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SKYLOOK EDITOR GETS EXPERTS' VIEWS ON UFO FILM AT MOLINE, ILL.

Ted Phillips, Jr., SKYLOOK's able assistant editor, has done it again! His persistent efforts to obtain more information on UFO sightings than is given by the press often pays off, and through correspondence, he now has more to add to the report of the UFO sighted and filmed over Moline, Ill., on March 9, 1967.

The sighting was reported by the A.P.R.O. BULLETIN and the NATIONAL ENQUIRER, among other news media at the time.

Bill Fisher, age 32, a Moline policeman, did not believe in flying saucers, but he frequently scanned the sky because he considered it a part of his duty to be able to identify aircraft and he was proud of his ability to do so. And what he saw in the skies over Moline that afternoon at 1:30 o'clock did not resemble anything he had seen before.

He spotted the object when he stopped at the Sacred Heart School to speak to his son, age 12, and the two, along with other students and one of the Sisters (who later did not want to discuss it) watched the brilliant object for about three minutes. Fisher said the object had an outline similar to a football and he estimated it to be about 30-40 feet long and a mile to a mile and a half away at an altitude of around 4000 feet. (He was later given eye tests and altitude estimation tests by the Air Force which found him to be accurate.)

The policeman watched two minutes and was so "completely flabbergasted" he did not think of his 8mm movie camera that he had with him. Then by the time he had the camera adjusted, the object was moving away and disappearing and what he actually filmed was a second object which appeared as the first one was moving away. The second one hovered at 3000 feet then moved off to the west.

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MAY BE LIFE ON MARS, SAYS SPEAKER

Mr. Louis Desjardens, of Tulsa, introduced as a geologist with extensive training in photo interpretation and as one of the leading amateur astronomers in this country, was the main speaker at the Oklahoma section of APRO, held at the Central Library in Tulsa, May 15.

Without admitting a personal belief in UFO's, Mr. Desjardens, assumed their possible existence for the purpose of his talk. It is very unlikely they originate outside our solar system, he says, because of the great distances involved and the time required to travel such distances. The idea of speed greater than the speed of light is hard to conceive.

If UFO's do originate in our solar system the most likely place is Mars, he suggests. It appears chemically and physically possible that life could have evolved on Mars much as it did on Earth. In fact, he feels the evolutionary process on Mars could have occurred more rapidly there because the rarified atmosphere would not screen out so many cosmic rays.

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SEND UNKNOWN TO PUBLISHER'S LAB

John F. Kuhns, SKYLOOK's publisher, has moved into a home of his own, together with Mrs. Kuhns, and has set up his own home lab.

He has generously offered to attempt an analysis of any unknown metals, etc. which may be suspected to be of UFO origin, using his own lab facilities and those of the U.M.K.C. Chemistry Department.

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AT THE NEWS STAND

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

SAGA--June--"Unidentified Underwater Saucers" by Joan Whritenour and Brad Steiger.

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SCIENCE & MECHANICS--July--"Ithaca's Terrifying Flying Saucer Epidemic".

MEN MAGAZINE--July--"13 New Flying Saucer Stories the Pentagon Can't Hush Up" by Jacques Vallee. A review of some of the really good UFO sightings.

SAGA--July--"Mysterious Cass Attacks" by John A. Keel.

***** Review *****

SPACELINK

We have received a copy of SPACELINK a quartly UFO magazine published at 15 Freshwater Court, Crawford St., London, W.I., England; for 1.75 per year.

The march issue of about 30 pages contains good photos, UFO sightings in England, Australia and elsewhere (even Colorado's Snippy is mentioned) book reviews, articles dealing with astronomy, magazin and book lists, letters from readers, advertising etc.

Your editor found it interesting and recommends it.

THESE ARE NOT UFO'S

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

It might be interesting to note that a comet is visible in the constellation Cassiopeia, located directly north of Polaris, the North Star. The comet was visible through binoculars during the middle of May and may become a naked eye object as it approaches the sun.

Another astronomical note: The Pons-Winnecke meteor shower will be visible between June 27 and June 30. Also the Cygnid meteor shower on July 14. July 18 through July 30 will present the Capricornid meteor shower.

CONGRESSMAN CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

Lou Farish, of Plumerville, Ark., sends us an article from the ARKANSAS GAZETTE of May 2, 1968, reporting that Rep. J. Edward Roush (Dem. Ind.) called for a congressional probe of UFO's. He quoted from LOOK's recent article highly critical of the Condon study and suggested that Congress take over the study from the Air Force.

William J. Mencarow, Jr., an APRO investigator wrote our assistant editor, "I viewed the film several times, and can only say that it showed a small, white, oblong object that moved along with the camer's panning. The object was in view for 30-45 seconds on the film. It seemed to have two centers of reflectance, one inside the other."

The film was also seen by the U.S.A.F., two representatives from Northwestern University, and by Dr. Allen Utke, APRO consultant. The latter interviewed Officer Fisher and reported he did not feel Fisher elaborated in any way on what he saw.

Mr. William T. Powers, Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek's assistant, wrote: "The Moline movies (standard 8mm) did show an object. It was about 1/50 of the frame width wide, and was in the shape of a fuzzy oval. The image was so small, and the effects of the atmosphere wavering so badly, that there were no two frames alike, that is in which the image had exactly the same shape. During the exposures the image gets continually smaller, as if the object were moving away. Fisher was very disappointed in the photographic results, stating that his aided visual view was much clearer--he didn't look of the camera until the sighting was fully over. Fisher is solid and reliable; nobody suspects trickery of anykind. Unfortunately the movies do not contain enough information to enable us to say what the object was or was not. According to Fisher's description the object was a silvery oval; there were two seen in succesopm. but the photographs were taken only of one."

Mr. Phillips sums it up: "Based on the letters it would seem that this is a very good sighting. Two objects of unknown origin were observed by Mr. Fisher and by several other people; one was filmed. Although the film was not of the best quality, it does show that an object of some sort was there. I think we have here another "hard" report which, when added to the ever growing number of "hard" reports increases the evidence for the UFO phenomenon to a point where it can no longer be laughed at or ignored."

FREE! FREE! FREE!

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Latest issue of Air Force Project Bluebook. Write: SAF-OICC, Hq. USAF, Wash., D.C. 20339.

***** Review *****

SAUCERSCOOP

Joan Whritenour, 6464 34th Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla., 33710., is the editor of SAUCER SCOOP, a monthly magazine whose policy is "to print all pertinent data relative to the UFO field in general *** ant to present BOTH sides of any controversial subject ***and to the best of our knowledge TRUTH." The price is \$\$.00 per year.

Mrs. Whritenour and Brad Steiger authored "UNidentified Underwater Saucers" in the June issue of SAGA and are working on a book to be published this summer.

SAUCER SCOOP is recommended by your editor.

METEORITE HITS BUILDING

Denver, plagued by mysterious earthquakes for six years, now has had a rather rare visitor from outer space, a meteorite.

Scientists of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum reported they had indentified as a meteorite a fist-sized black stone that ripped a small hole in the roof of a Denver warehouse. They said it's one of the few meteorites in recorded history known to have damaged buildings. Most of them, fortunately, have fallen in vacant areas. KANSAS CITY STAR, May 24.

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IT WASN'T ECHO I

Several times in recent weeks, unidentified bright objects in the sky have been explained as probably being Echo I. The May 23rd issue of the KANSAS CITY TIMES reports: "Echo I, a man-made star in the heavens for almost eight years, still has the experts guessing as to when it's going to plunge down to a fiery death."

In the April issue of SKYLOOK we mentioned the flash of light seen across New Hampshire and Connecticut March 27, thought by some to be Echo I. A jet pilot flying at 17,000 feet, between Hartford and Boston, reported he was about 100 miles south of Boston about 7:05 p.m. when he saw the flash go across the sky, moving from the northeast to the southwest. Later a group of astronomy fans in Keene, N. H., reported that ten members saw a flash in the northern sky, and it was also reported from Manchester, New Hampshire.

On March 29, Dr. Joseph H. Senne, chairman of the department of civil engineering at the University of Missouri at Rolla, stated "I'm a bit doubtful as to whether it was Echo I . . . I wouldn't think the satellite would make that large a flash."

We still don't know what the bright flash was, but we do know now that it couldn't have been Echo I.

ANOTHER OPINION

Prof. F. Graham Smith of England's Jodrell Bank Observatory states that he and other radio astronomers there have been convinced since last September the radio signals from outer space are from uninhabited objects.

Since considerable publicity has been given to Cambridge University scientists (who first discovered the radio waves) feeling there is a possibility the signals are from intelligent beings, we predict this topic is going to be kicked about quite a bit before the final verdict is in.

SIUFO SEEKS MEMBERS

Tim Kuhlmann, Director of SIUFO (Students Investigation of UFO's), writes SKYLOOK his organization is seeking new members from everywhere.

This group is composed of students between the ages of 12 and 17 years and "the main purpose of the SIUFO is to unite the efforts of those members making science projects in next year's science fairs. The projects will present evidence of UFO's and will be in criticism to the University of Colorado project."

A group of advisors (adult UFO researchers) work with the young people, and your editor has been invited to serve. Before accepting, we wrote Tim, reminding him our policy is to "separate fact from fantasy" and we are interested in honest reports by responsible citizens as opposed to tales of saucer rides etc. Tim assures us his group is "interested only in scientific and objective investigations and investigations" whereupon we gladly join his group.

The enthusiasm of youth should never be underestimated and is a powerful factor in any cause, and one of these young students may be tomorrow's scientists to contribute the most to the study of ufology.

If you would like to become a member of this organization, or to learn more about its work before deciding, write Tim Kuhlmann, 1741 S.W. 17, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73108.

SKYLOOK extends a warm welcome to SIUFO. We hope you will become our readers and our reported. Write to our editors and we'll do our best to help you in any way.

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UFO IN ILLINOIS

Jay DeWitt, 16, and Steven Richardson, 15, Mt. Vernon, Ill., reported seeing an unidentified flying object the night of April 30th. They were at the Richardson home and called to their parents who also saw an object with brilliant flashing white lights which seemed to hover in the sky, then moved off to the south at great speed. The flashing lights moved from left to right like directional signals on late model cars. All four observers were sure the object was not a plane.

ADVERTISE IN NEXT MONTH'S SKYLOOK!

Seene and heard in the Ayres, in the Counties of Cambridge and Norfolk on the 21 day of May last past in the afternoone, 1646 * * * * to warne and awaken the Eastern Association, with the Southerne parts of the Kingdome.

About New-Market in the County of Cambridge, there were seen by divers honest, sober and civill persons, and men of good credit, three men in the Ayre striving, struggling and tugging together, one of them having a drawn sword in his hand, from which Judgement God in mercy perserve these three Kingdomes, of England, Scotland, and Ireland, from further conflicts and blood.

Betwixt Newmarket and Thetford in the foresaid County of Suffolk, there was observed a pillar or a Cloud to ascend from the earth, with the bright hilts of a sword towards the bottom of it, which pillar did ascend in a pytamidall form, and fashioned itself into forme of a pike or lance, with a very accute point out of the Skye but did not engage itself.

The first Speare which came down from Heaven point black, was after a while elevated higher, and that spire or Speare which went up from the earth, ascended after it, to encounter with it a second time.

This continued about an houre and a halfe.

At Spoham in the County of Cambridge aforesaid, a ball of wild-fire fell upon the earth, which burnt up and poyled about an Aker of Graine, and when it had rolled and runned up and down to the terror of many people and some Townesmen that see it, it dissolved and left a most sulphurous stinck behind it.

Also at Camberton in the County aforesaid, divers of the Trayned Bands being met east a Muster, did behold the forme of a spire Steeple in the Skye, with divers Swords set around it.

Also at Brandon in the County of Norfolk the inhabitants were forced to come out of their houses to behold a Pike or lance descending downward from Heaven. The Lord in mercy bless and preserve his Church and settle Peace and truth among our Church men.

In Brandon in the County aforesaid was seen at the same time a Navie or Fleet of Ships in the ayre, swiftly passing under Sayle, with Flags and streamers hanged out, as if they were ready to give encounter.

In Marshaland in the County of Norfolk aforesaid of Kings Linne, a Captain, and a Lieutenant, with divers other persons of credit, did heare in the time of Thunder, a

sound as of a whole Regiment of Drums beating a call with perfect notes and stops, much admired by all that heard it.

And the like Military sound was heard in Suffolk upon the same day, and in other parts of the Eastern Association.

In all these places there was great Thunder, with Raine and Haile-stones of extraordinary bignesse and round, with some hollow like rings

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THE FIRST UFO?

The Rev. Dr. Webb Garrison, of Evansville, Ind. thinks the first recorded report of a UFO is given in the first chapter of Ezekiel in the Bible. Ezekiel tells of seeing a strange machine from the sky land near the Chebar River in Chaldea--now Iraq.

The craft was "gleaming bronze" like a "wheel within a wheel," Ezekiel describes it and occupied by creatures fromed like men but with four faces. "The four wheels had rims and they had spokes; and their rims were full of eyes round about * * * when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. STATE JOURNAL, Lansing, Mich.

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LIFE ON MARS--CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

These rays are thought to affect genes and cause mutations; hence the more cosmic rays striking living creatures the more mutations, and the more rapidly the evolutionary process would take place. The laws of evolution, Mr. Desjardens says, would indicate that physical shapes would evolve under the environment on Mars much as they would here. It is quite conceivable that creatures similar to man may have evolved. One big difference might be the absence of lungs in animal life on Mars. The atmosphere there contains about 5% oxygen, whereas ours contains about 21%. However, animal life on Mars might obtain oxygen through a digestive process from chemicals such as iron oxide in food. Or, there may be a combination animal-plant process involving chlorophyll, whereby oxygen is manufactured and consumed within the animal.

The speaker does not completely agree with the official photo interpretation of Mariner IV photos of Mars taken in 1965. He thinks there maybe a deep mantle of soil on Mars. If so, much activity by living things could take place underground.

This would provide insulation from the extreme diurnal temperature changes from 75-80 degrees in daytime to -60 to -100 degrees at night. Mr. Desjardens theorized that life may grow in daytime and become dormant at night.

He suggests that intelligence and achievement on Mars may have advanced to the point where people have space ships, as we have ours, and the UFO's seen are predominately tourists looking us over out of curiosity. Or, they may be some official craft carrying on scientific study or experiments.

As reported in the May issue of SKYLOOK, this group heard a tape recording of Carroll Watts' adventures with spacemen and flying saucers at their previous meeting. At that time Watts had agreed to come to Tulsa from Loco, Texas, to undergo hypnotic tests at the Tulsa University and to undergo truth drug tests under leading Tulsa psychiatrists. It was announced at this meeting Watts had refused to come, the result being that some show had placed their confidence in Watts found their confidence considerably shaken.

The group has invited Dr. Frank Stranges to lecture and show his film "Phenomenon 7.7." Mention was made of the UFO series to be shown on the NBC network this fall, hosted by Stranges.

Editor's Note: If the Watts' story left a creditability gap, wait until they listen to Dr. Stranges. We can't help feeling this new organization is starting out on the wrong foot, and this is regrettable. We do not doubt their sincere intent to become serious students of ufology--and when they dig a little deeper into the subject, we trust they will drop tie-in's with the kook element and turn to responsible leaders in the field.