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## DEDICATION

This history series is dedicated to the memory of Francis R. 'Dick' Scobee of Cle Elum, Washington, Mission Commander of the space shuttle Challenger and a "shirt tail" relative on my Mother's side of the family.

The boy ran down three flights of stairs in response to his mother's scream. The previous year the French lad had filled a scrapbook with saucer stories scissored from the L' Aurore and the France-Soir. Now he had a chance to see something himself. Emerging into the sunlight, the boy's attention was directed to the southern sky where a gray-colored disc-shaped body was stationary in the air over the town of Pontoise. So near was the phenomenon, a transparent dome could be discerned on the object's upper surface.

When the object departed, according to the mother who was working in the yard and had been the first to spot the thing, it left puffs of white vapor. This incident occurred on a Sunday(exact date not recalled) in May 1955. The boy was Jacques Vallee who would grow up to be a world famous UFO expert, the only top expert, apparently, who could claim an

impressive personal observation of a flying saucer.

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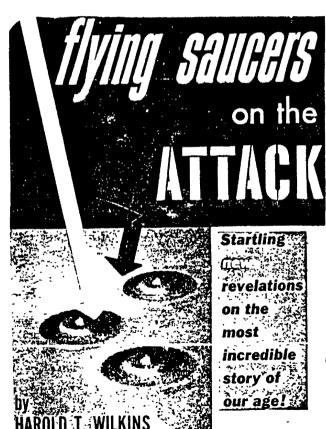
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"On the Attack?"

In 1954 writer Harold Wilkins produced his work Flying Saucers On The Attack, a collection of UFO stories and personal speculation. He tried to make a case for UFOs being a physical threat. (See ad)

Wilkins authored a second book in 1955, Flying Saucers Uncensored, in which he again advocated the theory the people of Earth were confronted by belligerent space forces, predicting the launching of space satellites by the U.S. by 1957 which would detect alien bases and war fleets on the Moon. He urged a unity of mankind against a possible "cosmic danger." (By midyear, 1955, UFO researcher Leonard Stringfield, right in the middle of the biggest flap of the whole 12 month period, was beginning to think Wilkins' sensational assertions might be true.)



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Wilkins noted that an English newsreel dramatically warned cinema goers that unusual new features had been detected on the planet Mars, the voice over suggesting in a half serious tone that an alien military mobilization may be in progress!

Encouraged by the hazy purposes of the unknown objects, Wilkins wrote that certain mysterious occurrences might be public manifestations of alien power. Strange fires, ice falls, disintegration of automobile windshields and subterranean quakes were touted as Martian saber rattling.

England's Flying Saucer Review is born.

An effort to interpet and document the latest UFO news was the appearance of the new bi-monthly Review which had trouble getting off the ground. Circulation in the beginning was quite low and the expensive editing and printing costs caused a financial strain, with Waveney Girvan's receptionist even having to volunteer her home for the storing and distribution of the English UFO saucerzine. In the long term, however, the professional treatment attracted an international readership and eventually manuscripts from individuals conducting useful research such as:Vallee, Michel and Ballester. There was very little organized research in 1955 but the pages of the Review covering the period provide considerable raw UFO data otherwise unattainable.

1955 UFO activity.

UFO researcher Don Berliner found that UFO reports for 1955 were, compared to other years, at routine levels for the Ground Observer Corps and that the civilian volunteers contributed some 50 cases to Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 1.

Jacques Vallee, who studied the UFO problem statistically, recognized that 1955 was not a "flap year" but did note that there was no sharp drop off in activity that had characterized the earlier UFO waves. 2.

Air Force policy may have also contributed to the dimmished number of reports that can be found in official files:

"Since 1955, Project Blue Book has investigated only those sightings which are reported either directly to the Air Force, or via some law enforcement agency. Normally, only sightings within the jurisdiction of the United States are investigated." 3.

Even if the military was properly alerted, however, there was no guarantee a good investigation would be conducted, as illustrated by the BLUE BOOK file card reproduced below. The military pilot that made this interesting report either failed to fill out the ATIC form 164, or else the document was removed from Air Force records for some unknown reason.

Cochise, New Mexico. No additional data in BLUE ROOK files. (See BLUE Book file card)

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Bloemfontein, South Africa. 1 January.

Vultures lazly orbiting in the sky attracked the attention of several children at play. While looking up at the birds, the youngters saw a strange silver-colored, cigar-shaped body. Besides the children the local station-master witnessed the UFO, using binoculars to observe the thing. The "cigar" was visible for three hours. 4.

Another UFO organization.

Robert Gribble's "Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence" opened shop in the city of Seattle, Washington, with the announced purpose of engaging in:"... investigative and research programs in an effort to prove with material evidence that the so-called flying saucers exist." 5.

3 January. Vienna, Austria.

A half-dozen silvery objects trailing red vapor sped over Vienna. 6.

5 January. Oyarzun, Spain.

A red metallic ball about 7 feet in diameter landed near the city of Oyarzum, Spain, at 4:00 p.m. on January 5th. Witnesses at two separate locations watched the object descend. One of them, Felix Galarraga, rushed forward but the UFO rose and sped away before he got within 100 meters. 7.

5 January. 'Will the Air Ministry tell all?"

The British Air Staff refused to release the results of its five year probe into the UFO mystery, an action that incurred the strong displeasure of at least one member of the House of Commons, Patrick Wall(Conservative, Haltemprice) who challenged the Air Minister:

'Unless there is a security risk, which I don't think there is, the public should know the truth.

"If the Air Ministry have found the answer to wheter or not they exist it is of great interest to everyone." 8.

6 January. Blinding flashes over Bradenton, Florida.

Air Force BLUE BOOK records state:

"At approximately 2045 hours, 6 January 1955, this office was telephonically informed by A/3C Keith Brakins, of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, McDill AFB, Florida, that he and two other airmen A/3C Don Roberts and A/3C Clyde Thorpe, also of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, had observed an object in the air, south of Bradenton, Florida, which they were unable to identify. Brakins reported that, on 6 January 1955, at approximately 2000 hours, as he and the other two airmen were driving north on U.S. Highway #41, two to three miles south of Bradenton, Florida, one of the other airmen called his attention to a light emitted from a dark object which appeared to be at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 feet, approximately 1,500 feet west of the highway on which they were driving. Brakins added that during the ten seconds in which this dark object was visible, two other blinding flashes of light were emitted from it. He explained that the object itself was black and, in size, he estimated that a nickel held at arm's length would have covered the circular object. He further explained that the light emitted by this object was so intense as to illuminate the entire area, the automobile, and the highway, and that it reminded him of the illumination of a photoflash bulb or shortcircuiting high-tension lines. Brakins further stated that the atmosphere was clear, that the moon was bright, and that stars were also visible, but that this object was, in his opinion, no star and certainly was not the moon. Braking also advised that he had made a similar report to the Florida Highway Patrol, near Brandenton, Florida, immediately following the sighting of the unidentified object." 9.

"The Thing."

It was so weird the car's driver hit the brakes hard, sending his vehicle into a sideways skid. The street was now blocked and other cars coming up from behind also came to an abrupt stop, unable to proceed.

It was 4:45 in the afternoon on January 5, 1955. The location was the 400 block on Eagle Rock Road, Los Angeles. The driver who was the first to stop jumped out of his car and stared upward at something he had "never seen before." The "thing" was only about 30 feet away, motionless in the air, its dimensions that of an automobile, its color a dull metal hue, and its shape "like that of a box kite." There were some light gray lines on the upper portion of the UFO, a mass which was not "aerodynamic"(like a brick?). The witness studied the object with great curiousity before it suddenly left the area, accelerating instantly, a soundless, effortless movement that took it out of sight in about two seconds. 10.

An English magazine comments. (See article below)

# STARTLING NEW FACTS ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS

For the past eight years, the flying saucer has been a phenomenon almost exclusively confined to the American scene. It has been investigated and explained away, by scientists, by quacks and by the man on the street, but it has always returned, as mystifying as ever.

Now it's back again, but it isn't Americans who are so concerned The saucers are over Europe and reports of them have aroused the whole continent

In Sweden, the National Defense Ministry has announced that photographs were made of an object that passed over the southern part of the country "at ani exceptionally high speed and at an altitude of about 19,000 feet "

In Yugoslavia, noted astronomer Dr Milorad Protic says the phenomenon as observed over his country "could not be a meteorite because it flew horizontally on a fixed course" Later, representatives of Marshal Tito's government announced that "we are taking the matter very seriously and conducting a thorough investigation.

In this country, observers were aroused when a photograph was received from Sicily showing three men observing two saucers in flight Check-ups by news, agencies showed that the picture had not been "doctored" and that the photographer himself was consid-



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The Original Pocket News Weekly JANUARY 17, 1955

ered a reliable observer While objects have been sighted over most European countries, it is in Italy that flying saucers have been seen most often A witness there is Clare Boothe Luce, who told newsmen she observed unusual phenomena in the skies

The U S. Air Force, active in its investigation of saucer reports for the past beven years, is currently the European alarms Ninety percent of all regraphed - soucers over Europe plained. But 10 percent can't, and it is these reports that are causing many to wonder if the saucer "myth" may indeed be fact

7 January 55. Greylock, Massachusetts.

Ray Merri pondered a strange, glowing form of intense whiteness suspended

just below a cloudy overcast at low altitude in the southeast. The general shape was that of a flying saucer as that phenomenon was usually described. 11.

11 January 55. Adelaide, Australia.

While crossing a bridge on his motor-cycle, Dr. V. Hajek, an engineer, was startled by a "dreadful noise," a high-pitched roar. Fearing the collapse of the bridge, Dr. Hajek quickly glanced around. About a 4 mile away an elliptical, spinning, highly polished body was zooming skyward. An estimate of the object's size put it at about 40 feet in cross section, but the thing was an oval in a spin which gave it a blurred image. Another factor that limited a good guess as to its size was the 12 second duration the thing was in view as it vaulted skyward. 12.

"Chrome oval."

Oddly enough, an object similar to the Aelaide phenomenon was sighted a day later over Forsyth, Georgia, in the U.S.A. by a civilian flight observer aboard an Air Force B-47E aircraft;

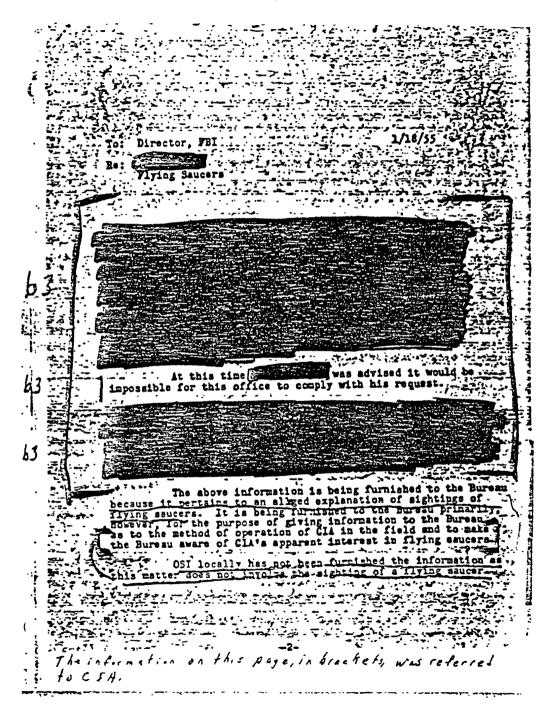
"approximately 30 miles SE of Atlantic Municipal Airport altitude 23,000 feet at about 0930 hours 12 January 1955 I observed a metallic oval shaped object through the observers top window. It appeared to be reflecting considerable luster from the bright sun reflecting like the glow of chrome, and was located at 11 o'clock and at 45 degrees elevation(not legible) for the pilots(...deleted) and (...deleted) to look at the high aircraft with the appearance of being about 20,000 feet above us, and having no visible vapor trail. They both failed to see the object, and having no visible vapor trail. They both failed to see the object, and complain of (not legible) from (not legible) at the sum. The pilot then changed course to the left and I advised him we were lined-up on the target. It then accelerated in a forward direction and displaced from about 45 to 20 degrees elevation in a pattern of 1 or 2 seconds while its radiance diminished and its hue became a pale pink. The object was (not clear possibly 'was now aligned')0130 o'clocl, and at(not legible)the pilot correct (not legible) course again, the object repeated its previous maneuver, and disappeared from sight. Puring this time the altitude of our aircraft did not change and it was impossible for reflection to produce this phenomenon, as the reflection of the thick glass caused objects within the cockpit to appear as double images." 13.

18 January.

An FBI document dated 1-18-55 obtained through the Freedom of Information Act was largely censored but it does indicate the CIA was still following,to some degree, the UFO mystery after the 1953 Robertson Panel. (See document)

19 January. Norwich and Wrexham, England.

Witnesses said a luminous, blue-green, disk-like, object zoomed over the towns of Norwich and Wrexham at 7:10 p.m. on January 19th. The thing, according to those who saw it pass overhead, travelled at "incredible speed" which brings to mind a meteor but one person claimed the object was "circular and round at the bottom." 14.



21 January.

French Air Ministry.

In spite of refusing to recognizing the reality of flying saucers, the French Air Ministry monetheless issued orders to its military aviators to pursue any saucer they may encounter. 15.

Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

A glowing, purple-colored, sausage-shaped, object was seen passing over Port Elizabeth. It was accompanied by 10 big glowing egg-shaped bodies as it moved out to sea. 16.

"I'd like to know what it was."

Cincinnati, Chio.

As Cincinnati resident David Owen watched, a black-colored object, about 30 feet in cross section, dropped down out of the 5:25 a.m. sky until it reached approximately the same level as the top of the Carew Tower. At that height the ebony body remained stationary for four minutes. Owen told the press:"I'd like to know what it was." 17.

21-23 January.

Hutchinson, Kansas.

Project BARBER SHOP. Balloons?

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22-23 January.

"Don't be rude to UFOs," says the Air Marshal:

"An unidentified British report, January 23, 1955, has this to say about the remarks of Air Marshal Lord Dowding anent UFOs.

"Air Marshal Lord Dowding wants to be kind to flying saucers. 'It's rude to fire AA guns and send fighters to shoot them down,' he told the Flying Saucer Research Society in London last night.

""Besides you never know what they could do to you.

"Lord Dowding, chief of Fighter Command in the Battle of Britain, believes saucers come from planets hundreds of years ahead of us in scientific knowledge.

"There is no material we know of that could travel 9,000 miles an hour --the recorded radar speed of one saucer --without becoming white white-hot,' he said." 18.

27 January 55. Cecilville, California.

"like switching off a light."

A Mrs. L. Brubaker lived high up on a mountain in the Siskiyou Range in northern California. One evening (January 27th) she suddenly noticed in the cloudless eastern sky, a disk motionless in the air. The rim of the disk was clearly visible which convinced her the beautiful red object was not a balloon.

At this point her story becomes very interesting to serious students of the UFO problem. One school of thought suggests that UFOs can "disappear" as a result of being able to travel in some kind of 4th dimensional manner. It would help to inject an excerpt from Air Force BLUE BOOK files dealing with a UFO sighting at Seaside Park, New Jersey, June 30, 1952:

"Air Force interrogator: 'About the disappearance of this object --did it disappear very suddenly, or was it gradual, or just exactly how was it?'

"Witness:'It sort of dipped away and turned over, and was out of sight immediately after the three puffs of smoke." 19.

#### Also:

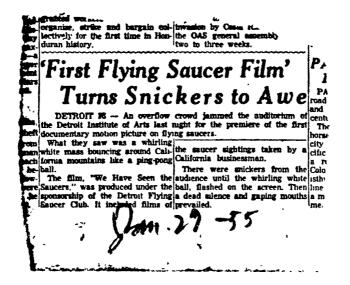
"The witness: 'It might be that it had one side of it painted a color that wouldn't reflect light, or it might have been because it gained a terrific speed very suddenly." 20.

Having quoted the 1952 account, let us return to Mrs. Brubaker's 1955 story. After five minutes, something happened to the disk she was observing:

"Then it did the oddest thing. It seemed to flip over and was gone in a second. I could see a faint pink and white streak for about four to six feet toward the southeast in a straight line. The saucer went so fast it seemed almost like switching off a light." 21.

29 January.

Detroit Flying Saucer Club makes news. (See newsclipping)



Eerie blue light.

# Oregonians Sight -Eerie Blue Light

LA GRANDE, Ore, Jan. 28— (AP)—A strunge blue light is reported bubbing in the air over the Blue mountains along the Weston-Elgin highway these cold winter misture

It was first seen about two weeks ago. A state highway de-partment snowplow beam of Samuel (Swede) Erickson and Barney Thompson reported that they as a bive light on the highway sheed of them. Erickson, driving, told

this story:

He dimmed his lights. There was no change in the bive light which seemed to be coming

toward him so the highway.
Erickson stopped. So did the
blue light. Then it started moving
up, down and aideways. After a
moment of this, it moved upward
and vanished over the trees to the
left, with a hum.

A week later, Robert Backits, another plow driver, stopped to theck one of his chains. As he stood outside her hotized with some surprise that, he was casting a shadow. Then he looked up, he said, and overhead was the blue light bobbing and from it came a humaning agent?

Shades of Fargo!
29 January. Winterset, Iowa.

Mystery light dogfights with T-33. (See reproduced documents)

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The BLUE BOOK record card above seems to imply a "near miss" with another aircraft, however a check of the actual report shows a "dogfight." (See the following pages)

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Headquarters 132d Fighter Bosber Wing THE Towa Air Mational Guard Municipal Airport Des Hoines, Iova

Headquarters Air Defense Command Eif Air Force Base, Colorado ATTY: 450Z AISS

- 1. In accordance with AFR 200-2 dated 12 August 1954, the following information is hereby submitted:
  - Description of the object:
    - (1) A white light varying in intensity which seemed to be Ilashing at a set frequency.
    - (2) The size appeared to be equal to that of a dime.
    - (3) White
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    - (5) **B/A**
    - (6) No trail or exhaust was visible (7) To sound was heard

    - (8) No other pertinent features.
  - b. Description of course of object.
    - (1) The object made a head on pass with the observer's aircraft. .
    - · (2) The object came in from a 12 o'clock position level at 20,000 feet.
      - (3) The break a way was from the 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock position while slightly high and climbin. rapidly to 35,000 feet.
      - (4) Lae object engaged by the observer aircraft contered all breaks and turn reverses effectively by out turning or climbing, accompanied by great bursts of enced. It would appear in retrospect that the object was able to maintain contact with the observer aircraft by other than visual means due to the fact that the observer aircraft at times operated with all lights off.

- (5) The object was sited at 21:07 C and broke off contact at 21:35 C at 35,000 feet.
- c. Manner of observation.
  - (1) Air visual contact
  - (2) No optical aids.
  - (3) 7-33A, AsG Jet 52-9590, 20,000 feat 0300, 290 mots.

    Des Noines, Iowa.
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  - (1) 30 January 1955, 03:07 Zulu.
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- e. L.H. 5920 GAURGEF, Winterset, lova.
- f. Identifying information of all observer.
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  - (2) Major, Allan R. Packer 132d Fighter Somber Group
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- I. The observer aircraft attempted to close on the object but couldn't do so due to the manuverability and speed of the object. Ranar contact was not established.

### J. B/A

- Major Allan R. Packer Operations Officer light righter Somber Wing, Iowa ABU.
  - (1) The reporting officer has no logical explanation concerning the phenomenon.
  - (2) The object was highly manuverable and showed some understanding of tactical maneuvers and used the excess speed and altitude to his advantage in every case.

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HEADQUARTERS 132D FIGHTER BONDER VIEG, Iowa ANG, Municipal Airport, Des Moines, Iowa, 3 February 1955

TO: HQ Air Defense Command, ATTH: 4602 AISS, ZTT Air Borce Base, Colorado

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"Frolicking disks."

Mrs. Ann Rubalcaba and her two children observed seven little disks frolicking over Valley Center, California, on January 28th:

"'My children first spotted them in the early part of the evening and called me. They seemed to be playing a sort of tag with each other --darting about. They glowed all over. We got them focused in my son's small telescope later and they were completely round. One of them appeared to have two distinct lights towards the front. They even seemed to be signalling each other as they would grow dim at times and then brighter,' she stated.

"They watched them until nearly 10:30 when they, the saucers, 'just disappeared.'" 22.

Poland.

Word from Communist Poland on January 29th told of an engineer in Cracow that translated a UFO article in a Western magazine and passed it around among his colleages. A number of the other engineers, including some Hungarians and Czechs, said they had seen similar objects in the sky but assumed they were British or American secret weapons. 23.

Kenneth Arnold, the "father" of the flying saucers.

An Oregon newspaper reported:

"Kenneth Arnold, the Boise, Idaho, flying businessman, who first reported the presence of 'flying saucers' alomost eight years ago, said today he believes that the 'bouncing blue light' of the Blue Mountains really exists.

"The lights have appeared half dozen times and have been seen by an equal number of people in the area. Three Evening Observer reporters investigated the reports with an all-night vigil on the cold Weston Elgin highway Thursday night but saw only a bright eerie Morning star rise over the horizon.

"The snowplowmen claimed, 'That isn't the light we saw before.' Manual (Swede) Erickson and Barney Thompson said they first saw the Bouncing Blue Light almost two weeks ago. First it sat in the middle of the highway; then rose in the air, bouncing and swaying back and forth.

"Robert Backus, also with the Highway Department, said he observed the Blue Light a few nights later.

"Descriptions of the Bouncing Blue Light tallied.

"Whatever they are, Kenneth Arnold told the Evening Observer in a telephone interview from Boise today, that he doesn't think the snow-plow operators are suffering hallucinations.

"Arnold has made an extensive study of the strange reports since he first told the world of a flight he observed while flying near Mt. Rainier in June 1947. He has sighted five flights of 'saucers' since that time.

"'I have almost two hundred reports of this sort of phenomenon,' Arnold told the Observer.

'The description of the Blue Light sounds like a helicopter Arnold admitted, 'but what is a helicopter doing in the middle of the woods in the middle of the night?' He pointed out that the men who saw the light the past few weeks said it didn't even sound like a helicopter. The light gave off a steady humming sound, whereas a helicopter has a choppy tractor-motor sound.

"The Blue Light of the Blue Mountains reportedly moves slowly, apparently trying to avoid the men as they attempted to get a closer

look at it.

"'This tallies perfectly with all other reports I've had of saucers at night,' Arnold said.

"Erickson said the light gave off an occasional flash, 'like somebody shooting off a flash camera.'

"'That is also typical of flying saucers,' Arnold added.

"Aronld, who is an expert on the reports, if anyone is, says he believes the things are actually living organisms, sort of like sky jellyfish."

"he cited two incidents where flyers had encountered such objects at extremely high altitudes. 'My theory might sound funny, but just remember that there are a lot of things in nature we don't yet know,' Arnold pointed out.

"He noted the Blue Lights usually make their appearance after some sort of disturbance on earth, 'like an earthquake, or something,' the flyer said. 'Whatever the lights are, I think they just come down to look us over...I believe they are harmless, or we would have had trouble with them long ago,' he added.

"He doesn't believe the 'little men' stories. 'I believe that whatever they are,' the flyer explained,'they are living organisms, and not controlled by any type of Man from Mars." 24.

End of January. New Caledonia.

North of New Zealand, in the Coral Sea near the Topic of Capricorn, is the island of New Caledonia. Some unusual UFOs were seen there according to New Zealand newspapers. A luminous mass was spotted at the end of January hovering in the sky close to a gypsum mine. A caretaker at the mine watched the thing for 20 minutes before it raced away at "terrific" velocity. The caretaker described the UFO as having the shape of a "throwing fish net." 25.

In the same area was a small freighter and one of its crewmembers saw a large circular object which remained motionless for awhile and then disappeared at high speed.

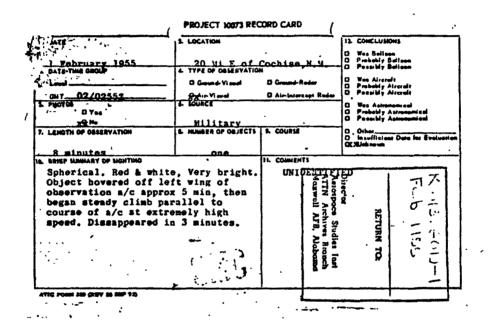
Still another person, this time in the city of Noumea, reported something seaward that was glowing, yellow in color, and was stationary. The UFO seemed to be: "continually inflating and deflating." 26.

1 February 55. "Tripe for the public."

Poor coverage of the UFO mystery by the media was not the only problem faced by anyone wanting to know more about the subject. David Flick, writing for the <u>Library Journal</u>, criticized his colleagues:

"Commenting on the 'thought processes and the strange logic' employed by librarians responsible for book selection, the author says that no amount of rationalizing about 'future historical importance,' 'balanced conditions,' and 'public demand' can justify their expenditure of tax dollars for books about flying saucers whose purpose seems to satisfy a jaded taste for the bizarre and the sensational." 27.

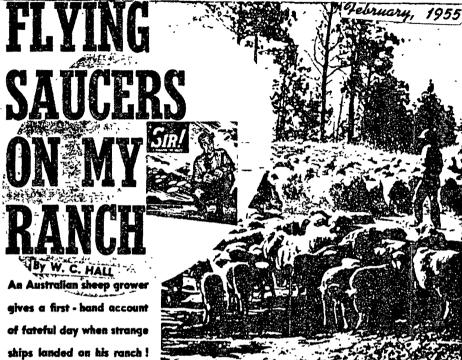
Something over Cochise, New Mexico. (See BLUE BOOK file card)



"The most sensational experience of my career."

Donald Keyhoe was particularly taken with the following Venezuelan UFO report.

Captain Dairo Celis was piloting an Aeropost airliner between Barquisimeto and Valera, Venezuela, on February 2, 1955. During the flight, at 11:15 a.m., while at 7,500 feet in clear weather, Captain Celis and his co-pilot B.J. Corres sighted a strange, round, green-glowing, body approaching swiftly. The object had a "red ring" around its middle that gave off brilliant flashes. Just above and below this luminous band were "lighted portholes." Immediately Captain Celis tried to contact Baraquisimeto tower but abruptly his radio failed for no apparent reason. Captain Celis quickly made his way to the passenger cabin to alert more people while co-pilot Cortes banked the plane for a better view of the UFO. Perhaps in response to the plane's new movement, the mysterious rotating machine went into a dive, levelled off, and then raced away.



THE flying objects that looked-like petroi tanks came down on my ranch in Australia on a dull, grey day in October. With my own eyes, I saw six of them whirl gently to earth like belicopters without

propellers. My ranch in the North Queensland section has 15,000 acres. It was

getting ahead of the story. It all began when a horde of locusts swarmed over the pastures during the last days of August The locusts destroyed things to the point where my cattle and sheep were hard put for something to eat. And they were getting leaner as the days went by.

One day in October while on an inspection tour, I rode my horse to the top of a hill in a remote section of the ranch. The sky was overcast but vision was good across the broad plain that stretched before my eyes. In the distance I saw cattle grazing, trying to salvage something from the ravaged earth.

The objects. which resembled petrol tanks, landed in the open pasture about three quarters of a mile away from me As they touched the earth, the atmosphere became strangely calm There was no breeze, no draft.

RODE my horse down the hill and towards the objects in oronce like any other Australian der to get a closer view They were ranch, but now it's the weirdest about 30 feet tail, and elliptical in place this side of Jupiter But that's shape with a rim or ramp running around the bottom, Through my binoculars I could see they were white in color with a streak of blue running like a ribbon across their middle sections.

Then I saw people get out of the objects There were about 12 men, again, only white dots in the grey and from a distance they appear- overcast. ed to be perfectly normal. They were garbed in uniforms like those were garbed in uniforms like those A LL muscular function ceased in worn by American paratroopers A my body, and I became as whom I saw in Australia during the shaky as a mass of jelly I blanked war. All stood around in a huddle out, but while in that state of susand seemed to be discussing some- pended subconsciousness a remark-

point about three hundred meters my eyes

bigger and bigger as they approach to their machines I was close exceeding the imagination. ed the ground. ten rungs which hung from the side of each of the tank-like ob-

jects. The men scurried up thes ladders and disappeared inside.

Then I heard the soothing whirring sound again as the six machines arose from the earth. My borse reared violently, and things began to happen. As I dismounted, the air became completely clear; and I dropped to the ground don't know why I just dropped to the ground.

As I lay there I saw an odd-colored kind of exhaust fume spewing out of the objects and settling towards the earth. For about five minutes the things hung suspended in the sky, giving off the fumes be-fore zooming off to become, once

LL muscular function ceased in able thing occurred I became clair-Fascinated and curious I rode to-voyant, and events which were des-wards them When I arrived at a lined to come true paraded before

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Several passengers and crew members confirmed this aerial encounter which made headlines in Venezuelan newspapers. Both Celis and Cortes had had their doubts about flying saucer stories but they now were convinced such things existed and were controlled ships. Captain Celis remarked to a reporter: "This was the most sensational experience of my career as a pilot, and I will remember the incident forever." 28.

Another newsstory came out of South America the same afternoon from the nation of Columbia. (See newsclipping)

The outspoken Lear expanded on his remarks the next day:

"I feel the flying saucers are real, beeause of four points.

"First, there have been numerous manifestations over long periods of time.

"Second, many observations have been made simultaneously by reliable observers.

"Third, there are great possibilities linked with the theory of gravitational fields.
"Fourth, there are no serious efforts in progress to prove the existence of antigravitational forces and to convert atomic energy directly to electricity." 29.

2 February. Naval officer sees UFO. (See BLUE BOOK documents)

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# California Aviation Man Believes in Flying Saucers

By the Associated From 1155

BOGOTA, Colombia, Peb 2.— William P. Lear, chairman of the board of Lear, Inc., of Santa Monica, Calif., told a news conference yesterday he believed the so-called flying saucers really exist.

Mr. Lear, who was presented with the Robert J. Collier Aviation Trophy by President Truman in 1950, for developing an automatic pilot to fiy jet planes, said he believed the flying saucers came from outer space and were piloted by beings of "superior intelligence".

He said he believed the saucers probably came from some planets outside the range of observation from the earth.

Mr. Lear, who developed the F-5 electronic automatic pilot. came here on a good-will visit.

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3 February 1955

From: To:

Office of Naval Intelligence (Attn: in 200 Pt. of Broadway, San Diego, California)

Bibi: Observation of unidentified aircraft

At 1150 hours the morning of 2 February 1955, this officer departed MAS Miramar in a private vehicle in route to the U.S. Maval Mospital Balboa Park. Upon leaving the station from the east rate and turning right on highway 395 he proceeded due south. When invediately off the east end of the main runway of the air station this officer observed 2 F7U3 aircraft wing to wing and a FJ3 aircraft intersecting the F7U3 aircraft at a distance of approximately 100 feet on the downwind leg in the landing pattern. A second FJ3 aircraft trailing the first by approximately 500 yerds appeared to this writer to have only one landing fear wheel extended. Seming an energency, this officer carefully observed the FJ3 in flight, as it leveled off on the downwind log I observed that both landing gear plus the nose wheel were down. Simultainiously I noted an object immediately aft and somewhat below the .FJ3. We first thought was a part of the airplane, possibly the camppy, had been ejected and was falling. The motion of the falling object was somewhat erractic, however it continued to decend at a steady rate of approximately 3 to 500 feet per minute. Dy this time it was obvious the decending object was not a part of the airplane and that it was considerably beyond the point the aircraft just passed. Being unable to ascertain exactly what the decending object was and not discounting spots before the eyes, dirty windshield of the car and eye strain due to concentration on the landing gear of the aircraft, I raised my classes. rubbed by eyes, looked away for an instant and again concentrated on the decending object. Insofar as I am able I will attempt to describe the location. altitude, description, coloring etc. It was not possible to determine even a reasonably accurate altitude. However, I should say the object when first observed appeared to be somewhere between 10 and 20 thousand feet, probably closer to 20 thousand and decended 3 to 5 thousand feet from the original observed position, ultimately coming to a complete stand still for a period of 5 to 10 seconds. I was able to determine the object abbeared to be an off white in color and with an apparent highly polished surface since there was a bright reflection from the sun. I was further able to determine the object itself was not a reflection due to the fact it was reflecting sunlight. The object if considered as a sphere and from my location estimated at 3 to 5 miles distant at the 5 o'clock position a reddish brown color appeared and at the same time the object practically instantaneously eccelerated to a tremendous speed certainly not less than 1000 to 1500 miles per hour. A short vapor trail or exhaust of brown hue renained in the approximate position the object had been in prior to the extremely rapid acceleration. The vapor trail or exhaust quickly dissipated due to a fairly highly wind condition. The object took a course of approximately 170 degrees, granting that highway 395

Truns reasonably true north and south at that point. It is with-extreme disgust that this officer is unable to give you anything like a realistic dimension. I would hazard a guess the object was not less than 25 to 35 feet in diameter and could conceivably have been 100 feet in diameter. The distance involved and the fact that this officer was unable to force himself to properly evaluate the object precludes a very precise description. I believe the object was of spherical or near sphereical shape. Again the distance precluded determining if the object rotated on its axis, or if there were any openings or protrutions. This officer has been serving in Naval Aviation for approximately 26 years and is familiar with the normal illusions one can see in connection with high speed, highly polished or high gloss painted aircraft at high altitudes and other phenomena of a similar nature. The object I observed today was not an aircraft in the normal sense as we apply the term, it was a solid object, a definite mass and was not a reflection or an optical illusion.



2nd February. Grimsly, England.

According to the <u>Grimsby Evening Telegraph</u> a "strange star" was spotted by a local auto mechanic on the evening of the 2nd of February. He viewed it with a friend for 20 minutes, the observation starting at 7:30 p.m. The "star" suddenly dived at high speed and then stopped. After a time the "star" took off again, this time horizontally for a long distance across the heavens before stopping a second time. After hovering for a short period, the "star" moved once more, swinging in an arc and then making a high speed swerve horizontally. Finally, not stopping this time, the "star" vaulted upward where it was lost to view. No details of this obviously powered body were discernible. The English military said it had detected nothing on its radar. 30.

3 February. "Flying something."

A Pasadena, California, newspaper printed:

"A flying something streaked over Pasadena at 8:00 a.m. today. Two city gardeners stationed at the Hall of Justice, Ed Malvin and Ben Cluball told police they were at Arroyo Parkway and Union when they saw a round silvery object proceeding west at a speed fast enough to overtake and flash by an airliner in the same sky sector.

"Police received no other calls on the object, which the gardeners also said was flying considerably higher than the plane." 31.

3 February. Off the Venezuelan coast.

The Ocean liner <u>Vera Cruz</u> was cruising off the east coast of Venezuela on February 3rd when a <u>large luminous</u> object flew over the ship. The vessel's Captain, crew members, and passengers, all reported seeing the UFO which sped

out of sight at terrific speed. 32.

Chinese! (See newsclipping) "Universal Flying Saucer Bureau."

The New York Times and the "saucer mania."

A columnist for the Times, Meyer Berger, gave the UFO subject about 17 inches of his daily essay on February 6th, but in keeping with the bias of the newspaper he didn't take the controversy seriously. Berger wrote about Mr. and Mrs. James Rigber, a married couple that published and and edited the timy magazone Flying Saucer News at their book store on Third Avenue. He characterized the effort as a "cult," emphasizing a Miss

says the bureau intends to track down all rumored arrivals from outer space and encourage

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Lynnabeth Hayden quote in an issue of the News that claimed the pilots of the saucers were beings from Venus who "for eons had quided mankind in its evolution." 35. According to Berger, the Rigbers credited Miss Hayden as the: "...the most eloquent authority on the saucers." 34.

Berger also had something to say about the other "saucer fans" in town. the people of the Civilian Saucer Intelligence organization which held its meetings in Steinway Hall in the Philosophical Research Building on West 57th Street, calling its members:"...wide-eyed teenagers infected by space virus." 35.

7 February. Great Bend, Kansas. (9:20 p.m.)

'Weird Lights." (See newsclipping)

The Topeka Daily Capital, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1955

# Weird Lights Seen Hovering In Southwestern Kansas Sky

GREAT BEND-IF)-Two oil to be at 20 to 30 thousand feet company employees and a National Guard officer reported the appeance of strange lights , as bright as automobile headin this area Monday night.

Bin Whiteraft of Ellinwood and Bill Snyder of Great Bend said they noticed the lights about 9:30 p. m. while traveling from Russell, about 45 Inded out." north, to Great Bend.

Whiteraft and Snyder, em-

played by the Lane-Wells OH Co. said the lights appeared e be formed into a triangle. at first and then appeared to string out itne a straight line. Chief Warrant Officer Charles Russell said he and from 15 to 20 other National Guardsmen observed the lights at the Great Bend Municipal Airport. He said they appeared

altitude.

Russell said the lights were lights but said they did not send out beams. He said that after his group had watched thera for several minutes they moved enotward and "lust

About two weeks ago, soveral anowplow operators reported seeing strange blue lights bobbing and hovering over the Blue Mountains in Oregon. They said the lights seemed to hum. One man said he thought he was within 500 yards of the phenomenon.

None who observed the lights in this area said anything about color and sound, how GYGE.

8 February.

"It's back again."

Witnesses in Hemet, California, told the press they had seen something very odd. The local newspaper commented:

"Don't look now, but that thing is back again. This time it appeared to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Camp at about 3 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday of last week.

"The Camps reported that they were awakened by a brilliant light that shone from a round aerial object 'hovering' low in the sky in the general direction of palm Springs. The object, they said, appeared as large as the full moon, and shone with a shimmering blue-white glow of great intensity. The object seemed to move back and forth, the glare dimming and intensifying with each movement, they reported. "Although no one else in the Idyllwild area has reported seeing 'the thing,' a newspaper account the next day revealed that a couple on the desert side saw a similar sight in the direction of San Jacinto peak, some seventeen hours later." 36.

"Colossal poached egg."

On February 10th American newspapers carried the following story out of Australia:

'Melbourne newspapers were overwhelmed by calls tonight from people who said they had seen a 'flying poached egg.'

One witness said: 'It had a yellow core surrounded by a white edge ---like a colossal poached egg. I heard peculiar whining noises as it flew away to sea." 37.

A similar phenomenon was seen the same day (February 10th) at the city of Dumedin, New Zealand, by a school teacher. She saw through a window in the dark morning sky a frighting sight. Getting out of bed, the woman went to the window and peered at the thing for a quarter of an hour. The UFO was an oval with a brilliant center and a bright halo. The area between the center and the halo was a pale yellow. The UFO bobbed up and down and jerked sideways. 38.

Lear again.

When William P. Lear returned to the States he was interviewed by a reporter from the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Herald. (See below)



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Take, who startled reporters in Bouth America when he told them he believed in flying sauters, said he saw one near Palm Springs, Calif., two months ago Lear said the saucer looked something like the popular idea of flying saucers, gave off agreenish light and stood motioniess for two or three seconds and then swiftly moved out of sight.

He said he spotted it while bying about at an 'altitude of 1,000 feet and that it appeared

lo be shout 15 miles from his plane.

Hal Herman, Los Angeles, his personal pilot, was with him and also saw the saucer.

Lear said two other pilots in the area also saw it.

The Grand Rapids industrialist believes flying saucers come from outer space and are directed by a "superior intelligence" beyond that of humans.

"Huge luminous eyes scrutinizing the city."

10 February, Caracas, Venezuela. (9:30 p.m.)

Northeast of Caracas is the district of Altamira where in the year 1955 there lived a Jose Aqustin Diaz. The evening of February 10, 1955 a huge disk with two bright bluish-colored, pulsating, lights, soared from horizon to horizon while in view.

Diaz's sister nearly collapsed from fright. The pair of lights were liken to:"...two huge luminous eyes scrutinizing the city." 40. Others in the city also witnessed the passage, the sightings written up in the local newspaper El Universal the following day. 41.

11 February. Caribbean Sea. (no time known)

The day after the Caracas event Pan-American Airline Captain James King was piloting a passenger plane over the waters of the Caribbean when he had a UFO experience. All of a sudden a pair of reddish-green UFOs passed close to King's plane, zooming by just under the wings. Several passengers also saw the objects. Upon landing at Maiquetia Field, Captain King was interviewed by the press. 43.

11 February. Chichester, England. "Frisking tadpoles."

Three secretaries spotted some objects in the sky like "frisking tadpoles gleaming in the sum" the afternoon of February 11th.

One of the women, a Miss Vigar, told the press:

"They seemed to be chasing each other, bobbing round and round. They were very high and moving very much faster than aircraft. They looked flat and disk-like. Obviously they were metal, too, because when the sun caught them they reflected its light. I know people will say we are crazy, but we saw them." 42.

13-14 February. "Flight delayed, spot in the sky."

According to our source:

"Feb. 13, 1955, a Belgian airliner vanished without a trace while approaching Rome's Ciampino Airport, the pilot was reported by the press to have seen a fireball in the sky just before.

"Feb. 14, the French African radio station at Brazzaville said that due to a 'mysterious orange spot in the sky' the departure of the Italian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, who were planning to leave Rome on another flight had been delayed. The source for this report was not announced." 44.

14 February. Moscow, Russia.

A brief note states:"A strange cigar-shape was reported hovering over Moscow. After some time the object flew away at high speed." 45.

15 February. Concepcion, Chile.

While driving to Bulnes, Chiles, a "distinquished professional," who wanted his name kept confidential, spotted a disk-shaped object parked in a pasture next to the road. The man's family was with him in the car and they all became very curious about the craft. After stopping the car, the

man and the rest of his family attempted to approach the mysterious disk on foot but the machine rose suddenly, speeding away in a soundless escape. The landing site showed crushed grass and brush. 46.

Green fireball. (See newspaper clipping)



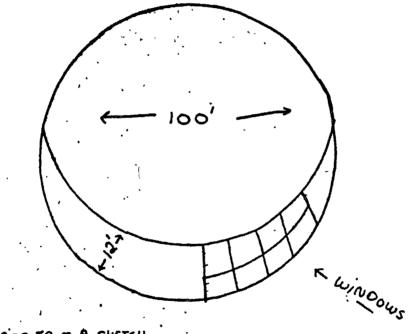
Green City, Missouri. 15 February 55.

The senior radar controller at the ACGW site at Kirksville, Missouri, filed the following report with ATIC after a local citizen sighted a UFO:

"Between the hours of 1720 and 1730 Central Standard Time, Mr. (...deleted) was traveling east on Highway #6 four miles west of the town of Green City, Missouri. The day was clear, there was little wind noticable and the sun was bright and to the west of his automobile. As Mr.(...deleted) approached a flat stretch of road lasting for approximately & of a mile, he noticed through the driver's side window, a large, metallic disc hovering an estimated 500 feet above the ground at a distance of approximately one mile from his position. He described the object as being about 100 feet in diameter and an estimated 12 feet in thickness with what appeared to him to be several windows. Mr.(...deleted) did not stop to ob-

serve the object further and lost sight of it as the road dipped. He proceeded to the town of Green City and reported it to the editor of the local paper, who promotly called our installation. Mr.(...deleted) was traveling at an estimated 55 miles per hour when he sighted the object and observed it for approximately 15 to 20 seconds.

"An investigating team from our unit comprised of Capt. Laurence B. Watson, Operations Officer, Lt. Arthur T. Young, Senior Director and A/2C Robert E. Keras, Intelligence Specialist investigated the sighting on the morning of 15 February 1955. Mr.(...deleted) was interrogated and asked to sketch the U.F.O. There were no other witnesses or observers known to have sighted the object. No further evidence was found when the sighting area was inspected." 47.



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"Meeting on the Moor."

Time places "author Allingham" in a "Swiss sanatorium undergoing lung treatment." The magazine also calls Flying Saucer From Mars a 'worthy successor to Adamski's Flying Saucers Have Landed and states:"...such books as his (Allingham) apparently answer a deep and widespread yearning for marvels." (See magazine article)

## Meeting on the Moor

tre (\$2.75). TIME, FEBRUARY 14, 1955

short visitor from Venus.

monster used to sport.

In Flying Saucer from Mars Author yearning for marvels Allangham even prints photographs of the galluses flapping, and (separately) of his telepathy and levitation and its photosaucer, which has circular portholes, three- graphs of saucers has sold 65,000 copies ball landing gear and a shiny dome with a in the U.S. and 40 000 in England Adamrod sticking up from it.

any North Briton except for a "forehead Flying Saucers Have Lunded. " higher than that of any man I know" . When Allingham sketched a sun with planets orbiting round it on a pad, he says. the visitor smiled and pointed to the fourth planet and then to his own spacesuited figure. That clearly placed his home on Mars.

The Martian lost no time popping a FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS (153 pp) - says Allingham ("Needless to say I could Cedric Allingham-British Book Cen-not understand his words, but his gestures were clear enough"), whether the Earth Simply sighting flying saucers is out people would start another war Allingof date-the big spin now is to spot ham says he was only able to shrug hopethem landing and to hohnob with their fully in reply. After indicating that he interplanetary passengers. Pioneer yarn had visited both Venus and the Moon, spinner among the neo-Munchausen breed says Allingham, the Martian also asked if is George Adamski, a self-described Earthmen would soon reach the Moon. Southern California "philosopher, stu-When Allingham nodded the Martian's dent, teacher, saucer researcher' and for broad brow clouded up. "And who can mer short-order cook who claimed (in blame them?" asks the author, "We have last year's Flying Suncers Have Landed) not yet proved ourselves fit to rule our that he stood beside a saucer on the Cal- own planet, let alone visit others and perifornia desert in November 1952 and haps influence their affairs." Soon after, talked (telepathically) with a tanned, reports Allingham, the Martian popped short visitor from Venus.

Yearning Reoders. England's eagerest The book was followed by a rash of reports about tiny red Martians tumbling astronauts the slide-rule devotees of the out beside an Italian farmhouse, a long-british Interplanetary Society, hoot at legged long-haired spaceman chasing two the book's "scientific" label Politely, help Norwegian milkmaids across a field, and suggest that Author Allingham has a highlittle green men landing in France wear- ly susceptible imagination or that some-ing plastic helmets, orange corsets or Cel. body has elaborately hoaxed him. But Allophane wrappers. Now a 32-year-old Brit- lingham, now undergoing lung treatment ish thriller-writer, amateur stargazer and at a Suiss sanatorium, cares little if crithird watcher named Cedric Allingham re- ics point out that saucer pictures have veals that he humped into a six-foot Mar- been faked in the past with lampshades, tian last Feb. 18 on a lonely Scottish garbage-can covers and trapshooting tarmoor not far from where the Loch Ness gets tossed in the air. Such books as his apparently answer a deep and widespread

In the past year Adamski's Flying San-Martian, looking very like a crofter with cers Have Landed, with its airy gabble of ski saucer-fan clubs have sprung up across Birding Author, As Allingham tells it, the land, and his readers are flocking to he was out watching for rare hirds that the hear him talk of the heavenly apheres afternoon when a 50-ft. saucer skimmed ("Let us welcome the men from the other right past his camera to land beside him, worlds-they are here among us") and and this tall fellow hopped out. The peer through his two telescopes. Allingstranger, Allingham says, looked just like ham's new book is a worthy successor to

15 February 55. Chatham, England.

"It was certainly no airplane."

According to a Kent newspaper:

"It has been said that anyone can see flying saucers--from hallucination, spots before the eyes, a drop too much, or just because they want to--but when two level-headed men, concentrating on nothing but their work, both see something at the same time, one sits up and takes notice.

"This happened on Tuesday morning in Best Street, Chatham, where the new telephone exchange for the area is under construction. I met the two men who had seen it--Tom Mallion, 58-year-old laborer, of Mount Road, Chatham, and Leslie Streeter, aged 35, the foreman carpenter of Leighton Street, West Croydon, less than an hour later, while it was still fresh in their minds, writes a reporter.

"The two of them were taking some levels about 11:30 that morning. Mr. Streeter using a level and Mr. Mallion holding the surveyor's staff for him. Mr. Streeter, squinting through the level, told his companion to hold the staff level.

"'I looked up at the top of the staff,' Mr. Mallion told me,'and there it was.'

"He said 'it was about as big as the palm of my hand and going like--!'

"It was absolutely smooth, the underside of a plate or a saucer, white and without any wings or holes in it. There was no sound and no smoke. We only had time to say two or three words to one another before it had become so small in the distance that we could hardly see it. We called the ganger's attention, but by that time it was out of sight.

"'Whatever it was, it was certainly no airplane.'

"According to Mr. Streeter, the object was heading directly from Rainham in the direction of London, and when he first saw it after Mr. Mallion had called his attention it was no bigger than his thumbnail and getting smaller rapidly.

"Seeing it against a clear patch of blue sky, it seemed to him to be silvery and cigar-shaped, again with no projections, smoke or sound.

"Used to aircraft spotting in the Royal Navy in the war, Mr. Streeter was still unable to estimate its height, because he had no idea of its actual size, but said: It was up a terrific height and going at a colossal speed. It was only a matter of seconds before it was too small to be seen any longer.'

"Let the foreman on the site, Mr. J.A. Brightwell of Shuttle Close, Sidcup, have—the—last—word: With a lot of people you would think they had been having a drink or were seeing things, and you would not take any notice of them. But these two chaps are intelligent and level-headed, and are absolutely convinced about what they saw." 48.

Disk doubter Dr. Donald Menzel.

A San Diego newspaper tells us:

'Dr. Donald H. Menzel, director of Harvard University's Solar Observatory, Climax, Colorado; at San Diego, California, addressing

the Sigma Xi Club at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, blasted the 'saucer craze,' saying he had recently observed a strange light in Colorado which turned out to be a reflection from the headlights of a truck. Menzel:'There's not a scientist alive who would even hint that what we saw are objects from outer space carrying little men.'" 49.

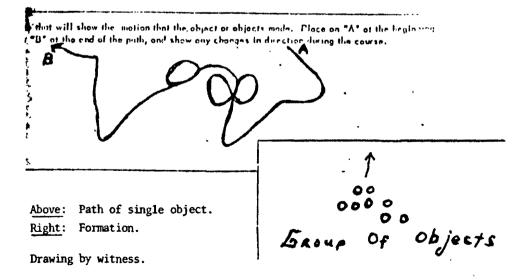
18 February. Bowling Green, Kentucky. "sky dance."

The night of February 18th was very warm with visibility unlimited at Bowling Green, Kentucky. On the campus of Western State College, two students went to the Student Union Building for a Friday night dance. At 10:00 p.m. the couple took a break and went outdoors. Sitting on a bench they happened to gaze at the dark sky. They both saw a strange, orange-colored, flat-oval shaped object that had an odd "glowing quality" to it. This object was very obvious since it was flying loops and figure "8s," occasionally speeding up and then dropping down, sometimes in a slow descent and sometimes in a quick descent.

The young woman was the first to spot a half-dozen similar objects about 25 minutes later as the "things" moved northeast in an "incomplete V-formation." This group of objects kept on a steady course until out of sight. It was the young couple's opinion that the formation was at a lower altitude than the single object doing the acrobatics since those objects in the formation appeared much larger and brighter.

Within minutes of the formation's appearance, two more objects appeared in the southeast and were very noticeable because they seemed to be "dog-fighting," looping around each other in tight, smooth, orbits.

The sky show was still going on when the couple finally got tired of watching. 50.



19 February. UFOs or aircraft? (See BLUE BOOK record card)

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Ruppelt compliments Stringfield.

Preparing material for his planned UFO book, ex-BLUE BOOK chief Edward Ruppelt wrote Leonard Stringfield on February 21, 1955, asking for information about the C.R.I.F.O. organization, although it was evident Ruppelt knew something about the Cinncinnati-based group. Ruppelt penned:"I must say that you have a very effective report-collecting net established." 51.

It was probably the effective nature of Stringfield's group that pushed the Air Force into allowing C.R.I.F.O. to become a Ground Observer Corps reporting agency later in the year when the Chio region experinced a big UFO flap. In view of the strong anti-Stringfield feelings expressed in BLUE BOOK files, such cooperation was remarkable and attests to the reality of the flap and the Air Force's sensitivity to possible UFO activity in ATIC's neighborhood.

Spring 1955. (no exact date)

Near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Balloons or UFOs?

A Pan American airliner took off from a Caracas, Venezuela, airport and then turned south toward its destination of Rio de Janeiro. Aboard the plane was a navigator named John T. Novak. As the passenger plane approached Rio, Novak looked out a window(the aircraft's octant) and saw

four very peculiar circular objects high above. The things had a metallic luster and were arranged in a diamond formation. Since one side of the objects was dark, Novak was convinced he was observing three dimensional solid bodies. The objects seemed to be maintaining the same altitude although the azimuth changed. The pilot of the airliner was so impressed he exclaimed:"I see them, but I don't believe them!" 52.

#### 1 March 55. Moola Boola.

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From Moola Boola Station, which is in Western Australia(240 miles from Perth on the coast), came a UFO report on March 1st that told of a "silvery object" that passed overhead at extreme altitude. What captured the attention of the witness, apparently, was that the object "reversed" its direction from a northwest course to a southeast one, although how abrupt was not defined. 53.

Stringfield puts Life magazine on the spot.

Not happy with a passive role, Leonard Stringfield, on behalf of his UFO organization, sent a letter to Life on March 5, 1955 to remind the editors of the periodical's big April 7, 1952 "Have We Visitors From Space" article which implied we may have such guests and which triggered an unprecedented response from the magazine's readership. Since Life, in Stringfield's words, "carried the big stick of influence" (indeed, it was the leading popular periodical of the time), the C.R.I.F.O. chief wanted to know what the editors thought of UFO events since 1952, Stringfield looked forward to a answer. 54.

2 March. Near Huntley, Illinois. "Fatigue?" (See BLUE BOOK file card below)

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Quito, Ecuador.

A Nebraskan newspaper printed:

"Reports of flying saucers have been received recently but according to foreign newspapers the objects are 'visiting' other parts of of the world.

'Mrs. Riley Groves, 3336R, has received a copy of a Ouito, Ecuador, newspaper from her son, Arthur Wilson, which describes the sighting of two of the reported 'flying saucers' in detail. Wilson is an engineer in South America.

"According to the foreign newspapers, more than one hundred persons saw the flying saucers at a height of about 8,500 feet above Ouito airport. 'The objects in the blue sky shone brightly in the form of a half-orange with a cabin in the top center, and with the base of the objects appearing concave. The surface of the objects was the color of white metal, as of aluminum, and reflected the rays of the day's sum,' the newspaper reported.

"The newspaper said the objects, which could be clearly seen with the aid of field glasses, remained in the air for more than an hour and then one moved with 'incredible velocity' to the south. "'The saucers' had been seen previously in Peru, the newspapers said." 55.

7 March 55. Beaumont, Texas.

A Texas newspaper reported:

"The first flying saucer sighted in this area in many months was reported Monday morning by F.A. Rice, who works for the Edwards News Agency.

'Mr. Rice saw what he described as a flying saucer over the Nome-Sour Lake highway. The object appeared to be about 3,000 feet high, was an estimated thirty feet in diameter and six feet deep. It was saucer-shaped and silver.

"The machine seemed to head toward Beaumont for a brief period, then it zoomed straight up until it disappeared, Mr. Rice reported." 56.

9 March. Paris, Illinois. "Jet airplane theft?"

A sensational UFO story came to the attention of the Air Force, one it couldn't really ignore. An investigation was ordered for reasons given in an Air Force letter. (See "request for investigation"). The story, as told in Van Tassel's Telonic Research Center publication, was put on file in BLUE BOOK records(See article reproduced from publication). The so-called "jet capture" as written up by the witness was also included in military records(See report and drawing).

An investigation uncovered the fact that the witness cliamed to "see the same UFO frequently" which destroyed the man's credibility as far as the military was concerned (See military document).

Note point "C" where the Air Force expresses concern about civilian UFO organizations resorting to "higher authorities" about particular UFO cases.

Below: "Theft" article.

abon of the atmosphere.

At any rate, the photograph remains one, of the most conclusive princes of evidence of extra-terrestrial, variation!

Mr. Engene Metcall of Paris. Blinois, has sent TRE semploring particulars on his reported secting of March 9, 1955. The sighting isovelved the "theft" of a jet place by a "flying assecref". The following are Metcall's own words: "On March 9, 1955, at approximately 5:50 p.m., I witnessed the 'plane-napping' of a jet plane while standing in my backyard at home in Para, Illinois. The plane while standing in my backyard at home in Para, Illinois. The plane was coming towards me from the southward and was traveling in a northeastern direction. As I should wrathing this plane, an odd-looking craft came from british the plane and just symllowed and brough this opening it took the plane. After this, the object bovered and palaeted or churned up and down, then it exemped to whill and lifted appraished. While going through these gyrations, vapor came from porthole-like openings around the bottom part. The plane and UFO were in perfect view and stood out clearly against the sky. The object was a bright alver and I heard no noise. The UFO was very big and bell-sheped." "

Mr. Mocall's story is outsidy as assuing one but there have been other "plane-napping" alghings in the last few years.

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Below:Drawing by witness of alleged "capture."

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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11 March 55. Bexley Heath, England.

An Englishman by the name of Douglas Clarke was in his bedroom(the time is not known but it is assumed to be after dark) when he saw through a window, a glowing, circular, body about 500 feet up in the sky. The object was coming out of the northwest and when it reached Bexley Heath it turned around and headed in the direction of the river. 57.

13 March 55. Macon, Georgia

"I'm fixing to change my mind now."

From Georgia came the following story:

"In case you've been wondering what became of the flying saucers. this is to report that they are still with us, snooping around up there in the upper limits of the atmosphere.

"Henry E. Watson, 805 Magnolia Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Edwards, 1605 Rembert Avenue, caught sight of one or what looked like one yesterday around 7:00 p.m. They were standing in the Sparks Motor Company lot at 811 Third Street, watching the sun sink slowly in the west, when a round, black object appeared.

"As Watson described it, the object was barrelling along at a speed that would have made a supersonic jet appear to be going backwards. ""I've seen plenty of jets flying over, Watson said he thought at first it was a balloon. It appeared spherical, left no vapor trail, made no sound whatsoever, and took a little more than a minute to go

from the western horizon to the eastern. It was not flat like a saucer he said.

"It appeared to be very high, and to our sight it was about twelve inches in diameter. But of course it must have measured more than that actually.

"Watson said he had heard about flying saucer sightings, and had always felt there was nothing in such reports. 'But I'm fixing to change my mind now,' he said." 58.

12 March. Van Tassel's Second Annual "Spacecraft Convention."

Two miles east of Yucca Valley, California, at Van Tassel's Giant Rock Airport, the Second Annual "Spacecraft Convention" convened at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th. The San Bernardino Sheriff Department deputies provided security.

Again Van Tassel invided an array of "saucer personalities," most of them contactees:George Adamski, George Hunt Williamson, Frank Scully, Orfeo Angelucci, Dan Fry, Trumen Bethurum, Dick Miller, Dana Howard, Silas Newton, "Cedric Allingham," and Donald Keyhoe. Professor Charles("Dr. Doomsday," as he was now being called) Laughhead travelled west to attend, but the Washington-based Keyhoe wasn't about to make the trip.

Dan Fry told everybody at the convention a couple of Air Force Intelligence agents were on hand, as well as a representative of the FBI. Perhaps he was right. The previous year both the military and the Bureau were asked my Van Tassel to send observers.

The media was very happy to cover the event which gave Van Tassel some satisfaction although he had no illusions the stories filed by reporters would be flattering.

The general public turnout was a bit disappointing for the Saturday session (about 1,000 people) due to an overcast of dark clouds that threaten rain.

The big surprise was the appearance of Edward Ruppelt, ex-chief of BLUE BOOK, who was now living and working in Southern California. He was probably the last person one would expect to see at such a gathering since Ruppelt detested contactees.

Van Tassel, whose ego seems to have left the planet at least, wrote in his UFO publication:

"When Ruppelt was at Giant Rock during the 1955 convention, I made several efforts to talk to him. This was before he wrote his book. He evaded talking to me, which was very noticeable, and it seems strange that he was not interested in my contact in the least. "Could it be that while he was with the Air Force he learned that my contact was a true one." 60.

Writing in another issue, Van Tassel says:

"Captain Ruppelt, who headed the Air Force investigation of the spacecraft for two years, was present and questioned some of the speakers. He is about to present a new book on the subject, stating the facts. This book should be one of the best on the space visitors' ships." 61.

Dick Miller was one of the new faces in the crowd; having moved from Detroit to Prescott, Arizona, where he was developing his "Solar Cross" group. Not to be outdone by anyone else, Miller was claiming a 12 hour saucer ride after befriending a Martian "Sol Tec."

Of course the fictional "Cedric Allingham" was a no-show, and Silas Newton was probably too embarrassed to make an appearance, but Frank Scully was there:

The literate Scully penned:

"For the most part the speakers reguritated their old well-digested cuds and indicated that what the saucerian subject now needs is a type of convention where panels are held and reports brought in and findings published, rather than a series of old-timers telling over and over again their already published tales.

"Capt. Ruppelt was there. He photographed me." 62.

Van Tassel sums up.

Van Tassel, as host of the "space conclave," had nicer things to say about the two day affair, calling it "wonderfull" and a "complete success." indicating it was a good bet everyone would be asked to return in 1956.

As expected the media gave the whole business a hard time. Van Tassel expressed his unhappiness:"As usual the press reporters gave their twisted ver-

sions of the convention to the public." 63.

# Relax—Our Planetary

# ISMAR 1955 Neighbors Protect Us

Twenty - Nine Palms, Calif .--(INS) - One thousand persons who believe in flying saucers were told over the weekend that dom." there is no danger of an atomic

The speakers asserted that there will be no atomic war because the people from Mars, Venus, Saturn and other places

in the h:avens won't permit it.

It would imperil the other planets for the earth to be blown up. So, the flying saucer followers were informed, the Sol-Tec, space people, who look and act like ordinary human beings, are diameter.

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ger from developing.

The two-day convention was held at Giant Rock Airport, an isolated desert landing field 30 miles northwest of Twenty-Nipe Palms.

The meeting was arranged by George Van Tassel, who runs the airport and what he calls

Richard Miller, a flying saucer exponent from Prescott, Aria. They were given that assur- told yesterday's session that the ance by a series of speakers who earth is now moving into a huge addressed the second annual cloud of deadly cosmic rays, but flying saucer convention. diation by 3,500,000 space ships.

He added that if the screening falls to prove effective, the Martians are prepared to evacuate the entire earth to save the people from destruction.

Mr. Miller said that source of his information was Sol-Tec, the commander of a Martan space ship 150 feet in

# People -

These People BELIEVE In Flying Saucers They Meet Far from Skeptics' Success

Some Stories Sincere, Some Sheer Sauce

A spaceship isnded near me. It was an ovate apheroid, about 30 ft in di-ameter, 16 ft. in length " So Daniel W. Fry, instrument technician for Aerojet-Gen-eral Corp., described to 1,000 eager listeners his first " tact" on July 4, 1950, with a flying saucer and outer-space erestures

"The craft had no protuberances and was completely flat on top and bottom Its blue glow in the air later turned to allver " Fry then told how s spacemen named Alan whom he never saw took

him for a 15-minute spin to New York and back.

The occasion for this and elmilar accounts was the Secund Annual Spacecraft Convention held recently at Giant Rock Airport, a remote air-strip in the Mojave Desert near Palm Springs, Calif, metimes used by private pilots.

All morning long, cars of every description churned 30 miles through the hot, dusty desert to the rock bound air. port There passengers unloaded planic baskets, babies, dogs, cameras and binoculars. They spread themselves comfortably out around the speakers' platform Old, gunt nen in fuled blie jeans, steut ladies in slacks and straw coolee hats and young love struck couples munched sandwiches, apped sode pop and occasionally acanned the bright blue sky Then all settled down for an afternoon of serious listening to speakers whose reported prisonal experiences with outer space sounded like stories from a science-fiction thriller

The tall terse talking air-port manager, George W Van Tannel, a former flight test engineer for an aircraft company and author of I Rode A Flying Saucer (\$1), looks more like an adventurer than a master-of-ceremonies. He explained the resson for the convention: "One night 3 of the fellows interested in saucers drove in here 2 minutes spart, unaware that the others were coming We figured all of them had been directed to convene by

some outer force, so decided to hold this meeting. Nobody's making a profit out of the Spacecraft Convention But to help defray expenses, a couple of the fellows will pass through the crowd with 2 tin

Van Tassel, like the other speakers, spoke in technical outerspace lingo Each recounted in pain-taking detail conversations carried on in "perfect English," "in an unknown tongue," or by "men-tal telepathy" All agreed on one point - that the outer space creatures they had met were of superior intelligence to earth people, and were on the whole of a peaceful nature.

Speaker George Adamski's photos of flying sources and claim to have met a Venusian ("about 115 lbs. 56", with Canout 115 ibs. 56°, with wavy brown his down to his shoulders") appeared in his book, Flying Sources Have Landed (et Dec 10, '51) Adamski had some advice for the older folks "Be normal Be yourself Never think of youth or old age Then you'll be living like people on other pluncts

Orfen Angelucci, a slight, was sied looking man, wore a blue beanse and distributed free copies of a newspaper, 20th Century Times He had edited it himself, it read like an autobiography, with emphasis on his meeting ereatures from outer space He. too, had published a book He had encountered several "crystal discs." conversed with "exquisite personages" aboard whose voices were "as mellou-dipped as the gold of the stars," heard beautiful music and felt an acute senheard beautiful satton of love, understanding and kindness during the strange meeting Dick Miller, 25, Detroit

electronics technician, told of riding through the desert with friends, and encountering, alone, a space ship "The captain turned on a vision screen, and the image of my 6 friends sitting in the car or the ground appeared - in It was like an X-ray color machine, capable of piereing through metal " Bliller claims this space ship, our of a feet. stands ready to pluck the proples of the earth off this planet and settle them on unother in case of worldwide alones war

The only lady speaker, plump, matronly Mrs Dana Howard, told of a "strange mystical experience ove which I had no control" 16 years ago She had been whished from Arizons to Venus, where she stayed just long enough to marry a Venusian named Lelando. "Everything there is symmetrical You do not find overfat or underfat bodies there She further related how she had recently heard from ber Venusian husband, but she didn't divuige his "message." Like Fry, Van Tassel, Adamski and Angeluces, Mrs Howard had a book published after the manuscript had lain in a trunk for 14 years

Speaker Trunian Bethrum construction worker from Utah, claimed "II contacts" with a saucer from "Clarion," a planet unknown to astronomers. His saucer, called a "scow," was commanded by Ausa Rhanes, a beautiful woman who had a crew of 32 "She had dark heir, dark syes, wore a red skirt and

tight-fitting black blouse "
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be said "Very definitely "##



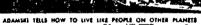
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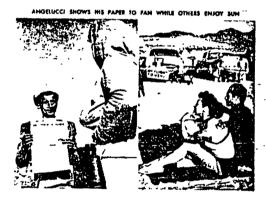


the world are both denied and accepted by authorities. Latest one was from Italy, Dec. '54. Fan at space conclave (r.) searches for stray saucer.









MAN DEMONSTRATES HIS DIVINING BOD TO LOCATE TELEPATHIC BAYS





GEORGE W VAN TASSEL





LISTEMERS RELAX AUTHORS FRANK SCULLY FRY TALK URANIUM

NATIONAL AFFAIRS \_\_\_ Newsweek,

March 21, 1955

## CALIFORNIA:

# Whistling Into Space

About 1,000 men, women, and children gathered around a massive, eggshaped boulder in the Mojave Desert in California last week. There, safe from the sneers of skeptics, they munched sandwiches and drank pop, while they listened to stories about Mars, Venus, and other planets, including several hitherto unknown to science and invisible through even the most powerful telescopes.

It was the second annual Spacecraft Convention, and the speakers were men and women who claimed to have visited outer space in spaceships, flying saucers, and what not, and to have consorted with . Martians, Venusians, etc.

Among them was Daniel W. Fry, an instrument technician for the Aerojet-General Corp July 4, 1950, wasn't much of a holiday for Fry. He missed the last bus into town from the White Sands Proving Ground, where he was then working The air conditioning in his room broke down. He was hot and lonely.

Space Cadet: Fry went for a walk. Suddenly, a space ship landed near him "It was just an ovate spheroid flattened at top and bottom, with no protuberances, about 30 feet in diameter and 16 feet in length, no larger," he told his listeners. Naturally, he went aboard. The ship took off. In fifteen minutes it was whizzing over New York, fifteen minutes later it was back at White Sands.

Mrs Dana Howard had quite an experience to recount, too. A space ship landed near her, took her aboard, and whisked her off to Venus She stayed there just long enough to marry a Venusun named Lelando She last heard from him about six weeks ago "My body went into a violent revulsion." ahe declared.



Angelucci: "Exquisite personages

Saug and Hadlants Truman Bethrum, a 56-year-old construction worker from Utah, told of "eleven contacts" with a saucer-shaped "scow" from a planet unknown to science named Clarion The ship was manned by a crew of 32 and commanded by a beautiful woman, Aura Rhanes. She had a Latin complexion, dark hair, and dark eyes, and what was more, this visitor wore "a radiant red skirt and a snug-fitting black blouse. "Very definitely a woman, very defin-

said Bethrum chuckling. While the speakers recalled their travels, a slight, nervous man of 43 m a blue beanie, pink shirt, and blue slacks wandered about the crowd, distributing copies of the first issue of his tabloid newspaper, "20th Century Times." was Orfeo Angelucci, who says he has ridden in flying disks which landed near a Los Angeles cemetery Most of the stories in his paper dealt with his experiences, including his encounters with "exquisite personages" aboard the disks

"Isn't it wonderful, a meeting like this?" said a middle-aged woman as the convention broke up at dusk. "Such an uplifting experience!"

Her companion replied "Yes, outdoors, it is so spiritual and elevating

The contactee crowd had also been busy with their pens. Here just some of the titles published during the year:Dana Howard:She Came From Venus, My Flight To Venus; William Ferguson: A Message From Outer Space, My Trip To Mars; Gilbert Holloway: Communion Between Worlds, Messages From The Space People; Orfeo Angelucci: and Paul Vest: My Awakening On Another Planet; Gerald Light: The Book Of Light, The Humand Personality, Peru: Temple Of Jupitor, Signs In The Skies, The Spirit Speaks; Cecil Michael: Round Trip To Hell In A Flying Saucer; George Morley: Etherian Ships; Dr. William Laughead: A Message From The Flying Saucers?, article in Mystic magazine; Lee Crandall: The Venusians; Dorothy Thomas: The Coming Of The Great White Chief, Concerning Flying Saucers And Communication With Spacemen, Life On Mars According To The Great Mystics, Life On Venus According To The Great Mystics; Franklin Thomas: We Come In Peace? A Martian Lands In Austria; Howard Mac Donald: Flying Saucers And Space Ships: And The Unknown Planets From Whence They Come; and the Urantia Foundation's Urantia Book(2,097 pages!)

March 1955 marked the appearance of M.K. Jessup's latest work: The Case For The UFO. (See ad below)



Flying saucers exist! They are intelligently directed from outer space!. They originate from a known point within the Earth-Moon-Binery planet system!

These are statements of fact based on sound sober investigations by a distinguished American scientist. In his monumental new book, THE CASE FOR THE UFO, M. K. Jessup, one of the world's foremost attronomers demonstrates conclusively that "Flying Saucers" exist and what they mean to your future. With devastating clarity, M. K. Jessup

shows that all the UFO data compiled over hundreds of centuries can be explained only on the basis of entities living in space class so our \_\_\_\_\_ planes.

Convincing evidence is presented to Dr. Jessup to show there was a world-wide civilization prior to the "great flood." He indicates that the tremendous stoneworks of the pro-historic world were raised with the aid of levitating space ships. Recently reported aircraft disappearances and the teleportations of ships and their crews are also shown to be the work of space ships.

As Frank Edwards, noted radio commentator, points out in his introduction. M. K. Jessup has applied ". . . a scientifically trained mind plus imaginative, fetter-free thinking to the mysterious subject of possible intelligence from outer space. . . "

THE CASE FOR THE UFO completely demolishes the arguments of the skeptics. M. K. Jessup for the first time puts the glaring light of scientific observation and analysis on the appearance of flying saucers, fire balla, strange meteors, falling loadies and other Unidentified Flying Objects. The result is a work that is sure to become the "bible" of those who have maintained for years that "flying saucers" are a terribly serious reality.

12 March. Lincoln AFB, Nebraska.

A Gilbert J. Brockman was at Lincoln AFB the afrernoon of March 12th when he noticed something motionless in the sky. He wrote:

"I saw what seemed to be a solid, blue-gray object like a large cargo-plane fuselage--what I might best describe as a 'thin tear-drop,' a rounded nose very fat in the forward third of it and tapering to a sharp-pointed tail. There were no wings, tail fins, or other protruding points that I could see. There seemed to be a blur of fuzzness about it, suggesting(I thought) great height. I could not really judge its size, tho I got the impression it probably was at least as large as the largest aircraft." 64.

15 March 55. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Flying Saucer Council of America."

A Michigan newspaper printed:

"...nearly 1,000 persons turned out recently for a Grand Rapids meeting of the Flying Saucer Council of America but many of them probably were more confused than enlightened by the technical data. However, speakers at this meeting showed colored movies of flying saucers and backed Lear(William P.) in his theory that these objects are guided by a superior intelligence from somewhere in interplanetary space.

"The real lowdown on flying saucers was presented after the meeting when representatives of the Layman's Home Missionary Movement distributed leaflets in which the exact nature of flying saucers was explained. According to the leaflet, they're fallen angels or evil spirits who are approaching judgement day." 65.

Stringfield and the Air Force.

UFO investigator Stringfield did much more than bug Life. He kept pestering the Air Force with many inquiries, asking, as he expressed it, the proverbial questions and always getting the proverbial answers. On March 18, 1955, the UFO buff talked with Captain Robert C. White, Pentagon OPI, for an hour over the phone without learning anything new or significant. 66.

18 March.

The Central Intelligence Agency.

A most curious bit of information is contained in an Air Force OSI document on file with BLUE BOOK records. It seems that there was some concern in Seattle, Washington, over the use of a questionaire by a civilian UFO investigator which was titled "Official Sighting Report," and apparently the authorities felt the words sounded too official so the FBI made an inquiry.

It is not the actions of the civilian which is of interest, but the fact that the CIA had an interest in UFOs. The Air Force OSI document says:

"The files of the Central Intelligence Agency, Seattle, Washington, were checked at the request of Special Agent Harold J. Farr, of this office(20th District OSI), and revealed a newspaper clipping from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a daily newspaper dated 18 March 1955, reflecting a 'Letter to the Editor' by Gribble wherein he criticized(...deleted) syndicated columnist of Hearst Newspapers, for 'lampooning flying saucers.'" 67.

24 March. Ryukyu Islands, Japan. (2:30 p.m.)

"Hat-shaped, with windows."

In a report submitted to Coral Lorenzen in confidence, a person claimed to be giving flying lessons to a student pilot on March 24, 1955 when he enxountered a UFO in the air over Ryukyu Islands, Japan. A glowing, "hat-shaped" object with three "windows' in the "crown," came into view to his left, said the witness. This extraordinary object changed color from white to orange, as it flew all around the Beechcraft plane, "looking it over." In a panic, the instructor pilot went into a dive to lose the unwelcome aerial companion, but the UFO easily stayed with the single engine aircraft. 68.

25 March. France.

According to the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune, not all the UFOs had left France. Two young men told reporters they had seen a flying saucer over the city of Montmorillon, Vienne, on the 25th, a little after midnight. The saucer hovered in the air, they said, and gave off red rays. Eventually it zipped away to the west. 69.

Life's reply to Stringfield.

After 19 days Leonard Stringfield received an awswer to his letter of March 6th, someone on the Life magazine's staff confessing that the missive had been "misplaced" and expressed a desire to obtain a copy so it could be forwarded to the editors for consideration for "prompt attention." 70. Was the letter really misplaced, or was it an attempt to stall for time while, someone, or some agency, was consulted for advice?

27 March. Hawick, Scotland.

"Strange black cloud."

A Scottish paper printed:

'Mr. John Graham, of Braemont, Hawick, was motoring home on the evening of Sunday, March 27th, after a drive through the Borders. In the car were Mrs. Graham, 14-year-old Alan and a friend of the family.

"There was very little wind, and not a cloud to mar the clear sky. They were about five miles from Hawick when Alan pointed excitedly out of the window. There was a strange -black 'cloud' some distance ahead. As the party watched, it whirled across the sky at

tremendous speed, then darted back to its original position.

"After racing back and forth for a while, the 'cloud' took on different shapes. It twisted like a huge seaserpent, then turned into the shape of a parachute. Mr. Graham was about to say he was pretty sure it was a flock of birds, but he choked on his words. For the 'cloud' took on the shape of a giant plate or saucer, and spun through the sky at beathtaking speed. As it revolved it became almost transparent.

"For half an hour the Grahams sat spellbound.

"At last, in one great burst of speed, the 'cloud' disappeared behind a hill. The Grahams waited but it didn't come back. Now they're wondering just what did fly over that lonely road." 71.

28 March.

"Wistful space cultists." (See Newsweek article)

For the second week in a row <u>Newsweek</u> had something to say about the UFO story and for the second time in as many weeks played down the subject.

SCIENCE-Newweek,-

# Waiting for the Little Men

To the satisfaction of all but the most wistful space cultists (Newsweek, March, 21), some 90 per cent of all flying-saucer sightings have been adequately, explained away. They have been dissimissed as odd-shaped clouds, weather balloons, meteors, optical tricks of the atmosphere, birds and bugs, or such human failings as hallucinations, trick photography, and dirty eyeglasses. For the 1955 saucer season, Dr Walter Domberger-wartime chief of German V-2 rocket development and now guided-missiles consultant to Bell Aircraft Corp at Buffalo, NY—comes up with a theory to account for most of the still unexplained "objects."

"New mag." (See clipping)

From time to time, he says, small violent eddies are generated in the air. Spinning at incredible speeds, they are, in effect, deformed tornadoes or slices from twisters. Whenever one of these Dornberger doughnuts gets revolving at five to seven times the speed of sound, billions of air molecules are ripped apart. In the process, their atoms become momentarily unstable and emit light, visible in high-speed wind tunnels. The atomic glow outlines the whirlpool to the eye, besides, the density of the vortex is sufficient to be apparent on radar. This doughnut would behave as a good saucer should during its brief life, climbing abruptly or making aerodynamically "impossible" turns.

Domberger admits that he does not remove the mystery from a final 1 or 2 per cent of all saucer sightings. But, he says. "No one is going to convince me of visitors from space until they bring in one of those lattle guys and sit him on my desk."

27 March. Stringfield gets impatient.

Still hoping for a reply from Life, Stringfield, as requested by the magazine editors, mailed a copy of his March 6th letter and then sat back to wait. 72. Rilgallen March 29, 1955

A new magazine called The Flying Saucer News is offering a one-year subscription free to a ny interplanetary visitor. (Note to interplanetary visitors: Please do not contact this column for further information)

28 March. Joseph City, Arizona.

Shades of Farmington.

A former Air Force pilot named Glenn Blansett and his wife noticed something very strange in the air over Joseph City, Arizona, on March 28, 1955. Blansett saw a great circular cloud very high up and then he spotted what he thought was a swarm of jet planes engaged in mock combat:

"But after several minutes, the objects stopped their conventional maneuvers and began a strange fluttering motion, abandoning their formations. At this stage they were moving much faster than jets. Blansett and his wife both agreed there were a great many of the objects, at least 25 and perhaps more than a hundred. Assuming they were the size of conventional aircraft, they were about 50,000 to 70,000 feet high. Blansett reported observational conditions were good and the air was clear with no wind. Neither the smoke cloud nor the objects were in the direction of the Nevada atomic proving grounds. The objects moved southwest at high speed and finally disappeared, said Blansett." 73.

28 March. Iran. Balloon UFOs? (See BLUE BOOK file card)

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Beginning of April. Northern Rhodesia. (7:30 p.m.)

The primary witness was a Mr. D.G.L. Clarke. The UFO was viewed from a moving car travelling a 23-mile stretch of road between Fort Rosebery and the town of Kasama, in Northern Rhodesia. A local newspaper quoted Mr. Clarke:

"'I have seen some pretty frightful things in my time; I have seen thousands of dead bodies lying in one place --but never have I been so utterly terrified as I was by the Flying Saucer.

"'I had just crossed a river on the road --it was 7:30 p.m. --when my boy, Peter, who was sitting in the passenger seat, pointed out a light in front.

"It was rather like a star, about 10 miles away in the sky, and

very bright,' he said.

"'As we went on, it seemed to come nearer at a pretty terrific speed. It changed color to rosy red, and then to blue, and then to luminous again -- and it swerved away to the left. As it went off, I could just see a faint oval outline with a bright shining on top. "'I climbed back into the car and went on my way. The thing was far away to my right-hand side, high in the sky. I did not see it cross over the sky.

"'Then it twice came toward us and then swerved away again. After the second time I did not see it again for about 10 minutes,' went

on Mr. Charles.

""We were approaching a river when we saw it again on the righthand side. It came down towards us and gradually sunk lower and lower until it eventually it could be seen through the trees. By this time my boy was gibbering with fear, and I thought he was going to have a fit. I was getting pretty scared myself.

"As soon as I got to the river I saw a light on the opposite side, and I thought the thing had landed. This was too much for me, and I turned back as fast as I could. It was the most frightening experience of my life, he concluded.

"When he reported the incident to the district commissioner at Kasama he was told that another person had seen a similar object in the sky recently." 74.

30 March. Dayton, Ohio. (10:10 a.m.)

"Rectangle with blinking light."

The Ohio region would be swarming with UFOs in the coming months. Why there would be a flap in that part of America is unknown. One wonders if the following UFO report had anything to do with the "invasion." According to the Dayton, Ohio, Journal-Herald, a very odd object seemed to take an interest in Wright-Patterson AFB. All the experts at BLUE BOOK had to do, one would suppose, was to merely glance out the window to confirm this report. The newspaper article said:

"An unidentified, and unexplained object appeared over Wright Field at Wright-Patterson Air Force base at 10:10 a.m. yesterday, a civilian reported.

"The Air Force said it found nothing after checking the report.
"Theodore Jikutz, chemist at Beavercreek disposal plant, and a technician saw the object. It was described as having a rectangular shape.

"A sharp light, flashing at intervals of approximately one second,

drew attention of the men. They estimated the object at about five miles away, over the field.

"'I first thought I was seeing things,' Jikutz said. But he added that the technician saw it too.

"The men then got out a stopwatch and checked the flashing lights. They added up to approximately 74 in one minute.

"The men reported the object stayed in approximately the same place for 17 minutes from the time they first sighted it. They were getting ready to set up a transit to pinpoint the location when it disappeared.

<sup>iT</sup>The information was turned over to Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) here for evaluation. ATIC handles all unidentified object

reports." 75.

There is no report on this sighting in BLUE BOOK files.

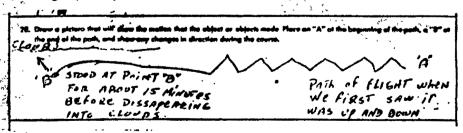
March 1955. (exact date unknown) Toul Rosieres AFB, France.

Reports from French civilians may have died down but one UFO sighting was made by an Air Policeman stationed at Rosieres AFB who viewed something for 20 minutes:

"I-was pulling guard duty at the P.O.L. at Toul Rosieres A.F.B. in France. I was on the midnight to eight o'clock shift. At about two fifty a.m. one of the air policemen brought me a thermos of coffee and we sat down to drink it. About ten minutes later this air policeman looked up and told me: Hey look at that,' pointing at the sky, so I said its probably an airplane. He responded 'Mell! Airplanes don't fly like that(at this point the object was flying up and down like a seesaw) besides there's no noise. About two minutes later this object flew in a straight line and stopped towards the northwest and stopped all of a sudden in one spot for about fifteen minutes, the red light changing to pale yellow and started to blink off and on as if signaling. My friend and I became excited and ran inside a small shack. Every once in a while we would peer out of the door and look up hoping it wouldn't be there, but it was still there signaling.

We finally decided to call the air police (headquaters?). When we did they ridiculed us but we talked them into coming over and they did but as soon as their jeep pulled into the driveway, this object went into the clouds and disappeareed. The Sgt. of the Guard called us a couple of nuts and left. 76.

Drawings by air policeman shown below and on the top of the next page.



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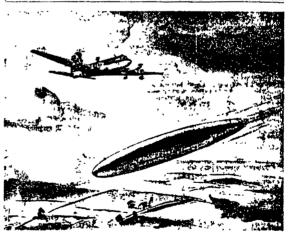
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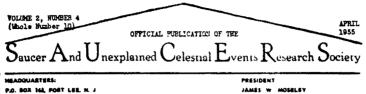
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April Fool.

On April 1st an extract from "Cedric Allingham's" book Flying Saucer From Mars appeared in the magazine True Space Secrets under the title:"I Met The Nessenger From Mars." It was an appropriate date for publication. 77.

3 April. Man killed.

On April 3, 1955, in the Phillipines, the Manila Daily Mirror reported that a man had been killed during an argument about flying saucers. A fellow named Angel Lamar died after a fight with Manila resident Maxin Lamer. 78.

Another strange green visitor from space. (See clipping to the right)

5 April: "Designed to wipe out enemy air fleet." (See clipping below)

Nuclear Test Today. LAS VEDAS, Ner. April 5 @ -Atomic scientists changed their minds today and rescheduled for 9 a. m. tomorrow the highest nuclear test made in the United States. An earlier an nouncement said there would be no test tomorrow because of unfavorable weather. However, later re-evaluation apparently indicated improving wind conditions slott. The shot, designed to wipe out an enemy air fleet, is to be touched off six miles above the proving ground, at. To

Green Fireball

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A short newsclipping was inserted into Air Force BLUE BOOK files by an unknown member of ATIC for an unknown reason. It is interesting to note that UFO sightings fell off drastically during the month of April. Was there a connection between the lack of UFO activity and the high altitude nuclear test?

It is also curious to note that just prior to the aerial nuclear blast on April 6th there had been a "storm" of "unknown objects" that rained down on the atomic/missile research region of the U.S. southwest, and that the Army expressed concern about the phenomenon in a letter to the Chief of Staff. (See letter)

Danger from space?

Among civilian UFO researchers there was a growing concern about the intentions of the mysterious craft. Wilkins' recent book suggested that UFOs 'were on the attack' and even Keyhoe wondered about some unexplained airplane crashes. Furthermore, it was fact that UFOs had not made overt contact with mankind and that was something even the most fanatical Adamski-type believer had trouble explaining. The Spring, 1955, cover of The Saucerian conveyed the mood felt by many. (See cover)

8 April. Gander ABF, Newfoundland, Canada.

The only UFO activity on this date was far from the U.S. southwest. A teletype message from the RCAF to the American military mentioned:

"...DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: VERY BRIGHT CONTINOUS GLOW LIKE A PARAFLARE...OBSERVER UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER ANY NOISE ASSOCIATED WITH OBJECT DUE TO A/C TAXING IN VICINITY OF OBSERVER...INTENSE WHITE LIGHT LIKE MAGNESIUM BURING...APPARENTLY FLAT AND CIRCULAR. BELOW CLOUD...MOVEMENT INTERMITTENLY VERY FAST AND STATIONARY. TRACK ERRATIC...JUMPED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, PAUSED, THEN ADVANCED." 79.

8 April. Cherry Valley, Illinois. (9:30 a.m.)

"Evil weather balloon."

Donald Keyhoe was astonished when he heard about a newsstory that was headlined in a Rockford, Illinois, newspaper. Bannered across the top of page one was:"JETS BLAST BALLOON NEAR CHERRY VALLEY." Incredulous, Keyhoe asked himself:"Why attack a weather balloon, and if it must be done, why do it over a populated area?" 80. Keyhoe posed two good questions and, interestingly enough, there is nothing in BLUE BOOK files about the incident.

Keyhoe missed something because the press report suggests that the jets may have been seeking to down something other than a mere balloon. A newspaper clipping reads:

'There air force jets, a weather balloon and an interloper from out of nowhere added up to an aerial display between Rockford and Cherry Valley about 9:30 A.M. today.

"John C. Gregory, executive secretary of the Winnebago county civil defense council, said he witnessed the weather balloon blowing up between here and Cherry Valley after the jets made a pass at it.

"Just prior to the explosion, Gregory said he saw a burst of flames.

"After the balloon exploded, Gregory said, another flat spherical object described as a 'brilliant white' shot by the jets at a high speed, going from southeast to northwest.

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TO:

Assistant Chief of Staff, G2 Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. Extracts from Summary of Information, Region III, 112th CIC Detachment, El Paso, Texas, dated 9 April 1955, and the San Antonio Express, dated 7 April 1955, are forwarded herewith for your information.
- 2. Summary of Information, Region III, 112th CIC Detachment, dated 9 April 1955, is as follows:

"On 8 April 1955, reports indicate that the 'storm' of unknown flying objects that have rained on southern New Mexico and the El Paso, Texas, area began on 1 April 1955 and ended on 5 April 1955. One witness described the object as 'a bright streak with three red streaks behind it.' According to Army and Air Force spokesmen, none of the occurences could be attributed to artillery fire, rockets, guided missiles or other military activities.

Source: 'El Paso Herald-Post', 8 April 1955. (F-6)

(RC Comment: The office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, was unable to furnish any additional information.)

3. The San Antonio Express, 7 April 1955, carried a United Press dispatch, datelined Albuquerque, New Mexico, 6 April 1955, reported that a "third mysterious fireball" seen in southeastern New Mexico on that date was described by a scientist of the University of New Mexico's Institute of Meteorites as probably not a meteorite. It was said that searchers could find no fragments of the object. Another "object", reportedly seen to have "apparently crashed and exploded" near Lordsburg, New Mexico, the date before, had disappeared "amid a glow of intense white heat." Still another report was of a "green fireball" allegedly seen in New Mexico on 5 April 1955, "seen as far north as Albuquerque, 200 miles away." The UP source added that there were "unconfirmed" reports of a fourth fireball noted the day before near Lordsburg. (C-6)

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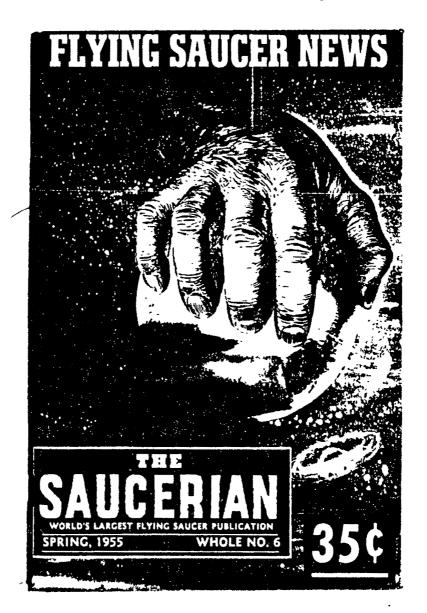
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Saucerzine makes the most of the 'menace from space."



"The jets were from O'Hare field at Park Ridge. Air Force officials at the field said the weather balloon was sent up from Minneapolis.

"Gregory watched the show from atop the old city hall building after he had received a report from a Rockford resident who saw the same display." 81.

9 April 55. Plattsburgh, New York. (1:31 a.m., 2:34 a.m., 4:08 a.m.) Air Force missions against UFOs?

### The press reports:

"Allen Roberts, a spotter for the Ground Observer Corps in Plattsburgh, was taking a ribbing around town for his yarns about flying saucer phenomena during his midnight vigils. James F. Roddy, news director for WEAV, resolved to find out for himself what Roberts was seeing. He took to sitting in with him at the GOC post atop Physicians Hospital.

"Now skeptics are asking Jim Roddy what kind of hootch he drinks. During the past few weeks, he has seen enough to convince him that spacecraft are flying missions over the north end of Lake Champlain, that they give special study to the progress of the new Plattsburgh air base, and that one of them actually landed on Vermont soil.

"Roddy tells us they have seen Air Force jets take off in pursuit frequently, but the 'saucer' dart away as if the jets were standing still. He remarks with some logic: 'Six men can't imagine the same thing at the same time. The Air Force doesn't send out jet fighters or interceptors to chase something that isn't there.'

"On April 9th, at 1:31 a.m., Jim Roddy was dozing in his chair when Allen shook him, pointing to a bright object drifting overhead. Roddy dashed out on the roof to try to pick up a sound. It was noiseless, and 'just seemed to coast through the air.' He describes it as rust-colored and 'definitely round.' It headed down over the lake and they think it landed on the Vermont side.

"Now wide-awake, they kept eyes peeled, and at 2:34 a.m. spotted a 'cigar-shaped object' hanging very high in the sky. (This is the kind of thing Adamski has described as being the mother ship of the saucers.)

"The big thrill came at 4:08 a.m., and they watched it through field glasses until 5:45 a.m. when it ascended out of sight. It was 'a glaring, brilliant, incandescent white; round on the top and flat on the bottom, much like an inverted dessert dish.' A stream of eight green lights, which they took to be gas or vapor, pointed downward from its bottom. Directly underneath 'a bright yellow-white flame or glow, very powerful, was emitted.' "In this sector," Roddy declared, 'the sightings are coming fast and furious. We counted over 36 small-sized circular craft whizzing over our observer on May 28." 82.

It certainly would be fun to propose the idea that U.S. authorities were trying to bring down a UFO, either by a jet interceptor or an aerial atomic blast, but we will have to leave such speculation to the tabloids.

"I don't know what they are."

Dr. Lincoln La Paz told the press he was still mystified by the green fireballs. More than one had been reported in early April and the professor noted the sudden surge in reports which was very odd but it was the color of the brilliant bolides that continued to fasinate the New Mexico Meteoritics Institute expert:"I don't know what they are, but they are all of the same family. The important thing is that the fireball was a brilliant kelly green as opposed to the blue or blue-green color seen in ordinary meteor falls." 83.

"Welcome spacemen."

With the Europeans claiming "little men visits," Americans had to get into the act. Ventura, California, residents formed their own "spaceman welcoming committee," as did some people in Miami Beach, Florida, under the direction of a Mr. David Kletter. That meant the two top vacation states in the U.S. were covered. Not to be outdone, the Big Apple extended its own hand of welcome. A New York reporter wrote:

"Calling all space men! Come down, come down, where you are!
"Free parking space can be had from 'a certain good-hearted
lady' who is offering her 500-acre upstate farm 'for landing purposes for the flying saucers only.'

''This intelligence comes from the just-published April issue of the New York organ of the flying saucer cult, the 'Flying Saucer News.'

"The 16-page publication also makes a generous offer of its own in one item of its 'service department' column.

"'Attention --a one year subscription to Flying Saucer News will be sent free to any interplanetary visitor. He or she is welcome to visit this shop first.'

"The editor of the publication, James S. Rigberg, who also sells crystal balls, ouija boards..." 84.

Such welcomes may have been silly, but, as stated previously, some of the people studying the aerial mystery were becoming nervous about the UFOs' aloofness.

14 April. Shelton, Washington.

"Trajectory of mystery."

Below a picture in a Washington newspaper it said:

"Route of the mysterious object she witnessed in the sky late Tuesday of last week is pointed out by a Mrs.D.A. Smith, Mt. View housewife. Her report of a large, brilliant blue-white body streaking westward followed several in New Mexico telling of similar strange bodies, possibly fireballs. Mrs. Smith drew the line taken by the fast moving body, showing how it started to make a circle than shot downward, behind trees and out of sight." (Picture not in author's files) 85.

More La Paz. (See clipping)

# Fireball Chaser Hopes To Solve Sky Mysteri

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. April 23 in-II anybody ever catches up with the mysterious fireballs which are reported frequently over the Southwest, it's a good bet that Lancoin LaPaz won't be far behind.

What are the fireballs? Nobody knows for sure. And nobody wants to know more than LaPaz, who runs, at the University of New Mexico, the only Institute of Meteoritics in the United States.

LaPaz feels that while the reports have touched off controversy as well as sensation, there has been enough documentation to warrant a thorough investigation And recently be has been so busy! that it's hard for his family or! or anyone else to keep up with

This apring brought a new rash of the reports, which over a period of years have been made by ranchers, bus drivers, airline pilots, state troopers and other per-

During the week beginning April distance they are from the ob-3, five fireballs were reported in server is unknown and no re-New Mexico and two in Northern California, Midmorning of April 5 brought many reports, although LaPaz said it was finally concluded that only three objects were involved

Descriptions vary so widely that they could be applied to almost anything from an exploding star

to a runaway traffic light
They come by day and by night.
Most often the irreballs are reported at night as yellow-green.
But various other colors, including white, blue and red, creep into the descriptions.

LaPaz has found it hard to apply the hard, cold logic of mathematics in seeling to track down the

reports
There's no defaute way to measure the size of the fireballs." he says. "There's nothing to compere them with side by side, the

one theory is that the irreballs

are a form of meteorites, but La Paz savs he's sure they're not normal meteorites because they are not accompanied by sound.

For the moment, at least, LaPax is just plain stumped. He says he has no definite theory as to what the fireballs are.

Air Force planes have occasion-

ally been sent to search areas where fireballs were reported. So far they have found nothing, but a spokesman at Biggs AFB, El Paso, Tex, says the matter "is by no means closed."

His unending chase has made LaPaz something of a legend in the Southwest. For example, a Santa Fe newspaper recently published a cartoon with the tagline.

"A fireball was spotted last night with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz in close parsuit."

25 April. Private George D. Fawcett sents Jessup a clipping. 'Hovering ball."

The story went:

"A British farmer, who is a resident of Juan Diaz in Panama City (Panama), claimed today he saw a flying saucer of some nation of this world hover over the new race track Saturday for about four hours. The farmer, A.D. Huckerby, said he was one of a hundred eye-witnesses who watched with fascination while a big round ball hovered from 2:30 in the afternoon until 7:00 p.m. when it suddenly took off. He estimates that it was about three to four thousand feet up in the air...at first. Huckerby claims, it looked all one color: a silvery-blue. However, when several bystanders scrutinized it through binoculars, they would differentiate the saucer was red on top, an aluminum white in the center and blue on the bottom. It looked big as a house. The farmer said: 'I didn't believe in these thing before --but I do now." 86.

24 April 55, England.

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"Never to be made public."

A London newspaper commented:

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"Air Ministry chiefs have been shown a full report of the R.A.F.'s five year proble into Flying Saucers. To the great question, 'Do Flying Saucers exist?' the answer is understood to be 'No.' But the public are not to know the details.

<sup>\*</sup>Fawcett would become a leading UFO researcher in later years.

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'Ten weeks ago the <u>Sunday Dispatch</u> knew about this report and pressed for publication in the <u>public</u> interest. Yesterday the Air Ministry stated that a senior officer had ordered that the report is never to be made public.

"Fear of scepticism is one of the reasons that induced the air marshals to have the report filed away. They feel that the findings cannot be explained without revealing top-secret facts and that without a full explanation there would be a nation-wide controversy over the truth of the report." 87.

27 April. Garden City, Long Island, New York. "Crab-like machine." A report in the local paper read:

"Glen Cove --Here's a little item of interest to all those flying saucer fans.

"At noon, on April 27, I saw what I believe to have been an extraterrestrial flying machine. While walking along West Glen Street I suddenly noticed a strange, green object, circling above Glen Cove firehouse tower.

"As I came nearer, I saw that the thing was oval in shape, and had peculiar appendages around it. It was completely silent. few seconds, the crab-like machine ceased manoeuvering, and flew off in the direction of Long Island Sound --Marion P. Kuczabinski." 88.

30 April. Kamplee, India.

A dazzling "flying disc" was supposed to have been seen on April 30th by the inhabitants of the village of Kamplee, a small community close to the city of Nagur. The Madras English language newspaper <u>Hindu</u> printed:

"The disc was visible for about 20 minutes zooming across the sky at a terrific speed towards the north-west.

"The last time it was seen on December 22nd when it was observed travelling in a south-easterly direction." 89.

"Flying saucer" reports from India can usually be attributed to ordinary meteors. Press reports, like the one given above, are of doubtful value. For example, it seems unlikely an object "zooming at terrific speed" would remain in view after 20 minutes. Nonetheless, data from the region is so limited the item is included as an indication there may have some UFOs in the region.

May.

Russia.

Twenty-four hours before the big May Day celebration in Moscow a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told a radio audience that UFOs didn't exist.

In America at this time ex-BLUE BOOK chief E.J. Ruppelt was fasinated by the fact that UFO reports were being made behind the Iron Curtain even though the state controlled newsmedia constantly played down or ignored the subject of strange flying objects in the skies. 90. Gulf of Papua.

The first of many UFO sightings that would lead up to a spectacular 1959 case, occurred on an unspecified day in May 1955 when a Dr. E. Nespor saw a greenish object about 'half the size of the moon' travelling across the sky. The UFO was observed at Yle Island which is located in the Gulf of Papua. 91.

"The Micellin Tyre man."

Dinan, Cotes-du-Nord, France. May. (No exact date known)

It was late, about 15 minutes after midnight, when a M. Droguet returned home. As he walked into the courtyard area, a brilliant blue-green ray dazzled his eyes, the bright light coming from a strange machine stationary in the air nearby just above the ground. Next to the machine were two helmeted figures about 3½ feet high dressed in metallic grey, one-piece suits. The suits reminded M. Droguet of the 'Micellin Tyre man' depicted in the Micellin rubber company's ads, with the exception of the black box and wires the creatures had on their abdomens. While one figure looked around, his companion stooped over and picked up something.

Immediately thereafter the two beings made their way, in an awkward manner, toward the hovering ship, and entered the craft by walking up a staircase that extended from the underside of the machine. The ship then gained altitude until it was above the treetops. All lumination on the ship was extinguished at this point and the witness claimed the machine made its departure at that moment. A closing note mentions that M. Droguet was still nervous about the incident days later. 92.

The sharp fall off in French "saucer landings" may have something to do with what an American UFO group learned: "In France, proven saucer hoaxers are arrested and fined because of a law passed in 1954, the French UFO publication Ouranos reports." 93.

### 1 May. Grafenwohr, Germany. (Evening)

An hour after sundown, Sunday May 1st, some American soldiers watched a strange bright white sphere make four passes over the town of Grafenwohr at an estimated 500 foot altitude. Occasionally the ball would stop and remain motionless. The observing men ruled out an aircraft or heliocopter explanation since air traffic was forbidden that close to the Russian zone after dark. 94.

# 2 May. Stringfield and Life.

Stringfield admitted being "slightly fabbergasted" by not having heard anything from the editors of <u>Life</u> after mailing two letters and obtaining a promise of "prompt attention," so he wrote a third time to the magazine on May 2nd. 95.

4 May. Keflavik, Iceland. Squadron Commander and UFOs.

BLUE BOOK records tell us Lt. Colonel Edward J. Stealy, Commander of the 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Keflavik airfield, saw a group of UFOs in the sky, as did the Colonel's Adjutant, Lt. Burt.

### Lt. Burt testified:

"At approximately 1338Z, I was walking across the ramp at the terminal

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with Lt. Colonel Edward J. Stealy when he spotted approximately 10, maybe fifteen flying objects flying east at approximately 25 to 30,000 feet. I (not legible) the objects. They were in loose formation. They were not drawing contrails, however, one made a smoke trail for about 2 seconds which engulfed (? not legible:) the object and stopped before the object disapeared behind clouds. The objects were in view to me about 4 to 5 seconds. They were travelling at a tremendous rate of speed, well over 1,000 knots. These objects were not jet type aircraft(? not legible:) neither the shape nor speed. They were oval in shape. The size(? indeterminable? not legible) due to its uncertain altitude, however, would make a very rough estimate of 60 to 70 feet. The objects were traveling at a trememdous rate of speed. The time of sighting the objects was 1338Z which was confirmed by Lt. Colonel Stealy. I have seen many jet aircraft flying and these objects cannot compare to any standard shape or speed. These objects were clealy seen by me. They were the color of oxidized silver and did not reflect light." 96.

The Colonel's story is much the same:

'The afternoon of Wednesday 4 May 1955 1st Lt. Joseph Burt and I were on the ramp at the Terminal Keflavic airport, Iceland viewing and taking pictures of a C-99. On returning, we walked toward the new SAC hanger. While still some hundreds of feet from the hanger I noticed some objects at approximately 80 degrees(? Up? not legible). I called Lt.Burt's attention to them. We tried to identify them as they passed across the sky and disappeared from view at about 30 degrees from the horizon behind cloud cover that extented over the top of the hanger.

"I didn't have the presence of mind to count them but estimate approximately 10. No particular rhyme or reason to the formation. Two were out to the right the others were in one general area. A few moved rapidly around in position while others held steady. In(? not legible) they did not move back and forth or in and out slowly as jet aircraft but very rapidly and jerky. Half way through this arc(?), one in the center of the large group started to leave one trail of what seemed like smoke. This trail disappeared almost immediately. These objects were not clear cut or distinct in shape there was no(? not legible) protruding and all were of the same size and round, their appearance being transparent but were not. Instead I would say they looked like a glob of milk of magnesia that had been heavily cut with water.

"I would estimate they were at considerable altitude and travelling at great speed. I did check the time on my watch which we(? not ledgbile) and read 13382." 97.

Furthermore, the witnesses said the objects looked to be the "size of a penny" and that the: "Smoke trail in comparison to the penny would be about the size of a piece of string." 98.

5 May 55. near Loup City, Nebraska. (1:00 a.m.)

"Pursued by a cigar."

High School student Don Wiborg was driving from Loup City, Nebraska to Ord, Nebraska the night of May 5, 1955. He was six miles from Loup City when he noticed a strange glow ahead. The time was 1:00 a.m. After making

a sharp turn, the young man could see down a long stretch of the road. About a mile away was a cigar-shaped "thing." The "thing" was big, perhaps 20 feet by 5 feet. Standing vertically, the object was surrounded by a tenuous halo. The distance between Wiborg's car and the UFO did not change so the young man assumed the object was moving at the same speed.

Entering some woods, Wiborg lost sight of the "cigar." Emerging from the grove of trees, Wilborg drove on a while and then pulled over and stopped. Looking about, the young man sighted the UFO about 300 feet behind him and approaching fast. Wilborg leaped back into his car and raced into the city limits of Ord.

When the fellow arrived home family members were convinced the youth had indeed encountered something uncanny because he was so upset. Newsmen from the local paper found out about the Wilborg's experience and steaked out the road with the hope of seeing the phenomenan, but they saw nothing unusual the following evening and the only word they received about anything out of the ordinary in the area was a complain from a local rancher who said some his cattle stampeded for an unexplained reason and had knocked down some fences.

## 5 May. Special Report #14.

At long last the \$100,000 Special Report #14 contracted out by BLUE BOOK was finally completed. The document contained the results of an important statistical study which, as UFO researcher Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee correctly points out, was the:"...cormerstone of the AF position with respect to the UFO's reality." 100. The public release of this report was delayed and there are some interesting theories about the timing which will be discussed when dealing with events of a later date.

# 7 May. "A crashed saucer in Argentina?"

The Caracas, Venezuela, newspaper El Universal carried a sensational account on May 7th attributed to a "Enrique Bassa," a fellow who claimed to have encounter a crashed flying saucer and its dead occupants back in 1950. An American UFO researcher, Dr. Willy Smith, a Florida physicist, examined the case in some detail years later. There was no on-site investigation but the existence of various versions of the story, narratives originating from the witness "Bossa," provided Dr. Smith some means by which to judge the truth. He discovered serious internal contradictions and discrepancies which make the incident highly suspect. 101.

# 8 May. Detroit, Michigan. (7:15 p.m.)

"Huge pencil?"

Detroit resident Dominic Sondy stepped outside his home at 7:15 p.m. on the 7th of May to check on the weather, a habit of his. The air was warm and the wind a light breeze. Scanning the evening sky, Sondy noticed some low clouds to the northwest. To his surprise, overhead he spotted a strange "narrow shape," white-colored and with perfectly square ends. Tilted at a 30 degree angle, the "pencil" (actually the discription sounds more like a cigarette) moved toward the west. Mr. Sondy's father, Frank Gallagher, was summoned, as was some neighbors. These people provided additional witnesses to the object. Mr. Gallagher peered at the thing with binoculars and saw,he said, a reddish-orange glow around the middle of the slim shape. 102.

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9 May. Arroya Secco Canyon, California. (about noon)

"Huge mass of saucers?"

A woman who was a member of a prominent eastern family wrote a letter to UFO researcher M.K. Jessup which told of a 'mass appearance of saucers." According to the woman, a Mrs. Gwynne D. Mack of Pound Ridge, New York; she was in California on May 9, 1955 when she witnessed an amazing sight. During a drive along a road that wound thru the Arroya Secco Canyon enroute to Mt. Wilson Observatory near Los Angeles, a mass of white-colored, flat-shaped, elliptical objects became visible milling in the air. A guess put the size of the objects at two feet in diameter. She wrote in her missive: "They were circling around one another, in an unhurried, steady motion, and at frequent intervals some of them turned entirely over(Do birds "flip over?"). When the objects did this, they flashed dazzling silver." 103.

Moreover:

"The effect was like an enormous gathering of sea-gulls, soaring together in a close mass. However, they were definitely not birds. Their shape allowed no possibility of head or tail, and there was no movement comparable to wing-motion. When they flashed silver, it was almost blinding. Some of them seemed to be dark at each end of the ellipse." 104.

By the time the car Mrs. Mack was riding in reached a hilltop where she had an unobstructed view of the deep canyon, the objects were gone.

Weather conditions were excellent and Mrs. Mack was sure about her observation. Her credibility is boosted by information received by Coral Lorenzen's APRO organization. In the APRO bulletin there was an account from Montrose, California. It seems that at sunset, May 19th, scores of people contacted authorities concerning mysterious objects "playing tag" in the sky over the Mt. Wilson area. Sheriff deputies and Pasadena police responded to the excitement and saw the objects for themselves: "The objects were definitely disc-shaped and silvery, bunched together, climbed one atop the other or hung motionless in the sky." 105. This quote from the lawmen matched that of Mrs. Mack.

Menzel explains things?

Arch-skeptic Donald Menzel checked into the "Mt. Wilson saucer case" and claimed he found a man that looked at the objects with binoculars and as a result was able to descern birds with dark wingtips. This same fellow, according to Menzel, was supposed to have contacted the California Fish and Game Department and to have discussed the incident with an official. The unnamed official suggested a species of inland pelican as being the UFOs. 105. Dr. Menzel considered this case be a classic in the annals of:"...winged creatures being given an interplanetary label." 106.

11 May. Terryville, Connecticut. (9:45 p.m.)

"It moved fast and in a very funny pattern."

The Hartford  $\underline{\text{Times}}$  informed its readers:

"The sighting of an unidentified flying object by three Terryville residents Wednesday night is being studied today by the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Chio.

"This was disclosed by Major P.C. Hunner, Director of intelligence. Roslyn, L.I., Air Force ase, base of operations for the 26th Division of the Eastern Air Defence Force, which covers this area. 'Major John W. Anderson, commanding officer of the Air Defence Filter Center, New Haven, said that a check through 'routine' channels failed to disclose the nature of the object sighted.

"Although official sources remained otherwise close mouthed about the affair, Mrs. Robert A. Nelson of Terryville, one of the people who saw it, said she was told after reporting the incident, that planes and radar were to be used Wednesday night in an effort to

track the object.

"The other witnesses were Mrs. Nelson's husband, owner of a Bristol service station, and her father, August D' Andrea, Farmington tailor. 'My husband and I first noticed the object when we were out walking, about 9:45 p.m. Wednesday,' said Mrs. Nelson. 'It looked like a regular star until we saw it move.

""We were a little frighten because it looked like a planet that had suddenly gone crazy. It seemed to be large, like Venus, and it had a definite bluish caste to it. It moved fast and in a very

funny pattern.

"'First it went straight up and then it came down in an arc. It set there a few seconds and then it went up at an angle and about double the distance it did the first time. Then it moved almost straight to one side and then straight down.

"That was about 10:00 p.m. We didn't notice any movement after that until close to midnight, although there was a period of per-

haps half an hour when we didn't watch.

"Twice when planes approached it became agitated and moved in irregular patterns. Then about midnight a third plane approached. This thing that was sitting there made a huge arc across the sky in the direction of the plane. It seemed to move a tremendous distance but, of course, it was difficult to judge height and distance and speed.'

"She added. The object seemed to be perfectly round. Once, just before it made the big arc in the sky toward the plane, it seemed flip over on its side. Then it looked flat." 107.

BLUE BOOK has a May 10th report from Terryville that seems unimpressive when reading the brief summary on the project file card. [See reproduced card) However, when the actual teletype is examined, the report is much more interesting:

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12 May 55. Life and Stringfield again.

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The editors of Life informed Stringfield on May 12th that it was "unfortunate" another article on flying saucers could not be included into Life's current publishing schedule, although it might be possible to do so sometime in the future. 109. The reply neatly sidestepped Stringfield's request for an update on the magazine's position on the UFO mystery.

15 May. New York City.

An investigation of "saucer pictures."

In mid-May 1955 a fellow walked into the New York offices of Life with some "saucer photos." The magazine expressed no interest so the man tried again at a newspaper, the New York Journal-American. Apparently the Hearst newspaper had come a long way from its turn-of-the-century proclivity for sensationalism since the Journal-American also rejected the pictures. The newspaper's photo expert was convinced the saucer image had been caused by water vapor on the camera lens. Undaunted, the saucer photographer called on the editor of the New York World-Telegram and Sun. This time the man found a friendly reception with the paper agreeing to rum a picture and a story. In fact, a staff reporter even visited the little Rigberg bookstore on Third Avenue, which boasted the world's largest collection of UFO literature for sale, to get a reaction to the saucer photo. As officials of the Flying Saucer News Club and publishers of the tiny mag Flying Saucer News, the Rigberg's were happy to share an opinion. When the supposed saucer prints were displayed by the reporter, Mr. Rigberg, impressed with the image, exclaimed "Ah-h-h," and related to the newsman that the pictures weren't the first photo of a space ship she had seen. She said she knew a guy in New Jersey that was selling some for a buck each.

Encouraged by the attention now being given his photos, the saucer photographer contacted the Air Force. The local Air Force Office of Special Investigations Unit, District #2, headquartered at 111 East 16th Street, had already obtained some prints and preliminary information through the efforts of Special Agent Frank Auld, in fact it seems the military was keeping tabs on the New York saucer scene since a penciled note on the BLUE BOOK record card dealing with the saucer photo case says "we have a file on the Flying Saucer News."

In response to ATIC's requests, S/A Auld, assisted by S/A Mac Minn, worked on an extensive follow-up on the photo case, checking air traffic scheldules, GOC logs, weather records, etc. The negatives of the pictures were analyzed, and while no retouching was discovered, a lack of clarity and definition caused by imperfect exposure and canera motion made the resulting images all but useless. A number of other factors of a techincal nature also prompted the military to reject the photos.

Of special interest is the judgement of the Air Force agents who called the photographer a "saucer fan," and in doing so, they displayed some awareness of civilian activity. The Air Force case report said:

"...the Source demonstrated more than a cursory knowledge of the terminology and more notorious names of 'Flying Saucer' literature, e.g. Adamski, Keyhoe, Vaeth." 110.

A final Air Force Intelligence evaluation of the case said: "ATIC concurs in the final evaluation awarded the incident. From past experience with cases of a similar nature, quite often an evaluation of the source's background and beliefs will provide a logical explanation for the sighting." 111.

TV UFO debate.

Details are not available but on May 16, 1955 Donald Keyhoe teamed up with UFO author M.K. Jessup to debate UFOs with Willy Ley and the science editor of Time magazine, Jonathan Leonard (the anti-UFO position of Time was understandable if the science editor was willing to take sides in such a public manner!)

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Jessup called the show a "farce." Instead of a serious exchange of views. the anti-UFO Ley and Leonard, in Jessup's words, turned the debate:"...into a childish riot on some dogmatic assimites." 112.

"Large square glow in the sky." (See BLUE BOOK file card)

17 May. San Francisco, California. "Mysterious red light." (See BLUE BOOK file card)

17 May. Life and Stringfield again.

Mystified at what Stringfield interpeted as an "oblique evasion" of his question posed in his orginal March 5th letter, the UFO researcher dashed off yet another missive concerning the extraterestrial theory as applied to the UFO mystery, since it was his impression Life had accepted the alien idea in 1952.

Life, however, continued to ignore any further communications from the Chio saucer investigator. Stringfield judged <u>Life's(and Time's)</u> treatment of the UFO subject as downright "sleasy." 113.

17 May. W. B. Smith and his little clapboard shack at Shirley Bay.

A Canadian newspaper article tells us:

"RADIO MP'S STARTLED BY EXPERT WITNESS."

'With a straight face, an expert witness yesterday told the Commons Radio Committee that while flying saucers were not accountable for television interence they could be blamed 'for a lot of other things.'

"The expert witness was William B. Smith, the engineer-in-charge of the Broadcast and Measurement Section of the Telecommunications Division of the Department of Transport, and he came before the committee to explain some of the technological complications of radio and television.

"But flying saucers were still close to his heart, and he still believed, as he has for some years, that there are such things.

"A tall, dark and intense-eyed young man with an iron-grey brushcut, he was giving the committee the technical explanation for the interference aircraft set up in telecasting when Jean Richard, Liberal MP for East Ottawa broke in to ask: 'Aren't you the Smith who operated the Transport Department's Flying Saucer Sighting Station at Shirley Bay?'

"'That's right.'

'Mr. Richard hesitated a moment, then asked if Flying Saucers accounted for some of the interference that fluttered across television screens. "'No,' replied Mr. Smith evenly, you can't blame flying saucers for TV interference, but you can for a lot of other things.

'Mr. Richard neglected to follow up the intriguing possibilities this

answer might have offered.

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"The resulting silence was broked in a few seconds by Donald Fleming. Conservative MP for Toronto-Eglinton, who wanted to know why Mr. Smith had been 'watching flying saucers.'

"The Saucer Sighting Station had been operated by Transport from August,

1953 to the late summer of 1954 'gain knowledge.'

'Mr. Fleming wanted to know why it had been closed after only a year.

"We were getting nowhere, reported Mr. Smith.

"George D. Weaver, Liberal MP for Churchill, attempted to follow up the inquiry, but Committee Chairman Dr. Pierre Cauthier Liberal MP for Portneuf, ruled him out of order.

"The Commons Radio Committee had been assigned the job of looking into CBC radio and television enterprises, he reminded, not to conduct an inquiry into the Trans port Department's investigation of flying saucers.

"While the committee chairman had ruled out flying saucers, Mr. Smith was quite willing to discuss them with anybody who had the interest and took the trouble to ask.

"He still 'believed."

"I am convinced there are flying saucers, he said as the Committee rose for the day, but I'm in the unhappy position of the police chief who knows who robbed the bank but can't prove it in court.'

"And when he had told the committee the saucer research had been 'getting nowhere' he had been speaking for the Transport Department, not for himself.

"Personally, he had felt further investigation was imperative since there had been one morning when the instruments at the Shirley Bay station had produced what Mr. Smith termed a 'wiggle.' This could be explained by no known atmospheric phenomenon.

"I didn't know then what caused that strange and fascinating instrumentation, he recounted, 'and I don't know now...but the possibilities are

interesting.'

"After a year's operation he had advised the Transport Department that the research should be full and complete with all possible facilities made available, or it should be dropped altogether.

"There was the choice to go all out or get out, he said, and the department decided that the investment in terms of personnel, laboratory facilities and equipment would not be warranted, particularly in the light of the opinion that a great many people held flying saucers in ridicule.'

"Still with a straight face, this telecommunications engineer, who enjoyed the confidence of former Transport Minister Chervier, confided as he left the committee hearing that while he 'believed' there were flying saucers, he didn't know precisely what they were. They could be space vehicles, he said, and then again they might only be some unknown type of 'celestial fireball.'

"The committee after shyly asking a few more shy questions of Mr. Smith returned to the more familiar subjects of television and radio operating licences and the procurements of these highly prized

assets." 114.

17 May.

"Red grapefruits?" (See BLUE BOOK file card)

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20 May.

Release of UFO data.

Stringfield continued to push for official UFO data, writing Capt. White of OPI, USAF, Defense Department, Washington D.C. On May 20th Capt. White wrote back to say:"I know of no plans to release information on individual sightings and doubt that such will take place since we still have the same shortage of investigative personnel." 115.

21 May. Norton AFB, California.

"Silver-gray spheres." (See BLUE BOOK file card)

21 May. Plattsburgh, New York.

"Jet pursues UFO?"

A New York newspaper reported:

"Reports on a series of such sightings have come in from the Platts-

burgh GOC to the Albany Filter Plant.

"The most recent one of a spectacular nature took place on May 21 with four witnesses besides Roddy and Roberts. They sighted the bright 'saucer' at 2:15 a.m., got its picture on Tri-X film, and kept a log on its movements until 2:31 a.m., when the entry says: 'USAF jet plane is heard coming from East. Plane gives pursuit. Object is seen to suddenly spurt ahead. Lost to view of all six men.'" 116.

22 May 55. London, England.

Dorothy Kilgallen's "spooky, chilling, little men story."

(See newsclipping)

A fuller account of Mrs. Kilgallen's claim in a Los Angeles paper reads:

"This official quoted scientists as saying a flying ship of this type could not possibly been constructed on earth. The British Government, I learned, is withholding an official report on the 'flying saucer' examination because it does not wish to frighten the public.

"When my husband (Richard Kollmes, Broadway producer and radio commentator) and I arrived here for a brief vacation, I had no premonition that I would be catapulting myself into the controversy over whether flying saucers are real or imaginary. In the United States all kinds of explanations have been advanced.

"But no responsible official of the United States Air Force has yet intimated the, mysterious flying ships had actually arrived from outer space." 117.

English UFO buffs took a keen interest in the story of course. The Flying Saucer Review

# Briton Certain 'Discs' Come Out of Space

By Dorothy Kitgalien

N. Journal American Reporter
LONDON, May 22 (UP) Li can
report today on a story which
is positively spooky, not to mention chilling

British scientists and airmen, after examining the wreckage of one mysterious flying ship, are convinced these strange aerial objects are not optical illusions or Soviet inventions, but actually are flying saucers—which—originate—on—another planet.

The source of my information is a British official of Cabinet rank who prefers to remain unidentified

"We believe, on the basis of our inquiries thus far, that the asucers were staffed by small men—probably under four feet tath." my informant told mel "It's frightening but there is no denying the flying saucars come from another planet."

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every effort to determine the true facts but without any success, and the London News editor of the International News Service remarked: "We tried hard to get to the source of the story, but drew a blank." 118.

The military reacts. (See newsclipping)

24 May. Loveland, Ohio. (7:48 p.m.)

"UFOs buzz GOC?"

On Lebanon Road in Loveland, Chio, was a Ground Observer tower. On duty the evening of May 24, 1955 was Mrs. Franck Whitecotton, an experienced aircraft spotter, and another woman, name unknown. At 7:48 p.m. four flying saucers in formation passed over so low the women bolted from the GOC enclosure fearing for their safety(no descriptive information was logged). The objects zoomed out of sight to the north. The women returned to their post and phoned in an "Aircraft Flash" report to the regional Filter Center at Columbus.

25 May. Loveland, Chio. (3:30 a.m.)

"He looked as if he'd seen a ghost!"

Approximately 74 hours after the "UFO buzzing," a Robert Humnicut finished his

night shift at his restaurant job and drove home along the Medeira-Loveland road in the Branch Hill district.

In the vicinity of the Hopwell intersection, the headlights of Humnicut's car illuminated three short 'men" kneeling next to the road. Surprised that anyone would be "praying" at that hour in the middle of the road, Humnicut slowed to a stop. It was then that Humnicut could make out the figures clearly and he could see that the 3½ foot tall 'men" were not human but grayish creatures of a humanoid configuration with a wide slit for a mouth, an indistinct nose, and what seemed to be normal eyes(without eyebrows). The head was hairless and featureless except for some prominent wrinkles across the forehead.

A one-piece garment of a gray-colored material covered the bodies of the beings, a covering close fitting over most of the body except below the hips where the material hung loosely. There was a couple of peculiarities about the beings' general appearance that could be noticed at a distance: one arm seemed longer than the other and the upper torso was lopsided.

When encountered, the strange figures were directing their attention to something in the woods on the side of the road, something that was not visible to Humnicut. One of the creatures was holding aloft an object with both hands, arms extended, which appeared to be a rod or chain. This thing was lit up by blue-white sparks jumping back and forth.

### All Sources Pour Cold Water on Flying Disc Tale

The Air Force was highly skeptical yesterday of a report from London that wreckage of a "flying saucer" has been found and examination indicated the device came from outer space.

A representative of the British Defense Ministry in London fatly denied the report.

The United States Rir Force said it would try to determine whether, in fact, "something did crash" in England, but under the circumstances could not feel optimistic that this effort would prove fruitful. Out of about 5000 "saucer" reports in the past seven or eight years, the Air Force says it still lacks one single tangible bit of evidence that a "saucer" has ever flown.

Instead of running away, Hunnicut said he advanced toward the mysterious trio. The creature holding the "rod" lowered it to the ground, and then all three of the beings made a slight motion in Hunnicut's direction, a move the man interpeted as a signal for him not to advance further. This resulted in an estimated three minute standoff with the creatures staring at Hunnicut and Hunnicut staring back.

Missing time?

Humnicut then drove back to town and returned with the Loveland Police Chief John Fritz. No trace of the creatures was found although the men merely drove by the site a number of times. 119.

There is something interesting about the two Stringfield versions of the case. The version just given is based on a 1977 account in Stringfield's book Situation Red. In Stringfield's original account in the 1957 book Saucer Post ...3-0 Blue there is these two sentences:"For about three minutes R.H. said he stood still, just watching --too amazed to be afraid. The next thing he remembered\* he was on his way to Fritz's office." 120.

"UFOnauts?"

While Hunnicut saw no "saucer" in the vicinity during his encounter, he did recall that the local press reported a Loveland GOC UFO sighting that same evening. UFO investigator Ted Bloecher checked on this and found an item in the Loveland Herald about a jet scramble the evening of May 24th in response to the reporting of four UFOs zooming over the city in formation. (See page 71.)

Child's balloon?

The British Air Ministry tried to put a damper on a widely reported UFO sighting by the crew of a Portuguese airliner as the passenger plane flew between Epsom and Deensfold enroute to London, giving credence to the claim of a Dorking area father who asserted the UFO must have been his son's balloon which escaped from the child about that time. The English press reported that radio-officer J.O. Almeida as saying the UFO was moving at "terrific" speed and was an aluminium colored object the likes of which he had never seen before. Flight-engineer Jose Eilva make a remark that indicated the thing might not be a balloon overtaken by the airliner: "The object seemed to approach from the port side and passed right under our nose. To me it looked like a silver cigar. There was no smoke trail from it." 121. (If it was a balloon it would appear to be going in the opposite direction as the passenger plane.) Pilot Capt. Durval exclaimed: "I don't know what it was." 122.

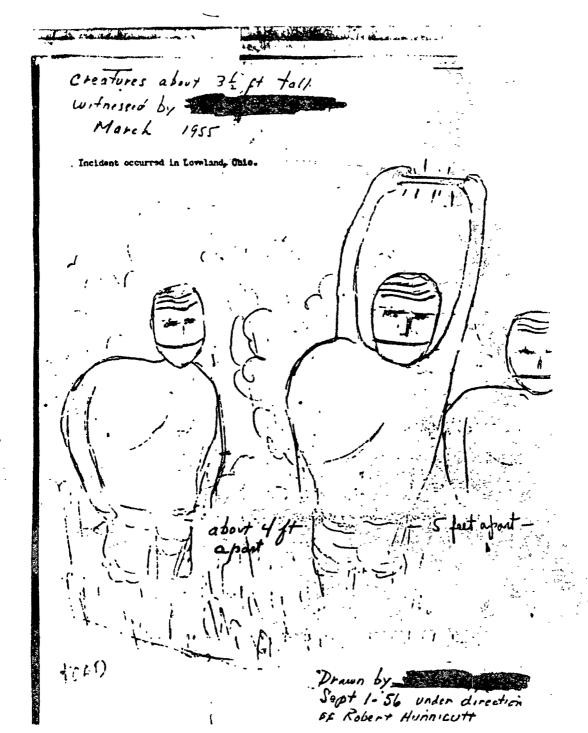
"Not a product of any aviation industry on earth."

For a period of two hours five mysterious objects were obsevered maneuvering in the sky over Pisco Airport in Peru, an airfield approximately 250 miles souther of Lima, the capital.

Flying in circles at about 3,200 meters altitude, the strange objects were watched by at least eight people: pilots, ground personnel, and others that were employed at the airfield.

The best look at the objects was the one by meteorologist Luciane Cardenas who used his theodolite:

<sup>\*</sup> Emphasis mine --- L.E. Gross



'They appeared to be rumboid in shape with brilliant borders and intheir centers toward the rear part were rectangular marks, while from the rest of the surface there was omitted a brilliant white light. 123.

An additional witness was a Peruvian pilot who was puzzled by the objects as he let down to a landing at Pisco Field to refuel. 124.

31 May. Puy-de-Dome, France. (11:00 a.m.)

It was a beautiful morning in the French countryside --clear and clam. Cows grazed peacefully in a meadow on the farm of Jean Baptiste Collange. The French farmer had seen a lot of things in his 70 years of living but nothing like the four-foot-wide circular object he now beheld a short distance away. The thing was glowing, hovering just above the ground. Multi-colored filaments of light radiated from the underside of the strange craft, the white, yellow, and blue rays making the grass flutter. The object then suddenly moved away, vaulting over a hedge and out of sight over a wooded area. 125.

1 June. Liverpool, England.

The Liverpool Echo tells us:

"On June 1st, Mr. Roger Pepper, a 19-year-old cinema projectionist, was in his back garden in 7 Grosvenor Terrace, Dingle, when he saw first three objects and then a fourth. He called his mother, Mrs. M. Pepper, from the house and she saw all four.

'Mr. Pepper said he knew he had perfect eyesight because he had just had his eyes tested. 'And they were not aircraft,' he added. He described the objects as round, silver, shining and very bright. 'First he saw three together, travelling from Birkenhead in the direction of Warrington. Then he saw another following them --then they seemed to disappear, he said. They seemed to be flying much higher than normal aircraft --and to be very large." 126.

2 June. Gatio La Mar, Venezuela.

People living in the Gatio La Mar on the seacoast of Venezuela were amazed, it was reported, when a huge "fieball" dropped out of the sky and hovered about 30 feet above the ground. Those witnesses close enough to see detail claimed they viewed "windows" in the upper portion of the glowing mass. The thing was stationary for minutes before it soared along the beach for some distance and then out of sight. 127.

5 June. 20 miles off the Dutch coast.

"...it may have been a flying saucer."

A reporter for the <u>Eastern Evening News interviewed</u> the skipper of the trawler <u>Grasby</u> after he and his crew of fishermen reported sighting something unusual in the sky while navigating the North Sea. The skipper, John Howard, told a reporter:

"We were 130 miles north-east of Smith's Knott, or 20 miles off the Dutch coast, on Sunday, June 5, at 4 p.m. We were heading north-east and were about to haul our trawl when I saw the object at least 10,000 ft. in the air. "When I first spotted the object I shouted to the thrid Hand, Martin Spalding, and the deck hand on duty. They saw it too. It looked to me like a shining shilling. I got my binoculars on it as I spotted it on the starboard quarter. Its speed was so great that within five minutes it had flashed across the clear sky till it was on our starboard bow and had disappeared.

"I am satisfied that it was no plane. I can only think from what I have read about flying saucers that it must have been something of that character. It must have been going faster than any aircraft I

have ever known or dreamed of." 128.

The sighting was written up in the trawler's log book.

7 June. Fecamp, France.

In western France a shiny object was watched for 15 minutes as it moved slowly from the southwest to the northwest. A.M. Comus, who was a Marine inspector and the director of a school of hydrography, checked out the UFO with a pair of binoculars. He said the thing was disk-shaped and glowed orange in its center portion. 129.

9 June. Sumburst, North Carolina. (Early morning)
"Birds?"

The Sumburst paper related:

"A farmer reported sighting a flock of strange aerial objects flying in and out of formation over the Western North Carolina mountains today.

"Allen Jones of Sumburst said he was fishing on Lake Logan near here when he sighted the objects in the rosy light of early morning. "'I heard a noise like a swarm of bees,' he said. I looked up and saw these five objects about 1,500 feet up. They were rusty brown color.'

"From Jones' position on the lake the objects appeared 'about the size of the inside of an automobile tire' and apparently were small. He said the objects 'definitely' were not jet planes, although they moved very rapidly in and out of formation:

"'They swept off in an easterly direction toward 5,794 foot Mt. Pisgah,' he said." 130.

9 June. Enid, Oklahoma. (9:30 p.m.)

Weird weather?

Residents of Enid reported a brightly lit flying saucer "cutting fancy turns and swooping" in various directions on June 9th. At 9:30 p.m. it seems that a John Pash and a Mrs. Annie L. Dixon observed the object.

At the same time(9:30 p.m.) two men in a car north of Enid approaching the city spotted something in the air over Enid they believed was a hail cloud so they reduced speed to avoid it.

When contacted, weather officials at Vance AFB suggested the possibility the hot atmosphere and unusual clouds were responsible for the UFO sightings. 131.

The Times and Pry.

While UFOs continued to buzz the nation, the New York Times took another swipe at the objects with a cartoon on June 9th titled: "Saucer sorcery." In the meantime contactee Dan Fry still managed to draw a crowd of 459 people to hear him speak at \$1.50 per person. Not a bad take in 1955 dollars. (See newspaper clipping)

10 June. Petare, Venezulea. (8:00 p.m.)

Newsmen became excited when word reached them of flying saucers swarming over the town of Petare. Reporters, rushing to the scene, located the principal witness, Gonzalo Laguna Reyes, and pumped him for the details. Reyes had quite a tale to tell. According to him a squadron of "flattened, ball-like, machines trailing smoke" swooped down to a landing on a hilltop near town. Reves was the sole witness to this saucer appearance until he summoned the rest of his family. The others arrived in time to see the "flattened balls" on the ground and to see:"...signs of movements of the occupants." 132. All of the witnesses agreed to climb the hill to get a better look at the five craft but the strange objects took off in the direction of Cartotta airfield, 133.

12 June 55. Kigoma, Tanganyika. (no time)

A silver-colored object came out of the southern sky and then remained stationary over the bay off shore from the town of Kigoma. As a small group of people, including the District Commissioner's wife Mrs. W.B. Davis, watched the object move again after about five minutes, the UFO taking a course that carried it to the west and into a cloud. When contacted, the local Meteorolical Department informed investigators no balloons releases had been scheduled that day. 134.

13 June 55.

"Everything was lovely and then..."

Preparing material for a proposed TV panel discussion, Frank Edwards and a program producer visited the Navy Department in the Pentagon to reqest a few unclassified military rocket photos, ones that had been issued to the press previously as a matter of routine. Navy officials told them that there would be no problem. Up to that point, Edwards later told Donald Keyhoe, "everything was lovely," but then it became known the pictures were to be used in a TV show about flying saucers. The Navy then flatly refused to make any of their material available. The official handling the matter told Edwards: "He had strict orders not to cooperate on any publicity connected with flying saucers." 135.

Flying Saucer Ride Related By Lecturer

CHICAGO (UP) — His face as selemn as you please, Daniel W. Fry told Thursday night how he's been buzzing about in flying saucers.

An audience of 459 persons said \$1.50 apiece to hear the Puente, Calif., native tell of zipping about the country at speeds of 8,000 miles an hour.

Fry said he was in Chicago "by popular demand" Actually, soost of the visitors had been inwited to the lecture by a local organization.

"On July 4, 1850, a saucer landed in the desert near White Bands, N. M., at my very feet," he said.

Fry went on to describe how he was about to touch the saucer when a voice said: "Better not touch that, pai, it's still bot." There was nobody in the

There was nobody in the sauces Fry said, because "the extra-terrestrial beings were in a mother ship, some \$00 miles above the earth."

The spacemen coaxed him into the saucer, Fry said, and he went zooming off to New York and back at a speed of 8,000 miles an hour. The whole trip took half an hour, he said.

Fry emphasized that the spacemen picked him for the jaunt because he didn't believe in flying saucers. 14 June. LOOK magazine. More on the A.V. Roe rumor.

Assigning the "ships from another planet" theory to science-fiction fans, the editors of LOOK(second only to Life in the magazine market), suggested that a Canadian Roe-type aircraft was feasible and might be flying around causing saucer sightings, that the Roe rumor was "persistent and fairly credible. 136. (See article)

15 June, Anita, Iowa.

Something zoomed over Anita, Iowa, on the 15th. Witnesses spoke of a blue-white cigar-shaped object with a red jet exhaust travelling at less than 1,000 feet in the air and making a barely audible hiss. This "cigar" was quite possibly a meteor although, oddly enough, just six days later(the 21st) at Skokie, Illinois, another mysterious cigar-shaped object was seen. A Mrs. W.E. Johnson of Skokie said the thing passed over her backyard at treetop level. 137.

15 June. Bryan AFB, Texas.

Strange cylindrical object.

According to T/Sgt. Everett Woolum, Weather Observer, Forcaster and Meteorologist, he saw a smooth, solid-looking airfoil-like object moving at high speed. An Air Intelligence Information document states:

"SOURCE sighted object from observer tower located directly in front of Base Weather Station at Bryan AFB, Texas. At the time the SOURCE was making a rawinsonde observation when a cylindrical shaped object appeared travelling at an estimated speed of five hundred to six hundred miles per hour. Object was first sighted in the southwest quadrant, shifting in heading from ten to twenty degrees, and then disappearing in the northwest quadrant at approximately thirty degrees elevation. Object then reappeared in the southwest quadrant. Object was last sighted in northwest quadrant in a straight trajectory, changing course to a heading of two hundred and seventy degrees and then disappearing at an approximate elevation of thirty degrees over the horizon. SOURCE stated that the object was sighted for no more than thirty seconds at each sighting and object would then disappear. Object would disappear for a ten minute period of time and then reappear for about thirty seconds. 138.

16 June. Baltimore, Maryland.

Multi-colored oval. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

16 June. Mystery alert.

A jittery Donald Keyhoe learned that every Air Defense Command post across the country went on the alert the night of June 16, 1955. Jet interceptors were ordered aloft to check on reported mystery intruders over the East Coast, the Northwest, and West Coast regions. The public got wind of the military activity and at least one Air Force Filter Center, the one at Baltimore, even commented about the flood of phonecalls it received from the public. 139.

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## Is this the real **FLYING**

LOOK
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DESPITE BUNDREDS OF "eyewitness" accounts of dying saucers, none has been captured and no government has come forward to take credit (or blame) for their reported aerial shenanigans. So, barring the possibility that the saucers are from other planets (a theory ardently supported by science-fiction fans), it seems reasonable to conclude that "there ain't no such animal."

But persistent and fairly credible rumors recur that a Canadian aircraft manufacturer, A. V. Ros, Canada, Lid., has had a saucer design under development for two years. One report has it that the project was abandoned by the Canadian government because it would cost over \$15 million to get a prototype flying model into the air. The A. V. Roe people maintain a confusing silence about the whole thing. They can't deny the project has been abandoned because they never announced it had begun. Our own Air Force offers "no comment."

At a recent meeting of engineers, it was indicated that, while flying saucer or sphere projects may still be purely hypothetical, new air-defense problems are setting up requirements for aircraft performance that would seem to be most ideally met by a saucer craft such as is illustrated above

One problem, recently stated by Brig Gen. Benjamin Kelsey, deputy director of research and development of the Air Force, is thus. "Air-planes today spend too much time gathering speed on the ground and not enough flying in the air." Today's fighters, he pointed out, need extremely long runways and there are few in existence that are now long enough These few, and the concentration of planes using them, provide a worth-while target for an A-bornb. With a single blow, the enemy might crupple a substantial portion of our air defense.

Planes that could take off vertically would not need long runways, which cost millions of dollars. They could be dispersed widely and safely. In this country, four vertical-rising aircraft already have been revealed. All but one, however, are modifications of conventional plane designs. None yet approaches the performance a true saucer might be capable of.

What are the requirements of an ideal defense fighter? 1) Ability to take off and land vertically; 2) high speed of over Mach. 2 (more than 1800 mph); 3) high rate of climb, 4) axcellent maneuverability; 3) heavy armament; 6) ability to operate at 60,000 feet.

These sketches indicate a highly educated guess of what a flying saucer to fulfill ineae requirements would look like It provides for a one-man crew, housed in a glass bubble that would provide excellent visibility. The prone position of the pilot not only allows improved streamlining but also enables the pilot to withstand high accelerations and quick turns. The design contemplates use of cannon, rockets or guided missiles. Exact armament would depend on the mission. The target would be sighted by rader, and actual fring would be computed and accomplished electronically, as in several interceptors now in operation.

### SAUCER?

Power unit is key to design. The whole success of the saucer design depends on the unusual engine. The aketched design is remarkably similar to a conventional jet engine but is many times larger. It consists of a set of combustion chambers and a large turbine. These produce blasts of propulsive air around the circumference of the saucer. Air entering the intakes around the pilot's cockpit is deflected to the engine. This pressurized air is swept up by the impeller, with a subsequent rise in pressure and temperature. Next, the air goes to the combustion chamber, where fuel is added and ignited and a propulsive gas is formed. The hot gases rish through the turbine blades, in the process turning the impeller wheel. The gas then expands and exhausts at high velocity through the many-fingered jet pipes. The large turbine acts as a stabilizing gyroscope keeping the plane level even when it is hovering.

Design is structurally strong. The saucer shape lends itself to ingineering for strength much more readily than a conventional sir-craft does, with its long fuselage, thin wings and troublesome tail unit. The simple saucer shape makes structural rigidity much less of a problem. New materials will also come into the picture. Titanium, for example, is 60 per cent heavier than aluminum but with qualities of steel and is not as vulnerable to temperature effects as the light alloys now used in superionic planes.

Landing problems are simple. In contrast to present vertical take-off designs, the saucer need not make a touchy stall-type landing. It is already in the correct flight attitude for landing and only the forward jets need be switched on and all jets deflected downward to provide the necessary lift to hover and land.

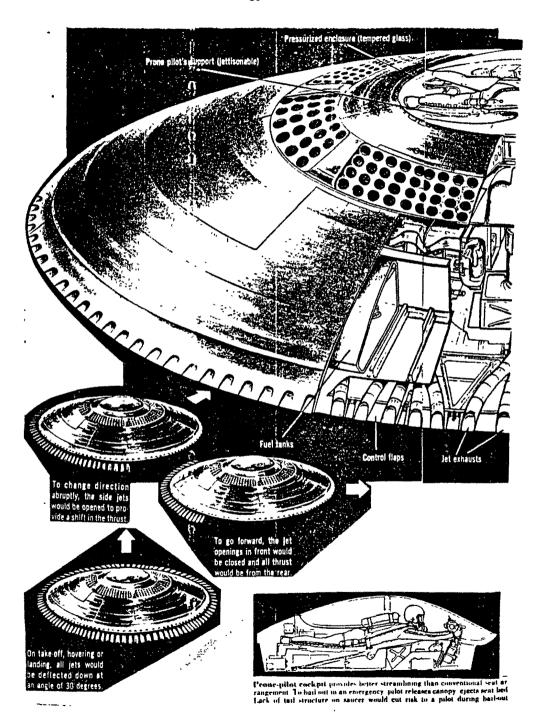
This description is brief and highly simplified. Military security and rapidly changing defense problems not only cloud many details of a project like this but also obscure whether anything comparable actually exists. But based on the current requirements of our defense effort and the demonstrated abilities of our designers, an educated guess is that a flying saucer much like this one may well be flying within the next few years.

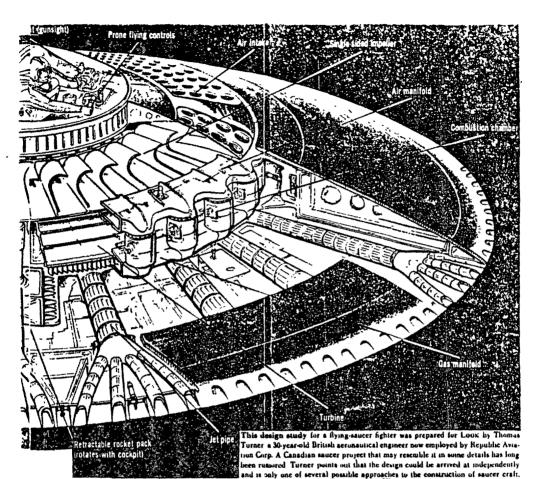
Close-up of one of the many jet exhaust ports around the source a circumfervace shows how hit is achieved. When the lower flap is defected, the jet blast is diverted downward. Air above the saucer then flows down with the jet stream. This reduces pressure on the top surface and the pressure on the top surface and the pressure of ifference between the upper and lower surfaces causes the saucer to rise. Deflected joss provide additional lift.

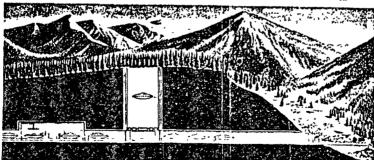


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Saucer's many-fingered jet pipes provide lift and directional control for the craft







Future airports built for vertically rising flying saucers would have no need of the long, vulnerable runways today's fighters require. The complete operation could go underground Tunnels with take off-shafts set into the ground, complete with main tenance bays, fuel and crew quarters, would be iombiproof shelters for a saucer squadron. The shafts would be easied after take off for camoutlage and protection.

World's first flying saucer TV show.

A comment in the Los Angeles saucer mag 'SAUCERS' called the show:"TV's First Flying Saucer Program." 140.

Two unlikely saucer enthusiasts were Don Adams and Earl Muntz(the same Muntz who manufactured Muntz television sets that were popular in the 50s and Adams was a Muntz associate who had TV receiver dealerships in St. Louis, Missouri; Gary, Indiana; and Chicago, Illinois.) These two men were avid readers of saucer books and came to believe in the aerial objects and government secrecy regarding the mystery.

Adams and Muntz agreed to sponsor a modest 15 minute Summer replacement show about flying saucers starring disk buff John Otto. Otto directed and produced the effort over the ACB affiliate WBKB Chicago. The initial program aired 8:15 p.m. June 19, 1955 with the title:"Let's Go Out Of This World With John Otto." In spite of the show's amateur characteristics, in time letters to the station about the TV effort reached a 1,000 a week, an amazing amount.

Within four weeks Otto had a 15 second "Listen and Watch for Space Visitors" period during a show. As usual no contact was established but Otto was not discouraged: "The time is not far off when the visitors will come in regularly on any program on which they are invited to do so. And everyone will have an opportunity to see actual pictures taken on other planets."

The show was not renewed in the Fall but continued to be aired over radio on WAAF Chicago 7:45 Sunday evenings. 142.

20 June. Dallas, Texas. (10:10, 10:17, 10:30 p.m.)
Marine Captain and others observe strange object.

Captain Richard S. Barry, U.S. Marine Corps, who did post graduate work at Duke University and who was quite familar with the latest jets, told Air Force investigators he saw something very odd. In the official report(below) the Captain is referred to as the "SOURCE." The report read:

"On Monday evening, 2200 CST 20 June 1955, SOURCE'S neighbor, Mr. John Stewart, visited SOURCE and asked him to step outside. They did, and Mr. Stewart pointed to the heavens in a southwesterly direction(generally toward the city of Dallas, Texas). The SOURCE sighted a dull red object which was changing in color to a glowing whitish-yellow. The object dropped from a seventy degree elevation to a forty degree elevation. The SCURCE could made no estimate as to the altitude of the object. The object appeared to hover momentarily, and then accelerate in speed. SOURCE estimated this speed to be greater than that of any jet aircraft he had ever observed. After this burst of speed, the object was sighted again in the western part of the sky, and again seemed to be hovering momentarily. SOURCE immediately rushed indoors to get his binoculars(eight by thirtyfive in measurement). He returned in time to focus the binoculars on the object before it faded in the northeastern sector of the sky. Thru the binoculars, the object appeared to be round, flat and red in color. Three lights appeared to be in a straight line, horizontal to the path of flight of the object. SOURCE estimated the total time of the sighting to be approximately sixty to ninety seconds. A total of ten minutes time elapsed before the object was sighted for

"Three white lights preceeded by a red glow. (See witness drawing) AIR, INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT 2D-5-55 PART ONE object drawn by Richard S. Barry

the second time. It appeared from the west and traveled straight toward the SOURCE. The object was changing from a red to a vellow -white in color. The object came out of the west at an angle of sixty degrees, veering to the right and then disappeared in the northeast. Upon viewing the object thru the binoculars, the SOURCE stated that there were three brilliant whitish-yellow lights in a straight line with a red light in the lead.

"The third sighting was quite similar to the first. The colors were the same and the object appeared and disappeared in the same areas. This time, however, the object did not appear to hover." 143.

23 June. Utica, New York.

'Must certainly be classed as an unknown."

A Mohawk Airlines DC-3 was cruising at 3,000 feet in the V-2 Albany-Boston airlane about 15 miles east of Utica, a little after noontime on June 23rd. The weather was clear for flying except for an overcast. The airliner was flying about 1,000 feet below the overcast where the visibility was good. The passenger plane was experiencing an uneventful flight, speeding along at 160 knots, when the pilot and co-pilot spotted a strange object passing by at great velocity, 500 feet above and at an angle of 70 degrees. The UFO was round and of a light gray color. It passed so close a "center line" on its surface could be seen, as could several "windows" or openings from which there was emitted a strong light of a blue-green color. The men at the controls of the Mohawk Airliner observered the UFO diminish in size as it quickly moved away down the airlane.

Radio chatter over an open frequency disclosed the fact that two other airliners and Albany Tower had also witnessed the passage of the UFO. A short time later it was reported Boston radar had tracked an unknown passing over the city and then out to sea at a speed of 4,500 miles per hour. The pilot of the Mohawk plane, Captain Robert W. Fox, did not file a CIRVIS and apparently no one else did. This case is not in BLUE BOOK files. Fox gave UFO researcher Raymond Fowler the information as it was recorded in his Mohawk

Airlines logbook. 144.

This case was included in the Condon Report (p.143) and project staff evaluator Gordon Thayer wrote:"...a most intriquing report, that must certainly be classed as an unknown pending further study, which it certainly deserves. Statements from some of the other witnesses involved would help in analyzing the event, and should prove useful even 13 years after the fact." 145.

Within five days of the Condon Report release, Scientist James E. McDonald attacked the project results, saying that cases like the Utica incident had witnesses that were not queried in a review of the reports that remained unexplained:"I found on interviewing key witnesses as part of my cross-check on the Condon Report, that no one from Colorado had ever talked to the witness. . es." 146.

25 June.

Did a UFO put the lights out at Washington National Airport?

Donald Keyhoe makes a reference to this case but did not have the details as given in BLUE BOOK files. The first person to spot the UFO was the son of a Congressional Administrative Assistant. The Congressional Aide's name was a Mr. "Zumwalt" who rushed to a neighbor's house to get more witnesses. Fortunately there were some good witnesses available. One was a Major Curdes of the Office of Manpower & Organization, MATS Hdq., Andrews AFB, Maryland; who also happened to have a senior pilot rating; and a Lt. Colonel "Rhodes" with the DCS/Plans, MATS Hdq, Andrews AFB, Maryland, who also happened to be a senior pilot. 147.

An Air Force investigator wrote:

"Observers state that several searchlights were trained on the UFO and that the lights went out when the beam approached the UFO. The ceiling lights at Washington National Airport went out when the UFO passed over..." 148.

A check with the Silver Hill Weather Observatory, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, determined that a small weather balloon carrying a magesium flare was released at 10:45 EST, the same time as the sighting of the UFO and the drift of the balloon compared well with the strange object reported. The judgement of BLUE BOOK that the UFO was a balloon seems reasonable and the extinguishment of the ceiling lights must therefore be considered a coincidence. 149.

26 June. Holt, Florida.

"Unreliable observer?"

The file card in BLUE BOOK records says of this case: "Several witnesses, both civilian and military. 'Disc-shaped, blue-white with 10-14 blinking lights." 150.

BLUE BOOK scientific advisor J. Allen Hynek later wrote of this case: "Air Force evaluation: Unreliable observer.' On the basis of interviewing one witness found to be 'unreliable,' the case is dismissed. What about the other witnesses? Get rid of the report, no matter how!" 151.

27 June. Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

A snippet in an American newspaper reported: "Albert Ashworth and his 17-year-old son reported sighting a flowing, purposeful, sausage-shaped object traveling over the sea near Port Elizabeth, South Africa. 152.

28 June. San Antonio, Texas.

"Silver dollars."

A news report said:

"A report that one 'flying saucer' soared over the San Antonio area Tuesday is incorrect, a man identifying himself as R.A. Mathews of 907 West Rosewood Avenue telephoned the San Antonio News Thursday.

"There really were two,' he said.

"Fred Hites and E.M. Viliarreal, both employees of the city waste disposal department, reported Wednesday they had seen a round-shaped craft at about the same time although both were at their homes 15 miles apart.

'Mathews said he and his wife were driving on Hwy. 281 about 15 miles north of San Antonio Tuesday when they saw two objects

'shaped like silver dollars' flying east at a high altitude. One was somewhat higher than the other, 'as if in formation,' Mathews said.

'Mathews said he felt he should report what he saw although 'I have been reading about those things and I don't believe it much.'" 153.

30 June. Near Pantelleria Island, Mediterranean Sea.

"Mysterious cigar-shaped body." (See BLUE POOK document)

A radio message of the Duten tanker Gadia has received at anterdem on 30 June 55 according to which the Captain, the first officer and the radio operator observed during morning hours, a cigar-shaped body in about 7,000 meters altitude over the Mediterranean Sea. This body emitted a strong light, at first fell from the sky, then stood slightly wavering at the mentioned altitude for about 16 minutes, and finally became smaller and smaller until it disappeared entirely. This phenomenon was observed by other tankers, and appeared in the vicinity of Pantelleria Island.

30 June. "Little men in cracked up saucers."

After a UFO lecture in the San Jose, California, auditorium; a member of the audience, Bill Raub, approached speaker Robert Gardner. Mr. Raub questioned Gardner closely, and Gardner, pressed, claimed to have:"... talked to several men, including doctors, who actually examined little men from cracked up saucers in Mexico." 154.

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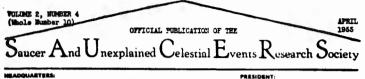
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