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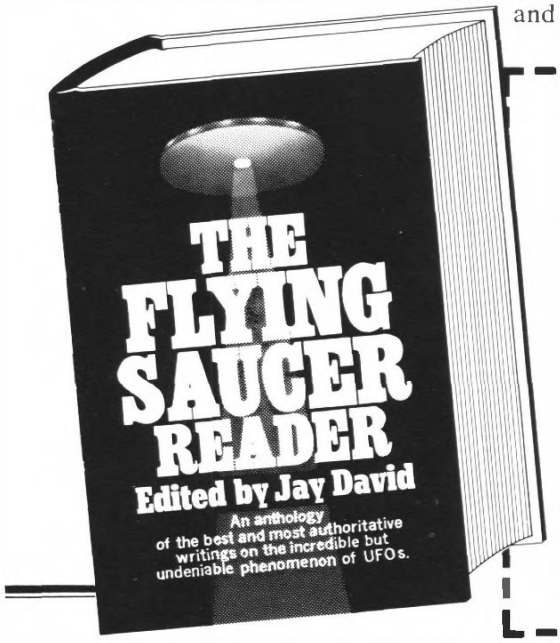
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Editorials

SAUCER NEWS, though in existence since 1954, is only recently making the somewhat painful transition from a "hobbyist" magazine to a publication attempting to compete on the newsstands with well-established and professionally printed magazines.

Although we know that the appearance and lay-out of SAUCER NEWS is far better than most of our competition within the UFO field, we realize full well that we have a long way to go before we achieve the professional-looking product we would like to present to you.

We are also aware that, for the several thousand of you who are reading SAUCER NEWS for the first time, a lot of our material may seem too "in" to be readily understandable. You may wonder at our use of certain terms - such as Ufology, "flap", etc., which are well known within the field of flying saucer research, but little known to the general public. You may also wonder at our occasional allusions to feuds or alliances involving various saucer researchers - incidents on which you have no background; or you may be left in the dark by references to "classic" UFO sightings of the past, which are like basic history to our "hard core" of readers, but which may be quite unknown to newcomers.

All we can say is - please bear with us. We have kept the "in" material down to a minimum in this issue, and yet we cannot eliminate it entirely, nor would we want to. Our warmest feelings are still with that small but dedicated band of people who have stuck with us through the years - through many changes in policy and format - and who constitute the vanguard of the saucer movement.

And, speaking of policy, for several years it has very simply been the following: To present all interesting and/or worthwhile news and views about UFOs, whether or not the editors individually endorse the material.

We are conservatively oriented, in that we do not cater to the "contactees," i.e., the people who claim to have ridden in saucers and conversed philosophically with the occupants of same. Neither, however, do we attempt to censor UFO news in any way, nor do we discount the possibility that some of the contactees may turn out to be quite correct, after all. We believe, in essence, that flying saucers represent a phenomenon completely beyond the understanding of present-day science. These objects, whatever they are, seem very definitely to be intelligently controlled, and there are hundreds of reliable accounts of their occupants having been seen on the ground, in or near their landed craft. These so-called "little men" sightings, from all over the world, are usually quite different from the contactee stories referred to above, in that there is no intellectual contact in the former category of landing reports.

We believe, further, that flying saucers probably originate from another planet, though there is no final proof yet as to their origin. Stories of physical evidence, saucers captured by the U.S. Government, and the like, are intriguing and worthy of further study. We are positive that the Air Force knows at least a good bit more than they are willing to tell the public. But we know of no conclusive physical proof concerning the origin or nature of UFOs. Therefore, to our minds, the solution to the UFO problem remains a deep and fascinating mystery at the present time.

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BY THE TIME MANY OF YOU read this editorial, the giant New York Flying Saucer Convention - officially called the 4th Annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists - will be history. It represents an investment of many months labor for several people. Whether or not it constitutes a successful undertaking can only be judged by those attending. But successful or not, there can be no dis-

puting the fact that it is the largest, most ambitious project of its kind ever undertaken in the history of flying saucer research.

As we write these lines, more than two months before "C-Day," we can only fervently hope that this huge investment in time, effort and money will turn out to be worthwhile. Inevitably, mistakes will be made, and criticisms will result. We learned long ago that it is impossible to please everyone, even some of the time. But hopefully, the main purpose will be achieved: To enlighten a large segment of the public, in an entertaining manner, about the reality of UFOs. (See section beginning on Page 46 for Convention program,list of main speakers, etc.)

Editorial Notes

WE HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED, from an unexpected source, a small supply of several back issues of SAUCER NEWS which we had thought were out of print. These include Issue #57, for September, 1964; #58, for December, 1964; #59, for March, 1965; #61, for September, 1965; and #62, for December, 1965. Because of the extreme scarcity of these issues we are forced to charge one dollar per copy, on a first come, first served basis. If, by the time your order reaches us, we have sold out of the issue(s) you want, we will refund your money promptly.

Still on hand, and in good supply, are: Issue #64, for June, 1966; #65, for Fall, 1966; #66, for Winter 1966-67; and #67, for Spring, 1967.

The Summer, 1967 issue (#68), which you are now reading, is being sent to subscribers on the usual basis of fifty cents per copy. Due to the three-color slick cover, the unusually large number of pages, and the correspondingly higher cost to us, we are retailing this issue at one dollar per copy at our lectures and at the Convention. Newsstands will charge from fifty cents on up, at their discretion, as we have purposely left the price off the cover. Non-subscribers who order copies from us by mail, and subscribers who wish extra copies, will pay the one dollar price.

OUR ATTENTION HAS BEEN CALLED TO A NEW ORGANIZATION entitled "The National Committee for the Restoration of the Membership of James W. Moseley in NICAP: Moseley for NICAP Committee."

To even attempt to fully explain the meaning of this title to newcomers in the field of saucer research would be a task that could consume a great deal of space, better used for other purposes. Suffice it to say that your Editor was expelled from Major Donald Keyhoe's organization in Washington, D.C., - called NICAP - about a year and a half ago, and this well-meaning new group believes, quite rightly, that forcing NICAP to reinstate him would prove the arrogance, immorality, and illegality in-



"My God! I think they're SERIOUS!"

volved in Moseley's expulsion.

Our position in regard to this movement is a delicate one. If we endorse it, cynics will insist that we are secretly the instigators of it - which is totally untrue. If we condemn it, we would be showing a lack of appreciation to a fine group of researchers embarked on a worthwhile cause. So we will only say this: The "Moseley for NICAP Committee" seems to have already recieved support form a surprising number of leading Ufologists. If you wish further information, write to Donald E. Cook, Jr., 3648 Potomac Court, East Point, Georgia 30044.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT a world-wide UFO organization, claiming several thousand members, called I.I.O.U.F.O. (Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects), has merged with our S.A.U.C.E.R.S. organization since the last issue of SAUCER NEWS went to press. Details of this merger have been worked out by telephone and correspondence with Hayden Hewes, the Director of I.I.O.U.F.O. Subscribers to their magazine, called "Interplanetary Intelligence Report," will have the balance of their subscriptions filled by us. Those who already are SAUCER NEWS subscribers will have their subscriptions to our magazine extended accordingly. I.I.O.U.F.O., founded in 1957, "folded" primarily because of financial difficulties - which makes it necessary to clearly state that this merger is in regard to subscriptions only, and does not imply that we are making ourselves responsible for outstanding debts, if any, owed by I.I.O.U.F.O.

It should be noted that this is the fourth major UFO organization that has found it convenient to merge with S.A.U.C.E.R.S. during the past five years. Our society was founded in 1954, making it the second oldest in the field of UFO research. Need it be said again that we do indeed intend to be around - still dedicated to the eventual solution of the UFO mystery - until "the last cup and saucer."

IN SPITE OF THE FACT that we now have a full-time staff of from three to five office workers, we have had to discontinue on of the friendly practices which we indulged in until now, purely as a service to our subscribers: From now on, those of you who fail to send us your change of address will not have your copies of SAUCER NEWS forwarded at our expense.

We had, until now, used the post office's records to keep sending our magazine to subscribers no matter how many times they moved without telling us. So please do let us know when you move, and be sure to include your zip code number with your address. Third class matter became unmailable as of January 1st, 1967 except when the zip code is included in the address.

DUE TO LACK OF SPACE, we cannot list our S.A.U.C.E.R.S. affiliates in this issue, as we had palnned to do. Suffice is to say that there are now about forty-five of these - mostly in the New York metropolitan area - with more forming all the time.

ARE YOU ON OUR SPECIAL NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST? Since 1955, we have made available to SAUCER NEWS subscribers in good standing a series of non-scheduled Confidential Newsletters, in which we cover material which we consider "too hot to handle" in the regularly-scheduled issues of our publication. Any subscriber who wishes to be placed on this special list for an indefinite period of time need only send us his or her name and address, together with one dollar. Upon receipt of your order, we will send you at least four of the most recent Newsletters by return mail. One of the latest issues , for example, contains startling information regarding definite acts of hostility on the part of some UFOs. Reports such as these reach us, often in confidence, from our world-wide network of correspondents.

CHANGES IN OUR STAFF: As of July 1st, Timothy Green Beckley, a leading Ufologist for several years, is replacing Pamela Spelman as Managing Editor of SAUCER NEWS.

John J. Robinson, who is Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS, has recently been made Assistant Chairman of our Discussion and Lecture Committee, which sponsors our monthly lectures at the Hotel Woodstock in New York City. His wife, Mary Robinson, is now Secretary and Treasurer of that Committee, as well as being an Associate Editor of the magazine.

A welcome addition to our growing list of Associate Editors is Hayden Hewes, formerly Director of I.I.O.U.F.O.

NEW ADVERTISING RATES: We now have a print run of 15,000 copies and a subscription list of nearly 8,000 people. We are therefore raising our ad rates to the following: Back cover: $125.00; Inside cover: $115.00; Full page: $100.00; Half page: $60.00; Quarter page: $35.00; Eighth page: $20.00; Per line: $2.00. For details, send for our latest advertising rate sheet.

Incidentally, we are becoming quite annoyed with exaggerated circulation claims made by a number of magazines in the UFO field. Gross exaggeration - or to put it more bluntly, downright lying - has become commonplace in this regard. To counter any thought that we at SAUCER NEWS are indulging in the same sort of thing, we intend to obtain <u>audited</u> circulation figures at the earliest possible date, and to then challenge all other magazines in this field to do the same thing.

THE SIGHTING REPORT FORMS which we have mentioned in previous issues are now ready, at last. Any reasonable number of these will be sent, free on request, to members of our S.A.U.C.E.R.S. organization. (See information about membership elsewhere in this issue.) A nominal charge of 5 cents each or 25 cents per dozen will be charged to non-members, simply to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

FOR THE SECOND TIME, we have had to postpone Part Two of Hans Lauritzen's fascinating article, "The Motive Power of the UFOs." Although this article was promised to our readers for this issue, we have found so much material of a more timely nature that we will continue to postpone Lauritzen's article and other good material until the current world-wide saucer sighting "flap" is over.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND US your newspaper clippings, articles, personal UFO sightings, comments about the magazine, etc. All information is sincerely appreciated. Credit is given in SAUCER NEWS for material used, and we still <u>try</u> to at least acknowledge every item received at our office, whether we use it or not. An average week now brings us over one thousand pieces of mail; so, quite obviously, the Editor cannot answer all personal letters addressed to him or even personally acknowledge all such letters.

PLEASE NOTE that the book advertised on the back cover of this issue is entitled "The Humanoids," although it is <u>not</u> the book by the same name which we have reviewed elsewhere in this issue. These books are quite different as to author, publisher, and content. The confusion of two books with the same title coming out at almost the same time is regrettable but nevertheless unavoidable.

IF YOU LET YOUR SAUCER NEWS SUBSCRIPTION LAPSE, it causes us a good deal of extra work to reinstate you when you finally do renew. If you have received a renewal notice with this issue, it means that your renewal is either now due or else <u>already</u> <u>overdue</u>, - unless a rare error of some sort has occurred in our records.

Letters to the Editor

As I was one of the investigators of the Long Island reports of last November, acting as consultant to the Air Force, I think I can offer some constructive comments on the affair. The picture from the New York News was taken at Patchogue during the sighting by the policemen. On the negative the image is 0.025 inch in diameter, about right for the image of a bright star. I interviewed some of the policemen involved, and went out to the site with them, where they were able to point out the object to me. It was Sirius.

In a number of other cases the same thing happened: The witnesses were able to pick out the object they had seen, and in each case it was a star. We were able to investigate personally about one report in seven, picking them on the basis that they involved representative descriptions. Presumably the others in which the witnesses gave similar descriptions were also astronomical objects, but of course, while reasonable, that is still a presumption. It is true that every single witness interviewed said he or she had been out looking for UFOs because of the newspaper reports which had been so prevalent....

Interestingly enough, the one case that puzzled us - an object flying low, carrying a very bright light, either silent or humming, and seen by at least six independent groups of witnesses, brought forth the only photographic hoax of the affair, by one of the witnesses! This picture was never published, fortunately for some of the other people involved. The object had many of the characteristics of a night search-and-rescue helicopter powered by turbine engines, which exist in that area, but we were unable to determine where such a helicopter came from....

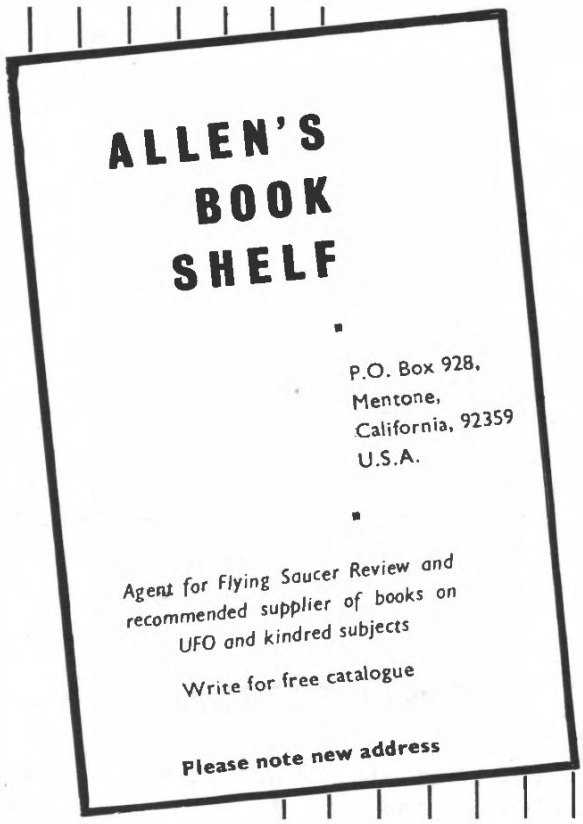
I am glad to see that your publication does not indulge in Air Force baiting. In my experience as a consultant, I can say that Major Quintanilla has always emphasized to me that I was to say and do exactly what I thought proper. I don't always agree with him, nor he with me, about an explanation or a procedure, but neither of us would think of trying to bully the other into taking any point of view. As far as I am concerned, Project Blue Book is perfectly honest.

WILLIAM T. POWERS
Dearborn Observatory
Evanston, Illinois

I will be contacting the Saucer Intelligence immediately, and ask them to appear strongly in the New York area throughout the UFO Convention, to draw attention to New York and to themselves. I'll stress as best I can to them that they should do something unusually spectacular at that time, like another total New York blackout, or something of that scope. I trust that this will meet with your group's approval.

TED H. OWENS
Philadelphia, Pa.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Owens is the author of a new saucer booklet entitled "Flying Saucer Intelligence Speaks," which deals with his purported communications with the pilots of UFOs. This booklet can be obtained through SAUCER NEWS.)



FEATURE ARTICLES

THE LOCH NESS MONSTER LIVES!

- by Daniel Cohen -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Cohen is Managing Editor of the popular magazine "Science Digest." We are very proud to add him to our list of contributors.)

If you have a few thousand extra dollars around, and a desire to grab a small bit of immortality by helping to crack one of the most consistently interesting mysteries of modern times, you might donate the money to the Loch Ness Phenomena Investigation Bureau. This Bureau is a non-profit organization set up in 1962 by a number of prominent Englishmen to investigate Nessie, the fabulous Loch Ness monster.

For several years the bureau has been putting teams of camera-equipped watchers around the Loch during the summer to try to get some good shots of the elusive beast. Says the Bureau: "Through such efforts, some success has been achieved in spite of the fact that we were handicapped by a severely limited budget, allowing us to cover only 15 percent of the Loch." The Bureau's biggest success, so far, has been in getting the Royal Air Force to look at the monster pictures they have, for interpretation and analysis.

The best monster pictures were taken in 1960 by Tim Dinsdale, and when the RAF examined them the conclusion they came to was quite sensational. The RAF didn't want their report on the Dinsdale film made public. Said Lord Shackleton, Minister of Defense for the RAF: "We would not wish to find the Ministry of Defense taking sides in a first class public argument about the possible nature of the underwater population of Loch Ness." No Air Force conspiracy of silence here - sorry; just a conservative desire not to get involved!

The Bureau insists it has "never betrayed this confidence," but somehow the report was leaked to the press in January, 1966. The conclusion was that the object in the film "probably is an animate object." Not only that, but an animate object that might be as much as 92 feet long, 6 feet wide, and 5 feet high - a lot larger that most monster enthusiasts had previously estimated!

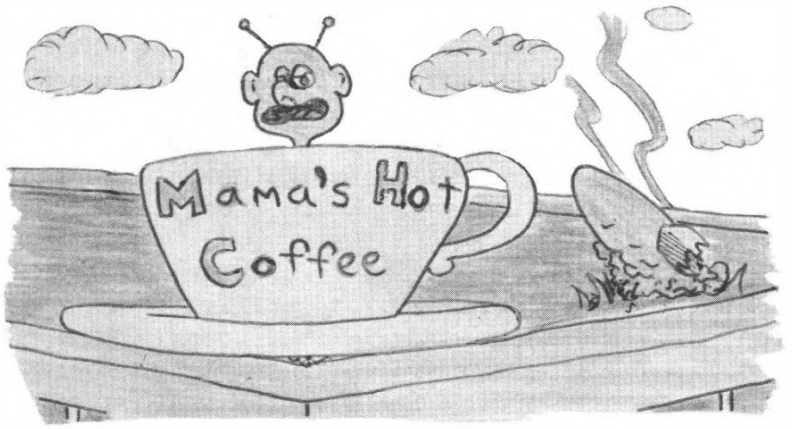
Lord Shackleton, who said he had always disbelieved in the monster, said he was more puzzled than ever, but found it hard to discount the report. So do I. As anyone who knows me will affirm, I am the most hard-nosed and unpleasant of skeptics. I spend Christmas telling small children that Santa Claus does not exist and the rest of the year telling the world (or that small portion of it that will listen) that flying saucers don't exist. But Nessie has me intrigued!

I have not seen Dinsdale's film, but I have examined stills from it. They didn't look like much - just a dark indefinable object on the water. Maurice Burton, a British naturalist with a long-standing interest in the Loch Ness Monster, thought the films showed a motor boat moving across the Loch. But Burton is not a photographic interpretation expert, and neither am I. Of course, photographic interpretation is not an exact science, and even the experts make lots of mistakes. Perhaps they are making one this time. But it is best to keep an open mind.

Another really interesting development in the Loch Ness story is a new theory by Prof. Roy Mackal, a biochemist at the University of Chicago and a member of the board of directors of the Bureau. Dr. Mackal got a lot of publicity earlier this year by saying he thought the monster might be some sort of giant sea slug. The idea sounds pretty idiotic at first, but it isn't. Sure, sea slugs are little things, as far as we know - a foot or less in length, and usually a lot less than a foot. But remember that the sea slug is

a mollusk,and so is a squid. For a long time the only squids we knew about were little things too. There were always rumors about a giant squid, but they were not widely believed. People who saw giant squids were considered nuts. Now we know that the giant squid does exist. These monsters are 50 or more feet long, and can weight up to a ton. Why couldn't one of its close relatives, the sea slug, grow that big?

"IF THIS DOSEN'T FLY- I'M FINISHED."



Dr. Mackal's theory also answers a number of other puzzles about the Monster. There is the matter of humps. When the Monster is seen, it usually is only a few dark shapes, or "humps" rising above the water. These "humps" vary in number from one to eight. No vertebrate could have such a variable back, but a backboneless sea slug might.

Then there is the speed and the "great wash" which is also often associated with the Monster. The RAF report says the object looks like it was moving about 10 mph - a very respectable speed for an aquatic animal. Many Monster reports speak of a turbulence of the water around the creature. Now, most aquatic animals and reptiles swim without kicking up too much of a fuss. But some mollusks move by expelling water - jet propulsion. This would account for the speed and the wash.

Dr. Mackal is not dogmatic on the subject, but he says he has prepared a long report on Monster sightings, and his theory seems to fit the bulk of them better than other theories offered to date. Most of the other theories are pretty well shopworn now. The most famous, that it is a giant reptile, doesn't stand up too well because the waters of the Loch are too cold to support reptiles. Bernard Heuvelmans and others seem to think it is some sort of aquatic mammal, perhaps a whale of an unknown type; but a mammal (and a reptile, for that matter) would have to spend more time on the surface than the Monster seems to.

How about a giant eel? There is some evidence that a giant eel may exist somewhere, but facts point to the open sea as a breeding place. That means the eel would have to return to the Loch by swimming up the River Ness through Inverness, a city of 30,000 people. This is impossible, for the idea of a 50-foot eel swimming through the center of Inverness without being seen is absurd. No, a sea slug or some such gilled invertebrate capable of carrying out its entire life cycle in an aquatic environment seems the best bet at the moment.

Dr. Mackal says: "I believe it is likely that the parent forms are marine and in some cases became land-locked years ago, when land masses rose precipitously. They probably died out in most cases, but in a few were able to adapt to the fresh water environment and flourish." The first record of the Monster dates back to 565 A.D.,and legends are doubtless much older than that.

When I talked to Dr. Mackal, he was quite willing to discuss his theory, but he talked mostly about money and the lack of it - and all the great things the Bureau could do if they had sufficient funds.

So, rich mystery lovers, here's your chance! No amount of money will guarantee that you will be able to catch a flying saucer. But a really well-equipped expedition could clear up the Loch Ness mystery!

THE BEGINNING OF THE SAUCER ERA: JUNE 24th, 1947

- by John A. Keel -

(Editor's Note: Although Mr. Keel has often supplied us with good material for news stories, this is his first feature article for our magazine. Keel is an active UFO writer and investigator, having published articles earlier this year in True Magazine and Saga. We felt that the following article would be particularly appropriate for this issue of SAUCER NEWS, since our UFO Convention is timed to commemorate the exact twentieth anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's historic sighting, which "officially" began the flying saucer era.)

When Forrest Wenyon, a private pilot from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, reported seeing a strange circular flying craft only a few miles from Washington, D.C. on June 2nd, 1947, (Footnote #1), nobody paid much attention. Obviously the poor man had made a mistake! There was no such thing as a circular flying machine. Everybody knew that. And even if there was, so what? That was the attitude of the neighbors of a woman in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, who told of seeing a low-flying silvery disk over her house in late May, 1947. (#2). Such stories were justifiably ignored by the press and relegated to the files, along with tales of raining frogs and random appearances of sea serpents. Circular flying machines, indeed!

On June 21st, 1947, Harold A. Dahl, Fred L. Crisman, and several others were on a boat on Puget Sound, near Tacoma, Washington, when they saw - or so they later claimed - six odd doughnut-shaped machines in the sky overhead. The details of that sighting have become as muddled and as controversial as the Kennedy assassination. It is now known as the "Maury Island Hoax," and the full story has probably been lost forever.

The men said that a large quantity of slag-like metal showered down from one of the objects, killing a dog and injuring a boy aboard the boat. Weeks later, the wire services issued a somewhat tenuous account of the incident, stating that "a man who was reported to have given the Army pieces of a flying saucer said today it was only rocks he had found on the beach. He was reported to have said earlier that the fragments were obtained from Harold Dahl and Fred Chrisman." (#3) This confusing story led many to believe that Dahl and Chrisman had confessed to some kind of hoax. But doughnut-shaped objects have been frequently reported since then. For example, several police officers in Gastonia, N.C., said they saw one on Sept. 25th, 1966. Their car radios crackled and jamed with static while they watched the object. (#4)

On June 23rd, 1947, one Richard Rankin of Palm Springs, California, saw a flight of ten circular objects moving north over Bakersfield. A few minutes later, seven of the things came back and passed over the astonished witness. (#5) Later that same day, a railroad engineer in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, told of watching a fluttering string of ten glittering disks hurtling in a northwestern direction at high altitude. (#6)

The next day, June 24th, 1947, was a day to remember. William Schuening, a rancher living about 15 miles from Pendleton, Oregon, watched a round "something" pass over his fields. Around 10 o'clock that morning, George Clover of Bellingham, Washington, saw three of the freakish objects. Outside of Emmett, Idaho, an unidentified woman said she witnessed a formation of gleaming disks which weaved and circled and then dispersed in all directions. Then, shortly before 2 p.m., Charles Kastl of Joliet, Illinois, spotted nine round objects going south. He watched them for 25 seconds, receiving the impression that "they were being towed."

Mrs. Ethel Wheelhouse of Yakima, Washington, also saw something strange in the sky that day, as did William Kamp of Portland, Oregon, who reported a brightly glowing object dropping two reddish-white flares over Portland around

9 p.m. At the same time, the same kind of thing was over Tukwila, Washington, according to a man named Marvin Watkins. And several people in Seattle witnessed peculiar "light blue spots" in the sky between 9:15 and 11:00 p.m. that night. (#7)

In the baffling weeks which were to follow, unidentified flying objects and inexplicable lights would appear in almost every state in the union as well as in South Africa, Afghanistan, Manchuria, and France. (#8) We have over five hundred cases in our files covering the three week period from June 24th, 1947, to July 14th, 1947, naming witnesses and giving descriptions which are all uneasily similar. A number of landings were reported during that period, and newspapers noted that thousands of seagulls suddenly vanished from Puget Sound that summer. There was also an epidemic of disappearances of seagoing vessels, unmatched since the worldwide rash of disappearances in 1922. Mysterious, unexplained fires broke out in the Puget Sound area and across the country in the wake of UFO reports. But, strangest of all, a mysterious sniper was on the loose in some twenty states and over two hundred people were shot that summer, most of them suffering wounds just below the knee!

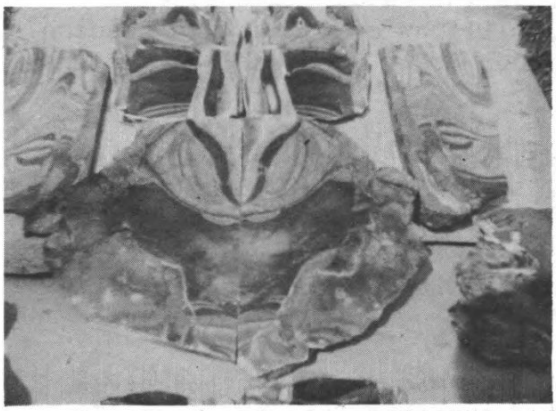
Yes, 1947 was a strange year. And it marked the beginning of two decades of mystery, confusion, and weird gyrations by government agencies assigned to investigate all the phenomena. Most of the activity seemed to start on the West Coast, in the states of Oregon and Washington. And, of course, it was at 3 p.m. on June 24th, 1947 that a private pilot named Kenneth Arnold sighted nine disk-shaped objects near Mount Ranier in Washington. The rest, as they say, is history!

Footnotes:

#1 - Undated AP clipping.
#2 - Clipping from Vancouver, B.C. paper. No credit given.
#3 - Pittsburg, Pa. Press - Aug. 4, 1947.
#4 - Gastonia, N.C. Gazette, Sept. 26, 1966.
#5 - AP dispatch, undated.
#6 - NICAP's "The UFO Evidence."
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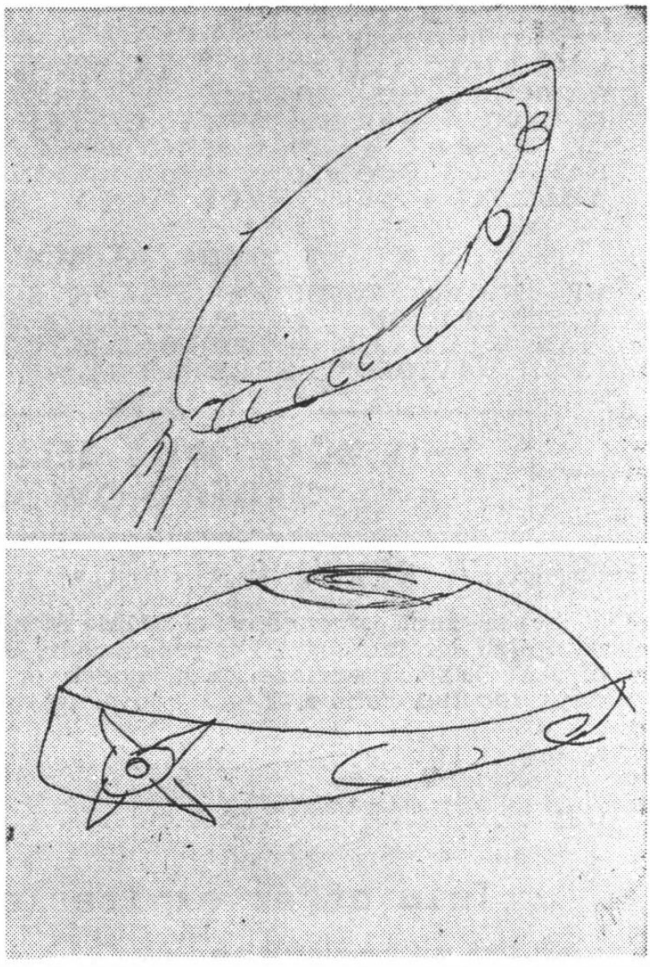
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BIG SAUCER FLAP IN CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS: The months of January and February were host to a UFO flap of considerable proportions in the state of Connecticut and nearby portions of Massachusetts. In this series of sightings (unlike many recent flaps such as the one in Wanaque, N.J. last year), there were many incidents which contained an amazing amount of good detail. The best of these cases are summarized below:

On the night of January 8th, five high school students in Essex, Conn., were driving home from a dance when they spotted a UFO described as disc shaped, 10 to 12 feet wide, with a bubble in its center that contained flashing red lights. These lights were surrounded by a constant white light, according to the teen-agers. The object made no sound whatsoever, although it was in sight for a period of several minutes.

In Granville, Mass., Mrs. Helen Godard and her two teen-aged nieces were driving along a lonely road at about 5:45 on the evening of January 15th when they saw a mysterious object at treetop level over a nearby open field. It was circular, brightly-lit, and "hummed like a giant bumblebee." At one point during the sighting, the UFO passed over their car at low altitude, revealing that it was domed and "about three car lengths" in wideth. From its base, bright white lights were shining out through porthole-like openings. One of the witnesses stated that the object's "sparkling white light" was as bright as sunlight as it lit up the ground and the sky. The UFO, estimated to be 50 feet in diameter, disappeared and came back into view two more times before the dramatic encounter was over. The drawings below are by two of the witnesses.



In Lakeville, Conn., sightings were reported by various students and faculty members at the Hotchkiss School for several nights in a row, culminating in a mass sighting on the night of January 19th, during which pictures were taken by a young man named Richard Gipstein. By the use of a monocular lens (a sort of telescope) attached to his camera, and by putting the camera on a tripod and leaving the shutter open for five seconds, Gipstein was able to obtain the clear but inconclusive photograph shown on Page 28 of this issue. More pictures were taken the following night, when the same object came into view once again, but we do not yet have these.

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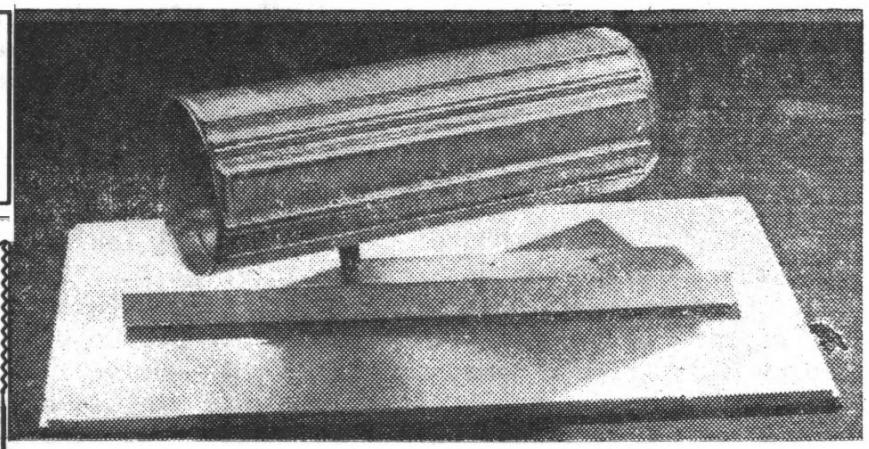
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A close up view of the scale model of the UFO.

naldi of Cromwell, Conn. saw a 300-foot-long object, described as cigar-shaped and whirring like a top, as he was driving through the nearby community of West Cromwell. The huge machine was hovering barely 50 feet above the ground. It had three red lights - one at each end and another near its center. Rinaldi observed it in the air for two to three minutes before it suddenly turned onto a 45 degree angle. Said the witness: "When it moved, the whirring noise increased and the lights got brighter. It moved from right to left in a rocking motion for about another minute." The craft then went toward some nearby high-tension wires, hovering over them for about ten seconds, before continuing slowly off toward Hartford. Rinaldi, a former member of the Air Force, admitted that the UFO "made him nervous."

On the night of February 20th, a detailed close-range sighting was made from the steps of Bridgeport, Connecticut's city hall by Patrolman Gerald W. Lombard and several others, who described the object as being 200 to 300 feet in the air, in the vicinity of Congress Street. It came down to within 25 feet of the rooftops, and then went on toward East Street, according to the report given to a local newspaper by the astounded witnesses. The umbrella-shaped object, which made no sound at all, was in sight for at least five minutes, and appeared to have a brightly burning flame underneath it.

The big flap in Connecticut, plus other factors, led to a belated revelation by a leading citizen of Cheshire, Conn., that he witnessed a UFO landing, several months earlier, on May 10th, 1966. The man, named Sterling Jewett, was driving in a rural area at about 3:30 that afternoon, when he spotted a mysterious object in a hayfield near the road. Said Jewett: "I was about 250 feet from the object and quickly slowed down. It appeared to be hovering from one to two feet above the field, and seemed motionless. I noticed there were no wheels or legs supporting it. Although the field slopes down toward the road, the UFO appeared to be level and thus at a 45 degree angle to the road. Since it was silhouetted against trees in the background and I could not see through it, I assume it was solid.

"The UFO was three or four feet in diameter and nine to twelve feet long, cylindrical in shape, with about eight pipes of some sort extending the full length of the cylinder. One pipe was perpendicular to the others, and none of the pipes were of the same diameter, nor were they spaced an even distance apart. Their diameter may have been one to four inches." Jewett added that the object was of a silvery metallic color, and had no markings, rust spots, dents, bolts, or seams. It appeared to be perfectly cylindrical in shape, and impressed Jewett as a thing of beauty. In fact, Mr. Jewett, who was no more than 90 feet from the craft at the nearest point, decided to make a scale model of what he had seen. This is reproduced at the top right of this page.

Attempts by Jewett to get direct confirmation of his sighting from other possible observers in the neighborhood proved negative, but the unusually high character and social standing of the one observer makes this an impressive UFO case, even so. (New Haven, Conn. Register, 1/7/67; Hartford, Conn. Courant, 1/9, 1/17, 1/23, and 1/25; Bridgeport, Conn. Post, 2/21. Credit: William Lutters, David Martin, Ray Rotnofsky, and Dick Delinski.)

SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED BY OHIO BARBER: Ralph Ditter is a barber living in Zanesville, Ohio, who has had an interest in flying saucers for quite some time. Last November 13th, he had his camera with him as he walked down the driveway of his house, on the way to take pictures of some newly-built furniture in a relative's home. Reaching the end of the driveway, he happened to look back, and saw an object about 20 feet in diameter hovering between 25 and 50 feet from the ground, above the house. As there was plenty of daylight left, he took a series of pictures, one while the object hovered, one as it headed away, and one which turned out underexposed. The first of this series is shown on Page 28 of this issue.

Ditter described the object as being silent, rotating counterclockwise, and "having no visible effects on the earth below it."

An interesting aspect of the sighting is that Ditter, fearing that he might be tagged a crackpot or a publicity seeker, did not publicize his own pictures. It was not until several weeks later that the photos became publicly known, due to the efforts of a local representative of NICAP.

To us, the picture looks all wrong. If it is directly over the house, it would have to be a good deal higher up than 50 feet, in our opinion. It looks like it is a lot closer to the camera than the house, and therefore a lot smaller than 20 feet in diameter - perhaps no bigger than a hat. But then, NICAP seems to take it seriously; so we will throw our hat in the ring as being mildly impressed by this picture. (Racine, Wisc. Journal-Times. Credit: Z. Avecacik & others.)

CLOSE SIGHTING BY MINNESOTA FARMER: John Nelson, a man who farms on the west side of Lake Sarah, southwest of Garvin, Minn., was once a confirmed skeptic on the subject of UFOs, but no longer! While plowing a field at 2 a.m. on November 26th, he was frightened out of his wits by a lighted saucer-shaped object which suddenly appeared in a hovering position over the corn stalks in back of him. Nelson described the object as 40 feet in diameter, and 8 to 10 feet thick. It made an eerie noise "like a whirling wind," while a faint white light beamed down over the field behind him, about 200 yards away.

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back, hovered over the corn stalks again, and then moved swiftly straight up into the air, disappearing again toward the east in a bright red glow. While the UFO was near him, Nelson was tempted to approach it for a better look, but thought better of the idea. He finished his plowing before telling his wife of the experience. Eventually, the local newspaper was informed. (Marshall, Minn. Messenger, 11/26/66. Credit: William P. Schuamm.)

NEAR LANDING IN CALIFORNIA: Five children living in a rural area near Cedarville, Calif., made close observations of two low flying UFOs at 4 a.m. on the morning of December 14th, after their mother had reported to her husband "peculiar lights" hovering in a unpopulated sector near their home earlier that same evening. Numerous less detailed sightings were made over nearby forest and range lands during the preceding month.

According to the children, ranging in age from 8 to 13, the disc-shaped object which they watched longest was a craft with two red lights on each end, and three lights in the middle which seemed to pulsate. The disc was so close to the house that they could see inside its "back windows," according to the children. A similar object was spotted at the same time on the opposite side of the house. Both UFOs let out a bright ball of red light from the nose which "swooshed" into the ground but didn't shed a lasting light. The youngsters watched one of the UFOs for over an hour. It eventually turned on its side, revealing that its bottom consisted of a series of revolving, glowing circles. Finally, the objects disappeared from view, leaving a thoroughly frightened and confused household. (The NICAP Reporter, Seattle, Wash. Credit: Robert J. Gribble.)

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED IN NEW YORK STATE: Just a few miles from the hustle and bustle of New York City, a 23-year-old construction worker named Vincent Perna, a resident of Yonkers, N.Y., sighted and photographed a low-flying UFO. The incident occurred on December 18th, 1966, while Perna was fishing on Lake Tiorati with his brother and a mutual friend.

Some time between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m., they happened to look up in the sky and saw a flying object which appeared to be circular at its center, and which tapered to the shape of a football at its ends. It was in view for about eight seconds, according to the story told by this astounded group of witnesses, and it was flying at about the same speed as a normal aircraft, though with a motion unlike any airplane. They reported no noise, and described a

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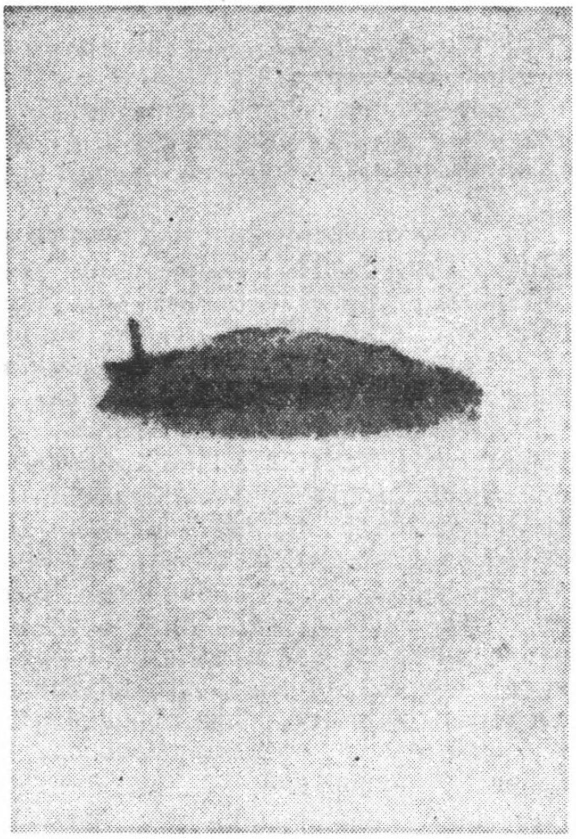
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"goldfish yellow" coloring on the bottom, and a silver color on top of the mysterious craft. As the weather was clear, the object could be seen in good detail. The UFO changed course several times during the short time it was in view.



Perna took a photograph, which is in our files; but unfortunately it is too dark to reproduce here. Even more unfortunately, our Photo Section here at SAUCER NEWS is gradually reaching the conclusion that most of the "doubtful" UFO Pictures are the most impressive and the easiest to reproduce in the magazine, whereas the probably-genuine one, such as this one, can seldom be shown to our readers, except to those few who can visit the files at our Headquarters. In any case, Perna's picture, which was taken with a Brownie Starfire camera and developed by his brother from Verichrome film, shows a saucer-shaped object at great distance from the camera, over a foreground composed of a vast expanse of woodland. A corner of the lake is also shown. The Rockland News-Leader, a local newspaper, examined the negative, which appeared genuine. If the negative is indeed genuine, rather than a double-exposure, there can be no doubt in our minds that this picture shows an authentic UFO.

When Perna reported the sighting to nearby Stewart Air Force Base, he was asked a long series of questions by one Lt. Knutsen of the "UFO Office" at the base, and was requested to mail the camera, negative, and prints to the Air Force. This he did not do. Later, the News-Leader checked with another local Air Force officer who had by that time seen a print of the picture. The UFO was identified by said officer as "a blotch of developing fluid on the negative," although the officer had to admit that he had not examined the negative before reaching that conclusion. Perna confirmed thereafter that he had refused to send in the negative! (Rockland Community News-Leader, Spring Valley, N.Y. 12/29/66.)

DR. HYNEK BELIEVES MICHIGAN BOYS' PHOTOS TO BE GENUINE: The print above is an enlargement of one of four pictures taken by two teen-aged boys in Mount Clemens, Michigan, who on January 9th of this year were lucky enough to observe a flying saucer in broad daylight and at close range. Serious interest in the pictures was shown by Major Raymond Nyls at nearby Seldridge Air Force Base; and later, upon seeing the prints, Dr. J. Allen Hynek (the A.F.'s chief scientific consultant) was favorably impressed. Said Hynek: "The striking thing to me is the similarity of these pictures to other photos I have seen, and also to verbal descriptions I've taken from ostensibly reliable people. To the best of my recollection, even the 'antenna' shown on the back (of the object) has been previously reported, as has the 'tail' structure."

Dr. Hynek, who was worked with the Air Force's Project Blue Book for almost twenty years, was not able to obtain the negatives, due to understandable reluctance on the part of the young photographers. Hynek went on to say that there were no obvious indications of a hoax, and that points of reference (not shown in our blown-up) made the pictures easier to analyze than most. Adding

still further to the credibility was the fact that a series of four pictures was available for study, rather than just one.

The boys, who are brothers named Dan and Grant Jaroslaw, made the UFO observation from their yard as the mysterious craft hovered for about ten minutes over nearby Lake St. Clair. When it left, it made no noise, and was faster than an airplane, according to the boys. They described it as being about the size of a helicopter.

A little over a month later, in mid-February, 1967, Michigan was again in the news, with a UFO flap which almost reached the proportions of the famous "marsh gas" incidents of March 1966. Perhaps the best of these sightings was made by two policemen who watched a bright orange "sky dragon" which intermittently ejected a stream of fire on the night of February 16th. Several policemen and numerous other citizens in the Ann Arbor area were involved in this rash of sightings, which was carried across the country on the wire services, just as had happened the previous year! (Hartford, Conn. Courant, 1/12; Salt Lake City, Utah, Tribune, 1/12; Miami, Fla. Herald, 1/17; Detroit, Mich. Free Press, 1/12; Los Angeles Herald -Examiner, 2/16; Bergen (N.J.) Record 2/17. Credit: John J. Robinson, Dan Wahrer, Mildred Wrightman, and others.)

SENSATIONAL UFO NEAR-LANDING IN WEST VIRGINIA: While driving alone early one morning along Interstate Route 64, near Charleston, W. Va. - not more than six miles from the heart of that city - an appliance store owner named Tad Jones made one of the most fantastic observations in UFO history. It was about 9 a.m. on the morning of January 17th, and Jones was on his way to work. Suddenly he sighted an unknown object blocking the highway, some distance ahead of him. He assumed at first that it was road construction equipment of some kind, but as he got closer, he saw that the object was about 20 feet in diameter, blocking both of the westbound driving lanes.

Mr. Jones got out of his truck, walked up, and looked the object over. Said he: "It was hovering above the roadway at a height of three or four feet. It had four wheels, and in the bottom of the ball was a propeller-like apparatus which was revolving noiselessly. At the top was a round window with two antennae; and in the middle I saw a protruding flange or seam, which indicated to me that it had been connected together in some way. The machine was aluminum in color. I looked carefully up at the window, but did not see any sign of life inside.

"I stood there a minute, after which the craft gently rose into the air, and without any exhaust, odor, or noise whatsoever, it went straight up. I watched it for what must have been another minute or minute and a half, until it passed from sight." No other automobiles came along during the period of the sightings, according to Mr. Jones.

After regaining his shattered composure, Jones made a report to the nearby Air Force radar base at Guthrie, W. Va., where a spokesman later stated that nothing unusual had been seen on their radar screens. (Charleston, W. Va. Gazette, 1/20/67, and other sources.)

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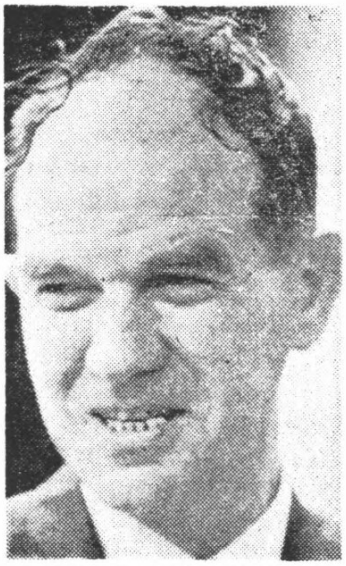
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SAUCER FLIGHT BY EARTHLINGS DELAYED INDEFINITELY: A rather strange group of contactees, who made wild claims in lectures in the Miami area last November, seem to be unable to come through on their promise to take a group of carefully selected Earthlings on a flying saucer ride. The group, calling itself "The Ufology Research Institute," has several spokesmen, including a former Air Force pilot who goes by the pseudonym of Mel Noel (see Page 17 of the Spring SAUCER NEWS), and who claims to have seen and photographed UFOs with a movie camera while in the Service. Another member of the group is Professor Marisco Genovese, (pictured at right), an Italian who teaches Greek in Tijuana, Mexico.



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It is Genovese who claims to be a liaison man between the United States and a group of 123 scientists from 23 nations who are living at a secret site in the jungles of Brazil, building saucers with the help of Extraterrestrials. Genovese claims to have already flown in flying saucers, and at one time he stated that he is willing and able to arrange for a flight of three saucers to carry six people each, between Brazil, Mexico, and Miami Beach. The secret group in Brazil is now ready to let their work be known to the outside world, according to the Professor.

As the time specified for the saucer ride came and went, absolutely nothing happened, leaving the contactees somewhat in disrepute. However, the plan had enough substance at its height in late November to have attracted the active participation of a Time-Life team from Los Angeles, who actually went to a designated spot in Mexico to wait to be picked up by a saucer - only to learn that the trip had been "postponed." Our latest word is that the promoters of the saucer ride are laying low until the "unfavorable publicity" dies down. (Fort Lauderdale, Fla. News, 11/22/66, 11/23/66; Hollywood, Fla. Sun-Tattler, 11.23.66; Paterson, N.J. Morning Call, 11/23.66. Credit: Al Medillo & others.)

MYSTERIOUS "MOTH MAN" SIGHTINGS CONTINUE IN WEST VIRGINIA: Striking in broad daylight for the first time, the "Moth Man" of Mason County, W. Va. terrorized a businessman named Thomas Ury last Thanksgiving Day, causing him to comment afterwards: "People think you are crazy when you tell of seeing something like this. But I've never had such an experience before in my life. I was really scared!"

This fantastic series of sightings - which may or may not be related to UFOs - has involved a bird-like creature said by witnesses to be six feet tall, with a 10-foot wingspan and a humanoid body. Thomas Ury, who is assistant manager of a shoe store chain, told police that he was returning home from a Thanksgiving Day visit with friends, when the bird buzzed his automobile. "It came up like a helicopter and then veered over my car," he said. "It began

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going around in circles at an altitude two or three times higher than the telephone poles along the highway. I zoomed up to 70 mph, but it kept up with me easily."

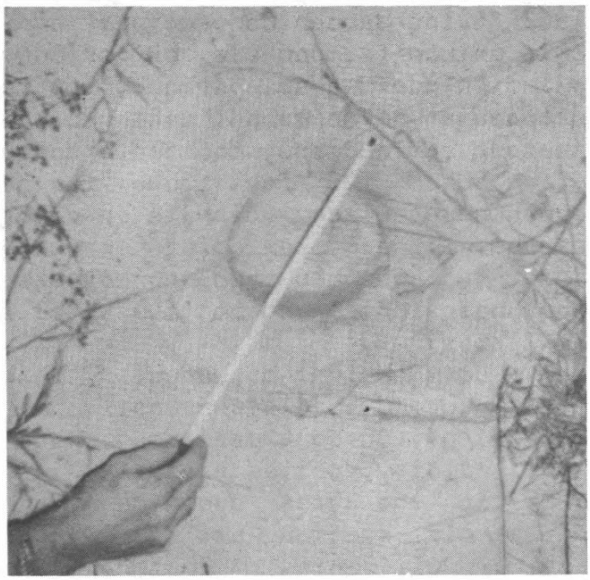
Ury went on to say that the bird was brownish-gray, with a small beak. His description was virtually the same as those given by dozens of other eye-witnesses over a period of several weeks. A number of these earlier sightings were given in detail on Pages 35-36 of our Spring issue of SAUCER NEWS.

Information on more recent "Moth Man" sightings comes to us in outline form from John Keel, who is saving the bulk of his information for a forthcoming article in True Magazine. According to Keel, one recent witness who claimed that the creature followed his car for several miles, also stated that he distinctly heard a motor of some kind humming while the mysterious bird was overhead.

A few miles away, on a farm near Gallopolis Ferry, W. Va., a family has been terrified by the frequent appearance of small glowing lights which frolic from room to room in their farmhouse. And, whether connected with "Moth Man" or not, there have been hundreds of UFO reports in that general section of West Virginia during the past few months - including sightings during February and March 1967 of a low-flying glowing sphere which appeared directly over the streets of Point Pleasant, W. Va., on several occasions.

As of this writing, Mr. Keel is on still another research trip to the Point Pleasant area. (Newark Star-Ledger, 11/26/66, and other sources. Credit: John J. Robinson and John Keel.)

ANOTHER UFO LANDING AT BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA: In the early morning hours of December 4th, 1966, there occurred another sensational saucer landing on the property of John Reeves - the same man who made headlines back in 1965 with two stories involving similar incidents. This time the story was checked into almost immediately by Joan Whritenour and Jean Chapman, dedicated UFO researchers who live nearby, who are co-editors of the respected journal called "Saucer Scoop." Their on-the-spot investigation resulted in several clear pictures of tracks in the sand made by one of the saucer's occupants, and photos of four holes in the ground made by the craft's landing gear. (See picture at right.) The conclusion reached by the investigating team, which included the "Saucer Scoop" editors and several others, was that the incident is authentic. It was also given front-page coverage in the local newspaper.



Briefly, the story is as follows: Reeves, a 68-year-old retired man, was up late that night, and spotted the saucer on the ground near his home - its lights blinking omniously. He im-

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mediately tried to phone a newspaper reporter and other possible witnesses; but while he was still on the telephone, the object rose straight up, with its lights still blinking, and went out of sight.

At about 6 a.m. that same day, Mrs. Whritenour and several companions arrived, and spent the next few hours following the set of strange-looking footprints that led from the landing site for a distance of about a quarter of a mile. At the site itself, the four holes were each found to be about six inches in diameter and 1½ inches deep. Had the team arrived much later, they would not have seen much, as the wind was already starting to cover over the footprints and landing holes.

The large number of landings and near-landings which have been witnessed by scores of respectable people near Brooksville since 1965 almost totally preclude the idea that Reeve's latest story is a hoax. Well-known UFO researchers such as Al Greenfield, visiting the area for only a few days, have managed to see mysterious lights, and many local residents accept the nearly-constant UFO activity as commonplace. (The Largo Sentinel, 12/8/66, and other sources. Credit: Joan Whritenour.)

SAUCER BRIEFS: In the January 16th edition of a small Florida newspaper called "The Indian River Sentinel," Connie Menger relates a UFO case from September 1959, in which an unnamed businessman saw and photographed, on 8 mm film, a truly weird phenomenon which he witnessed "near a well-known mountain resort in Pennsylvania." This fascinating story, condensed here due to space limitations, concerns a "blob" of some sort which descended from a shining bluish metallic disc. The "blob" which seemed to change size and shape at will, killed all the grass and weeds over which it passed, and even killed a small rabbit which inadvertently darted out of the woods directly into its path. The film, which purportedly shows all of this, was shown recently to a "small study group" in Vero Beach, Florida. As all UFO "insiders" know, Connie Menger is the wife of Howard Menger, one of the featured guests at our giant 1967 flying saucer Convention; and as of this writing, we are hoping to have this unique film on view at the Convention.

In Rockingham, Vermont, two teen-aged boys claim to have seen and photographed a UFO while out taking pictures of mountainous scenery. The boys, both amateur astronomers, spotted a doughnut-shaped object 25 feet in diameter hovering about 100 feet above the ground near an old covered bridge. It was noiseless, black and white in color, and had a "shiny coil" on its dome. They snapped six pictures before the object "went straight up" and out of sight. This incident occurred on November 25th, 1966, but was not reported to the newspapers until about two weeks later. (Louisville, Ky. Courier Journal, 12/11/66.)

On the night of January 4th, a group of 14 persons, including three experienced Navy pilots, spotted several UFOs in the skies over the naval air station at Ream Field, California. Ensign John Schmitt, a helicopter pilot with over 400 hours of flying experience, was leaving the base with friends when he and the others saw a trio of round yellow objects at about 50,000 feet, flying in a triangular formation. They were in sight for sever-

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al minutes, making various maneuvers in the sky, when a fourth UFO joined them, coming in over the horizon from the east at terrific velocity. The speeds of the various objects ranged from hovering to "five times the speed of a B-52 bomber", according to the witnesses. (Credit: Kenneth Larson.)

From Irish Valley, near Shamokin, Pa., comes a report dated January 18th regarding a saucer-shaped craft with weird lights and a clearly-visible antenna on the top, seen by Mrs. Joanne Krebs and several other residents. The UFO, spotted at about 6 p.m., appeared to have a saucer-shaped dome with several silver-colored devices on it, one of which stuck out higher than the others and looked like an ordinary radio antenna. The object was surrounded by a halo of bright light, and made no sound. It was in view for several minutes. A second similar object was seen in less detail from a greater distance. (Mt. Carmel, Pa. Item, 1/19/67. Credit: John J. Robinson and N.J. DeFlavio.)

A flying saucer near Seymour, Indiana, caused Francis Bedel, Jr, of Courtland to wreck his car as he stared at it. Bedel, who was not injured in the crash, said he was "awed" by a bright light in the sky and lost control of the vehicle. Another man, who witnessed the UFO from a point about a mile away, said that the mysterious object came to within 100 feet of his car. He described it as being 30 feet in diameter, and displaying blinking lights of various colors as it moved along in an oscillating manner. (Indianapolis, Ind. News, 1/18/67.)

A farmer from a rural district near Knoxville, Tennessee, told police in nearby Galesburg on the night of January 20th that he had "the hell scared out of him" by a peculiar round object which followed him along a country road. The farmer, who refused to make public his name for fear of ridicule, went on to say that he was driving along a back road four miles from Victoria, Tenn., when he spotted the UFO hovering only about 30 feet above the highway. Said he: "It was round, big as a house, and gave off a greenish-blue glow although it had no flying lights." He added that he could feel the vibrations in his truck while the object was nearby, though he did not hear any noise. Witnesses in other vehicles also pulled off the road to watch the startling phenomenon, according to the farmer. (Galesburg, Tenn. 1/21/67. Source unknown.)

A sketchy report of a sensational saucer landing comes our way from the Chicago American of February 17th, which tells of an incident that occurred near St. Louis, Missouri the previous night. On Interstate Highway 70, a little less than a mile from the Missouri River, a man named Raymond Wettling claims to have seen a 180-foot-long cigar-shaped UFO which landed in a large open field. In addition, three occupants of the craft, clad in silver-colored suits, invited him aboard for breakfast, according to the lone witness. Mr. Wettling spent almost two hours chatting with the spacemen over coffee, and his hosts showed him through the craft's two rooms - one lit up with bright red lights, and the other decorated like a modern office. After he left the ship, it took off straight up at a high rate of speed. We have been unable to obtain any confirmatory details. (Credit: Dan Wahrer.)

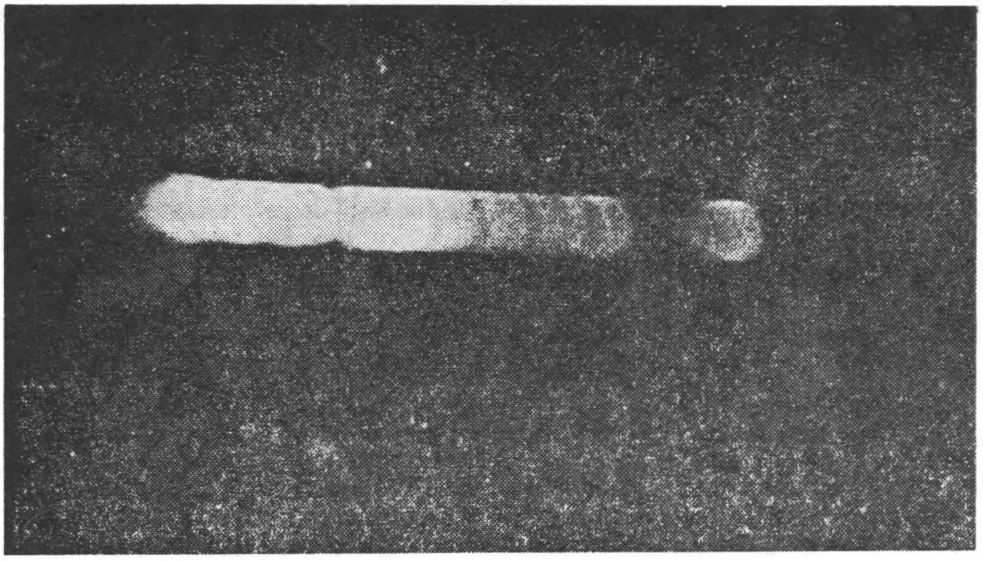
A policeman named William Fisher took color motion pictures of two UFOs which hovered and made maneuvers at low altitude over Moline, Illinois on the night of March 9th. One of the objects, which was the size of a boxcar, hovered for four or five minutes about 3,000 feet above the ground. A second UFO appeared while he was watching, and then both sped out of sight. Many other sightings, too numerous to record here, were made in various parts of Illinois that same week. We hope to have more information about this unique color film in our next issue. (N.Y. Post, 3/10/67. Credit: John J. Robinson.)

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ABOVE: An alleged UFO photographed by a Zaneville, Ohio barber named Ralph Ditter. The picture, taken on November 13th of last year, was made with a Polaroid camera. (See additional details on Page 20 of this issue.)

BELOW: A greatly-enlarged section of one of the pictures taken in Connecticut last Spring by a high school senior named Richard Gipstein. Gipstein set his camera, equipped with a telephoto lens, on a tripod, and left the shutter open for five seconds. The object was moving from left to right across the field of view. It disappeared briefly during the period of observation, as can be seen from the black space between the bright white areas on the film. After reappearing, it continued to get brighter as it moved along. The camera film size was 35 mm , and lens opening f8. (See story,P.18)









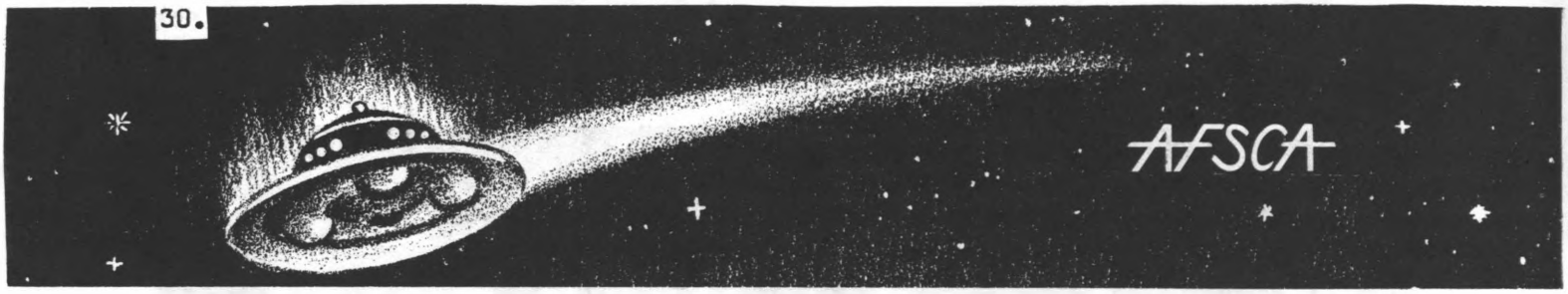


ABOVE LEFT: A 15 second time exposure of a UFO, taken last Jan. 11th, at about 8:30 p.m., by a resident of Chesterfield County, Va., who prefers to remain anonymous. The object (center of photo) was about the size and magnitude of Venus, traveling in an erratic path, toward the southwest; The split appearance of the light was caused by tree limbs between the camera and the object. The picture was made with Polaroid color film.

ABOVE RIGHT: Lester Maddox, Governor of Georgia, chats with James Moseley, Editor of SAUCER NEWS, during the latter's recent tour of the southeast. The conversation was non-political.

CENTER: The famed rock and roll group known as the Buckinghams examines SAUCER NEWS and finds it not to be a "Kind of a Drag."

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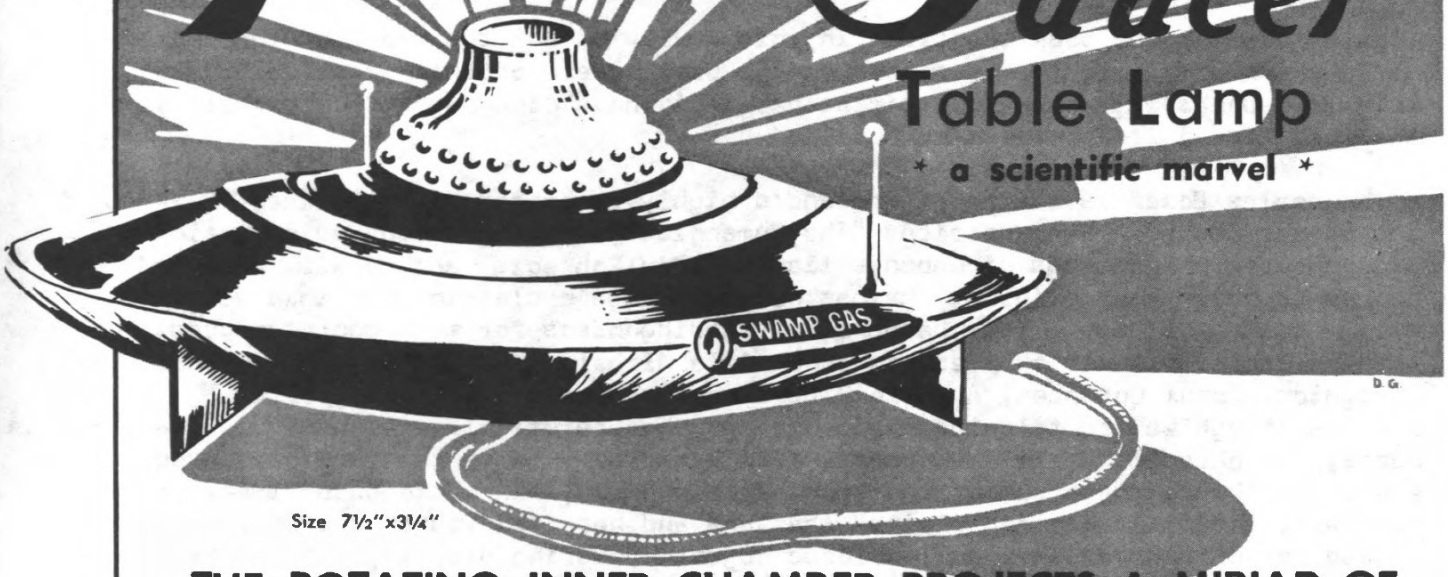
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Book Reviews

- by Glen White -

THE HUMANOIDS - Edited by Charles Bowen (Flying Saucer Review, London, $2.00.)

(Editor's Note: The book described in this review is not the book of the same title which we expect to advertise on the back cover of this issue of SAUCER NEWS. Two books with identical titles happen to have come out at approximately the same time.)

Charles Bowen is editor of England's highly-respected UFO magazine, "Flying Saucer Review." He describes "The Humanoids" as being "a survey of world-wide reports of landings of unconventional aerial objects and their alleged occupants." In our opinion, he has come up with a classic; for this volume will, without a doubt, be a handbook of landing cases for many moons to come. Authors of individual chapters include Aime Michel, Jacques Vallee, Gordon Creighton, Coral Lorenzen, Antonio Ribera, and other leading UFO experts.

Although we are told that England has had relatively few humanoid reports, compared to Brazil or France, for example, - those that are presented are unmistakably the cream of the crop. For example, in October of 1954, a housewife living in Rampton claimed that she and her two young children witnessed at close range a dull-colored object hovering directly above their home. Through transparent panels, she was able to see "two men with white skin, long hair to their shoulders, and very high foreheads." She continued by stating that they were dressed in "transparent helmets and turquoise-blue-ski-suits." American students of contact cases can easily link this to the type of "spacemen" seen by both the late George Adamski and Giant Rock's George Van Tassel, as well as by other lesser-known contactees. The similarity of the descriptions is quite striking, and gives some support to the two Georges mentioned above.

Nor is the often-discussed French landing flap of 1954 easily done away with. Jacques Vallee, author of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" and the recent book "Challenge to Science," lists some 200 cases from that period, all of which would seem to stand up in the light of rigid analysis. Vallee rightly concludes that the witnesses were perfectly sane, normal people, "not inclined to prophecy, and they returned to anonymity after telling their stories." He also remarks that most of those involved as witnesses in the 1954 French flap came from rural areas "with a normal proportion of men, women and children." They also, for the most part, maintained steady working habits, often in "positions of social responsibility," and they observed the various phenomena "while engaged in their usual occupation in their usual environment."

Some 65 landing cases are given from South America. Unfortunately, as with the Vallee chapter, many of these cases are quickly skipped over with only one or two paragraphs devoted to each.

Coral Lorenzen's chapter deals exclusively with American reports. Although fairly well constructed, there are apparently a lot of cases Mrs. Lorenzen was not able to include, for various reasons. Perhaps it was only a matter of lack of space, or perhaps the reliability of some observers was open to question. Surprisingly, Mrs. Lorenzen puts some stock in the stories told by contactees Joe Simonton and Reinhold Schmidt, whose accounts have been dismissed by other so-called "serious" investigators. But personally, we feel that Mrs. Lorenzen's attitude is a healthy one, and we hope she is able to keep an open mind in the future as she has in the past.

All in all, we are quite pleased with "The Humanoids," and hope it will lead other researchers to give proper credit to landing and contact stories.

THE FLYING SAUCER STORY - by Brinsley le Poer Trench (Neville Spearman, $3.95)

This internationally-known English UFO investigator, author of several other outstanding saucer books, has presented in "The Flying Saucer Story" the most objective of his current series of books for Neville Spearman.

Not only will devoted saucer buffs find much to ponder over in this volume, but it could also serve as a good introduction to the UFO field for the uninitiated. Trench, through his vast network of correspondents, is able to bring the reader hitherto unpublished facts about some of the major sightings that have occurred since the end of World War II. But he does not stop there. He also presents a lengthly but interesting chronological list of sightings that date back to the year 1,450 B.C!

The author has also managed to dig up enough material to devote an entire chapter to the mysterious objects which have been viewed by both Russian and American astronauts while in orbit above the Earth.

But without a doubt, the best section of this book is the chapter composed exclusively of the best landing reports of recent years. Saucer News readers will probably already be familiar with many of these cases, such as the report by Patrolman Lonnie Zamora of Socorro, New Mexico, who saw a strange craft and its occupants on the desert in April of 1964. Another famous case is that of Gary Wilcox, a dairy farmer from Newark Valley, N.Y., who claims to have seen and conversed with two beings of small stature, while out in his field spreading manure. It is probably no coincidence that both these "classic" cases are supposed to have occurred on the same date. Somehow, the inimitable Trench manner manages to present these and other similar incidents in a most refreshing manner, and to hold our attention even though we have read the basic facts before.

"The Flying Saucer Story" also contains 27 UFO photos printed on high-grade glossy paper. Although most of these pictures will be "old hat" to veteran UFO fans, the book on the whole is a fine one - far better than the average material now being made available to the public from various publishers attempting to "get in on a good thing" while the flying saucer subject is "hot."

FLYING SAUCERS: HOAX OR REALITY? - by L. Jerome Stanton (Belmont Books, 75¢.)

Frankly, we were rather disappointed upon picking this book up at a local newsstand. After hearing Mr. Stanton on the radio a number of times, we had expected to read a well-organized tome written by a well-educated, most intelligent man. For the author is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers; and during World War II He was employed by the Office of Scientific Research and Delvelopment.

However, it is the publisher rather than the author who should take the blame for over-stating the importance of this book. The cover boldly calls this "a new solution to the puzzling problem of the UFO." Yet, upon finishing the reading of this volume, we must honestly admit to having learned very little about this complex enigma that we did not already know before!

Stanton admits that there is some sort of unexplained phenomenon traversing our skies, but he cannot take the jump to admitting that extraterrestrial visitors are responsible for these sightings. In all honesty, we cannot blame him for this opinion, as it is undoubtedly a valid one from a rigidly strict scientific point of view. But we do blame Stanton for his quite obviously scanty knowledge of the UFO field. For example, had he bothered to read "UFOs Around the World" (reviewed in our Spring issue), he would know that there is, indeed, UFO research being conducted behind the "Iron Curtain," both in Russia and in Red China. His book, however, denies this fact.

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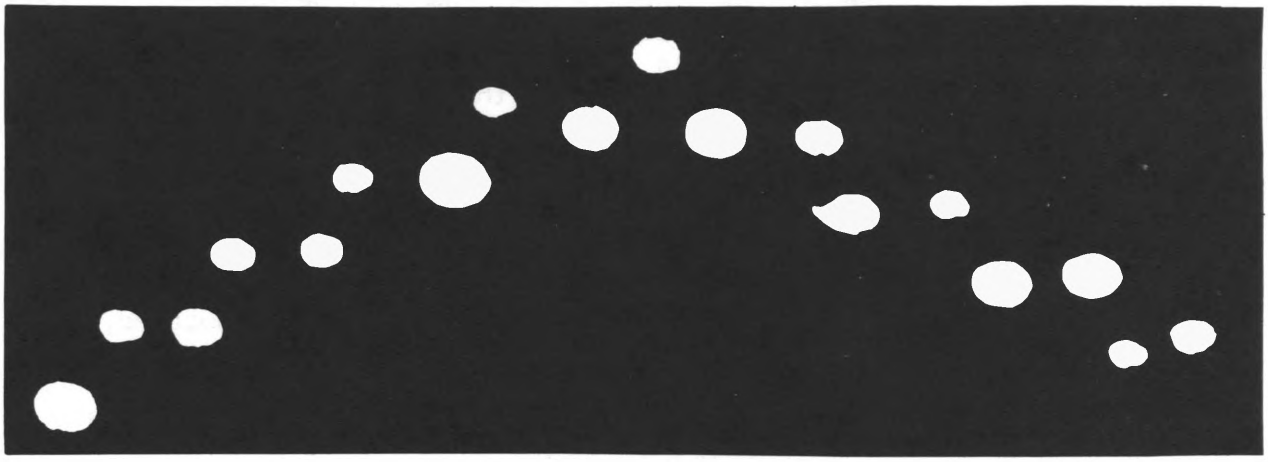
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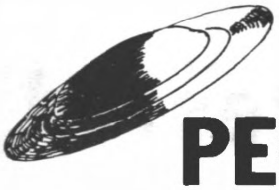


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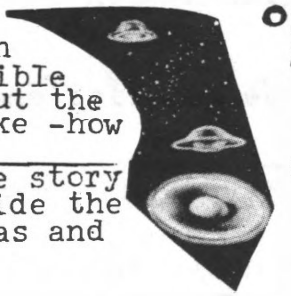
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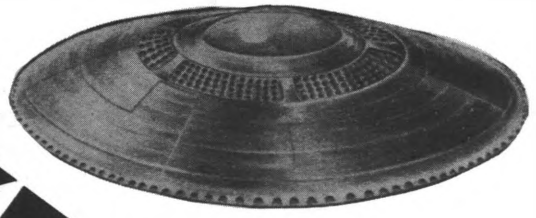
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RECENT NEWS

JOHN KEEL CHARGES UFO WITNESSES SILENCED BY MYSTERY VISITORS: In an article for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA), saucer researcher John Keel gives the results of an interview with Colonel George P. Freeman, a Pentagon spokesman on the UFO subject. According to Keel, Freeman admitted that the Air Force has checked out "a number of cases" in which saucer sighters claim to have been visited by men with impressive credentials from governmental agencies, but who are in reality mysterious imposters of some sort!

A case in point is that of Wanaque, New Jersey, where a saucer flap has been in progress, off and on, for over a year. There, police and other sighters were allegedly collected together by a man wearing an Air Force uniform, and told that "they hadn't seen anything," and that they should avoid further discussion of the topic. The Pentagon's check-up on this incident revealed that whoever the man was, he definitely was not from the Air Force! Freeman added that this individual and the other similar imposters, are committing a federal offense, for which they should be caught and punished. (Newark, N.J. Star-Ledger, 1/29/67.)

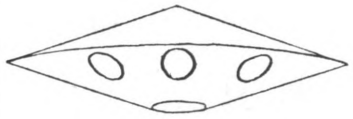
ANCIENT STONE DISCS MAY BE FROM OUTER SPACE: According to a recent report in the London Evening Standard, Russian archaeologists are deeply puzzled over a remarkable group of stone discs which are believed to have been carved out by intelligent beings approximately 12,000 years ago. So hard is it to explain them in terms of earthly experience that the Russians do not rule out the possibility that they were made by some race on another planet!

Over seven hundred of these mysterious stones have been found in the past few years in the mountains which make up the border between China and Tibet. The discs have been dubbed "stone age gramophone records" by the mountain cave explorers who found them, because of the fact that each has a central hole and irregular grooves spiraling out toward the edge. It is thought that they contain some form of ancient writing, but scientists so far have been totally unable to decipher them.

Two important discoveries have been made: One is that the discs have traces of metal, particularly cobalt. The other is that, when scraped free of rock particles, they "vibrate as if they carried an electric charge." According to Vyacheslav Zaitsev, who has spent thirty years collecting evidence that intelligent beings from space have had contact with the earth, these strange discs give substance to ancient Chinese legends about "small, yellow-faced men" who came down from the clouds many centuries ago.

AIR FORCE REVEALS LATEST UFO FIGURES: The year 1966 accounted for the second highest total of UFO reports in the twenty-year history of Project Bluebook, according to figures recently released by the Air Force. Major Hector Quintanilla, director of the U.S. Government's saucer investigation, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, revealed that 1,060 sightings were submitted during 1966, the second highest figure for one year

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since the records were first tabulated back in 1947. (The all-time high is still held by the year 1952, during which there were 1,501 officially-reported sightings.)

Of the 11,107 sightings recorded since 1947, 676 remain as "unknowns," according to Quintanilla. Of these, only 30 "unknowns" pertain to the year 1966. Antoher 242 of the 1966 sightings, however, belong to the infamous and extremely nebulous "insufficient data" category, leaving the suspicion - based firmly on past experience - that proper evaluation would place most of these in the "unknown" category along with the above-mentioned 30 cases.

The remaining sightings during 1966 were identified as astronomical objects, aircraft, balloons, satellites, and other natural or man-made items such as missiles, rockets, fireworks, clouds, birds, swamp gas, sparks, and (in one case) a lighthouse.

It should be noted here that the "swamp gas" sightings, which took place in Michigan in March of 1966, have since been re-evaluated by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force scientific consultant who made the original diagnosis. Writing in the December 17th, 1966 issue of Saturday Evening Post, Hynek made it clear that he did not intend to give any positive identification of the now-famous Michigan "swamp gas" incidents. Hynek went on to disagree with his Air Force bosses by stating that UFOs do, indeed, represent something beyond the understanding of present-day science. (SAUCER NEWS readers who are sufficiently interested should write to the Saturday Evening Post for a copy of the issue containing Dr. Hynek's article, which is an important milestone in the history of UFO research.)

RECENT LECTURES SPONSORED BY SAUCER NEWS: On Friday, January 20th, our guest was Yonah iban Aharon, the foremost authority on the Old Testament as related to the study of UFOs. Due to ibn Aharon's appearance on the Long John radio program the night before, a nearly full house heard his erudite presentation of Biblical interpretations leading to his well-thought-out conclusion that Jehovah, the God of the Old Testament, was in reality a being from another planet. The session was enlivened by the arrival of UFO publisher Gray Barker, who sped into Manhattan from the airport just in time to be a "mystery guest" at the very end of the evening's program.

On February 17th, our speaker was L.J. Stanton, author of the recent paperback book, "Flying Saucers: Hoax or Reality?" A relatively small crowd attended this meeting, in spite of publicity on Long John's show the night before, as Stanton's soberly scientific middle-of-the-road approach is considered too "old hat" for most of the people who regularly attend our lectures.

On the night of March 16th, UFO author John Keel gave a rousing performance on the Long John Show, and the following evening he spoke to a near-capacity crowd at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Woodstock. The audience was spellbound by his presentation of hitherto unpublicized "little men," monster, and "Moth Man" cases, and by use of slides and short films, many of which had not been seen previously by our audience. One of the films shown by Keel was the controversial Lost Creek, West Virginia movie which your Editor obtained last Fall, as written up on Page 33 of the Winter 1966-67 issue of SAUCER NEWS.

As of this writing, contactee Alexander McNeill has been scheduled for

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On December 30th, 1966, a fourth unidentified satellite was discovered when it fell to earth, leaving a mystery as to what nation or race was responsible for sending it and the other three objects into orbit. This startling information was contained in the latest issue of the U.S. Government's satellite situation report, which is a complete catalogue of American and foreign space objects. Even more startling is the fact that the very existence of these mystery satellites, which are officially listed as "unknowns", was kept in the "top secret" category for quite awhile, - and even now their size has not been revealed by the Government. Indications are that some of these objects may have been orbiting the earth for years before being discovered! (Hartford, Conn. Times, 1/20-67. Credit: David Martin.)

The January-February issue of NICAP's "UFO Investigator" (which we receive "illegally" under an assumed name), states that contactee Daniel Fry has joined the growing list of saucerers who have been expelled from the august ranks of that organization for various reasons. SAUCER NEWS readers will recall that your Editor was expelled from NICAP about a year and a half ago because of critical articles that appeared in our magazine. The "Investigator" states that "Fry is undoubtedly the most troublesome, because (he is) the most sophisticated of the contact claimants. We feel that his removal from membership will be advantageous to NICAP, since he will no longer be able to present his notions as 'representative,' however nominal, of NICAP."

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A poltergeist case which has received a lot of attention in Miami, Florida, involves a warehouse in which several hundred dollars worth of damage has been done by unseen forces over a period of several months. Alvin Laubheim, operator of the novelty warehouse, called in police, reporters, and his insurance agent, to verify his claim that the extensive damage was not the result of vandalism of any kind. Police Sergeant Walter McLaughlin, one of the officers summoned to the scene, witnessed several small objects which hurled themselves to the floor right before his eyes. "I'll shoot the next thing that moves," he shouted, within earshot of several other people, leading fellow officers to tag him with the nickname "Casper." Witnesses to the weird

phenomena include more than two dozen people. (Hartford, Conn. Courant, 1/18. Credit: David Martin.)

Certain dust particles floating in outer space have been identified as chlorophyll, a key compound of life on Earth, according to Dr. Fred M. Johnson, chief scientist for Electro-Optical Systems of Pasadena, California. This discovery clearly implies that life in forms familiar to Man could easily exist on other planets in our galaxy and perhaps throughout the Universe. The discovery was announced by Dr. Johnson at an astronomy and biodynamics panel convened at the University of California at Berkeley. (Springfield Union,1/21. Credit: David Martin.)

John G. Fuller, author of the best-selling UFO books "Incident at Exeter" and "Interrupted Journey," has quit his job at Saturday Review after a heated dispute, in print, with the Review's science editor, John Lear. Mr. Lear, a hard-bitten saucer skeptic, took violent exception to Fuller's UFO books, and in particular to the story of contactees Betty and Barney Hill - a story which is mentioned briefly in Fuller's first book, and then becomes the central theme of the second tome. Until the dispute arose, Fuller had been the author of the Review's respected "Trade Winds" column for about ten years. (The Boston Sunday Globe, 2/5/67. Credit: Ronald Tarr.)

On February 6th, mysterious metal fragments fell from the sky over a 1,000 foot area of a ranch about 160 miles from Brasilia, capital of Brazil. The pieces of white metal, which burrowed a foot into the earth, bore no markings. Some were of a fibrous material resembling magnesium, aluminum, and plastic. One looked like a large flywheel of some sort, three feet in diameter. No further details are available at this time. (Providence, R.I. Evening Bulletin, 2/7/67. Credit: R. Madancy.)

Peculiar tracks in the snow were reported recently by a lady named Mrs. Ralph McVickers, who noted marks an inch long and a half inch wide leading from her patio to a clothes pole in the back yard. There was absolutely nothing to show how the thing that made the tracks reached the patio or left the yard at the other end of the trail without leaving markings in the snow. Later the tracks vanished; but when the McVickers family offered to show newspaper reporters the area where they had been seen, the same tracks were visible once more! After that, they vanished for a second time! Whatever these tracks are, they were not left by ducks, insists Mrs. McVickers, who has raised ducks and insists that she knows what their tracks look like. (The Toledo, Ohio Record, 2/13/67, 2/14/67. Credit: Mrs. V. Nems.)

Actress Debbie Reynolds was the recipient of a bizarre death threat recently, while performing at the Eden Roc Hotel on Miami Beach. A letter sent to the Miami (Florida) Herald stated that if the true identity of UFOs is not released to the public, President Johnson and Miss Reynolds will be killed. The letter was promptly turned over to the FBI. There was no indication of why Miss Reynolds was included in the threat, but the matter was taken seriously enough to cause extra guards to be placed around her for her final performance at the hotel. Immediately thereafter she and a party of friends "set sail for an unspecified length of time to an undisclosed location," according to the AP report. (Boston Record American, 2/24/67. Credit: Ronald Tarr.)

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Dec. 28,1966 - Taped interview with Jerry Verbel, WMTR, Morristown, N.J.
Jan. 5th, 1967 - Lecture at University of Delaware, Newark, Del.
Jan. 10th - Lecture at Holy Family College, near Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan. 12th - Interviewed on WBZ, Boston, by phone, on Bob Kennedy's show.
Jan. 19th - WNBC Long John Show, with Yonah Fortner, H. Miller & others.
Jan. 23rd - Lecture at Livingston, N.J. Methodist Church.
Jan. 29th - Lecture at East Orange, N.J.
Feb. 1st - Interview with Don MacLean, on WWDC, Washington, D.C.
Feb. 6th - Jack McKinney's show on WCAU in Philadelphia (Frank Ford guest host), with Jay Stanton as featured guest.
Feb. 12th - Taped interview for WAGA-TV news, Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 13th - WAOK: Interview, together with saucerer Don Cook; WSB: "Pop Call" and "Word Association" shows; WIZE: Interview, with Don Cook; WAOK: Taped news interview.
Feb. 14th - Lecture at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga. (taped for re-play on WGST and WSB.)
Feb. 14th - Taped interview on WGKA, Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 15th - WAGA-TV: Don Barber's interview show; WAII-TV; taped interview on "Dateline Atlanta," with saucerer Curtis Harris.
Feb. 15th - Lecture for the Civilian Saucer Intelligence of Atlanta.
Feb. 16th - Half hour interview on WETV, the educational TV channel in Atlanta, Georgia.
Feb. 17th - Lecture at Montreat Anderson College near Asheville, N.C.
Feb. 17th - Taped interviews on WLOS-TV and WFGW, Asheville, N.C.
Feb. 21st - Interview on WEOK, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Feb. 23rd - Interview on WTHE, Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.
Feb. 23rd - Brief appearance on David Susskind Show on Metromedia TV.
March 1st - Lecture at Broome Technical Community College in Binghamton New York.
March 2nd - Lecture at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa.
March 7th - Interview on "Talk of New York" on WCBS, New York City.
March 11th - WFAS, White Plains, N.Y., Interview with Terry Bennett, formerly the host of "Let's Have Fun" on Channel 11 in New York.
March 14th - Lecture at Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y.
March 16th - Lecture for Mary Martin Lecture Committee, Barre, Mass.
March 18th - Lecture for the Archer Couples Club, Allendale, N.J.
March 21st - Interview on Bob Barry's show on WXUR, Media, Pa.
March 24th - Brief appearance on Alan Burke Show, Metromedia TV, together with Gordon Evans, Rona Stiriss and others, questioning guest sacuerer Paris Flamonde. Seen in NYC on 4/1.
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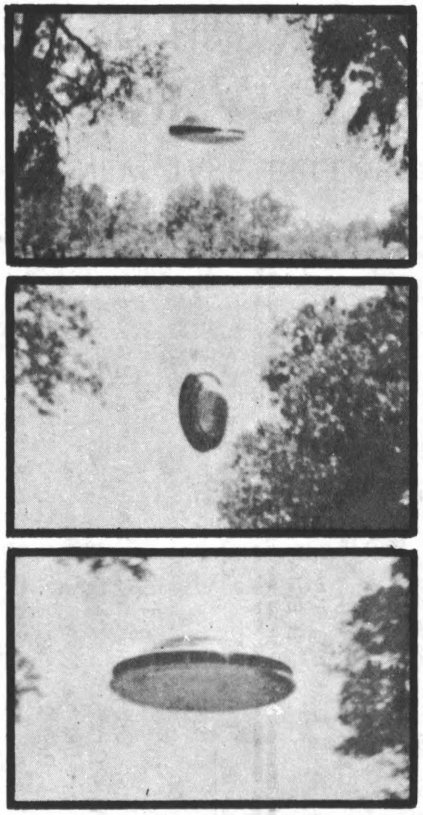
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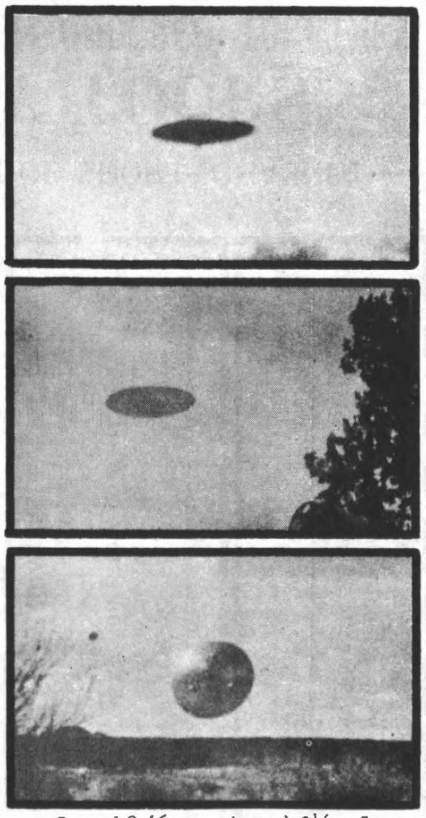
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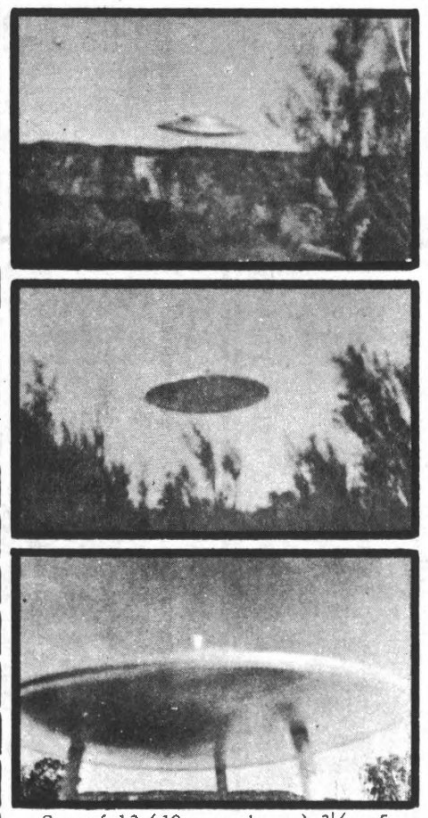
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ART FORD is one of the best known radio and TV personalities on the East Coast, having had his own radio and television shows at various times on NBC, CBS, and ABC. He is also a producer of documentary films, and it is in this capacity that he came into the field of "off-beat" research. Deciding to choose a really unusual topic to demonstrate a news data processing technique he has developed, he spent three years studying the weird disappearance, in 1945, of six Navy planes. This was the case in which six aircraft on routine training flights, off the coast of southern Florida, disappeared without a trace - setting off one of the largest air and sea rescue missions in Naval history. The data processing technique indicated that these pilots may be alive now, on another planet! Art Ford will show us his film about this case,accompanied by fascinating narration.



GORDON EVANS is currently an Assistant Professor of Economics at the New York State University College at New Paltz, New York. Previously he held an equally impressive position in the field of management relations. In his capacity as a political scientist, he is considered one of the country's leading experts on China. However, Mr. Evans comes to us because of his hobby - extraterrestrial life and its possible effect on our planet. His UFO theories - which have been widely published in the UFO press and elsewhere, are unique, deeply philosophical, carefully thought out, and highly controversial. The title of his lecture at our Convention will be: "The Extraterrestrial Mind."

JOHN A. KEEL became an active UFO researcher only a little more than a year ago, but already has published articles in True and Saga magazines, and is preparing a book which is expected to be the definitive work on this subject. His specialty is the "creature" sightings which are taking place in increasing numbers all over the United States. In this connection, he has made several long research expeditions to various areas in the eastern half of the U. S., to make on-the-spot investigations of these incredible landing "flaps" which would, in most instances, go completely unnoticed by the press and public were it not for his efforts. Mr. Keel has a long history as an author, a globe-trotting reporter, and a script writer for the television industry. His authoritative articles about UFOs currently appear in more than one hundred and fifty major newspapers throughout the world.



LONG JOHN NEBEL (shown at right of top photo, next page, together with James Moseley at left of photo), needs no introduction to the vast majority of our audience. As host of the nation's most popular all-night talk show, on WNBC radio in New York, Long John has done more than any other entertainer, throughout the years, to promote the flying saucer cause. Ever since his nightly program began on WOR in 1956, John has had an endless parade of saucer personalities at his microphones - starting with Howard Menger, the High Bridge, New Jersey contactee who was sky-rocketed into national prominence because of his numerous appearances with John. Long John Nebel is author of the popular book "The Way Out World," has had his own television series, and currently has sev-

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HOWARD MENGER is the most famous of the East Coast flying saucer contactees. He has written a book, published by Gray Barker, called "From Outer Space to You," has made a LP record called "Music from Another Planet," and has made numerous radio and television appearances throughout the years. He is currently working on a new book to be entitled "The High Bridge Incident," which will give the "story behind the story" in regard to his controversial contacts. In 1958 his farm in High Bridge, N. J., was host to the only East Coast saucer convention to precede the present one - an event which was made successful entirely through the efforts of the Long John Program. In 1962, Menger and his wife moved to Sebastian, Florida, where he has continued work on his current interest - the construction of model flying saucers and other devices which operate by means of entirely new principles and techniques, of his own invention. Menger has promised to bring some of these machines to New York with him, and to tell us about his many space contacts and his interpretation of their meaning.

JAMES MOSELEY has been, since 1954, editor and publisher of SAUCER NEWS, one of the oldest, largest, and most respected UFO magazines in the world. He currently lectures all over the United States on the flying saucer topic, and continues to make frequent radio and television appearances. He is Chairman of the present Convention, and will act as host at each of the public sessions. His first book, "Jim Moseley's Book of SAUCER NEWS," is just off the press. It is an anthology of the best material which has appeared in the magazine over the years. A second volume, based more directly on Moseley's personal research into the flying saucer mystery, will appear later this year.

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JAMES RANDI is considered by all authorities on the subject to be the greatest magician and "escape artist" since the era of Houdini. In this capacity, he has become a regular guest on Today, Tonight, Wonderama, and other leading television shows. He has also been an amateur astronomer for many years. His interest in flying saucers, however, came about recently as a result of his popular all-night program on rádio station WOR. During the year and a half that this program was on the air, Randi had dozens of guests who expounded various points of view on the UFO subject. Randi's own attitude gradually changed from that of an interested skeptic to that of a conservative re-

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searcher who believes that a small minority of the reports represent phenomena definitely beyond our present-day science. Currently on an archaeological expedition to South America, Randi expects to return to New York City just in time for the Convention.

STEWART ROBB is a well-known author and lecturer who has made frequent appearances on radio and TV. He received M.A. degrees from Manitoba and Oxford Universities, and is best known for his scholarly translations of the music of Richard Wagner and other classical composers. He has also made a name for himself as the leading interpreter of the predictions of Nostradamus, the 17th-century prophet who had so much to say about our present generation. In the "off-beat" field, Mr. Robb became interested several years ago in psychic phenomena, ghosts, and the various proofs offered in regard to survival after death. His book on this subject, called "Reports from Beyond: A Book of Evidential Communications" will be published later this year. He has consented to present a portion of the tireless research that went into the preparation of this book for the benefit of our Convention audience.

IVAN SANDERSON (shown below) is one of the world's leading naturalists. A graduate of England's Cambridge University, he has for the past forty years devoted himself to a great number of fascinating professions and hobbies, including expeditions to many remote parts of the world, sponsored by various of the world's leading museums. After coming to the United States in 1947, he was seen frequently as a guest on leading radio and television programs, and has had several shows of his own. His literary output includes more than twenty volumes on zoological subjects, including "The Abominable Snowman," and countless magazine articles. Mr. Sanderson comes to our podium because of his lifelong interest in the scientific study of UFOs, monsters, and other "Fortean" or "off-beat" phenomena. He currently has a UFO book in preparation.

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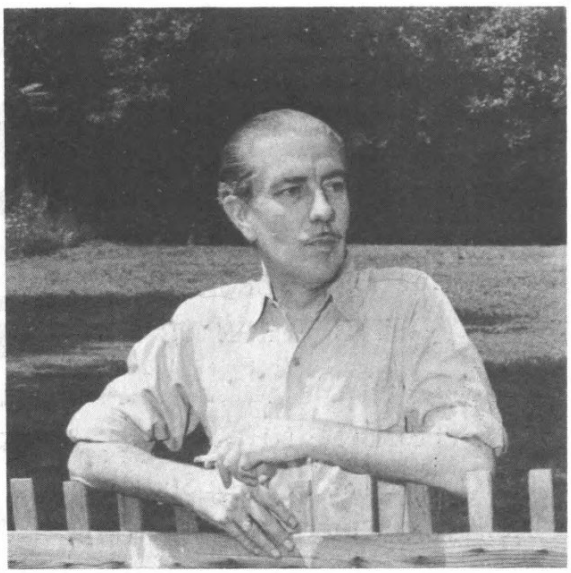
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1967 CONGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC UFOLOGISTS AT NEW YORK

INFORMATION SHEET ON CLOSED SESSIONS

General Information: The 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists is the fourth such convention to take place. All previous conventions were held in Cleveland, Ohio. The 1967 Congress marks not only the first of these conventions to be held in New York City, but the first flying saucer convention of any kind to be held here.

The Chairman of this year's convention is Mr. James W. Moseley who has attended all previous Congresses as a delegate and speaker. The Chairman of the "closed sessions" this year is Mr. Allen H. Greenfield of Atlanta, Georgia. Both the 1965 and 1966 conventions included closed sessions, chaired by Allan Manak of Cleveland.

These "closed sessions" of the Congress are one of the two-pronged aspects of this convention, the other being the "open" or public sessions. While the public sessions follow the pattern of a series of lectures by leaders in the UFO field, the "closed" sessions are more in line with the classic convention pattern.

Who May Attend: By a decision at the 1966 convention, delegates may include anyone who can demonstrate an interest in the subject of UFOs above the level of simple curiosity, and who is able to conduct himself in a civilized manner. Independent attendance at the Congress from out of town (i.e., from outside the immediate New York area) is considered adequate illustration of sufficient interest.

All delegates must register with the Registration & Screening Representative either at the site of the session, or prior to the sessions at our table located in the foyer of the Hotel Commodore. The foyer is the large room on the second floor which is adjacent to the Grand Ballroom, and in which a number of free exhibits will be on display.

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Schedule of Closed Sessions

Thursday, June 22nd: 2:00 p.m. - This introductory session will include the setting up of an agenda, establishing the rules of order, and proceeding with legislation as time permits.

Thursday, June 22nd: 8:00 p.m. - Beginning or continued work on legislation.

Friday, June 23rd: 2:00 p.m. - Continued work on legislation and conclusion of closed sessions.

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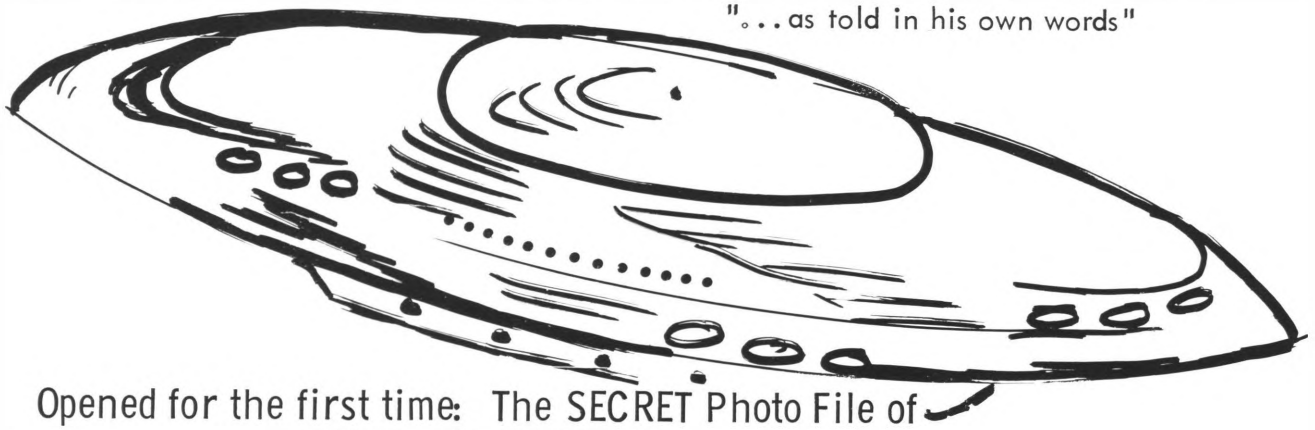
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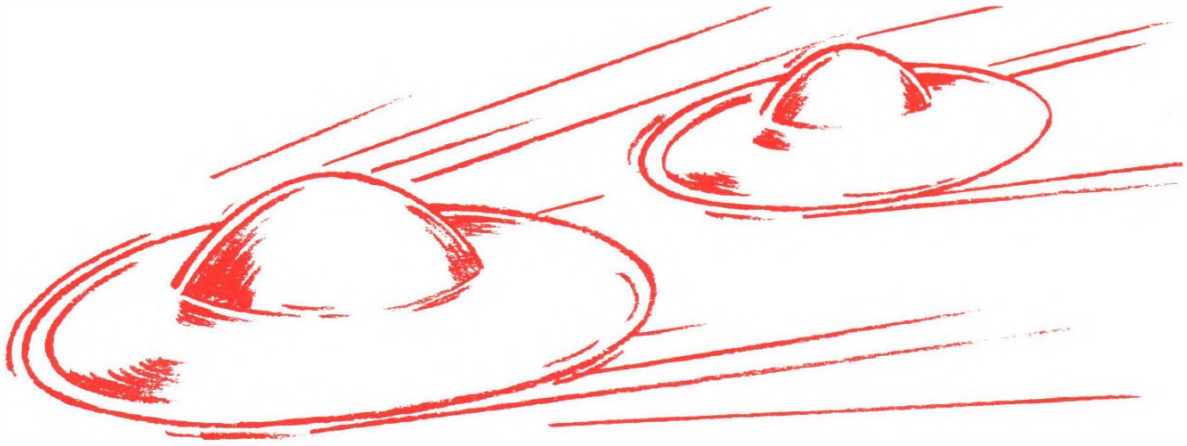
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