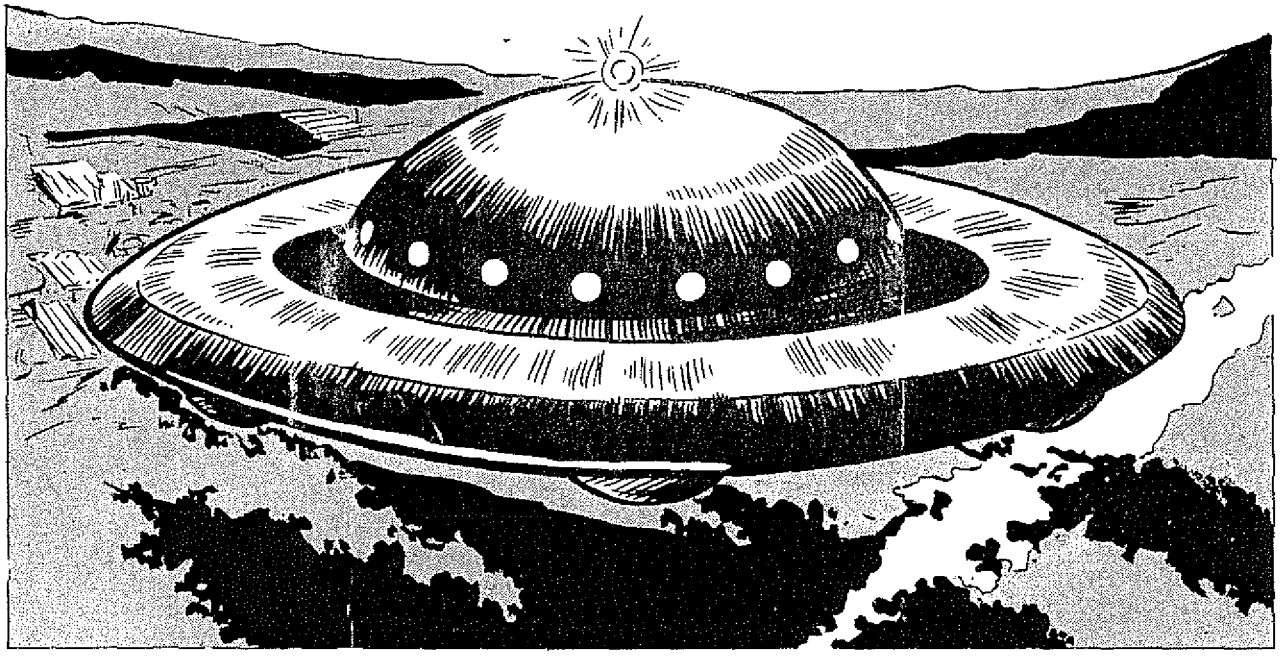




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This issue is dedicated in honour and fond memory of MRS. ETHNE EARLE HAMBER, M.A., who passed away at her home in Christchurch on the 12th September. Mrs. Hamber, C.S.I. representative since our inauguration, was a very fine lady who had a brilliant career, and was founder and patron of the New Zealand Interplanetary Society, serving as president for a number of years. Her loss is a sad one for N.Z.I.S. and C.S.I.

Edited by
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Editorial

PROJECT SKYWATCH SWINGS INTO ACTION

"Project Skywatch," designed to enable a most comprehensive survey of "Unidentified Flying Objects," period August '56-February, '57, has been successfully launched. Already quite an appreciable number of arresting observations have been received at headquarters.

Because the Fijian, Tongan and Samoan areas have been somewhat neglected in the past and because, too, of the interesting reports received from this theatre recently, we have decided to include this area of the Pacific in our Project Skywatch operation.

To enable news of our scheme to become more widely known and because we have invited the public's participation, copies of our special bulletin detailing the operation were forwarded to all newspapers. We have to thank the press for its generous mention of our plans. Copies were also sent to New Zealand broadcasting stations.

To further broaden the news cast of our project and perhaps bring in some good reports from skilled observers, copies of "Skywatch" bulletins were forwarded to all New Zealand and Pacific Meteorological Stations, Airport Control Towers and Aer-radio Stations.

To date we are happy to report that our reps. and members are showing proof of their genuine interest for the scheme and giving excellent co-operation. Many reports (sightings and other references) which do not appear in the Auckland papers are received, in most cases the following day, even from the far south. This is truly appreciated, for it permits of very quick follow-up action and we have far better chance of ascertaining important facts missing in the first report.

Certainly, as our colleagues know, we would eventually (about three weeks later) re-

ceive all these press mentions from a press cutting agency, but this is far too late to hope to effect good or more certain investigation. We are kept well in the picture from all parts of the world, by kindred groups, now globally located. Our press cutting service also covers England, Australia and Japan, the English clips arriving weekly by airmail. Certainly such extensive coverage is costly and our funds never find chance to accumulate, but we are doing the very best possible with available resources. We still need much essential equipment and it is our long hope that one day our cause and work will interest or impress the right people who may be able to assist in the most effective way known to man.

At this date in mid-August, as I prepare this editorial, it does really look as if our forecast for numerous world-wide sightings of UFOs to take place during and following the Earth-Mars "opposition," shows promise of again ringing true. Many of our readers may have forgotten the forecast we made in February, 1954, for the second half of '54. The numerous sightings and many hotly disputed landings reported in widely separated countries of the northern hemisphere, during the months June through to December, proved most conclusively the accuracy of our forecast, at that time. Civilian researchers received no acknowledgment from official or press sources, nor are we greatly worried about it. However, the events coming as they did when expected gave us great heart and much needed stimulus and confidence in a field of research dogged by setbacks and discouragements generally. We have found that the same ground has to be repeatedly reploughed and the extraordinary evidence similarly re-demonstrated in an effort to gain proper recognition by those in authority and those blinded by an obsession of prejudice in the extreme.

Then seemingly paradoxically, we don't for a moment believe that top world authorities are in the least blind to the strange goings on in our skies. We are just as certain the many official denials, interwoven as they are with strange contradictory suggestions, are part of a long range plan to prepare the peoples of the world for astonishing official disclosures that must eventually be made. Are the peoples of the world ready for such news? must surely be their most worried question. For sure, the leaders of the great powers know far more positive facts about our "Space Visitors" than civilian researchers have yet been able to muster; that this world has such visitors, we have in the main little doubt.

Meanwhile, on with "Project Skywatch."

About Ourselves . . .

OUR AIMS AND OUR CLAIMS

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION, a non-profit organization, makes a continued research and investigation of "Unidentified Flying Objects and Correlated happenings." Membership is invited (£1 per annum). Regular monthly meetings and other relevant activities are in progress. Full Library facilities.

Leading Civilian Researchers, world wide, who have deeply probed the riddle of the "Unidentified Flying Objects," agree unaminously that there is an overwhelming case for the appearance in our skies of real physical devices (space going vehicles), controlled by apparent superior intelligences, operating from sources as yet alien to our world. Such visitations are continuous and periodically on the increase, and must lead to extraordinary changes in the basic concepts of human beliefs, practice, enlightenments, and scientific and technological attainments. Join our organization and keep abreast of these para-normal events. Our beliefs and suspicions are based on cold hard facts, as established by the most qualified of sources. Only prejudice in some quarters and the unprecedented nature of these happenings prevent the leaders of the world's greater nations granting official recognition of these facts. One thing is deadly certain. Sooner or later the authorities must admit of this and communicate the news, with, we hope, great wisdom to the peoples of our world.

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We wish to thank Mr. William Tennent, forced, because of poor health, to resign from the committee, most sincerely for the assistance he has given us in the past. Bill has been with us for 2½ years. He has promised to be along at our regular monthly meetings to assist whenever health permits.

C.S.I. PUBLICATION "FLYING SAUCERS" OUR FIRST FULLY PRINTED ISSUE

We have looked forward to being able to have the magazine fully printed since our inauguration of October, 1952. You will agree that the printed cover of our last four issues added prestige to our quarterly publication; with full print we hope to gain lots more. It is an expensive venture, but we feel confident that the risk is fully justified. With print we have doubled the number normally produced, so, Associates, we are relying on you all to interest many new subscribers. There is also room for more advertising (25/- ¼ page, plus cost of special blocks if required). If you are in business, send in your advt. If not, maybe you know someone that may or can be INTERESTED.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT YOUR MAGAZINE BECOMES SELF-SUPPORTING. We are already overjoyed with your New Zealand wide co-operation with "PROJECT SKYWATCH." See what you can do to ensure the continued appearance of your publication. This print—1000 copies—future issues? THAT'S UP TO YOU!

MANY FORMS OF NATURAL PHENOMENA

Associates are strongly advised to enlarge their knowledge from the many excellent publications on how to better recognise the many common and uncommon forms natural phenomena may take. There is no denying that many reported observations of "unusual things in the sky" can be truthfully explained as unrecognised manifestations of natural phenomena or mistaken identity. Then again, too, we caution those who are too ready to lightly dismiss expert observations. That unkind and nastily sounding word "ignorance" equally applies to both extremes.

ARE YOU EQUIPPED WITH A GOOD BINOCULAR?

We encourage members to take advantage of a special concession in price for good Binoculars (centre focus, German) which has been generously offered by a CSI committeeman. You will be receiving a 15% discount on normal retail value and the small remaining return received over actual cost will be paid into CSI funds.

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Don't forget, Associates, send your Advt. quickly, and so help to ensure the continued appearance of your publication. Rates: 25/- per quarter page.

At the Monthly General Meeting

PRESIDENT SAYS ASTRONOMICAL WORLD DUE FOR BIG SHAKE UP

Although the June and July attendances were a little below average, some 50 members inclusive of friends gathered for the August meeting. Mrs. Weitzner and Mr. Fulton spoke during the evening, which was followed by a most enthusiastic question time (to be a regular feature). The meeting was informed of the decisions resulting from the 14th August committee meeting, the most important being the venture into full print for the magazine and the intention of holding a further public meeting on 31st October, 1956.

All attending the meeting were made to feel more at ease and an extraordinary atmosphere of friendliness was created by the incorporation of the American "idea" —cards with names pinned to lapels. In this way, normal social barriers caused through shyness and forgetfulness of names were overcome. This is to be a regular feature also.

The President in his address surveyed the official scene of UFO investigations since 1947. He pointed out the many contradictions and the wide disparity of opinions made by the various nations' official spokesmen. This was shown by quoting from these statements. Official explanations so far engendered were considered totally inadequate in every way; it was perfectly obvious that "truth" was conspicuous only by its absence in official memorandums on UFO research.

He was also of the opinion that the top direction of the astronomical world was ovedue for a big shake-up. The attitude of some of the prominent members of this science revealed a total lack of enterprise and courageousness. The colossus of evidence, also observed and reported on by a sizeable number of professional astronomers, was as easily ignored and automatically relegated to the "taboo erratics" as had the remainder of these extraordinary happenings in our midst. For a science that is supposed to know more about the heavens than any other faculty, its present performance in relation to the UFO enigma is far from exemplary. Top direction at present is unfortunately sadly lacking in commonsense and foresight. Astronomy is a worthy science. Numerous persons have been drawn to its ranks in the hope of learning something educational following the countless appearances of "Unidentified Flying Objects," yet at an astronomical meeting the subject is almost damned. Such complacency and nonsensical treatment of a subject that should rightfully demand their respect and most urgent attentions is plain, absolute folly.

Members of CSI were advised to join the astronomical societies throughout the Dominion. Not only would they become better observers of normal sky phenomena, but they would also be serving an extremely useful public service to the very young folk, who will surely grow up to meet a space age in reality.

The President also pointed out that each of the 30-odd books now available on the subject of UFO research all had their value. Although Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt's book, "REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS," would be accepted as the most hard-factual account of "UFO" findings (as a result of official research), nevertheless it was his opinion that Ruppelt only told about one-third of the story. Ruppelt waited nearly nine months for official sanction of his book. He made a statement to this effect himself sometime before his book appeared. The Donald Quarles' statement of October, 1955, was made to look ridiculous in the extreme to skeptic and believer alike on their reading Ruppelt's documentary of official USAF UFO investigations.

Those authors who claim personal experience and contact with space people may yet have something; they had not by any means been proved hoaxers or liars, and until they are or are not, it is unwise to entirely reject or accept their stories. Officialdom has only added to the confusion, perhaps deliberately, making it more difficult for the public to sort the wheat from the chaff. Not until our top official spokesmen give the peoples of the world the unabridged, unvarnished facts, will it be possible to do so, concluded the President.

Meetings

The September General Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER at the Unity Hall

The coloured film, "DUST OR DESTINY," a Moodie Institute film, will be screened by Mr. Kelvin Cuff at our 26th September general meeting.

A further Public Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st at the Unity Hall, 323 Queen Street, Auckland. The October 24th General Meeting is cancelled.

CSI committee members have organized a special "lookout" on the 8th September, the second "International Flying Saucer Sighting Day," a plan put into effect by Dr. Bernard Finch of the British "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW." From 3 p.m. till dusk, from a high promontory overlooking Auckland, a most careful watch will be kept for the possible appearance of an unrecognizable flying object. The party will be equipped with Theodolite, Telescopes, Binoculars, Cameras, Compasses and Maps of the area. There is only a very small chance that a UFO will be sighted this day, but if it does, and it lingers long enough for careful study, a first class report will be added to the files. Throughout New Zealand fellow members, remembering the occasion, will be making a parallel watch. Any worthy reports received will be immediately forwarded to London to be collated with data expected from observers all round the globe.

DISTORTED, ENLARGED AND GREATLY SENSATIONAL STATEMENTS

On Saturday, 11th August, your Editor received a radio phone call from a reporter on the staff of the Sydney "Sun" requesting CSI opinions of Dr. Finch's London cable of the previous day, CSI's present plans and news of recent UFO activity over New Zealand.

Your Editor answered all queries readily, and required the reporter to quote accurately and in non-sensational manner. This he promised faithfully to do. The Sydney "Voice" of the "Sun" promised to send copies of the news story immediately after printing.

When eventually a press clip did arrive via another normal clip service, your Editor was frankly disgusted to note under a half-inch headline, "FLYING SAUCER PANIC IN N.Z.," the most distorted story, almost unrecognisable from the actual radio phone conversation. If you happen to read the press report reject its contents entirely.

EDITOR C.S.I.

OBSERVATIONS REPORTED IN DETAIL IN THIS ISSUE

A percentage of the sightings reported in this issue may truly be cases of mistaken identity, etc., etc.; however, we don't think so. We feel you must be impressed by the many points of correlation and corroboration given in these widely separated testimonies. How much longer do world authorities plan to keep the general public uninformed? These observations could add up to great danger or an age of golden enlightenment. Their silence is neither helpful nor healthy.

FRANCIS BROWNLEY, S/Sgt., 340th Fd. Suc. Sqdn., Whiteman Air Force Base, Sedalia, Missouri, one of our growing number of U.S. associates, has a request to make of a New Zealand member. S/Sgt. Brownley is most anxious to obtain the following back numbers of C.S.I. magazines. Vol. 1, No. 1 and 2; Vol 2, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Can any member help, please. Supplies have long been exhausted at Headquarters.

What You've Been Waiting For . . .

NEW ZEALAND SIGHTING REPORTS

MANY STOPPED THEIR CARS AND WATCHED AWE-INSPIRED

Report on a sighting of a U.F.O. at Napier by Mr. D. McDonald on night of 22nd November, 1955. Mr. McDonald was interviewed by Mr. A. B. Wallace, C.S.I. Hawkes Bay Representative.

"Once you have seen one you will know that it is the real thing," said Mr. McDonald of Napier when interviewed about his sighting of a flying object in the sky of 22/11/55. Mr. McDonald and his family of four all saw the U.F.O. from the embankment road between Westshore, Napier. They watched the object for five minutes. After a brief disappearance the object reappeared and by that time some 20 people in cars had stopped and watched the object. Mr. McDonald's description, which was substantiated by his family, was that it was a green ball very much larger than a star. It was apparently stationary in the sky when they first observed it, but it then started to revolve slowly, changing colour on the outside to red and moving over to the west, disappearing temporary behind some clouds. In the meantime several cars had stopped, when the object reappeared moving slowly towards the east. It remained in sight for several minutes and then moved off at terrific speed. Mr. McDonald said that when the object first started to rotate, it appeared to have a shadow above it in the sky. He added that several of the people who had witnessed the sighting had been frightened by the visitation. Mr. McDonald thought the object was flying at about jet plane altitude, but he was positive the object was not a plane, planet, star or any other recognizable phenomenon.

A VERY FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE

On the 12th June your Editor learned of a very interesting Auckland observation. First learned from another who knew the witness, subsequent inquiries brought the following to light. Let's read the airman's description of his experience:

Dear Sir,—I have the honour to report in reply to your telephone call to me this day. I have compiled the accompanying description of my first impression of a "Flying Saucer" which I have seen.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) BRIAN LOVELOCK.

"On the evening of the 10th of June, 1956, at approx. 9.30 p.m., I was walking on the right-hand side of St. Leonard's Road (near Waikumete) on the footpath towards Archibald Road. It was a cold and wet night and the wind was blowing very strongly towards me from what I judge to be approx. N.E. The first thing that attracted my attention to the object was that something bright was moving slowly in the corner of my eye, as it were, against the wind.

I immediately looked up and to my great shock and fear, I saw above and behind the houses on my half-right, about 40 degree angle and 200 feet from the ground, an object which had these characteristics: The object appeared to be hovering and moving slowly eastward; it was like an upside down saucer with bell shaped top. The "saucer" glowed or should I say emanated a blue-white light (like sodium light). It also grew dim and bright alternately, as if it were a light fixed on a dimmer with a slide moved up and down. The light did not seem to be reflected to any great extent as would the lights of a car. I'm afraid I was so shocked and scared I did not notice any mechanical protruberances or windows, if any. During this whole business I had a most uncanny feeling as if someone or something was "sizing me up." This passed when the object suddenly took off at a terrific speed straight up. After it had disappeared I raced for the nearest street light and stood under its light. It took me some time to "cool down" and sort things out.

L.A.C. Lovelock, Marine Section, Hobsonville, gave added details and a sketch of the object; its outline is remarkably similar to Adamski's scout-ship photos. Your Editor has interviewed L.A.C. Lovelock a number of times. The airman also made an appearance (on strong request) before members at C.S.I. June general meeting. This interview was tape recorded. L.A.C. Lovelock, a bright, intelligent person of 21 years, left a good impression with C.S.I. He is an active member of a city youth movement. We have no reason to doubt his story.

CHRISTCHURCH PEOPLE WITNESS A NUMBER OF STRANGE SIGHTS

Miss L. Mooney of Christchurch writes to C.S.I. that she and her friends, a party numbering eight on one occasion, have on three separate occasions during May, 1956, witnessed unusual lights moving across the sky. These lights, coloured blue and white, seemed to travel slowly in up and down zig-zag-like motions on one or two occasions. On another occasion the light rose above the horizon only to lower again repeatedly. These observations, which Miss Mooney has gone to great pains to give C.S.I. a most complete report on, were witnessed on January 22nd, May 11th, 12th and 27th. She is most anxious to discuss these matters with other Christchurch members. She especially seeks assistance from someone who may better recognize what is being seen. (55 Rednith Ave., Spreydon.)

STRANGE SIGHTS IN WELLINGTON AFTERNOON SKY LEAD TO HOAX ACCUSATION, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?

June 30th., first International Flying Saucer Sighting Day, as declared by Britain's "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW," and worked out by Dr. Bernard Finch, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.C.M. We in New Zealand were actively co-operating wtih this world-wide watch out. Would we have anything to report?

On July 1st we learned of the Wellington reports. Here is what appeared in the Wellington "Evening Post's Sports Post," June 30th. Note: None of the people involved had any connection with C.S.I.

Three rocket-like objects, three times the size of a Dakota aircraft, were seen by at least four people over Kelburn just after 4.30 p.m. today.

Described as cigar-shaped, and emitting an exhaust-like glow, they were seen by residents in Upland Road and Glenmore Street, according to reports received by "The Post."

They were seen just for a minute from Upland Road, as a hail shower cleared, heading south towards Cook Strait. They were described as dark, and wingless.

Mr. John Williams, of Hawker Street, said that three objects went overhead in formation. "They were sym-

metrical, thick in the centre, and tapering to the ends like cigars," he said.

"They gave off a glint from what sun there was. There was a slight trail just like a jet trail behind them. They were close together, and going at a 'fair rate,' though I could not estimate the speed."

Mr. R. Jamieson, a Victorian University College student, who was walking from the college to Kelburn along Kelburn Parade about 4.35, told "The Post" he saw "three or four solid truncated objects travelling at high speed overhead at between 2000 and 3000 feet. They were similar to one another, and it was definitely not a balloon," he said.

The Weather Office stated that a possible explanation was shattered pieces of radar balloon and target released at 3.40 p.m. and descending with the northerly.

The supervisor of the Civil Aviation Administration's air traffic control centre said the only aircraft in the sky at that time was an N.A.C. aircraft which took off from Rongotai at 4.25 and climbed into the clouds flying above Mt. Victoria and Kelburn.

"We have nothing to account for the report," the supervisor of the centre said. No jets were flying from Ohakea and R.A.A.F. Lincolns visiting Whenuapai were on the ground.

Wellington's morning paper of 2nd July, under the heading "Story Too Good To Be True," wrote off the Saturday, 30th June, report as a result of an organized hoax. A reporter claimed that he had failed to locate any of the claimed observers at the addresses given in the "Post" report, therefore the assumption was made that it was hoax. It is little mystery to C.S.I. to fathom why people are so reluctant to give their true names and addresses, when ten to one their amateur or skilled alike observation will almost certainly be explained away by some brush-off or all-wise expert as moondogs on the prowl, or cigar-shaped handles from the "local" seeing their users home. Failing that, such sincere observers can count on their observations being written off as hoax, if all other explanations are just too weather-worn or ridiculous for even these disbelieving folks to expect the public to swallow. In all sincerity we ask reporters to be a little more careful in their handling of incidents that come to their notice; soberly we ask them to resist the temptation to laugh at their informers, until they are a little more certain of the facts. If we sound a little trite, we ask forgiveness, for we wish the reporters' and press' co-operation in these extraordinary matters.

In investigating the Wellington report, C.S.I. was a little more successful. We did locate one of the observers, Mr. V. R. Jamieson, Staff, Wellington Supreme Court. Mr. Jamieson replied to our letter of inquiry and we quote in part:

"Your belief that my report was not a hoax is quite justified, for I did in fact see three cigar-shaped objects over the harbour,heading south. They were at a height of about 2,000 to 3.000 feet, and were travelling at terrific speed. Unfortunately, I am no judge of speed, but they were moving at least twice as fast as a Vampire Jet. There was no sound that I could distinguish, but the rear of at least two of the aircraft emitted a faint sort of greenish glow. The third object seemed slightly larger than the other two, and had no visible glow. All three appeared greyish in colour, but the visibility was not particularly good, and I may have been mistaken in this."

This was not all, for the "Nelson Evening Mail," July 2nd, reported among other interesting observations they received over the week-end: "Two Stoke residents saw a completely different sight at 5.45 p.m. Three cigar-shaped objects were seen against the glow of the western sky, they stated today. One of the observers was an ex-R.N.Z.A.F. officer accustomed to making meteorological reports and he described the objects as unlike any cloud formation he had ever seen. The 'cigars' were described as moving slowly in line towards the north. They did not change shape and appeared black in colour against the sun-set."

C.S.I. Representatives in Nelson have located and interviewed most of the observers mentioned in the glowing red and green disc reports seen later that same Sunday evening at 9.30 p.m. It is well known to U.F.O. investigators that the larger cigar-shaped craft apparently act as the mother vessels for the scouting discs. Both these types are frequently reported together, and the most reliable and skilled observers have witnessed the actual launching and taking aboard of the smaller objects by the carrier craft.

The London cable (10th Aug.) quoting Dr. Finch's "Antarctic Base" and "Earth Invasion" theories are not, we repeat NOT, at all improbabilities, but would point out that such a possible incursion from space, whether we like it or not, will not necessarily be a hostile one. Just as good and evil is spaced throughout our lives and world, so may it be distributed through space. (Dr. Finch based his theories on the Wellington, June 30th, observations, along with much other accumulated information.) Your Editor wrote a letter to the Editor of the Wellington morning press enclosing a copy of Mr. Jamieson's letter to C.S.I.

LIGHTS OVER "BLIND CHANNEL" (TASMAN BAY)

Report by Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bethwaite of Nelson, 1st July.

At 8.5 p.m. on leaving a hangar at Nelson Airport the Bethwaites stopped to observe the following peculiar phenomena:—

Suddenly a bright yellow light appeared in the sky apparently high above the Blind Channel which skirts the north-western boundary of the 'drome, somewhat less than a mile distant from the hangar. This light travelled downward in a curve to apparently hover just above the water. Then two other lights appeared, one on either side of the hovering light. These two side lights were quite a distance from the centre light and **remained perfectly motionless** just above the water. The two side lights kept blinking off and on, but not rhythmically or in unison. The central light was continually on the move jerking up and down and from side to side, but generally higher above the water than the two side lights. All lights looked about the size, colour and brilliance one would expect street lights to appear at this distance. Under observation for 10 minutes, during which time the Bethwaites considered climbing to the platform of the "met" control tower nearby (but it was all in darkness) or walking to the edge of the 'drome (but again it was dark and so far). In trying to rationalize the episode in their own minds, they tried to imagine the central light attached to the mast of a boat pitching violently in the sea, but the horizontal movement in particular was far too great for such an explanation. Also the channel is sheltered and it was a windless night. Neither could they account for the curved descent of the central light out of the sky in the first place.

Conditions at the time were very dark and still. No stars were showing. The performance was still continuing when they left for home. They admitted it was exceedingly difficult to judge just how far distance the display was, and they guessed the position to be just above the water of the Blind Channel.

GREEN BALL OF LIGHT IN NIGHT SKY

"Evening Star," Dunedin, 6th July, 1956.

You would have been intrigued by a stellar show which opened out before Mr. S. Clarke, of Green Island, about 10 o'clock last night.

Mr. Clarke saw a bright green ball—tennis size—of light appear on the western horizon. It moved eastwards across the sky, gradually enlarging to football dimensions, and at the same time turning orange.

Above Saddle Hill it began to emit a train of sparks, about a yard long to the eye, before disappearing.

Then, from the direction of Brighton, a bright red glow appeared in the sky.

Astronomical enthusiasts locally think that Mr. Clarke's phenomenon was probably a meteor, which exploded.

Something similar was seen by observers three weeks ago, when an intensely brilliant green, almost phosphorescent, meteor came out of the contellation Scorpio on the eastern horizon and moved across the sky over the city to explode above Flagstaff.

RED BALL IN SKY SEEN BY LOCAL MAN

"Clutha Leader," Balclutha, 6th July, 1956.

A red ball of light travelling north was seen in the sky on Friday night by Mr. Jim Beeby, of Paisley Street, Balclutha, while he was sitting in his truck.

He described it this morning as looking like the rear red reflector light of a modern car seen through a mist. He witnessed the phenomena for about four seconds. A friend in his truck also saw it.

At first he thought it was local reflection, although he thought it was strange at the time. On Saturday morning he read in the daily newspapers that a similar light had been seen in the sky over Dunedin.

Mr. Beeby said it was high above the clouds and it was hard to estimate its speed. It travelled roughly at the speed of a car about 100 yards away doing 30 m.p.h.

He was looking at the light when his friend asked him what had attracted his attention. Mr. Beeby pointed it out and his friend thought it was lightning, but changed her mind when she noticed it was red. It lit up the clouds.

"I wouldn't say it was a 'flying saucer,' but it was a very unusual sight," he said.

BRILLIANT RAYS OF LIGHT FAN OUT ACROSS SKY

20th July, 1956.

Glowing silvery white and stretching almost horizon to horizon a most curious phenomenon of light was witnessed by numerous citizens of Christchurch on the evening of July 20th. Great interest was caused by the beautiful sight, the streaks resembling the beams of many powerful searchlights. Official meteorological explanation was that high parallel cirrus clouds, made up of ice crystals, were reflecting the light of the moon. Judging by information sent to C.S.I. by southern reps., many just could not accept this explanation. The pattern was too perfect, they said. The hub of the rays stayed below the horizon but slowly moved from N.E. to S.E. during the 3¾ hours our informers observed the phenomenon.

STRANGE SIGHT BAFFLES WEATHER MAN

19th July, 1956.

On the Thursday morning, 4.08 a.m., 19th July, I saw a bright orange, pear-shaped object to the W.S.W. of the Whenuapai Control Tower. It appeared to be approx. 25-30 degrees above the horizon. During the one to two minutes I observed the object it did not appear to be at any great distance. I left the tower and proceeded to the radar hut (some 400 yards distant). Upon arrival at the hut (I had temporarily lost sight of it behind buildings) the object had disappeared. Approximately five minutes later I noticed a stratocumulus cloud, height 3,500 ft., to be now outlined by an orange light, giving the impression that it was so lighted from above and beyond. About two minutes later the light had gone.

The light from the object was most intense in the centre and somewhat diffused on the outer edges. Fog at the time could have caused this effect. There is an orange light mounted on a telegraph pole at Whenuapai gate, but this gate light was obscured from my original sighting location and more south. The moon was in a northerly direction and higher in the sky.

I have not previously sighted anything like this before, nor have I been able to find any satisfactory explanation for the object I sighted.

A. A. BOWERS, Met. Officer, Whenuapai.

"SAUCER" CROSSES TASMAN

"Taranaki Daily News," 16th July.

The bright red glow surrounded by a flaming halo which was reported to have been seen over the northern subsurbs of Sydney on Sunday morning is claimed to have been seen by two young men from the top of Whenuakura Hill between Waverley and Patea at 1 o'clock on Monday morning.

Returning from Palmerston North, the two men, Mr. T. Crawford, Whenuakura, and Mr. M. Pease, Hawera, suddenly noticed a bright glow in the sky as they passed over the brow of the hill.

They stopped their car and watched as the phenomenon moved towards them from the sea and then turned slightly and moved away between Whenuakura and the sea.

Cruised round

To the watching pair, who had never seen anything like it before, the glow, which appeared to have certain lines of an aircraft, seemed to cruise round for about a quarter of an hour before disappearing.

Mr. Crawford said he could not be sure of the distance of the object from them—it could have been 50 miles away—but he thought it was about three or four times bigger than an ordinary-sized bird.

He mentioned having seen the object next morning at the breakfast table but had refrained from reporting it until he read about the Sydney sighting.

BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN BY MANY

"Daily Advertiser," Waimate.

A bright light to the left of the radio transmitting masts at Highcliff last night attracted the attention of many folk who telephoned the "Otago Daily Times." The orange coloured light was first noticed about 9.30 p.m. and seemed to be moving slowly to the left. A few hours later it had disappeared.

"FLYING SAUCER" OVER THE CITY?

"Southland Daily News," Invercargill, 24th July, 1956.

A "flying saucer" was reported over Invercargill last night by five residents. These unidentified flying objects, as they are technically known, have been reported, seen, and photographed in almost every country of the world but are only occasionally reported in Southland.

The "saucer" supposed to have been seen last night was described as a "round, dome-shaped object emitting a red haze of light," and its progress was followed across the sky for about 12 minutes before it disappeared.

The object was first seen hovering in the east but moved slowly in a northerly direction and then picked up speed to vanish quickly in the clouds.

It was first thought that the object was a star, but the observers consider this impossible as there was a solid background of clouds.

A very bright "star" has been seen in the east for the past week, and one person at Bluff on Saturday night described it as a flying saucer.

On Saturday night the light changed from a very bright white to an orange-red, the Bluff observer says.

The change of colour was noticed in the town itself, on the wharf, and at Stirling Point, by several persons. It was visible for some time before disappearing behind a cloud.

The meteorological office at the Invercargill airport conducts no observation of the stars, but one official said that he thought the bright star might have been the planet Venus, which is fairly close to Earth at this time and often visible during the day.

(Not Venus, possibly Mars was seen by the Bluff observer.—Ed.)

OBJECT IN SKY

"Southland Daily News," 26th July, 1956.

A Riverton resident was startled the other evening to see a large red object flashing across the north-westerly sky, to disappear behind the Longwood range. He was returning home on his tractor when he sighted the object and because of the engine noise was unable to hear whether the object made a noise or not.

To him the object was the size of a reddish football and had a short reddish tail, the whole travelling rapidly across the sky. His opinion was that it was a meteor—he held no brief for the flying saucer theory.

SURVEY ENGINEER TRACKED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WITH 20 POWER THEODOLITE IN DAYLIGHT

The news came to your Editor just as he was finishing duty for the day. An R.N.Z.A.F. Devon aircraft crew visiting Woodbourne on the 26th July brought back the news to Whenuapai. A phone rings and I listen intently to the brief details of an observation that had stirred up great interest in Blenheim and Woodbourne that very morning. First thing next morning the wheels of C.S.I. went into action. Two urgent telegrams are sent to sources near the scene, one being to the "Marlborough Express," Blenheim's evening paper. Back came a press clip, with a reporter's satirical remarks. The press report on the incident, neat and conclusive, to anyone reading it, it was perfectly obvious that some clown (unnamed) had set up a theodolite in the main street, set it on Venus (at present a morning star) and left the curious passers-by who stole a peep to wonder and conjecture to their hearts content.

However, after a number of letters (almost doped myself by the press report) and a kind mention of C.S.I.'s request for information by the "Express," we learned a far more interesting story. After an exchange of letters with Mr. Clark, the Engineer who made the sighting, we feel you will be most interested to read what we discovered. A copy and letter has been forwarded to the Editor of the "Express" for the paper's further possible interest.

26th July, 1956.

Grovetown, Blenheim.
30th July, 1956.

Mr. H. H. Fulton,
Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a record of the activity of an object observed by myself with a theodolite and with the naked eye. The object became too faint to be seen without assistance from the telescope, and was getting further away all the time.

It appeared to be moving in three dimensions, and its greatest direction was away.

On the 26th July, 1956, I happened to glance up to the window and saw an unusual object in the sky. I set up my theodolite at 10.15 a.m. and recorded its altitude and immediately obtained a sun shot and calculated the bearing from the azimuth of the sun, and noticed that watever it was, was about to cross the meridian, approx. 37½ degrees ahead of the sun. I checked with the Nautical Almanac and could not find anything to co[illegible]pond. The object was moving in a westerly directi[illegible] arrising in altitude and moving away at great speed.

At 11.15 a.m. another record was taken, but the object could not be seen very easily with the naked eye. At 11.30 a.m. it had dropped in altitude and become invisible. It was then I observed Venus, a different object altogether, which was in the near vicinity all the time. The first object was similar to Venus in shape, but was flat at the bottom, where the shade ring of Venus was at right angles to the sun, making it perpendicular in the flat part.

Venus was a distinct half sphere, but the other was not a perfect half sphere, but was more domed, with flat parts or edges and not a distinct edge of a half sphere. There may have been more edges than shown on the diagram, but the object was too distant to tell. I could only tell there was a distinct difference.

When first observed it was much larger in the telescope than Venus, but faded smaller till right out of sight. I left the theodolite sighted on Venus and the public then began looking and as the theodolite was giving impressions in reverse (the shiny side of Venus appeared to be away from the sun) this created a misunderstanding, which I did not explain, but let them go away puzzled.

I didn't reveal that what I first saw was not Venus, as I would have been ridiculed, as I had already been laughed at by the reporter when I first rang him. As far as I know, I was the only one to see the object, as I did not want anyone else altering the verniers on the instrument.

The object appeared to have a bluish hue in front and a rusty hue behind, but that may have been atmosphere. When the clouds came between the object, there was what appeared to be a white light or glow behind the cloud, but when the clouds were not there, the white glow was not visible.

It was not a met. balloon, as it was moving against the westerly air stream, and it would have been too far away to see a balloon. What puzzled me was the westerly movement, which was very near that of the sun, about 15 degrees per hour, but Venus was there as well; has been for some days and still is.

By the enclosed data, you will be able to verify that it could not have been Venus, hoping that this detail will help you in your investigation (organization).

I am, yours faithfully,

(Signed) M. J. CLARK.

Observational data sheet forwarded with report.

From Latitude 41° 31' 10" — Long. 173° 57' 30"
26th July, 1956.

NZST 10.15 a.m. Alt. 33.20' Poler < 55.40' (Zenith angle)
GMT 22.15 Bearing 2.36' true calc. from sun Azimuth 25/7/56.

NZST 11.15 a.m. Alt. 34.20' Poler < 55.40' (Zenith angle)
GMT 23.15 Bearing 347.25' true calc. from sun Azimuth 25/7/56.

NZST 11.30 a.m. Alt. 31.25' Poler < 58.35' (Zenith angle)
GMT 23.30 Bearing 342.12' true calc. from sun Azimuth 25/7/56.

ADDED BY C.S.I.

True Azimuth and Altitude of Venus at the times given above on 26th July, 1956, computed by R.N.Z.A.F. Nav. Officers using standard navigator almanac:

At 10.15 a.m. Alt. 29°46' AZ. 353°
At 11.15 a.m. Alt. 26°57' AZ. 338°
At 11.30 a.m. Alt. 25°44' AZ. 334°

Venus passed Meridian at 21.49.11 GMT.
9.49 a.m. NZST.

FURTHER DETAILS ASCERTAINED FROM MR. M. J. CLARK FOLLOWING C.S.I.'s ENQUIRY AS TO THE OBSERVER'S OCCUPATION AND EXPERIENCE WITH A THEODOLITE

Mr. Clark writes:

"I wish to verify my earlier letter re the object sighted on the 26th July, 1956, and assure you that my report was as correct as I could make it.

"The transit used was a standard theodolite made by E. R. Watts & Son on the 24th October, 1921, No. 8472, and the power of the telescope was 20. I have been using this instrument for the last three years on engineering projects and have never found the instrument to be in error.

Since 1935 I have been using a theodolite and I am quite familiar with all types. I have used them in all parts of the world under all conditions including under firing and bombing. I have used levels of all types, sextants for navigation purposes and all types of survey instruments. I am a Civil Engineer employed till 9th August as Assistant Borough Engineer, Blenheim, and from the 13th August Staff Engineer for the Cook County Council, Gisborne, to where I will be shifting this weekend. I am a radio amateur and operate my own station ZL2BU, also a member of the Institute of Engineering Technology in England.

"When the object was first sighted by the naked eye, was slightly an orange colour, similar to Mars, but did not appear through the telescope to be quite so much so, but was quite distinctly different from the white light reflected from Venus. In front of the object the impression I received was that it had a blue tint and out of the back, although it was not an exhaust stream, there appeared to be an orange tint, but it was not easily defined. There was no definite fluctuation of light from the object.

"The observations made were just as stated at the various times marked and the error in transferring NZST to GMT was noticed, but the azimuth was calculated from the correct GMT. The error was in copying off the scribbling pad."

(Venus is sketched as a half-sphere, perpendicular, whereas the object sighted is not only larger, but is akin to a many sided or facets on a dome, with the flat side horizontal at the bottom.—Ed.)

"The sketches are as near as I can remember them, but the strange object was flat on the bottom and may not have been quite as high as I have drawn, but it was definitely not a half-circle but went in chords. Venus was a half-circle and lying on a different plane."

(Signed) M. J. CLARK.

PAPATOETOE PEOPLE SEE STRANGE ORANGE LIGHT

Reports Mrs. Wood, C.S.I. member. "Last Friday night, July 27th, at 6.10 p.m. my friend and I were outside when we spotted a strange orange coloured object in the sky. It was about the size of a motor car lamp." The object was seen climbing steeply and had a multi-coloured tail; it was lost in the clouds temporary and later again seen moving away at high speed. There were two other witnesses, all of whom felt sure it was not a meteor. C.S.I. learned that others had seen similar things later that night but the people were reluctant to give details.

STRANGE LIGHT IN SKY SEEN AT WAIRAU BAR

"The Marlborough Express," July 28th, 1956.

A strange, bright, fast-moving light was reported over Cook Strait by four people at Wairau Bar on Saturday night.

The first observer was Mr. N. C. Daken, of Wairau Pa Road, who called his wife and then called Mr. T. MacDonald, of Wairau Pa, by telephone. This was at about 9.20 p.m. Mr. MacDonald's view from his home was obscured by a tree and he and his wife went to Mr. Daken's home.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald saw the light for about 10 minutes and Mr. and Mrs. Daken saw it for about 20 minutes.

The observers describe the light as having been round and of an orange colour, bright on the leading edge and fading to a green tinge at what appeared to be the tail. When first seen the light was a bright as a star, but as it approached it became much more brilliant. When it passed through dark rain clouds, it illuminated them.

Height and speed the observers found hard to judge. It flew low along the horizon, at times climbing at 45 degrees (half-way between the horizon and the zenith). The speed was obviously too great, observers believe, to be even that of a jet aeroplane. The light travelled in an arc from the Vernon Bluffs on the one hand, to Port Underwood on the other. Mr. Daken believes he saw a flare drop from the object.

All the time the light was in the sky, there was a glow in the sky in that area.

Earlier reports

It was Mr. MacDonald who a year ago reported a light in the same area. That was a longer, less round light, he said.

"I am pleased about this second appearance," he said, "as it shows I was not having hallucinations last year."

Mr. and Mrs. Daken also were pleased to have witnesses of what they had seen. "I would not like anyone to have thought we were having a Saturday night party here," she said this morning. In an effort to obtain witnesses on Saturday night, they telephoned many neighbours.

29th July, 1956.

A light very similar to that seen over Cook Strait by Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Daken and Mr. and Mrs. T. MacDonald on Saturday night was seen over the Wither Hills, south of Blenheim, by three people on Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. L. Cording, driving home with Mrs. Cording's father, Mr. R. Bailey, about 10.30 on Sunday night, saw the object. Like that seen by the Saturday night observers at Wairau Bar, it was an orange coloured ball, tapering to a green tail. On Sunday, however, it was not moving at great speed over big distances as was Saturday's object. It moved up and down at an angle of about 45 degrees, hovering occasionally. At first the observers thought it was Mars, but Mars was found to be in a different part of the sky.

STRANGE OBJECTS IN NELSON SKY TODAY

"The Nelson Evening Mail," July 30th, 1956.

A number of small, silver, unidentified objects were seen in the sky over Nelson by a woman resident in Murphy Street, at 8.40 o'clock this morning.

Her little daughter, aged four, was with her at the time and was also able to describe the objects.

Two were seen at first, directly below the sun and about one-third as big. "They shone brightly while cloud in the vicinity had a dull look," commented the observer, who shyly asked that her name not be used. Slightly oval in shape the two objects got smaller and suddenly vanished.

A few moments later the same observer saw three similar discs in line over the cemetery. They were also stationary and in a straight line with the one on the left slightly higher and the line sloping down to the right.

These also vanished in puffs after growing smaller. "They had clear outlines and at no time appeared like clouds," commented the observer.

"They could not have been weather balloons at that time," commented the staff of the Meteorological Station at Tahunanui when the matter was referred to them.

STRANGE LIGHT WAS SEEN IN DUNEDIN

"Otago Evening Star," 6th August, 1956.

The phenomenon which mystified so many people in Suva on Friday evening and Saturday morning was also visible in the Dunedin sky. The description given to the "Star" this morning by Mrs. G. Wilson, of Leith Street, was almost identical with the one in the report from Suva on Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson and her husband sighted the object about 10.30 p.m. on Friday. She described it as the brightest thing in the sky, and the rays thrown from it formed the shape of an "inverted cross."

The Wilsons would have been prepared to accept the object as having been an abnormally bright star but for the fact that it did not twinkle during the 15-minute period they watched it. It was stationery in the eastern sky.

The director of the Beverley Begg Observatory, Mr. A. J. Doig, said today it could quite possibly have been Mars, which is the brightest object in the eastern sky at this time of the year.

But, he said, the report from Suva suggested it was not Mars. It was described as a golden yellow light, and Mars has a reddish tinge, he explained.

Its colour could have been due to atmospheric conditions, but it was most unlikely that object would hold its golden light for the seven hours it was visible in Suva, he said.

OBJECT SEEN IN SKY AT ESKDALE

"Daily Telegraph," Napier, 6th August, 1956.

A mysterious glowing ball about a quarter the size of the moon, hovering in the sky at an angle of 30 degrees from the ground, held the attention of Mr. D. Lindsay, a farmer, of Eskdale, and his family for about five minutes shortly after 5.30 yesterday morning.

Mr. Lindsay said today he awakened at 5.30. On opening the venetian blinds in his bedroom he saw the strange object—a perfect golden-coloured sphere—in the sky. "While I was watching it, it seemed to travel away and become smaller until it was the size of a pinhead. Then it would suddenly return to its previous size," he said.

Brilliant Light

Mr. Lindsay awoke his wife and child and together they watched the object travel away and come close again for a full five minutes. Mr. Lindsay said the object was in the sky in a north-north-east direction from Eskdale and well clear of the hills. "It was so brilliant," he said, "that when a cloud passed between it and ourselves we could see the whole cloud and the sky illuminated."

It was stressed by Mr. Lindsay that the object was a perfect sphere and glowed with a golden red colour. It grew small and large again several times while he and his family were looking at it, he said. Mr. Lindsay estimated that the size of the object would be comparable to 35 to 40 of the largest stars grouped closely together.

MOVING LIGHT SEEN OVER HOSPITAL HILL

"The Gisborne Herald," 8th August, 1956.

A description which appeared in Tuesday night's "Herald" of an unidentified object which an Eskdale, Napier, farmer saw floating on Tuesday morning tallies closely with an observation made by Mr. P. Galloway, a Gisborne resident, some hours later.

Resting in his bedroom at his home in Valley Road, Mangapapa, Mr. Galloway saw through a window a glowing ball which travelled at a considerable altitude from south to north, disappearing behind clouds over Hospital Hill.

According to his observation lasting several minutes, the object was global in shape and glowed brightly over its whole surface. It had the appearance of a star of unusual magnitude.

Realising that even a very bright star would not emit so much light at that hour of the day—approximately 10.45 a.m.—Mr. Galloway went out-doors to make a further observation. He was unable to pick it up again, however, as cloud had obscured the sky.

CORRESPONDENCE

"The Taumarunui Press," 8th August, 1956.

UNUSUAL OBJECT IN THE SKY

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—While driving to Taumarunui yesterday, August 7th, and when a few miles south of Te Kuiti, in the corner of my vision appeared what seemed to be the glint of an aircraft at about 3000 ft. shining in the sun. I glanced idly up at it, and away again, then experienced a "double take" as I realised its shape was not that of an aircraft. I have had a good deal to do with aircraft of several types and have flown approximately 1000 hours.

This object could be described as a disc or sphere, but whichever it was, to my vision, it was perfectly round and, shining with steady radiance, it was clear cut against the blue sky. While watching the road I glanced back at it several times. Its motion, upward and southward ahead of me, was effortless but from the rate at which its size diminished its speed must have been fantastic. Its height, when I first noticed it, was much greater than it had seemed as an aircraft and I had it in perfect view for 12 to 15 seconds before it grew too small and faint and a small cloud finally lost it to view. The time was 4.10 p.m.

I would be interested to know if any of your readers noticed this object.—Yours, etc., R. A. FERRI, Hamilton.

THREE ADULTS MAKE 13-MINUTE OBSERVATION OF GLOWING OBJECT AT CLOSE QUARTERS. DETAILS GIVEN OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE NEWS OF FIRST NEW ZEALAND REPORTED LANDING

Mr. X, a farmer from near Tolaga Bay, gives C.S.I. first-hand account of a sighting at close quarters on the early morning of July 19th. All three witnesses to the incident have appended their signature to the testimony reproduced below. A sketch of the object was included in the report.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 30th July to hand, for which many thanks. I have been meaning to get in touch with some organization interested, but with moving to a new locality I just haven't had the time. Now, concerning this "object" that I saw, I will endeavour to give you as clear a picture as possible. If you require further information please write to me and I will do my best to be explicit. I would also be most appreciative of any further information concerning these objects. Up until the present I haven't been a scoffer. However, I hadn't taken any notice of these manifestations and this experience sort of caught us napping. My mother and aunt, both reliable women and myself had a close view, unobstructed, from our front verandah at my X station home.

We were awakened at approx. 4.31 a.m. by a brilliant light shining in the window. I might add here that we had taken down curtains and blinds prior to shifting. This object was approx. 200 yards distant and on about eye level, as the house is approx. 30' to 40' above sea-

level. The object was surging up and down slowly in a similar way to a magnifying glass. It was straight above the sand, as it was reflected in the wet sand. There was a distinct feeling of heat, not excessive, but definitely there. It can best be described as being an object almost completely round, and there was a band of light around the centre, but slightly above the middle. A marble with a washer over it would fit the description. From the bottom there were six streams of light dripping out. I say dripping as that best describes it, like molten metal dropping. This only took place when it was surging up and down.

Also, from the top there were two beams of light which shot out about 12 feet and slowly retracted to the body again, almost as though sending out radar, or some other such signals. The band of light around the middle changed colour, but only when it took off, when the light became more brilliant. We could see no signs of apertures or portholes as the light was so brilliant, almost like staring into a powerful electric light bulb. I went down to see if I could find any deposit in the morning, but with no success. At 4.44 a.m. this object slowly rose to about 60 feet and glided out over the sea for about half a mile and then slowly began to rise. At no time did it speed. What time it arrived we do not know, but a shepherd of mine, living due west of us about 4 miles away, saw a light travelling in an easterly direction about 4.15 a.m. The night was brilliantly clear, bright moonlight, cold, and there was little or no wind. Unfortunately, our phone was out of order on this occasion and we had no camera.

This object disappeared travelling almost due east. Several of the local people saw the light, but did not investigate further. Fishing trawlers are inclined to sneak in close at night and get out before first-light, so lights would not arouse any curiosity. This object was about 30 feet in diameter; it was definitely not saucer shaped. From my observations I would be emphatic and say that "it" could quite easily have been controlled by some sort of intelligence. Meteors could be counted out as they do not hover. Although pressed to inform the local paper, I did not, as no one likes to be held up to ridicule.

I would also like to tell you of another experience which occured to friends some three years ago this coming shearing. Two friends of mine, hard-headed farmers, told me this as it happened to them. They swore me to keep it to myself as they were afraid of chaffing. They were out mustering one morning for shearing on a rough block of country in the Gisborne back country. The time was a few minutes after dawn, when things are indistinct. They were on a promontory above a patch of scrub. When they barked their dogs to shift the stock, an object arose out of the scrub and went away up this valley, leaving a trail of white ash. One of them went down and actually touched some of the substance which disintegrated immediately (this is the substance named "Angels' Hair" or "Threads of the Virgin"—Ed.). This stuff was on all the low bushes. Unfortunately they did not investigate further. In the light of my recent experience, they are extremely interested.

Mr. X ends by expressing the wish that he be now considered a member of C.S.I. and states that he wishes to obtain as much information as possible on the subject. Our investigation is continuing fervently.

I had learned of this sighting from two other private sources, one being a fellow serviceman, who knows the farm manager personally. My friend was visiting his parents' home on leave at Tolaga Bay at this very time. My letter to Mr. X subsequently brought the above most extraordinary and important information. My friend was personally most impressed with this farmer's experience as he holds him in high regard.—Ed.

Further Confirmation of Anaura Bay Observation . . .

9/9/56

Dear Sir,

Your letter of August 25th to hand, for which many thanks. I would have answered sooner, but owing to pressure of work, neglected to do so. With regard to publishing the account I sent you, by all means do so, and our name can be used in your magazine. I enclose £1 for membership fee. The data in these books is simply amazing and I am getting more of those books you have recommended. Regarding the date of the sighting I am positive it was Thursday morning, July 19th. The colour changed very little. The outside ring was slightly darker while hovering and got white hot (the same colour as the body) when it started to move off. The illustration on your magazine cover is very much like the object we saw. I am relieved that our description was reasonably accurate. I would very much like to meet you and discuss this experience. If I am coming to Auckland I will certainly contact you. I expect to be in Auckland in early November. In the meantime many thanks for your letter and enlightening literature.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. ROBINSON.

P.S.—Two other signatures to the observation.

O. M. ROBINSON.
YVONNE SPEUS-BLACK.

NEW PLYMOUTH SIGHTING

"Taranaki Daily News," 11th August, 1956.

A strange spinning object in the heavens near New Plymouth was reported by a resident living in the Port Taranaki area last night. She said that she and three members of her family watched it for several minutes before it was obscured by cloud.

The resident, who telephoned the "Taranaki Daily News" about 9.30 p.m., described the object as shedding a golden glow and said it could be seen from her home in Paritutu Road.

Other people living in nearby Paritutu Road also saw the object.

The woman said her attention was first attracted by her dog growling. She went out to quieten the animal and saw it looking at the sky. At the same time other people in the neighbourhood were looking up and shouting about the object.

The object appeared to be spinning and at times leaving a trail of haze that partly obscured it. She said it was high up to the west and over the sea, about the size of a dinner plate, round, but flattish on the top and bottom.

Several people in the area watched it before it was obscured by cloud, but they could still see its reflection for some time against the cloud.

BRILLIANT RED LIGHT BLINKS ON AND OFF

13th August, 1956.

A member from Wellsford, Mr. P. Nicholls, was most intrigued on the evening of August 13th. After inadvertantly spotting a brilliant light not far above the eastern horizon at 6.20 p.m. which at first he took for the planet Mars, he had just realized it was yet too early for the planet to rise when the light blinked out. With the aid of a pair of 8x30 glasses, Mr. Nicholls observed the light closely for the next four minutes. During this time the light blinked on and off a number of times and then stayed on and began to move slowly northwards (two hands span). As it so moved it grew dimmer and finally disappeared below the horizon. Mr. Nicholls is reasonably sure he was not fooled by an aircraft.

STRANGE OBJECT SEEN OVER NEW PLYMOUTH

"Taranaki Daily News," 13th August, 1956.

A shiny, silver object was seen flying over the centre of New Plymouth early on Saturday by a resident, Mr. A. Woodhouse.

Mr. Woodhouse said he was passing St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Courtenay Street, at 7.45 a.m. when he saw an oblong object flying over the centre of the city.

"It was shining and had a silvery light for about three-quarters of its length. At this point there was a slight rise in the object's shape and after that there was no reflection."

After passing over the city the object described an arc and appeared to head northwards up the coast, he said. Visibility was good, although it was cloudy.

It is known that no scheduled aircraft were flying over the city at this time.

"SIGHTING DAY" FOR FLYING SAUCERS

"The New Zealand Herald," Sept. 10th, 1956.

For three sun-soaked hours on Saturday afternoon nine people perched on the summit of one of the highest Auckland peaks and swept the sky with telescopes, binoculars and shaded eyes. They were there on a mission and they took it seriously. Their task—to maintain a continuous watch for flying saucers.

This effort, carried out by members of the committee of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.), was the contribution by the Auckland club to an "international flying saucer sighting day" organised from London.

No saucer was sighted.

Subscriptions overdue. We understand how easily it is to forget about that renewal notice that came in the last magazine. We know you wish to be kept up to date on this extraordinary subject.

"SAUCERS" FLY AGAIN OVER STRATFORD
MORE REPORTS FROM OBSERVERS

"Taranaki Daily News," 25th August, 1956.

From Stratford come further reports of unusual objects in the night sky, with descriptions similar to earlier ones suggestive of "flying saucers."

The first reports this week related to early on Monday evening. The second phenomenon was noted at 10:20 on Wednesday night by at least two residents in Miranda Street, Stratford.

One of them, Mrs. E. Copestake, said yesterday that her attention was attracted by a 20-year-old girl, Miss June Couchman, who said that she at first thought she was seeing smoke rings from a passing locomotive.

Off to Douglas

In the sky they saw a silver disc-like object coming slightly towards them in a "hovering sort of a manner," said Mrs. Copestake. Eventually it disappeared towards Douglas. There were no lights and no noise could be heard.

Mrs. A. Winter, of Matapu, had an eerie experience at 8:15 the same night. She heard a most unusual noise in the western sky, totally distinct from that of an aeroplane, though she failed to discern any foreign object.

Mrs. Winter described it as an "unusual whirring noise." As it was a clear night, she was at a loss to understand why she could not distinguish the cause of the unusual noise, which appeared to be similar to that heard last week by a Stratford girl at 1 a.m.

TWO "FLYING SAUCERS" FOR A LARGE FAMILY

"Taranaki Daily News," 22nd August, 1956.

Not one, but two flying saucers are claimed to have been seen in fairly close formation by a Stratford family of 10 people early on Monday night.

It was more than mere coincidence that the two sons, age 12 and 13 years, of Mr. and Mrs. G. Robertson, 121 Orlando Road, Stratford, should have been looking skywards at 6:30 p.m. Keen on astronomy, the two lads were looking for the planet Mars, now readily discernible on a clear night.

When they spotted two unusual objects on the skyline they excitedly called out to their parents who, with other members of the family, ranging from seven to 20 years, rushed out to see what at first appeared to be two white clouds.

"We were soon, however, to see that they were two dull white, disc-shaped objects as they passed under the light of the moon, heading towards Ngauruhoe," said Mrs. Robertson yesterday.

"They then appeared to turn slowly, more in an easterly direction, and gather speed. We watched them for almost 30 seconds. They were, to all appearances, slightly tilted and were quite visible. They were seen by 10 people in our family and a cousin next door. We feel beyond doubt they were what many eye-witnesses have claimed them to be—flying saucers."

Close Formation

Asked for further details, Mrs. Robertson said the objects must have been large and appeared to form perfect discs. They were in close formation and did not appear to be travelling at an exceptionally fast speed.

No lights were discernible, but she was adamant that there was no mistaking the fact they were individual objects other than aeroplanes or cloud. They shone and glistened brightly from the light of the moon in their progress on a slight angle, and after a time quickened speed. There was no noise heard.

Mrs. Robertson said her 20-year-old daughter claimed to have seen a flying saucer a little more than a week previously, corresponding with a report from another source in Taranaki.

It was 1 a.m. and her daughter, who was awake, heard an unusual noise. She looked out of her bedroom window and clearly saw a disc-like object with gold, orange and blue or green lights making in a southerly direction.

Its noise, the daughter said, was distinct from that of an aeroplane, and it appeared to hover about for some seconds. She attempted to awaken a sister in the same room, but was unable to do so before the object had disappeared.

IF YOU SIGHT AN "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT"

Write P.O. Box 72, Onehunga, S.E.5

Or phone immediately if possible to . . .
Mrs. Weitzner, Phone 21-969, day or night.
Mr. William Doo, Phone 42-715, day time

SWIFT FLYING CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT SIGHTED

September 3rd, 1956.

Witnessed by many observers, spanning a distance of 200 miles, a glowing object flying at a low level crossed Auckland heading north-west at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, 3rd September. The most expert observers so far ascertained, were two Air Force Squadron Leaders, K. B. Smith and O. Staple. The officers were at 500 feet making a landing run into Whenuapai Air Force base, when the glowing object crossed their flight path, disappearing to the north-west as their Hastings aircraft touched down. It was in sight for upwards of a half minute. First taken for a jet, Squadron Leader Smith said, they changed their minds quickly when the object revealed its terrific speed. It had a glowing half crescent shaped light in front and a more brilliant separated light trailing to the rear. "This trailing light seemed to pulsate," said Squadron Leader Staple. The pilots could not see the shape of the object between the lights. Your editor interviewed both officers, both of whom confirmed the press report and gave additional details. The object was travelling a flat horizontal trajectory at an estimated height of 2000 ft., said the Squadron Leaders. "We have not previously seen anything like this. It did not resemble shooting stars—meteors—we have seen plenty of those."

Your editor also interviewed Sergeant T. E. Cook, also of Whenuapai. Sgt. Cook in company with two others saw the object from their car whilst approaching the city on the new northern outlet highway.. "The object was cylindrical in shape, had a glowing light up front and was trailing pinkish-blue flame-like light from the rear." "It was a rocket," stated Mrs. Glowacki who was a passenger in the car. Sgt. Cook, following the fixed gaze of Mrs. Glowacki's son, who was the first to spot it, watched the object approach very fast from their front, and in the space of 9 to 10 seconds had disappeared to their left rear in a north-westerly direction. They are quite sure in their own minds that the object was not a meteor.

Mr. L. C. Dassler of Oropi, Tauranga (a former flight sergeant navigator with 1500 flying hours in the R.N.Z.A.F.), reported seeing "a pinkish-purplish flame and an indistinct shape of a hull," about 1000 feet above Te Poi near Matamata. It was travelling faster than any jet he had seen. Mr. F. J. Aikin, a Reporoa farmer, saw a pinkish and white pear-shaped object travelling very fast across the western sky.

A gang of waterside workers loading the "Mataroa" at Queen's Wharf, Auckland, said they saw "about four windows in the side." The object was cigar-shaped with a blue flame shooting from the rear. Many others reported seeing the object. CSI is currently investigating.

Auckland's evening paper 5th September, 1956, further reports . . .

"The Auckland Star," Sept. 5th, 1956.

Something that looked like a flying ball-point pen has joined the array of aerial phenomena reported over Auckland. But the man who saw it says without hesitation, "It was a meteor."

He is Mr. L. A. Warner, head of the science department at Avondale College. He also says without hesitation that Monday night's object in the sky (which he didn't see) was a meteor.

A different view is taken by Captain H. Hill, assistant marine superintendent for the New Zealand Shipping Co., Ltd., and a self-confessed former critic of flying saucer theories. He saw Monday's object, and said emphatically: "It was not a meteor."

Captain Hill saw the object from Takapuna at 6:45 p.m. It appeared as a cluster of bluish lights, moving swiftly and silently in level flight from Rangitoto towards Milford. After about five seconds it abruptly vanished.

"I have had 28 years at sea, and I've seen meteors and comets and I've seen planets rising and setting in all conditions," he said. "This was definitely an aircraft of some type."

Glowed brightly

Mr. Warner made his observation on Friday night. What he saw was a brightly-moving object like a slightly curved ball-point pen, except that its trailing end was diffused to a streamer-like formation.

Mr. L. A. Warner, Avondale College Science Head, mentioned in the press report, rang your editor and stated firmly that he had not made any reference or expressed any such opinion about the object sighted on Monday night, the 3rd of September, as accredited to him by the "Star's" reporter. He also rang Captain H. Hill and informed that gentleman that he had not made the remarks mentioned in the press report. Mr. Warner has an open mind on the subject, and has quite an interest in the problem of UFO appearances.

I spoke to Captain H. Hill via phone, who immediately confirmed his reported impression of the sighting. He kindly invited CSI officers to visit his point of observation and make any considered necessary checks of bearing, angles of elevation, arc of flight witnessed, etc. This has been arranged. Captain Hill added, "My estimation of the height the object was flying is 800 to 900 feet, and not very distant." He had discussed the matter with the captains of two of his company's ships, which were at the time of sighting approaching Auckland Harbour some 10 to 15 miles west. The ships' "watches" had not reported anything. The object had passed Captain Hill to the west going north-west. He considered the fact that the ships had not seen anything supported his contention that the object was quite close.

In order to obtain as much information on this incident as possible (we have heard of many people having sighted it, particularly further south of Auckland), CSI has inserted a large advt. in the local press calling for all details possible from the public. We are hopeful of good returns.

BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED, CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT SIGHTED

Christchurch, 6.20 p.m., 26th August, 1956.

Mrs. Turnbull, Hills Rd., Christchurch, sighted "a long, cigar-shaped object, clearly outlined and brilliantly lighted, travelling very fast from north to south in a downward curve." Mrs. Turnbull watched the strange object for at least 30 seconds—perhaps longer. She had rang Harewood Airfield and apparently the tower personnel put her on to our Christchurch representative. (Credit Mrs. E. E. Hamber, Ch'ch. rep. Thank you, too, Harewood.)

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY

"The Nelson Evening Mail," August 27th, 1956.

A Nile Street resident, Mr. G. Ferguson, has reported observing an unidentified object in the sky over Nelson shortly after noon today.

He described it as a silver disc clearly visible to himself and his family from 12.20 p.m. to 12.50 p.m. Viewed through a telescope the object appeared slightly larger but was still only a silver disc.

Mr. Ferguson's attention was drawn to the sky by a Dakota aircraft which was circling over the city at the time. He said it appeared to circle around the object but the control tower at Nelson aerodrome has advised that no reports of anything unusual were received from

the aircraft. They said it was the normal Nelson to Westport flight circling to gain height before it set a course for the West Coast.

Mr. Ferguson said the object remained visible for half an hour after the plane had left. It did not move.

He said he was particularly interested in the object because it resembled one seen by himself and a group of people at Cable Bay two years ago.

Addendum: On immediate follow inquiries made by our Nelson rep., these additional details came to light: Mr. Ferguson said that through his 3in. telescope the object was round like a grapefruit and was surrounded by a glow. Our Nelson rep., who is also a keen amateur astronomer, checked on Venus with his 6in. reflector in the early morn and noted that that planet was showing a clear half-sphere shape. Further inquiries and checks are being made; all are reasonably assured that something other than a planet was sighted by Mr. Ferguson. (Credit Mr. J. Fletcher, Nelson Rep.)

A FATHER LOOKED UP AND SAW . . .

"The Auckland Star," Sept. 6th, 1956.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Thursday (P.A.).—It was no meteor that a Taranaki farmer, Mr. Bert Thomson, of Kaponga, saw pass yesterday morning—and he's no believer in outer-space mysteries.

What was it?

Mr. Thomson ("I have perfectly good eyes") described it as a mysterious white "aircraft" about 70 feet long, 30 feet wide flying at about 1500 feet in an easterly direction between Hawera and Eltham.

It flew with little noise but at considerable speed—probably 300 to 400 miles an hour.

Mr. Thomson, who had got up to tend a sick animal, said he heard a hissing sound which gradually increased, and saw a white light followed by a blue one.

As the object came closer he saw it had a turret-like glass nose from which the white light came, delta-like rounded wings, a larger glass turret on the middle of the main body from which the blue light came, and a blazing tail.

The hissing sound, he said, seemed to indicate a jet-like engine. He could see no wheels or markings on the object.

ADDENDUM.—The hissing sound has often been reported, when UFOs are near enough to be heard. Remember the brilliant blue discs that paced the length of New Zealand on the night of December 6th, 1952, some 12 widely separated parties who reported the observations that night, all reported the hissing sound.—Ed.

As you can see . . .

They're With Us Again!

As this issue goes to press, the incidence of U.F.O. sightings are on the increase; numerous local reports are still coming in but cannot be included in this issue. Keep up to date with these momentous events by attending the monthly general meetings — see page 4 for dates.

FLIGHT WITHOUT EFFORT

Excerpt from "Flying Saucer Review"

"Electro-gravitics, seeking the source of gravity and its control, has reached a stage where profound implications for the entire human race begin to emerge," writes an American journalist in the current issue of the Swiss aviation monthly, "Interavia." "Perhaps the most startling and immediate implications of all involve aircraft, guided missiles—atmospheric and free space flight of all kinds."

If one of the several lines of research achieved their goal—and it seemed certain that this must occur—gravitational acceleration as a structural, aerodynamic and medical problem would cease to exist. So would the task of providing combustible fuels in massive volume in order to escape the earth's gravitic pull—now the biggest headache facing today's would-be "space-men."

And towards the long-term progress of mankind a whole new concept of electro-physics was being levered out into the light of human knowledge. Some projects were over 30 years old.

"The concept of weightlessness in conventional materials which are normally heavy, like steel, aluminium and barium, is difficult enough," explains the journalist, "but some theories, so far borne out empirically in the laboratory, postulate that not only can they be made weightless, but they can in fact be given a negative weight."

In this particular line of research, the weights of some materials had been cut by as much as 30 per cent. by "energizing" them. Disc aerofoils, two feet in diameter, incorporating a variation of the simple two-plate electrical condenser, charged with 50 kilovolts and a total continuous energy input of 50 watts, had achieved a speed of seventeen feet per second in a circular air course twenty feet in diameter.

Larger discs, three feet in diameter, had run in a fifty-foot diameter air course under a charge of 150 kilovolts with such impressive results that the cloak of secrecy had been thrown over them.

Variations in this work had been done in a vacuum with startling results. A flame-jet generator to supply power up to 15 million volts was being developed; and such a force raised exponentially to levels capable of pushing man-carrying vehicles through the air—or outer space—at ultra high speeds was now the object of concerted efforts in many countries.

Once achieved, it would allow vehicles to behave like flying saucers—"Flying Saucer Review," Vol. 1, No. 1, and Vol. 1, No. 5.

Entirely new and unsuspected electrical waves similar to electro-magnetic radio waves in basic concept are apparent in the ether, says "Interavia's" contributor. They have been created and transmitted through layers of the most efficient kinds of electro-magnetic and electrostatic shielding without apparent loss of power in any way. There was evidence, but no proof, that these waves were not limited by the speed of light; the reason why the new science seemed to strike at the very foundations of Einsteinian Relativity Theory.

But rather than invalidate current basic concepts such as Relativity, the new knowledge of gravity would probably expand their scope, ramifications and general usefulness.

The most successful line of electro-gravitics research so far reported was that carried out by Townsend T. Brown, an American who had been researching into gravity for the past 30 years. He was now conducting research projects in the United States and on the Continent and postulated that there was between electricity and gravity a relationship called parallel and/or similar to that which existed between electricity and magnetism. And as the coil was the usable link in the case of electro-magnetics, so was the condenser that link in the case of electro-gravitics.

The detailed implications of man's conquest of gravity, continued "Interavia's" correspondent, were innumerable. In cars, trains and boats the headaches of transmission of power from engine to wheels or propellers would simply cease to exist. Construction of bridges and big buildings would be greatly simplified by temporary induced weightlessness.* Other facets of work now under way indicated the possibility of close control of plant life; new therapeutic techniques; permanent fuel-less heating units for homes and industry; new manufacturing techniques and a whole new field of chemistry. The list was endless . . . and growing.

Ignoring the military significance of electro-gravitics in international affairs, what the development of the new science might do to the value of raw materials was perhaps interesting to contemplate. Some materials were more prone to induced weightlessness than others. They were becoming known as **gravitic isotopes.** Some were already quite hard to find, but others were common and, for the moment, cheap. Since these ultimately might be the vital lofting materials required to the creation of contra-gravitational fields, their value might become extremely high with equivalent re-arrangement of wealth of national resources, balance of economic power and world geo-strategic concepts.

How soon all this would come about was directly proportional to the amount of effort put into it. Surprisingly, countries usually in the lead in this type of research had only been fooling around. Britain, with her National Physical Laboratory, had apparently never seriously considered that the attempt to overcome gravity was worth the effort and was now scurrying around trying to discover what it was all about. The Americans† only put token amounts of money into research, while the French, a little more open-mindedly, had initiated a number of projects, but these were on a very small scale.

Most of the work undertaken so far had been of a private nature, by undercapitalised university professors in lofts and basements. But the word was afoot now and the Governments were taking a growing interest.

*It is believed the Pharaohs of Egypt possessed the secret and used it to build the Pyramids.

†It is now well known that about fifteen American electronic and aircraft companies are actively engaged on anti-gravity research. See *Flying Saucer Review*, Jan.-Feb. The Indian Government, too, is interested and has offered a substantial prize for the most valuable contribution to anti-gravity.—Ed.

Project Magnet

THE CANADIAN FLYING SAUCER STUDY

"Project Magnet" was authorized in December, 1950, following a request made to the Canadian Department of Transport by W. B. Smith, for permission to make use of the Department's laboratory and field facilities in a study of unidentified flying objects and physical principles which might appear to be involved.

The programme consisted of two parts. The first part was the collecting of as much high quality data as possible, analysing it, and where possible, drawing conclusions from it. The second part consisted of a systematic questioning of all our basic concepts in the hopes of turning up a discrepancy which might prove to be the key to a new technology.

Unfortunately, the programme was plagued by well-meaning but misguided journalists who were looking for spectacular copy, or copy which could be turned to political account, to such an extent that both those who were working on the project and the Department of Transport found themselves in an embarrassed position. Consequently, when the "Project Magnet" Report was made and permission sought to extend the scope of the investigation through Federal financial support, the decision was finally made in 1954 that this would not be advisable in the face of the publicity from which the whole project had suffered.

"Project Magnet" was officially dropped by the Department of Transport in October, 1954, although the Department indicated its willingness to permit the continued use of laboratory facilities, provided this could be done at no cost to the public treasury. The project has been continuing under these conditions, and to this extent may be said to have gone underground. The Government of Canada is not a participant in the project and not in any way responsible for its conclusions.

The conclusions reached by "Project Magnet" and contained in the official report were based on a rigid statistical analysis of sighting reports and were as follows: There is a 91% probability that at least some of the sightings were of real objects of unknown origin. There is about a 60% probability that these objects were alien vehicles. (Alien meaning not of earthly fabrication.)

The conclusions based on studies of the basic physical concepts were as follows: Many of our fundamental concepts are inherently ambiguous and quite a different philosophy can be built up on the alternatives. Several of these alternatives lead to much simpler arithmetic, and presentations which do not have to resort to patchwork corrections to make them all-embracing. Furthermore, some of our ideas with respect to fields and their behaviour are wrong.

Recent "Project Magnet" activities have dealt with following up any and all leads. Many of these leads were dead ends, but a few were quite significant and well worth the overall effort. At the present time a definite pattern is emerging, and the groundwork is being laid for a new technology which may literally lead us to the stars.

ALL ABOUT PROJECT MAGNET

It gives us every pleasure to pass on to our readers this most interesting statement on "Project Magnet" and excerpts from a recent accompanying letter. Wilbur B. Smith is head of the Canadian Government's Transport Department's Tele-communication Division. Members will recall many newspaper and book references to Smith (Keyhoe) and what he has to say is worthy of more than a passing interest. We thank him for the "statement" and his most welcome letter.—Ed.

April 24th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Fulton,

I acknowledge your letter of April 15th and wish to thank you for your interest in my activities. Although "Project Magnet" has been officially closed down, I am still carrying on the investigation work on my own. In order to clarify my position I have prepared the enclosed statement. I have no objection to the publication of this statement provided that it is published in its entirety as submitted.

As hinted in the last paragraph of this statement, a great deal has been learned towards the founding of a new and advanced technology, but as yet we are in the kindergarten, and have a lot of crawling and toddling to do before we can walk, much less run!

It is quite true that our knowledge of the physical world in which we live is most inadequate and some of our ideas are quite wrong. But most people with any sort of a background in science have little difficulty in pointing up the deficiencies. Add to this the knowledge obtained through studies of the flying saucers and it all starts to clear up. It is really surprising how much of the new technology actually is known now, but unrecognized because it looks like something else; something that we have taught ourselves to accept blindly, sometimes contrary to our own better judgment. I think that if we were left to our own devices for about fifty years we could get off this planet by field manipulation. I think if as much effort were to be put on this project as was put on the atom bomb, we could do it in ten years. However, I sincerely hope that we don't do it until we outgrow the childish belligerence with which the majority seem to be afflicted.

With best regards,

W. B. SMITH.

UFO INVESTIGATORS AGREE THAT SAUCERS EXIST—BUT ARE THEIR OCCUPANTS

Humanoid or Human?

By Dr. Benjamin D. Beninca sa

After a long wait, the United States and Great Britain finally spoke unofficially through their best-informed saucerologists (Keyhoe, Ruppelt, Cramp and Lord Dowding) on the intriguing question of UFOs. Following closely on their heels were France's top-notch ufological specialists (Guieu, Plantier, Thirouin, and Michel) with their penetrating saucer-phenomena findings.

British, American and French saucer experts agree to a man that flying saucers are real, honest-to-goodness aircraft. They are all in agreement that the saucer-shaped flying machines are not of terrestrial manufacture. But not one of the enthusiastic ufologists will come out openly, clearly and boldly with a statement as to who is behind the saucer vehicles. Oh, yes, they have repeatedly declared that a superior intelligence is behind the strange movements of the extramundane visitants. But none of the scientifically-trained saucer investigators has said—in spite of the accumulated evidence before them—that the saucer-ship occupants are human beings: God-fashioned creatures with body and soul, capable of thinking, reasoning, conversing, and inventing and constructing complicated flying constructions with billion-mile ranges.

It has shocked me no end whenever a saucerologist has asserted that flying-saucers must be operated by pure spirits. I have been equally shocked by saucerological declarations that our extra-terrestrial visitors must be half human and half beast. I have been no less disturbed by certain ufological pronouncements which have stressed the belief that disk-land pilots must be almost, but not quite, human! Such nonsense!

The respected investigating author who really surprises me is France's Mathematician Aimé Michel. While his book, THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, rates high on my list of saucercraft publications, because of his unmistakably scientific, cold-fact approach to the UFO problem, I cannot for the life of me understand why he has refused to evaluate Europe's, South America's and North America's "talking little men" and "dead little men" reports.

Now, Scientist Michel has accepted the testimony of Gabriel Gachignard ("a simple man, honest, without imagination"), who claims that in October of 1952 he saw, from a distance of 50 yards, a 15-foot cigar land at Marignane Airport, at Marseilles. By the same token, why can't Scientist Michel accept the testimonies of other equally simple, honest and unimaginative witnesses, such as France's Pierre Lucas, Jean-Pierre Mitto, and Antoine Mazaud, Venezuela's Gustavo Gonzales and Jose Ponce, and America's John Quincey Black and John Van Allen, all of whom swear they saw one or more smallish, and/or average-height, human creatures leave or enter decidedly unconventional flying craft?

Let us remember that Black and Allen, two Brush Creek, Cal., mining prospectors, related that, at 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 1953, they spotted, from a distance of about 40 feet, an eight-foot-diameter, disc-like aircraft, which moments later was entered by a four-foot pilot, "a white man, with black hair and a closely-shaven face" who wore outlandish clothes and non-American foot-gear.

Basil Benedict, a California newsman who interviewed Black and Allen after their saucer pilot experience, wrote on June 25, 1953, that he could not arrive "at a single reason why these miners should attempt to perpetrate a hoax" on him.

What has surprised so many lay saucerologists is the keen interest which Christian theologians have increasingly shown in the saucer-pilot reports. Nearly two years ago a distinguished American clergyman, whom I have known very well for the past 42 years and who now resides in Vatican City, was kind enough to answer a brief but to-the-point questionnaire of mine dealing with these momentous topics: (1) the existence or non-existence of saucercraft; (2) the take-off point or points of flying saucers; (3) the bodily appearance and degree of intelligence of our saucership visitants; (4) whether or not the disc visitors are related to terrestrial human beings; (5) whether or not the Book of Genesis is the Church's sole basis for deciding the origins of extra-terrestrial intelligent life; (6) whether or not the disc pilots bear the same manner of original sin which has been transmitted to terrestrial humanity by sinful Adam and Eve.

I had barely received a reply to my questionnaire than I became fully acquainted with two notably sub-

stantiated facts: first, that Fathers Gregory Miller and C. M. de Beata Assumptione and several other Catholic priests the world over who had personally observed flying saucers were privately asserting that the airborne objects which they had seen might have an extra-terrestrial basis; second, that Catholic theologians K. Staab, M. Schmaus, F. J. Connell, W. T. Wood, P. Crowley, and a score of other Catholic theological authorities were voicing the opinion that human creatures like ourselves might reside on other planets, and that, should we terrestrials be smart enough to build interplanetary aircraft and one day land on extra-terrestrial soil, we might meet our solar-system brethren.

But it remained for my Vatican City correspondent (whose name for the moment I may not mention) to tell me precisely how a group of celebrated Roman ecclesiastical minds felt about extramundane humanity, original sin, etc. This is what my correspondent wrote me, in part: "The Faith-binding article that all human beings are descendants of Adam, according to many theologians, really applies to Earthians, although some theologians hold that it applies to all persons with body and soul, regardless of where they may be . . . This question had not been settled by the Church; and, as a consequence, it is not unreasonable for the faithful Catholic to hold either position until the Church renders an Article-of-Faith decision."

This unofficial information tells us that theologians in Vatican City form two schools: one holds that the Book of Genesis, when speaking of hte creation of Man, really refers to the formation of Terrestrial Man; the other maintains that the same narrative unfolds the story of the origins of the very First Man—the progenitor of universal humankind, on this and other planetary bodies.

Regardless of which school we follow, we cannot escape the extremely important fact that Terrestrial Intelligent Beings and Extra-terrestrial Intelligent Beings have been made "to the image and likeness of God." To them alone He gave the upright stature; to them alone He gave a unique bodily shape, the ability to "make use of reason and intellect to understand and consider God," the faculties of language, thought and ingeniousness, and the will to attain eternal happiness in His Kingdom.

I repeat: the informal, unofficial belief of Roman theologians is that, if saucerships exist, they are manned by highly intelligent human beings, who look very much like us.

Some of our more scientifically-bent theologians residing here and abroad contend that the Saucerians are here primarily to investigate whether Earthians constitute a potential or actual threat to the peace of Saucerland. True, their trips do have scientific purposes—the possible discovery of new metals, and new plants and soils for the preparation of better medicinals, the learning of the extent to which our Earth has tilted; the sighting of newly-emerged oceanic islands and the plotting of locations where islands once existed; the determining of whether certain shorelines may be inundated at some future time; the progress we have made in aeronautics, astronautics, astrophysics, astronomy, electronics, and ballistics. Yet, their chief concern is—do men like Scientist Zwicky wish to bomb their planets out of their normal orbital paths and into abnormal, artificial routes around the Sun? How warlike could Earthians become if they were given more terrific H-bombs and 25,000-mile-per-hour warcraft?

The wise theologians are convinced that Earthmen must first outlaw war if they wish to win the respect of Saucerians. Even if future terrestrial astronauts do enter the atmosphere of saucer-based Luna, the Saucerians will not allow them to land if they discover that their intruders still have war-like and conquistadorial ideas in mind.

RADIO SIGNALS FROM VENUS INDICATE ATMOSPHERE LIKE OURS . . .

"Buffalo Evening News," August 27th, 1956.

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 27—Venus has been broadcasting some astronomically interesting radio signals, an Ohio State University scientist said today.

The signals come in pulses often a second or more and sometimes there is a long string of them, with more or less uniform intervals between, said **Dr. John D. Kraus** in a paper read to the American Astronomical Society.

The frequency of the signals ranges from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 cycles a second. Those at the higher frequency arrive as much as 2 seconds ahead of those on the lower side of the band. This suggests, Dr. Kraus said, that the electrified atmospheres of Venus and the Earth and the space between have an anomalous way of dispersing radio waves.

The distant planet also sends out another class of radio signals which might be the product of lightning storms, Dr. Kraus said. Sometimes they sizzle away for as long as 12 hours. They fluctuate greatly in intensity, with peaks occurring 20, 39, 63 and 90 minutes, 6 hours 25 minutes, and 11 days apart.

Every day the peaks of intensity arrive about 7 minutes earlier than they did the day previously. This gives a clue to the planet's rotation period, Dr. Kraus said, and probably means that it turns around once every certain number of days minus 7 minutes for each day in the process.

It will take more observing to determine the number of days required for rotation, Dr. Kraus reported.

Venus is overlaid by a thick bank of clouds which prevents direct observation of the planet's surface. The radio signals some day may enable scientists to find out more about what lies beneath these clouds.

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"FLYING SAUCER" AT PROSERPINE

"Register," Townsville, Queensland.

MACKAY, May 16.—Four people saw a "flying saucer" off Proserpine last Saturday night.

They were: Miss Grace Herbetson and Mr. John Murray, of Airlie Beach, and two fishermen.

The story of the four people's experience was brought to Mackay today by South Australian businessman, Mr. K. Morley.

Mr. Morley said Miss Herbertson and Mr. Murray were on the beach at about 8 p.m. when they saw a large reddish object come swiftly from an easterly direction and hover over Airlie Beach for several minutes.

Miss Herberston and Mr. Murray and the fishermen told Mr. Morley the saucer made a humming noise as it hovered above them and then sped away to the east, where it appeared to stand stationary over Hayman Island.

"Bright Lights in Sky" R.A.A.F. IN "SAUCER" HUNT OVER SYDNEY

"Sunday Telegraph," Sydney, July 8th, 1956.

An R.A.A.F. plane flew over North Sydney yesterday to invesigate a report of two unidentified objects in the air.

The pilot found no explanation for the sighting of the objects.

The R.A.A.F. was acting on a report from Mr. Alan Light of Lloyd Avenue, Cremorne.

Mr. Light had earlier told the Sunday Telegraph that he and other Cremorne residents sighted two unusual objects in the sky.

Mr. Light was a radar equipment operator with the R.A.A.F. in World War II.

"The objects had a metallic appearance, and gave off a bright light," he said.

"They appeared between noon and 1 p.m. about 2000 feet up.

"They were almost stationary.

"The objects disappeared for about an hour, but one reappeared again about 10 past two.

"They weren't aircraft nor were they weather balloons—I've seen plenty of them."

An R.A.A.F. spokesman said the objects could have been reflected light from the planet Venus, at present close to the earth.

Mystery Blasts Rock Melbourne PEOPLE HURLED TO GROUND, HOMES SHAKE

"Telegraph," Sydney, June 29th, 1956.

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—Mysterious explosions rocked Melbourne on a 60-mile arc just before 3 p.m. today.

Defence, Civil Aviation and Weather Bureau authorities could give no explanation of the blasts.

But police said the explosions and the accompanying tremors were the strongest Melbourne had felt.

A wind blast following the explosions hurled people to the ground at Altona, eighty miles south-west of Melbourne.

Mr. G. Phillips, of Geelong Road, Footscray, said he was blown from his bicycle.

A few minutes before 3 p.m. explosions occurred on the 60-mile arc.

Tremors which followed shook homes in most Melbourne suburbs and towns near the city.

In many homes windows were cracked and crockery was broken.

Wide area

Reports of the explosion came from widely separated centres such as:

Frankston, 24 miles south of Melbourne on the eastern side of Port Phillip Bay.

Keilor, 10 miles north-west of Melbourne City.

Werribee, 20 miles south of Melbourne, on the western side of Port Phillip Bay.

Ringwood, 15 miles east of Melbourne.

The heart of the city.

To add to the mystery, the noise and concussion were felt only in parts of some city buildings.

The blasts startled thousands of city shoppers.

Huge plate-glass windows shook.

Fire engines went to many houses which occupiers feared had blown up.

A brick wall collapsed in Banksia Stret, Heidelberg, eight miles north-west of Melbourne.

Dogs howled and hid under houses.

Official reactions were:

Lara, Essendon an Mangalore airports said no aircraft were up at the time.

The Weather Bureau reported no meteors.

Melbourne Observatory's seismograph recorded no earthquakes.

The Defence Department said no new weapon or aircraft tests could have caused the blasts.

Munitions factories and storage depots said no ammunition had blown up.

Quarry masters said they were not exploding charges at the time.

"FLYING SAUCERS" OVER TOKYO

Japan News, Tokyo, May 1st, 1956.

"Flying saucers" were reported over various parts of Tokyo on Wednesday night.

The strange flying objects, which have been creating a sensation since they were first reported in the U.S. in 1947, were seen in Chiba Prefecture and Koto, Kita and Nakano Wards.

In Kita-Sunamachi, Koto Ward, factory worker Sadao Hachiya, 23, and five of his friends saw a bright object about the size of a football flying low over the roof-tops.

They told the Yomiuri Shimbun's Koto Bureau that the object, which was a brilliant white, flew toward Kameido Station and disappeared just before 8 p.m.

In Hirobune-cho, Kita Ward, Miss Turuko Kurihara, 23, saw a greenish object with a red tail flashing across the skies "faster than a jet plane" at about 7.59 p.m.

Miss Kurihana said the object, from 20 to 30 times the size of the tail end of a plane, was in sight for about five seconds.

The flashing object made no noise but caused severe distortion on television sets in that area, according to residents.

WEB-LIKE THREADS PUZZLE SCIENTISTS

Melbourne, July 10th, 1956 (By Airmail).

Millions of web-like white threads drifting through Melbourne's seaside suburbs hang from lines and wires, stick to cars and clothes, catch in trees—and vanish in a few hours.

Six scientists of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Organisation have studied the threads. They have tested them with ethyl acetate, acetone, lactophenol blue dye, magnified them a hundred times, burnt them, melted them, turned them orange.

Said one of them, "It's not wool, it doesn't come from feathers, it's not cotton, it's not wood-fibre, and it doesn't look like a synthetic fibre."

Some of them are thinking in terms of spiders yet to be identified but, as the threads have a melting quality, they are further puzzled.

Copy of the letter forwarded to the named organization on the date stated below.

Director,
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Organization,
Melbourne, Australia.
Dear Sir,

Am in receipt of cable news item dated July 12th, originating Melbourne, reporting C.S.I.O. Scientist's investigations of strange web-like threads which fell in Melbourne seaside suburbs. Should your organization have more than a passing interest, I take pleasure in passing on the information below, with the hope that it may be of some value.

During the course of my nine years' interest and investigations of 'Unidentified Flying Objects,' many reports have been received, where the strange objects and this threadlike substance has been witnessed simultaneously. Usually witnesses have claimed that the white material appeared to be jettisoned from the rear of the objects.

Both military and civilian scientists have investigated this substance, but in the main their analysis have not been published. They have, however, made much comment on its apparent properties. At this time I have quite a dossier on the falls of 'Angels' Hair' on 'Threads of the Virgin' (popular terms of description). There have been a number of earlier falls in Australia and New Zealand.

This gelatinous material quickly vanishes on being handled, it sometimes stains the skin a greenish hue temporary—this also shortly vanishes. All traces have usually vanished within 24 hours, as a maximum. Its colour varies slightly with falls—white, dirty white, ash-grey—and sometimes has a pinkish tint. It is reportedly quite strong—resisting tensional loads (or stretching), but on release coils up in a pig-tail-like curl. It burns readily and is usually electro-statically charged.

One of the most spectacular falls of 'Angels' Hair' (see 'Sydney Morning Herald,' Sat., Oct. 30th, 1954) occurred at Florence, Italy, on the 28th Oct., 1954. Some 15,000 football fans lost interest in the game, as did the players and for 30 minutes excitedly watched formations of manoeuvring disc and cigar-shaped objects performing in the clear sky above. The objects were seen to jettison whitish material which drifted down and settled in the immediate area.

Cable news further reported that a professor on the scene (not named) managed to salvage a portion and subject it to an analysis at his laboratory. He stated that the analysis showed that the predominent constituents were Boron, Calcium, Silicon, and Magnesium. "It bore resemblance to the constitutents of Borosilicate glass," stated the professor.

In the 'Sydney Morning' report, mentioned above, Sydney University's Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Professor A. V. Stephens; the Dean of Faculty of Science, Professor T. G. Room and Dr. J. M. Blat, of the Physics Division, all made comment on the Florence incident.

Professor Charles Maney, Head of the Physics Dept., Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, U.S.A., is most seriously interested in the 'UFO' and is currently investigating the strange whitish substance.

A large fall last year in the United States, reported to have covered an entire Atomic Commission plant, baffled scientists on the location. Their published comment read very similar to that reported in the Melbourne cable news first referred to.

I am aware, too, of the terrific explosion (press reported 28th and 29th June, 1956) that rocked Melbourne over a 60-mile arc. These incidents are on the increase and mainly occur in the vicinity of populated areas. Some of these mysterious aerial explosions rock areas up to 90 miles radius and are frequently preceded by a vivid orange or blue flash. Most times the weather is fine in the areas affected and all blameworthy authorities vigorously deny responsibility.

Shock waves from aircraft breaking the sonic barrier create similar effects without the flash, but the areas affected are usually selective and far more narrowly defined. These explosions represent another link in the clue to the answer to the saucer riddle.

I do not know the exact date of the recent Melbourne fall of 'Angels' Hair,' investigated by your scientists, but you cannot help but notice that the aerial explosion that rocked Melbourne preceded the fall of thread-like material by only a few days, if that.

I have listed the seven major clues correlated to UFOs in the accompanying news sheet enclosed, for your possible interest. Sincerely hope I have not bored you with all this detail, only wish to aid your investigating officers.

Would most appreciate learning more details of the recent incident and result of investigation, if so concluded.

Your faithfully,

HAROLD H. FULTON.

STRANGE LIGHTS PUZZLE R.A.A.F. — CONTROL TOWER TRIES TO CONTACT

"Fiji Times," 19th July.

The mystery of the strange lights seen over Levuka on July 18th has been deepened by reports of similar lights seen in the sky over Sydney on the same night. All Sydney newspapers had reports of the mysterious lights, but a check by puzzled aviation officials find that there were no aircraft near where the lights were reported. The control tower at Sydney Airport failed to make radio contact with the object.

MYSTERY LIGHT REPORTED OVER SYDNEY

"Telegraph," Sydney, N.S.W., 16th July, 1956.

Sydney people reported having seen a bright light surrounded by a red halo over French's Forest yesterday.

They said the light appeared soon after 11 a.m. and hovered over the forest for half an hour.

People who phoned the "Daily Telegraph" said the light moved too slowly to have come from an aircraft.

Mr. C. W. Waterman, of Ourimbah Road, Mosman, was sitting on the front verandah of his house when he noticed it.

He said: "It was a brilliant pinpoint like a miniature electric globe, surrounded by a red aura.

"My son, Beresford, brought out a pair of high-powered fieldglasses and we had a closer look.

"Through the glasses the light took on a triangular, lampshade-like shape.

"About 11.25 it disappeared in a cloud haze, but reappeared five minutes later, moving slowly out to sea."

Mr. A. Lennon, of Hornsby, also phoned the "Daily Telegraph."

He said the light increased and diminished in intensity for 15 minutes, then disappeared, slowly travelling east.

A spokesman for Mascot Control could not account for the light.

"We did not have any weather balloons up between 11 a.m. and noon," he said.

The R.A.A.F. Home Command Operations Officer said no Air Force plane was over Northern Sydney at the time.

R.A.A.F. REPORT

Royal Australian Air Force observers were the first to report, which they saw, as a very strong, steady light. Other reports said, however, that the light alternated between a stationary position and a fast movement through the sky. The Observatory at Sydney said the only explanation they could be that the light came from the planet Venus. (Someone at the observation will get jolted over this—because Venus is at present a morning star.—Ed.)

—Credit Mrs. Jolly, Hamilton.

STRANGE LIGHTS IN SKY OVER LEVUKA

Fiji "Times," July 23rd.

The first report which appeared briefly in the Fiji "Times" last week came from Mr. A. L. Miller, Mr. Les Williams and eight Fijians who were on a fishing expedition on the night of June 13th, between Wakaya and Levuka.

Said Mr. Miller, "They were preparing coffee about 2 a.m. when we saw the object in the sky. It was a large object, shaped like a circle and glowing with light. It was moving slowly towards them in the skies from the direction of Koro." He added, "We all saw it at the same time and thought the end of the world was upon us as it came through the sky towards us." All ten men said they watched the weird circle of brilliant light approaching them noiselessly through the air; they said it passed over Wakaya. They had a clear view of it. All the men stated that they could see square portholes in the "thing" which was brilliantly lit from within.

They said that at 4 a.m. the object had disappeared over the island of Ovalan. Three residents of Levuka also saw a similar object in the sky on the evening of July 18th.

U.F.O. SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

Fiji "Times," August 3rd.

First reported at 10.45 a.m., a brilliant object in the sky, seen by many people, caused much excitement. Stated one observer, Mr. John L. Narayan, draughtsman: "At about 11 o'clock yesterday I saw a group of people looking up over the Lilac Theatre in a feathery patch of milky clouds which was cast over the azure sky. I saw a flying saucer exactly like the ones I used to read about in comics. It was was in the form of a pancake. I could not see it spinning exactly, but I had a feeling that it was rotating. It was a disc slightly flattened at the sides, more than at the centre. Suddenly it vanished as mysteriously as it had come."

STRANGE OBJECT SEEN BY HUNDREDS OVER SUVA

P. Nicholls, R.D.1, Wellsford.
"Herald-Tribune," H.B.

SUVA, Aug. 4.—A sky phenomenon last night and early today puzzled hundreds of Suva observers. The object first appeared over the city from the east shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday. It was still visible at 3 a.m. today.

Among many reports was that of Mr. Hari Ram, Bachelor of Science, a master at the Marist Brothers' College in Suva. He said that at 9.50 p.m. yesterday he saw a spindle-shaped deep golden-yellow light moving to the north from the east.

Three distinct rods of light radiated from it, the longest of which was vertically upward. The tapering end was curved and diffused.

For over 62 minutes he saw the main rays change several times and assume the shape of a plus sign.

A circular patch of clear blue sky surrounded the object.

The meteorological officer in charge at Laucala Bay, Mr. A. Good, said his office could not explain the object.

(We are seriously investigating this report.—Ed.)

A DIARY ENTRY EXTRAORDINARY

From Mr. A. B. S. Russell, Accountant and Storekeeper for a large Western Australia estate, "Congelin Park, Williams,' comes the details of a very interesting early 1956 sighting. Mr. Russell, a captain (army) during the last World War, had read the article on C.S.I. and your Editor's activities as published in "PEOPLE" magazine May 2nd, 1956, and rightly considered we would be interested in his experience.

Excerpt from FOWLER BROTHERS, Diary, Friday, 20th January, 1956:—

Fine and warm, wind S.E.

Clover harvesting proceeding, crusher being assembled and tried out. Creegnali N. phoned from Perth to say they will be at Narrogin 6 a.m. Arranged to meet them.

E.L. engine going all day. Pumps wanted for watering gardens. Strange flying object seen by Mrs. Russell and self at 5 p.m. First sighted by Mrs. R. from T. J. S. Fowler's front lawn. Locality of object about one hand's span S.E. of moon, which was clearly visible. Mrs. R. thought the object might be a very bright star and drew my attention to it. At first glance I thought it might be bright sun's rays on a high flying, hovering bird. As my eyes got properly focused I could see it was a big object at considerable height, anything from 10,000 to 20,000 feet. No noise whatsoever. Hovering continued for a minute or two and then the object started to move with spasmodic impetus towards the S.W. (surface winds were S.E.) The strange, slow spasmodic forward movement continued until the object went out of sight in the far S.W. The shape of the object, as far as I could see (sketch like a cottage loaf of bread). When it got away from its first almost vertical position, it seemed to have depth of body.

Lights. There seemed to be a bright light aft (white) with a duller yellow light above and forward. As the object got further away advancing by jumps forward at roughly second intervals, and not at any great speed, the white light aft seemed to brighten with each forward jump. When fading in the far distance, the last we could see of it was the intermittent brightening of the white light.

We are convinced that it was not any sort of plane or helicopter we had ever heard of. It was not a bird nor a star nor comet, nor was it a balloon nor a piece of paper at great height, which we have sometimes seen carried up to fantastic heights by "willy-willies" and such-like. We reported the matter by phone to the Dept. of Civil Aviation, who requested us to write a full account to the Dept. at Perth for redirecting to Melbourne.

Footnote: Mr. Russell enclosed a copy of the reply he received from Perth. A most cordial reply—thanking Mr. Russell for his report, informing him that it would go to the appropriate Military authorities in Melbourne for investigation.

To C.S.I. members this Western Australian sighting proves very interesting, because the following night at Whenuapai, Auckland, N.Z., four met. personnel of the radar hut making a routine raincloud search were com-

pletely baffled by a cluster of strange, very strong blips that appeared on the screen of their M7 set. (Full details our Mar.-June edition.)

It was not until July that we learned from Mr. Campbell of Ponsonby, Auckland, that he had seen first one very bright moving light in the sky, at 1.15 a.m. 22/1/56, and on bringing his wife out to witness the strange object, he was further surprised to see now 10 to 12 whitish, oval lights moving very fast south-west in a vee formation. Mr. Campbell was quite sure of the day and date—for he had noticed the press report the following Tuesday telling of the Whenuapai radar incident.

"The Free Press," Singapore, Malaya.

Headed "Atlantean Survivors in Space Ships Pilot Those Flying Saucers," a strong argument for the UFOs is featured on a full page of the Singapore "The Free Press," 18th June, 1956, by Pelham Groom. "Have you seen one?" asks "The Free Press." "What are your views on Flying Saucers? We are anxious to find out what readers think of this potentially dangerous subject. Where do you think they come from? What are Flying Saucers?" Pelham Groom is a man who writes on this subject after 20 years' experience in the Royal Air Force. What he has to say here is not all conjecture. "Flying Saucers are a vital concern to every man, woman and child. Your safety may be endangered any day. Write to the Free Press. We want all the news we can get on Flying Saucers." (CSI has made immediate contribution.—Ed.)

HUNDREDS SEE STRANGE OBJECT

"Telegraph," Sydney, 7th August, 1956.

Hundreds of people last night watched "a peculiar red object like a comet" moving in the sky east of Sydney.

The object was sighted by people from Bondi to Lane Cove.

The object was first noticed at 9 p.m. and was still visible an hour and a quarter later.

Groups of Bondi people stood on street corners watching the object.

Mr. H. Warham, Clyde Street, Bondi, said he and his family watched the object for an hour.

He said: "It's the most astonishing thing I've ever seen.

"It looked like a rocket with a tail heading for the earth at terrific speed.

"It glowed in a fiery red brilliance, then faded almost to a pin point. Then it seemed to return.

"I've seen everything that flies in the sky, but this defies description."

"Although I don't believe in flying saucers, I find it hard to believe this is anything like a plane.

"It's the first time I've noticed it."

"Kept Rising"

Mr. W. F. Boyling, Lane Cove, said: "At first it looked like the light on the top of a television mast.

"But when it kept rising in the sky I became really interested.

"At times it was obscured by clouds. But it was quite bright. I've never seen anything like this before."

The Government Astronomer (Mr. H. Wood) discounted the suggestion that the object was Venus.

He said: "It could have been Mars, but it has been in that position some time and hasn't drawn much attention."

Cloudy conditions made it impossible for Mr. Wood to watch the object through the Observatory's telescope.

WEIRD LIGHTS IN SKY

"Mirror," Sydney, 13th August, 1956.

Arkansas City, Mon. (Ins).—Several unidentified tear-shaped objects casting weird lights in the sky caused a mystery when they were reported seen floating over several Kansas communities.

Two of the strange objects, with lighted, dangling tentacles, were viewed for five hours over Arkansas City by Brian Coyne, city editor of the Arkansas City Traveler, his wife, Irene, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bradberry, who had been fishing, and three policemen.

Coyne said the mysterious bulbs cast a metallic blue or bluish green light and moved slowly, frequently changing positions.

Witnesses in Wichita, Hutchinson, El Dorado and Wellington (Kas.) also reported seeing what appeared to be a huge light bulb dancing in the sky.

A State patrolman first reported seeing the objects moving east at a high rate of speed near Hutchinson.

Later, McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita sent out a B29 bomber and Smokey Hill Air Force Base despatched two jet planes to investigate.

An object was picked up on the radar screen at Hutchinson.

The mystery has not been solved.

Books . . . for the Student

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS by Aimé Michel (tr. by Paul Selver). New York: Criterion Books, Inc. 255 pp. $3.95. 8 Robert Hale, London.

By Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa.

For the second time this year a French-authored saucer work has been translated into English and circulated in English-speaking countries.

The first French saucercraft book, Jimmy Guieu's FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD, came out early this spring. The current saucership work, THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, will officially be offered for sale in America on June 8th, 1956.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS is not a narrative romanticizing saucer sightings and saucer landings. On the contrary, it is a soberly thought-out and well-written volume by a celebrated French mathematician and engineer named Aimé Michel. Author Michel, who is typical of the real matter-of-fact, rationalist French scientist, does not take flying saucers for granted. He does not blatantly exclaim, "Flying saucers exist!" Rather, he submits his facts—his portfolio-packed flying saucer evidence, and says to the reader: "Here they are—the carefully-reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects throughout the world: in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the United States . . . Now, you be the judge of whether they could possibly be the products of terrestrial aeronautical engineers."

Michel dispassionately evaluates the natural-phenomena hypothesis of America's Dr. Donald Menzel. He observes that Menzel's attitude to the flying saucers "seems to me (Michel) hardly consistent with ordinary common sense."

The author also analyzes Lt. Plantier's solution of the flying saucer riddle. Michel terms it "all-embracing and revolutionary." Three years ago, Lt. Plantier, one

of the smartest minds of the new French Air Force, indicated that a not-as-yet terrestrially-exploited space energy powered the flying saucers. He even attempted to explain "the silence, the thermal resistance, the changes of shape, and the manoeuvrability of the flying disks."

"Flying Saucers and Theology" is the section of Michel's book which particularly caught my eye. On pages 240-243, he reproduces an article which was originally written by Washington's Father F. J. Connell for the AMERICAN ECCLESIASTICAL REVIEW. In this literary contribution, the Washington priest conceives of four spiritual states in which beings exist. While Scientist Michel makes no personal comments on these four order of beings, he neither attempts to evaluate the alleged flying-saucer landing reports and "little men" contact stories appearing in all French newspapers in 1954.

Does Michel prefer to believe that flying-saucer pilots are created unlike us and, therefore, "breathe methane as we breathe oxygen, and quench their thirst with ammonia and hydrochloric acid?"

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, which contains an introduction, three parts, an index and 32 interesting illustrations, deserves the attention and respect accorded the disc works of Major Donald E. Keyhoe and Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt. The Michel volume, although a serious book composed of cold facts and involved theories, will be enjoyed not only by the technically-inclined reader but also by the science-fiction enthusiast who is accustomed to devouring exciting stories about things extra-terrestrial.

THE UFO ANNUAL — 1956

Edited by M. K. Jessup

The extraordinary success of Mr. Jessup's **The Case for UFO**—the Unidentified Flying Object—proves that the public is neither satisfied nor deceived by the generally negative statements of official bodies and governments on the numerous sightings of flying saucers and other unidentified flying objects. Moreover, the recent announcements by the British, American and Russian Governments on their respective proposals to launch Space Satellites have thrown a new light upon the possibilities of space travel, whether from the earth outwards or from other worlds earthwards.

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There seems to be an abundance of UFO books or books devoting at least some space to the UFO problem among the books currently selling well to technically inclined individuals. The response APRO has received as a result of the mention in Donald Keyhoe's latest (and greatest) "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY," has been nothing short of phenomenal and we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them, scientist and layman, one and all.

"FORGOTTEN MYSTERIES," by R. DeWitt Miller, is an absorbing book dealing with oddities (including saucers) which have been neglected by science and forgotten by the masses. It's enchanting reading and no doubt would be of interest to anyone interested in the unorthodox and seemingly unsolvable mysteries.

Another book by Miller, recently published and just recently reviewed by the Director is "YOU DO TAKE IT WITH YOU." Although not particularly interested in the paranormal, the Director enjoyed the book thoroughly and noted added oddities related to UFO. A good addition to any UFO researcher's collection.

Received is a review copy of UFO ANNUAL by M. K. Jessup. The writer highly endorses this book which lists chronologically sightings and important events in ufology for 1955. Equally absorbing is the author's scholarly opinion, elastic theories and occasionally trenchant comments which garnish the quotative text. The UFO ANNUAL is a well-timed sequel to Jessup's previous work, **The Case for the UFO.**

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There are many others, which we will mention in later issues. If particularly interested, write to CSI.

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No. A-2—By George Adamski: Covers an analysis of structure of the other planets in the solar system, made on a basis of chemical analysis and compared with the chemical make-up of our own planet. (30 minutes.)

No. A-3—By Desmond Leslie and George Adamski: Leslie tells of flying saucer sightings in England followed by both men answering questions put to them by the readers of their book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed." Content good, but the recorded quality is poor. (30 minutes.)

No. A-4—By George Adamski: From a broadcast of the programme called the "Ed Bauman Show," over Station WEOK, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. References to Adamski's book, "Inside the Space Ships," and questions about it. (10 minutes.)

No. A-5—By Captain Edward Ruppelt and George Adamski: Ruppelt was the former head of the U.S.A.F. Project Bluebook and the interview was made while Ruppelt was gathering material for his book. Recorded quality poor. (30 minutes.)

No. K-1—By Major Donald Keyhoe and Jonathan Leonard (Science Editor of TIME Magazine): A debate on flying saucers, as broadcast over "Town Meeting of the Air" (CBS 11-16-53). Also contains a question and answer period at the conclusion of the debate. (40 minutes.)

No. BR-1—By Truman Bethurum: An interview with Truman Bethurum and John Otto by Howard Miller on the "Howard Miller Show" (NBC 5-14-54). Mr. Bethurum calling eleven personal contacts with a saucer and people from another plant as outlined in his book, "Aboard a Flying Saucer." (20 minutes.)

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LET'S HAVE "SAUCER" FACTS, WRITER URGES GOVERNMENT

By DR. B. D. BENINCASA

(Editor's Note: Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa, 27 Montcalm Ave., Buffalo, has reviewed a number of books and articles on flying saucers for The NEWS. Today's article is an exclusive story on one of today's most controversial subjects.)

'Tonawanda News," July 21st, 1956.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe (ret.), famed American saucerologist, has put Air Secretary Quarles on the spot.

The retired Marine Corps major, who has chalked up another best-selling saucership book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy," has submitted 11 sharp-worded, hard-hitting questions to the Air Force through Sen. Harry F. Byrd, chairman of the Committee on Finance. According to Max B. Miller, head of California's Flying Saucers International, Keyhoe's 11 provocative questions remain unanswered.

I quote below a portion of Keyhoe's memorable letter to Senator Byrd, which contains 11 disturbing questions and also a request that Congress check into the Air Force flying saucer records in an effort to determine why it has refused to reveal the full, unvarnished truth regarding the mysterious spaceships from neighbouring planets.

Asks for Answers

"Because of the inherent dangers in this (flying saucer) censorship," Major Keyhoe writes, "I urge that

you (Senator Byrd) forward the following questions and statements to Secretary of the Air Force, Donald A. Quarles, with a request for specific answers."

Major Keyhoe's list of questions follows:

"1. Why has the Air Force concealed an official intelligence report, dated Sept. 23, 1947, which stated the flying saucers were real?

Report was Signed

"For your information, this report was signed by the chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Centre, approved by all members of ATIC, and submitted via director of Air Force Intelligence to the commanding general Army Air Force.

"2. Why has the Air Force kept from the press the official ATIC 'Estimate of the Situation,' drawn up in the summer of 1948, which stated that the flying saucers were interplanetary spaceships?

"3. With the two above-mentioned documents in its hands, why did the Air Force, in December, 1949, tell the press that the flying saucers were hoaxes, mirages, hallucinations and mistakes by pilots? Why did the Air Force deliberately omit the serious reports and opinions of hundreds of veteran service and airline pilots, airport controllers, radar experts and other trained observers who insisted the saucers were unknown machines under intelligent control?

Secrecy Questioned

"4. Why has the Air Force hidden the 1952 Air Force Intelligence analysis of the flying saucers' 'controlled motion' and its specific conclusion that these UFO's were interplanetary spaceships?

"5. Why has the Air Force kept secret the recommendations of a panel of top scientists and aviation leaders, agreed to in January, 1953, that the UFO investigation be greatly enlarged and that the American people be given all information on 'saucers' in Air Force possession, including the official conclusions?

Observers Muzzled?

"6. Why has the Air Force hidden all UFO reports from the public since 1953—even those it had previously released?

"7. If the flying saucers are non-existent, as Secretary Quarles has tried to convince the public, why are service pilots, radarmen and other trained observers officially muzzled?

"For your information, the official orders are JANAP 146, AFR 200-2, and official instructions to personnel of the Civil Aeronautics Administration based on JANAP 146. This latter order also applies to civilian airline pilots who report flying saucers officially, on a communication system known as CIRVIS—Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.

"8. If the flying saucers are imaginary, why do armed Air Defense Command jets continue to chase these UFO's by standing ADC orders? Why does the Air Force continue to spend the taxpayers' money in a gobal investigation of flying saucers by hundreds of intelligence officers, the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, and top-ranking scientists and consultants under secret Air Force contract?

Report is Cited

"9. Why did Secretary Quarles and certain Air Force officers state in Special Report 14 that no pattern has been found, no indication of intelligent manoeuvres. and not enough data to build a working model—when in December, 1949, the ATIC Project 'Grudge' Report stated that the majority of reports described a disc-shaped object about 1-10th as thick as its diameter?

"Why did this Special Report 14, dated October 25, 1955, list several of its weakest sighting reports as the 'cream of the crop when actually the Intelligence files showed hundreds of baffling, unsolved reports by the most experienced pilots, guided missile trackers, and other trained observers?

"10. Does the Air Force agree with General Douglas MacArthur's statement, as published by the "New York Times," Oct. 8, 1955, that the world nations will have to unite against attack by people from other planets?

Existence Confirmed

"11. The existence of the official document mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5, has been confirmed by Edward J. Ruppelt, formerly head of the Air Force UFO Investigative Agency, Project Blue Book. Does Secretary Quarles claim that Mr. Ruppelt is lying to the pubic?

"During the past seven years an Air Force 'silence group' has repeatedly 'explained away' the most important UFO sightings; it has led millions of citizens to ignore the 'saucer' reports as nonsense. To achieve this, it has ridiculed the best qualified witnesses here and abroad."

Major Keyhoe winds up his letter to Senator Byrd in this manner:

Investigation Urged

"May I respectfully request, Senator Byrd, that you examine the evidence, or have it examined by competent analysts outside the Air Force? In the best interests of the American people, and of the world, I urge that you ask for a congressional investigation into the Air Force secrecy on this subject. Such an investigation should call for public testimony by men who have fought for the truth, namely:

"General W. N. Garland, USAF; Col. Frank Dunn, USAF; Col. W. S. Smith, Intelligence, USAF; Major Dewey Fournet, USAF; Col. D. J. Blakeslee, USAF; Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of Project Blue Book; William Lear, of Lear, Inc., electronics and aviation industrial leader, who has declared the saucers to be interplanetary; Prof. Hermann Oberth, space-travel expert and rocket designer, now on secret work at Redstone Arsenal, and all the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and airline pilots whose reports are on record."

"FLYING CIGAR" PHOTOGRAPHED

Singapore "Free Press" June 11th.

Newspapers in Buenos Aires have published pictures purporting to show a giant "Flying Cigar" which a Government employee and police are said to have seen in Argentina's Salta Province on April 13th. The object was estimated to be about 1,000 feet long, flying at tremendous speed giving off silver rays and leaving a silver streak in the sky. . .

National police headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina, said an aluminium, cigar shaped craft was spotted flying at great speed over Northern Argentina. More than 50 persons in the province of Salta were said to have seen the craft, police said. The police statement said the craft was flying north to south, that it took less than three minutes to disappear from sight and that it left behind a miles-long trail of white vapor.

CIGAR SHAPED CRAFT OVER ARGENTINA

On May 8, 1956, telegrams from Salta City, Argentina, were published by Rio's newspapers reporting the following incident:

In spite of the stubborn silence and secrecy of military and civilian authorities, it is known that National Intelligence officers have been investigating the incident since the date of the sighting. It happened on March 15, 1956, when the badly jolted population of the Liapuna region watched a number of cigar shaped craft flying overhead at daylight. The weird craft crossed the sky at great speed, doing amazing manoeuvres. At one time they stopped motionless in space and stood stationary for some time. At this moment some photos were taken by

people witnessing the craft. All the observers reported that the craft were cigar shaped, without wings or tail, and noiseless. This description dismissed the possibility that the craft might have been jet planes coming from Bolivia or Chile.

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Caracas, Venezuela, 12th March, 1956.

Alfredo Dalke, an amateur astronomer, reported seeing two discoid objects which crossed and recrossed the skies over his home in the Los Rosales section of Caracas. Mr. Dalke was observing the planet Jupiter with a 3-inch objective and a 40-power eyepiece and had lifted his head to scan the skies when he saw the object shooting out from the east in a horizontal trajectory. He immediately focused the telescope on the object and saw that it was a disc emitting a bluish-green flight. It made a 90 degree turn and disappeared behind some clouds. He continued to search for the object when to his surprise another one appeared moving in the same direction; this one stopped suddenly, seemed to hover for a few moments, and shot upwards in almost the same way as the first. The conditions for observation were excellent.

Los Angeles, 30th May and June 1st, 1956.

More jet booms caused a stir in this huge metropolis, and led to much speculation privately and in the press. Frightened citizens, broken store windows and violent concussion earmarked the explosions and, as usual, the old jet plane explanation was dug out of the skeleton closet for duty as whipping boy. What is most astonishing is that despite repeated complaints and demands for action, the Air Force will not admit that jet planes are causing the concussions, and don't seem to be able to do anything about stopping them.

Near Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 1st, 1956.

An anonymous couple (by request) report seeing an unusual object (also unusual in saucer annals). The couple had just gone to bed, and the husband was lying awake and gazing out the window when he saw the object coming across the open field. They said the thing was three times as large as an airplane and looked like a "lighted hotel at a distance." There were many lighted portholes (like windows on separate floors). The colour of all lights was definitely amber like traffic lights. The lights seemed to flash or revolve or turn. They watched it come rather slowly until it was within about 200ft. of their home—directly over a house across the intersection. Then suddenly the object changed course and headed toward what would be Atlantic City or the Atlantic Coast and at such a speed it was out of sight in seconds. At no time was any sound heard. About two minutes later a jet went over in the direction the UFO had just vanished. The whole episode took place within the space of between 30 seconds and one minute.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 5th, 1956.

National Police Headquarters announced that an aluminium. cigar-shaped object was spotted flying at great speed over North Argentina April 13th. More than 50 persons in the province of Salta were said to have seen the object, leading to speculation it was an experimental intercontinental ballistics missile.

(Cr. Frank Reid.)

Cheboygan, Michigan, June 7th, 1956.

State police were unable to account for a brilliant flash of light seen last night between the mainland and Bois Blanc Island in the Straits of Mackinac. Troopers said a search of the shore 20 miles on either side of Cheboygan failed to turn up a clue. There were no reports of ships in trouble or of unaccounted-for planes. Reports of a fireball described as a block wide came about 9:30 in the evening. Cheboygan Police Sgt. George Faught said he saw it half a mile off shore. He said it was 150 feet high. R. E. Hunt, general manager of radio station WCBY, said a brilliant flash was visible for 20 seconds and then a dull glow continued for about five minutes. Reports of the flash also came from the Great Lakes freighters Mohawk and Samuel Mitchell. (P. Robert Frank of Detroit, who submitted this report, stated that later editions of the Detroit News carried no further information, and said he thought that looked a little "fishy". We agree.)

Schenectady, New York, 25th June, 1956.

Numerous reports of a mysterious explosion in the Carmen or Colonie area about 1 a.m. resulted in Rotterdam police inspection of all highways and side roads without finding an explanation.

Orchards, Oregon, July 12th, 1956.

UFOs that looked somewhat similar to dirigibles, were observed and reported to police in three separate telephone calls. The first report was from a woman who said that she saw the objects at about 3:45 p.m. while out driving near Ontario. The object appeared to be a grey dirigible with a long neon light on the bottom. When first seen, she said, she and her husband thought it might be a cloud. It was hanging over the Ontario airport about 1000 feet in the air. They drove on five or six miles, then spotted two more of them. The object farthest from them suddenly disappeared straight up into the sky. The other disappeared about six minutes later. Shortly after this couple (anonymous at their request) reported to officers by telephone, two other women called in and reported seeing five or six "round, shiny objects with a shiny streak underneath." Officers said Air Force officials from Boise, Idaho, were expected in Ontario to get a first-hand report on the sighting.

(Cr.: Member Ed Bruno Waetzig, Orchards.)

Arkansas City, Texas, July 19th, 1956.

City Editor Brian Coyne of the Arkansas City Daily Traveller, accompanied by Trooper (State) Dick Hadsall and Arkansas City policemen, observed a teardrop-shaped, bluish-green object with two shafts of light spraying earthward, from various locations near Arkansas City. The men moved about to get a good look at several of the objects which showed up about 1 a.m. The "prongs" or streams of light were first observed directed toward earth, and then extending from the sides of the objects.

A McDonnel Air Force Base Officer, questioned by reporters about the object, "could offer no help." It was later learned that the State Highway Patrol, which had been alerted by observers, had been asked a lot of questions about the objects including: (1) "What size is it in comparison to a key or dime?" (2) "Would it compare in size to a light bulb?" (3) "Is there any noise coming from the object?"

These brightly illuminated objects were seen in the skies over Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kansas. A ball of fire travelling east at a high rate of speed was picked up on radar at Hutchinson, Kansas, Naval Air Station. A B-29 bomber was sent by McConnell AFB at Wichita to investigate the objects over the Arkansas City area.

Coyne answered the AF questions about the objects he had observed thusly: "The objects appear to be about the size of a 200-watt light bulb. There is no noise that can be attributed to the objects and skies over Arkansas City were very clear except for a few light clouds. There are a lot of stars." He also added: "I have tended to discount stories about flying objects, but brother, I am now a believer."

(Editor's note: The statement about being a believer now is typical of those who formerly scoffed at UFO and then were confronted wtih the evidence presented by their own eyes. Our files are full of just such statements following the first sighting of a UFO by a sceptic.)

A radio report on 22nd July said that an Air Force plane had crash-landed due to being struck in the air by "another aircraft." Although the place and exact date were not noted at the time, a friend in Alamogordo informs us that he heard Paul Harvey discussing it on his news programme and that according to Harvey the plane was struck by an object which came from above and "sliced" through an elevator surface on one side. No evidence of burning or scorching, so we can assume that a meteor did not do the damage. We would like to ask members to submit any and all information on this particular accident for it has all the earmarks of the "Dum-Dum Airport" incident of a couple of years ago.

IS NEW GOC DRIVE IN PREPARATION FOR COMING UFO SEASON??

As is the usual thing during UFO influxes, the Air Defense Ground Observer Corps. has put out another urgent plea for new members. This has happened for two seasons so far (1952 and 1954) and we're beginning to wonder if the renewed effort on their part is not just another phase of preparation for UFO reports and sightings. Letters from GOC supervisors and members in the past have indicated that the Air Force puts a good deal of stress on the reporting of UFOs by observers on duty.

The "Strolling Astronomer," an amateur astronomer's magazine, carried notations by Brian Warner in its Nov.-Dec., 1955 issue concerning "flashing lunar mountains" which he observed in January, 1955.

(Cr.: Josephine Myers.)

Frank Edwards, all-time saucer enthusiast and now broadcasting from Indianapolis, Indiana, has reported several sightings in Indiana during the first part of July.

Although we do not at this writing have the details, Mr. Edwards took his TV equipment to the scene of one sighting and conducted an on-the-spot broadcast. It's too bad Frank isn't carried nationwide for we are sure that he would be invaluable at this time, in getting current saucer information across to the general public. APRO member Bob Greenway, vacationing in the middle-west at the present, informs us that the sightings in that area appear to be taking place in the hours between midnight and dawn. A quick look at the sightings listed under this column will bear this surmise out.

SAUCER DESCENDS ON DARK STREET, SCARES GIRLS

Case 162, Jacksonville, Florida, May 9th, 1956.

This weird story first reached us by letter from Richard Scocchera of Buffalo, N.Y. We believe the incident, being unusual, deserves full review and thus will quote from Scocchera's comments regarding the sighter; the sighter's letter to her father (quoted by Socchera) and finally a letter received by CRIFO from the sighter whose name is Joan Frost, then residing in Jacksonville. A co-sighter was Miss Gertie Wynn of Jacksonville. Following is Joan's letter to her father:

"Something happened to my girl friend, Gertie, and me last night that scared me out of ten years growth. We went to a dance on the outskirts of Jacksonville by bus. We didn't like it there so we left at 10:15. We were waiting for the bus to go home on this small side street. There was no one around and not too many houses and no cars. We waited until 11:00 or later, and this is what happened. We looked up and saw two stars moving very high. They were flashing on and off following each other. They were travelling across the sky at a terrific rate of speed. We thought at first they were falling stars except they didn't fall, but went out of sight. About 15 minutes later they came back and one went up into the other. It came over towards us and dropped lower and lower until it got just over us. It was round and red and had three lights on it. I started to run down the street and Gertie just stood there with her mouth wide open. The thing didn't make a sound, no engine or motor or anything. Just then the bus came and the object rose again. The door (on the bottom) opened up and the other object came out. The two objects started moving slowly away. There were only a few people on the bus and they and the driver got out. We all watched the objects go for about ten minutes. The bus driver said they couldn't be jet planes because being so slow we surely would have heard the jet engines. We knew they weren't jets. Gertie and I shook all night long. We thought we were gonners for sure. Whatever they were, they saw us standing there. After our experience, we bought two books on flying saucers and are going to study them."

Joan's father is a personal friend and co-worker of Richard Scocchera. Comments Scocchera: "His daughter had never shown much interest in anything pertaining to UFOs. She was a four-year honour student in high school and always very serious minded. Mr. Frost has never known her to play pranks or perpetrate a hoax."

Following is Joan's letter to CRIFO, dated June 10: "I received a letter from you on May 25 inquiring about my "saucer" experience. I am sorry I did not reply promptly but I was in the process of preparing to come home here to Buffalo. My girl friend and I did not notify the police or anyone of this incident and as far as I know, I do not believe the newspapers recorded the sighting. I have no idea of what size the object was as it was very dark and there were no street lights in that area. It was approximately a distance of three telephone poles above us or maybe four. There was no sound and we did not smell anything. However, there was a breeze and if an odour was present it very likely could have been carried from us. The door on the bottom appeared to be like a bomb bay, shaped in a long square with only three cracks visible. As it came down toward us, and while in the sky, it appeared to have three white lights which were pulsating. However, as it tipped downward and hovered above us it seemed to be surrounded by an eerie deep red mist of light. That is why at first we thought it was a red hot falling star, but then realized that *even though it was descending at a terrific speed*, a star or meteor would drop even faster. I do not know any way of contacting the passengers on the bus or their names. The only way you might be able to locate the bus driver is by writing to the Jacksonville Coach Co., and this driver was operating the Lake Shore or number '22' bus at 11:00 on May 9th. You also asked me what kind of object came out of the parent object. This I do not know because when it did drop out both were very high and looked identical. We didn't say anything to anyone because we are young and felt people would just say we were crazy or making up a nice big story. I did write to my dad, though, because he knows that I am sensible and wouldn't relate anything that wasn't a reality. I didn't know there was such an organization as yours in existence but I think it is a wonderful thing."

McKINNEY, TEXAS

Correspondent: Alan C. Arnold.

Quite a few McKinneyites were interested in a round silvery object seen in the sky on the afternoon of April 4, 1956, from about 3:00 p.m. until sundown. The object, aparently stationary, was in the western sky. Capt. Roy Hall, local weather observer, gives this account of the sighting:

I happen to be the U.S. Weather Observer here, and while downtown on the afternoon of the 4th of April some linemen working on telephone poles called my attention and interest to a silvery object in the north-west sky. The sky was then clear. I told them it was doubtless a weather balloon, and almost forgot the matter. However, on arriving at home, in the western part of this city, I noted the object again and was astonished to see that it was above cirrus clouds that had drifted over within the last hour. Knowing the clouds were at around 11,000 feet up, I ran a triangalation on the object, taking one reading at home and another three miles north. I was amazed again to find that it worked out at around 100,000 feet. I took another trianglation at home again and found it at the same height. Some quick figuring, after ascertaining the diameter of the object in minutes, showed it to be 220 feet, or thereabouts, in diameter.

I called an amateur astronomer here, who has a 200-power scope, and called the weather bureau at Fort Worth, Texas. The weather bureau said they had no baloons up, and doubted that any balloon in the United States was so big. The young astronomer drew a sketch of it for me. He said that through his telescope it showed no appendages of any kind, and that it looked to be made of a rubbery substance and, the most remarkable part of all, the object was not revolving in the air, as it seemed to have a raised edge extending around it up and down and this did not move or rotate, though the object was moving toward the south-west at around 100 m.p.h. The weather bureau advised me that the upper air current near or at the object was from west to east, so far as they knew, at about 150 m.p.h.

I have answers here from the Air Force bases at Fort Worth and Perrin Field, in Grayson County, touching on the object and in answer to my queries. Perrin Field says they have no information on the strange balloon, if it was a balloon, and Carswell AFB says they are evaluating my report. And there the matter stands. I have no idea what it was. Long after sunset it glowed in the sky, due to the sun's rays, I suppose. It was gone the next a.m. It stood in the north-west sky from 3:00 p.m. until dark, despite its westward course. Hundreds of people here saw it.

AIR FORCE UNDER BOMBARDMENT

A "letter barrage" is sweeping towards the Capital regarding the great Saucer Mystery. Many groups sending open letters to their congressmen demanding to know why the public is kept in ignorance concerning phenomena in our skies. Major Keyhoe demanding congressional investigation. Has an "inner group" the right to prevent "THE HORIZONS OF HUMANITY BEING OPENED UP INTO HERE-TO-FORE UNKNOWN AND WONDERFUL HEIGHTS. A.F. Chief of Staff Twining said at Amarillo, Texas, 15/5/54: "The best brains of the Air Force are working on this problem of Unidentified Flying Objects, trying to solve this riddle." Since phenomena is **global**, public now demands that the files be opened so they can take part in this unprecedented SEARCH. **Unknown intelligences are in our atmosphere.** Who is responsible for the censorship and for deciding that the American public is not mature enough to be told? Moods are mounting, patience is thinning. The Air Force "cover-up" statement of last October is backfiring. "Statement represents secrecy and smear on its own pilots" charges one writer. A New Zealand editor describes it as a "shamefully misleading and deliberately untruthful" statement. A publisher calls it "one of the most outrageous pieces of misinformation ever foisted on the American public." WHERE WILL THIS END?

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LULL IS BROKEN . . . SAUCERS ARE BACK

"Orbit," August 3rd, 1956.

Saucers, operating on a pushbutton, were released to earth in July. So it seemed to CRIFO whose mail and phone suddenly became alive with reports of strange glowing objects and grotesqueries in the sky. First breaking the phone's quiet was news commentator Frank Edwards calling from Indianapolis, July 9th. He related a striking incident occurring near Bloomington, Indiana, which involved four boys on an early morning fishing venture. According to Edwards, the boys were startled by a "tremendously bright light" which hummed over head then stopped over a clump of trees near a railroad switch. The boys ran a mile and a half and told their experience to the sheriff. Same date and also early in the morning, a Joe Morris of Terre Haute was fishing some miles west of Bloomington. He told Edwards that he saw a bright object which he judged to be about 500 ft. high flying from the east. He also heard the humming sound.

Case 163, Bromley, Ky., July 1 or 2, 1956—The sighters, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Grimes, are not sure of the date, but they are certain they saw a huge glowing object about a quarter the size of the moon shining through their bedroom window about 3 a.m. Both were awakened at the same instant by the intense yellow glow and Mr. Grimes estimated that it was about 30 degrees above the horizon. To him it appeared round and self-luminous. Reassuring himself that he was not being deceived by Mars or a bright star, Grimes watched again, same time, the following night, but saw nothing.

Case 164, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, July 10, 1956—Two Cincinnatians witnessed a circular object "lit up like a lantern" pacing an air transport plane heading for Boone County Airport, Kentucky. They said the object was bigger and brighter than the landing lights shown by the aircraft, and when the plane landed the object continued its course, then swerved and blinked out. Both sighters had been skeptical of saucers, but were changing their minds.

Case 165, Conway, Mass., July 2, 1956—Predating Fourth of July's fireworks, about the same time as the Bromley and Bloomington sightings, was an incident which involved a reversible UFO. The sighter, Jack Pease, thought at first the object was a shooting star or plane, but its behaviour proved differently. Said the Greenfield "Recorder-Gazette": "It appeared to be composed of one bright light and although travelling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, was able to reverse its course completely. A **low-pitched hum**, rather than a whir was detected. The object crossed and recrossed the sky several times before speeding away."*

Case 166, Yonkers, N.Y., June 29, 30, July 3, 1956—The "Herald-Statesman" of Yonkers, July 5, said: "Sky-watchers report thrilling post-midnight sight . . . It is of orange colour, more nearly red. To one with a 30-power telescope, it appears round, then oval. It was moving at what seemed to be considerable speed. One report is that the phenomenon was noted after 1 a.m. on Saturday. Another report tells of the orange-in-the-sky around the same hour or a little later just ahead of the rainstorm . . . " While the remainder of the newspaper's item gibbered in ridicule, a letter received from Leo Wiegers of Yonkers, describes his observations in more detail. Said Wiegers:

" . . . I phoned the "Herald-Statesman" and spoke to Oxie Reichler, editor, regarding my sighting on June 29-30. He asked, 'Are you talking about the orange-coloured thing seen in the sky over Yonkers?' I told him that I didn't know anyone else saw anything and not to use my name if he were to write a story. Replied Reichler, 'We got a report that a red ball was seen before 2 a.m. only this morning (July 3). There were others, too . . . ' " Wiegers then described his sighting of June 29 as follows: "9:45 p.m., clear evening, no wind. My wife pointed to a round, reddish-orange light to the left of the big dipper. It seemed to grow and was not too sharply defined in outline to the naked eye and emitted no sound. A moment before I had been observing Saturn with my 30x60 mm. Bausch & Lomb Balscope and turned when my wife said, 'Look at that peculiar light.' Quickly swinging the scope around, I first looked with naked eye and saw it standing still and silent. Then sighting it in the scope, it appeared orange, of a flashing brilliance. Suddenly, it began to move north and I soon found it extremely hard to keep in vision due to its accelerating speed. I tracked it for about 13 seconds before it faded from view in the direction of West Point.

"On June 30, I was alone on the back porch about 10:30 p.m. and saw another object coming from the south. It was going directly overhead. My scope was not properly focused for this object but I recall it was of a silvery-whitish colour and oval in shape. This, too, went by very rapidly and silently. I confess I was unprepared, and cannot say what it was—but I'm sure the previous night's UFO was the same type reported by Reichler."

Case 167, Los Angeles, Cal., July 16, 1956—We quote from the Los Angeles "Examiner" as follows: A mysterious light that glowed brilliantly in the sky before it disappeared in a sudden blaze touched off hundreds of calls to police from residents in the south-western area. Workers at the control tower at the International Airport estimated the altitude of the strange object at about 2000 ft. They said it emitted a strong reddish glow similar to the red nose light on a Constellation. As seen from the tower, the light moved in a south-easterly direction, about seven or eight degrees above the horizon. The tower couldn't estimate its speed, but said it moved at a blimp-like pace. A check, however, showed there was no blimp or plane in the area at the time. The light was visible for about four minutes from 11:02 p.m., on. Then it suddenly blazoned forth in an orange glow and vanished from sight.†

*Rev. Albert Baller, Greenfield, Mass.

†R. J. Tompkins, Los Angeles, Cal.

Case 168, Kansas, July 19th, 1956—Said the Denver "Post" in part: " . . . the Kansas highway patrol reported radar at the Hutchinson, Kansas, naval air station had picked up 'a ball of fire travelling east at a high speed.' A B47 was sent into the air by Forbes AFB at Topeka to investigate the reports, centreing around Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kansas. The pilot said he found only 'waste gas torches in an oil field.' Said the patrol, 'The object stayed in the sky long after daylight; one disappeared around 5:15 a.m. and the other a few minutes later.' Further east, near Emporia, a Santa Fe railroad tower operator reported seeing what appeared to be an artificial light in the sky around 3 a.m. An Emporia policeman said he observed the same light for about 20 minutes. It appeared to 'come and go' like it was turning off and on. Brian Coyne, city editor of the Arkansas City 'Daily Traveler,' said **'a brilliantly lighted tear-shaped object with prongs or streams of light spraying downward** was sighted shortly after mid-night. A second 'flying object' was sighted around 1 a.m.,' said Coyne. Accompanied by trooper Dick Hadsall and police from Arkansas City, Coyne observed the 'flying objects' from various locations. He said they 'did not appear to move rapidly but did move vertically and horizontally over a wide area of the sky. The prongs or streams of bright light,' Coyne said, 'also were observed first as directed towards earth and then extending from the sides of the object.' He described the head of the object as being green in colour or bluish green.' "*

Case 169, Cincinnati, 1 a.m. June 17th, 1956—The following case was related to CRIFO by Lloyd Kuwatch, member of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society, who vouches for the veracity of the sighters, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tasset. According to Kuwatch, the Tassets awakened, watched the strange object through an open window. At first it was a stationary, silent brilliant spot in the north-west sky, about 15 degrees above the horizon. Then it seemed to move closer, and without declination or swerve, it grew in size. In fullest view, it appeared almost twice the size of the moon, was fiery red and shaped "like a bowl facing downward." Dangling from the bottom were bright red streamers. In view for about 10 minutes, the object disappeared. On request of Kuwatch, the Tassets watched the same area the next night, but saw nothing.

Ed.: Noted is the dangling red streamers which bears similarity to "streams of light spraying downward" described by Brian Coyne in Case 167. Another point, no other person reported the nondescript object witnessed by the Tassets despite its tremendous size. Such would indicate that the object was *nearby* and not a test flare dropped over the Madison Proving Grounds (Indiana) which lies over 50 miles to the south-west. Distance also rules out Wright-Patterson Field. Surely if such a huge flare had been dropped at those distances, the proverbial switchboards would have been busy and CRIFO would have heard.

*Robert Wick, Chicago, Ill.; George Wilson, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Thomas Olsen, Baltimore, Md.; C. H. Marck, Jr., Denver, Colo.; Richard Hall,, N. O. La.; L. A. Parker, Topeka, Kan. Also see photo July 30th issue, *Life*.

"AIR FORCE PLANE DOWNED BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT"

Case 170, In air over Pixley, Cal., July 22nd, 1956—The above headline quoted from the "Rocky Mountain News," Denver, Colo., typifies others appearing in the nation's press. However, for the story we quote from the San Francisco "Chronicle" as follows: "A Hamilton AFB transport plane survived a 9000 ft. vertical dive and landed safely with three-fourths of its tail elevator missing. The pilot, co-pilot and crew of two all blacked out following a mysterious mid-air incident that no one was able to explain. Major Medwin Stenvers, the pilot, said the C-131D, was cruising at 16,000 ft. over Pixley. 'Suddenly, there was a loud bang, a severe vibration and we went into a dive,' he said. Major Stenvers had the plane under manual control at the time. While he and his co-pilot battled to bring it out of the spin, the two crewmen were scrambling to regain their feet in the cabin. Finally, Stenvers saw the nose begin to come up, averting certain death. But then all four crew members blacked out. When he and his co-pilot, Capt. Robert Marble, came to, the plane was going almost straight up, he said. He guessed the craft had dropped to 7000 ft. before changing direction. Major Stenvers was unable to explain what happened. He said he saw no other planes about him.

He thought a faulty port engine had caused trouble and feathered the propeller before landing at Kern County airport at 11:30 a.m. Only when he inspected the plane on the ground did he notice the badly damaged tail section. About 36 square feet of the left elevator was missing. The remaining portion was hanging shredded and torn. There also was a dent about ten inches in diameter under the left stabilizer. The two crewmen suffered minor cuts when they were thrown about the cabin. Major Stenvers and Capt. Marble were questioned by officials from Edwards AFB. All men were or are part of the 2317th Air Transport Squadron at Hamilton AFB."

"According to one UP report: One official said it looked like 'something had struck it from above but we don't know.' Another UP report said: The Air Force ordered tight security measures into effect and stationed guards around the plane at the airport. An AP report said that the sheriff's office investigated a report that another plane had crashed nearby but found no evidence."†

†John Biemer, Danville, Cal.; C. H. Marck, Jr., Denver, Colo.; George Cicharz, St. Louis Park, Minn.; N. Cuandra, Oakland, Cal.; Arthur Rounds, Brentwood, Mo.; James Geer, Tiburon, Cal.; Geo. Ormorod, Phoenix, Ariz.; H. G. Rovner, Phila., Pa.

ANTARCTIC PHENOMENON

In 1954, whilst a member of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, writes Roger Bankes, I was stationed at Base "F," at that time the most southerly base, situated in the Argentine Islands off the west coast of Graham Land, latitude 68. Soon after mid-winter we witnessed upon two mornings what we believed to be hitherto unrecorded optical phenomena.

At about 08.30 hours (local time) low mist over the ice-field dispersed to reveal a slightly clouded sky with good visibility. In the clear air of the Antarctic it is often possible to identify mountains sufficiently high to rise above the curvature of the earth 100 miles distant and, as at that time of the year it remains quite dark until 10.00 hours, we were able to observe the sky clearly. There was a pearly iridescence suffused over the whole sky, much in the manner of oil spread upon the surface of a wet road.

Against this, to the north-east, were ranged a series of pools of light, for the most part, except where they commingled, well-defined ovals of pink and green hue about a dozen in number. These extended over a 60° arc of the horizon and measured individually from 2° to 6°. Two days later much the same thing occurred with the addition of two clear viridine ellipses towards the north. They did not change their position appreciably and remained visible for about an hour until gradually obscured by dawning day.

As we kept a 24-hour watch on the sky, recording all changes in the weather, we were almost daily familiar with the curious forms of Alto Cumulus type 7 and lenticular cloud peculiar to the Antarctic, and in the opinion of the more experienced meteorologists present the luminous orbs could not have been the Mother of Pearl clouds that are rarely to be seen before dawn or after sunset. As they were witnessed by other bases 300 miles distant simultaneously they were thought to be beyond the tropopause and unconnected with water vapour; there was no disturbance recorded in the ionosphere, nor anything unusual in the routine Radiosonde ascents.

At no time did these spheres appear other than clear coloured lights, but in some cases their saucer shape was so defined that, had they not been witnessed by trained observers under ideal conditions, the phenomena could have given rise to a variety of fanciful speculations.

Comment

To the Editor,
C.R.I.F.O. "Orbit"
Dear Mr. Stringfield,

"In your letter of March 31st you ask 'Is it true that you have adamantly refused to accept the much-kicked-around interplanetary theory, that is, in relation to the flying saucer.'

" 'Adamantly' is not the proper word. I have always tried to approach the problem objectively, which is more than most writers do when they insist that saucers are interplanetary. Briefly, my position is this. I have studied the reported Air Force sightings. I have collected a number of sightings myself. I have talked with people who have seen flying saucers. I have seen many of them myself, including some that I was expecting to see and several outstanding ones that took me completely by surprise. Of the latter, I have at least four major sightings that would have been termed flying saucers by almost any one but an experimental scientist. In all of these cases I was able to get not merely a satisfactory answer but undoubtedly the correct answer. My answer to your first basic question, therefore, is that the objects do not remain **unexplained** in my own analysis. There are, of course, some alleged sightings that cannot be accounted for in detail. Within the evidence presented, I believe that I can find a reasonable explanation. Whether it is the correct one I have no way of knowing. Actually, there are often several acceptable ones and it is difficult to choose between them.

"As for your question about which is more probable, an **unknown** meteorological phenomenon or an interplanetary vehicle, I say that the first is decidedly the more probable by a large factor. We know that there are **unknown** meteorological phenomena. We are coming across new ones from time to time whereas we have never seen an interplanetary vehicle. This statement does not mean, of course, that interplanetary vehicles could not exist. But such a vehicle must be subject to the same physical laws as any vehicle that we would put into space. In the reported behaviour of flying saucers, their elusiveness, their ability to dodge, their tremendous speeds and accelerations, are the characteristics of the optical phenomena that I have investigated. I fully agree that the postulate of super intelligent beings equipped with interplanetary vehicles that defy all of our natural laws would adequately explain the observed phenomena. So would the postulate of ghosts, except that ghosts are out of date and interplanetary travel is on everyone's mind. But merely because a postulate is adequate does not make it correct. The writers about flying saucers, especially those who try to make a villain out of the Air Force and see Martians behind every cloud, do not subject the data to rigorous scientific reasoning. I could go into this point ad infinitum. The trouble with most of the people who have subscribed to the interplanetary explanation is that they know nothing about the multiple peculiarities of atmospheric optics—and next to nothing about the peculiar behaviour of radar and call those witnesses 'expert' who make certain statements about the infallibility of radar. I have talked with Dr. Clyde Tombaugh about his several sightings, only one of which—to my knowledge—had any aspect of the spectacular. Here I have two or three possible explanations, any one of which is more reasonable than the spaceship. Some of my

sightings were considerably more spectacular. I have disclosed them to the Air Force and plan to publish them in detail whenever I get around to revising my book on flying saucers. I will state, however, that in March of 1955 a flying saucer flashing red and green lights twice buzzed an Air Force B29 in which I was flying between Point Barrow and Fairbanks, Alaska. Its estimated speed was something of the order of 100 miles per second—and yet it was not an interplanetary object. I also saw the green flying saucer from New Mexico, in early September, 1954. One of the green fireballs.

"One of the greatest difficulties in dealing with flying saucers falls in what you call 'fringe' groups. Flying saucers have had their share of hoaxes. To these we must add the publicity seekers and those who are mere opportunists. Worst of all, perhaps, are those who write the weirdest sort of pseudo-science about interplanetary invasion, saucer bases on the moon, and panic in the Pentagon."

—DR. DONALD H. MENZEL, Director,
Harvard College Observatory.

DR. BENINCASA REPLIES TO DR. MENZEL

Dear Mr. Stringfield,

I have read Dr. Donald H. Menzel's U.F.O. letter, which appeared in the June 1st issue of ORBIT. I must say that I have found it a puzzling piece of defensive writing.

In order for the saucercraft enthusiast to gain a reasonably good insight into the current variety of Menzelianism, he must examine the Harvard astronomer's ORBIT communication both contextually and in-between-the-lines. Inferentially, the examiner may learn that Scientist Menzel has probed into the U.F.O. problem a good deal more deeply than he will presently concede. The letter examiner may also discover that Dr. Menzel is neither telling all he knows about saucer-ships, nor stating his precise position on the question of U.F.O.s.

As a one-third physical-sciences instructor and executive-staff aircrafter, I should like to venture the opinion that the famed Harvard telescopist is slowly but surely approaching the saucer problem from a more sensible and realistic angle. It is my guess that he refuses officially to commit himself on the true nature of saucers, for two understandable reasons: first, he has published a best-seller called FLYING SAUCERS, in which he debunks the idea of interorbic flying machines; therefore, cognizant of the fact that he must be consistent, the Harvard scientist has had to think up and dig up every conceivable argument be it right or wrong—which would help bolster up his thesis of optical illusions and unexplainable natural occurrences. Secondly, Scientist Menzel, who is still formally wedded to the ultra-conservative school of lifeless extra-terrestrialism, does not wish to run the risk of offending his conventionalist associates by doing an about-face, saucerologically speaking.

Yet, dare one assert that certain passages in the ORBIT communication point to a Menzelian subscription to the Doctrine of Janusianism (which is derived from the word "Janus"—a dual-visaged mythological divinity)?

It appears that from one side of his mouth, Dr. Menzel sputters meteorological terms when referring to Ufological phenomena; and again, from the other side of his mouth, he conciliatively declares that "the postulate of super-intelligent beings equipped with interplanetary vehicles that defy all of our natural laws" would adequately explain the amazing flight behaviour of certain U.F.O.s.

Have the saucer-vehicle works of Major Keyhoe and Capt. Ruppelt cast Astronomer Menzel atop the proverbial fence? Into whose camp will he eventually jump? Only time will tell whether he will have decided openly to confess that flying saucers are real, solid, navigable, and humanity-controlled unconventional aircraft from one or more distant worlds.

Sincerely yours,

DR. BENJAMIN D. BENINCASA.

What goes on in EUROPE ?

KIDLINGTON AND STONESFIELD REPORT "FLYING OBJECTS"

"Oxford Mail," 12th July, 1956.

From two different sources this week have come reports of unidentified flying objects, the name by which "flying saucers" are now known to those who take a scientific interest in the things.

In the Kidlington district yesterday a housewife noticed in a clear blue sky a silver object, spherical, with a flange round its middle. It was stationary, and was about the size of a football.

She watched the object for more than a minute.

In the Stonesfield area on Tuesday, a man who was gardening saw a large object about the size of an American B.52, the large aircraft familiar in the Oxford area, but consisting of two spheres, "travelling very fast and very high." The spheres appeared to be joined by a bar-like structure.

He had the object in sight for about three seconds before it vanished.

It was a clear day. There were aircraft in the vicinity.

FLYING SAUCERS AT REDHILL?

"Surrey Mirror," Redhill, 13th July, 1956.

Three local people claim to have seen an object resembling the popular conception of a flying saucer in the sky over Redhill on Sunday afternoon. In an interview with our representative on Wednesday, Mr. Leonard Wornham, who lives at Janita, Woodhatch-road, Redhill, said that at about 3.30 p.m. he was in the garden of his home when his nephew, Mr. Eric Bennett, spotted an object in the sky approximately due east. After searching for about a minute he saw what appeared to be a large star in the direction of Nutfield. His nephew went indoors and fetched a pair of binoculars and when Mr. Wornham had them focussed he saw a pure white disc-shaped object with a smaller dome on top. At first it was stationary and then appeared to come nearer and then suddenly it became half white and half brilliant red and in a flsh it went straight up and disappeared. Another witness was his sister, Mrs. D. Bennett, and altogether the unknown object was under observation for over ten minutes.

"FLYING SAUCER" IN WHARFEDALE?

"Yorkshire Evening News," Leeds, 25th July, 1956.

A flying saucer is reported to have been seen in Wharfedale. It was seen by both Mr. John Kelley, of Fairview, Pool-in-Wharfedale, and his mother, Mrs. E. Kelley, while they were motoring in Upper Wharfedale.

Mr. Kelley said today that he and his mother were on the road between Barden and Burnsall and stopped their car by the roadside.

We were sitting looking towards Simon's Seat when an object appeared over the hill, he said.

At first it looked rather like a kite or a big balloon. As we watched it, it came nearer. It was grey and round rather like looking at a grey moon.

It was possibly about a couple of miles away and was about twice the size that an aeroplane would have been at the same distance and height.

Then it turned on its side and it was just like two saucers, one on top of the other. It hovered about a bit before it went back over Simon's Seat, said Mr. Kelley.

I have never seen anything like it. Nothing was further from my mind than flying saucers but I cannot think what else it could possibly be.

The object, whatever it was, was obviously under some sort of control. It came forward, stopped, dropped a bit and then went up again, before flying off. It was certainly not just floating about.

FLYING SAUCER . . .

"Birmingham Mail," Birmingham, 8th August, 1956.

The flying saucer season has opened in Bari (Italy). A former Italian Air Force officer said he saw "a round object, glowing with a reddish light," cross the sky of Bari. Five relatives of the pilot also saw the object.

WHAT DID MR. PORCHER SEE?

"Evening Chronicle," Manchester, 14th August, 1956.

- **FLYING CUP?**
- **FLYING SAUCER?**
- **A REFLECTION?**
- **AN ILLUSION?**

Was the red, glowing object which Paul Porcher saw law in the sky over Eccles last night a flying saucer—or an optical illusion?

Mr. Porcher, of Franklyn Avenue, Flixton, Manchester, is a photographer with Manchester Oil Refinery Ltd., Old Trafford.

He said: "It was 5 p.m. I came out of the darkroom at work and glanced up. I saw the object framed between the slope of two roofs at Barton Power Station.

No Noise

"It was about 50 yards across and 250 to 300 feet up. It seemed to have bevelled edges and was shaped like a cup upside down on a saucer.

"It remained stationary for about 15 seconds and then moved very fast towards Eccles. There was no noise and it was red in colour.

"I am not claiming to have seen a flying saucer. It may have been a reflection or an optical illusion."

Winton meteorologist Mr. G. S. Wood commented: "The formation of the clouds at that time mean that what Mr. Porcher saw could NOT have been a reflection of the sun on the cloud. The fact that it remained stationary for some time rules out the possibility of it being a meteor. It could NOT have been a comet, either, since it appeared so near.

"But this does not in itself mean that it was an optical illusion. I never rule out the possibility of flying saucers in these cases."

WAS IT A FLYING SAUCER?

"Leicester Evening Mail," Leicester, 16th August, 1956.

It is, I believe, two years since there were reports of "strange objects" over Leicestershire.

Now comes a report of unusual orange lights, far bigger than any aircraft lights, over Oadby on Tuesday night.

Mr. David Hester, of 414 Gipsy-lane, Leicester, and Miss Brenda Wagstaff, of 3 Farley-road, Stoneygate, called to tell me of what they saw.

Four Lights

They were waiting at a bus stop in London-road near Miss Wagstaff's home when an orange glow in the clear night attracted their attention.

They were amazed to see three other similar lights —one much bigger than the others—come from opposite directions and meet over Oadby.

As they came together, a green flare emerged and petered out.

The four orange lights of circular shape th[illegible] moved off in the direction of London.

Soundless

"We had them under observation for about ten minutes," they said. "There was no sound."

They insist that the strange lights were not from aircraft. They had seen an aeroplane pass over a few minutes before, "and these were entirely different—almost uncanny."

And that is where we have to leave the incident—another inconclusive chapter in the great flying saucers mystery.

GRAPPLED WITH FLYING SAUCER BUT IT GOT AWAY

"The New Zealand Herald," Sept. 10th, 1956.

Belfast.—A man reported to the police at The Loup, Londonberry, on Friday night that he had captured a flying saucer—but it escaped while he was taking it to the police station.

The police are investigating the story, told by Mr. Thomas Hutchinson, who claimed that the saucer landed on a farm nearby.

He said the object was egg-shaped, pointed at both ends—about three feet high and about 18 inches in diameter at the widest point. It was coloured bright red, with two dark red marks at the end and three dark red stripes. It had a saucer-shaped base.

Mr. Hutchinson said he was with his wife, in their home, when the object dropped from the clouds on to the only dry piece of ground in the middle of a swamp about 200 yards away. They investigated and found the object motionless.

Mr. Hutchinson said he watched it for a few minutes and then kicked it over, but it returned to its original position. Then, when he was examining it closely, it started to spin. He had difficulty in holding it down.

He started to carry it to the police station but, when he put it down to make a way through the hedge, it started to spin again.

Before he could throw himself over it, it rose quickly and disappeared from sight in a few seconds.

A spokesman for the Royal Air Force station at Aldergrove, Antrim, said the object did not belong to them and he could not even hazard a guess as to what it might have been.

Mr. Hutchinson said there were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

Whilst awaiting further confirmation of this recent experience claimed by the Irishman, such small UFO's are nothing new to investigators. This device could possibly be (providing the story is true) a remotely controlled "Flying Eye," a form of telemetering photographic and sound-recording unit.

Translations from Foreign Language 'U.F.O.' Magazines by Henk Hinfelaar, Committee Member, C.S.I.

From "Vliegende Schotel Revue," April 1st, 1956, (Dutch Investigation Group.)

NEUES EUROPA, 15/10/55.

At the Seventh Labour Congress of European Cosmobiologists, which recently took place in AALEN (Germany) interesting discussions on the subject of flying saucers occurred.

Professor Alfred Nahon from Lausanne, who made a name for himself as the president of "LE COURRIER INTERPLANETAIRE," also was present.

He declared, "I am fully convinced of the fact that the Governments of the important powers do know the truth about spaceships.

"I even allege that the assembly of 'The Big Four' at Geneva took place under pressure of messages from other planets. To give evidence that one is well aware of the extra-terrestrial origin of the saucers, I emphasize the existence of the numerous official investigation committees. I have also written to Pierre Mendes, France. I base my facts on transmissions via Radio Moscow. No reason for panic does exist, but it is right to prepare the world for big surprises. Up till now we have acted like children. It is high time that we became adults."

At this congress lantern-slides were also shown, by which the investigator, W. König, from Mainz, showed that the extra-terrestrial origin of the flying saucer could not be doubted any longer.

NEUES EUROPA 15/11/55 and 15/12/55.

Vice-consul Dr. Alberto Perego, in Rome, stated that on November 6th, 1954, he observed a fleet of approximately 100 flying saucers over Rome. Time of observation was between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. According to his estimation they moved at an altitude of 10-12 kilometres (approx. 6-7 miles) at a speed of 1200-1400 kilometres (700-800 miles per hour). Dr. Perego expects important disclosures re flying saucers for the year 1956. Giving further details to his sighting, he said:

"At first I noticed the objects as tiny white dots. Suddenly they formed into the shape of an enormous 'V' and presently moved from the east towards Ostia, on The Tyrrhenian Sea. Immediately following after I noticed a second formation of flying saucers coming from the opposite direction. The formations approached each other at a terrific speed, combined both points of the 'V' and thus formed a Greek Cross. This all occurred as the saucers were travelling over Trastevere Monte Mario. The cross was clearly visible for about one minute. Everyone watching it was deeply impressed."

By order of the authorities, this sensational incident was not mentioned in the press. However, for the report which Dr. Alberto Perego forwarded to the commander of the NATO powers, a letter of thanks was received. The letter closed with the words, "Your report is considered very interesting, but at the moment it is not desirable to reveal more details about the matter to the public."

According to Dr. Perego, mankind is pretty close to the revelation of the secret of the flying saucers. He emphasized the fact that these objects are of extra-terrestrial origin. The world would be in a panic if this secret is brought to the public's notice without warning.

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION (N.Z.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th APRIL, 1956

Accumulated Funds (representing Members' Interest in the Society)	£178	17	5	Cash at Bank and on Hand	£36	19	4
				Gestetner Duplicating Machine	35	0	0
				Tape Recordings	9	9	6
				Library	28	14	0
				Press Cuttings	23	18	2
				Slides and Photostats	22	18	9
				Slide Viewer	2	13	11
				Suitcase for Posters	3	7	6
				Unexpired Subscription to "Scientific American"	7	3	9
				Badges on Hand (46)	8	12	6
							£178 17 5
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th APRIL, 1956

Hall Hire and Meeting Expenses	£20	0	6	Membership Fees	£300	16	8
Advertising	13	10	2	Donations	44	14	0
General Expenses	33	5	7	Takings at Meetings	75	6	0
Magazine Covers	40	10	3				
Stationery	133	18	11				
Postages	38	17	9				
Typewriter Repairs	4	12	4				
Subscription to "Scientific American" (six months only)	1	8	9				
Surplus Income to Accumulated Funds	134	12	5				
	£420	16	8				£420 16 8

BADGE ACCOUNT

Purchases	£13	12	3	Sales	£12	15	0
To Accumulated Funds	7	15	3	Stock 30/4/56 (at Cost)	8	12	6
	£21	7	6		£21	7	6

ACCUMULATED FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 30/4/56	£178	17	5	Balance 1/5/55	£36	9	9
				Excess of Income over Expenditure	134	12	5
				Return on Sale of Badges	7	15	3
	£178	17	5		£178	17	5

NOTE: 1. All assets have been included at Cost Price and no depreciation charged to the Income and Expenditure Account.
2. The Badge Account includes the carry over of eight badges from the previous period.

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