. A man might report, for example, that a glowing circular object landed in his backyard and that a small human-like figure made a brief appearance. The published story might omit the man's name ("I don't want people to think I'm crazy") and nearly all of the other salient details. The clipping, when and if it ever reaches the ufologist, might merely state that an unidentified man reported seeing a glowing circular object near his home. Only by making a careful firsthand investigation can the ufologist discover that there was a great deal more to the story.

The story was not really censored by anybody. It was merely re-

ported in a cautious, superficial way.

Furthermore, editors in flap areas usually do not try to keep up with all the reports they receive. Instead, they publish only a selected handful, usually those containing the best descriptions of those witnessed by police officers or local dignitaries. You can receive a single clipping from an area and when visiting the place you might discover that hundreds of people have been seeing things.

At the height of the enormous flap around Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 1967, the local newspaper coverage was very superficial. The same kind of scanty reporting took place around Ithica, New York during the massive flap there. And the flap around the Savannah River Atomic Energy installation in Georgia - North Carolina in 1967 was so intense that the local newspapers were literally stunned into silence. Editors and police officials decided not to publicize the "flap". They figured that something big and important possibly involving national security was taking place. (The Savannah plant, which is the size of the city of Chicago, manufactures atomic weapons.)

There is one cardinal rule which seems to take effect in every area involved in a major flap: The longer a flap lasts, the less publicity it receives.

If a flap lasts for only two weeks, the local newspapers are more apt to carry daily reports, articles, interviews, photographs, etc. (Incidentally, it seems as if somebody in every flap area always manages to get pictures, but these photos seldom filter down to the ufologists.) If a wire service takes an interest in the flap, it may receive nationwide coverage for two or three days (as happened in Michigan and Ohio in 1966). But the story "plays out" quickly. When the wire service drops the story, the flap has not necessarily subsided.

When the objects appear almost daily and are seen by hundreds, as frequently happens in flap areas in the United States, people tend to take them for granted and after the initial expression of curiosity and interest, they cease to report their sightings to anyone. The published report dwindles, not the sightings. Since most of the sightings tend to

be very similar, the local editor gets bored with it all and publishes fewer of the incidents that are reported to him or to the police. "We get flying saucer stories all the time," is a common complaint. "We just can't print them all."

In many communities, the editor of the local paper may not regard the daily sightings as "news" and he simply doesn't print anything about them. Or, because they are so common, he may reason - as many people now do - that the objects are some "secret government project" and he probably should ignore them.

The average newspaper "investigation" into a routine sighting consists of a brief phone call between the reporter and the witness, or a brief interview. If the witness has seen something really unusual or, more important, experienced something unusual, he may not even give all the details to the reporter for fear of ridicule. Thus, once again, the published story is merely a superficial account and it takes an in-depth interview by a skilled ufologist to obtain all the facts in the case.

There is another type of case now common in the U.S. which should be mentioned. This is the "privileged information" type of incident in which something extraordinary happens and the police or the witness . . . or both . . . ask the reporter not to write the story. This is a very common procedure and cannot be constructed as censorship. Police often try to keep details about a murder, for example, quiet until they have had a chance to investigate thoroughly and follow up every clue. Reporters and editors automatically go along with this usually. By the same token, if an Air Force officer (or a man in an AF uniform) should turn up at a UFO site and ask reporters not to publish anything about the case at that time, the reporters are likely to obey. I have personally never encountered this, nor have I ever met an editor or reporter who has admitted to this kind of "silencing". Other American investigators have allegedly come across this sort of thing, however.

I have many excellent and baffling cases in my own files which I have not published because I have been asked not to. I don't regard this as censorship. If I were writing about

the political scene, I would encounter this sort of thing much more frequently, I'm sure. The AF has never asked me to lay off of anything.

You can see now some of the problems of relying on newspaper clippings for information. They serve only as a barometer for the situation, just as TV pollsters interview less than 2,000 families about their viewing habits and on the basis for such interviews determine what millions are supposedly watching. A single, bland clipping about a police officer in an obscure little town seeing something odd in the sky might be the tip-off that a big flap is in progress in that area. A three-paragraphed story about an object hovering over a local water tower can easily cover up a landing or something even more sensational. A rash of clippings from a single place, followed by a sharp decline in reports, may actually mean that a truly enormous flap is occurring.

Based upon these patterns, we might even speculate about the alleged "lulls" of the 1950s and 1960s. Perhaps the "lulls" are really the periods of greatest activity.

For every published report there may be hundreds or even thousands of witnesses who have never reported anything. In recent months we have begun to uncover contact cases which purportedly took place years ago . . . but the witnesses were always afraid to speak out. Or they didn't know who to tell the story to.

It is possible that UFO activity has actually remained at a surprisingly consistent level for many years and that all of the "waves" are illusory because they are based upon published reports, not upon firsthand investigations of effected areas.

In the New York TIMES of January 29, 1934, there was a report of "mystery airplanes" appearing nightly over Finland, Sweden and Norway, and even over London, England. This early Scandinavian "flap" might rule out all of the speculation that our atomic bomb blasts inspired the Scandinavian episodes of 1946.

Point Pleasant, West Virginia, a little town engulfed in a massive flap in 1966-67-68, also had UFO incidents in 1930. (New York TIMES, December 31, 1930.)

Nearly everyone agrees that the UFOs are some kind of vehicles.

So it now seems reasonable to assume that those vehicles are active during flap periods to transport personnel and material into the flap areas. Then, during the "lulls", when the objects are supposedly least active, the personnel carry out specific chores at ground level. If this hypothesis can be supported (and there is now a great deal of circumstantial evidence to support it), then we must consider the importance of the phenomenon is not where do they come from or how are they motivated, but is what specific things are they doing in our rural areas without detection?

Newspaper clippings will never give us the answer. They will not even furnish us with the questions. As comedian Fred Allen once observed when criticizing the radio and TV pollsters, it's like counting the grains of sand in the bottom of a birdcage and trying to determine the size of the Sahara desert from them.

THE "SILENCER" ENIGMA

The speculations about a governmental conspiracy to suppress UFO information was based largely upon the appearance and activities of alleged Air Force officers. There are far too many "silencing" stories to discount. I do not deny that real Air Force officers may have actually been involved in such activities, particularly in the 1950s. Back in the days when the Air Force was taking the subject very seriously and Intelligence officers were directly involved in UFO investigations, it would have been standard operating procedure to try to restrict public information on cases under study, just as the police frequently try to suppress information about crimes being investigated.

But my personal experiences, and those of many other American researchers, strongly suggest that another non-government group was and is also involved in silencing UFO witnesses. In case after case, witnesses have told me of having been visited by "government men" who advised them to keep quiet about what they had seen. Some of these witnesses were baffled because they hadn't reported their sightings to anyone at that time and they just didn't know how the government could have found out. When you pin

such witnesses down, you usually learn that the men in question either did not identify themselves at all, or they gave a vague identification. In nearly every case, these men, including the ones in Air Force uniforms, are described in the same way: short (usually about 5' 6" to 5' 9"), olive complexions or a "deep sun-tan", high cheekbones and an oriental caste to the features. This sounds uncomfortably like the common description for the UFO occupants, doesn't it?

These ufologists who cling to the "benign extraterrestrial" theory find this to be totally unpalatable. Yet several other American researchers have now uncovered cases identical to my own.

We have a lot of facts going for us now. We know that the objects tend to operate most extensively in isolated, thinly populated areas. This alone suggests that the objects and their occupants are engaged in covert activities and that they do not desire detection or discovery. The next logical step would be to take steps to silence those who do accidentally discover those activities. The simplest and best method for doing this would be to send agents to the witnesses, representing themselves as official government personnel. Should this fail, sterner measures could be taken to discredit the witness. Said witness might begin to complain to local authorities that his phone is being tapped and that his mail is being tampered with and that mysterious people and cars are following him. All of these things would brand him a paranoid. "Poor, old Charlie", the authorities would mutter. "First, he thought he saw a flying saucer and how he thinks the government is after him. Looks as if he's gone around the bend!"

There is a degree of UFO "censorship" but can we really accuse the government - any government - of spending the money and devoting the personnel needed for such a huge and essentially pointless project? Who has the most to hide, and possibly the best reasons for maintaining the ridicule and the secrecy? The U.S. Air Force or the occupants of the disks and cigars that flit about late at night in darkened, peopleless sections of the country?

GRAVITY CONTROL—*Secret of the Saucers*

Lowell Perkins

To get started, we will go into what causes gravity. It has been found that particles in the nuclei of atoms cause this force of attraction. An atom of iron without this particle is just like any other atom of iron, except that it is weightless. Yogis are said to achieve levitation by stepping up the rate of vibration of their auras. If this is true, then you simply get an object shaking fast enough, and the pull of gravity on it will be broken.

Magnetism in permanent magnets is caused by the action of electrons in their orbits. Alnico magnets are made of aluminum, nickel, cobalt, and iron. Magnets need not be made of metals in pure form. Ceramic magnets are made from barium carbonate and iron oxide.

"Dr. Saxl of Tensitron, Inc. conducted an experiment which disclosed that a torque pendulum slows down in the presence of a high voltage charge. This seems to indicate a significant relationship between electricity and gravity.¹ It is possible that the two particles are capable of interacting with each other.

As to saucers distorting the gravity field: A horse was pulled about 10 feet off of the ground by the passage of a saucer over it. The farmer holding the reins was unaffected, proving a current of air was not responsible.² In another sighting water over an area of about 250 feet was seen to be pulled up 2-3 feet by the passage of an alien spacecraft.³ The moon pulls on the sea like this. These craft either tap Earth's gravity field for power or have a powerful artificial gravity field of their own.

Thousands of years ago a saucer crashed on the China-Tibet border. The occupants wrote an account of their history on 716 discs made of an alloy of rock containing a large amount of cobalt and other metals.

The inscriptions were made on spiral grooves running out from the center. The discs vibrate as if they carry an electric charge or are a part of an electronic circuit.⁴ I believe the discs may contain a gravity field alloy.

We have now arrived at the core of this article. Some natural and man-made(?) substances have the power to distort Earth's gravity field. The normally stationary gravity particles may be caused to flow through the alloys and even through the media surrounding them. The particles could be affected by either the motion of the electrons in a different way from that in magnets, or by vibration of the molecules in unison.

Dr. Bush ran tests on various substances and found some to have a slow rate of fall, and to give off heat without either chemical or radioactive means to account for it.⁵ I believe his report, released in the twenties, is now being ignored by the government. Two other tests for gravity field distorting substances could be to check for effects on a compass, and using a spring scale with a weight of known value to see if the reading on the weight is changed. This last test would not be too sensitive, and would work only at the site of one of the disturbed areas.

The Oregon Vortex is caused by a deposit of gravity field affecting rock. Some effects are: compasses refuse to work, light is distorted - proven by photographs, electricity is influenced, and objects are pulled toward the center of the area. A very important item: paper scraps thrown up into the air tend to spiral as they fall.⁶ Remember the spiral grooves on the discs, also the following.

"It is still a somewhat unsettled question as to whether the components of the great spiral conglomer-

eries are in true revolution about the gravitational center or whether they move along the spiral arms. If we assume to act inversely as the fifth power of the distance instead of inversely as the square of the distance, we end up with spiral motion instead of elliptical or circular orbital motion."⁷ Grass, where some saucers have landed, is whirled around as if a spiraling force had been applied to it.

Rotation is definitely involved in some saucer propulsion systems. People have heard and seen rotating devices on these craft. One witness was shown a column in the center of a saucer which rotated, and was told it was the power source. He was also told that what made it work was, "the design of the column and the proper combination of the elements." The speed of rotation was in proportion to the amount of power needed.⁸ That rotating device could have been a gravity field turbine. The central column in another saucer did not rotate. There was a small disc on the top of the saucer over it, which rotated very rapidly on take off of the ship.⁹ Very possibly a differently designed power plant working on the same basic principles. Ancient manuscripts in India tell of such machinery being used on earth in the past.¹⁰

Some other sites where gravity field distorting rocks are found: Beulah, Colorado at Camp Burch, which is an abandoned Boy Scout summer camp. It is in the mountains about 30 miles west of Pueblo.¹¹ Lake Wales, Florida at Spook Hill. The earliest settlers in the area knew of this site. A circular on Spook Hill may be obtained from the Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 191-F, Lake Wales, Florida. Old timers insist that they have never seen an alligator in a nearby lake. Animals also shun the Oregon Vortex. Percy,

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California on Confusion Hill. Water is said to appear (maybe it really does) to flow uphill. Piercy is 190 miles north of San Francisco. Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico on the edge of town. This site was investigated by the APRO and said to be faked. Santa Cruz, California near Branciforte Drive. For a circular write: Mystery Spot, Santa Cruz, California.¹¹ Another place is in the Siskiyou Mountains about 45 miles from the Oregon Vortex.¹² England, on Snowdon mountains in North Wales.¹³ Areas of distortion of the moon's gravity field have been measured by our moon probes.

The Ringing Rocks of Pennsylvania. No distortion of the gravity field has been measured here. Listed as very interesting. These rocks ring when struck, and they also have iron and aluminum in their composition.^{14&15} In one sighting a piece of a crashed saucer was found to ring like a bell when struck.¹⁶ There is also a place in Russia where similar rocks are found.¹⁷ The Bucks County Historical Society, Pine and Ashland Streets, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 18901 owns one of the sites.

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THREE UFO DETECTORS

THAT REALLY WORK

L. S. Larkin

Before describing the UFO detectors in detail, a few words of explanation are perhaps advisable. First of all it must be pointed out that these instruments will work if and when the phenomenon being monitored occurs. Hence it does not matter whether flying saucers exist or not as far as the operation of the instrument is concerned. The fact remains that we know what causes the detector to alarm, but what causes the phenomenon to occur is another question. The design is based on scientific principles suggested by the various reports of

people who claim to have seen unexplainable vehicles, affecting compass readings and causing radios and car ignition to "go dead".

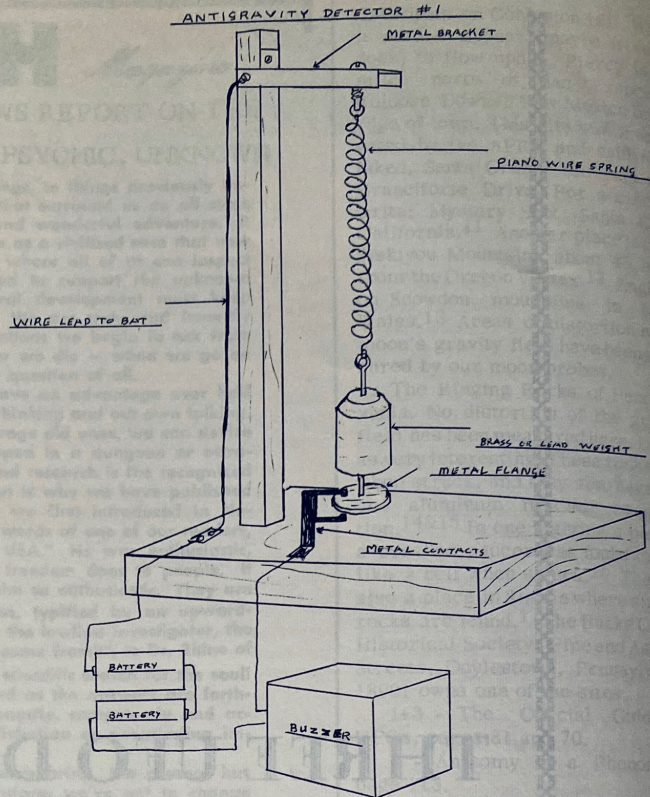
The second point which must be clarified is this. The detectors, having no mind or brain, cannot be the victims of hallucinations and optical illusions. If the existence of flying saucers, as interterrestrial spacecraft, is denied and all the sightings are attributed to natural phenomena, a greater problem is created. The problem now is, what causes the detectors to work, as work they do with rather perturbing

regularity.

Instrument No. 1. The Anti-gravity Proximity Detector. This instrument is simply a brass or lead weight suspended from a helical spring. As gravity gives rise to the phenomenon called weight, any change in gravity will cause an apparent change in weight, which will result in the brass or lead weight rising or falling. To detect any movement that might occur, a metal flange around the weight is made to lie between two electrical contacts, which, when either is closed, completes the circuit to ring an alarm. It can be powered by two flashlight batteries and the alarm is a door buzzer. If it is preferred to use electricity from the mains, a micro switch each side of the flange is recommended, leaving the spring and frame out of the circuit.

Instrument No. 2. The Magnetic Deflection Detector. This instrument is designed to indicate any change in Earth's magnetic field. A compass needle always points approximately North. If the direction of the lines of force change, the compass needle will swing one way or the other. Electrical contacts are placed each side of the needle, which, when touched by the needle, complete the circuit and an alarm is sounded. Although this instrument is powered by two flashlight batteries for portability, an appropriate power supply can be used with a step down transformer and suitable alarm or buzzer. It is very sensitive and is affected by the Northern Lights which are in turn affected by sun spots. It has been found that a deviation of plus to minus five degrees can be caused by the Northern Lights and so the electrical contacts cannot be set any closer than this if interference is to be avoided. The hypothetical situation of having a deflection in one direction due to the Northern Lights and a deflection due to a UFO occurring in the other direction and thus nullifying each other and so reducing the sensitivity of the instrument is remote. It has been found that when a deflection does occur, it is hard over in one direction and does not return until conditions become normal again; by which time the UFO is out of sight.

The electrical contacts are comprised of a loop of bare copper wire



about 3/4" diameter encircling the end of a needle of about five inches long. For the suspension, a light home made chain proves most satisfactory. When adjusting the instrument for the needle to swing freely to the North, make sure that the chain is not twisted and that the links lie at right angles to the next. To ensure a better electrical contact through the chain and to also aid in balancing the needle horizontally, a lead saddle is made to clip over the needle, to be placed so that the needle end is located in the center of the copper loop.

Instrument No. 3. This instrument is designed to detect any change in the voltage of an electric circuit. Due to the fact that there are a number of reasons why this could happen, the instrument is called the EMF Collapse Detec-

tor. This phenomenon has been claimed to have happened on quite a number of occasions when UFOs and flying saucers have been seen. Although there are several reasons why this could happen, the actual reason does not affect the operation of the instrument except for one feature. What does affect the instrument, and this is vitally important, is the speed at which this cessation of current occurs. In some of the cases quoted, there has been a possible gradual dying away of the current while in others, the current had failed in a second or less.

In view of the possibility of either a slow decay or a fast one occurring, both characteristics must be monitored for complete efficiency. The hypothetical situation of a sudden power failure at night with no lights

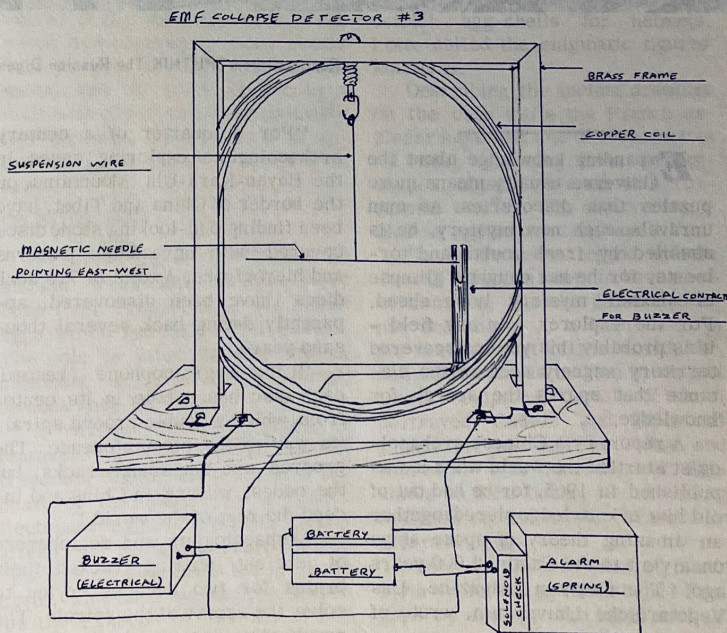
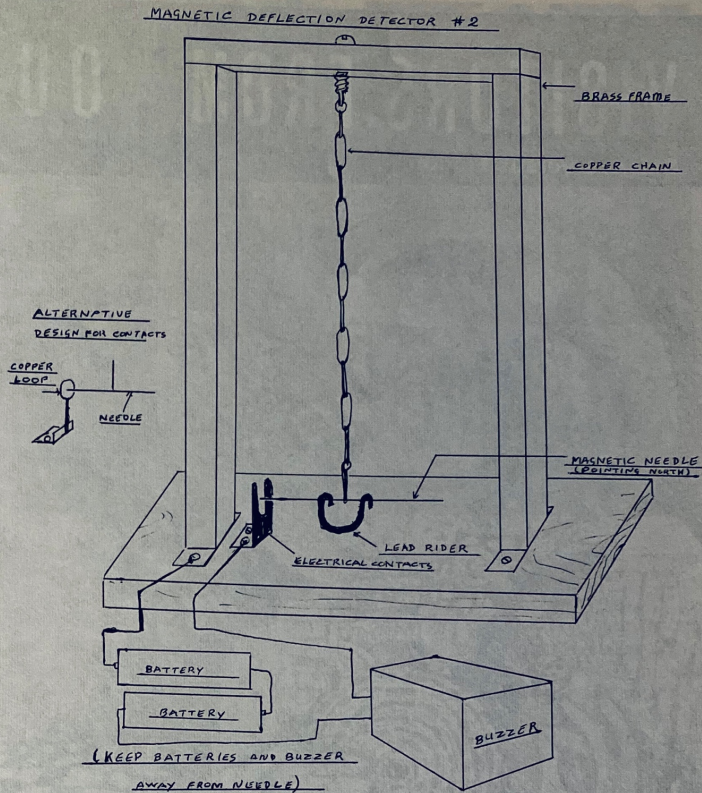
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on to indicate the event is considered. An electric clock would record the stoppage and also the duration, but it would not give any alarm to enable a visual observation to be made. Hence an instrument embodying two types of detection devices is required. One electrical and the other mechanical.

The EMF Collapse Detector, therefore, consists of a magnetic needle deflected from its normal north to south position by having it located in the center of an electromagnetic field. If the voltage in the coil drops, the needle will swing to its N/S direction. Any movement in the needle causes an electrical contact to be made and an electrical alarm will ring. For instance, if an EMF of six volts is the normal voltage applied and a slight drop in EMF will cause the needle to deflect, there will still be enough current to ring the alarm for say, nearly a minute until the voltage drops below the threshold value required to operate it.

On the other hand, suppose a sudden stoppage of current occurs, an electrical alarm will not function and so a mechanical spring alarm, held in check by an electric solenoid, is employed. If the electricity is cut off for any reason, the spring alarm is triggered into action.

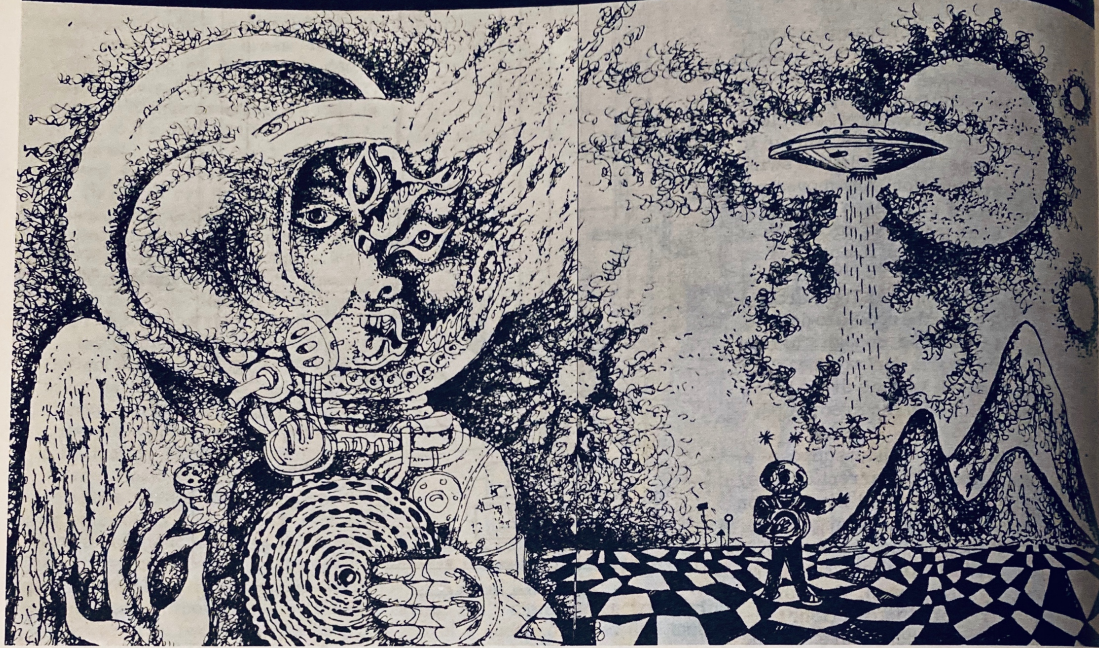
These instruments are of the simplest construction permissible to detect the phenomenon being investigated and although many improvements can be incorporated into the design, this adds complications which are undesirable until more is known about what causes them to work. In view of this lack of knowledge, it is considered unnecessary to build costly instruments (relative to the finances available) unless they are to be installed where UFOs are of frequent occurrence, as they do in some areas. The three detectors are not fully adequate nor efficient enough to monitor all the aspects attributed to UFOs but they cover the salient features and constitute a start toward scientific monitoring. The most important feature, however, is that once the phenomenon occurring can be definitely identified, this information gives an indication as to what methods of propulsion is utilized by UFOs.



VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE

Science versus Fiction

by Vyacheslav Zaitsev
Condensed from the almanac *«Na Sushu i na mure»* (On Land and at Sea)



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Expanding knowledge about the Universe usually means more puzzles than discoveries. As man unravels each new mystery, he is assailed by fresh doubts and torments, for he has caught a glimpse of another mystery lying ahead. For the explorer - in any field - it is probably this yet undiscovered territory vaguely seen in the distance that sparks the search for knowledge.

A report by a Chinese archaeologist startled the world when it was published in 1965, for he had out of old bits of knowledge pieced together an amazing theory of space-ships on a visit to the Earth 12,000 years ago. The German magazine, *Das Vegetarische Universum*, wrote of his research:

"For a quarter of a century archaeologists exploring caves in the Bayan-Kara-Ula Mountains, on the border of China and Tibet, have been finding odd-looking stone discs covered with unreadable patterns and hieroglyphs. A total of 716 such discs have been discovered, apparently dating back several thousand years.

"Like a gramophone record, each disc has a hole in its center from which a double groove spirals its way to the circumference. The grooves are not sound-tracks, but the oddest writing in China and indeed the rest of the world,"

Archaeologists and decipherers of ancient writing racked their brains for two decades trying to solve the secret of the spirals. The result of the research by the Chinese

archaeologist was so shattering that the Peking Academy of Pre-History banned publication of his work. Eventually permission was obtained and the professor and his four colleagues published their collective effort under the intriguing title *Groove Writing Relating to Space-ships which, as Recorded on the Discs, Existed 12,000 Years Ago.*

The caves high up in the Bayan-Kara-Ula Mountains are inhabited by the Ham and Dropa tribes - frail, stunted men averaging four feet two inches in height. So far they have defied ethnic classification. In fact, any detailed information about the tribes is extremely scarce.

When deciphered, one of the hieroglyphs presumably set down by an ancient member of the Ham tribe read: "The Dropas came down

from the clouds in their gliders. Our men, women and children hid in the caves ten times before the sunrise. When at last they understood the sign language of the Dropas, they realized that the newcomers had peaceful intentions . . ."

Another Ham hieroglyphs expresses regret over the loss of the tribe's own spaceships during a dangerous landing in high mountains and the failure to build new ones.

In the opinion of Chinese archaeologists, the Bayan-Kara-Ula hieroglyphs are so mysterious that their interpretation and use for scientific research require the utmost care.

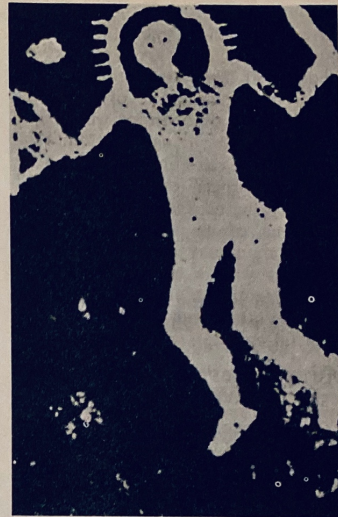
To obtain further information, the discs were scraped free of adhering rock particles and sent to Moscow for study. Scientists there made two important discoveries. The discs were found to contain a large amount of cobalt and other metals - a shaking discovery. Further investigation revealed that the discs vibrate in an unusual rhythm, as if they carried an electric charge or were part of an electric circuit. The 12,000-year-old discs remain a challenge to science.

Legends of ancient Chinese say that small, gaunt, yellow-faced men came down from the clouds. But earthly tribesmen felt a revulsion for the visitors, whose enormous heads and extremely thin, weak bodies made them look ugly, and "some people on fast horses" beat them.

Reality seems to confirm the legends. In some of the Bayan-Kara-Ula caves archaeologists and speleologists have found 12,000-year-old vestiges of graves and skeletons. The remains belong to



This rock picture of an "astronaut" was found near the town of Fergana, Uzbekistan.



Four thousand years ago, an unknown artist drew a man in a "space helmet". The picture was found in the Swiss Alps.

human beings with huge craniums and underdeveloped skeletons. The Chinese expeditions which discovered the burial grounds reported they had found "an extinct species of ape". But so far as is known apes do not bury each other in graves or write hieroglyphic symbols on stone discs.

What makes the issue doubly involved is that the inner walls of the caves are covered in many places with pictures of the rising sun, the moon, and the stars, spaced by a multitude of pea-sized dots (possibly tiny pictures) which seem to be approaching the Earth in a mountain area.

CELESTIAL EGGS

Peruvian legend has it that the ancient inhabitants of Peru were born from bronze, gold and silver eggs which had fallen from heaven. The tale is cited but left without comment in Jean Elisee Reclus' famous book *La Terre*.

A variant of the egg legend is featured in the famous Tassili frescoes, which were found in the heart of the Sahara by a French lieutenant named Brenand. Shortly afterwards the place was examined by a French expedition led by Henri Lotte, who later wrote *The Search for the Frescos of Tassili*. In ad-

dition to pictures of animals and hunting scenes, the frescos depict strange figures dressed in what looks like spacesuits and spherical helmets. The helmets are definitely attached to the suits, which evoke no association with ritual headdress or hunting gear. Nor is there any association with the hunters who, as some scholars assume, used ostrich egg-shells for helmets. Lotte called the enigmatic figures Martians.

Describing the ancient drawings on the cave walls the French explorer says that one of them depicts "a man appearing from an egg-shaped object covered with concentric circles. The object resembles an egg, or possibly a snail."

So the Peruvian legend and the Tassili frescoes seem to have much in common. But the parallel does not end there. At a later date, in yet another part of the world, the same subject was treated by ancient Greek sculptors, certain of whom portrayed Castor and Pollux of Dioscuria, as well as Helen and Nemesis, with remnants of eggshells on their heads, for according to Greek mythology they arose from celestial eggs.

How did the odd idea of man's birth from an egg take shape? Perhaps by analogy with birds or fish?



The author spent 30 years collecting evidence to back up his thesis that intelligent beings from outer space have had contact with our Earth. He has written two books, "Cosmic Reminiscences in Written Relics of the Past" and "The Evolution of the Universe and Intelligent Beings".

But why falling from the sky? One Latin American legend says that eggs dropped down from the sky on dandelions! The absence of any existing interpretation of this art leaves the door open for what must seem a fantastic assumption: that the legend of the celestial eggs, like any other myth or legend, could have originated from bonafide impressions of an actual event. An ancient man may once have seen a container with a human being in it descend from the sky, and imagined that the visitor was emerging from a celestial egg.

"VISITING CARDS" OF SPACE TRAVELLERS

During excavations at different times in Japan archaeologists found figurines (dogu) depicting a kind of human or anthropoid in odd-looking "space suits" and with helmets wholly covering their heads. On the helmets were visible marks of something like slit-type glasses, breath-filters, antennae, hearing aids and even nightsight devices.

Reviewing the latest Soviet space achievements, the German magazine *Freie Welt* in issue No. 12, 1966, printed a skeleton of rock drawings and photographs of dogu under the humorous title "Visiting Cards?", declaring that such drawings and figurines might be construed as proof that the Earth was once visited by space beings.

Many similar rock pictures have been discovered throughout the world. There are pictures of spacemen on cave walls in the Val Comonique, the Swiss Alps, in Australia, close to Fergana and near the city of Navoi, in Soviet Central Asia.

Puzzles that may have started with a space visit are contained in legends and myths. Legends of Australia, the Near East, South and Central America and the Far East all tell of the descent of gods from the sky. They offer food for thought.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The phrase "Star of Bethlehem" is twenty centuries old. Some regard it as a product of sheer fantasy, others think that initially it had some meaning. Two centuries ago the mystery attracted the German astronomer, Johann Kepler, while more recently, scientists held an

international symposium to discuss the matter.

But neither Kepler nor contemporary scientists found the key to the problem, which may turn out to have an altogether unexpected solution.

In antiquity and the Middle Ages human imagination was stirred by an unusual star, now believed to be the Star of Bethlehem. The star was alleged to be able to move and stop.

From that let us turn to the Christian Apocrypha - books banned by Church censorship from services and religious reading. The Apocrypha reflect man's effort to explain the most dramatic mysteries of life. These books sometimes stand in direct contradiction of Church-approved texts.

A familiar one about early Christianity is called "The Tale About the Three Magi". The original version must have been written in Latin in the middle of the third century at the earliest, and later translated into many languages. A 15th-century Byelorussian translation made five centuries before the space era contains a highly unusual interpretation of the tale. The star, it says, was watched by astronomers (that is the actual word used) in many Oriental countries. Once it appeared at night and "lit up the whole of the sky as the sun does". Then the star hung over Mount Vans for a whole day, after which it alighted on the mountain like an eagle.

The text contains a reference to "certain books" which claim that Christ came down from that star. "But it was different from the one pictured in our churches. It had wings, the kind an eagle has, and many long rays", which sent it moving in a circle when it descended upon Mount Vans.

This version of the old story unexpectedly introduces a new image and a new idea, both sharply at variance with the church texts. Without question, the apocryphal version is fantastic. But it is hardly more fantastic than the approved canonic version. What was at the basis of the author's fantasy? That, too, is shrouded in mystery.

ANGELS IN FLYING MACHINES

The Dechany Monastery in Kozovskaya Metehia, southern Yugo-

slavia, was built in the first half of the 14th century, and by 1350 contained numerous frescoes on subjects from the Old and New Testaments.

In the spring of 1964 more frescoes were found in the monastery. The Yugoslav magazine, *Svet*, published photographs entitled: *Space-ships on the Dechany Crucifix, Sputniks in our frescoes*. Could ancient icon-painters have depicted space-ships in Dechany? It did not take a journalist's imagination to think up titles like these. Dechany frescoes actually depict angels flying in spaceships like the present sputniks.

Two ships are shown flying one after the other from west to east. Sitting in the lead ship is a man without an angel's halo. He holds an unseen "control column" and looks behind him as if watching the flight of his fellow-spaceman. Sitting in the spaceship following is another man, who also has nothing in common with the traditional angel and also has one hand on the "controls".

Both ships have streamlined bodies. Clearly visible jets in their wake accentuate the impression of speed. "The saints in the flying machines are in the positions of pilots", says the magazine.

Angels watching the flight cover their eyes and ears with their hands and seem to be backing away for fear of being blinded or deafened. Below, two groups are pictured, every face portraying surprise, fear, or perplexity. The central figure represents the crucified Christ.

The fresco depicting the Resurrection of Christ looks just as odd. The Messiah looks as if he is in a rocket which has not yet begun to move", explains the Yugoslav magazine. Indeed, the vehicle looks very much like a space rocket, with a two-wing stabilizer in its upper part. With his right hand Christ is trying to lift aboard the ship one of the people standing on the ground before starting on his way to the heavenly kingdom.

Monks at Dechany, to whom experts turned for an explanation, replied that apparently the drawings of "ships" are pictures of the Sun and the Moon. According to New Testament legend, Christ was crucified during a solar eclipse. But

why the "sun" is depicted rising in the west the monks could not say.

One of the papers on the Dechany miracle refers to a hypothesis saying that Christ was a man who came down to Earth from space. The magazine comments that such ideas are "overbold", that the hypothesis, if confirmed "would basically alter the Biblical story about Christ". The frescoes, it is noted, showing objects obviously resembling sputniks, "baffle layman and specialist alike".

The Dechany "Miracle" is not unique. An icon in the Church Ar-

chaeology Study of the Moscow Theological Academy, called the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and dating back to the 17th century, shows Christ in a streamlined container which vaguely resembles a spaceship standing on the ground. Smoke billows from both sides of the container's lower part, enveloping the legs of the angels who watch from the sidelines. Just as on the Dechany fresco, Christ's right hand lifts a man (the church version identifies him as Adam). Eve waits for her turn on the other side.

The icon is surely of an apocryphal nature. There may have been a written version presenting a non-canonical view of Christ's resurrection and ascension, but if there is, nothing is known about it. Possibly it was destroyed by Church censors or else it disappeared with time. Or perhaps the manuscript exists undiscovered, in which case it may have inspired icon (or mural) painters to present space episodes.

THE MOONLESS SKY

Some ancient puzzles lent themselves to scientific analysis.

Old Tibetan chronicles about "antediluvian" times say that once there was no Moon in the sky. This theme was repeated in certain Slavic sources ("Fairy-Tales and Stories of Podolia", recorded in 1850-1860 by Mikola Levchenko). Such fairytales were once believed to be merely the products of a fertile imagination. Now they can be viewed in a new light. Austrian engineer and mathematician Hans Herbig has calculated that the Moon was captured by the force of terrestrial attraction some 12,000 years ago. In his opinion, that caused the sinking of Atlantis and the Flood of the Bible. Herbig's hypothesis is exhaustively presented in Henri Bellami's Myth about Atlantis.

CHILDREN OF THE LORD OR GRANDCHILDREN OF MARS?

How did man originate? This is still one of the greatest mysteries in the world.

There are three possibilities: man is a product of earthly evolution; man is a creation of the Lord; man is a link in a long chain of evolution that started on some other planet and continues on this one.

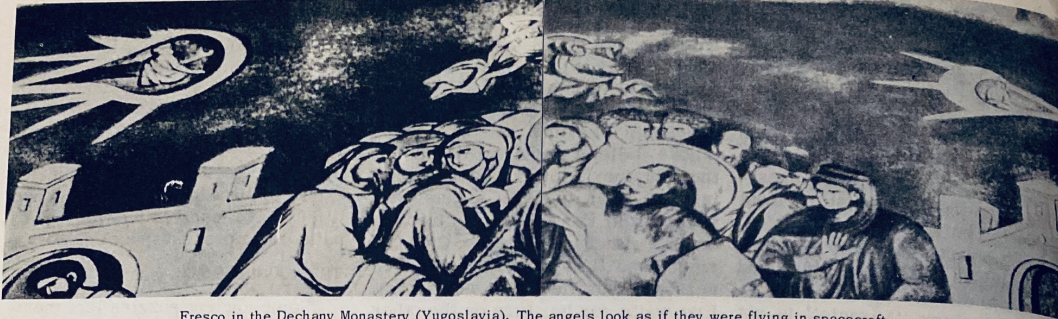
The first is a logical answer, well supported by science, but with at least one element still unclear. Namely, it does not prove how man emerged from the kingdom of apes. The first man on earth has never been discovered.

The second answer immediately raises doubts. It is inconceivable that man should be the product of a momentary act of creation.

The third answer, an ancient one, is interesting. According to some myths, man's initial evolution took place on some other planet

This dogu (statuette) from Japan looks very much like the tiny figure of a modern astronaut in space suit.





Fresco in the Dechany Monastery (Yugoslavia). The angels look as if they were flying in spacecraft.

of the Universe. After the formative period man reached the Earth, where he continued to develop and change. Some scientists maintain that our planet is not old enough for intelligent beings to have spontaneously developed on it from the protozoa to the present-day species.

The Slavic fairy-tale, "How Humans Appeared on the Earth", says that "man was created away from the Earth a long time ago. When his world was about to end, God, in order to perpetuate humankind, ordered that the angels take several human couples to the Earth to propagate. The angels scattered the humans, and wherever couples landed people have been multiplying since. Perhaps when this world comes to an end God will again take humans to some new place for further propagation."

The mind behind this tale must have been a rational one. What it says may be fictitious but it is not entirely meaningless. It provides reasons for assuming that the ancients had some ideas on man's origin, which clashed with the canonical. People were not satisfied with church dogma and strove to expand the scope of their knowledge about the world. Finally, the fairytale contains the idea that mankind as we know it today is not the first intelligent race on the Earth, that it follows other races, which died in major cataclysms.

According to beliefs of ancient South and Central America, human beings of wood and clay lived on our planet before mankind. A variant of the idea is mentioned in a Slavic apocryphal manuscript which is kept in the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences' Library in Leningrad. It says that a man was created before

Adam and that he had a heart of wood.

Many details of the myth cannot be taken seriously. But what is surprising is the correctness of the basic idea and the statements that evolution is a series of "trials and errors", that "everything is in a state of flux and changes", and that "nothing is permanent under the Moon".

EINSTEIN WAS NOT THE FIRST

To what extent can we trust the knowledge of the ancients and how are we to treat old knowledge in the light of new facts?

It would be logical to assume that mankind's whole body of knowledge could have been formed as a result of the history of the human species. Possibly some facts and ideas are leftovers from previous civilisations, while some were acquired as a result of the Earthmen's

contacts with the outer world.

The ancient idea about the relativity of time has not been scientifically studied as yet. In ancient and mediaeval times Christian peoples maintained that time passes more slowly in heaven than it does on Earth. This is registered in the folk aphorism that God's minute is as long as a man's life. There are variants. Psalm 39 (verse 5) says: "Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee . . ."

A Japanese fairy-tale of the "Nippon Mukasi Banasi" collection says that a man returned still young from a trip to heaven only to find no descendants of his home. Similar things can be read in a Russian fairy-tale included in the collection of A.N. Afanasyev and in a Ukrainian tale of the Levchenko collection, saying three years for us are like 300 years to God.

The icon, "The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ", (17th century) from the Moscow Theological Academy. "The House of the Lord" resembles a space ship.



Very strange is the apocryphal story of Enoch, who, according to religious books, was taken alive to Heaven: "Enoch lived prior to the flood and is still alive".

The same theme is repeated in the well-known apocryphal narrative called The Vision of Isaiah presumed to have been written in the second or third century. The Prophet Isaiah, who began to question his faith and the greatness of the Almighty, was, at the bidding of the latter, taken to Heaven. There he saw the greatness of the sempiternal and repented. The angel who brought the prophet to heaven decided to take him back to the Earth. Isaiah was surprised: "Why so soon? I have only been here two hours". The angel replied: "Not two hours, but 32 years".

These words nearly killed the prophet. He realized that the return would mean either death or very old age, for he had grown 32 years older. He begged: "Why should I return to my old flesh and bones?" but the angel comforted him: "Do not be sad, you will not be an old man."

Early in the twentieth century Albert Einstein's discovery revealed possible caprices of time in case of motion at near-light velocity. So far, this has been checked only on mesons in laboratories, but science-fiction writers have long been taking travellers through adventures like Isaiah's.

Presumably, the ancient idea of man's possible immortality reflects not only a thirst for an "eternal God" but is also the idea that time, given certain conditions, can change its speed.

WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?

Religious books speak about the "House of the Lord". Commentators on the Scripture usually list it among purely speculative categories, divorced from earthly practices. Meanwhile Judaic and Christian books interpret the nature of the "House of the Lord" on "space" lines. John the Apostle linked it up with celestial phenomena, thunder and fire: "And the temple of God was opened in Heaven . . . and there were lightnings and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail." (Revelation 11, 19)

The ancients thought God came down from heaven in the House of the Lord. Another source says: "... there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud . . . and Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly . . . And all the people saw the thunders and the lightnings and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking . . ." (Exodus 19, 16-18, 20, 18).

Next to it are God's words addressed to Moses: "And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about (Mount Sinai), saying, take heed to yourselves that you go not into the Mount or touch the border of it . . ." (Exodus 19, 12). "... charge the people lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish." (Exodus 19, 21).

There can be no "volcanic" interpretation of the image, since its celestial nature is clearly indicated. Nor can it be interpreted as a vision.

It might be assumed that the writers of these lines witnessed the descent of a space ship upon the Earth.

The House of the Lord may have been a spaceship seen by humans on Earth. It might even be assumed that the image of the House of the Lord partially accounts for the basic elements of the design of temples.

Ancient sources make it plain that the temples came from the House of the Lord. One of the sources (I Paralipomenon, 28, 6, 1-12) says that King David, obeying the will of God, assigned his son Solomon to build the House of the Lord on earth on the lines of the House of the Lord in Heaven. One apocryphe gives details of a whole story of how David, when ascended, was shown "a Church image in heaven", which later became the basis of the Jerusalem temple. The construction of a temple on Earth was believed to be necessitated by a possible new descent of God: "If God descends He will stay with us."

The ancient Mayas of Central America believed that in some distant past gods had descended to them on cobwebs. The legend

attracted the attention of N.A. Rymin (Interplanetary Communication. Astronavigation, Chronicles and Bibliography, Leningrad, pp. 110-111).

The vision of a ladder seen by Jacob of the Old Testament, and described in Chapter 28 of Genesis, may be construed as remotely connected with the legend. Jacob saw the House of the Lord on a mountain and a ladder that led to the Heavenly Kingdom.

The Maya legends and the Old Testament subject could also be interpreted from the "space" angle.

YOU CAN'T MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING

Hypotheses, whether correct or not, have always set the trend of scientific research. The hypotheses of today are the science of tomorrow. Of course, not all of them stand a chance of becoming theories.

But even a refuted hypothesis is useful, because the need to refute as well as prove stimulates expansion of knowledge.

The popular hypothesis about space comers, hinting that the Earth forms part of the sphere of intergalactic, interplanetary ties, may well become theory in time. So far, supported as it is only by legends and archaeological excavations, it may appear unconvincing. But nil posse creari de nihilo - you can't make something out of nothing - is a wise maxim of the ancients.

The Chinese scholar Yuan Ke writes: "Many people hold that myths are products of human fantasy and have nothing in common with reality. This is a profound error."

The same thought was stated by Maxim Gorky in a different way: "Generally speaking, there is nothing that man has thought up that does not have roots in the real world."

Science, as it advances, will increasingly develop the ability to interpret ancient puzzles. In recent years, following travels in space, the "space comers" hypothesis has gained more and more support. Possibly, the assumption will finally be rejected, but, as Dmitry Mendeleev said, "It is better to believe in a hypothesis which may eventually prove wrong than not to believe in anything at all."

FLYING SAUCERS

on a Global Basis-1968

George D. Fawcett

Despite an unprecedented "debunking" plan being prepared by the University of Colorado for early 1969 many scientists, members of Congress, and many of the press and public had been convinced for some time that the Air Force - financed study there was a fiasco and its leaders biased from the start. In fact many of the Colorado Condon Committee members were fired or resigned last May under protest of the coming "whitewash".

A series of news releases, magazine articles and TV and radio programs are being designed to flood the country. The Air Force is permitting Condon and Colorado University to publish the "debunking" report in a hard-cover book and in a paperback edition of Bantam Books.

Col. James A. McDivitt, command astronaut for the forthcoming Apollo 9 lunar test mission, has recently confirmed sighting three UFOs while in space. During the June 5, 1965 orbital flight, three UFOs were spotted, one of them photographed. NASA has confirmed that it remained unidentified. At a press conference in Dallas, October 5, McDivitt stated; "They're there without a doubt, but what they are is anybody's guess."

Recently Henry Ford II, grandson of the automobile genius, most responsible for the development of the automobile, reported with a group of Ford Motor Company executives

that their Ford Company's Jestar was paced by a white disc-like UFO for more than 30 minutes at an altitude of 40,000 feet on a flight from the Hemisfair in San Antonio, Texas to Detroit, Michigan.

In the Meantime the President of the Brazilian Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences stated that a Colloquium on UFOs, reportedly attended by official military and intelligence personnel had resolved that "a critical, scientific study over a period of nearly twenty years . . . allows us to come to the conclusion that flying saucers exist . . . (and) are extraterrestrial objects."

At the congress of the International Astronautical Federation taking place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, an Italian delegate urged creation of an international center to deal not only with Unidentified Flying Objects, but also with their alleged inhabitants. The meeting was organized by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consultant to the Air Force Project Blue Book and head of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University.

Now let's take another look at 30 of the most recent UFO encounters, with the exception of the January 24 case and keep in mind that December has proven over the past 21 years to be the month that produced the most sightings of any month in the year. Also mark your calendars for the period January through March, 1969 to pro-

duce a large flurry of UFO activity worldwide due to the coming Mars opposition to our planet. Every 26 months Mars cycles have produced a record number of reports since 1947.

✓January 24 - Indiana, Pennsylvania - UFO OCCUPANTS - A witness reported a saucer-shaped object hovering near a pond about 100 yards away at eye level. Through the top front which appeared to be transparent he saw two men in coverall-type clothing making repairs to the console to their front in the UFO. When the occupants sighted the eyewitness they pulled two levers and the UFO rose up and disappeared in the distant sky.

✓April 19 - New Kensington, Pennsylvania - MULTIPLE WITNESSES - Over a dozen individuals reported watching a bright circular UFO that made a humming sound and flashed lights. They watched the UFO 20 minutes. One witness, Victor Babinsack, thought the UFO was 300 feet in diameter and appeared to have a glass dome on top.

July 1 - Botucatu, Brazil - UFO LANDING LEAVES MARKS - Three young boys reported they saw a circular UFO, grey in color with a dome on top and a tripod and ladder on the bottom, which landed and stayed on the ground for 40 minutes. Deep and symmetrical marks were found on the ground after the UFO took off. Authorities are still in-

vestigating the story told by Fernandinho, Waltinho and Valcinho, 12, 11 and 8 years of age.

July 5 - Brazil - UFO PHOTO TAKEN - Ibrahim Rodrigues Fonseca a professional photographer photographed a disc-shaped UFO that seemed to be spinning and giving off a brilliant yellowish light that lighted the ground below. Duration of encounter was 2 minutes, but startling films were taken of the mystery object.

July 10 - Warren, Ohio - PLANE CHASED BY UFO - Richard (Dick) Montgomery, a Warren pilot reported a cylindrical-shaped UFO of a metallic composition with a muffled light beaming from underneath that chased his plane. The UFO he said was about 16 to 20 feet from top to bottom and around 10 feet in diameter. Montgomery put his plane through various maneuvers, but the UFO kept following him from a 150 to 200 yards distance. After a simulated dogfight the UFO moved away

at rapid speed leaving behind one frightened pilot.

July 14 - Hollywood Bottoms, Texas - UFO PHOTOGRAPHED - P.G. Navarro of Houston at 9:30 p.m. photographed a UFO that slowed down, hovered, speeded up and disappeared with a 35 mm Argus C-3 camera time exposure of about six seconds. It moved from NNW to SSE.

July 28 - St. Stanislas de Kostka, Quebec, Canada - OCCUPANT - At 9 p.m. five children affirmed that they saw a flying saucer land near a grain field near their home. Two UFOs similar in shape came down from the sky, but only one landed. This one was round and had a brilliant red halo. A four foot occupant with a large head and large eyes, an average mouth and a flat nose was reported. The children were frightened, because the skin of the occupant was "wrinkled, scabby with bumps. The creature talked with a grunt similar to the bellow of a cow.

The creature left and the UFO took off from the ground. A circle 15 feet in diameter in the grain field was beaten down and found for additional evidence to the mysterious visitor. The witnesses were Denis Leger, 12, his brother Regent, 15, Nicole, 14, Paul, 20 and Joanne Sauve, 9.

July 31 - Grafton, West Virginia - UFO WINDOWS, BEEPING SOUND - Cecil Devers and Mrs. Everett Knotts reported a mysterious hovering UFO over Grafton, West Virginia for more than an hour. It was disc-shaped and bright silver in color. They both next reported an unfamiliar beeping sound (shades of Betty and Barney Hill of Portsmouth, New Hampshire fame) at 10:15 p.m. They both saw red and silver lights. Dark spots suggested "windows" around the sides of the UFO. The beep beep sound stayed until the object left the area.

August 4 - Salto - Uruguay - SPINNING DISCS MAKE NOISES - Two UFOs were seen spinning in the



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air over Salto. One hovered and the other came down to the earth. Witnesses included school teachers and all said that the objects gave off very bright, white light and that engine-like noises were heard.

✓ August 11 - Jacksonville, Florida - DISC-SHAPED OBJECTS VISIT - Disc-shaped objects were reported over old light house at Mayport Naval Base. Sparks and beams of light came from the bottom of some of the objects. A small disc, approximately 3 to 4 feet in diameter, with a golden color and revolving counter-clockwise with a dark center was reported by Mrs. Ramona Clark. It was coming from the east and was headed toward Jacksonville. It made no noise and was below the clouds at about 300 feet high.

✓ August 15 - St. Petersburg, Florida - NOISE AND FIERY WHEEL - At 6:35 a.m. Leonard B. Bartlett stepped outside his home to pick up the morning paper. He heard a "humming sound" and looked skyward and saw a huge "fiery wheel" UFO with the outside revolving around a "deep blue center". Bartlett estimated the UFO to be between 125 and 150 feet in diameter and said it left a vapor ring when it flipped over and went straight up, before it finally disappeared.

August 17 - La Habana, Cuba - AN EXCITED POPULATION - Hundreds of telephone calls swamped newspaper offices and radio stations in the southern section of the province of La Habana when a strange object was seen in the area.

✓ August 19 - Phelps Corner, Maryland - UFO HELICOPTER TRAFFIC JAM - At 8:20 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harper, Jr. watched an oval UFO with a center band that had four or five red and white flashing lights hovering above the Rosecroft Racetrack. Three hours later, Mrs. Gwen E. Donovan also saw a UFO with "flashing, circular lights" in the same area. During the sighting she noticed at least seven in the same area, which "struck her as kind of funny" she said, "because I had never seen so many in the sky at one time".

August 19 - Viedma, Bahia Blanca, Argentina - UFO FLEETS SPOTTED - Students at a school nearly panicked 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. Finally all the objects seemed to merge in a single mass and went out of the south in the northwest. Among the witnesses were students, a physician, a chemist, several graduates in Economics as well as the President of the Astronomical Center there.

August 22 - Near Terracina, Italy - BUSLOAD OF TOURISTS BUZZED - A sharply defined disc paced a busload of tourists near Terracina at 12:25 p.m., stated Mrs. Kenneth W. Collins, one of the eyewitnesses. The UFO was flying parallel to their bus, over a field. It was metallic gray and had a dome top. It was moving in a slow, straight line. The underside had square "windows" all around it and a small darker spot in the middle.

✓ August 23 - Near Independence, Missouri - CAR CHASED BY UFO - Robert Lingle, 18 and Ricky Phillips, 16 reported that their car was chased west on Missouri-7 by a round UFO with yellow "flashing lights" between 10:30 p.m. and midnight. The frightened eyewitnesses stated the UFO appeared to be from 20 to 60 feet in diameter.

✓ August 24 - Brooksville, Florida - UFO ATTRACTS AF JETS - Many eyewitnesses reported that a UFO with a 'slip and slide motion' came in low near the firetower and then proceeded back into the woods near where a landing was reported several years ago. The witnesses followed the UFO and at one point the object hovered over their car and flashed a brilliant light upon them. Air Force jets arrived on the scene and the UFO left the area rapidly.

✓ September 2 - Vacaville, California - UFO LANDING LEAVES MARKS - Marion Boykin and relatives reported the landing of a UFO, which was about 20 feet in diameter, glowing and bright red in color with two white lights in the middle and two on the side. After it landed and 15 minutes had passed by the lights went out and plunged the field into darkness. Sheriff's deputies upon investigation discovered a smoldering burn spot approximately 75 feet by 5 feet as additional evidence to the presence of the UFO on the ground.

September 5 - Madrid, Spain - JETS, PHOTOS, RADAR TRACK

UFO - A Spanish F-104 jet pilot chased a brilliant, triangle-shaped UFO over Madrid at 7:30 p.m. at a 50,000 foot altitude and several photographs were taken through telescopic lenses. Thousands of persons on the ground watched the incident and the pilot got good "radar returns" on the still-climbing UFO.

✓ September 5 - Orlando, Florida - CIRCULAR UFO WITH FLASHING LIGHT - Three girls staying at a Young Women's Community Club, 107 E. Hillcrest Street, reported a large circular UFO, having a dome and with a blue flashing light hovering above a nearby parking lot. The UFO eventually darted upward and disappeared from sight before the frightened eyewitnesses.

September 8 - Mendoza, Argentina - UFOs AGAINST THE LAW THERE - According to the New York Times it was necessary for the police in Argentina to utilize their power to "halt concern about flying saucers by WARNING THAT IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW TO TALK ABOUT POSSIBLE SIGHTINGS. The penal code there contemplates prison terms for people who indulge in spreading unwarranted fear and legal action will therefore be taken against those who break this rule" police stated.

✓ September 9 - Dong Ha, Vietnam - HELICOPTER UFO REPORT - An unidentified helicopter pilot and his co-pilot kept a fast moving UFO in view for 20 minutes over the U.S. Marine Base. It carried out various maneuvers and was a white object with two green lights. Mis gunners were scared to death and radioed "let's get out of here . . . I never believed in these UFO stories before, but I do now", he stated.

September 10 - Cluj, Rumania - UFO PHOTOS TAKEN BY WITNESSES - A group of excursionists saw a round UFO over a forest, that rapidly changed its position and direction. It also "emitted a powerful white light". During the several minutes that the UFO was in view, pictures were obtained. They looked like the domed saucer photographed by Rex Heflin four times in Santa Ana, California on August 3, 1965. The Cluj Astronomic Observatory stated that it had received UFO reports from other witnesses in the vicinity in Rumania.

✓ September 18 - Steinbach, Can-

ada - "ANGEL HAIR" AND UFOs - At about 4:05 p.m. a farmer from the district of Steinbach saw a UFO shedding strands of "angel hair". The farmer reported he saw three gray, football-shaped UFOs appearing to be connected by a "long white arc or loop" three times the length of the objects themselves. The angel hair appeared "as white as steam" and started falling on power lines, trees and fences in the area. His 16 year old son collected some of the material, but noticed that most of it had disintegrated the next day.

September 22 - Between Aeroparque and Mar del Plata, Argentina - AUSTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 834 REPORTS UFO - The pilot of an Austral Airliner reported he sighted a luminous UFO, which gave off bright reddish, green and white lights, 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.

September 26 - A poll was conducted by the Merve Griffin TV show - asking 100 in the audience if they believed in flying saucers . . . 65 of the 100 said they DID. MIGHT MAKES RIGHT??

October 3 - Curitiba, Brazil - UFO SCARES BATHERS - An oval-shaped UFO hovered 300 feet over bathers on the Ilha Do Mel (Honey Island) off the Prana state coast Sunday, blinding them with multi-colored lights. The reports stated that some of the bathers rushed into the sea in panic while others sought a hiding place.

October 5 - Santiago, Chile - FIVE-MAN TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS UFO - A five man team claimed they saw a flying saucer hunting for a flying saucer base high in the Andes and got a photograph of it as it crossed the night sky. UFO stopping cars in Chile were very frequent in recent months.

October 18 - Correa, Argentina - FLYING SAUCER FLEET LANDS - Peasants in the village of Correa told police that they saw a fleet of flying saucers land in a nearby open field, and then take off again shortly thereafter. As "proof" of their report they showed large circles of scorched earth where giant mushrooms were growing.

November 9 - Lakeland, Florida - UFO AND OCCUPANTS SEEN - A

Daytona Beach Radio Station announced on the news that a housewife in Lakeland had reported a hovering UFO with windows over her house. Through the "windows" she saw two occupants staring down at her. No description was given concerning the appearance of the occupants of the UFO, but such reports are becoming more frequent than ever before. Other mysterious "explosions" in the sky were reported there.

November 14 - Daytona Beach, Florida - HOUSEWIFE REPORTS UFO - A housewife reported over a WROD RADIO STATION phone in program that she had seen a UFO with "portholes" hovering above the treetops near her home. The object appeared to be larger than a car. More details are being sought on this one by investigators.

November 14 - Valparaiso, Chile - UFOs IN FORMATION - Hundreds of residents in this port city and surrounding areas reported they saw an "invasion" of mysterious UFOs. Police spokesmen said their station received reports of six green UFOs flying in formation N to S.

Many times eyewitnesses to UFO encounters have asked "What are they?" "Can't something be done about them?" With much of the UFO information being classified worldwide and with many reporters of UFOs facing ridicule, jail sentences, military censorship and possible court martials and fines, the answer seems to be SILENCE is GOLDEN and IGNORANCE is BLISS. Many eyewitnesses of UFOs worldwide are just not talking any longer about what they've seen and others are loath to leave their homes at night. The reports continue to come in and it is doubtful that 1969 will be the year that the 22 year old mystery will be solved or that the sightings will cease.

Since 1947 millions of citizens worldwide have seen these phenomena (5,000,000 in the U.S.A. according to the Gallup Poll alone). Of these millions of UFO sightings on a global basis, only around 30,000 have been turned in as reports. So the "hidden cases" (those not reported to an official agency) may still hold the key to the solution of one of the greatest mysteries of all times. And let's not forget that the historical evidence of UFOs goes much further back than just 22

years, also.

November 22 - Conyers, Georgia - REAL ESTATE VALUE LOWERED - Jim Beecham stated: "I haven't let anything run me off my land before, but that flying saucer last week just may have done the trick!" Mr. Beecham and his brother were coon hunting last week when they saw a 70 to 80 foot UFO hovering 300 to 400 feet off the ground. It was silent, he said, it glowed "whitish-orange" and appeared to have Z's around the edges. Mr. Beecham said he owns land in the area and is building a house there, but after the experience is "seriously reconsidering" moving the house. Another man described a UFO near Albany as a "yellowish-orange, oblong-shaped, ball of fire". Three others said it had blue and green lights and spooked their hunting dogs. Conway Jones, an Albany bank employee, said his car's electrical system went haywire and the engine conked out when a UFO approached him as he drove nearby. In the meantime at Columbus, two policemen, Harold W. Sheppard and Leonard Hurley, said they saw a mysterious UFO in the sky early one morning.

In recent months peculiar "whoosing or swishing-type noises" have been reported which have in many cases gone hand in hand in UFO data. Such sounds have been reported from St. Petersburg, Dune-din, Tarpon Springs, New Port Richey and Hudson. Electromagnetic interference reports with motors, headlights, house lights, TV, radio and clocks have also been part of the UFO problem worldwide and are widely documented.

✓ In November a DeLand couple had an unusual experience (names withheld until investigation is completed), which has been reported many times before on a global basis. At 3:30 a.m. the wife heard an "odd noise" over her house, looked out the window and saw what appeared to be a forest fire in her back yard. When she finally was able to awaken her husband, the light (object) was gone. Their house electric clocks had all stopped at 3:30 a.m. The husband found his Accutron watch had stopped at 3:27 a.m. The Accutron electric watch works off a small celled battery. To date no explanation had been found for the unusual incident.

1968 WORLDWIDE UFO ROUNDUP

Below is only a small sampling of the 1968 reports of unidentified flying objects collected from news media (including NICAP, APRO, Saucer Scoop, APRG) by George D. Fawcett. It must be remembered that only 10% of the persons sighting UFOs worldwide ever report them due to the stigma of ridicule and censorship. For the most part however the press and other news media must release the "muzzle" on such UFO reports worldwide. The UPI, AP, Reuters and other news wire services are guilty of not circulating but a few of the thousands of valid UFO reports in 1968 to date. Please send any and all reports to Florida UFO Study Group, P.O. Box 1355, DeLand, Florida 32720 for further study and evaluation.

✓ January 2 - Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada - HEAT EFFECTS . . INTERFERENCES - At four o'clock Tom Banks and Errol Smyth were cruising in their snowmobiles when they saw a pulsating orange-yellow UFO near the treetops. Electromagnetic interferences occurred when both snowmobile motors stopped and both eyewitnesses felt an unusual heat coming from the UFO overhead.

✓ January 8 - Jackson, New Jersey. TV INTERFERENCE - Robert LeChance and his wife reported a bowl

shaped, orange-red, glowing UFO behind their home, which appeared to have a door opening. Their TV set went completely "crazy" when the object appeared, and both visual and audio viewing were disrupted.

✓ January 24 - Island Bay, New Zealand - BEAM OF LIGHT . . PORTHOLE - Three eyewitnesses reported a UFO, 40-50 feet in diameter that rose in the air with a "swishing sound". It had three portholes and gave off a beam of light which struck a tree branch and caused it to fall to the ground.

✓ February 5 - Patrick Air Force Base, Florida - STRANGE REVERSAL - Jack Geiger, Deputy Public Officer at Patrick with five other persons located near Palm Bay reported an elongated UFO that left a trail of sparks, reversed its direction and came back in 5 minutes at 6:30 P.M. in the same path.

February 14 - South Central Missouri - BOUNCED ROCKS OFF UFO - At 7 A.M. a witness saw a landed UFO in his cow pasture. He also noticed some occupants entering the bottom of the object estimated to be 285 feet from him. The eyewitness approached the grounded UFO to a distance of around 30 feet away where he threw rocks at the object, which bounced off it. The object suddenly moved back and took

off straight up and disappeared.

February 14 - Newfield, N.Y. - OCCUPANTS OBSERVED AGAIN - Two young boys reported a UFO hovering near their home. As the object tilted both boys claimed they saw a six-foot wide "window" and "two figures" which appeared to be "Creatures" (little men occupants) standing frozen in place behind the window. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force UFO consultant stated, "This is not as wild a report as you might think."

✓ February 19 - Bengough, Saskatchewan, Canada - DISTURBING SOUND OF UFO - Mrs. Martha Heggs saw a UFO looking like an inverted bowl superstructure with a smaller dome on top of this. She reported six "portholes" and riveted seams around the lower part of the UFO. The UFO made a sound like a "high pitched whining noise" which caused a "tingling sensation throughout her body".

February 21 - Winstead, Connecticut - MORE OCCUPANTS OF A UFO SEEN - At 11 P.M. a "Bloop Bloop" sound attracted the attention of a young girl to her bedroom window. She reported an "egg-shaped" UFO hovering beside the old Winstead Railroad station. She also reported seeing 15 to 20 men, about 3 feet tall having fish bowl

like helmets and dressed in dull silver clothing near the UFO. An investigation after the incident revealed broken bricks on the side of the building. Specimens??

✓ February 28 - Between Jacksonville and Orlando, Florida - PILOT UFO SIGHT - A three man crew of an Eastern Airlines plane reported a string of unknown lights that caused the pilot to take "evasive action". The red flashing lighted object was at their 11:30 position. One of the four red lights strung out turned green, as the Eastern Airline plane maneuvered to avoid collision. Captain Robert Reilman, Flight Officer A.J. Farmer and Safety Officer Rick Morrison first noticed the UFO before it zoomed away. The flight resumed its St. Louis to Miami destination with no further interference.

February 28 - Moscow, Russia - RUSSIANS SAY FLYING OBJECTS EXIST - Russian scientists and military leaders now believe flying objects may be visitors from other planets that are spying on the earth. They have asked the United States government to help investigate their major problem, several weeks after the U.S.A. asked the Russians for their cooperation in a scientific study. Leading Soviet Scientists say that the UFOs seem to be directed by highly intelligent minds that could be conducting a surveillance of the earth in a military fashion. The Russians reported over their radio stations that they had received more reports of UFOs in February, 1968 than the total number of reports received throughout the 1967 year. They admitted for the first time that photographic plates and radar screens in the Soviet Union had been recording UFOs over a large number of years.

✓ March 3 - London, Ontario, Canada - POWER FAILURES IN 200 HOMES - Over 200 homes in this community reported complete power failures as three brightly lit disc-shaped UFOs were seen flying in formation near the Oak Ridge Park shopping center. The UFOs were described as bright and large and traveling southeast at 8 P.M.

✓ March 19 - Wilson, Ohio - BOY BURNED BY UFO IN OHIO - Near Route 145 Gregory Wells had gone to get a bucket of water when a UFO appeared and hovered above a large tree some 25 to 30 feet off the ground.

Suddenly a beam shot from the lower part of the UFO knocking Wells to the ground and setting his jacket on fire, along with the surrounding grass. His mother rushed to his aid when the UFO left, and Wells suffered minor burns on the arm.

✓ March 31 - Devon, England - LARGER THAN A VULCAN BOMBER - Police officers in Devon at 3:15 A.M. reported a UFO that had a line of illuminated portholes down one side flying at 150 feet in the distance. "The officers also said that the mystery object was considerably larger than a Vulcan bomber."

✓ April 3 - Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada - CAR CHASED BY UFO - John Kryschuk was badly shaken by a UFO some 40 feet in diameter that chased his car at a 30 foot altitude. The UFO was extremely loud, made a buzzing sound and had many colored lights moving and pulsating on it. It followed his car for four miles or more down the highway.

✓ April 24 - Homestead, Florida - BINOCULARS USED BY FIVE YOUTHS - A dull silver UFO with a pointed top was reported by 5 Florida youth. With binoculars they were able to see small portholes on the bottom side. Television on Channel 6 began to fade and the static was quite loud at 6:45 p.m. during the UFO encounter.

✓ April 28 - Selah, Washington State - AT POINT OF COLLAPSE - Eyewitnesses reported a "landing of a UFO nearby", but one of a series of other witnesses reported three beings about 4 feet tall or less, emerge near his car. The occupants were dressed in an orange-colored clothing of a shiny texture. The person who saw the "creatures" blew his car horn and when help arrived he was found to be virtually at the point of collapse. At first the witness to the "closeup encounter" appeared to be dying, because he gave no response and seemed almost unconscious, when his car door was opened.

✓ May 2 - Melbourne, Australia - LANDING REPORTED IN AUSTRALIA - The Royal Australian Air Force is probing a mystery sighting on a lonely road in Eastern Victoria. Heyfield sanitary collectors saw a string of red lights. Said Gavin W. Whelan: "We got up on the truck's hood and saw it was an object in a

paddock. It had a row of red lights and a dome with a light on it."

May 14 - Boulder, Colorado - FLYING SAUCER FIASCO CHARGES LOOK MAGAZINE - Author John G. Fuller exposed the University of Colorado UFO Probe, financed by Air Force Contract as a \$500,000 "trick" to deceive the American public into believing an objective study was being made into the UFO problem. LOOK MAGAZINE covered this as a front page FEATURE STORY. In the meantime, the U.S. General Accounting Office has begun an investigation into the expenditure of these funds under Air Force contract with the University of Colorado for the study of UFOs.

✓ May 20 - Clinton, Oklahoma - MOTORCYCLE WRECK CAUSED BY UFO - Albert Harris, 15, told State Troopers that he was cresting a hill, when a UFO appeared suddenly on a collision course with his motorcycle. Harris swerved to avoid hitting the UFO and the motorcycle overturned. The youth was hurled from the machine and skidded 116 feet before he was stopped by an embankment. Harris is being treated for severe abrasions of the head and the body - also for internal injuries.

May 17 - Andean Range, Chile - UFOs PHOTOGRAPHED THREE TIMES - Professor Gabriel Alvia, Director of the Cosmic Radiation Center at the University of Chile announced that on this date a UFO had been photographed three times by a crew of scientists. The UFO hovered above the mountains for one hour. The UFO photographed on the film appears as a bright lens-shaped object with its underside in the shape of a cone.

June 2 - Lima, Peru - UFOs FLYING IN FORMATION - A group of people reported they had seen six UFOs hovering over the highway near Lima. Each had a red light and made a noise like a helicopter, though they moved at tremendous speeds in excess of helicopters. All the UFOs were shaped like soup plates and were rounded on the bottom side.

✓ June 8 - Auckland, New Zealand - UFO TRACKED ON RADAR - A UFO was tracked on this date by the Department of Civil Aviation radar observers at 5:05 P.M. Members of

interplanetary space ships. On top of this, he said that the Air Technical Intelligence Command (ATIC) prepared a top-secret document, known as "Estimate of the Situation", and concluding that UFOs were real and probably interplanetary. This was later denied by the Air Force, who said that the document had never been prepared (Hearing on UFOs, Armed Services Committee, House of Representatives, April, 1966). Major Dewey Fournet, Pentagon Monitor on the UFO investigations, told NICAP that he had seen the document when in Washington, D.C., prior to his release in 1952.

In his book, REPORT ON THE UFO WAVE OF 1947, Ted Bloecher lists a detailed chronology of about 850 sightings for June and July, 1947. These world-wide reports have continued up to the present time, with unusual "waves" during 1952, 1954, 1957 and 1967. However, Dr. James E. McDonald states that the Central Intelligence Agency seems to have clamped-down on the reports because there were so many of them! On June 7, 1967, Dr. McDonald submitted a statement to the Outer Space Affairs Group of the United Nations. A copy of this statement makes clear that he considered the problem to be one of very large dimensions. He was of the opinion that very serious consideration had to be given to the hypothesis that these objects constituted some form of extra-terrestrial probes. Dr. McDonald described some of these reports in an address given to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Washington, D. C., April 22, 1967. During my research, I wrote to the United Nations and asked for a copy of this particular statement by Dr. McDonald. I received a letter from a United Nations official, stating that Dr. McDonald had not submitted such a statement to that organization. Nevertheless, I was able to obtain a copy of this particular statement, addressed to the United Nations and by Dr. McDonald, from another UFO researcher.

The 1967 British Defence Ministry evaluations of aerial phenomena listed a total of seven unknown cases (possibly radar reports), with 14 unidentified cases during the year 1965. During the summer of 1954,

France and South America experienced large-scale sightings. But it is a rather chilling thought that many Americans do not know about these "waves" of reports over foreign countries. An editor of a top American magazine suggested that there is some type of alliance between newspaper editors and the government, whereby the world-wide reports do not receive the publicity they should receive. Furthermore, many researchers do not want to put two-and-two together. In other words, Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot, reported nine discs near Mount Rainier, on June 24, 1947, with a theoretical velocity of about 1,700 mph. Another private pilot, Rudy Malaspina (Seattle Times and Los Angeles Herald-Examiner) said he saw nine objects over Seattle on July 7, 1968 - and at the same time thousands of residents saw them from the ground. Malaspina estimated their velocity at over 1,000 mph, with a change in echelon formation. He reported that the objects fired rockets at the ground around Green Lake, and several residents near the area said they saw "tracer-like" fragments shoot across an intersection. Now, Seattle is about 50 miles northwest of Mount Rainier. It may be that the nine discs seen by Kenneth Arnold, June 24, 1947, re-appeared over that area on July 7, 1968! The nine discs were not balloons, because the reports of witnesses made clear that some type of machines performed over Seattle. Boeing Field operators told Malaspina that no military formations were in the area. In addition, Malaspina said the objects seemed to change his magnetic compass and stop his plane-clock.

Another problem, of course, is that government employees cannot tell about sightings known to the government. Joint Chiefs of Staff Order JANAP 146E forbids the release of any UFO data in the possession of the government but not previously released by any agency. This particular regulation appears to cover both the military members and the civilian employees of the government. In his book, UFO: TOP SECRET, newspaperman Mort Young says that on January 11, 1965, eleven men and a woman employed in a classified Army project watched jet fighters chasing UFOs over

Washington, D.C. After the sighting, every local newspaper and television-radio station knew about the event. Young said that he visited Major Hector Quintanilla, at that time chief of Project Blue Book, and asked him about the case. According to Young, Quintanilla denied ever getting a report on the event and had no knowledge about it. Young mentioned the newspaper and television reports. The officer reportedly said that the event might not have happened. Young said that he experienced a distinct shock, because as a newspaperman he knew about the interviews and newspaper statements made at the scene right after the sighting.

The greatest problem, Young wrote, lay in presenting a convincing account of how for over two decades the government caused you and me to believe that people who saw UFOs were mistaken. He concluded that, on the basis of the available evidence, the most logical theory is that UFOs are not native to our planet. He wrote that anyone who examined the facts could not say that UFO are nonexistent. On the other hand, scientists demand physical proof - a real, genuine, honest-to-goodness UFO.

In his book, THE SKY PEOPLE, Brinsley le Poer Trench suggests that we are being watched by the saucer men for fear that we might use our arsenal of nuclear bombs and possibly send clouds of radiation into space. Some researchers say that at the first sign of an atomic war on earth, the saucer men would interfere and somehow put a stop to the war. They argue that the saucer men saw the first signs over twenty years ago, soon after the first atomic blasts over Japan and the United States. In his recent book, FLYING SAUCERS ARE WATCHING US, science writer Otto O. Binder ranged through many plausible answers to the world-wide reports from over 70 countries. He suggested that a race millions of years older than ours might have reached some higher plateau of knowledge and might be attempting to contact us. Binder says that the saucer men have been supremely unobtrusive, apparently going out of their way to prevent any trouble. He writes that saucer men from space may have landed on the earth during ancient

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times and influenced the growth of human knowledge.

In any case, how does one explain the appearance of a disc-shaped flying machine over a desert in Central Asia, long before any planes could perform such acts? On August 5, 1927, Nicholas Roerich and his caravaneers noticed a huge oval moving through the clear, blue sky. Crossing the camp, located near the Humboldt mountains, the disc changed its direction from south to southwest and disappeared from view. Several of the explorers watched with field glasses. Roerich described an oval object with shiny surface, one side of which reflected the sun. (See his book, ALTAI-HIMALAYA.) Another ancient report comes from the annals of Thutmose II, circa 1450 B.C. The army of the Egyptian pharaoh looked on, as numerous circles of fire appeared in the sky and extended to the horizon. Then they disappeared to the south.

Researchers have pointed out that almost every human community around the world has recorded legends of sky-men visiting the earth. Ezekiel reported the sighting of an aerial "wheel within a wheel", and a "cloudy pillar" descended from the sky and stood before a tabernacle, during the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. On June 30, 1908, near Taiga, Russia, the inhabitants saw a huge ball of fire in the sky. There was a colossal explosion that devastated a forest seventy miles in diameter. In his book, ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON, scientist Jacques Vallee suggests that this explosion was the result of a nuclear explosion.

It may be that the expanding series of world-wide sightings is building up to a climax. The saucer-men may have had something to do with the forming of the planet earth (over 4.5 billion years old). The ultimate answer, of course, may involve true contact with superior saucer-men from outer space. For some reason, the frequency of sightings increased by two or three magnitudes around 1947. They have continued and will probably keep on doing so. Summing up the evidence, Dr. James McDonald concluded that the problem of the UFOs is the greatest scientific problem of our time.

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SPACE BROTHERS

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Although still in his twenties, Timothy Green Beckley is considered to be one of America's foremost authorities on Flying Saucers and other Fortean topics. As director of the Interplanetary News Service since its formation in 1961, he has had the opportunity personally to investigate hundreds of UFO reports including a large percentage of landing, contact and monster incidents. Even chief saucer critic, Prof. Donald Menzel of Harvard university considers Mr. Beckley's organization to be one of the most active and responsible in existence today.

Beckley has expounded many of his "offbeat" views in such publications as FATE - BEYOND - NATIONAL FREE PRESS - PROBE - NATIONAL INFORMER and FLYING SAUCERS magazine. He has been heard by millions of listeners on such radio programs as Barry Farber (WOR-N.Y.), Gary Short (WERE-Cleveland), Jack McKinney (WCAU-Philadelphia), Warren Freeberg (WCAC-Gary, Indiana), etc. He has also been recognized in other fields of science and holds honorary certificates of appreciation from the Department of Social Relations (Harvard university) and the Asia Foundation of New York.

In his latest book, SPACE BROTHERS, he concentrates exclusively on the hundreds of contact accounts which have appeared in recent years. And although he does not deny the possibility of face to face contact stories such as those of Adamski, Fry, Martin and others in this book he deals almost totally with those who claim to have received messages by either mental or audio-visual means. In doing so he has written about what are certainly the most wild and exciting saucer contacts of recent vintage.

The Introduction to this book is

entitled HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH SPACE PEOPLE and offers case after case of mental contact with entities who claim to be from other planets, either in this solar system or from some far off star system millions of light years away. Indeed the author suggests several ways in which contacts of this type are possible. In a later chapter he even provides information on how to build your own Light Beam Communicator. Included are detailed drawings made by a responsible scientist who claims to have spoken with alien visitors. By far SPACE BROTHERS is the only book which offers practical examples on how Earth people can and have communicated with extraterrestrial creatures.

In what is perhaps the most astounding chapter in the book spaceman who claims to have travelled here from Sirius, tells readers about life on his planet, their space ships, politics, money system, and religion.

A special PLANETARY COMMUNIQUE, received through Bob Short, tell us what we can expect in the way of geological changes - economic changes - government changes - world conditions and dangers - weather changes - the future of OUR SPACE program and how love and peace through harmonious order will bring us everlasting peace and tranquility.

In a chapter entitled MY FIRST TRIP engineer Henry R. Gallart relates a mental dream in which he remembers a previous incarnation on Venus from which he was sent here to Earth to assist in our karmic development.

WHAT MANNER OF PLACE IS THIS? is a chapter channeled by the Houston Science Discussion Group, in which space people comment upon the insane, twisted and distorted shape the spiritual de-



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velopment of the Earth is in.

The space people also discuss at great length the laws of reincarnation and karma which has been the basis of many religions and occult beliefs in the past.

Wes and Jo Nell Bateman are two of the most accredited mental contactees, according to the author. In a chapter entitled SPACE CRAFT OF OTHER WORLDS this husband and wife team discuss what the space people have told them about the many sizes and purposes of the crafts called flying saucers which have been seen in our atmosphere for centuries.

One space age scientist who has added his experiences to this remarkable volume is Jesse A. Valentine. Herein he discussed the new age concepts of atomic structure and nucleo-metallurgy. Valentine is an accredited scientist and engineer with a number of very impressive degrees. Thus, it is not hard to see why Beckley values information received through this channel very highly.

Other mental contactees to relate their various unearthly experiences include Hope Troxell, Lenora Croft, Marriane Francis, Marian Hardie, J.A. Dunkin Wedd, etc. Some of the space people we hear from through these persons include Deska - Central Government Communicator for the Saturn Council, Voltra of the planet Venus, Xyclon, a space psychologist, Helios and Vestra. And of course no book dealing with mental messages would be complete without at least several discourses from Ashtar.

Although to most people this may all sound like science fiction the author is completely serious about his book. But let it be known that he does not indorse all of the stories in his book but merely presents them for what they are worth. In some cases Beckley even suggests that evil spirits and entities may be feeding us worthless information.

However, in compiling all these cases there were several similarities in these "mental and audio-visual" contacts which Beckley suggests need serious consideration. The main point being that our space friends are becoming highly worried over our continued use of atomic weapons for wartime purposes. In fact in one case, documented by APRO, which Beckley discusses at great length a Brazilian police officer named Helio Aguiar, while driving along the coast finds himself growing mentally confused. He stops his motorbike and glances upward into a low hanging UFO. Minutes later he blacks out and when he recovers he is astounded to find a weird message written in his own handwriting on a slip of paper clutched in his hand. The message, reproduced in the book, warns that the equilibrium of the universe is threatened by atomic experiments and that the space people will "remain vigilant and ready to interfere". As evidence of Aguiar's contact Beckley reproduces a series of some four photos which the officer was able to take of the wierd object in the sky shortly before blacking out.

All in all it is sometimes hard to agree with the author's evidence and speculation, but the fact that it is presented in such a well written style and with such a clear understanding of the subject matter makes this an important, and totally worthwhile work.

One can easily see how it took Mr. Beckley some five years to complete work on this volume. The book is beautifully illustrated and contains photographs of many of the channels whose work have been utilized to a great extent by the author.

NOTE: Autographed copies of SPACE BROTHERS are available from the author at \$4.95. Requests should be sent to Timothy Green Beckley, 3 Courtland Street, New Brunswick, N. J. 08901.

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Where The Reader Has His Say

Dear Ray:

I have been mulling over the AP release of the long awaited saucer report by the Dr. Edward Condon group from the University of Colorado.

I have never seen a finer example of what stereotype thinking can do to scientifically trained men. The answers are out of order and they came up with the wrong conclusions.

The primary question is, "Dowe have scientific evidence that UFOs exist?" The second question should be, "Do these objects exhibit intelligent control?" The third should be, "Are they manned or unmanned?" Only after answering the first three questions affirmatively can we speculate and ask the 4th question. "Are they visitors from outer space?"

Since this fourth question is one that has the least supporting evidence it is also the easiest to answer negatively. That apparently is what the public is getting for their \$500,000.

The general conclusion of the report is equally incredible. "Nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge," the scientists said bluntly. Are we, the public, to conclude from this in turn that the presence of UFOs has added no incentive or challenge to our scientific knowledge? Certainly our own space ventures are plenty crude and expensive by comparison, to the capabilities of the UFOs. Perhaps the most challenging observation that study could have made was that the UFOs apparently carry no fuel thus increasing their payload.

In spite of all the denials the report makes, it does one more confirmation. In a left-handed manner it confirms the presence of UFOs by going along with Air Force

reports that the UFOs present no hazard to U.S. Security. While we may not have positive evidence that the UFOs are a hazard to security there are many of us that have followed this phenomena for the past 20 years, that suspect that the UFO is capable of disrupting electric circuits. The possibility that UFOs may have triggered some of the massive power black outs is excellent. If this in turn does not represent a potential security hazard, then I own the wrong dictionary.

While the report appears not to be concerned where concern is needed, it does become concerned with students who might be "educationally harmed" by absorbing unsound and erroneous reading material. If it helps train the students to be more flexible in their thinking, there is no cause for concern. It is the rigid and inflexible thinking of a large segment of scientific fellowship that is the real cause for concern. If the sciences see no challenge or incentive in what is being brought to their attention, to whom can the public turn?

Perhaps we will have to wait for one of these students with educational damage to discover that power to run our myriad industries is free like everything else the creator has to offer. That is the challenge as I see it from here. What does the rest of the gang think about it?

Harold Claborne
655 Myra Avenue
Chula Vista, California

• Readers of FLYING SAUCERS will remember that when the Condon study was announced, we reported that the result would be as follows: "There is no evidence that Unidentified Flying Objects are spacecraft from outer space" and "Flying Sau-

cers do not constitute a threat to our national security".

As your letter points out, this is the essence (in fact, almost the very words) of the two statements the Air Force has been making from the very beginning. Very many times in FLYING SAUCERS we have stated that we AGREE that there is no evidence that flying saucers are spacecraft. It isn't, and never has been, a matter for study. The American public has been given a gigantic snow-job at a cost of something like \$730,000 (not \$500,000) on a rigged study which was directed from the beginning to report those two very annoying (to us) phrases. What the Air Force has been saying from the beginning is the same as taking reports of sightings of cows in Farmer Jones' pasture and stating that there is no evidence that there are elephants in Farmer Jones' pasture. Of course not! Who says there are? And who says (other than the brass - from the Pentagon down to NICAP) that flying saucers are spaceships? If anyone has any evidence that they are, FLYING SAUCERS repeats its offer to publish that evidence. In 21 years, nobody has accepted our offer!

The Condon report has been turned over to a reputed body of scientists who have evaluated and ACCEPTED it. Now the general public, faced with this vast array of authority, are to forget flying saucers, dismiss them as explained, and bow to the experts who have made the final dismissal of the case for UFO. The regrettable truth is that MOST people WILL accept these official statements, and swear by all that is holy that no such thing as a flying saucer ever was seen, that sightings were only ordinary identifiable things.

Naturally, since it is obvious that all this is a snow-job, the question comes up as to why such reputable groups would make such unscientific reports, and jeopardize their scientific reputation? It is a difficult question to answer, because it infers that their "employers" dictated their results in advance - and this not only does damage to scientific reputations, but to their integrity. The "why" becomes a giant one in this case. There is only one reasonable explanation - the "employers" know what flying saucers are, and that the

scientists, given the knowledge in confidence, agree that it must be kept secret even if it is necessary to delude and brainwash the public.

What can it be that is so dangerous that the public must be protected from knowing the facts, and indeed, convinced that "there ain't no such thing"? For one thing, we can be sure it is not interplanetary space-ships. Here the report is 100% truthful. Even if there were such things, they would not panic the public. And since the UFO has been with us for centuries, it seems fairly safe to say they do not constitute a menace to national security, or anyone's security.

But you and I know that the Condon report has NOT proved that UFO do NOT exist. Your letter explains very clearly what they have NOT done. What they have done is to isolate the sincere and logical investigator from the possibility of gaining wide acceptance from the general public. The majority of people who are given UFO information will smile tolerantly and say: "You are mistaken - that has all been explained by the scientists; we even spent over a half-million dollars to show you crackpots up for what you are - either liars, dreamers or hoaxers and irresponsible observers who interpret natural things for unnatural things."

As for scientific advances from the stories of flying saucers, the hover-craft was invented from the inspiration received from the performance of the UFO. They are being used to ferry people across the British Channel, they are being used by the military to navigate the swamps and rice paddies of Vietnam. There are dozens of scientific applications of the "sailing disk" principle, and more to come. There may even be secret military aircraft already being used which give rise to SOME reports.

As for the statement that flying saucer reports represent a cause for educational harm to students, this is the most dangerous of all the factors in this very expensive snow-job. Actually, this philosophy is being carried to an extreme of "managed thinking and managed education" the world over. Students no longer are educated, they are "conditioned". They no longer are taught to think - they are taught to

"react". They are given mental reflexes which can be triggered by pre-determined signals. Can it be that there is a connection between flying saucers and the need to suppress all thinking? Could it be that the flying saucers are the visible evidence of the "invisible rulers" so often referred to but never identified?

Your letter points out a very valuable "evidence", to our mind - that there IS something to hide! The collusion apparent in the Air Force-Condon "plot" is a glaring red flare in the sky that screams at us to beware - something is there, and as long as we don't know what it is, it is very dangerous. Forewarned is forearmed, it is said - and unwarned is disarmed in this case, we feel sure! You can't defend yourself against a menace until you determine that it exists. As long as the word "unidentified" remains in our flying saucer lexicon, we are of necessity bound to keep up the search for the truth about something even the Condon report does not deny - a "phenomena" they were paid over half a million dollars to investigate, and actually did not investigate, but instead selected specifics designed to bolster a decision already made: There is no evidence that interplanetary craft are visiting our planet" and "flying saucers do not constitute a menace to our national security".

Isn't it a scandal that all our taxpayer money got us was the parroting of two phrases we've been heartily sick of hearing for twenty years? FLYING SAUCERS could have conducted an investigation that would have come up with the identical phrases (and in fact that is what our investigations have shown from the very beginning!) for 50¢ plus 6¢ postage.

We don't want to know if there is a UFO - we want to know what and who it is! Dr. Condon has gone up the mountain to the burning bush and come down with a pair of graven tablets. We don't think he did the engraving! His bosses did. The question is, why? - Rap.

Dear Rap:

Two of the questions most frequently asked of people interested in the ufology are "where do they (the UFOs) come from?" and "why are

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they here?'

Both questions have triggered much controversy among UFO researchers.

The former question is extremely difficult to answer conclusively at this stage of ufology. The different possible UFO homelands are numerous. Many theories have been advanced regarding this aspect of ufology and each probably has some merit. In fact, some of the present theories may well be accurate, but are presently nearly impossible to verify.

Though the question "why are they here?" probably has an equal number of possible answers, it is possible to narrow down the field of potential purposes of the UFOs by reviewing the areas where UFOs are observed most, and their actions in these areas.

UFOs sighted in the United States have been reported primarily over the northeastern and mid-western states such as New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, etc. The west coast state of California is also the scene of frequent UFO activity. These states have a few factors in common, being industrially developed and usually rich in natural resources. However, I believe the most important fact about these states is that they all possess major population centers - cities - New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, Philadelphia, etc. Keep this fact in mind when learning of city sightings. As co-editor of the "Flying Sau-

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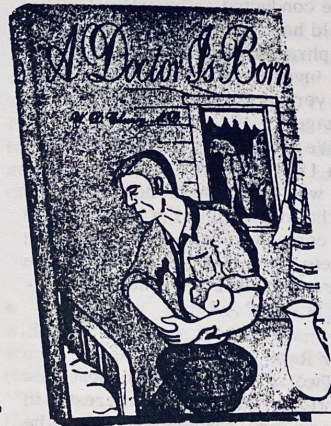
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cer Report" along with Raymond Keller II, I have heard many incidents of UFO hostility and tend to believe that flying saucers are hostile, but to date hostility cannot be called a definite characteristic of all UFOs.

Nevertheless, UFOs are probably responsible for many murders, kidnappings, blackouts and other disturbances, not only in one geographic area, but throughout the world.

In conclusion, after a review of these facts, apparently the flying saucers' purpose in coming to Earth is, as of now, observation. The above facts also permit us to narrow down the reasons for observation to two possibilities.

1. Because of the UFOs' frequent hostile behavior their purpose could be eventual conquest, though the reason Earth would be so desirable is not evident. Perhaps they plot conquest only as a last resort to prevent us from a major nuclear war which would affect the entire galaxy. If their intentions are hostile, their interest in the developed regions of the United States might spring from a need to know the most effective way to eliminate a great number of people in a concentrated area.

2. The other major possibility is that the aliens are on a higher intellectual as well as technical level than we are and they are interested in studying the highest form of life on Earth in places where that form is most abundant.

Many ufologists have reached these two major conclusions. They should serve as guidelines on which to conduct further and more detailed research. They should not, however, dictate completely our studies, for we must maintain a flexible UFO research policy and explore all aspects, lest we become as narrow-minded as the skeptic on certain points, which we cannot do if the puzzling riddle of the UFO is ever to be solved.

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• "More observers - more sightings" might be a better reason for "city sightings" large numbers. Also, let's not become "narrow-
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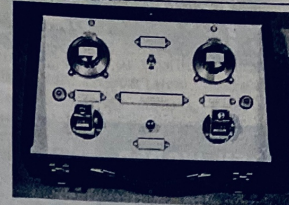
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mind' in assuming the saucers must necessarily be 'interplanetary', of all the theories, this one has the least evidence to support it, and the most illogical and improbable basis to use in our research. - Rap.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I would like to make a few comments about an article in your last issue of FLYING SAUCERS entitled, A ROUND UP ON THE BENDER MYSTERY by Kurt Glemser. In the article Mr. Glemser writes about Bender's severe headaches when contacted by the MIB and his telepathic communications in which Bender describes a 'voice'. Bender also tells about shadowy figures which "appeared" to him and "floated" in his direction. Bender wondered if he might be dreaming or "going nuts". I am reprinting here a letter from UFOs 1968 magazine written by a person from Germany. This man's name was withheld by request. Please notice the similarity between this story and Mr. Bender's experiences:

Sir: I am a foreigner (German) and in 1963 I was working at a German shipyard where I had to install radar equipment and other technical units on newly built warships. One day in May of 1963 I was strolling through a nearby forest when I heard a strange sound. It was late afternoon, cloudy but not yet dark when I stepped out of the forest and saw what appeared to be a flying saucer about 100 yards away. Then, something like a beamlight caught me, and if I may say so, took over my brain.

Now, I don't want to bore you with a fancy story about a strange faraway world. What I have to offer are facts. These saucers are not manned. They contain a big artifi-

cial brain, and they are searching for humans who can be used for spying and espionage work. It is very difficult for them to find people for this purpose, for the very reason such people might lose their minds. I had the same trouble for several days after this "psyche-beamlight" caught me. I heard whispers and sounds, and had the impression that rays and colors were torturing my brain. But the "thing" helped me to straighten everything out again, and in a few days after the first contact I felt normal once more even though this "thing" was still giving me orders. It saw everything with my eyes, and via this "thing" intelligent beings on another world saw the same. This continued on for several days until these other beings had everything they were looking for, and they ceased using me as their spy.

NAME WITHHELD
BY REQUEST

One can conclude from this letter that the MIB may have also taken over Mr. Bender's mind, which would explain the headaches he experienced and the "voices" he heard. Or, perhaps the MIB created an illusion of a brain inside the saucer to the German person. Personally I do not believe Mr. Bender's story or the story of the German person. But I could not help noticing the similarity between the two stories.

Jim Steadman
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• Sounds like Shaver, more than "saucers" to me! - Rap.

Dear Ray:

It may interest some of your readers to check the magazine SCIENCE, Vol. 180, June 14, 1968, page 1258. The letter was sent in by Thorton Page of the Van Vleck Observatory, Wesley University, Middletown, Connecticut on "Photographic Sky Coverage for the Detection of U.F.O.s". Also by the same writer in SCIENCE, August 16, 1968, Vol. 161, page 631, a note from which I quote, "My efforts in teaching a course on Flying Saucers and organizing (with Carl Sagan) a 'symposium on U.F.O.s' at the AAAS meeting in Dallas on 27-28 December, 1968 are directed toward more objective data."

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The reason I wish to point this out to some researchers is that Thornton Page (formerly of John Hopkins University) was a member of the now famous "1953 Robertson Panel" whose report on U.F.O.s was secret by the power of the C.I.A. (John Lear - Saturday Review, Sept. 3, 1966, page 45). Also, according to NICAP's Investigator, Nov.-Dec., 1967, Thornton Page began teaching his course on U.F.O.s at Wesleyan University in 1967. It is the first of its kind. After fourteen years have gone by, this would indicate to me that Mr. Page thinks they are real.

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