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## Hynek Urges International UFO Study

Another step forward in the ufology investigative field was taken Oct. 15th when an informal meeting of scientists representing the United States and eight other countries was held in New York City. The purpose was to discuss UFO's and to explore the possibility of international cooperation in their study.

The meeting was organized by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book, and head of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. Participants spoke freely in a round table discussion and were promised they would not be quoted by name without their specific consent.

The representative from Brazil, which has been experiencing a UFO flap, stated the Brazilian Air Force was recently instructed to organize an investigation of UFO's with the aid of civilian experts.

Two of the recommendations made was a standardization of the UFO report forms and total international cooperation in the study.

The above was written from reports in the A.P.R.O. Bulletin of Tucson, Arizona, and the N. Y. TIMES. A "Bulletin" comment:--"The meeting is, in our opinion, the most intelligent and objective step that has been taken so far toward the solution of the UFO mystery. We might add that Dr. Hynek informs us that continued informal association for exchange of pertinent information will take place, but that no formal move will be made by the international group until the Condon Report is issued and thoroughly digested."

Since then a panel discussion on unidentified flying objects was held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the National Electronics Conference at the Conrad Hilton hotel in Chicago. Dr. Hynek was chairman and other members were William Powers, Dearborn observatory and Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Evanston; Dr. David Saunders, of the University of Colorado; and Fred Beckman, University of Chicago.

Dr. Saunders, you will recall, was formerly with the Condon group and was fired last February. He is the author of a book "UFOs? Yes!" which may be on the news stands by the time this reaches you--and it will be a "must" on our reading list.

## Spoofogram

UFO to Mother Ship: "Help! Just been boarded by an Earthman who demands we take him to a place called Cuba."

Happy New Year!

With the Editor

Beginning with this issue, we are publishing as well as editing SKYLOOK, and all subscriptions, correspondence etc should now be addressed to Mrs. Norma E. Short, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078.

John F. Kuhns, former publisher, felt he could not continue and what with telephone conversations, correspondence and John being hospitalized for a time, there was a delay in sending the subscription lists from Kansas City to your editor.

All subscribers have been notified their subscriptions have been extended to cover the 3-month suspension of SKYLOOK, and we thank them for their patience and the renewals which have started to come in. We are also grateful for the letters from readers, fellow editors and others who have encouraged us to carry on--and especially to our loyal staff who promise their continued support.

John Kuhns, a student at KCMU, heads a college study group in ufology and we hope all will become readers of SKYLOOK and will send us reports of their meetings and progress.

As a bonus to the "old faithful" and to attract new readers, we are making a special subscription offer of

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and promise you will receive SKYLOOK for the full term of your subscription or your money will be refunded. At this time we are not accepting subscriptions outside the United States and Canada. This special offer may be repeated in the February issue, depending upon the response through January, but positively will not be made beyond that time. Our regular subscription price is \$3.00 per year.

This is our first time to cut stencils and operate a mimeograph, and if you will bear with us until we get the hang of it, we'll get out a neater magazine in the future--we surely couldn't do any worse.

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The Astronomy Corner--A Regular SKYLOOK Feature by Ted Phillips, Jr.

The planet Mercury will be visible in the southwestern sky for about an hour after sunset. The planet's magnitude will be about -0.5. The planet Venus, often reported as a UFO, will be quite visible in the southwestern sky throughout January. Glowing at a brilliant -3.7 mag. the planet will set some 3½ hours after the sun.

The red planet, Mars, will be visible in the constellation Virgo. It can be seen in the after-midnight sky. The magnitude jumps from a -1.8 to a -1.6 as the planet moves nearer Earth. It will reach opposition on June 9, 1969 for one of the closest approaches in recent years.

Jupiter also is in Virgo with a magnitude of -1.5. The ringed Saturn is visible throughout the evening high in the southern sky.

Two meteor showers will occur during January--the Quadrantids on the 4th and the Cygnids on the 17th.

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Saucer SC00P, edited by Joan Whritenour, at 6464 34th Ave, North, St. Petersburg, Fla., 33710 (published monthly, \$4.00 per year) is one of our favorites. There are many UFO sightings, along with articles on ufology, and Joan's personal "Scoop Snoops" which dart with wit and humor from one topic to another.--Review

## Large UFO Seen in Missouri Ozarks

While SKYLOOK was in a state of limbo for three months, our Ozarks roving reporter, Ted Phillips, Jr., was busy following up every UFO sighting report coming to his attention and chasing down every elusive clue which sometimes leads to pay dirt and, as often as not, to naught.

Missouri is truly the "show me" state where seeing is believing, but believing is not always "telling", especially in the hill country of the Ozarks where caution is second nature in talking to strangers--when the subject is as suspect as flying saucers. It speaks well for Mr. Phillips' ability and personality that he is able to come up with so many good reports, on convincing the observer that names and exact locations will be held in confidence when so requested.

The following is another instance of the observer not wanting publicity, so we will call her Mrs. X and say no more of the location than it being north of the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mrs. X and her son were driving home from a visit with a relative the night of November 11. It was cloudy and a light mist was falling. She had just turned north on a gravel road when her son called her attention to a light ahead. It appeared to be about the size of Venus, but much brighter. Nearing a curve in the road, they saw the object hovering just above tree top level just beyond the curve. It seemed to be a large white mass of light and they could not discern any clear shape.

Frightened by this time, Mrs. X made the curve at a faster rate of speed and saw the object about 60 feet distant, and it began to rise slowly. Its light illuminated the trees and ground below. Mrs. X estimated it to be about 18 to 20 feet in diameter and around 7 feet thick. Its light flashed off and on at one second intervals and no other lights could be seen. She said there may have been a metal surface below the light, but she could not be sure, and the object was dark when the light was off. There was no sound at any time. The object remained visible behind the car for about a quarter of a mile as Mrs. X sped on.

Her father reported to Ted that she and the boy reached home in a frightened and nervous state. About 8:10 the same evening, the three and seven others living in the neighborhood saw what appeared to be the same object flying in circles over the area, its lights continuing to flash on and off as before. At this time a plane was also observed and bore no resemblance to the strange light.

Ted is continuing his investigation of this sighting and hopes to obtain more information from the other witnesses in the area.

## Radar Picks Up Brazilian UFO

Sao Paulo, Brazil.--A luminous, orange-colored unidentified flying object was observed for 15 minutes at low altitude Tuesday night over the nearby town of Guarulhos. Cumbica air base said the unidentified object was picked up on its radar, then suddenly disappeared. (Source: "Hamilton Spectator", Nov. 21, Credit: Lou Farish)

CAPRO, one of the top Canadian publications, is now going on a bi-monthly basis and the next edition (November-December) will be out this month (January). Brian C. Cannon heads this fine magazine. The address is CAPRO, P. O. Box 1316, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada. (News Note)

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## UFO Over Salem, Mo.

They are not certain of the exact date other than it was one night during the first week in September, but two women in Salem are certain they saw a flying object different from anything they had ever seen before, and they are also certain it was not a plane.

It was about 10:30 on a clear night and one woman (names are in our files) was attracted to the window of her bedroom when a bright glow filled the room from some point outside. She saw a platter-shaped object "of reddish orange" pulsating light moving from the northwest to the northeast above the tree tops. She called the other woman who came to the window and both watched the object until it disappeared from sight. Both agreed as to its shape and color and one added it seemed to have a slight dome, and one thought there was a slight buzzing sound. They described its size as "large as the moon."

Neither had seen, nor up to that moment, had any particular interest in UFO's. Now they are wondering.

Another interesting report reached us from Salem. On another clear night this past summer a Salem business man was returning to Salem from Rolla on Highway 72 when he became aware of a bright object approaching rapidly across the open fields. Curious, he stopped the car, but when the object became closer and larger, he became frightened and left the area at a high rate of speed.

## Many See UFO Over Kansas City

Following a report of a UFO over Kansas City the night of Dec. 9, Ted Phillips, Jr. made an attempt to get further details and received a letter from KMBC TV, Channel 9. The report, as given by that station, was: "Kansas City Missouri police have received numerous calls concerning an unidentified flying object which whipped over the Plaza area about 9 o'clock tonight. Calls to KMBC-TV indicate it was circular in shape with white lights situated around it. Police have dispatched a helicopter into the area."

The writer said no further information had been received, and the press did not carry a story of the sighting. If any of our readers have more to add to this, SKYLOOK would like to hear from them.

## Robert E. Loftin Dies

Robert E. Loftin, 50, of Tulsa, Okla., and widely known UFO enthusiast and author, suffered a heart attack the evening of Nov. 21st while en route to a UFO meeting and was dead upon arrival at a medical center.

Loftin recently wrote a book "Identified Flying Saucers" and was a director of the Tulsa Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. A native of Dyer, Ark., Loftin was an Army intelligence officer during World War II. He spent much of his life in Fort Smith, moving to Tulsa about nine years ago from Joplin, Mo. His wife and a daughter are among those surviving him.

## Review or AdV?

We print ads word for word as they are written, but a "review" is in our own words and our own thinking. We intend to make this differentiation, and just thought you'd like to know.

## Tri-State UFO Study Group Meeting

All APRO members and others interested in ufology in the Quincy, Ill. area will want to attend the Tri-State UFO Study Group meeting to be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 22 at the First United Presbyterian church in Quincy. A very interesting program is planned.

Walter Andrus, Jr., Co-Chairman of the Illinois section of APRO, will review the Steve Michalak UFO sighting at Falcon Lake near Winnipeg, Canada, in May 1967. Our readers will recall this famous case-- Michalak, a Winnipeg mechanic, had an encounter with a low flying disc and suffered radiation burns as the UFO ascended from the ground within a few feet of the observer.

Dr. Ralph Theobald, Radiologist from Blessing Hospital, will analyze Michalak's illness from the medical viewpoint, and Mr. Raymond Taylor, Radiological Officer for the Quincy-Adams County Civil Defense, will discuss the radiation aspects of the landing.

## A Whatzit over Marion County, Missouri

The Hannibal (Mo.) COURIER-POST reported two unidentified flying objects seen over Marion County early Thursday morning, Nov. 21. The first was seen at approximately 5:40 a.m., rising from the horizon at a point approximately 5 degrees west of north in the northern sky. It rose to an angle from the horizon of about 15 degrees, and then appeared to fall to earth. Because it had the appearance of a falling star, it was almost forgotten, when a second one rose at 6:08 a.m. from almost the same spot on the northern horizon and advanced in a southwesterly direction, passing over Marion County almost directly overhead (perhaps one degree west of perpendicular) and disappeared below the horizon in the south-southwest.

The course of the second UFO apparently brought it closer to the surface of the earth here, and farther out in the north and south. It was brilliant in the morning sunlight, reflected apparently from a rounded surface, and gave the same appearance as the old Echo II, which was still orbiting the earth in 1967.

Inquiry at Scott's Air Force Base indicated that the object had not been recorded there, though one had been reported from Belleville at 6:40 the day before. The Weather Bureau at St. Louis reported that it keeps no records. The Adler Planetarium of Chicago said the description fits the old Echo II, tho the latter is no longer tracked. The first one seen was explained as a falling star.

## A Call for Help

Other saucer magazines have their problems too. Gene Duplantier, editor of that fine Canadian quarterly "Saucers, Space & Science", calls for help. Due to a postal strike in Canada with delivery delays and subsequent falling off in subscriptions, along with a rise in postal rates and other production costs, Gene says SS&S may have to phase out as it is and become only an exchange bulletin with other UFO clubs unless new subscriptions are forthcoming.

You can write Gene at 17 Shetland St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada. In our opinion SS&S is one of the top magazines in the ufology field and we'd hate to see it fold.

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At the News Stand--by Ted Phillips, Jr.

SAGA-December- "Flying Saucer Mother Ships" by Otto O. Biner. January-"The Bermuda Triangle", an article on the disappearances of aircraft and ships in the area off the western coast of Florida.

"The UFO Evidence", in its sixth reprinting. NICAP's 200,000 word illustrated and documented UFO report, price \$5.00 at NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

"Mars, the New Frontier"--by W. A. Webb. Published by Fearon Publishers, San Francisco 15, Calif in 1956. An older book but very interesting. A wealth of information on the planet Mars, also some UFO sightings.

"UFOs: A New Look"--a new NICAP book, now at the printers. Price \$3.00. May be ordered now from NICAP.

Watch for "The Condon Report" to be published in a paperback by Bantam Books.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER--Jan. 9, 1969--"UFO Hovers 300 Feet Above Brazilian Beach."

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#### Flying Saucers Tie Up Traffic

San Jose, Costa Rica, Nov. 16--Traffic jammed solid on San Jose's main streets Saturday as hundreds of people stood staring up at what appeared to be two silvery flying saucers clearly seen crossing the cloudless morning sky.

One of the unidentified objects flew across from east to west, the other from northeast to southwest. (Source: "Philadelphia Inquirer," Credit, Lou Farish)

#### "Something" Shakes the Louisville Area.

The Louisville, Ky. area was shaken by something Dec. 11, but no one seemed to know what it was. Residents reported either feeling an earth vibration, hearing a loud sound, or both. (An earthquake was felt in Kentucky and 20 other states in November, but many said this was different.)

"It knocked the dishes plumb out of my china cabinet," reported Mrs. Earl Johnson. "It only lasted one or two seconds," said W. D. Day. "There was a slight rumble and then a big noise and a click."

A. R. Egbert, chief of air traffic control, said there was nothing on radar at Standiford Field to indicate a sonic boom. The long range radar center at Indianapolis also reported no such flights. The Air Force base at Peru, Ind., reported it had no planes in the area at the time of the noise, about 10 a.m. Negative reports also came from a semismograph at St. Louis University and from the National Earthquake Information Center near Washington.

State police in Frankfort, Elizabethtown and LaGrange offices said they had received no reports of tremors there. (KANSAS CITY STAR, 12-12-68)

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## The Skylook Staff

For the benefit of new readers, and to introduce some new members of the SKYLOOK staff, we will briefly list our assistants without whom this publication could not function.

Ted Phillips, Jr., of 1113 Ware Ave., Sedalia, Mo., helped us get the first issue of SKYLOOK on the road and has been our right hand man ever since. As a roving reporter, he covers the Ozarks from the Sedalia area to and including the Lake of the Ozarks and goes further when on the track of a particularly interesting sighting. Ted is a NICAP member and has almost 4,000 UFO sightings in his files. He also writes "The Astronomy Corner" and heads our "At the News Stand." He is an employee of the Missouri State Highway Department.

Also with us from the beginning is John F. Schuessler, P. O. Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo. A member of APRO, he heads the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and writes "UFO Potpourri", an excellent exchange bulletin. He frequently addresses Lions clubs and other organizations on the subject of UFO's and is a tireless investigator in the ufology field. John is a Senior Design Engineer at the McDonnell Astronautics Co. in St. Louis.

Lucius Parish of Route 1, Plumerville, Ark., also a member of NICAP, is responsible for our reports on Arkansas sightings. He is a writer and his articles appear in most of the magazines which carry ufology articles. One of his recent articles appeared in "The National Enquirer" under their "Strange Happenings" feature. Lou carries on a voluminous correspondence with other writers and ufology enthusiasts, and is currently working on a book. He writes with knowledge and wit.

David Schroth, of 4517A, Pennsylvania Ave., St. Louis, is the secretary of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and another APRO member. He excels in research work in UFO cases where comparison shows that certain characteristics seem to form a pattern, and this is a field needing serious study.

SKYLOOK has two teen-age contributors--Tim Kuhlmann, of 1741 S.W. 17, Oklahoma City, a student; and Kurt Glemser, of 489 Krug St., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Tim formerly headed a youth study group, and has long been collecting UFO data. We are depending on him to keep us posted on the sky look in his state. Kurt says he is a hippie and if we publish, that, we will be the first! His articles have appeared in many UFO publications and indicate depth of thought and study.

Last, and far from least, we are proud to announce that Walter Andrus, Jr., Co-Chairman of the Illinois section of APRO, is a new member of our staff. An able investigator, writer and speaker, Walt has done much to further interest in ufology in his state. He is a plant manager of Motorola in Quincy, Ill., and lives at 40 Christopher Court.

Your editor subscribes to both APRO and NICAP publications and wishes to cooperate with all responsible UFO groups, but is bound to none. Our policy remains as before--let's separate fact from fantasy. Our reports are from reliable sources, to the best of our knowledge, and we will never deliberately "color" a story to add interest.

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