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TV Production Includes APRO Staff Members

Landing In Africa

Shortly after midnight, on the 15th of September, a "flying saucer" landed on a highway near Pretoria, South Africa and was seen taking off by two policemen, Koos de Klerk and John Lockem. The two officers were out on a mission to a farmhouse and on their way back saw what appeared to be a "sea of flames" on the highway ahead of them. Some ten seconds later, they saw a top-shaped object which ascended at high speed and took off into the northwest. No noise was heard, but jets of flame spurted from the underside of the object through two openings.

A circular area of the asphalt highway covering (about six feet in diameter) was found to be burning and grass on both sides of the road was also slightly scorched. The asphalt continued to burn for some time after the object left. The two officers said they had passed the spot some 5 minutes before and had detected nothing abnormal.

Samples of the asphalt were taken and examined, and a technician at the Public Works Department at Pretoria said that a gasoline fire could not possibly have caused the burning of the road surface. Both officers are considered to be dependable and the report was being seriously investigated.

Object Tracked On Radar In Venezuela

The Airport Control Tower at Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, tracked an unidentified object at 30,000 feet altitude which flew from south to north until it was out of sight over the Caribbean sea. Several residents in Boyaca Street saw the luminous object which appeared to have movements similar to those of the earth namely, precession and rotation. The UAO appeared suddenly and noiselessly south of the city at 7:05 p.m., went out of sight in the north about 15 minutes later. The precession movement was "inferred" by the brilliant gyrating glares given off by the object.

Two "Martians" Seen In Mountain Snows

Mr. Sebastian Mancha, Lt. Governor of Santa Barbara, Peru, reported to authorities that he saw two 80 centimeter high little men walking on the snow beside Ceulacocha Lake on September 12. Mancha, after observing them for about two minutes, said that they "disappeared" in the "middle of a deafening noise." Later, hundreds of farmers and local authorities saw five unconventional disc-shaped flying objects which maneuvered over the area for about three minutes. The "flotilla" was led by a huge disc, which was much larger than the other four.

More Sightings Over Spain

From Madrid, Spain, came the report that on the 17th of September, a UAO was seen hovering over Medina del Campo for several hours. Mr. Heliodoro Carrión took off in his light plane and went to 15,000 feet where he discerned the shape and color of the object. It was triangular and white, and during his observation an Iberian Airlines jet plane passed by. Comparing the two (the jet was at 24,000 feet) he estimated the size of the UAO as four times larger than the jet.

At Baza, in the Province of Granada, a white rectangular-shaped object which ended in a cone, hovered for five hours.

UAO Over Jordan

A guard at a farmhouse near Naplus, Jordan, reported that at 2 a.m., on the 15th of August, 1965, he saw an elongated bright object with the color of flame which maneuvered as if searching for something on the ground, then began to land slowly. The guard became frightened and fired at the object with his gun, whereupon it left at high speed. Another resident of Naplus reported seeing an "elongated bright object" passing over the city at about the same time. The latter witness said the object was "flame-like" and the guard commented that the thing he saw gave off reddish lights from its side.

In late January, Mr. Lorenzen was contacted by one of the producers of NBC-TV's "The Open Mind" and asked for suggestions concerning the production of a panel discussion on UFOs. It seems that the producer had contacted three well-known American scientists in the United States concerning who to contact, and APRO was recommended highly in all three instances.

We were notified that Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consulting astrophysicist for the Air Force's Project Bluebook, and John Fuller of Saturday Review would be members of the panel. Mr. Fuller had investigated the Exeter, New Hampshire sightings which he reported on in LOOK magazine. The moderator was Eric Goldman, of President Johnson's advisory staff.

Mr. Lorenzen suggested that the discussion maintain a high scientific level and submitted the names of four scientists whom he felt could do the most effective job. Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, expert on Mars biology, and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, social psychologist, were picked by the production staff.

At this writing, the show has not been viewed by the APRO staff in Tucson. However, Dr. Salisbury and Dr. Sprinkle kindly submitted a short report. Unfortunately the excellent visual material in the form of paintings of two good reports submitted by staff artist Richard Beal were not used due to the lively nature of the discussion. They were illustrations of the famous Gill Case of Boinai, New Guinea, which was carefully documented by both Peter Norris and Reverend Crutwell and the Strauch case of St. George, Minnesota.

The following are excerpts from Dr. Salisbury's letter concerning the show: "I think all in all it was an extremely successful program from the standpoint of UFO research . . . The discussion became, to say the least, a very lively and even heated one! We did not have a chance to make our introductory comments but just started right in talking to each other. As I remember, the mod-

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APRO Pacesetter in UFO Field

Taking into consideration the recep-
tion given Dr. Fontes by NICAP mem-
bers during his recent visit to the United
States, it appears that APRO's hard-
fought battle for recognition of certain
UFO evidence is nearly ended. NICAP
has been one of the groups which re-
sisted the idea of landing and UFO oc-
cupants reports until the famed Socorro
incident of 1964.

Dr. Fontes dealt with the possibility
of hostility in the 1950s after a careful
study of all of the evidence available at
the time. He found the pattern of mili-
tary, biological and ecological surveys

now being cited by Frank Edwards, a
NICAP member quite often quoted on
radio and in news releases. It appears
that Dr. Fontes' prowess as an investi-
gator and theorist is now well establish-
ed. He has been recognized as an expert
in the field by all outstanding UFO re-
search groups in Europe, Australia and
South America for several years.

Mrs. Lorenzen's book, "The Great Fly-
ing Saucer Hoax" cited these theories,
and included her prediction that the
basic necessary life resources of earth
would come under scrutiny in the future,
namely electrical power and water. The
latter had come about in the last five
years.

APRO is now expanding its resources
as well as its membership. There is a
necessity for more detailed coverage of
all sightings both in the United States
and overseas. We need people who are
willing to cooperate, investigate and par-
ticipate in order to effect as complete
coverage of reports as possible before
the next wave. Current theories being
worked out concerning possible future
projects of the UAOs will be published
as soon as possible.

Fontes Visits U.S.A.

Doctor Olavo T. Fontes, APRO's Bra-
zilian representative, visited the U.S.
from the 23rd of January through the
18th of February when he departed by
jet for Rio. During his stay he was in
Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Tucson, Wash-
ington, D.C., Boston, Massachusetts, and
New York City.

Eight days were spent in Tucson and
besides the usual round of visiting, and
sightseeing trips, a general meeting at-
tended by 16 of the local members was
held. Dr. Fontes related some of the
many sightings of UAOs in South Am-
erica during the 1965 "flap."

In Los Angeles, ex-APRO member
Idabel Epperson held a reception for
Dr. Fontes at her home which was hosted
by the NICAP subcommittee there.
About 18 attended, including several
APRO members and ex-APRO members,
and Gerald Heard, author of "Is An-
other World Watching?"

At Washington, eight NICAP mem-
bers, including Richard Hall, visited Dr.
Fontes at his suite in the Mayflower.

Dr. Fontes' trip fortuitously found him
in New York from the 12th of February
until his departure on the 18th, during
which time he attended the taping of
the NBC-TV production, "Open Mind"
which concerned the subject of UFOs.
Dr. Sprinkle and Dr. Salisbury of
APRO's advisory staff were panelists on
the show and the three men were able

to meet, along with John Fuller of Satur-
day Review, after the show.

During his plane's stopover in Ch-
icago on the way from Tucson to Wash-
ington, Jacques Vallee, author of "Ana-
tomy of a Phenomenon," met Dr. Fontes
at the airport and they were able to
visit and exchange ideas. All in all, Dr.
Fontes' trip was productive and stimu-
lating.

What DID Hynek Say?

The press accounts of Dr. J. Allen
Hynek's November statement concerning
UFOs were grossly misrepresented in
some instances. Appearing on "Your
Right To Say It" a TV show in Chicago,
Hynek reiterated his belief that "we are
not being visited by people from outer
space." He is the consulting astrophys-
icist for the Air Force's UFO program,
"Project Bluebook" at Wright Patterson
Air Force Base.

Hynek also said that UFOs exist—as
reports, and that much could be gained
by studying the people who make the
reports. He said that reports keep com-
ing in at a rate of better than one a day
—and not from crackpots, but from solid
citizens and even technically-trained
men.

Some of the headlines concerning this
statement, for instance, read: "UFO Fans
May Be studied," etc. We attempt to
clarify this in the interest of accuracy.

Newsman Reports Sighting

In his column of the 6th of August,
St. Paul Dispatch columnist Dick Hat-
field described his sighting of a "minia-
ture ferris wheel" which moved in a
straight line across the sky from north
to south. Hatfield said he was on the
balcony outside his apartment in New
Brighton, Minn., when he spotted the
object or objects. The object was at
about 45 degrees elevation in the east,
and seemed to be either one object with
on each red, green, yellow, silver and
white light affixed to its circumference,
or it was a tight formation of different
color single objects. The approximate
size was compared to a nickel held at
arm's length, about twice the size of full
moon and Hatfield estimated its altitude
at about 2,000 feet, but taking note of
the fact that he had no way of knowing
the exact altitude. Hatfield said the ob-
ject's lights (he was personally convinced
it was one object) blinked on and c
in a rhythmic pattern and were the rich
color of Fourth of July fireworks. It
flew a straight, level flight and disap-
peared into the south.

TV . . .

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erator asked John Fuller about his researches up in New Hampshire and pretty soon Mr. Menzel began talking about how there wasn't a shred of evidence to support any kind of extraterrestrial spaceship hypothesis in any of the sightings. In the course of his quiet little discussion he commented that the New Hampshire sightings were strictly "run-of-the-mill" . . . "I was impressed with Hynek's comments. He made the statement, of which he has already been quoted several times, that he simply couldn't believe they were extraterrestrial spaceships. The right angle turns and such things seemed to simply go against the laws of physics in ways that were not only impossible in terms of what we now know but in terms of the universe in general . . . He then, however, went on to state that the entire situation was a most perplexing one, since he could find no explanation whatsoever for many of the sightings . . . He read excerpts from a number of letters which had been sent to him from people who were truly perplexed and absolutely convinced that they had witnessed some sort of real object, not a mirage or other effect as suggested by Menzel . . . These quotations were extremely impressive, to me, at least . . . I managed finally to get across the one point I had hoped to mention in my introduction, namely that I did not initiate my study of the UFO phenomenon with the negative conviction that there could be no intelligence in the solar system except on the earth. I briefly outlined the arguments which favor an intelligence on Mars and which originally led me to the study of the UFOs . . . There was also considerable discussion by Sprinkle of the psychological aspects of the phenomenon. These were very good and again should help the overall picture considerably." Unquote.

The tapes of the show are scheduled to be shown at various times on the National Educational Network. Unfortunately there has been insufficient time, with investigations, preparations for the show (which was felt to be important), Bulletin editing, etc., for the staff to get notices out to members in sufficient time so that they could view it. However, when the show is played in the Arizona area, an audio tape will be made and a complete wrap-up will be presented in a future Bulletin. Also, members in key areas have been notified of the show's existence with instructions to notify others. We feel that this UFO discussion will be another milestone in

APRO's history. And a significant one, too, for APRO began its 15th year on January 1, 1966—the oldest UFO organization in the world.

UAO Buzzes Hotel In Australia

On the 28th of May, 1965, James Tilse, hotel owner and commercial pilot, reported to the press that his hotel, "The Retreat," located 40 miles from Mackay in Queensland, was "buzzed" by an object which looked like a moon with a bank of floodlights on the leading edge. Tilse said he was alerted by two boarders, and at first thought the object was the moon until clouds moved away from the moon and he saw it and the object at the same time. The incident took place at midnight on the 23rd.

When first seen, the object was an estimated 500 yards away, and when Tilse got outside it began to move very slowly, making a buzzing sound. Tilse said there was a large, black disc on the top of it and that three legs appeared from the base. It came in toward the hotel from a northeasterly direction.

The object moved toward the hotel, away from it again, and then sideways, then back to the original position. Then it rose slowly into the air, accelerated rapidly and disappeared at high speed. The next day, Tilse reported, he and others found scorch marks about 15 feet across on several trees in the areas where the object had hovered.

Tilse estimated that the object had 20 to 30 lights, was 30 feet across and said the place where it hovered or possibly landed was about 400 yards from the hotel. He notified police immediately when the object approached the hotel, and his call was met with ridicule. He and the two other men said the object stayed in the area approximately 40 minutes.

Landing On Rooftop in Peru

Twenty students and their teachers observed the landing of a UAO on a school rooftop in Lima, Peru on the 24th of August 1965. Lima newspapers carried the story, but the teacher and the students, 20 girls, preferred to remain anonymous. The group was attracted to the rooftop by strange sounds and went to investigate. They found a disc-shaped luminous object which was very bright and vibrating. They were all badly frightened and rushed back into the building. One enterprising young lady grabbed her camera and rushed back to photograph the object but it had taken off, leaving a trail of white smoke. It was gone in seconds.

Power Outages Accompanied By Flashes

At about 8 p.m. on the night of 26 November, 1965, East St. Paul, Minnesota experienced some unusual phenomena which coincided with momentary blackouts. The action began "shortly after 8 p.m.," when two people, Nick DeVara and Mark Wilcox, at the intersection of Maryland and Supornick Lane saw a light which resembled a welding light in the sky. It was huge, DeVara said, and as it passed overhead, the lights in a nearby service station went out and then came back on after it had gone.

A bit north of the location where DeVara saw the blue light, all the lights and appliances at the Don Roush residence, went dead. It was 8:15, and shortly afterward Mrs. Roush said her son came home and said he had seen a blue light in the sky at the time. A motorist in the area also reported the same type of light which coincided with the failure of his car radio and lights.

South of the area where the Roushes live, on Warner Road, at about 9 p.m. Michael Rodriguez was driving east when he saw a blue light apparently on the ground toward the south. The drivers of two other cars stopped and got out to look at the light, Rodriguez said. He also reported that the light appeared and disappeared three times as he continued on his way. At about the same time Russell Hoff turned off Highway 61 onto Bailey Road and saw flashes that were "like looking at daylight through a blue windshield." He saw four such flashes separated by 20 or 30 seconds, he said. Each was red at first, then turned to blue almost immediately. Later he said, he noticed that power seemed to be off in the area.

Police and Northern States Power Co. received calls from residents of the Totem Town area along Highway 61, who reported all their lights were out. Several also reported seeing orange and blue lights in the sky. NSP was unable to determine what caused the outage. The U.S. weather bureau could offer no explanation either, but a spokesman definitely ruled out lightning.

The time was not given by the St. Paul Pioneer Press, but a power outage occurred in a 10-block area in the vicinity of Bernard and Charlton Streets in West St. Paul, on the same night. A Northern States Power Company spokesman said two wires shorted when they were blown together by the wind, and about 150 residential buildings were affected. All were restored to power at about 10 p.m.

A "best explanation," according to the

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St. Paul Dispatch, was offered for the power problems in St. Paul on the 26th. A Northern States Power Co. spokesman said that snow-laden high-voltage electrical lines whipped around by high winds were arcing, and caused the trouble. "Insulators on 115,000 volt or 230,000 volt transmission lines occasionally short out when it's wet, producing a bright orange or blue light," the spokesman said.

The power outages in St. Paul were of short duration, and nothing compared to other blackouts covered in this issue. However, the attempted explanation does not account for the cases of car lights and car radios going out.

UAO Watched One Hour

James Farrell, president of the Ellensburg, Washington Chamber of Commerce his wife, four children, his parents and three other relatives reported sighting a glowing, red-green oval object in the sky west of Ellensburg on the night of 5 August. Farrell, also commercial manager of the Ellensburg Telephone Company, said he was opening a window before retiring when he first spotted the object, and called others to look at it. When it dipped below tree tops, the family got into the car and drove to a hilltop to resume the watch. The object appeared to have a two-pronged "tail", which became more noticeable when the object accelerated. At one time during the sighting an airplane seemed to approach the object and then turned away. The object appeared 5 to 10 times as large as the plane, Farrell said. The object was watched as it maneuvered in the area from 12:45 to 1:45 a.m. Then it vanished over the mountains in the northwest. When the press queried McChord Air Force Base, a spokesman said there were no scrambles of aircraft at the time of the Farrell sighting, also no UFOs were reported to the ADC Sector at Seattle.

Lightbulb At Bothell, Wash.

At about 11 p.m., on the night of the 10th of August, 1965, a small, round glowing object was seen by Mrs. Herb Johnson of Woodinville, Washington. In her report to the Bothell Citizen, she said the object appeared to be about 18 inches in diameter, and its speed ranged from 10 to 15 miles per hour to "real fast." The object was sighted in the Canyon Park area as Mrs. Johnson returned from a PTA meeting. She said the glow-

ing object appeared to be "coming right at me about 20 feet in the air. When I turned off 228th Street, the object took an abrupt turn and crossed the road until it was directly above my car."

Mrs. Johnson said that she observed the object for a full minute to one and a half minutes and that "it wasn't until I rolled the window down that it sped away. The object went straight up in the air and was out of sight in a split second," she said. When the object hovered over her car, it was "glowing down," as if it was about to land. Mrs. Johnson describe an X-shaped section near the rear of the thing. After the object left, she waited for two or three minutes in an attempt to hear or smell something. Then she decided to get out of the area and left. She called Paine Field the next day and reported the incident. They took her information and were particularly interested in the time. She said there was no evidence of noise and the bright glow prevented her from detecting the exact outline of the object.

Confirmation of the foregoing came from APRO member Mrs. Joe Kuntz of Bothell. Bothell is another area about two miles west of Woodinville. Mrs. Kuntz' sighting took place a few minutes before 11 p.m., and she described the object as being very bright, with "rays" surrounding it. She judged the object's size as that of a basketball and its distance from her about one-fourth mile. It appeared very close to the tree tops, turned color, and its speed was about 5 miles per hour. It picked up speed shortly after she spotted it and headed northeast. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kuntz compared notes on the object and decided they had both seen the same object.

Executive Tells Of Encounter With Disc

Dr. Silva Guillen, president of the Sugar Refining Corporation at Cumana, Venezuela, was interviewed by APRO member Joe Rolas of Caracas concerning a disc he and his family had seen in August. The report: Guillen and his wife and niece were driving to Cumana, in Eastern Venezuela, on a night in mid-August (no exact date recalled). It was well after 8 p.m. and the surrounding corn fields were bathed in the bright light of the full moon. The niece suddenly called attention to a "flaming meteor" she had seen "passing by." Guillen also noticed something out of the corner of his eye. He slowed the car and saw, on the opposite side of the highway, some kind of "brushfire." Then he noticed that the flames didn't point

upward, but rather down toward the ground. As the car approached the spot Guillen was able to distinguish a round shaped metallic appearing disc hovering some ten or twenty feet above the ground. He stopped the car and watched but his wife became frightened, so he resumed driving at a slow speed. Then the trio realized that the disc, also, had begun to move, and in a path parallel with the car. It turned brighter in color and it appeared to be closing the distance between itself and the car. At this point Guillen, his wife and niece became quite disturbed, Guillen realizing that they were on a lonely stretch of highway with nothing in sight but a deserted shack. But suddenly, as Guillen sped up, the object gained altitude and shot off out of sight.

Guillen, an engineer and dependable citizen, had been a complete skeptic prior to his experience with the UAO.

Four UAOS Over Cuzco Peru

The town of Cuzco, in southwest Peru, was "overflowed" by four UAOS on the night of the 3rd of September. Thousands of people, alerted by radio broadcasts, went into the streets to watch the objects. One of the objects left the formation, increasing in size as it neared the observers, stopped for a few seconds and then zoomed upwards again to join the other three which meanwhile hovered at a high altitude. The light of the diving UAO was very bright and changed occasionally to a deep metallic blue color. It looked like an upside down plate.

The sighting lasted for about 2 hours, with the four objects performing maneuvers over the town, and finally going out of sight over the horizon. Newspapers later quoted many of the witnesses with words to this effect: "No doubt flying saucers exist and they do come from other planets."

UAO Hovers Over Lake

At Cass Lake, Minnesota on the night of the 4th, the Dick Neises family and neighbors watched a "strange craft" that hovered over the lake, sweeping the shore with a blinding white light. There was no sound accompanying the object's presence. When it left, the colored lights (red, green) which studded its sides flashed momentarily, then it was gone. Mr. Dick Neises had been away and returned just after the incident. He said he was inclined to laugh at the sighting until he learned the next day that UFOs had been seen over Duluth the same night.

Police Report First Of Western Flap

The Oklahoma State iHghway Patrol told United Press International on the first of August, that radar had tracked an object near Wynnewood, Oklahoma on the 31st of July at 1 a.m. in the morning. An object, described by Wynnewood Police Officer Lewis Sikes, as emitting red, white, blue lights, hovered for 45 minutes at five miles northeast of Wynnewood at an altitude of 8,000 feet. Sikes reported to Highway Patrol there was no noise, and the object was picked up on radar scopes at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City and at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, according to the Highway Patrol. They tracked it to within 15 miles of Tinker.

The radar lost the object for some time (possibly while it hovered at low altitude) and then picked it up again and tracked it to a point 29 miles south of Tinker Air Force Base where it disappeared permanently. A Braniff airliner was in the vicinity of Wynnewood at the time of Sikes' sighting but no one on the plane spotted the object.

Officer Sikes' mother, Mrs. Robert Sikes, said he watched the object for a short while. It seemed to change colors and shapes and the light changed from red to blue to white and faded completely at times. She said it gave her a "strange feeling" as it floated in a fixed position but it seemed to rotate. Officer Sikes' wife also observed the object.

Later inquiries to Tinker Air Force Base brought forth the statement from a spokesman there that he could "neither confirm nor deny" the radar confirmation. He referred future inquiries to the U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington. Note that he did not refer them to Wright-Patterson AFB.

August—Formations In Western Flap

Although many separate sightings of single objects were made, formations seemed to concentrate themselves in various areas during the Great Western Flap:

On Sunday night, the First of August, a diamond-shaped formation of white objects was sighted by police officers at Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing and Chandler, Oklahoma. A woman at Chandler named Mrs. Bill Tipton, reported seeing a flashing single object which was red on the bottom and white on top, which hovered over the Chandler area for about 15 minutes, then moved off into the west.

At about 9 p.m. officers in three different police cars in the Shawnee area observed the diamond-shaped formation for about 30 minutes. The objects, like brilliant stars, changed from red to white to blue-green as they moved north, and at times moved from side to side during flight. The same type of formation was watched by police in Cushing.

Besides the formation, Jim Cline, police dispatcher, and Patrolman C. V. Barnhill reported sighting a kite-shaped object with a red revolving light on top, at about 9 p.m. also.

Out of Wyoming came some interesting reports, also. These are being investigated, but final information has not yet been received. When the information is in, a more detailed account will be printed. Initial reports indicate that personnel at Warren Air Force Base near Cheyenne observed about 30 cylinder-shaped objects in the sky near and over the base at 5:30 a.m. A spokesman at Warren said the sightings were being investigated, but would not give further details.

On Sunday night (the First), police at Hobbs, New Mexico near the Texas border, reported observing a round white object with an orange tail, which moved west and disappeared. A police dispatcher at Carlsbad, New Mexico, about 69 miles west of Hobbs, said she saw a similar object, and police at Artesia, New Mexico, 36 miles northwest of Carlsbad, received four reports of a bright object with a red trail passing overhead to the northeast.

At Casper, Wyoming, George Broussard reported seeing a glowing blue and white object as he returned from the Big Horn Mountains, north of Casper. He said it was high in the sky and that he observed it for twenty minutes before it disappeared.

Flashes in the sky were seen at Amarillo, Borger and Dalhart, Texas. One of the sightings described a flash followed and surrounded by smaller lights southwest from the traffic control tower at Amarillo.

Press wires hummed as news wire writers ground out the copy coming in minute by minute on the night of the First. Many calls were received and there is an indication that many sightings went unchecked by authorities. The biggest play was given to the Wichita, Kansas radar track of "several objects at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet, and the newspaper did not elucidate much more than that.

The announcement about the radar track was given to the press by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's office at Wichita. A police dispatcher there told reporters

that: "I was a disbeliever, but I saw something up there tonight and so did other observers at the Weather Bureau and the Air Force Base (McConnell)." Descriptions by the public varied but two stood out: Red objects that exploded in a shower of sparks and others that fluttered like a leaf in the sky. Deputy Sheriff Dan Carter of Canyon, Texas, described an "exploding object": he "thought at first a plane had exploded in the air." The object "appeared to go south" and then "disintegrated" into fragments of all colors.

Although the dispatcher at the Sheriff's office at Wichita said that the objects were seen at McConnell, all queries were answered with a "no comment" and were referred to Washington Air Force Headquarters (not Wright-Patterson in Ohio).

It was the Wichita Weather Bureau that tracked one of the objects south and west of Wellington (see separate story). First tracked at 22,000 feet on radar, it descended to 4,000 feet as it headed south.

Later press wire reports (on the 2nd) carried a statement by Ed O'Brien, Public Information Officer for Tinker Air Force Base, near Oklahoma City, to the effect that *some* (italics ours) of the reports may have been observation of a delta meteor shower which occurs from July 26 through August 6 of this year. He noted that 50-75 calls about UFOs had come in during a 1½ hour period starting at 8:15 on Monday. However, the Wichita Eagle had already printed a photo of the Weather Bureau's radar scope with unidentified returns circled.

More conflict resulted after the Washington Air Force Headquarters announced that wind speeds and temperature distribution over the Western area experiencing the flap would promote the presence of inversions and "scintillation" of the stars and planets.

In view of the strange goings-on of Saturday and Sunday, the Bartlesville, Oklahoma incident of the First is suspect. Melton Smith of that town reported seeing what appeared to be a plane on fire and going down about 15 miles southwest of Bartlesville. A search disclosed no trace of a plane, and none were missing. A plane earlier reported overdue had landed at 10:20 p.m. It was due at 9:30. When questioned about the incident, the Bartlesville police dispatcher said that Smith had said later that what he saw could have been either a plane or a large meteor. Inasmuch as Smith first reported a plane, the object he saw must have had some characteristics to

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set it apart from a meteor.

Still on the night of the First (Sunday), a report came in at Broken Bow and Grand Island, Nebraska, where citizens reported glowing red objects streaking through the sky. One report involved two red objects flying at an estimated 20 to 30 thousand feet. Four white objects encircled one of the red ones and were trailing the other objects. They reportedly disappeared in the sky over Broken Bow.

After the Air Force made their statement pertaining to astronomical phenomena as an explanation for the "flap", a 23-year-old Sioux City, Iowa high school teacher reported that he and his wife had seen a UFO on the night of the First. He declined to disclose his identity, but said that "something" zipped over his car while he and his wife were out driving, looking for flying saucers. It was yellowish and zigzagged slightly, he said, and was replaced by a red light surrounded by three white lights. The red light was brightest.

The teacher told authorities that he turned off the ignition and got out of his car to listen for engine noise but there was none. He added that several other people had witnessed the same thing.

An air Force weather observer in Oklahoma City reported he has repeatedly seen unusual objects in the skies, one on the night of the First and "they were no mirage." One of the objects looked like it had a flat top and flat bottom and was not a true sphere, with two rings around it and the rings were a part of the main body.

A fragmentary wire report from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, described several objects which were moving rapidly in an east-west direction in the sky before they disappeared. They were seen by six youths.

Also on the First, ARPO member Marie White of Mountain Home, Arkansas, observed a brilliant white object which followed a straight line of travel from north to south in the eastern sky. The object was not just a light, but was round, and about the size of a 25 cent piece held at arm's length. The time of the sighting was 8:18 p.m., and her drawing shows a round white object with a short, contained tail which appeared segmented and followed the object. It traveled 30 degrees before vanishing, and appeared to slow slightly before disappearing. Just before it disappeared in the south, two "ears" or "jets" showed on

the trailing edge, on either side of the tail.

UAOs were also reported in the Verde Valley in Arizona, but those cases are still under investigation so details will be supplied at a later date. One spate of "sightings" turned out to be merely Venus rising, and seen by people who seldom if ever looked up before they heard about the "flap." This was near Kearney, and was investigated by the Lorenzens and another local member.

At the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, two tower guards observed a glowing white object which remained stationary for about 30 minutes in the northeast. It dimmed, grew brighter, and then disappeared. One of the guards, Don Stites, said the object was first spotted at 2:15 a.m. on the morning of the Second and appeared to be about halfway between Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado.

At Dallas, Texas, triangular formations of objects criss-crossed the skies from about 2:20 a.m. until dawn. They reportedly flashed colors from red to green to blue-white.

The limited study which has been done here at headquarters indicates that objects with rotating lights or groups of objects of different colors were seen at Wichita, Kansas and Oklahoma City and Dallas, Texas. There were scattered sightings of formations at other points also, but some of the sightings were of single objects close to the ground. There is no indication, however, that any large number of objects were involved in this flap.

Although APRO logged hundreds of sightings, many were apparently of the same object or objects, and the distances and time elements involved indicate that the whole demonstration could have been accomplished by just a few objects. A further study will be accomplished as soon as pressure of current work is relieved and the results will be published in a future issue.

Kansas Police See Landed UAO

As mentioned in the article concerning the general Western Flap, a landing grew out of the Wichita tracking of UFOs and it appears that at least one of those sighted on radar at Wichita flew south toward Wellington and Caldwell. It was at Wallington that Deputy Sheriff Everett Tucker said he saw an egg-shaped object trailing a red vapor, and moving rapidly to the north. Time: 4:50 a.m., on the Second of August.

There is an interesting sequence of events here. The Oklahoma City sightings and the early sightings at Wichita took

place in the evening of the First of August. Then, between 2 and 6 a.m., according to the Sheriff's office and the Wichita Weather Bureau, close-up sightings and slow fly-overs took place.

At about 3:40 a.m. on the Second, the Wichita Weather Bureau radar tracked an object to a point south and west of Wellington. It first showed up on the radar at an altitude of 22,000, south of Wichita, and proceeded south, descending to 4,000 feet when it disappeared from the screen. The time of this incident was not specifically given, and inquiries addressed to those involved brought no response. However, repeated references to time in news clips and the reports of two Caldwell, Kansas police officers, help to fill in at least a part of the picture:

At 3:40 a.m., police officers Dave Lowe and Eddie Roberts were patrolling Caldwell when they heard a police radio report about two objects moving in a southerly direction toward Wellington, South Haven and Caldwell. They headed their patrol car toward the airport on the east edge of town. They spotted a couple of glowing objects in the sky but could not see them clearly. When the objects disappeared, the men went back to drinking their coffee and telling each other how absurd people were who said they could tell definitely that the objects were not stars.

Shortly, another radio report told of a UFO being tracked north of Caldwell. The officers looked but saw nothing at first, then Lowe spotted something behind a rise in the ground about 50 yards away. He thought at first it was car headlights.

"It looked like the halo of light a city has at night," Lowe said later. "I jumped up on the car running board to take a closer look and there it was, bright as a hundred search lights." Lowe described it as being white, red and bluish green in color. He said it was impossible to separate the colors as they all blended together.

"It didn't look at all what I thought a flying saucer would. It wasn't round and it was much longer than it was wide. Actually, it looked like an egg," he said. "It was a hundred yards long."

After the men regained their composure (they admitted they were startled) they got into the squad car and raced after the object to get a closer look. As they pulled onto U.S. Highway 81 and headed east, the object ducked behind a hedge row and they lost sight of it. "When it went behind the hedge row, the darn thing must have turned off the lights, so we couldn't

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follow it," Lowe said. "Anyway we never saw it again."

The total time of close-up viewing of the object was approximately three minutes, according to both men. Lowe had mentioned several minutes before they spotted the object that he had heard an engine running, and thought there was an airplane in the area. However, no plane appeared.

When daylight came, both Lowe and Roberts returned to the field where they thought the object had landed, but found no indication that it had been on the ground.

At Wellington, Jack Sheets and four other men working in the yards of the Santa Fe Railroad there, observed strange lights flying over. "The first two were a solid red light, no flashing or anything. They seemed to be at a very high altitude on a steady and even course at an even speed. The third object was red, and after it passed straight over Wellington, it turned white. The fourth was white and remained white all through the sighting. The objects made no noise, and crossed the sky at even-spaced time intervals of between 7 and 8 minutes, approximately. The time was between 4:50 and 5:30 a.m., and the objects were going from southeast to northwest," Sheets reported.

At about this same time, City Policeman Charles Schreck and Kenneth Easterly spotted a "silver-colored egg-shaped object" scooting across the sky.

At this time, before a complete study is made, it seems that objects came in over two major cities in the west, hovered and maneuvered, late in the evening of the First of August. In the early morning hours, of the Second, however, objects returned, then dispersed, occasionally landing and maneuvering at near-ground level.

We have commented many times about the surreptitiousness of the UAOs, and it is the recent August 1965 activity which leads us to believe that a new pattern is taking shape. What its purpose is, we cannot divine, at least at this time. However, as one member put it, "They are getting bolder."

AF Personnel Report Radar Contact With UAOs

On the 5th of August, 1965, UPI reported that personnel at the Keweenaw Peninsula radar station at Houghton, Michigan, had announced "solid radar contact" with seven to ten unidentified flying objects flying at 9,000 miles per

hour between 5,200 and 17,000 feet altitude. The men reporting the incident were enlisted men and did not want their identities known. The incident took place on the 4th.

One of the men who reported the incident to the press said that three other radar stations, in North Dakota, Minnesota and Luther Air Station in Canada, also reported spotting the same objects. Luther Air Station reported electronic jamming of its radar at the same time, he said. Seven other objects were reportedly spotted over Duluth, Minnesota and when jet interceptors gave chase, they were quickly outdistanced. The objects tracked on radar came out of the Southwest.

Police See UAOs In Iowa

Another incident in which policemen, alerted by the happenings of the 1st and 2nd of August, saw unconventional aerial objects, took place near Iowa City, Iowa, on the 4th of August. Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Francis Sueppel, brother of State Safety Commissioner William Sueppel, reported sighting an object during the evening which was flying in circles over the Coralville reservoir north of Iowa City. Deputy Sueppel said the object repeatedly changed color from white to red to green. The sighting was confirmed by Coralville and Iowa City police. He said he also saw another unusual object moving from west to east about 1:30 a.m. on the morning of the 5th. It also was observed by other policemen in Iowa City, Coralville, Washington and Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Landing At Blanquilla, Venezuela

Fishermen from Margarita Island reported that late in the afternoon of the 30th of August, 1965, as they neared La Blanquilla Island, they saw a spinning top-shaped object which took off from the ground where it had rested, in a vertical manner, and vanished into the sky. It left a long trail of smoke behind it.

They said the object had several "windows" from which an orange light shone, but they could not determine its size. La Blanquilla Island is an uninhabited island, with wild hens, fowls, donkeys and goats the only residents.

What are the implications of the 1965 flap? See future issues. Renew your membership now and save headquarters the necessity of sending reminders.

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Strange Dwarves In Peru

A strange craft landed at Sacsahuaman, near Cusco, Peru on the 20th of August, 1965. Several tourists, including Engineer Alberto Ugarte and his wife, and Public Relations man Elwin Voter, saw the disc-shaped object land. Out of it came two small dwarves giving off a luminosity, and having "vertical mouths" (See information on Valensole, France landing, next issue). The incident took place in the Incaic ruins in southeast Peru. Witnesses declined to report the incident until three days later when they heard that other UAOs were seen in the same area by others.

Hunters Sight Dozen UAOs

Four hunters, Manuel Waldo Romero, Ernesto Depeda, Ruben Hernandez and Adalberto Rodriguez, were hunting in the San Quentin valley near Tijuana, Mexico on the 22nd of August 1965 when they saw several UAOs. They had made camp in the valley in order to be ready for the hunt early the next morning. Rodriguez was the last to go to bed, and upon getting out of the car, he saw a brilliant object in the sky. Half jokingly, he signaled it with his flashlight and stood petrified with fear as the object approached. At the same time, eleven other similar objects, described as luminous discs, appeared in the sky. Rodriguez and his companions hurriedly packed and left, and reported the incident as soon as they reached Tijuana.

Plane And UAO Nearly Collide

A light plane, piloted by Capt. Guzman Lopez, was flying at 10,000 over the Auyantepuy area on its Ciudad Bolivar-Gran Sabana route on 19 Sept. when it encountered a UAO. It was approaching Auyantepuy mountain when the huge, luminous object loomed up ahead. Lopez had the presence of mind to take several photos which, at this writing, have not been examined. He maneuvered the plane to avoid the object which zoomed by his plane and went out of sight.

Orange Disc Seen By Many At Marinas

A giant orange disc-shaped object was seen by a crowd of people including the local sheriff, Ismael Gomez, at Barinas, Venezuela on the 15th of September. The object was flying at very low altitude and the observers thought it would strike a hill in the vicinity but it veered sharply up into the sky and sped out of sight.

1965 Report Listings

For the benefit of members who are doing statistical studies, we include here a brief description of 1965 reports not given space elsewhere in the Bulletin. They are arranged chronologically and all are considered to be "good" UAO cases. Those which cannot be included in this issue will be continued in the next issue.

20 March 1965, near Barinas, Venezuela. Three blue discs going north to south. Seen by oil field workers at El Torenio oil field at 1 a.m. Fast.

22 March. Silver sphere w/red dome, hovered one hour at 8:05 p.m., seen from Elsternwick, near Melbourne, Australia by Robert Smith, formerly with Military Intelligence, WW II.

9 April. Speedy, maneuvering object shiny, 4:30 p.m. St. Petersburg, Fla.

10 April. Yellow-gold disk with cupola, 9:15 p.m. at St. Petersburg, Florida, going west to east. Hovered, appeared to land, had "windows" around rim.

25 April. Metallic disc watched for several seconds at Seville, Vic., Australia.

28 April. Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. White light maneuvering at 10:45 p.m.

14 May. Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Red light watched between 9:30-10 p.m. Maneuvering, disappeared high speed in north.

23 May. Kailua, Hawaii. 8:50 p.m. 3-foot diameter disc, white, fast, no sound, at 100 feet altitude, northeast to southwest. School teacher witness.

22 May. Leroy, Ohio, early evening. Disc buzzing, seen by children.

29 May. Cibola, Arizona. White, cone-shaped object at night. Fell to ground 200 feet from home of Ray Liggett. Lit up two square block area with white light. Dirt shoveled on it made it burn brighter and caused shower of aluminum like shavings to explode. Burned all night and still hot next morning. Residue taken to Smithsonian Institute. No further information.

4 June. Dublin, Ireland. Glowing pencil-shaped object with "sparkling" exhaust seen for 12 seconds by nurse. Night.

Weekend before 9 June. Lynn, Mass. Cigar-shape, seen also at Lynn-Nahant Beach area. Several reports of similar object during weekend over General Electric River Works Plant.

20 June. Rochester, New York. 10:25 p.m. Circular object, flashing blue to white and back. Observed 35 seconds.

21 June. Chesaning, Michigan. Round object w/blinking red light. 9:25 p.m. Observed 20 minutes. Hovered, seemed to land.

21 June. East of Traser Island off Maryborough, Australia. Long, slender

metallic appearing object seen submerged just under surface of water by pilot. 11:30 a.m. As plane approached object submerged out of sight.

21 or 22 June. "Object" seen 100 miles west of Irish Coast by Pan American 707 pilot and DC-8 jet Captain. Aircraft 100 miles apart at 29,000 feet. Object exploded, piece fell into ocean trailing column of white smoke.

24 June. Mundalla, Australia. 10-11 p.m. Round object, red, green, white lights around circumference. Seen by several, disappeared over horizon.

28 June. Marin County, Calif. Yellow-green ball between 8-9 p.m. Half size of sun and just as bright.

29 June. Greenville, Ohio. 4-5 minutes at 9 p.m. White disc, west to east. Appeared overhead, had "mist" around it.

About 30 June. Hershey, Pa. Maneuvering disc, photo taken.

July (no exact date). Long Eaton and West Bridgford, England. White discs, from west to east in north. No sound, seen by former RAF pilot for 2 minutes, and two other men at same time, different location, same description.

1 July. Framingham, Massachusetts. Silver-white round hovering object, maneuvering side to side, out of sight into north. Many witnesses.

6 July. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, round object, red "portholes," crossed sky between 7 and 7:30 p.m.

First Week of July. Colesville, Maryland. White "stars" turned, stopped, hovered, etc. Seen by engineer.

First Week of July. Norfolk, Virginia. Huge, oblong object, orange glow and bright blue halo. Hovered 30 minutes.

8 July. Fort Collins, Colorado. 12 noon. Oblong "capsules" (2) black in color, maneuvered in area, seen by two teenagers.

9 July. North of Cincinnati, Ohio. White light, maneuvered at 9:13 p.m. Six adults, object seen over Beckford power plant.

12 July. Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia. Luminous white balloon-like object, maneuvered, seen by several.

12 July. Silver football hovered near Kolb Road, Tucson, Arizona, seen by newsboys between 4:30-5:00 a.m. Left fast to southeast. In same vicinity as object seen hovering and dispelling "rockets" in June, 1962.

17 July. Caracas, Venezuela. Luminous red disc zig-zagged through sky at 2 a.m., lit up city below for a few seconds. Blinked out.

18 July. Honda Beach, Uruguay. Egg-shaped object, with four legs, in daytime. Touched down and stayed two minutes. Tug hooted siren, object took off in blinding flash. Circular center, flat

tened oval extensions on sides.

18 July. Osasco, Brazil. Glowing disc Photographed.

20 July. East Hartford, Conn. Blue-white round light, 9:48 p.m. From north into southwest. APRO member, one other witness. Seen in telescope, no sound. Disappeared suddenly 65 degrees southeast.

20 July. Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Object "big as house" giving off various colors—green, purple, orchid, white, etc. Disappeared in midair.

20 July. Manchester, New Hampshire. Shiny, round object hovered 10-15 minutes, then moved south and disappeared Night.

26 July. 570 miles north of Santiago, Chile. Egg-shaped, luminous, night sighting. Seen from window of hotel—object landed, stayed 4-5 minutes, took off with big noise. Vertical takeoff to 25-30 meters, then level flight.

26 July. Silver object seen by children from two schools—at 11 a.m. at Sydney, Australia.

26 July. Melbourne, Australia. Bright silver light, daytime. Maneuvered, rose vertically, giving off bright flashes, then disappeared. By children.

27 July. Amberley, Australia. Bright white light hovered—6:15-7:10 p.m., over Australia's largest bomber base. 8 reports from Churchill, near Brisbane, as well as Amberley.

Late July or early August. St. Paul, Minn. Fast object, red, white, green and blue lights. Hovered, 1-2 seconds, then took off fast. No sound. 10:15 p.m.

31 July. "Object" at North Platte, Nebraska, by state troopers.

El Salvador and Guatamala. Border. Disc with colored lights hovered several minutes, seen by field workers in daytime. Took off fast and disappeared.

Orange disc at 10:30 p.m. at Green Bay, Wis. "Twice the size of moon." Witness driving 15 miles east of Green Bay on Highway 29.

Sidney, Nebraska. White and red lights at night. Four white lights—one red entered formation occasionally.

31 July and 1 Aug. Sidney, Nebraska. One large object, 4 small ones in diamond formation. Night sighting, by Capt. Les Beeking, guard at Sioux Ordinance Depot. Also seen by troopers of North Platte.

(No exact date) Aug. Brilliant blue luminous object—Westfield, Mass. Hovered. Object seen by witness in car on Mass. turnpike. Nothing on Westover AFB radar.

(No exact date) Aug. Pleasant Hill, Calif. Object w/blue and white lights maneuvered up, down, side to side sev-

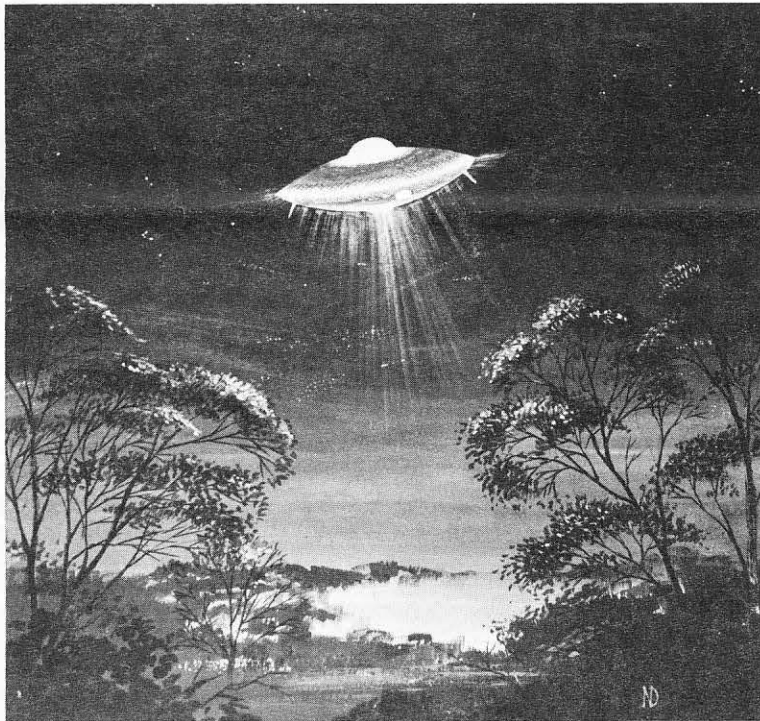
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DISCS AT TRINIDAD, COLORADO



Shown here is artist's conception of objects involved in Michigan "Flap"

—By Norman Duke

The Michigan Cases

It was originally planned to give a great deal of space to the Michigan sightings, but because of the wide publicity received, we will merely give the basic details of the two major ones, with some comments:

On Sunday night, the 20th of March, Mr. Frank Mannor, 47, and his son Ronald, 19, waded into a swamp near their home outside Dexter, Michigan to view an object hovering there. The time was 7:30 p.m. when the Mannor family saw the object "like a ball of fire", come out of the west, then drop below a clump of trees about a half mile behind their home. Mrs. Mannor was afraid to accompany the two on their investigation, and Mannor's two daughters refused to let their husbands go, so Mannor and Ronald started out. They got within 500 yards of the object and Mannor gave this description:

"We didn't carry no lights or guns. But

we know the area. Go hunting there all the time. We came over that knoll and there it was, about eye-level with us, no more than 500 yards away. It had a blue light in front, and in the back a light that kept changing from red to white, like it was rotating. Kind of like the light on a police car.

"It was almost flat on the bottom and kind of high and peaked on top. We couldn't see much except the outline and the lights at the ends, because the whole thing was wrapped in a light like a halo and it kept shimmering. It was like watching something across the desert. You know how the heat waves keep changing what you see. Ronnie said, Look at that horrible thing there!"—And just like that it was gone. We went down into the swamp but there was nothing. No smell of exhaust. Nothing."

Mrs. Mannor, meanwhile, had summoned police. Most of the deputies from the Washtenaw County (where Dexter is

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On the 23rd of March, at a few minutes before 5 p.m., Mrs. Eulah Mae Hoch, Assistant Editor of the Trinidad, Colorado Chronicle News, was in the kitchen of her home when her 10-year-old son Dean excitedly reported that there were "flying saucers" outside. Mrs. Hoch asked him where they were and he said they had disappeared over the ridge but that several people had seen them. She told Dean to go out and ride his bicycle and let her know if they returned. She continued to prepare the evening meal, thinking that some child's kite had been responsible for the excitement.

In just a matter of minutes, he was back, more excited than before, so she decided to investigate. She and Dean stood beside the house and he pointed to the south where she spotted the objects immediately. They appeared to be approximately ½ mile away and large enough to see without searching the sky for them.

There were two silver objects, flat on the bottom and dome-shaped on top, moving in a floating manner between the Hoch home and a ridge extending to the West of Fisher's Peak. The objects were silhouetted against the ridge. One of the discs just cleared the trees on the ridge. The second object moved slightly up and down and at one point tilted to the right and caught a reflection from the sun. They both appeared to be capable of easy maneuvering and completely without sound that would indicate an engine of any kind. The objects were in sight for approximately five minutes during the second observation (by Mrs. Hoch and others). Their apparent size compares to that of a six-inch round object held at arm's length.

In many respects the above sighting was superior to most of the March incidents because it was a daylight incident had many observers, and the objects seen were close and details were noted. Although CBS news interviewed Mrs. Hoch and others, the film taken was not used on the Special on May 10. This illustrated the inclination of the press to latch onto an incident which gives little in the way of information (such as the Michigan cases) and completely ignore the "good" ones.

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Fear, Then Anger

Over and over again some seemingly strange reactions on the part of observers have resulted from the viewing of UAOs. During the Michigan "flap", however, the reactions of people seeing the things for the first time demonstrated quite adequately the emotional strain which follows such an experience.

In the Michigan cases, people were startled to see the things they had not believed really existed, before. The words of one policeman echoed similar phrases with which we have become all too familiar through the years—"I saw it, but I still don't believe it." Others

said, "I didn't believe they existed before, but now I've seen one—and seeing is believing." These people are generally responsible, intelligent and highly-trained individuals.

We are not saying that the reactions are not understandable, nor that the people involved acted irrationally. But the oft repeated words, "The people are ready for the knowledge and they should be given all the facts" has a hollow ring.

After the impact of the strangeness of the objects they had seen struck them, the almost inevitable clamoring for "the truth" began and UFOlogists took up the chant. Then, when a mundane answer was furnished by badgered authorities, the fear which was initially felt was, understandably, replaced by anger. There seemed to be almost a feeling of relief by some. By putting pressure on authorities to "tell the truth" the fear was diverted and a more potent and cleansing emotion came into play . . . Anger.

It has seemed, for a long time, that most of us in the UFO field hesitate to look at ourselves and our motivations. Most of us have worked for years to bring about—what? The truth? APRO people have constantly noted that most UFOlogists do not want to really face the truth. Rather, they want someone to admit something and then take the responsibility. They want the "Air Force" or the "military" or the "government"—or someone—to recognize the existence of the UFOs as interplanetary vehicles. As we have explained before, this may not be possible at this time.

There are at least three motives, and possibly more, for the back-breaking work of UFO investigation: 1. Which should be the prime motivation, is curiosity. 2. Is hope of self-aggrandizement. 3. Is the attempt to make someone else responsible for what is feared to be an ugly truth.

Unfortunately, number one is in the minority, and most people who are motivated by one of the latter two has a touch of the other.

We touch upon these psychological concepts at this time for very good reason. If we, who have been so close to this situation for so long, cannot regiment ourselves to apply our intellects to finding answers, we have no right to ask the uninitiated to listen to our theories, conclusions and opinions.

There is good evidence to indicate that there is a special project under way (which has been in existence for some years) which is dedicated to finding the why, wheres and whences of the UAOs. If their correlations and findings are similar to ours, they have ample justifica-

tion for not making a public pronouncement about the UAOs.

The premise that "if the UAOs were going to take over the earth, they would have done so before this" is a feeble one. Any alien culture attempting to take 3 billion people by force would have to know a good deal about them. They would have to have an intimate knowledge of the geography of the planet involved, its national cultures, languages, its resources, military installations (offensive and defensive) and an intimate knowledge of its communications system.

So—we could be the subject of possible colonization. But there is yet another possibility besides take-over. It is possible that an alien race might simply want to make contact. If so, they would still have to know all about us before risking actual contact, in the event of attack upon themselves by a hysterical population.

The yardstick by which we must necessarily measure the possible intent of the interlopers is their furtive actions in the past. A complete reconnaissance of the entire globe's defenses and critical resources has been accomplished during the past nineteen years without the general public knowing what has been going on. Because of a predominance of scientists to whom the very idea of life elsewhere is ridiculous, the idea of intelligent life existing anywhere but earth was not considered until just the last few years. At this writing it has been conceded that certain photographs taken by Mariner have disclosed the presence of the much-debated "canals." It has also been conceded in recent news releases from John Hopkins University that the climate on Venus may not be as intolerable as was previously believed. Which all adds up to the possibility that life could exist elsewhere IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. But this premise has long been resisted and mainly by men of science, unfortunately—and especially astronomers.

Too many scientists have proceeded about the business of evaluating the UFO evidence without examining it, and with pre-conceived convictions about the possibility of life existing elsewhere.

So—a few people who are possibly a little more practical than most have spear-headed the civilian investigation of UFO reports. Unfortunately most of them have let emotions and appetite for recognition cloud the issue and little attention has been given to statistics.

Considerable resentment is being felt in the field of UFOlogy as a result of the CBS program, "UFO: Friend, Foe or Fantasy," aired on that network on the 10th of May. Let us suppose, for the

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located) Sheriff's Road Patrol saw the lights. Deputy Stanley McFadden got close enough to see the object. As soon as he approached, however, the lights on the object went out and it "swooshed back" toward the west.

Mannor said he and his family heard it go over the house—with the sound of a ricocheting bullet.

According to other reports by policemen in the area, there were altogether five of the objects present. One nearly landed (the one seen by the Mannors) and the others hovered nearby. Stanley McFadden, a Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy, said that he and Deputy David Fitzpatrick watched the object zip over their car about the same time that the Mannors reported the object had left the swamp.

At about this same time, Dexter Patrolman Robert Huniwell reported, he had seen a red and green flashing light arrangement which zipped down to hover within 10 feet of a police patrol car. When it rose again, he said, it was joined by a similar object.

Altogether, there were 20 sheriff's deputies involved in the search for the objects and most of them saw them. Two attempted to approach an object hovering near the ground but it flew off as they approached.

Mannor's description was more vivid than the rest, and he said that it was about the size of an automobile, with a raised portion on top and "antenna" on the bottom. This description closely matches that of an object photographed off the California coast in 1957 (see LIFE Magazine for 1 April 1966—Page 29).

Our artist's rendition of the Mannor object was based on description, drawings and his own knowledge of Michigan swamp terrain.

Several days after the Dexter sightings (and after the Hillsdale sighting, to be discussed next), Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's consulting astrophysicist, visited the area and after his investigation tentatively identified the object seen as "swamp gas". The size of the object, the details observed, the altitude, the maneuvers, the speed, however, belie this explanation. If an individual has seen swamp gas, as this writer has, they could in no way fit the description of swamp gas to the descriptions of the object seen.

Other witnesses: Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor, who watched the object on the ground from the Mannor home. Deputy Sheriff Thomas Kelly, who viewed it from afar with others: "It lit up the

swamp like an office building", he told reporters.

On the night of the 21st, Civil Defense director (Hillsdale County, Michigan) William Van Horn, 41, was called to the girls' dormitory at Hillsdale College to view some strange lights hovering over the arboretum there. For three hours he and the house mother and about 87 coeds observed the object over what the press called a "swamp".

The group described the "object" as emitting "wavering orange, red and white lights" and said it appeared to be hovering just above the swamp some 1000 to 1500 yards from the dormitory.

Police were summoned, but the officers reported the object was not visible from the road. Van Horn reported later that he could not establish the object's shape, but that through the glasses it was either round or oblong. A nearby airport beacon swept the area at regular intervals and when it did, the object sunk down; when the beacon swept away, the object appeared to rise again. Its lights appeared to be either fixed and a part of a rotating object or lights rotating around the object.

One of the girls, Miss Barbara Kohn, 21, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, whose taped report is on file at APRO, (Van Horn was interviewed by telephone by Mr. Lorenzen the day after the incident), said that she entered the dorm a little before 10:30 p. m., when Pinky (Cynthia Poffenberger, 18, of Cleveland) screamed. She was sitting on the bed watching the lightning when she saw the object. A few seconds later someone screamed, "UFO, UFO." Miss Kohn went to the window and saw something coming from the northeast. She said she heard a kind of high-frequency hum, but the shape was difficult to discern. The whole thing was glowing with silver light, and after it settled near the ground they saw individual lights. Some of Miss Kohn's comments:

"It was an intense sort of silver light, the whole thing glowing with silver light. Then it flashed red but it wasn't really flashing. I mean it changed from white to red but it did it so quickly it gave the appearance of flashing. Then the light went down and then the intensity of red built up again . . . it slowed up. It seemed to be moving very erratically, dipping and swinging. Sometimes it had a sort of pendulum look to it. Then it moved, still flashing, to the southeast and went down below the trees. Sometimes it looked larger than a car. Then it would look smaller when it would get dimmer."

With these quotes we get the impression that the object came in from the

swampy region to the northeast, maneuvered near the dormitory, headed southeast and settled near the ground of the arboretum.

Some observations: The object *did not* settle into a swamp as is generally believed. It hovered in the vicinity of or over a small artificial lake in the arboretum of the Hillsdale College. Adjacent to the arboretum is the football field with a bank of floodlights. There are paths in and around the arboretum.

Van Horn, the house mother and 87 coeds watched FOR THREE HOURS, then apparently left to retire WHILE THE OBJECT WAS STILL THERE. No one attempted to unpack (it was claimed all cameras were packed) a camera or go out for one in order to attempt to take pictures.

No one attempted to locate and pull the switch or switches which would have activated that bank of floodlights at the football field which might have shed some light on the object.

No one attempted to get a few hundred feet closer—which probably could have been accomplished (although Van Horn admitted later he was afraid the object had some kind of "ray" which might be used against him) without detection as it was dark and there was some rain.

The policemen who were summoned approached on available roads but none of them attempted to get closer to the object.

In early May Van Horn released a 24-page report, the gist of which was that he and the people with him had seen an unconventional aerial object and that Hynek had been grievously wrong in labelling it "swamp gas". He said that Hynek had not "stepped a foot into" the area where the sighting took place. He also stated (and rightly) that the weather had not been conducive to the forming of swamp gas.

Van Horn claims that there was a rise in radiation in the area where the sighting took place and that plants there had shown a lack of blue pigment "which would have been eliminated by high radiation." The tests were performed by Kipling Vandenberg, 15, and Jerry Wilson, 16.

Hynek, in turn, stated that he still believed marsh gas to be the logical explanation for the sightings. He also questioned why two boys had been called on to make the tests rather than professional chemists and biologists from Hillsdale College. He has a point.

The Hillsdale case has been so bound up in explanations, charges and counter-charges that our only conclusion must be that:

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Something unusual was seen on the night of 21 March 1966 over the arboretum at Hillsdale, Michigan. There is something considerably out of the normal, too, in the actions of the observers inasmuch as they later indulged in the usual protestations of "AF cover-up." (See article elsewhere in this issue pertaining to the fear-anger syndrome).

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sake of argument, that a secret project does exist which has deduced that the UFOs are interplanetary and may be inimical to man. Would they be duty bound to tell the public what they knew in response to repeated accusations? Or should they, as responsible people, withhold that information until they are sure?

At any rate, if we concede, as most of us do, that the UAOs monitor our radio and television broadcasts, it would be entirely unwise to release information to the public IF THERE WAS THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE THAT THE UAO OCCUPANTS WOULD INTERCEPT THAT INFORMATION. Therefore, any indoctrination of the public must be slow enough so as not to cause shock or hysteria, but it must also be fast enough to alert the population before what is considered to be "the deadline." And IT MUST BE DONE VIA THE WRITTEN WORD.

A Gallup Poll survey of American opinion recently elicited this information about UAOs in the U.S.: More than five million Americans claim to have seen something they believed to be a "flying saucer." Also, about 50 million people (about half our adult population) believe that the objects are real and not a figment of the imagination. There is a long jump, however, between believing they are real and assuming they are interplanetary space ships occupied by intelligent beings. And—

Only six per cent, or 300,000, or 1 out of every 666 (six hundred and sixty-six) Americans believes, that the UFOs are space vehicles from another civilization. This is a pretty glum picture for those UFOlogists who say "the people are ready."

We have mentioned, previously, that an outstanding number of sightings of UAOs have been made in the vicinity of or over school yards. If the appearance of the objects over cities for long periods of time and repeatedly, during the last year indicates an attempt at indoctrination, it may be that a peaceful contact may be attempted, and that schools are

being overflown and the craft are exhibiting themselves there for a very good reason: Children are definitely less subject to dogmatic or pre-conceived notions than adults. Perhaps the visitors hope that exhibition over schools will influence the population to some extent. Certainly, anyone monitoring our major radio and TV networks will gather that people simply do not believe that "they" exist.

The pace has quickened since July 1965 when Mariner reached the environs of Mars and began sending signals back to earth. There has been no letup of sightings of UAOs to speak of—merely a lull for a few days from time to time. And the activity is certainly global in nature.

We expect that in the coming year we will experience more sightings of objects over cities, blackouts, water reconnaissance and occasional nocturnal visits to atomic and military installations. There is a possibility of another, new type of incident, and that is telephone "blackouts" as soon as telephone communications nerve centers are located by UAO occupants. The first experiments may take place on long-distance circuits by disabling of telephone micro-wave relay systems. In this way, many network television broadcasts could be blacked out also.

The pieces of a 19-year-old puzzle are beginning to fall into place. The key incidents which could have told us more and sooner, were cunningly concealed among a large number of "flyovers" which diverted our attention for some time. We might logically expect a sudden lull in UAO activity before any final move. Some attempt to contact "them" should be made in order to let them know we are aware of them and willing to make peaceful contact. If they are completely inimical (and this is not absolutely established), it seems unlikely that we could resist them and expect to win—at least at this stage it does not seem possible.

Those "Saucer Nests"

The Headquarters office was literally deluged with clippings dealing with the press-dubbed "saucer nests" found in Australia in January of this year. Fortunately these clips came from around the world and each carried a bit of significant information which helped to fill out the overall picture: We are especially indebted to Dr. P. M. H. Edwards of Victoria, Canada for a copy of correspondence with Mr. Albert Pennisi of N. Queensland, Australia, relative to the "footprints" found in the vicinity of the "nests."

At 9 a.m., on January 19, 1966, Mr.

George Pedley observed a vapor-like saucer-shaped object taking off from the swamp land near his farm at Tully, N. Queensland. In the area where the object had been, Pedley found a circular area in which the reeds are flattened in a clockwise direction and dried, whereas the surrounding reeds are green and healthy.

Pedley's attention was attracted to the spot by a hissing sound while he was driving his tractor through neighboring property. "It sounded like air escaping from a tire," he said. He drove on but suddenly he saw a "spaceship" (his words) rise at great speed out of a swamp called Horseshoe Lagoon about 25 yards ahead of him. "It was blue-grey, about 25 feet across and nine feet high. It spun at a terrific rate as it rose vertically to about 60 feet, then made a shallow dive and rose sharply. Travelling at a fantastic speed, it headed off in a south-westerly direction. It was out of sight in seconds. I saw no portholes or antennae and there was no sign of life either in or about the ship," Pedley told reporters later.

Pedley decided to stay quiet about the incident, but on his way home, encountered Mr. Albert Pennisi, owner of the property where the swamp is located. He told Pennisi, whereupon his neighbor related the fact that at 5:30 a.m. on that morning his dog suddenly "went mad" and bounded toward the lagoon.

On the following Thursday two sightseers, Tom Warren and Hank Penning, took a walk around the lagoon and came upon the second of the "nests." This one, by the condition of the swirled reeds, appeared to be several days old whereas the third, nearby, seemed to be "fresh," the reeds in a more nearly green state. The second and third "nests" were about 25 yards from the first one seen by Pedley, but were hidden by dense scrub growth. The fresher "nest" was only 8 feet across and the reeds were flattened in an anti-clockwise direction.

At about three feet from the perimeter of the first "nest", there turned up, later, a patch of couch grass about four feet square which had been clipped at water level.

On the 24th, the Sydney Sun reported that RAAF officers would investigate the depressions, and Mr. Pennisi went into the 5-foot deep swamp to retrieve some of the grass. The "grass" or "reeds" and the mud that clung to the roots were floating on the top of the water "which is most unusual" according to Pennisi. He commented that "they must have been sucked up by something."

Further results of this investigation have not been aired to our knowledge,

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Report From Brazil—The First UAO Sightings In 1966

Dr. Olavo T. Fontes

After a lull of more than two months, there was a sudden revival of UAO sightings in Brazilian skies starting in the first days of March, 1966. This time, however—instead of UAO reports scattered all over the country as in last year's flap—what was observed was a concentration of sightings over and around the city of Rio de Janeiro. This local UAO wave included about nine incidents, which will be described below in chronological order.

1. On March 6, at 2:00 a.m., an unconventional aerial object was sighted by the medical staff working at the Lourenco Jorge Hospital. That hospital is located at Barra da Tijuca, a resort beach at the southern limit of Rio de Janeiro city where the population is sparse and constituted mostly of fishermen. The first person to see the object was Dr. Ivan de Almeida, who was walking along the beach close to the hospital. He immediately ran to call the medical staff and for more than two hours all of them—doctors and nurses—watched the maneuvers of the strange object. It was first sighted over the sea and was ovoid in shape, emitting a very bright red-yellow light which was reflected on the waters below. The observation ended a few minutes after 4:00 a.m., when the UAO started to climb up slowly, gradually diminishing the intensity of its light and finally disappearing into the cloudy sky.

Dr. Jeronimo Ferrari Gomes, a psychiatrist, the chief of the medical team that night, still refuses to believe in the existence of the so-called "flying saucers." However, he has no doubt that the object he sighted seemed to be intelligently-controlled. He reports that the strange body hovered motionless for several minutes, then suddenly increased its brightness for a few seconds and then diminished its light again—to disappear into the darkness. When it reappeared again, a few minutes later, it was over another place, mostly over the Marisco Rock where it hovered most of the time it was visible. Sometimes it slowly moved away toward the sea, to come back a few minutes later. No sound was heard at any time and the UAO appeared to be below the clouds. The speed at which it moved when maneuvering to change position seemed slow, except when it switched off its lights. The object looked like a solid body, sharply outlined against the darkness. No details were seen on its surface: a smooth ovoid shape with no portholes, wings, propellers,

jets or fins. An attempt was made to report the sighting to the Air Force and the National Observatory, but the telephones at the hospital were not working due to some defect in the lines. Several fishermen in the area reported that they had seen the movements of the object since 1:00 a.m., and also that the UAO had been spotted over the area by many of them several times, in previous nights.

The Air Force made no comment about the sighting. Drs. Lelio Gama and Muniz Barreto, director and vice-director of the National Observatory, declared to the press that no registration was made at the Observatory about the luminous object sighted over Barra da Tijuca, because it was not obviously an astronomical phenomenon. In their opinion, it was an optical illusion, or an airplane, or an atmospheric phenomenon — which evaluation was certainly beyond the scope of the Observatory.

2. The second sighting of the series—the most important for several reasons—was made at the National Motors Plant (Fabrica Nacional de Motores), which is a big government plant located a few miles to the north of Rio de Janeiro, at kilometer 23 on the Rio-Petropolis Highway. There is no town close to the plant, but three miles to the north there is a big water reservoir. High tension power lines pass about seven miles to the north of the plant.

At 10:40 a.m., on March 12, about ten employees who were inside the National Motors Plant were alerted by the shouts of a young watchman about a mysterious object that was approaching the place where his observation post was located. He was very upset and told them that at first he thought he was sighting a satellite or a shooting star, when he saw a luminous point moving at high speed in the cloudless sky. However, the strange object came down to an approximate altitude of about 1500 to 1800 feet, and was now hovering motionless very close to the plant.

At the same moment, all of them ran to the outside and sighted the object. What they saw was an ovoid object 18 feet in diameter at that altitude (about several times the apparent size of the full moon), emitting a white light so strong and bright that all the observers looking directly at it had trouble with their vision. The UAO was motionless and soundless, but at certain moments rays of light were emitted in bursts from all its circumference — looking like flashes of high intensity.

The Director-President of the plant, Army Colonel Jorge Alberto Silveira Martins, was immediately called and informed about the happenings. He came

with several engineers and technicians. He was so impressed and alarmed by the sighting that he decided to call for the help of the Army Police. An Army unit from Rio was sent to the plant, with anti-aircraft guns, with orders to protect the plant and even to fight if necessary. The Air Force was also alerted and reported that no airplanes or helicopters were flying at the time over the area.

After 30 minutes, the object suddenly lost its brightness but its body could still be easily seen in the moonlight. At the same instant, it disappeared silently moving at tremendous speed — to appear again a few moments later about half a mile away. Then, just like the first time, it disappeared again and was gone. Several minutes later the jeeps and trucks of the Army unit arrived at the plant.

On the following night, at the same hour, the same object came back over the plant. It came very close again but only for a few minutes. As a measure of security to protect the plant, the Director-President had ordered the anti-aircraft guns from the Army Police unit to remain at the place with their garrison. The effect of the object's second appearance on the soldiers was the worst possible: there was panic and hysteria which became generalized. One of the soldiers, completely out of control, tried to fire his anti-aircraft gun against the UAO and had to be physically restrained by his commander (an Army Captain). That officer had given orders to fire only in case of attack.

Reactions produced by the sighting of the UAO: Several kinds of reaction and different impressions were caused by the strange appearance. Some of the observers believed the UAO was a secret weapon from a foreign country, probably from the Soviet Union. The dominant opinion, however, was that it was an aircraft unknown on the face of the earth due to the flight characteristics observed, i.e., the power to fly silently at high speed to any direction and also the ability to hover motionless in space. So, to the group who defended this opinion, the propulsion system of the strange craft was totally unknown and everything indicated that it was intelligently controlled. Others limited themselves to observe the phenomenon, giving no opinion. To this group the object was only a "thing" that came from space. On the other side, however, all the observers agreed on one thing: the object came so close that the general impression was that it was going to land at any moment, or preparing to attack the plant. That was the reason for the emotional reactions of fear, panic or even hysteria that were

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dominant among the witnesses — including the military personnel.

One of the observers said to me: "We have been told year after year that those things don't exist. Then suddenly we see one of them coming closer and closer, preparing to land or to attack, who knows? We just can't stand it, because we can't adjust in a few seconds to a new kind of reality for which we are totally unprepared."

The sighting was witnessed by about 50 persons, among them the following: Colonel Jorge Alberto Silveira Martins, Jonas Ribeiro, Osmarino Jose da Silva, Luiz Carlos da Silva, Antonio Lima, Pedro Rolin, Jose Luiz Chagas, Elson da Silva Lima, Rodolfo Costa, Heitor Silvio de Souza and Manoel Rodrigues. The soldiers, sergeants and officers of the Army Police are not included.

The Director-President of the Plant, Colonel J. A. Silveira Martins, released instructions to all employees of the plant involved in the sighting to keep that matter under absolute secrecy, avoiding any comments about the UAO to other people and especially to the press. The order has been obeyed so that no publicity was given to the sighting until the present time.

3. On March 16, at 5:45 p.m., a white object, ovoid in shape, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean close to the Cagarras Island, after a violent explosion which caused alarm and fear among the people who watched from the Arpoador beach its rapid fall to the sea. An emergency call mobilized the Air Force Life Saving Service (SAR) and the Guanabara State Coast Guard (CMS). Several patrol boats from the CMS and two SAR helicopters searched the area until 7:15 p.m., but nothing was found. The CMS sailor Sergio Jorge Carvalho and the sentinel at the Copacabana Fortress witnessed the fall and explosion. They reported that the object had a white contrail and that a smaller parachute-like object was dropped from it just a few seconds before the crash. Other witnesses affirmed that more than one parachute-like object had been sighted. The CMS released the information that "at 5:45 p.m., a communication from the SAR reported the fall of a 'strange object' in the area of the Cagarras Island. Four patrol boats were sent to search the place and nothing was found."

A crowd of several thousand people remained for several hours at the Arpoador beach, watching the search and discussing the events. The Cagarras is a small, deserted rocky island a few miles

to the west of Rio de Janeiro, just in front of the well-known Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. It was visited three days later by an expedition that made a complete search, but again nothing was found.

4. The same night of the Cagarras sighting, another medical team at the Lourenco Jorge Hospital reported the sighting of a second UAO over the place. According to Dr. Flavio Fraga, chief of the medical staff, the object was first sighted hovering over the Marisco Rock. It was very similar to the UAO sighted previously: ovoid in shape, emitting a red-yellow glow and about the size (apparent size) of the full moon. The sky was cloudless and the moon was visible in the first quarter. This time, however, the object was not moving like an aircraft, but more like a satellite or a night sun, rising in the east. It climbed up in the sky very slowly and was still visible after four hours, at an elevation of 95 degrees, moving to the west. Then it suddenly disappeared.

The UAO was first sighted at 1:45 a.m., and was gone at 5:45 a.m. The Police Patrol was called to the hospital, but the policemen concluded — after watching the object for two hours — that it was obviously a satellite, and went back to their headquarters. The press was also called and photographs were taken. One of them was printed next day by the newspaper "Ultima Hora." It showed only a round globe of light against the dark sky—just like a picture of the full moon.

5. On March 17, at 7:45 p.m., a formation of four UAOs was sighted from the district of Vista Alegre, in Cordovil, a suburb located at the north area of Rio de Janeiro. The first witness was Mr. Sergio Righy, who lives at house 19 Six Street. He was just coming back from his work when his attention was called to four luminous points moving along two parallel lines through the sky. Keeping the same position in relation to each other, the four objects came down at high speed and then climbed up again. At the highest point of their trajectory they separated: two went to the right and the two others turned to the left. Then all of them stopped suddenly in mid-air, for more than 10 seconds. Again they started to move at high speed and came together to fly in close formation. They emitted a bright white glow and looked like four first-magnitude stars flying in close formation. They maneuvered always at high speed, making right-angle turns and stopping in mid-air several times.

At that moment Mr. Righy was already shouting for his neighbors to watch

the phenomenon. In a few minutes a small crowd was gathered at the street—men, women and children. Mr. Agos tinho de Deus, who lives at house 15, somehow was able to get binoculars. According to Mr. Righy, as seen through the binoculars, the objects were ovoid and had a flattened dome on top with a series of luminous points of yellow color. Just before moving away to the east, at high speed, the four UAOs stopped again in space, hovering over the area for about 30 seconds.

6. The industrialist Raul Feteira, his wife, daughters, and future son-in-law Homero Moreira de Freitas, a Federal employee, provided the following UAO report:

"On March 21, at 8:35 p.m., from the windows of our apartment at Icarai Beach, 177, we sighted a strange luminous object flying over the Boa Viagem Hill, in Niteroi city. The brightly glowing object was illuminated by a number of white lights, elliptical in shape, and placed along an exact circle. At naked-eye, however, we couldn't see the outlines of the central body encircled by the lights. But Homero and my daughter Carmen, using binoculars, were able to see a conical shape flattened on top.

"We thought it was an unusual balloon, but we found it strange its complete immobility against the strong wind which was blowing from the sea. Then suddenly all the white lights changed to a blood-red color and the object started to move to the left, and to rise, flying in the direction of the TV towers on top of the Sumare mountain, in Rio de Janeiro (on the other side of the Guanabara Bay). It was then that the object decelerated rapidly and abruptly reversed course, going back swiftly to its initial motionless position over the hill. Just for a few seconds its lights changed back to white and again turned to red, for the last time, but now with no brightness. A few minutes later, the object started to move at high speed to the right in a horizontal direction, then accelerated and climbed up, disappearing in a few seconds. It was soundless, but soon several airplanes were heard. They came in view with their peculiar lights, flying as in pursuit of the object which was disappearing over the horizon.

"It was not a balloon because of the sudden change in the color of the lights, at the same time, and because of the sudden motions at high speed to the left and right. It could not be an airplane, because an airplane or a formation of airplanes are not soundless, and airplanes cannot hover motionless for several minutes. Besides, the airplane's

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lights are never placed in a perfect circle. All those things indicate that the object we watched for 15 minutes was a very unusual kind of aircraft." Unquote.

7. On March 24, the businessman Jonas Franco, 23 years old, living at 213 Alexandre Ramos Street, in Jacarepagua, suffered a nervous shock and lost his voice because—as described in his written report—he sighted a flying disc over his house and almost landing on the roof.

"Everything happened in just a few seconds," he wrote. "It was a metallic object about the size of a car, shaped like a flattened disc and very bright. It was at 2:00 a.m., I heard something knocking on my door. When I opened the door I saw the 'flying disc' hovering about 15 feet away. Its glow was so brilliant that my vision was dazzled. I ran away like a desperate man through the streets until I was grasped by a policeman, who took me to a hospital."

The policeman, Edwar Robson Brun (address: Estrada do Cafunda, 356), declared that he was passing through that place when he saw that man running like a terrified animal along Geremario Dantas Street. He reported: "Immediately I ran to get him, thinking he was a criminal. The man couldn't talk. His eyes were wide open, protruding from their sockets. I thought he had seen something terrifying and asked about what was happening. He couldn't answer. I decided then to take him to the Carlos Chagas hospital where he was given an injection. Calming down, Mr. Jonas Franco was able to write that 'he had sighted a flying disc hovering over his house, and described the object as metallic, brilliant and soundless.'"

The friends of Jonas Franco testified that he was a normal person of good mental health, a responsible citizen with solid reputation, not given to the habit of telling lies or imaginary stories. The problem is that he is still dumb. Several doctors have been consulted, but until now no one was able to give back his voice, and he can only write. His nervous state is getting worse day by day.

Incidentally, Jacarepagua is a district located in the south zone of Rio de Janeiro, close to Barra da Tijuca.

8. On March 25 at 7:55 p.m., a satellite-like object about the apparent size of the full moon was spotted by six workers from the Santa Maria farm, which is the place where I go on weekends. That farm is close to the town of Vassouras, about 80 miles from Rio de Janeiro. The object was coming from

the south, from the direction of Rio, and moving with a kind of jerking motion. It was slow, round in shape and surrounded by a yellow glow. It was soundless when it came over the farm. It was moving along a linear trajectory but, when over the farm, it made a right-angle turn to the east and moved away with the same speed, disappearing over the horizon. The sighting lasted for about 20 minutes.

9. On March 29, at 11:00 p.m., the fisherman Geraldo Tavares de Almeida living at a place called Muzema, close to Barra da Tijuca, was fishing at the Jacarepagua Lagoon when a round object, very bright and soundless, dived at high speed over the area, almost touching the water.

"I was so frightened that I overturned my boat," he said. "If I weren't close to the edge of the lagoon, I would be dead now, because I can't swim. From the water I still could see the object maneuvering in the air for several minutes, before disappearing to the side of the Tijuca forest."

Northern States Have Small Flap

Various points in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming reported UFOs in early April:

On the 1st, a Friday night, a pilot saw moving lights near Palmer Lake, Colorado. Warren Heckman of Denver, flying a Frontier Air Lines plane to Salt Lake City reported seeing a UFO south of Denver. Officials at Lowry AFB had asked him to check out the sighting, so he detoured from the flight pattern and followed the lights, closing to within an estimated three miles.

At Fort Collins residents reported seeing a strangely lighted object, and students at the Colorado State University weather station said they recorded the object on their radar screen. August Auer, research meteorologist at CSU, said the bright red object was at about 15,000 feet and had a glow around it. The object was estimated to be the size of a small car. It moved slowly out of the southwest, hovered for a few minutes, then moved off east.

Also in Colorado, at Golden, on the 10th, Jefferson County sheriff's officers and Golden policemen were among hundreds who sighted a red glowing object over that city. Dispatcher Dave Courtney said he watched the object for 20 minutes over South Tabletop Mountain east of Golden. He estimated it to be 1,000 to 1200 feet above the mountain, where it maneuvered and occasionally hovered. It was a red, glowing ball, and

eventually disappeared over the mountain.

In Wyoming, on the 10th also, Don Russell and his wife and several other drivers stopped to watch a strange object about four miles south of Bosler. Russell said the object looked like a balloon at first, but as he got closer he could see that it was large, and shiny on top. It was on the right side of the highway and when they got to a point about 200 feet from the object, it "disappeared," then reappeared and crossed the road. It then ascended straight up and disappeared into the sky.

Four of the sightings in Nebraska in early April will be presented here because of their detail and witnesses:

On the 7th of April Dr. Jack Lewis, Harry J. Farnham (lawyer and private pilot), James E. McBride (lawyer) and Dr. John W. Tanner, also a private pilot, were traveling on Interstate 80 near the Greenwood rest station between 7 and 8 p.m., returning to Omaha from Lincoln by auto after their plane was forced down at Lincoln by rain and low clouds.

The four men spotted what appeared to be a red beacon to the left of the highway at an estimated four hundred feet altitude. Then a big white light came on. Then they saw four or five bright red lights with an arrangement that would not fit the form of a helicopter or plane. The big white light came on again for four or five seconds, beaming toward the ground and penetrating the rain. The men observed this phenomenon for about seven minutes, after which the object took off at "fantastic speed" and disappeared.

On the 9th of April, Ronnie Prater and his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Goolsby, saw an unidentified light in the vicinity of the Missouri River and over the bridge at Rulo, Nebraska. On Sunday morning, the 10th, Ronnie and Alan Roland, Doug Rue, Bob Johnson, and Rowland Lynn, all teenagers of Falls City, Nebraska observed a huge light in the sky east of Rulo which they said settled into a grove of trees in a shower of sparks. The light was in view as they drove to White Cloud, Kansas. At one time a long, funnel-like pole was seen below the big red light. They also reported red, green and blue lights associated with the bright one.

South of Rulo, the boys saw what looked like a train headlamp darting about the trees in another wooded area, but there are no railroad tracks in that area. When they went into Rulo they notified the town marshal who also observed the strange light.

Two days later, on the 12th, Mrs. Harry Goolsby, Ronnie Prater's (see above) (See Northern, Page 8)

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grandmother, and Ronnie's brother, Jim, were outside at about 12:45 a.m., when they spotted a brilliant light which "bore down on them" from the south, moving above the Nebraska bank of the river. It momentarily turned red, but otherwise it was alternately brilliant and fading, she said. As it reached the bridge approach, moving erratically and swiftly, it momentarily hovered at about the height of the bridge spans. Then, in a sharp-angle reversal, it shot to the south-east, over the river and across to the Iowa side where it disappeared. There was no noise nor could they discern any shape behind the light. The length of observation was about one minute. Mrs. Goolsby's home is on the river bottom north of and near the railroad bridge at Rulo.

Partial Blackout In Five-State Area

Besides the other sightings in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska, a dumb-bell-shaped object was seen at Green River, and Evanston, Wyoming on the 19th of April. The object seemed large and both ends were glowing white and were joined by a brilliant red bar. It was seen by policemen and residents.

Then, on the 26th of April, there occurred a spotty blackout of electrical power in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana and Utah. Harry Caperton, supervisor for power in the Reclamation Bureau's Region 7, said in Denver that alternating current in transmission lines throughout the West, as far as Arizona and Oregon, began showing violent fluctuations shortly before the Rocky Mountain area outages.

More S.A. Sightings

Although Aerolineas Argentinas officials hesitated to confirm the report, a UAO was supposed to have paced an airliner of that company on the morning of the 7th of January 1966.

The aircraft had left the local airport at Buenos Aires en route to Neuquen, in Southern Argentina. The object, described as a glowing disc, was reported to have followed and apparently observed the plane along its course for 30 minutes. Newspaper El Mundo said that the Airlines Company hesitated to confirm the report as it wanted to avoid any kind of publicity which might affect it commercially.

A disc-shaped luminous object cruised very low above the downtown buildings

of Valencia, Venezuela on the evening of the 8th of January 1966. The object flew in a north to southwest direction, so low that at times the observers feared it would crash into the buildings. Radio stations in the area interrupted the programs to announce the presence of the object so that people could see it. No exact time is available for the first sighting, but at about 10 p.m., two more similar objects were seen flying from north to south at a high altitude.

At Acarigua, Venezuela, on the 19th of January, the passage of two luminous objects coincided with a blackout of that city. The objects came over at 7:55 p.m., one from the north, the other from the east. When the paths of the two objects crossed, the lights went out in the entire city.

Denver Teenagers Are Scared By Object

One of the weirdest incidents to come out of the April reports of UAOs was an incident at a park near Denver, Colorado on the 7th. Six teenagers drove to Daniels Park about 10 miles south of Littleton, Colorado, at 5:30 p.m., to have a picnic. They parked and walked about 300 yards to an old shelter house, where they built a fire and ate. At about 9:30 p.m., the youngsters heard what sounded like footsteps on top of the shelter. Two of the boys took a flashlight and went out to look but found nothing. The shelter is built into the side of a small hill. The area was very quiet but they heard a strange buzzing sound. They heard it while moving but when they stopped to listen the sound would stop. Finally they looked toward their car and saw, in a field near it, something that looked like a car with big round tail lights. The lights appeared to be moving about, then they were gone.

The two boys went back to the shelter house where the others had relit the fire and were told that they had seen a huge figure pass by the shelter. They said the figure was over six feet in height.

At that juncture, all of the youngsters decided to leave the area, and proceeded up to the car. On their way, and as they watched from the car, four objects "that looked like footballs with domes on them" maneuvered near them. The boys estimated that the objects were approximately 20 feet in diameter. After twenty minutes of watching the display, during which time a strange, pulsating, buzzing noise was heard, the group decided to leave. When they got into the car, it would start and run, but kept stalling out every few seconds as though the ig-

nition was being switched off and on. The radio would play nothing as the static was too pronounced. When they returned to Littleton they reported the incident to Police Chief John C. MacIvor. "The kids seemed very sincere and two of the girls were really frightened," MacIvor told the press. "Obviously they hadn't been drinking and I'm sure they weren't trying to perpetrate a fraud. I'm inclined to think they really saw something," he said.

Nests . . .

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but the February 26 issue of "The Dominion" said that a similar depression was found in a swamp one mile east of Sydney, Australia's Bankstown Airport, and seems almost identical to the other "nests" near Tully. This depression is 20 feet in diameter and was found by two school boys as they took a short cut through the swamp on their way home from school. "Tall reeds were flattened into the mud as if by some tremendous force and all were in a perfectly clockwise position," said the "Dominion." The boys also noticed what they described as a "pungent, chemical smell" but which was gone when they went back the next day.

Photos of the nests show a depressed area with the reeds plainly swirled from the center out, as if a powerful down-draft of air had acted upon them.

Not included in news reports were Mr. Pennisi's description of the strange "footprints" found there. He and Pedley found them the same day the nests were discovered, beside the large nest, and determined that they had not been made by animals. When notified, the police did not come to view the "nests" until the next morning, and by then the footprints had been obliterated by the curious who had come to see the nests. "Both George (Pedley) and I regret that we didn't know about former flying-saucer research before the event, as they were the people who should have been notified and could have taken control of the whole thing," Pennisi wrote Dr. Edwards.

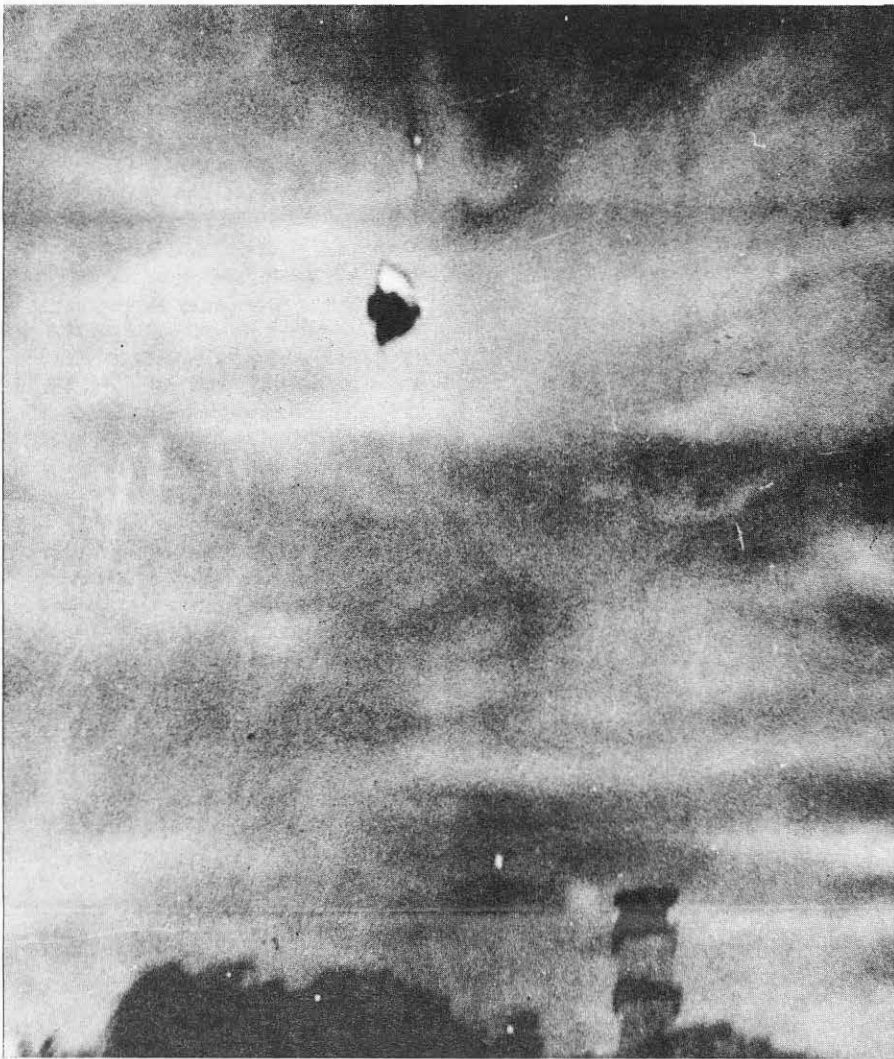
He went on: "The footprints were about 3 inches in diameter and looked like (here Pennisi sketched what resembles the hoof mark of a calf) this, about 8 or 10 inches apart; by the 'frog' we meant there was no indentation on the heel, and the soil remained loose and raised. The large nest was 28 feet in diameter and clockwise, and the smaller nests were 8 feet and anti-clockwise."

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STRANGE INCIDENT IN AUSTRALIA



"Best Photo" Yet— In Australia

Peter Norris has forwarded a print of the clear colored photograph taken by a prominent Melbourne businessman on the 2nd of April. Although the photographer asks anonymity, he is a member of the VFSRS, and is known and vouched for by Mr. Norris. At 2:20 p.m. on the 2nd, the man was in his garden using up the remainder of the film in his Polaroid color camera. Suddenly a bright reflection caught his eye and he looked up and saw a bell-shaped object hovering,

on its side, over a house. The man snapped the photo, whereupon the object accelerated at great speed and took off in a northerly direction. He estimated the object was about 20 to 25 feet in diameter and at about 150 feet altitude.

If at all possible, the photo will be included with this article. In the black and white print the bottom appears black, but in actuality, in the color photo, it is pink, reflecting the color of the roof over which the object hovered.

(See Australian Photo Above)

A headline reading "Odd Sighting Report, Road Death Linked" appeared in the Perth, Australia "The West Australian" on Tuesday, 12 April 1966. Although no exact date is specified, it is believed the incidents involved happened on or about the 5th of April:

Mr. R. Sullivan, a steel contractor of Maryborough, about 100 miles from Melbourne, reported that while driving his car home from Wycheproof along a tree-lined road, his car suddenly swung sharply to the right. He braked, looked and saw a mysterious column of light in a paddock. When his lights were pulled to the right they lit up the fence "as though they were being dragged by a giant magnet" hidden somewhere in the paddock. In the middle of the paddock, the column of light appeared to be about 25 feet high and shaped like an ice cream cone. It appeared about three feet wide at the bottom and 10 feet wide at the top. The bottom seemed to rest on the ground and it was a brilliant white in color. From there to the top the cloud-like mass looked like a rainbow—it had all the colors of the spectrum.

Before Sullivan made a move, the object rose silently from the ground at tremendous speed. The next day he tested the headlights and found them functioning normally. A small dust depression in a ploughed paddock was examined. The "saucer"-shaped depression is about 3 feet in diameter and 2 inches to 5 inches deep, and 50 yards from the road.

Authorities and the press were puzzled about this incident, for on the 7th, Gary Taylor, 19, of Carnegie, died in a crash when his car unaccountably left the road and crashed into a tree about 10 feet off the highway.

Stop Press!

Hundreds of residents watched a UAO in the sky while two constables pursued the object in a police car for two hours in Grafton, Australia, on the 6th of June. More next issue.

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APRO Memberships Soar, Greater Coverage Needed

It appears that some members take
their memberships lightly, depending on
someone else to cover their area. Others
treat membership in APRO as a sub-
scription. Since July 1965 memberships
have risen steeply and our coverage is
greater, but many members are sitting
back, receiving their Bulletins and never
contributing any information although
it may be at hand.

The APRO staff, and particularly our
overseas representatives, give generously
of their time and energy and oftentimes

their resources in order to help keep
ALL of the membership informed about
current UAO news. They, and many
hundreds of dedicated members are in
effect, "subsidizing" the rest who do
not actively participate.

The membership application clearly
indicates that APRO is a cooperative ven-
ture and depends on the efforts of ALL
members. Some of you belong to other
groups to which you submit regular in-
formation, and although you benefit
from the efforts of other APRO mem-
bers, you decline to participate.

There seems to be no way to appeal
to the non-participating members ex-
cept on the basis of fair play. Do YOU
want others to do YOUR job? It is true
that we often receive many duplicate
clippings dealing with one sighting due
to the fact that the wire services are
giving more space and time to the UAO
phenomenon. However, sometimes news-
papers "cut" stories to such an extent
that important details are included in
one news cutting and not in others. This
is where duplication of clippings received
can be invaluable.

Several members have been invaluable
in presenting intelligent, rational facts
to portions of the public. One of these
is Walter Andrus of Motorola, Inc., who
recently received a one-page spread in
"The Voice of Motorola," that organiza-
tion's trade paper. This has resulted in
membership applications from a great
number of scientifically and technically
qualified personnel.

Press interest is high and APRO is
approached almost daily to furnish in-
formation out of its massive file of UAO
information. Unlike any other organiza-
tion in the world, our files date back a
full 15 years and some of the Loren-
zens' files go back to as early as 1945.
We would appreciate it very much if
each and every member would submit
clippings (with dateline—this is import-
ant) concerning ANY and ALL UAO
news.

If you belong to other groups, it should
not be too large a problem to submit in-
formation to both. We do not ask that
members only work with APRO or only
participate in APRO—each individual
has the right to do as he pleases in this
respect. However, having joined APRO,
one should live up to the obligation im-
plied in the membership blank's require-
ments for cooperation.

Know Your Area!

Members should familiarize them-
selves with the location of the following
in their areas: Radio Station transmitt-
ers, TV transmitters, power stations,
telephone installations and micro-wave

towers, water reservoirs, other fresh
water sources, and water pumping sta-
tions.

In the case of landed or hovering
UAOs, it should not be too great a task,
if one is familiar with the above, to de-
termine shortly whether or not the inci-
dent took place in the vicinity of one
of the same, and submit that informa-
tion along with clipping and report.

That CBS "Special"

On the 10th of May, CBS's much-
heralded "Special" report, "UFOs —
Friend, Foe or Fantasy?" was aired. The
network had given the show a lot of
plugging but little detail was known
about its actual content.

Narrated by veteran Walter Kronkite,
the show was the usual rehash of opin-
ions about UFOs, and the only differ-
ence we could see between it and the
famous (or infamous) Armstrong Circle
Theater presentation of about 8 years
ago, was that the sightings mentioned
were up to date and included the Man-
nor sighting at Dexter, Michigan, and
the Van Horn sighting at Hillsdale, and
the cast of characters was slightly al-
tered. (See stories in March-April
issue).

Those "not in the know" may have
breathed a little harder when the film
of the object taken from a plane over
England was shown, for they looked
good. However, the explanation (an ac-
curate one, incidentally) knocked that
one into a cocked hat, but not before
Englishman Gibbs-Smith pronounced the
films as authentic and commented on
the egotism of denying the possibility of
life elsewhere.

The only resemblance to a non-par-
tisan, scientific exposure of the subject
came when Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air
Force's consulting astrophysicist, com-
mented on the Air Force's admitted 600-
odd unexplained sightings.

But, as stated before, the show said
nothing new and the general format
was the usual accusation by Mr. Donald
Keyhoe that the Air Force is withholding
facts and shouldn't. Dr. Donald Men-
zel's assertion that the things are nothing
but reflections on inversion layers (mas-
on jar and all) and recounts of wholly
unsatisfactorily explained sightings.

As Rick Du Brow, TV and Radio critic
said, the public was "left up in the air."

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The Ohio Police Chase

The prime example of reconnaissance of official land-based vehicles took place on an 85-mile strip of interconnecting highways between Ravenna, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pa. on the 17th of April 1966. We are indebted to Attorney Carl Funk for his wrapup of certain important details. Although hundreds of people apparently spotted the object we will deal with the major sighting involving the police cars.

Press reports first quoted unidentified Air Force Reserve pilots at Youngstown, who reportedly said they had attempted to chase the object but its 100-mile-per-hour speed was too slow for their jet trainers. Later these reports were withdrawn when AF officials at Youngstown said no planes were scrambled. The first reports placed the object as travelling east along U. S. Highway 224 north of Canton.

At 5 a. m. Deputy Wayne Huston was cruising about East Palestine, Ohio when he heard a message on his car radio stating that a woman had reported from east of Akron having sighted a bright UFO which was apparently headed Eastward. Portage County (to the east) Deputy Dale Spaur received the message and with another Portage County deputy took off in search, and picked up the object near "Brady's Park going into Rochester"—on State Route 224. The vehicle followed the UFO at speeds of between 80 and 100 miles per hour, later leaving Route 224 and taking State Route 14 toward Pittsburgh. All the while, these deputies were using their radio and were listened to from the first by officer Wayne Huston of the East Palestine police.

As the chase passed East Palestine on Route 14 about 5:35 a. m., at the highway junction just north of the town, Huston joined the chase and all three, the UFO, the Portage deputies and the East Palestine cruiser, proceeded eastward toward Pittsburgh at 80-100 miles per hour. Attempts were made to rouse Pennsylvania officers without much success, due to differing radio systems between the states. However, on reaching Conway, Pennsylvania, contact was made with the local officers, and the matter was turned over to them.

The Pennsylvania Police became highly uncommunicative about what happened after Conway, but the following is known about the object and the "chase".

The object looked "like an ice cream cone, big end up", said one deputy. It was a bright white light, so bright they "could have driven without their own lights being on," they said. There were no windows, no irregular surface fea-

tures, no exhaust or contrails. The only noise was a whirring similar to that of a rapidly turning motor. The average height at which it travelled was about 800 feet but once or twice it dipped to 200 feet. Motion was not erratic or oscillating. The only variation was when it ascended which it did very rapidly.

The deputies assumed that it was intelligently controlled. It seemed to be able to go much faster but it held a speed of 80-100 miles per hour so it *could* be followed. The men in the cars felt that their radio communications were being monitored and their changes in procedure being anticipated.

At no time was there any interference with their engines' performance or the operation of the car radios.

One man, a Portage County deputy and also Chief of Police of Mantua Village, Gerald Buchert, obtained a photograph of the object and reportedly was told by the AF to keep it from the public. It went out on the press wires the next day (Tuesday) however. The photo does not appear to be anything spectacular, being merely a blob in news prints of same.

Some of the quotes by the men who chased the object are quite interesting:

The object was "about 35-40 feet in diameter".

Deputy Robert Wilson said that at one time during the chase, he heard Spaur say that the object had something like an antenna protruding from the bottom, as it hovered over the cruiser in which he (Spaur) and W. L. Neff were riding.

Buchert was quoted as saying the object looked round until it moved away, then it appeared like two saucers cupped together, lip to lip. The top half was very bright, the bottom half was dark.

At one point, when the deputies reached a highway interchange bridge, they had to slow down and the object appeared to slow and hover, waiting for them.

Spaur was a complete skeptic about UAOs prior to his experience but has since changed his mind.

Two developments during the ensuing week are interesting. One is explained, the other is not:

On the 23rd, the official word came out of Washington that the officers had chased a "double image" of Venus (whatever that is). They did qualify the statement with the word "probably", however. This development is explained, we believe, by the fact that officialdom has made a practice of denying the reality of the discs. Although considerable editorializing and general reporting on the happenings of the last year has convinced many people, the TV-Radio industry seems determined to keep any

pro-UFO information off the air.

The second item, which is unexplainable, is the apparently abandoned car found near the area where the object was first sighted. It was carrying walkie talkies, recording equipment and tape recordings. It was registered to a Robert W. Nelson of Edinboro, Pa., and a driver's temporary permit was found in the car, also, issued to Sanford Brown of Crawford. We have no further information on this vehicle and would appreciate any available. It may have no connection whatsoever with the incident, and it may have been a plant.

The Wanaque Reservoir Incident

On the night of 11 January 1966, hundreds of residents of Wanaque, New Jersey reported observing a strange, large white light which maneuvered over the local Reservoir. Some of the many were Mayor Harry T. Wolfe, who was alerted by the police, and Councilman Arthur Barton and Warren Hagstrom. The object was seen from Oakland, Ringwood, Paterson, Totowa, Wayne and Butler. It was reported to have been seen in Oakland first, then over the Reservoir, then above Lakeland Regional High School, and over the Houdaille Sandpit in Haskell. It then appeared to move southeast toward Pines Lake in Wayne where it "disappeared."

The object was described as "gliding oddly" and changing color from white to red to green and back to white. Some described it as a very brilliant white light like a star except that it didn't flicker, and others said it was "oval."

Civil Defense Director Bentley Spencer and Richard Vrooman were also alerted by reservoir Patrolman George Dykman and went out to view the object. Spencer went to the top of the 1500-foot-long Raymond Dam with reservoir employee Fred Stennes and from that vantage point, he reported later, he observed a "bolt of light" which shot down, as if "attracted to the water." He said it appeared to be a beam of light emitted from a porthole. Hundreds of curious were turned back by reservoir police when they converged on the dam from both the north and the south to view the object.

Later news clippings carried the explanation by the Air Force that observers had been watching an AF helicopter, but it was later learned that the helicopter was not in that area at that time. Also suspect were Venus, in the evening sky, and Jupiter in the early morning sky. However, the appearance of these two planets does not coincide with the

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descriptions and maneuvers of the object.

It was also reported that Reservoir Policeman Charles Theodora spotted an object from the Reservoir Station at 2 a.m. on January 12 after he was notified by the Pompton Lakes Police that they had been chasing an object. He said he watched the object until 4:30 a.m., along with other officers. He said it came over the pumping station, danced from side to side, blinked on and off, or at times ascended at such a fast rate that he couldn't track it, for 2½ hours, after which it headed into the north and disappeared over the rim of the dam.

Wanaque Reservoir is one of a vast network of reservoirs in northern New Jersey. This sighting of a UAO over a fresh water supply is only one of many documented by APRO in the past 5 years.

UAO Seen Near New York Water Tower

An unidentified (by request) police officer at Syracuse, New York, reported that on the night of the 25th of April, he observed a circular car-sized object hovering near the Thornden Park water tower.

The same officer had seen an object come out of the south earlier. It was described as cloud-like and it hovered (about 200 to 300 yards) near the field house, then climbed into the sky and disappeared.

The second, seen about five minutes later, also came from the south and dropped at a 45 degree angle. It was described as a white, bluish-green object that trailed white sparks. The size was comparable to an auto, it was circular and had a domed top within which lights were observed. It stopped and hovered about 3 feet above the road leading to the water tower. After five to ten seconds, it rose and vanished into the south.

The officer reported that the objects were also seen by two others. One of a group of boys who were walking near the Park (Thornden Park) told a reporter for the Syracuse Herald-American that he and his friends saw the same thing.

Officials Quash School Sighting

Officials of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society (Peter Norris, president) of Australia, were hard put to obtain information on the reported sighting of a UAO near the Westall School

in Clayton, on the 6th of April, 1966. The known facts:

Mrs. Judith Magee, who investigated, said that she understood that children at the school had been instructed to talk to no one who asked questions about the sighting. Finally, a science teacher at the school, Mr. Andrew Greenwood, gave a detailed description to the press which discounted theories that the object was a weather balloon, an aircraft or a flock of birds. The object was round, had a flat base and a hump on the top, grey or silver in color and while it hovered and maneuvered near the school, it was circled by light aircraft. Despite this information, authorities deny the presence of the aircraft. Officials at Moorabbin airport said that a dozen aircraft took off from there on the morning of April 6, one of which was on a cross-country flight. Other light craft were on training flights, but to the southeast, while Westall is northwest of the field. The RAAF had no aircraft operating in the area at the time.

Greenwood said that five light aircraft were circling the object and were flying at a relatively low altitude. He first saw the object when it rose into the air from behind pine trees near the school. After about 20 minutes Greenwood looked away and when he looked back, the object was gone.

Two Close Encounters

On the same day, but half a continent apart, two men came upon UAOs and had an interesting tale to tell:

Early on the morning of the 23rd of March, Eddie Laxton, 56, of Temple, Oklahoma, came upon a "fish-shaped" object on Highway U.S. 70 near the Oklahoma-Texas line. Laxton is employed as an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls, and is generally considered to be a stable individual.

Laxton was en route to work from Temple when he had to stop his car because the object blocked the highway. He got out and approached the silvery object, he said, and saw a man dressed in what appeared to be GI fatigues standing by the strange craft. He turned back to his car to get his camera and the man got into the object and it took off vertically. Laxton, familiar with aircraft, could not identify the object although he got a good look at it. The only familiar thing about it was the marking, TL41, which was part of a set of letters arranged vertically instead of horizontally on ordinary aircraft and test craft. C. W. Anderson, a truck driver from Snyder, Oklahoma, reported the same incident, he being on the road and

headed in the opposite direction. He told the press that he and other truck drivers had seen several of the same type of objects along that highway in the past few months.

Late in the evening of the 23rd of March, police received a report from 23-year-old John King of Bangor, Maine, who claimed he had seen an orange-colored, low-flying object with a blue light on one end and a white one on the other, in a field near the Bangor State Hospital. He took a few shots at it. His story:

He was driving on Mt. Hope Avenue when he noticed lights in the field near the Bangor State Hospital. He got out to look and the object started coming toward him. He went back to his car, loaded a .22 caliber automatic pistol and returned to the field and fired four shots at the thing. King claimed he could hear the tips of the elderberry bushes scraping the underside of the object which he estimated as two car lengths wide, as it passed above him.

Captain F. Carr McInnis, to whom King reported, said that "King must have seen something as he was visibly upset."

Teacher Spots UAO In Ontario

Harold Mullins, B.A., science teacher at Selkirk High School, Fort William, Ontario, Canada, has forwarded a complete report and drawing of an object he observed near Highway 11, 20 miles west of Longlac, Ontario on the 30th of December, 1965.

Mullins reports that the road in that area was level for 3 or 4 miles and he spotted the object above the ground off to the right and ahead of him. He checked his eyes by taking his eyes from the light and then looking at it again. He decided he was really observing something, and slowed his car to between 5 and 10 miles per hour until he drew up to the object and then passed it. He decided not to stop as the road was a lonely one with no apparent habitation in the vicinity. After he passed the light he did not encounter any other traffic for three quarters of an hour.

The object was a bright yellow oval disc and a light path emanated from its underside to the evergreen trees over which it hovered. It appeared to be vibrating at a fixed point, and looked to be about the size of "a small house or large room," and hovering about 20-30 feet above tree level and one-fourth mile north of the highway. Mullins estimated his observing time as about 20 minutes; it was still there when he drove out of sight.

Boys Chased By UAO

On the 8th of April, Mike Dorsey and Gary Hunt, each of whom are 12 years old, were proceeding to school from their home in Norwalk, Connecticut. They had left home at 8:05 and turned into Redcoat Road on their way to school. About 5 minutes later they noticed sunlight reflecting off a distant object to the west, behind them. The object zoomed down in a flash and made one pass over them (from west to east), turned and made a second pass (from east to west), then turned and made a third pass (from west to east again).

The boys panicked, yelled, shouted, and ran into the nearby woods for cover. Redcoat Road is a sparsely settled road with only a few houses set well off the road. A car with New York plates and two men in it slowed down but when the men apparently saw the object, they left in a hurry.

The object was a dull silver in color. Gary described the only sound as like bees' humming, even lower in frequency, when close, at about 15 feet. After the third pass, the object made two more passes, apparently looking for the boys, who had taken refuge under a bridge abutment. At one point it hovered over the bridge, and the boys noted that it had a fluttering motion when it hovered. They could not see the underside at any time, but described it as very smooth, apparently metallic, a black spot on the top of it, near the rim, a red light on top of an antenna-like protrusion which stuck up out of the top, and red and white lights around the rim, which appeared to rotate anti-clockwise. The top light appeared to be about 4 inches in diameter. The boys said the object appeared to be about 8 feet in diameter and 4½ feet high.

We are indebted to Martin F. Grace for this investigation and for the following quotes: "When we hid behind trees, it floated above the trees to spot us. When we hid behind rocks it still spotted us," said Gary. They finally ran to the Holy Ghost Seminary on Ferndale property, where four seminaries spotted them being chased by something. The boys ran toward the bridge abutment at this point and hid under it.

The disc then came down to about 7 feet altitude, apparently trying to find the boys, and stayed in that position for about 5 minutes, whereupon it suddenly disappeared. The boys ran from the bridge, and heard a "ker-splash."

At that juncture, both boys went home. The time was 10 a.m., so the object had been pursuing them for the better part of two hours. Their parents

said the boys were white and obviously very frightened.

Mr. Grace later called the Ferndale Seminary on the phone and talked to two of the Seminaries. They both said that no one was there since it was Easter week, thus indicating that the boys had not even seen the seminaries they mentioned.

Mr. Grace also learned that the boys were questioned in the principal's office at school by a man who refused to give his name or organization. He merely said that he was from a classified top secret branch of the government.

Michigan Sighting In Early March

Although the press took little notice, there seemed to be some activity in Michigan at least a week prior to the "flap" around the latter part of the month. Science teacher Maxine Muck of Blissfield, Michigan, was driving with her daughter near Dexter (the scene of the Mannor sighting) on the 13th of March at 5:30 a. m. Her headlights struck an object hovering at low altitude which then rose slowly and disappeared from sight in a northeasterly direction. Both described it as a spiral-shaped orange-colored object about 4 feet wide and about 27 feet long. No noise was heard, and Mrs. Muck said she got the impression the lights of her car alerted the object.

Other Sightings

Other sightings preceding the fuss at Dexter and Hillsdale took place in southeastern Michigan in the early morning of the 14th. Sheriff's deputies reported sighting a disc with red and green lights which moved at high speed and maneuvered in the northwest. Shortly after 4 the object was joined by a second one and the two flew in formation. The same objects were apparently sighted by sheriff's department personnel from Monroe and Livingston counties and from Ypsilanti, Dexter and Sylvania, Ohio.

Selfridge AFB was notified and although radar men had observed them visually, they said, their radar had not picked them up. At about 5:30 a.m., the two maneuvering UAOs were joined by two more and all four flew off in a northwesterly direction.

Woman Is Paralyzed By Ball Of Fire

On the 24th of April, at about 9 p.m., Mrs. Viola Swartwood, 45, was riding in the car with her husband in the hamlet of Fleming, New York. It was raining. A ball of fire came out of the sky, hung

close to the car, then Mr. Swartwood heard what he described as a "loud snap" and his wife felt a shock run through the right side of her body. She was hospitalized with a paralysis which concentrated on her right side. Last reports indicated that she is progressing and that the paralysis is leaving.

At about the same time of the Swartwood incident, residents of West Lake road saw a cone-shaped light-colored object with a feathery or fiery bottom section which flew around the area for about 15 minutes and then disappeared. The object was apparently a few miles east of Fleming.

N.Y. UAOs Over Canal Area

In the first week of April, several sightings were reported along a canal area a mile west of Rome AFB near Rome, New York. Although the Utica Observer Dispatch did not give the date, the coverage was remarkably detailed. A young couple reported seeing a "boomerang" shaped object with flashing lights which hovered soundlessly an estimated 100 feet above them. A few days later, people on Upper West Thomas Street (in Utica) watched an object with flashing lights which hovered over the canal. Although AF spokesmen later denied it, the observers said planes from the air base were flying in the area and apparently were trying to locate it. The observers said the UFO would "duck out of sight" when the planes came near, then reappear when they left.

The boomerang-shaped object seen by Kenneth Peck, 21, and Carol Broskay, 16, had three lights, whitish, bluish-green and red, and the surface of the object was dull metal colored. The youngsters estimated its size as 85 feet across and 25 feet thick. When they approached it, they said, it glided east toward Utica.

Object On Road In France

Eugene Coquil of Kermadien en Balazec, France, reports that at 4 in the morning on the 16th of January 1966 he saw what appeared to be the lights of a tractor in a field. He got out of the car to help the "driver in distress" and was surprised when the object began to move. At this, Coquil got back into his car and tried to start the engine, but it would not start. The object was coming toward his vehicle, then proceeded, at very low altitude, to the rear on the opposite side of the road where it landed. Coquil got his car started and left. He described the object as appearing to be square in shape with a red light on each "corner."

The Patterns In The 1965 "Flap"

The hundreds of sightings logged by APRO in 1965 yielded some significant patterns. They are:

1. Repetitive sightings over populated areas.
2. Apparent interest in land-based official vehicles (police cars).
3. Hovering and landed objects over or near power transmission lines and power stations.
4. Hovering and landed objects over or near fresh water sources such as lakes and reservoirs.

As has been our method since APRO began concentrating on patterns during flaps, flyovers are logged, but the hovering and landed object cases are the ones which are felt will yield more concrete information and therefore are given more attention.

The four groups mentioned above were quite readily recognizable and there is still another although its significance is not as easily interpreted, and it is the large number of sightings of objects over or hovering near school grounds. This may merely mean that children look up more than adults and therefore the presence of UAOs in the vicinity of schools is more easily noted.

However, concerning the four groups listed above, we have need of interpretation. In the instance of the first group, it would seem that the old pattern of surreptitiousness, at least where populated areas are concerned, is no longer practiced and it would logically follow that the UAO occupants want to be seen by large groups of people. This could be interpreted as indoctrination of sorts. If the objects are capable of monitoring TV and radio broadcasts as we suspect (see the Ohio-Pennsylvania Police chase incident in this issue for an example) then their repeated appearances over cities may mean that they are aware that until 1965 they were not taken seriously by the general public.

Group number two began to show during the Midwest flap in the U.S. in July and August. The pattern manifested itself in this way: An object would come in over a city, hover until attention was drawn to it, then as police cars showed interest, the object would proceed beyond the city's boundaries where it would hover in an inaccessible area. See 1965 APRO Bulletins for examples. The latest such incident is the Ohio-Pennsylvania case noted above.

Group three was indicated over the last 6 years, but was grossly obvious during the 1965 activity. The Northeast power blackout seems to be connected with this reconnaissance.

Group four has also been manifested during the past several years but was even more obvious in 1965.

Most of us feel that the UAOs are occupied by intelligent beings, that they are interplanetary in origin and that their past behavior indicates a pattern. The major patterns were outlined in Mrs. Lorenzen's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," and on the basis of the pattern, the prediction of water and power reconnaissance was made.

A careful study of the facts about the 1965 correlations indicates a relationship between the four groups of like observations. Let us review some observations of the past 19 years:

The UAO occupants are careful, methodical and they do not like light. The activities of the past 19 years indicate a careful and purposeful reconnaissance. The tendency of the UAO occupants to carry out certain reconnaissance in isolated areas is obvious. This may indicate a purpose which is indifferent or at worst inimical to man.

Without electrical power and water, the advanced cultures of this world are virtually helpless — and especially at night. The Northeast power blackout may have been brought about in order to study man under stress. Or . . . it would be an excellent way in which to determine how men operate at night without electrical power.

Of course, the Northeast blackout was not the only one, and it differed, for instance, from the one in Buenos Aires in one important detail. In Buenos Aires radio and TV stations, lacking auxiliary power plants, went off the air and the result of lack of communication between authorities and the people was widespread panic.

In the Northeast United States, however, radio stations switched almost immediately to auxiliary power plants and stayed on the air and the reassurances of authorities were received by the proliferation of transistor radios and battery operated sets.

If the UAOs were studying the effect of the blackouts from a strategic angle, they learned some important things: That at least in the U.S., communication is maintained through radio via auxiliary power plants. They must also have learned that there is probably another method of communication, and that is the telephone although they may not know exactly yet how it works and where its nerve centers are. They also must have noted (and especially in the Southwest blackout of the 3rd of December) that military bases also have auxiliary power systems.

It has been suggested that the preoccupation with fresh water sources may

indicate an interest in easy access of hydrogen for nuclear plants. On the other hand, hydrogen can be obtained from the atmosphere, or from isolated lakes and rivers. So why the *drinking water* sources which have been reconnoitered in the past few years? If merely obtaining water is the object, that could be accomplished by tapping isolated mountain springs, reservoirs in isolated locations, etc. But there is a noticeable concentration on reservoirs which furnish certain areas with drinking water, and drinking water is a vital necessity to sustain life—it is something we use day after day, year in and year out.

Could it be that the water resources are being reconnoitered with a plan in mind? The introduction of germs or tranquilizers, for instance?

The second group of incidents—that of objects chasing police cars, baiting them into chases—could reveal some very important bits of information such as top speed, communications hookups, the types of police authority (i.e., city, county, state, etc.). From the Ohio "chase" of April 1966 alone, the occupants of the UAOs could learn that the top speed of an official car is about 100 miles per hour, that they are capable of communicating with each other and a central headquarters via radio, that it is often difficult because of different radio frequencies for communications between states, and that their progress along the highways are slowed by traffic lights and traffic interchanges and intersections. This could be invaluable if some sort of invasion were planned.

During a discussion among APRO advisers and members concerning the possible connection between these four correlations, one individual who prefers to remain anonymous, assessed the information in this manner:

"About the experiments themselves. The blackouts do not seem to have been affected to attempt to find out how humans react under certain stress situations. Their psychologists might be interested in this point, but the main reason, I believe, was a different one. They simply wanted to know, in the case of the Northeast United States if their device could cause a blackout; how long it lasted; how big it was; and mostly, *to what degree it could paralyze the life functions of our civilization*, including communications and military mobilization. And you can be reasonably sure that they learned something which will postpone their plans for some time (until the problem is solved). They discovered that military bases have independent auxiliary power sources and stayed ac-

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tive during the blackouts. The same for radio stations in certain areas. Also they must suspect by now that we have some method of communication which was not affected by their device—our telephone network. At any rate, the blackouts appear to be tests to find our weak spots, for military reasons.

"The same applies to the water. They could spread disease through the water—biological warfare. Not to exterminate the human race, but to disorganize and cause confusion and panic. But virus diseases have an incubation period which is different for each person, no one is affected in the same manner and many will be resistant. The results would be unpredictable. There would be a much better way—drugs. Not poisons to kill a large number of people, nor tranquilizing drugs—just sleeping drugs.

"You can see the picture—if they are planning a mass landing they know we will attempt to fight back. But how could we resist if everything is paralyzed by the lack of electric power and everyone is sleeping peacefully?" Unquote.

This picture is not a pretty one. Nor was it a pretty picture that APRO painted when we began to log and investigate occupant incidents in 1954. We do not offer these interpretations lightly, but would like to ask dissenters to go along with us in considering this theory for the following reasons:

1. If we are wrong in our interpretation, we have lost nothing.
2. If we are right, it will mean that our methods were thorough and correct and our existence as a research organization is justified.

We must keep in mind the following: If the foregoing theory is correct, the UAO occupants have several big problems on their hands: In many areas of the world, water is not potable and sizeable groups of people drink bottled water. In many other areas, including desert areas (Tucson is an example), water is obtained from deep wells which would be difficult to reach and pollute with drugs.

Other points which we must take into consideration: The drinking water sources for large masses of population throughout the world are top-of-the-ground water reservoirs. Most of our largest cities depend on them for their water supply, and many depend on lakes. Chicago and Milwaukee are examples of the latter, they depend on water from Lake Michigan which is treated and filtered in order to make it fit for human consumption.

Therefore, if the foregoing theory is correct or nearly so, we can expect the following in the near future:

UAOs hovering or landing or maneuvering over telephone centers, micro-wave relay stations and the like. Further concentration on power stations, electrical transmission lines, water reservoirs, lakes, and PUMPING STATIONS for well water.

We should all make a DETERMINED EFFORT to locate the nearest of the above-named installations in all cases of hovering or landed UAOs. We should also take particular interest in sightings of any objects over or near NATIONAL CAPITALS, STATE CAPITALS and MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

There is no doubt at this time that UAO activity has entered a new stage—it would seem to be the "wind-up" operation. If our theory of sleeping drugs in drinking water is correct, the last step will be a test. We have no idea of the timetable, but it is absolutely essential that we learn everything possible about UAO activity from this moment on. Please see editorial concerning adequate coverage.

Florida Governor Sees UAO

Governor Haydon Burns of Florida, U.S.A., four newsmen and seven other persons on board his Convair reportedly viewed a bright flying object which was not picked up on radar, while flying at 6,000 feet just south of Ocala, Florida at 8:52 p.m., on the 28th of April, 1966.

Governor Burns spotted the object and ordered his pilot to intercept the object, after obtaining approval from the Miami control tower. Jack Ledden of the Palm Beach (Fla.) Post-Times said he was convinced the object was controlled and that it was something top secret that the U.S. government has but won't disclose. He described the object as two "parenthesis or inverted saucers with light between of yellowish white." The descriptions of the other witnesses were similar. They said that when the plane gave chase the object's lights turned down and went out completely.

Lighted "Plate" In Ohio

One of the continuing sightings of UAOs in the East was made on the 4th of May by Mrs. Becky Hartley of Cardington, Ohio and about 9 others. Mrs. Hartley told the press she was getting ready for bed when she saw a white light go by her window. She looked out and saw the light hovering over a nearby farm.

Mrs. Hartley said she then notified her husband, Marion, and some neigh-

bors and they all watched the object for about a half an hour. She told reporters that the object was "quite low" and had a red cast in the rear resembling an exhaust with several smaller objects resembling fireflies hovering around it. She said the small objects periodically came toward the large object as if they were going to crash into it, then flashed and backed away. She said the large object did not move until an airplane came into the area and then it suddenly left. Mrs. Hartley said she and her husband took turns looking at the object through binoculars. It was plate-shaped and gave off a white light.

Northwest Sighting

An object described by some observers as "like two soup plates stuck together, with a pulsating red glow," has been seen in the vicinity of Victoria, British Columbia and Vancouver, Washington. On the fifth of April several reports were made to the Victoria Colonist. John H. Steele of Victoria reported seeing an object moving from southeast to northeast, after which it appeared to hang in the sky above the transmitter lights on Trial Island. "It suddenly seemed to more or less explode and turn yellowish and drop, and then it faded like a flare," he said.

The switchboard at CKLG in Vancouver was jammed with callers between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. that night when people called in to report red objects in the sky south of Vancouver, B.C.

One of the sighters at Victoria, a man who requests anonymity, was interviewed by Mr. Barney Kent, and we learned that: A red, pulsating light with the apparent diameter of a 25 cent piece held at arm's length was seen at 10:50 P.S.T. on the 5th. The background consisted of the Sooke Hills and the western sky which was clear. The object was going in the direction of Mt. Douglas which stands higher than the Sooke hills. From the location of the object at the moment of sighting until it reached Mount Douglas was about 7 miles. The object was visible for about 12 minutes then it stopped, the pulsating light changed from red to light blue momentarily, and then commenced pulsating again (red) and proceeded at the same leisurely speed until it disappeared behind Mount Douglas. No sound heard, no noise.

The observer was alerted by a phone call to his son from a friend who was watching the object near him. He said he could hear a siren-like sound although could not precisely link it with the object.

The observer decided the object was (See Northwest, Page 8)

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unconventional. His qualifications: Weather observer for the Dept. of Transport for 12 years, has a certificate of competency as a master mariner, certificate of competency in radio telegraphy, first class. Student of astronomy, optical and radio, and is presently an electronics technician specializing in radar for the Dept. of Transport.

"Evil Eye" At Victoria

The Victoria Daily Times for 26 February reported the experience of Mrs. R. Desureau at 6 a.m. that morning: She said she went out on her porch at 6 a.m. to feed her cats, looked up and saw this "great big evil eye" staring down from the sky. She described it as being in the north, a big "ball of fire" with orange and yellow streaks coming out of the sides and "back." She said it was over Beacon Hill Park at first, then moved toward Seattle, Washington, east of her. She watched it for several minutes, and used field glasses.

More UFOs In B.C., Canada

UFOs reported in Canada during the recent flap seemed to concentrate on Ontario and British Columbia. At Sarnia, Ontario, on the 28th of March, a shimmering white object travelling north at high speed was watched by several witnesses who reported that it altered its course two or three times in the 7 minutes it was visible. A spokesman at Selfridge AFB in upper Michigan said the object was tracked briefly on radar. Hundreds of reports reached police and other agencies on the night of the 27th, and came from Toronto, Barrie, Hamilton, Kitchener and the Windsor area. It should be noted that Kitchener has been a favorite spot for UFOs in past years.

In late February or perhaps the 1st of March, the Vancouver Daily Province reported several significant sightings. Four persons reported seeing objects in the Kelowna area. Alfred Quemby, of the Kelowna Courier, a printer, said that he had seen an oval-shaped object with a dome which circled over the Benvoulin district in southeast Kelowna. It appeared to be made of polished metal. When he left his car for a closer look, "it disappeared at an almost unbelievable speed," he said.

Clifford Cole, a watchman for the Canadian Pacific Railway Lake and River Service, reported seeing an object hovering over Okanagan Lake. He said another smaller craft appeared to "pop up" to the surface of the lake, stay there

for a time, then join the larger craft, which flew away.

Two teen-agers parked on Black Mountain after dark said they watched a saucer-shaped object which disgorged a small diamond-shaped object which circled it and then went back inside.

Sightings At Tacoma

The spate of sightings in Washington State indicates a general area flap in Northwest USA and SW Canada. Some sightings sent in by members in the Tacoma area are undated, however, and we assume they took place in early April:

These sightings came from the Tacoma News Tribune and we would like members in that area to check that paper and forward the dates:

Newspaper switchboards were swamped with calls on the Friday night as people reported unidentified objects in the area of Spanaway and the Narrows Bridge and north Tacoma. One man watched a "square, transparent object" hovering over the bridge for nearly 30 minutes starting at 6:30. It did not give off light and disappeared at dark. Other callers said they saw a triangular shaped object over the Narrows, at about 6:30. A teenager called to report that she and four friends saw a strange object giving off flashes of red and blue light over the local smelter at 8:30 p.m.

Strange Object On Film Just Reflection

Much news space was given to the photographs taken by British housewife Mrs. Joan Oldfield, from an airliner flying 9,000 feet above the English midlands. The photos were taken on or about the 28th of March. Mrs. Oldfield's husband Tom and she both agreed that the object seemed to hover "for just a few seconds," then banked and disappeared completely. The photo shows an elongated shape with four rather thick "fins" protruding from both of the sides with the longest dimensions.

The four frames taken by Mrs. Oldfield showed the object as quite long, then as it shortened, then even shorter with fins "retracting," then as a disc. An enterprising BBC man chartered the same plane in which Mrs. Oldfield had been flying, sat in the same seat, and when the plane was in the same position over the Midlands, took photos of what he saw—and the photos turned out to be a window reflection of the tail assembly. The curved surface of the window glass was responsible for the distortion phenomenon.

UAO Chases Car In Florida

On the 6th of May a very disturb man was stopped by a highway patrol officer on the Tamiami Trail in Florida. Bill Keralas, a real estate man from Cape Coral, went along to the police station willingly. He told this story:

He was driving along at a normal rate when a blue-green light which he estimated as about 100 feet in diameter, "whooshed" over his convertible and followed him for nearly 10 miles, illuminating the highway. In his attempt to escape the object, he pushed his car up to 115 miles per hour, and it was during this speedy ride that the officer spotted and overtook him. Keralas went willingly to police headquarters where he told his story. The arresting officer, Dave Dampier, said Keralas did not appear to be overly tired or to be displaying symptoms of drinking. "I think this man was telling the truth," Dampier told reporters, "he was right scared." Keralas was reported to have stated: "I felt as though nothing good was going to happen if I stopped, so I got out of the area as fast as my car would go."

FSR Special Issue

Flying Saucer Review of London, England will be released next fall. Some of the researchers whose articles will be featured will be Jacques Vallee and Coral Lorenzen of the United States, Aime Michel of France and Gordon Creighton of England.

The time of release and price will be noted in this Bulletin as soon as they are established, and we hope FSR will find a good audience among APRO members. The main theme of the issue will be "occupant" accounts from around the world since 1946.

Two Australian Sightings In December

Two Brisbane residents reported mysterious airborne objects on the night of the 6th of December 1965. At 7:45, Mr. G. J. Bierton of Freda Street, Upper Mt. Gravatt, was traveling on the Gold Coast Road when a torch-like light appeared above the roadway in front of the car. He said the light "lit up the area like day" and his children became so frightened they hid on the floor of the car. He said the light grew in size until it was about "two feet across," and then it faded.

Mrs. A. Gray of Russell Terrace, Indooroopilly reported that at 9:30 p.m. she saw a ball of light hovering over houses a short distance from her home. She said that the "blob" of light moved up and down over the houses for about a minute and then disappeared.

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Thousands Watch UAO Over Arkansas

Landing In North Dakota

On the morning of the 13th of September, at 7:30 A.M., young Randy Rotenberger, a farm boy who lives 16 miles out of Gwinner, North Dakota, was surprised to see a strange object land in a field near his home.

Randy's father, Emmanuel Rotenberg er, had gone to work, and his mother was babysitting. He was outside when the thing came down in a plowed field about 300 yards from the house. Frightened, the boy ran inside and called his mother. She told him to lock the door and stay inside. Randy watched the object, which sat there, legs extended to the ground, for about one minute, then took off. Randy again called his Mother who was on the phone when the object left and the sound of its leaving was heard over the phone by Mrs. Rotenberger.

The vital statistics:

The object appeared to be metallic, shaped like two bowls fastened together, lip to lip. Two red lights and a green one were arranged along the center. It sat on three "legs" which appeared to be one piece, and ended in "feet" which looked like bowls, i.e., rounded part down. The legs jutted downward and slightly outward, giving Randy the impression of a camera tripod. There was what appeared to be a transparent "bubble" which protruded about 2-3 feet above the top of the object. No forms or movement were observed inside. Randy said upon questioning that he thought the object was about 8-10 feet thick at its thickest portion, and "about one and a half times as wide as a Cadillac is long." After it took off it was completely out of sight within four seconds.

When Mrs. Rotenberger was interviewed, she stated that she "knew something was wrong" by the tone of her son's voice over the telephone. She heard the roar and the buzzing sound as the object took off. Both Mrs. Rotenberger and Randy estimated that the object was there for only about one minute.

Further information: The underside of the object glowed a "dull blue color." The incident was investigated by General Homer Goebel, state Air National Guard Commander at Fargo, and assistant state adjutant general for Air.

Goebel inspected the site of the pursuit.
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1964 Case Revealed By Astronomer

Dr. Gabriel Alvial, Director of the Cosmic Radiation Center at Chile University near Santiago, Chile, revealed in August, 1965, the details of a sighting made by personnel at the center in November 1964:

One night during that month, two technicians at the Laboratory woke up in the midst of intense heat in their rooms. The heat was unaccountable because of the intense cold at that altitude. One of the men went outside and saw that the mountain was lighted up by a bright orange colored light. The heat was even more intense there. Afraid that some tanks of liquid gas had caught fire, he called to his companion, then both spotted an object ascending from the bottom of a canyon. It came up out of the canyon and vanished from sight into the sky at great speed.

In their statement to the press, Dr. Alvial and Professor Claudio Anguita, Director of the Astronomical Observatory of Chile University stated their belief in the existence of UAOs, and said that "something beyond our ken is prowling the earth," and that "we are not alone in the universe."

Lorenzen Book Is Revised, Published

Part of the delay in issuing this Bulletin was due to the time involved in the revision and updating of Mrs. Lorenzen's book, which is being published by New American Library (SIGNET) in soft cover, and available at any place where paperbacks are sold.

The book is considerably different from the original and includes many more "occupant" cases, as well as photographs.

It was decided, in the spring of 1966, that unless APRO's cases and findings were to be devoured by writers without APRO's permission or credit line, it would be necessary for a book based on APRO's work to be produced and the revised issue is the result. We hope members will support this effort by inquiring about it and purchasing it. No books will be available from this office.

On August 15, several thousand people watched unusual lights over Fort Smith. The story:

Four red lights, stationary but seeming to rotate "like a police patrol car warning beacon," were situated in the sky "like points on the corners of a square."

The lights were visible for about three hours, and when they left, they "blinked out," and did not fade away.

J. W. Gilbreth, Jr., 38, a six-year veteran of the Fort Smith Police Force, viewed the objects but was not on hand when they left as he was on the telephone talking to personnel at the Little Rock Arkansas Air Base. Base officials said they knew of no aircraft in the area.

Crowds of 60, 350 and 600 people were seen by Gilbreth as he drove around the city, and all were looking skyward at the strange lights. Newsmen John Garner of Radio Station KFSA, Fort Smith, broadcast his description of the phenomenon while he watched them with a crowd of about 1500 others. The next day, a spokesman said "apparently they saw something over there last night, but we don't know what it is." The usual statement about 10,047 sightings and 646 unexplained was given to the press.

Gilbreth told Associated Press: "What we saw were lights; what they were on, I can't say."

According to the press, "one set of red and green lights appeared," and then a white blinking light appeared, then a steady white beam, all of them moving separately in straight lines, from one to another of the four red lights.

Jets Chase UAO Over Germany

On the 27th of August, many witnesses watched a strange object over the Black Forest. It was reported as constantly changing its shape: squared, round or rectangular; of a "transparent" silver color, and wrapped in a "girde of light." Two American F-102 jet fighters were scrambled from Ramstein AFB and they tried to catch the object but the object went too high for them to approach it. The Observatory at Stuttgart said the object's altitude was between 20,000 and 25,000 feet, and "no danger to air traffic."

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EDITORIAL

By L. J. Lorenzen

When APRO began in 1952, it was more or less a fan club. Mrs. Lorenzen had developed a voluminous correspondence with individuals around the country for the purpose of trading UFO reports and news clips. There seemed to be a need for a clearing house—a point of collection where these reports could be assembled and studied and the results published. Thus APRO was born.

Through the first years we printed the Bulletin on a mimeograph machine in our living room. Coral answered most mail personally and membership was comparatively small. Dues were \$3.00 per year, just enough to cover expenses.

A feature in American Magazine brought international attention. We moved a couple of times as I sought employment more helpful to our UFO research. Keyhoe relied on us for material and plugged us in his books. Membership grew.

In 1956 we changed to letterpress publishing and raised the dues to \$3.50 — just enough to continue to cover expenses.

We had always considered our research to be a temporary thing. Through the first five years we felt that the story must "break" at any time and the need for APRO's existence would be eliminated.

In 1957 we came very close to quitting. NICAP was being formed in Washington under the Directorship of T. Townsend Brown. It seemed like a chance to let someone else take over the work and get a little rest. However, Frank Edwards strongly urged us to continue our separate way for a while longer and we took his advice.

The rest is history. NICAP's ambitious research program never did get off the ground. When the smoke cleared, the reins were in Keyhoe's hands and the emphasis shifted away from research into the general path that they are still following. Obviously the need for a straight research paper still existed.

It seemed to us that a substantial catalog and commentary on UFOs would be much more useful to future analysts than a running indictment of a military public information program. So we continued on the assumption that the program would never be resolved until the scientific community took a serious look at the evidence and that a non-passionate presentation would hasten this eventuality.

Looking back, it is easy to see that we have not operated in a business-like manner. Office space has always been made available in the Lorenzen home. Mrs. Lorenzen, who has done the Lion's share of the work, has never taken any pay for it. Nor has she expected any.

We have now reached a point where a major decision must be made. Membership continues to grow and reports and research projects become more numer-

ous. We operate now with part-time paid help and volunteers but to do the work justice we must have several full-time employees and more office space. The only solution is more revenue. Therefore, beginning with November 1, we will institute a new membership policy as follows:

(1) Six-month memberships will be discontinued.

(2) Membership rate will be increased to \$4.00 per annum effective 1 November 1966.

(3) We will initiate a subscription status for those who do not wish to participate in our reporting or research program but who wish to receive our Bulletin. The subscription rate will be \$6.00 per annum.

Members who do not participate will be renewed as subscribers at the option of this office.

(4) Back issues of the Bulletins will be priced at 75 cents each to members only.

Apollo Engineer Spots UFO

Albuquerque, New Mexico papers carried the story of a sighting of a UFO by Julian Sandoval of Inglewood, California, a flight engineer associated with the Apollo Space Project, in June. The story:

On the 23rd, at about 3:45 P.M., Sandoval was in northwestern Albuquerque when he saw the object which appeared to be "suspended" at about 12,000 feet above Placitas, which is a small town about 18 miles north of Albuquerque.

The main body, he said, had a blunt end, was incandescent like a light bulb, and the tail end had a series of four lights which varied from a brilliant greenish color to a tinge of blue.

Sandoval first saw the object while driving east en route to Bernalillo with his daughter Juliana. He said its movement led him to believe "it used a type of propulsion." It finally disappeared in a northeasterly direction after making a vertical climb and increasing its speed to high velocity. The acceleration lasted about 12 seconds until it was out of sight, Sandoval said.

The object was viewed with binoculars part of the time. Sandoval estimated its size as about 300 feet in length.

FSR Special Issue

"Flying Saucer Review" of London, England, will have available, in late October, a special issue dealing with "UFO occupants." We feel this issue, which includes articles by Jacques Vallee, Coral Lorenzen, Aime Michel, Gordon Creighton, and Antonio Ribera, is an important contribution to UFO research and urge APRO members to procure it. The price is \$1.75, postpaid, and can be ordered from "Flying Saucer Review," Special, 49-A Kings Grove, Peckham, London, S.E. 15, England. Please allow at least five weeks for delivery.

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ported landing and found three impressions in the soft earth. Each was a foot in diameter, round in shape, tapering downward to a rounded base. They formed a triangular pattern with sides 26, 23 and 22 feet long. They give the impression of indentations made by pressing three bowls into the ground. Goebel told the St. Paul Dispatch: "They look pressed, not dug," and "I'd hate to call it a hoax because the boy sounded like he was quite sincere."

APRO's investigator found the boy to be intelligent (7th grader) and cooperative and readily admitting he had been very frightened by the incident.

The Presque Isle Landing

We are indebted to New York writer John Keel as well as numerous members in the Pennsylvania-New York area for furnishing the following details concerning the strange incident involving a landed UFO which took place on the night of 31 July 1966. Park Police Chief Dan Descanio kindly forwarded photographs of certain marks on the beach which are too indistinct for reproduction here, and officers Loeb and Clark also sent along their statement at the request of this office.

At about 10 P.M., Patrolmen Robert Loeb, Jr. and Ralph E. Clark, patrolling the beach at Presque Isle Peninsula Park north of Erie, came upon a car stuck in the sand at area six on the beach. They talked to the occupants, Douglas Tibbets, (18), Betty Jean Klem (16) and Anita Haifley, (22). The trio informed the officers that another passenger, Gerald La Belle, (26), had gone for help. The patrolmen then informed the people that they would be through that area in about 35 to 40 minutes on another regular patrol and would check again, and they left.

At 10:35 the patrolmen came through again, with their red light on to let the group know they were a police car. They asked if the trio needed help, found that La Belle had not returned and that "weird things" were happening up the beach — according to Tibbets. The two officers left with Tibbets and walked about 300-350 yards north by northeast. They found nothing, but it was too dark to look for tracks of any kind.

At this point, the three men heard the Tibbet's car horn sounding incessantly, and hurriedly returned to the car. In his statement, Loeb said, "Ran back to the car where we found Miss Klem hysterical." Clark stated, "We raced back and found Miss Glem hysterical (shaking and crying)."

The following is Tibbet's and Miss Klem's account of the strange lights which they claimed landed on the beach before the patrolmen's second arrival:

The car was stuck in a "U"-shaped section of trees and brush with some large

bushes about 12 feet high directly in front of it, other trees and bushes on both sides. They were watching the stars through the windshield to the east, saw a particularly bright one at about 9:30. It seemed to grow larger and head directly for them, shortly after 10 P.M. It dropped straight down toward Beach #7, directly in front of them, to the east, beyond the bushes.

"It was as big as a house," Miss Klem reported later. She described it as "mushroom shaped" with a narrow base rising to an oval structure and she could see lights on the back of the object.

Tibbets first said it was triangular in shape, and later on a local radio program he said it was "hexagonal," hollowed out in the center.

Both Miss Klem and Tibbets claimed the object settled to the beach about 150 yards in front of them. As it hit, they said, it turned a brilliant red and their whole car "vibrated and shook." They also said they heard a loud humming or buzzing sound "like a telephone receiver makes." At one point during this time, they claim they heard a scratching sound on the roof of their car "as if someone was walking on the roof." Later Tibbets found a small dent and some scratches on the roof.

As soon as the object had landed, almost out of sight, it began to emit powerful rays of light. (Shortly after the incident ended, Tibbets told officials in the administration building that he could not see the object after it landed, but could see the light rays). These narrow beams of white light fanned out and seemed to rotate toward the woods along the beach. Tibbets said there were between 9 and 12 of them, and they "moved like they were searching for something."

When Patrolmen Loeb and Clark drove into the area, the lights on the object went off immediately. They stopped and accompanied Tibbets to the "landing" area.

Meanwhile, at the car, Betty Jean Klem had an experience. A few minutes after the patrolmen and Tibbets disappeared into the darkness, Betty Jean called out to Anita Haifley, "Don't look! There's something out there!" Mrs. Haifley, in the back seat, huddled over her children and did not look.

Miss Klem later told police and reporters that a tall, upright figure had moved up to the car. She could not make out any features, it was just a tall (she estimated it to be over 6 feet tall) creature. Only by leaning forward and looking upwards could she see that the thing had a head. She was looking through the windshield. She could not see legs or arms, and insisted it did not appear human nor like any animal she had ever seen before. Whatever it was, it completely terrified her and she pressed her hand on the horn and held it there. The creature sluggishly moved away and disappeared into the darkness and the bushes.

The two patrolmen and Tibbets, about a hundred yards away, heard the horn and ran back to the car. They encountered nothing on the way, nor had they seen anything where the object had been seen to land.

When the men reached the car, Miss Klem leaped out of it, crying and screaming hysterically, and started to run away. Clark caught her and the men attempted to calm her. Tibbets later said he had known her for 10 years and had never seen her like that before. She was not a girl who frightened easily. Mrs. Haifley remained calm through the incident, for she had not seen anything from her position with her children in the back seat.

At this juncture, the patrolmen took Tibbets, Miss Klem, Mrs. Haifley and her children into the police car and took them to the park administration building. When they arrived there, Betty Jean Klem was so frightened she refused to sit with her back to a window. All of the men were impressed with Miss Klem's hysteria. Park Police Chief Descanio said, "I know what people are going to say, but this girl saw something that scared her badly. This is no joke as far as I'm concerned." Mrs. Lorenzen talked with Chief Descanio via telephone and he repeated this assertion.

The girl was still shaking and her eyes were red from crying when reporters arrived. Tibbets was excited and talkative. Miss Klem's hair was plastered to her head from perspiration.

Records of people in the park that night were checked, and it was found that Peter N. Fisher, 25, and some friends reported having seen an irregular-shaped object directly overhead sometime in the late evening. It appeared to be a green light with a yellow light at one end.

At 7 A.M., on the next morning, Patrolmen Paul Wilson and J. Robert Canfield visited the alleged landing site and discovered a series of markings in the sand. They found two triangular indentations about 18 inches long and sloping downwards to a depth of 8 inches. These prints were very distinct. Several feet away they found three more identical impressions. Two "skid marks" were also found in this pattern. They also discovered a series of imprints, "conical-shaped as if someone had pressed a pointed drinking cup" into the sand. These were nine inches in diameter and six inches deep. They led from the landing site to about 12 feet from where the car was stuck.

In addition they also found three spots of wet sand. The liquid was colorless, odorless, and sticky to the touch. All of the officers pointed out to Mr. Keel that most liquids, such as water, Coca-Cola, coffee, urine, etc., quickly evaporate on the beach. These wet spots persisted for a day. Samples of this substance were collected in plastic bottles.

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In Mr. Keel's report, he noted that "one officer collected some of this wet sand and had it analyzed on his own, he told me. When dried, he said, this substance formed a colorless material which could be bent without breaking—like plastic. The analysis was performed by a relative who is a chemist, he said, and showed that the material was silicon."

Major William S. Hall of the Youngstown AFB investigated for the Air Force, photographed the marks, had a corporal make plaster casts, etc. He took possession of the bottles of wet sand and all the photographs, the latter of which were returned to Canfield later. Chief Descanio told Mr. Keel that the AF investigator seemed to know just what to do.

A NICAP "Subcommittee" group from Buffalo, New York arrived, interviewed witnesses, posed for photographers, etc.

The Air Force's final statement on the case declared that "raccoons and bears are known to be in the woods in that area."

The NICAP group concluded that the impressions in the sand were not very convincing and they were extremely suspicious of the main witnesses—Klem and Tibbets. They classified the incident as a "probable hoax."

The police officers involved were all impressed by the genuine fright of Miss Klem. As Mr. Keel wrote, "They all believe the story to be true. These officers are bright, mature, responsible men. Two of them are school teachers." In view of the fact that professional investigators (the police officers) pronounced the incident to be true, the NICAP conclusion cannot be taken seriously. Also, in view of the fact that Park officials state there are definitely no bears on the Peninsula where the park is located, the Air Force's remarks about bears cannot be taken seriously. Raccoons do not appear to be over 6 feet tall.

In consideration of this case, certain similarities to other cases must be studied. Note the similarity between the described movement of the "robot" which "went over, or through bushes" rather than around, in the Mr. X case, described elsewhere in this issue. In both cases, no legs were noticed—in fact, Miss Klem saw no appendages whatsoever.

The sequence of events suggests that some kind of machine landed on that beach at about 10 or 10:15 P.M., and took off again as the police car approached, red light revolving.

If the "animal" or "monster" seen by Miss Klem was connected in any way with the landed object, and it certainly seems that it was, then some relationship can be presumed between the creature and the strange cone-shaped depressions leading from the area of the car to the area where the object landed. These suggest some type of air-jet propulsion issu-

ing from the "monster" which propelled it along.

When the police car approached the object took off, possibly leaving the "creature" behind of necessity. After Miss Klem's frightening experience, police and Tibbets hurried back to the car, whereupon everyone bundled into the police car and went to the Administration building. No search was made for the "creature" that night, and no "creature" tracks were found the next day—only the mysterious cone-shaped depressions. This raises the question of whether or not the craft could have returned after the crowd left, to pick up the passenger which had been left behind.

The Barney Hill Affair

LOOK magazine for October 4, 1966, demonstrates a new trend in UFO interest, for a reliable and popular magazine is presenting the details of one of the most sensational and bizarre cases ever investigated.

This case is sensational only in the method by which the information was elicited from the Hills. We are indebted to Mr. John Fuller, author of "Incident at Exeter" (mentioned elsewhere) for this article, the first in a series. It may eventually elicit attention and credit for those researchers who have dared to examine ALL the reports, including the bizarre incidents involving the "occupants."

APRO published the initial story (what was known at the time) in the March, 1963 issue of the Bulletin, under the byline of our Cleveland investigator, Mr. C. W. Fitch. Further details, kindly furnished to this office by Mr. Fuller, as well as contained in the LOOK article are included in the following:

On the night of 19 September, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill began driving from the Canadian border down U.S. 3 through the White Mountains, on their way home to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Just after 10, they were in the upper Connecticut River Valley when they saw an extremely bright star which later proved to be a disc-shaped object which reconnoitered their car for some time before it nearly landed in a field nearby.

Hill got out of his car, and using binoculars, observed the object, which had a series of lighted portholes around its circumference, through which he could easily see several men who were apparently watching him.

In this incident, some kind of mental control was obviously used, whether by mechanical or other means, for after Hill saw the object approach and begin to land, he ran back to the car, began driving at high speed. Then a strange beeping sound was heard, which seemed to come from the trunk of the car. The object was no longer in sight at that time.

Shortly, the Hills found that they were about 35 miles south of Indian Head, and

eventually arrived at home. Both had a strange feeling that something had happened to them, and Barney Hill was concerned with a spot on his groin. Examination of the area showed nothing, however.

The ensuing days, weeks and months found both of these people becoming increasingly nervous and Hill actually became ill. After visiting his physician, he was urged to obtain psychiatric help, and did so. He eventually ended up visiting Dr. Benjamin Simon, a reputable and capable Boston psychiatrist, and later he (Hill) submitted to hypnotic questioning from which he learned the details of that night in New Hampshire, and the events of the mysteriously missing two hours about which he and his wife could remember nothing.

During the course of this treatment, the information about what had transpired, was "leaked" to the conscious minds of both of the Hills, after which they remembered the whole ordeal.

The information supplied by Dr. Simon and related by Mr. Fuller indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Hill were stopped by a roadblock comprised of some of the men from the ship, and were forcibly taken aboard. During this time they were "told" that they would not be harmed if they cooperated. They were then subjected to an intensive physical examination in a pie-slice-shaped room in the ship. The Hills speak of the "leader" who wore a shiny black coat and scarf and looked like this:

"They had rather odd-shaped heads with large craniums, diminishing in size as it got toward the chin. The eyes continued around to the sides of the heads so that it appeared that they could see several degrees beyond the lateral extent of our vision. The mouth was one horizontal line with a short perpendicular line on either end. The skin appeared grayish, almost metallic looking."

Although it will not be possible to analyze this complete incident until all the details are known, some thoughts immediately strike one, upon hearing the description of the "men." The eyes, the slit-like mouth, the shape of the head and face are quite similar to those described by Antonio Villas Boas (see "The Strange Case of AVB" elsewhere in this issue). Whereas the color of the woman's skin in the Villas-Boas incident is described as fair, the Hill incident involves entities with "grayish, metallic-appearing skin." This latter may be due to the lighting effect in the ship, which is described as a "bluish, fluorescent" light. Barney Hill had no way of making comparison with the effect of that light on human skin, for he did not see his wife, apparently, during their visit on the ship.

The Hills' described mental condition (dazed, etc.) just after the encounter on the road, and after they found themselves approaching Ashland, indicates that some kind of mental control had

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blocked out of their memories the whole episode. Or possibly the two both suffered so greatly from shock that their conscious minds blocked out the whole incident. That is not known at this time.

We seriously suggest that all members obtain the LOOK magazine containing Mr. Fuller's account, for the first installment is so interesting that it indicates much more of the same to come.

California Man Is Beseiged By 'Occupants'

In early September, 1963, three men from the Sacramento area of California went into the mountains near Cisco Grove, Calif., to hunt with bows and arrows. On the night of the 4th, after hunting a ridge, they separated and headed for camp. One of the men, who will be referred to hereafter as Mr. X (at his request), came to the end of the ridge, found a sheer drop and had to retrace his steps and attempt to descend to camp along another route. At that time it was getting dark and Mr. X shortly found that he was lost.

Night set in and the principal found himself in a sparsely-vegetated canyon which was a granite outcropping. He heard movement in the brush and climbed a tree, as he felt it was a bear. After the animal left, he descended and built three small signal fires, hoping to alert rangers and effect a rescue.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. X saw a bright light descend out of the sky in a glide path and land beyond the crest of the ridge. He at first thought it was a helicopter coming to rescue him but he heard no sound, and decided it might have been a meteor despite its slow speed. Shortly he realized his mistake when he heard sounds of something approaching him from the direction of the object, whose lights he could now see. He went back up his tree and watched as two "space-suit" clad figures walked over to the base of the tree followed by a "something" which he referred to as a "robot" in his report, which seemed to float rather than walk, would go over rather than around bushes, etc.

During the next several hours of darkness (there was only the light of the full moon) Mr. X was subjected to the following:

The two "space-suit"-clad figures would shake the tree trying to dislodge him. Then the "robot" would open its "mouth" and a light vaporous material would issue out and float up at Mr. X, whereupon he would lose consciousness. Upon awakening he was nauseous and vomited and retched violently.

From the antics of these three "entities" the following was observed: The "men" apparently knew nothing about climbing trees—they would shake the tree, try to boost each other up into it, but at no time would they attempt to

really climb it. The robot would change its position by "floating", but couldn't get to Mr. X because of the tree branches.

When Mr. X first climbed the tree, he located near the area where the branches began but later, after he realized the intent of his tormentors, he climbed to the top where he strapped himself to the four-inch diameter trunk with his belt. During the night he defended himself in this manner:

First he set fire to his cap, which apparently had a good deal of hair dressing in it, and threw it, flaming, at the gathering below. The two "men" moved away from the tree, apparently afraid of the fire. The robot, on the other hand, during one fire-throwing incident, passed its "hand" or appendage through the fire. Among the things to which he set fire to protect himself, were his paper money from his wallet, all papers except his driver's license, his jacket and camouflage suit, which he tore to bits. He described the "entities" thusly:

The "men" were dressed in light colored suits with apparently transparent helmets. He could not see their features. The "robot" was dark in color, had a squarish head, two orangish flickering "eyes" and when it emitted the vapor, its "jaw" seemed to drop open, leaving a squarish opening from which the vapor came.

During the night, Mr. X also fired his three remaining arrows at the "robot." Two struck the thing, the other missed. Each strike was accompanied by a bluish colored "spark" at the point where it came in contact with the "robot." Both strikes were in the "chest" area, and knocked the thing backwards after which it merely regained its balance, came back to the tree and resumed its vigil.

Just before dawn, another robot approached the tree, stood "opposite" the other, and suddenly a flash, like an arc-welder's flash erupted, and a huge cloud of the vapor issued from the area between the two robots and drifted toward Mr. X. He lost consciousness, and when he regained it, the sun was coming up and the craft, as well as the "entities" was gone.

Mr. X then descended from his tree and with some difficulty, proceeded toward camp. He collapsed from exhaustion before he got there, and later was found where he heard one of his friends calling, and answered. When they got to camp, he spilled his story to his friends, who told him they had seen the descent of the object, which they had, at the time, thought was a very slow, but brilliant meteor.

Mr. X added some other points which are interesting: Upon revisiting the spot, he found two of the arrows, one of which had a "glob of metallic material" still stuck to it. Both arrows were striated or grooved in a strange manner.

Mr. X was interviewed by AF investigators who took one of the arrows (with

the glob of "metal") and who suggested he might have been the victim of teenage pranksters. The arrow has not been returned at this writing nor has a report on the makeup of the metal been submitted to Mr. X.

The Lorenzens heard about this sighting through friends in Sacramento, and asked Dr. Harder of the University of California at Berkeley to investigate, which he did. Arrangements were made to have Mr. X questioned and prepared for hypnotic cross-examination by a reputable psychiatrist. The latter has not been accomplished to date because of a conflict brought about by Mr. X's working hours. However, the Doctor did question him and found him to be cooperative, and not subject to exaggeration or pervarication.

After Major Donald Keyhoe's article in TRUE magazine for January 1965, Mrs. X wrote to him and told her husband's story. Paul Cerny, the chief of NICAP's subcommittee in the San Francisco Bay area was dispatched to interview Mr. X, whereupon he obtained the second arrow. Mr. X has not received a report from NICAP on its findings either. It is not known at this office whether or not the case has been published by NICAP as APRO has not received the "UFO Investigator" (NICAP's official periodical) since Dr. Fontes' visit to NICAP Headquarters in February of 1966. However, prior to that time, the incident had not been mentioned in the Investigator.

Although it is felt much more might be learned, in the way of detail, by hypnotic trance questioning, we decided to release the case nevertheless for several reasons: The "occupants" are the subject of great interest by various journalists (see other articles in this and succeeding issues), and the public seems to evince some curiosity about the same.

The Strange Case Of A.V.B.

The following information has lain in the files of APRO since early 1958 when the initial details were forwarded to APRO by Dr. Fontes. Because of the great detail and length of the report, we have condensed it considerably, but a more extensive version appears in Mrs. Lorenzen's revised book, "Flying Saucer" to be published by SIGNET in late October of this year.

Antonio Villas Boas was 23 years old when the strange event took place, and this particular event with which we are concerned, followed two nights of manifestations of strange lights near the farm of his parents, near the town of Francisco de Salles in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. The first two incidents were witnessed by Antonio's brother Joao.

At about 1:30 A.M., on the morning of the 15th of October, 1957, AVB (we'll

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hereafter refer to our principal in this manner to save space) was plowing with his tractor in a field near his home. AVB's attention was arrested by what appeared to be a very bright star which he shortly realized was not a star at all, but a brilliantly lit egg-shaped object approaching at high speed. Shortly, it was hovering overhead at an altitude of about 175 feet and illuminating the ground with a bright red light.

AVB panicked, but realized he couldn't escape the thing because of the soft, ploughed ground of the field and sat rooted to the tractor seat. As he sat there the object moved again and settled slowly to the ground about 15 yards away and AVB got a good look at it:

It looked like an elongated egg ("torpedo-shaped"), with small purplish lights all over it, a huge red light on the leading end and three metal bars protruding from the end. On top of the object was "something" which rotated at high speed and gave off a sharp fluorescent red light which began to turn green the moment the object slowed in preparation for landing. As it slowed, the top became more visible and appeared as a round plate or "squashed cupola."

Three props or metal legs emerged from the underside of the craft, and at that point, AVB, thoroughly frightened, attempted to move the tractor away. Then the tractor quit and the lights went out. He tried to start the engine but was unsuccessful. He then opened the door of the tractor, jumped out and started running.

He was caught short by something grasping his arm. He turned to shake off his pursuer and came face-to-face with a small figure dressed in gray-striped suit with a strange helmet, which entirely covered the head, showing only the eyes through a face plate. Tubes led from the top of the helmet to a point in the suit at the back.

AVB pushed the creature and started running, whereupon he was grabbed by three other creatures, all a little taller than the first one. He was then lifted and dragged to the ship. He occasionally called for help, cursed his captors, and occasionally they would stop and listen, apparently sympathetically, but then would continue to drag him toward the ship.

A flexible ladder led from the ground to a door, through which he was taken. Inside, the craft was constructed of a bright metal and lit by lights which emanated from the area where ceiling and walls joined. When the outside door was closed he could not see where it had been except for the ladder, which had been rolled up and fastened to it.

Realizing he was trapped, AVB decided to be cooperative. One of the "men" beckoned him into a room in which he was stripped, washed with a clear, odorless and somewhat thick liq-

uid, and blood was taken from two places on his chin by means of a tubular affair with a vessel at the end.

After this happened, the men left, and AVB felt himself becoming extremely nauseous and went into a corner and vomited. After that, exhausted and afraid he laid down on a "bed-like" thing which was covered with soft gray material and situated in the center of the room. It was curiously "humped up" in the middle. It was then, lying down, that he noted the presence of tiny holes in the wall which were giving off a grayish vapor.

Some time later, the door opened, and two of the men led a woman into the room, then closed the door and left. The woman is described thusly:

About 4 feet, 6 inches tall, fair skinned, blue-eyed, with darkly outlined wide-set slanted eyes which gave her the look of an ancient Egyptian painting. Her hair was blonde, nearly white, short, extending only to about an inch or two below the ear lobes, parted in the middle and turned under slightly. Her face was very broad through the cheekbones, which seemed to be quite pronounced, and tapered to a very pointed small chin. Her nose appeared to be normal, but her mouth was only a slit, completely without lips. She was well formed (this was quite easy to see as she was completely naked), and all in all gave the general impression of a very beautiful woman.

The woman's purpose was instantly obvious, for she set about to seduce AVB, succeeding twice. After the second act was completed, the woman was called for by the two men and left the room. Just before leaving, she pointed to AVB, her stomach, then down toward the earth, and to what he thought was the southern sky, and smiled.

AVB was then given his clothes, all except his cigarette lighter, and courteously taken about the ship, and for a time (he estimated about 15 minutes) stood in what may have been a control room where tables held charts. On one table, set aside from the one where the three "men" stood, was a small cigarette package-sized "box" with a dial, a needle and four positions marked—where 3, 6, 9 and 12 would be on an ordinary clock. The needle did not move during that period of time, and AVB snatched it up, wanting some evidence of his adventure. Immediately the men turned upon him angrily and took it from him. Thereafter he stood still and tried to scratch some material from the wall surface, but his fingers slid off as though it was made of glass.

Shortly, AVB was released, the object took off and he returned to his tractor. The time was then 5:30 A.M. He tried to start his tractor, but it would not start, and he found that wires had been detached from the battery. He replaced them and the tractor started easily.

In the following days AVB became restless and nervous, and suffered from

insomnia and watering, irritated eyes. He accidentally scratched himself, and the abrasion turned into an ugly looking purplish sore, after which others showed up all over his body.

AVB contacted Joao Martins after reading Martin's plea in O Cruzeiro magazine for all information about UFOs. He wanted his adventure kept quiet, but consented to an interview with Martins, and Dr. Fontes. The following are, briefly, Dr. Fontes' observations:

AVB was a healthy, normal man, with no obvious psychological problems. The two bruise-like marks where AVB claimed blood had been taken, were still in evidence. The scars from the sores were still in evidence.

Fontes reports that he had a great deal of difficulty in eliciting the information concerning the sexual act. AVB was understandably embarrassed at his sexual facility under such strange and trying conditions. At no time did he exhibit any braggadocio in describing the incident, but rather considerable questioning was necessary to get the facts.

Fontes and Martins attempted to get AVB to contradict himself, but to no avail. Although basically intelligent, they did not feel he was sufficiently educated to have concocted such a story.

AVB was convinced that the solution rubbed on his body was probably some kind of aphrodisiac employed to excite him sexually, but Fontes and others have decided it was probably some kind of antiseptic agent. It was also speculated, later, that the vapor which apparently made AVB ill, was a kind of antiseptic vapor used to render impotent any respiratory germs.

One of the most interesting aspects of this case is the sound made by these creatures. AVB said he could not duplicate it himself, but it reminded him of the growling of animals, and at times during the petting which led up to the sexual acts, he was repelled by the sounds the woman made.

At no time would the woman kiss AVB although he tried. Her reaction to an attempted kiss was a soft bite on the face, but she would not let him put his mouth to hers.

It is already obvious that the description of this woman generally resembles that of the men described by Betty and Barney Hill in the New Hampshire "kidnap" case which was serialized by LOOK magazine. At this writing the first installment has been presented and the similarities between the woman and the Hill "occupants" are obvious. The Hills said that when the "men" opened their slit-like mouths, a "mmmming" noise came out, which would be not at all dissimilar to the "growling" noise described by AVB.

In summing up, it would seem that the AVB incident may have been a real experience. If so, the connotations are many and somewhat obvious. We hope to present a more thorough dissertation on the whole affair in the near future.

UFO Propulsion?

By Richard Gerdes

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During investigations of UFO sightings, a question of propulsion often arises. Based on reports, it would appear that more than one type of motive force is in use. A particular type is characterized by flame (a butane tank with flames underneath—such as the object in the Zamora landing of 24 April 1964), magnetic fields (compass deflection has been reported in some instances) and radiation. Radio interference together with a strong radio signal detected in the short wave frequencies is also typical of the type of propulsion we have in mind. A discussion of UFO propulsion can only be accomplished in our earthly terms of knowledge and experience.

A news item in the September 15, 1966 issue of "Design News" Magazine (Page 221) has an interesting implication to this discussion. The article describes a 10-foot submarine propelled by a unique system using lead-acid storage batteries (like the one in your car) to create a magnetic field in the surrounding water. The batteries also produce an electrical current that is perpendicular to the magnetic current. Perpendicular magnetic and electric fields produce a Lorentz force that pushes the sub through the water. This project was performed by the University of California at Santa Barbara. It is speculated by them that a cargo carrier can be built with a speed of 20 knots (23 miles per hour).

To learn more of this force, an experiment was conducted in my lab, using a wax paper cup filled with tap water. Table salt was added to allow the water to conduct a large electric current. A small bar magnet was placed in the water suspended by plastic foam. Copper foil was placed on each side of the cup to create the current. While the magnet would act like a compass with the current off, a force was detected with the current on. This force was the proper direction for a Lorentz force.

The Lorentz force is a possible means of UFO propulsion. The magnetic field around the UFO is explained by the Lorentz force generation. The flame can be explained by the presence of the required current. To establish the current, the air must be ionized with, for instance, a high voltage. This ionization could produce what would look like flames or, from a distance, a glow. This glow would probably change in intensity as the amount of propulsive force or speed changed. Radio interference is caused by the ionization process as well as radiation. A buzzing or humming sound would be heard as the result of the ionization. The strong radio signal could be a form

of controlling field to regulate the ionization.

It would seem that this discussion accounts for many observed features of UFOs, however, this statement is pure speculation without hard facts. One can only study the evidence accumulated and draw educated guesses.

Police Chase In Virginia

At about 3:30 A.M. on the 24th of June 1966, Patrolman William L. Stevens of the Richmond, Virginia police force spotted and chased an unconventional aerial object from Richmond, in Henrico County, Virginia, into Hanover County, to the north.

At that time he was proceeding north on Meadowbridge Road at E. Ladies Mile Road when he noticed "some very strange greenish and yellowish lights" in the air toward the fairgrounds.

Stevens notified the Radio Dispatcher, C. G. Koegler and started toward the lights. As he approached the intersection of E. Laburnum Ave. and Meadowbridge Road he saw a strange looking object in the air. It appeared to be about the size of "a large zeppelin," was oblong in shape and had green and yellow lights around the entire outside. He estimated its actual size as between 100-125 feet long, and its color appeared to be a "dirty gray."

Stevens reported that a sort of mist or steam encircled the entire object. He turned on his emergency lights and tried to catch the object, but the faster he went, he said, the faster the object kept moving steadily in front of him.

"I followed the object well into Hanover county," he said, and it then began to gain on him and disappeared from sight eventually. At no time did it make any sound, and Stevens later told newsmen that the object seemed to be playing "tag" with his cruiser.

In an interview with newsmen later, Stevens said that the object stayed "continually" about two blocks in front of his police unit—no matter what speed he was traveling and the turns he made. He said it appeared to be at about 300 feet altitude.

The chase occurred on the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and the object began pulling away from him after he crossed the Chickahominy River in Hanover County.

A check with Byrd Field revealed that the object had not been picked up on radar, probably because of its low altitude.

This is the third case of police chasing UFOs—the first was the Ravenna, Ohio police chase (see May-June Bulletin), the second the Grafton, Australia chase of 6 June, although the latter involved only a light.

Constables Chase UFO

On Page 1 of our May-June issue a "Stop Press" item announced the chase of a UFO by police officers at Grafton,

Australia. The details: Constables E. Mercer and P. Woodham of Grafton, Queensland were sitting in the Grafton police station at 8 P.M. on June 6 when a man called saying there was a "funny-looking thing" in the sky. Slightly skeptical, the two went outside the station and saw the bright object hovering over the city. They trained binoculars on it and watched it move to the south of the city at very low speed.

At about this time calls began coming into the police station at a great rate. The policemen got into a cruiser and began to follow it across the city. They later described the object as "just a large light without any apparent center." As it moved along, at about 1500 feet altitude, its color changed from white to red and then back to white.

After two hours the object moved off at high speed and disappeared.

Physicist Reports Sighting

Dr. Vasil Uzunoglu, a 40-year-old electronics specialist reported to the press the details of his sighting of a UFO on the night of 1 August 1966: While driving on the Capital beltway (a thruway between Washington, D.C. and Maryland) he saw a disc-shaped object which was silent, "as big as a house" and which carried lights "whose colors were far more distinct" than any he had ever seen before. He estimated its altitude as about 15,000 feet to the west of his position. It had two very bright red lights and a green light. Suddenly it moved to the east about 15 to 20 degrees, at an estimated 4,000 miles per hour. The doctor said he then lost sight of it for a few minutes, then saw it again much larger and nearer the ground—possibly 200 to 300 feet above the roof tops. He was near Route 450 at the time.

At this distance he saw four red lights and a large yellow light. He said the colors and their shadings were far clearer than "anything on earth." It appeared to be round on the bottom and somewhat pointed toward the top. Shortly, it slowly moved away toward Alexandria, Virginia and vanished.

Although Dr. Uzunoglu said he could hardly sleep that night, that "I've never had such an experience," he declined to speculate on its origin. His sighting was one of many in the area of the Washington suburbs at the time—others were merely reports of small lights. They were watched by police and residents alike, most of whom described them as multicolored lights.

At the College Park barracks of the Maryland State Police, many calls came in during the morning of the 2nd concerning bright, flashing objects "about the size of baseballs." The first calls came in at 2 A.M. and the last at about 4:15. Although policemen in Montgomery and Prince George Counties and Alexandria, Virginia, were reporting the objects, the Maryland State Police wrote them off as "just a bunch of stars."

Object Is Seen Over Sault Installations

Lyle Warner of Sault Ste. Marie reported to the press on the 22nd of August that on the preceding Friday (19th) he observed a UAO hovering in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

According to Warner, who was working at his service station, he heard a conversation on a citizen's band radio broadcast concerning a UFO hovering over the Algoma Steel Plant at about 200 feet altitude.

Warner walked to the northeast corner of his station and clearly saw the object which he described as an inverted dinner plate approximately 30 feet in diameter, with red and green lights above and below, and flashing lights around the circumference. Warner reported that he watched the object for about 10 minutes until it headed north at high speed. The Canadian radio operators whom Warner had overheard said the object had hovered for 30 minutes before it moved out.

The report, from member Erville Smalley of Michigan, states that the area where the object was hovering contains a power station located in the rapids of the river, and which supplies power to the Soo Locks and surrounding area; a series of locks for boats (there is a 21-foot difference between the level of Lake Superior and the St. Mary's River) an international bridge connecting the U.S. and Canada, and a large steel plant on the Canadian side of the river.

The South American Scene

The following are some of the more outstanding UAO cases from South America:

In August Mr. Inaki Osés forwarded a negative and print of a UAO he had photographed on 13 February 1966 while flying in his light plane at 10 A.M., over the area south of Calabozos. The object pictured shows the classic disc with cupola, which was BENEATH Osés' plane in the Horse Pass sector. Osés was at 8,000 feet. His attention was attracted to something flying at great speed displaying occasional sudden changes in its flight path and occasionally hovering. The object, which glowed yellow, gave off no sound, smoke or trail that could be heard by the plane's passengers. Osés took several shots of the thing.

A luminous UAO which stopped and hovered in midair for short intervals was seen on the 11th of June over Falcon State, Venezuela. Several people on their way to Coro from Dabajuro in the early morning stopped to watch the triangular-shaped object which appeared, from its maneuvers, to be searching for something. Its flight was fast, but the hovering maneuvers indicated a search of some sort. Some of the witnesses were Messrs. Jesus Medina, Alberto Jose Na-

vas, Cristobal Laguna and Josias Jimenez, as well as officers of the state government and some Clergymen.

Navas said the object gave off a beam of light in various directions, which contributed to the impression of a search. After maneuvering, the object made a half-circle in the sky and disappeared toward the north.

At a little after 11 P.M., on the 28th of July 1966, Mrs. Luz Marina de Sanz, wife of a share-cropper who lives near Calabozo, Venezuela, observed a strange craft hovering over a rice field in the Flooding System of River Guarico, two miles from Calabozo.

The object's configuration was not obvious because of the brilliant orange-colored lights on two sides of it and a beam of intense white light projected into the sky. The area under the object was lit up by a bright glow.

Mrs. Sanz, with other passengers, was driving along the highway, and stopped when she saw the object. When she started her car to leave, the object put out its lights and zoomed out of sight into the western sky in a matter of seconds. Although no sound was heard the witnesses did notice a "swish of air" as the object left.

Other residents in the sector called the newspapers to report that at a few minutes before midnight they had seen a UAO flying at great speed in circles, leaving a wake of reddish light, south of Calabozo. They said it was their second sighting, for six days before (on the 22nd) they had seen the same type of UAO maneuvering over and near the Guarico Dam.

A round object with a blue glow and leaving a white trail was seen by many witnesses in the sky over Carora, Venezuela on the night of July 31.

A top-shaped object making a noise similar to that of a jet crossed the sky at Valencia, Venezuela on the night of 23 August 1966. Many witnesses observed the object which maneuvered in the northeast, east and southeast sector of the sky. It finally went out of sight at about 10:30 P.M. Many cars parked along the highways and turnpikes as well as in the streets as the people watched the object.

Children Watch Object In Central Indiana

Witnesses ranging from the ages of 7 through 15, watched a moon-like object hovering near their place of play near Rushville, Indiana, on Monday evening, August 1.

One of the children looked up from a game they were playing in the road and saw an object almost directly overhead, which was hovering over a tall tree which the youngsters estimated to be 75 feet tall. The girl watched for

a few seconds, then drew the attention of the others who were about a half a block away. It appeared almost round, brighter than the moon, glowing silver, appeared solid but with a fuzzy edge, and rocked a little as it hovered. It appeared about four times larger than the full moon when it is high in the sky.

When the girl, Donna Glosser, called to her friends, the object suddenly changed to a reddish-orange color, mostly on the outer edge of the bottom, seemed to revolve, "jumped across the road fast" and stopped over some trees by a house on a hill about a city block south of the children.

The children then ran into the Glosser home and told Mrs. Glosser who was talking on the phone to her mother. They continued to talk for some time, whereupon Mrs. Bailey, who had heard the children, went outside and watched the object for about five minutes.

Meanwhile, Eric Miller and four others were at the Dairy Delight Drive-In about a mile and a half away from the Glosser home. He spotted the object at about 7:45, described it as having a grayish metallic shine with a faint glow on top. He couldn't see the bottom. He said it was self-luminous, fuzzy at the edges, a dime held at arm's length would cover the object which was in the shape of a flat oval. "It had a little side slip" while hovering over tall trees when first seen. It soon dropped down until it was behind the tops of some trees, and the glow was still seen. Then it suddenly rose back to the original height, then tipping up one side and becoming brighter, it sped away to the southeast. Total time of Miller's observation: 45 seconds.

The sketch accompanying the report sent by Don Worley shows an object almost identical to that described by two boys who claimed they were chased by a UAO for two hours in Norwalk, Connecticut (See page 5 of the May-June Bulletin).

"Incident at Exeter" by Saturday Review columnist John Fuller. In this outstanding book which deals with specific incidents in a specific area—Exeter, New Hampshire in the fall of 1965, author Fuller does a good thorough job of investigating and reporting. We can say little more without spoiling the impact of Fuller's book, so we will merely state that it is highly recommended by APRO.

"Anatomy of a Phenomenon" by Jacques Vallee. Paperback by Ace books. This book is a revised edition of the book by the same title published by Henry Regnery. Even for those who have a copy of the original book, this paperback is an important addition to a UFO library. Vallee's writings are quite Europe-oriented and he still has little of a complimentary nature to say for American UFO researchers, but he does present some good cases, ideas and arguments. Recommended highly.

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WATER RECONNAISSANCE CONTINUES

The Balwyn Photo

A complete photo analysis of the photograph of a bell-shaped UFO hovering over a residential section of Balwyn (Melbourne suburb), Australia, has arrived at headquarters. Along with the analysis which pronounces the photo authentic (see page 1, May-June issue) was the identity of the photographer, and the office was surprised to find that he is one of our many Australian members. Mr. X has an extremely important position in Melbourne and it is easy to see why he would hesitate to be identified with a UFO picture or incident, considering the controversial nature of the subject. The full story:

Mr. X was in the garden of his home when his attention was attracted by a brilliant flash, as if some huge mirror was reflecting light to the garden. He looked up and saw the object coming in his general direction. It appeared to be between 20 and 35 feet in diameter and about 150 ft. altitude. It resembled a big mushroom with its short stalk pointed earthward. Mr. X ran to get a carpenter who was working on the house, so that he could watch the object also.

The object spun through a 180 degree angle on its vertical axis, ending up with its rim pointing down. Mr. X, who had been using up film in his Polaroid color camera, snapped the photo, and waited for the timing process before pulling it out. The object then turned slowly through another 180 degrees on its horizontal axis, whereupon the "stalk" part was facing Mr. X.

From this almost stationary position, the object shot off to the north at great speed. Seconds after it took off the two men heard a boom "similar to the sound jets make when going through the sound barrier."

Peter Norris, APRO's Australian representative, interviewed both Mr. X and the carpenter (who also wished anonymity). The carpenter emphasized that he had Mr. X in sight when the photograph was taken and that Mr. X was alone all the time. The two stood shoulder-to-shoulder waiting for the photograph to process.

Strange Deaths In Brazil

Dubbed the "Morro Do Vintem" case, an incident which took place on 20 August 1966 is still surrounded by mystery, and is complicated by the fact that a UFO was seen in the vicinity. The facts:

Two electronics technicians, Miguel Jose Viana and Manuel Pereira de Cruz, both in their thirties, were found dead at the summit of Morro do Vintem (Santa Rosa, Niteroi, Capital of the State of Rio) on the 20th. The police investigations yielded little to explain their presence there, and especially the strange circumstances.

Both of the bodies wore crudely made lead masks which covered the upper part of the face. A series of slips of papers, some of which were in code, were found near the bodies. One which was in Portuguese, read: "Meet at predetermined spot at 4:30 P.M. At 6:30 P.M. swallow pills with an orange. After effect is produced, protect half of face with lead masks. Await the fore-decided signal."

Rio newspapers headlined several stories about the strange deaths, and many theories. Both men were well known and respected in their community. Watchman Raulino de Matos saw the two men come to the mountain in a jeep accompanied by two other men. He saw them get off the jeep and climb the hill.

After examination by the coroner, a verdict of death from natural causes was made. While showing a UPI reporter Miguel and Manuel's belongings and handling them, Police Chief Jose Venancio Bittencourt was suddenly taken ill and came down with a skin eruption.

Many calls to the police told of a UFO being seen over the Morro do Vintem at the time of the alleged deaths. Mrs. Graçinda de Souza, wife of a member of the local stock exchange, Paulo Roberto de Souza, declared that she had seen a strange round object with a bright halo of light flying over the spot where the bodies were found. She was driving down Alameda Sao Boaventura with her daughter who called her attention to the object. This occurred on the 17th, which was the day the coroner established as the date of the deaths.

Viana and da Cruz were specialists in putting up TV relay towers and it was theorized that they may have been seek-

Three much-publicized sightings of unconventional aerial objects over water storage areas were recorded by the press since the issuance of our last Bulletin. Coincidentally they all took place on the same date:

At 8 p.m. CST, Kanabec, South Dakota rancher Roger Huston saw a bluish-colored light which appeared to be hanging over the Crow Creek Indian Reservation community of Fort Thompson. The sighting was corroborated by Motor Patrolman Patrick Gribbin, Sheriff Lee Roberts and Game Warden Floyd Gaarder of Presho, all of whom drove into the country to watch the light. The object slowly changed position from overhead to an easterly position and at 10 p.m. Fort Thompson police said it had brightened and was joined by another object which had the appearance of changing from red to green to yellow, while the original light changed from white to bluish-green to red.

Gribbin said the first object appeared at least 3 times as large as the brightest star in the sky, and was viewed by him and companions from a point 26 miles west of Fort Thompson. No aircraft were reported in the area at the time.

Reports came in to Fort Thompson police from people within a hundred-mile radius of the reservation, all of whom stated the objects were over the town.

Significant is the fact that authorities and the press made no mention of the location of Fort Thompson, which is on the shore of the Fort Randall Reservoir, which is one of two huge fresh water reservoirs which bisect South Dakota at about mid-portion. The other reservoir is the Oahe reservoir which has a beginning in North Dakota and extends to about the middle of South Dakota where it joins Fort Randall. The two reservoirs are the larger part of a reservoir system which collects the 20-odd inches per year of rainfall of South Dakota and portions it out to neighboring states, including Iowa, which is in the Heartland of America's food-producing area, the middlewest.

Wanaque, N. J., Again

On the same night that the strange lights were seen over Fort Randall, Wanaque reservoir in New Jersey was also the site of weird sky objects' antics.

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Hynek

The field of civilian UFO research is rife with rumors and the most current and curious one revolves around Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the AF's consulting astrophysicist for the past 19 years. Recent in newspapers and magazines (most recently Newsweek, at this writing) indicate a much less skeptical attitude about UFOs on Hynek's part than that generally attributed to the scientist.

The current rumor is that Hynek is a part of a plot to "cover up" the Air Force's censorship and duplicity during the aforementioned 19 years time.

As mentioned in her book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," Mrs. Lorenzen was cognizant as early as 1953 of Hynek's open-minded but scientifically cautious approach to the UFO problem. It is not unlikely that the ensuing years (after 1953) and the accompanying thousands of sightings coming into Wright-Patterson might have sharpened Hynek's interest. However, his position was unique and completely opposed to that of civilian researchers in that he had a scientific responsibility. Even if he had suspected that the UFOs might be extraterrestrial vehicles, it would have been unscientific to make such a statement for the simple reason THAT HE COULD NOT BACK UP SUCH A STATEMENT WITH ACCEPTABLE SCIENTIFIC PROOF.

Is Hynek "switching positions"? This does not seem likely, either. We propose that there is a good possibility that Hynek and Hynek alone may be responsible for the launching of the current AF-financed UFO investigation and analysis project headed up by Dr. Condon of Colorado State. It would have been difficult for him to attempt to bring about a study by civilian scientists while virtually the only scientific consultant in the Air Force effort. If there is a natural resistance to the idea of extraterrestrial travelers among military personnel as we have long suspected, then anyone attempting to "sell" such an idea or making public statements to that effect during the past 19 years, would have had a tough prospect for getting any support of such notions. The wise thing, then, would have been for Hynek or anyone else in his position to merely bide his time until an opportunity came to arouse the interest of other scientists.

The year 1965 brought that opportunity which literally thousands of sightings took place in the United States and the press obliged by publishing them. The growing acceptance of UAOs as a real problem was not brought about by campaigning civilian researchers who badgered press and governmental representatives (although they may have had a small effect) but rather by a spontaneous awakening of the general public—a psychic revolution, so to speak, and this psychic revolution may be a result of an inner need to concentrate on some

other problem besides Viet Nam, China, etc. This reaction could be entirely sub conscious with the individual having little or no idea of its growth and the subconscious motivations which brought it about.

Dr. Hynek, then, is actually probably a part of a larger picture. It is certain that some, military, civilian and scientists alike, may try to make him the "goat," as it were, and blame him for the fact that 19 years have passed without a solution to the UFO problem having been found. Those who wish to put the blame on someone are just as guilty of a "head in the sand" attitude as anyone else. We suggest that anyone who attempts this be carefully examined for his own motivations. We have heard of one scientist who decries this "scientific scandal" (the lack of scientific scrutiny of the UFO problem) while all the time admitting his own interest for several years, DURING WHICH TIME HE HAD NOT THE FORTITUDE TO SPEAK UP. He, like others, waited until the subject was SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE.

Another Unexplained Blackout

A complete study is being done on the many blackouts in the U.S. since the big one in the northeast U.S. in November of 1965. Some, of course, like those in Arizona, resulted from circuits shorting out during heavy rainstorms and electrical storms. However, there have been several which have occurred in strategic areas, such as the vicinity of Colorado Springs, etc., for which no satisfactory explanation was found.

The most interesting, of course, have been the blackouts which involved telephone communication blackouts, also.

In Bogota, Columbia, where UAOs were seen frequently in 1965, a total blackout occurred on 7 September 1966. This city of two million was left in total darkness for three hours, leaving the city partially isolated from the rest of the world. Newspapers called it the GRAVEST emergency of this type in the past 20 years.

Thousands of employees had begun to leave their offices (reminiscent of the New York blackout) and traffic was at its peak on the streets and thruways. The power failed at 6:50 P.M. and was restored at 9:55 P.M.

Police, firemen and army men were scrambled to prevent possible looting. More than 400 people were trapped in elevator cages. Communications were partially interrupted and only five of 28 radio stations remained in operation.

The Bogota Power Company was unable to determine the cause and stated that its lines stopped functioning, causing an overload in other lines and consequently the safety switches automatically clicked off the power in the overcharged circuits.

Water . . .

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Patrolman William Pastro told the press that he saw a bright light over the reservoir while parked in a patrol car, and turned on the revolving red light, whereupon the object's lights immediately went out. Also reporting their observations were Sgt. Benjamin Thompson and Patrolman Edward Wester of the reservoir police who said they saw a bright object which appeared at 11 p.m., passed over the reservoir from Pompton Lakes to the south and went down beyond the dam.

Most reports of the strange objects at Wanaque described them as "saucer-shaped," the size of an automobile and glowing with a brilliant white light. Sgt. Ben Thompson of the reservoir police said the object went "straight over his head," stopped in mid-air and backed up. It then started zig-zagging from left to right, he told reporters.

Thompson said he got out of his car and watched the object for five minutes until the brilliance of the light nearly blinded him. Because of its brilliance he couldn't discern any features of the object. He estimated its altitude as 150 feet, said it stirred up brush and water as it hovered and maneuvered overhead.

Also on the 10th, Dr. William A. Kreutzer, professor of botany and plant pathology at Colorado State University (Dr. Salisbury, one of APRO's staff held a similar position there until this fall, when he accepted the position of Chief of the Botany division at Utah State U. at Logan) observed an unidentified object over Horsetooth reservoir near Fort Collins. At about 15 minutes after sunset he and several neighbors saw the strange light along the horizon above the reservoir, and it was the second such sighting made by Prof. Kreutzer within two weeks.

The first bright object disappeared to be replaced by two lights which glowed with varying intensity as "though connected to a rheostat," Prof. Kreutzer told the Press. After this manifestation, the first object reappeared slightly above the original position.

Kreutzer said he would not say that what he saw was swamp gas, and was not satisfied with prior explanations for aerial phenomena about which he had read. "They ought to get some decent instruments so they can get some decent data," he told the press. Amen.

Second Sighting At Wanaque

On the 16th of October at 4:50 p.m., an engineering supervisor at Tungsol Corporation noticed some boys looking into the sky while he was at a shopping center in Pompton Lakes, N. J. Through the window of the car he spotted and watched the following object:

A flat-bottomed, round-topped metal-

lic object which resembled a balloon, was about one-third the size of the moon and had no noticeable motion, its color was like that of weathered aluminum, and it appeared to be about 700 feet altitude over Wanaque Dam, about one-half mile distant.

A light came on in the belly of the thing which resembled an airliner landing light, and then the object "disappeared." The witness said it looked as though it was reflecting sunshine.

Wanaque has been visited by strange sky objects several times, and at the particular area where the above-described object was seen, both radio towers and high tension power lines are located.

Strange Deaths . . .

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ing new sites at the time of their deaths.

Contained in the reams of newspaper copy was the interesting note that Morro da Vintem is a strategic spot from which all of Niteroi and Rio can be seen. Also worthy of note is the fact that the towers and lines furnishing electrical power to Niteroi is located there. Security Secretary for the State of Rio, Colonel Eduardo do Couto Pfeil, held a 40 minute closed conference with Chief Bittencourt and an electronics technician after which it was announced that his office would lend any help necessary in the solving of the mystery.

One theory offered to explain the mystery was that the men had been duped by a witch doctor who promised to cure them. One suffered from asthma, the other had stomach trouble.

A second autopsy revealed nothing, according to newspaper reports. But it was learned that the police initially found the bodies while searching the hillside for an egg-shaped object reported to have been landed there.

It was learned from the dead men's friends that they had carried \$2200 when they left their homes at Campos, where both were electronics repairmen, and were going to Rio to buy electrical equipment. They met friends in Niteroi, shopped, bought a bottle of mineral water at a cafe and climbed the jungled hill. The bodies were found lying side by side, their arms at their sides. Blood was found nearby but it was determined that it did not come from them. The \$2200 was missing but each had \$75 in their pockets.

Further details of "messages": "Sunday: one capsule before meal; Monday: one capsule in the morning; Tuesday: one capsule before meal; Wednesday: one capsule lying down."

The masks were the kind used in electronics to protect the face and eyes from burns, and were found to have been made in da Cruz' shop. A newspaper at the scene of the bodies' discovery was opened to a page where there was a story about a smuggling operation near Rio. No one seemed to be able to find

out where the men had procured the \$2200 they initially had.

If and when more information is available on this item, it will be passed along. This information is presented here because of the reliability of witnesses reporting a UFO on the hill at the time the men were there.

The Colorado Project

On the 7th of October the announcement concerning the naming of the University of Colorado as the lead University in the U. S. Air Force's new scientific program was carried by all press media. The basic facts:

The program was suggested early this year by the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. Two internationally prominent leaders of Colorado's scientific community were named: Dr. Franklin E. Roach, currently acting director of the aeronomy laboratories of the National Bureau of Standards' Environmental Science Services Administration, and Dr. Edward U. Condon, University of Colorado high energy physicist. The contract consists of a 15-month agreement and a \$300,000 monetary consideration for services rendered. The funds will come out of Air Force general science funds.

According to the press, the program is designed to provide a scientific explanation of the mysterious UFO phenomenon and to quiet public fears that the UFOs are either invaders from outer space or some secret military project.

Whether the latter is one of the real purposes of the project or not, will have to be determined in the future. It sounds strangely like the directive in the famous (or infamous) Robertson report which sought to debunk UFOs.

Among the reams of printed material dealing with the project which flowed along the press wires in early October, were the qualifications of the scientific director of the project, Dr. Condon, who appears more than amply qualified and who seems to be open-minded on the subject of UFOs. Dr. Condon, former head of the National Bureau of Standards, served as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1953. Asked about his convictions on the subject of UFOs, Condon said that he is an "agnostic" and has an open mind.

To avoid any suspicion of a "white-wash," the Air Force told the press that the National Academy of Sciences had agreed to review the results of the University of Colorado study. Condon also told the press that the AF has pledged to tell University investigators all it knows on the subject of UFOs, but that where this knowledge involves the capabilities of military radar systems or aircraft, the university will be asked not to make the information public.

Sightings in Midwest

In the early morning of the 24th of September, several strange objects were observed by officials and residents in the Wisconsin-Illinois-Indiana area of the U. S. At 5:20 A.M., on the 24th, Officer Richard Koffel of Lisbon, Ohio, claimed he watched a glowing, disc-shaped object which was round, flat on the bottom and with a "little peak" at the top, over the Lisbon area. Koffel said the object was much larger than the full moon. He notified the sheriff's office then watched as the object appeared to change shape to a long shaft, like an elongated tear-drop. It remained in the east until sunrise, dimming as the sky brightened.

At Chicago, at 4:00 and 4:30 A.M., policemen in northwest and north shore suburbs were alerted to watch an object over Lake Michigan, northeast of Chicago. James Murray, a Chicago American reporter, saw the object between 4:20 and 4:25 A.M., while driving in Prospect Heights. He described a large, black object with a white ring encircling it, and estimated its altitude as about 4,000 feet. The object made no noise and was headed east.

Four airline pilots reported to control at O'Hare Airport that they saw a brilliant light at an estimated 4,000 feet altitude about 100 miles east-northeast of Chicago.

Policemen Al Largo and Clyde Fazenbaker of Kenilworth spotted a "huge ball, black in the center and surrounded by a white smoke ring" at 4:20 A.M.

Terry Zool, police dispatcher near Benton Harbor, Michigan, reported that 8 persons claimed they saw a "red and green and blue flashing object" in the sky about 11:35 P.M., on the 23rd of September.

At Anderson, Indiana, at about 4 A.M. in the early morning of the 24th, a security officer at Anderson College reported seeing a round, light blue object hovering over the football field for about 18 minutes. Fox said he attempted to shine his flashlight on the thing but that it would not reflect light. Others in the Anderson area reported seeing an object about the size of a basketball, surrounded by a blue-white haze.

Other points at which a bluish-white object was observed were Charlestown, Columbus, Shelbyville, Franklin, Portland, Redkey, Richmond, Anderson and Indianapolis, Indiana.

At Wallops Island, Virginia, a space experiment which involved a huge, multi-colored cloud was offered as a possible explanation for many of the sightings. The time of the experiment was 5:13 A.M., EDT and the clouds, which remained visible at heights of 310 and 570 miles above the earth for 45 minutes COULD have been responsible for at least a good portion of the phenomena observed throughout the midwest. The objects seen in the middle west could have been the rocket and

payload as it was released during the early stages of the experiment, except in those instances in which the time element does not jibe.

The possible connection between the Wallops Island experiment and the sightings in the midwest does not become immediately apparent unless one is familiar with the strange appearances of clouds or contrails under certain atmospheric conditions. In 1958 several hundred qualified technical and scientific people at Holloman AFB, White Sands and Alamogordo, including Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, were fooled by an F-102 coming in for a landing at Holloman. The craft was pulling a short contrail and the rotating amber beacon on the top of the craft gave an eerie effect. Only after interviewing pilots who were on the runway awaiting the plane's arrival, was the mystery solved. It had appeared as an amber-colored cigar-shaped object in the western sky, replete with port-holes.

Ravenna Ohio Sighting Labeled "Hoax"

The case in Ohio in which Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur and other law enforcement officers (April 17, 1966) chased a strange object at speeds up to 100 miles per hour, has been labelled a hoax by the Wooster, Ohio Daily Record. UPI circulated the story on the 13th of October that "a reliable source" had stated that the UFO was a device rigged by a "few science fiction fans and physics students at Kent State University" from an old weather balloon, a car radio antenna, a bicycle light and transistor batteries.

If any member has any further information on this, it would be helpful. Spaur commented that the winds aloft were not strong enough to have wafted the object at the high speed it attained.

It is to be hoped that some kind of regulation will be put into effect which will deter our "leaders of tomorrow" from such high jinks as the Daily Record claims took place last April 17th. The University of Colorado will have a rough enough time without having to contend with practical jokers.

See Page 40 of the 28 October 1966 issue of LIFE Magazine for an outstanding color photo of a top-shaped UAO snapped by an American executive while in Brazil.

Lights Over Carolinas

The crew of the Charleston, S.C. harbor pilot boat and a harbor pilot reported seeing brilliant lights on the night of the 25th of July which they estimated to be traveling at 14,000 miles per hour.

The Air Force, police and coast guard received scores of calls about the lights shortly before 8 P.M. The Federal Aviation Agency announced that USAF jets

operating in the area may have been seen moving away from viewers, giving the effect described.

However, Captain John W. Gardner, a member of the Charleston Branch of the Pilot's Association, and Capt. Arthur Hogg, Master of the boat Charleston Pilot, and members of the crew, were in jetties on their way out to sea when they saw the lights.

Gardner said they watched the lights for 8 to 10 minutes. Using binoculars, he made a fix on the jetties and the object they were observing which he estimated to be 100 feet in diameter and hovering. "It was over the water between the jetties and Folly Beach," he told reporters, and said that the lights were so bright that he and his companions could make out the round shape of the object.

Hogg said the lights "twinkled," and when the object left it "took off, straight up," and "must have been doing 14,000 miles per hour." Both men declared the object could not have been a flare.

Objects which looked "almost like stars" but which were traveling too fast to be stars and changing colors from blue to red to white were reported by police at High Point, North Carolina. Other reports came from Asheboro, Ramsuer, Greensboro and Winston-Salem. Police in Asheboro and Ramsuer notified officials in other cities that the objects were headed in their direction and consequently many sightings of the fast-moving "lights" were made.

A spokesman at the Marine Corps Air Station at Beaufort, S. C., suggested on the 26th that flares used in Sidewinder missile firing practice by jet aircraft might account for the sightings. One military source told the Twin City Sentinel that it was unlikely that any of the flares would have been dropped that far inland. He refused to give his name.

Wisconsin Officers Watch UAO

Officers in Chippewa and Pepin County and police in Drand, Wisconsin, reported observing an egg-shaped object at about 10 P.M. on the 7th of September. The first sighting took place in Pepin County and the information was relayed to Chippewa authorities. The Sheriff's office there called reserve officer Howard Gibbs who watched the object through binoculars and a 25-power telescope. The object was on the horizon above the tree tops and they watched it for about one half hour. The body of the object was white and it carried red and green lights which appeared much more brilliant than those of a normal airplane. It came from the southwest, moved across the sky to the northeast, turned west, then back to the southwest, thus making a looping maneuver over the area. This spectacle was watched from Pepin County by officers there and also by police officers in Durand.

Other Erie Sightings

In addition to those incidents listed along with the Erie "monster" sighting, the following were reported following the initial press notices:

At 11:45 P.M., on Wednesday, 3 August, Clebert Steff, an Erie Times-News advertising department employee, saw a lighted object which, through binoculars, showed red and white lights. The object traveled from west to east at an estimated elevation of 30 degrees. The flight was very erratic and no shape could be seen but Steff said it didn't move like a conventional aircraft.

An Erie electrical engineer for a large plant reported he had seen unusual sky objects several times, but that on Wednesday, with the aid of binoculars, he watched an object "with a V-shaped bottom" which flew from south to north within 42 seconds. Through the glasses the object had an orange glow and left no trail.

Supporting Cases

Witness who wishes name to be withheld, claims to have seen a 6-8 foot long silver object passing over Erie, Pennsylvania, at an estimated speed of 300 mph at 8:30 P.M. on the 28th or 29th. Witness not positive of the date.

On the 29th another witness claims to have found a series of three-toed footprints outside of Belle Vernon, Pa., which is approximately 120 miles south of Erie. Prints 6 inches long by 6 inches wide.

On the 30th, a photographer for the New Castle News photographed an angular flying object similar to the sketch made by Tibbets. New Castle is 75 miles south of Erie.

On the same night of the Tibbets-Klem sighting, a doctor reported seeing a "circular patch of orange light" "about the size of a baseball" travelling southwest at a high rate of speed at 10:30 P.M. Estimated altitude 500-1000 feet. Witness about one mile south of Presque Isle, near the coast of Lake Erie.

At 1 A.M. on the morning of the 1st of August, witness observed a bright light over Lake Erie for 1½ hours.

The Creature (?) Returns

Three days after the Presque Isle Incident, on August 3, 1966, an unusual creature was seen on the streets of Erie, Pa. The witness, who requests anonymity, but who was interviewed by Mr. Keel, claims that she was awakened at 5:30 A.M. by the barking of the neighborhood dogs. She looked out of a window and saw what she described as a "human-shaped" being about 5'6" tall. It was clothed in a yellow jacket and yellow trousers with no discernible pockets, belts or other features. The head, she said, was huge and moon-shaped and when seen from the side the back of its

head appeared to be flat. This head was covered with "straggly" brown hair of a muddy color. The creature had very big shoulders and a slender build. It moved with a stiff, jerky, mechanical motion, holding its arms close to its sides—they did not move at all. Its legs did not bend at the knees. "He moved," she said, "like a mechanical wind-up toy." Local dogs were barking at its heels but it ignored them. The sight of the creature frightened the witness and she woke up her husband. He looked out the window but since he was not wearing his glasses, saw nothing but "movement." The creature appeared across from the United Oil storage tanks on West 3rd St. in Erie and walked stiffly out of view.

The witness reported the incident to the police and when interviewed by Keel, was disturbed because no one seemed to believe her.

Another woman in the area reportedly saw a similar creature that same week while driving down Third St. late at night. She saw the creature and stopped the car. The "thing" came up to her and "pounded on the hood," then moved off into the darkness, she said.

UAO Over Coahuila, Mexico

On the night of the 26th of September, a strange spherical body which emitted bright flashes, was greater than the apparent size of Venus with a redder color than that of Mars, was seen by many residents of Coahuila, Mexico. The object, which appeared to be an incandescent ball was a frightening spectacle for the inhabitants, as it passed over the city and out of sight.

Congress, NASA Probe Satellite Failures

Despite the U.S.'s singular success in the field of space flight involving orbiting astronauts, the increasing tendency of the failure of scientific satellites to function correctly, has initiated a Congressional probe. Among others, all three OGO (Orbiting Geophysical Observatory) satellites developed problems in a system designed to keep the spacecraft lined up with the earth's horizon. Considering the numerous incidents of objects being seen while astronauts are orbiting, the possibility of intelligently controlled machines not of earth origin interfering with the function of the satellites should be considered. There have been many instances of the power systems in satellites turning off unexplainably and then turning on again, just as unexplainably, after an extended period of time. The OAO (Orbiting Astronomical Observatories) have suffered failures of an unexplainable nature also. After two days in orbit in April of 1966, the \$50 million satellite failed completely when its main battery overheated.

Object Hovers Near Orchard

At about 8 P.M. on the evening of 7 September, Mrs. Ed A. Bruns of Durand, Wisconsin, and her sons Timothy, 14, and Barry, 6, watched a strange object hover within 3 or 4 feet off the ground between their home and an orchard 200 feet away.

When Mrs. Bruns' attention was first called to the object, Barry came into the house complaining about the "thing" outside that made a sound that "hurt his ears."

Mrs. Bruns went outside and immediately saw the object. Son Timothy, who was up in a tree, was watching the object also. When interviewed, Mrs. Bruns said that she could estimate the length of the object as approximately 30 feet because it was silhouetted against the trees of the orchard and hovering about 3 feet off the ground. Mr. Bruns is a builder and because of her close association with his business, Mrs. Bruns is adept at estimating distance and size.

The object appeared oblong, and Mrs. Bruns did not know if it was a flattened disc seen edge-on or a torpedo-shaped object. Lights of blue, green and white seemed to be revolving around the object and there was a bluish glow underneath but she couldn't recall if the lights revolved from left to right or right to left.

The Bruns family live 8 miles east of Durand and 2 miles off the main road. There is no installation of any kind which might be of technical or military interest in the area.

Mrs. Bruns said she and the two boys watched the strange object for about 30 seconds whereupon it tilted at a steep angle and departed at high speed.

Two types of sounds were reported by the Bruns family: Barry described a high-pitched sound, which Mrs. Bruns also detected, as well as a "bubbling sound" like "boiling water on a stove."

Egg-Shapes in Utah

During the three weeks preceding the 28th of September, several residents of the Vernal, Utah area, including Garth Batty, 38, and Fred Brown, broadcaster, reported seeing glowing, egg-shaped objects over an arid area between the city of Vernal and a nearby large hill. Vernal is on the flyway between Hill AFB and the Salt Lake City municipal airport. Vernal residents who have seen the objects unanimously agree that the object was too fast and erratic to be an airplane.

Close-up observations described an object about 30 feet in diameter, oval-shaped with a flat section girding it, and making the humming sound of an electrical transformer. Up to the 28th of September, the object had been observed five times.

The Truth About "Serious Business"

By Coral E. Lorenzen

Comments and inquiries from scores of APRO members and others concerning the reliability and authenticity of certain information contained in Frank Edwards' book, "Flying Saucers—Serious Business" (Lyle Stuart and Bantam paperbacks) has prompted the following rather than presenting a formal book review:

All in all, Edwards' presentation of the Socorro (24 April 1964) case contained at least 12 errors. Some of the things which did not happen but which Edwards presents as the truth: Zamora was not "milling around the streets" — he was chasing a speeder outside of town. He did not see a "shiny" thing — only a blue flame. Zamora saw the little men through dust from 450 feet, from the entrance to the third mesa—NOT FROM within 75 feet, as Edwards stated. They were not wearing "white or silvery" suits—Zamora said he could only make out that they were light-colored as seen from 450 feet through the dust apparently kicked up by the object as it landed. They did not "seem to be examining or repairing" the object—they were merely standing "on the side"—he at no time claimed the "men" were on the ground.

Zamora did not see them "scurry around the object"—he merely reported that one of them seemed to notice him and BY HIS MOTIONS, seemed startled.

The area was clear when Zamora looked down at the object—he did not turn toward his car—the object started to take off with an ear-splitting racket just as he approached the gully, and he then turned and ran in panic.

The landing-gear marks were not circular in shape—they were four 8x12 inch wedge-shaped impressions. The circular impressions (four) were something else—probably ladder foot marks.

White Sands Stallion Site was not notified—its commander was—and he was at home. Military men did not come on the "double quick"—only Captain Holder and an FBI agent who happened to be in Socorro at the time. "They" did not pile rocks around the marks the following morning—they did it that same evening.

Zamora was not subjected to "intensive grilling"—he was politely questioned for 45 minutes, during which time he went to the site of the landing with the AF investigators—Sgt. Moody and Major Connors. Zamora told Mr. Lorenzen and me that they did not ask as many questions as we had, nor as many as he thought they should have. Later conversations with Zamora indicated that Dr. Allen Hynek had treated him courteously also.

The latter insinuation about AF "grilling" is only another attempt by Edwards to perpetuate the NICAP (of which Mr. Edwards is a board member) theme about AF censorship and pressure which

is now beginning to look like a ridiculous accusation on the face of things.

It must be remembered that Mr. Edwards is a writer and radio announcer, and that his efforts are mainly entertainment-oriented and not research-oriented.

The above information is only a sample of the inaccuracies in Mr. Edwards' book, which is catastrophic to researchers who deal with facts. For a complete and accurate account of the Zamora and other incidents, see my book, "Flying Saucers"—SIGNET. For the first time I relate the complete story of that investigation.

Officers Watch UAOs in Utah

On the evening of the 30th of September, several officers along the Wasatch Front from Weber Canyon to the Farmington area in Davis County, Utah, responded to calls from the citizenry concerning unusual lights in the area.

Highway patrolmen in that area reported that the bright objects appeared to be circular objects surrounded by red, green and white rapidly rotating bands, through binoculars. There seemed to be three of the objects arranged in the shape of an equilateral triangle in the sky. Hill AFB officials said that a meteorologist there said a possible explanation for the objects was that the people were seeing unusually bright stars. He did not explain how some residents could see revolving lights directly overhead.

Also on the 30th, Sheriff Charlie Childers of Montrose, Colorado, was one of many who observed a "blob of light" which appeared to rotate constantly, hover occasionally and dash about the sky. "It moved faster than any jet I've ever seen," he said. "It definitely was no star."

East Experiences Flap

Various reports of strange objects were reported from New Jersey to Alabama on the night of the 1st of August and the morning of the second. At McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, computers were put into use in an attempt to make sense out of the information pouring in. Dozens of calls came in to police, newspapers, radio stations and the Base, about a bright red object which hovered noiselessly over towns in the area before disappearing. A white object described by one viewer as "nine times" larger than a star, appeared over Paterson.

G. E. Townsend, who watched a red "flaring object" over Midland Park and Ridgewood, on the night of the 1st said he saw it again between 3 and 5 A.M. on the 2nd. Using binoculars, he watched the object moving slowly from the east over his house toward the Walldwick area where it hovered. He said it looked "like a pinkish ball" but was soundless. He also reported that it looked as if there was a small parachute slightly above it—resembling a balloon.

Other observers said that at one point the object was silhouetted against the full moon and appeared to be rectangular in shape and in a vertical position.

At Erie, Pa., on the third, Dennis Buckel and Jerry Trembley of radio station WJET, reported they had seen and photographed a bright object in the sky near the location of the Klem-Tibbets sighting of the 31st of July. The first object, seen at 2 A.M., was like a bright star, they said, only moving faster, and that about two hours later they saw a strange cluster of flashing lights in the same area.

On the night of the 1st and the morning of the 2nd, numerous Mobile, Alabama residents reported a strange appearing bluish-white trail of light with a green and amber tail which was called a shooting star even though it lasted for several seconds longer than meteors usually are visible. On Monday night a large round object encircled by red lights making a whining noise and sporting two white searchlights, was observed over Grafmoor subdivision not far from Crichton, Alabama.

Hawthorne, New Jersey had a sighting on the 7th which consisted of a red light which, when it left, just disappeared. It was witnessed by dozens of people, including policemen from two different locations for about 30 minutes.

UAO Activity In Oregon

Reports from Carrol D. Watson of Roseburg, Oregon, indicate considerable activity in that general area during late summer and early fall of 1966.

Two employees of a mining engineer observed a disc-shaped glowing object between 9 and 9:30 A.M., on the 16th of August while at the Old Rowley Mine near Shadey Cove, Oregon. The object, when first seen, was hovering in a horizontal position and the men at first thought the object was a weather balloon, because of its "glassy white" color, but then it started to tip over on its edge, with a "spinning effect." They both noted that at times it seemed to wobble as it darted back and forth in an erratic manner. At first they watched it for about 30 seconds before it began darting about, after which it began the erratic maneuvers. After about two minutes of this, it moved and quickly disappeared in the west.

About five minutes later an airliner came into view from the southwest heading into the northeast. The men spotted the UAO in the same spot where it had originally been seen, apparently above the airliner. During this time it executed a few "flips" as before, and when the plane disappeared, the object rose straight up and disappeared.

No surface details noted; object size of head of kitchen match held at arm's length, distinctly outlined, no sound. No clouds, no wind, temperature in low 60s,

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and the mining engineer's operations were investigations for copper ore.

On the 20th of August a woman and her son, sleeping outdoors at the location of a swimming meet at Lakeview, in southcentral Oregon, saw a crescent-shaped glowing object for six seconds as it moved across the sky.

Toward morning of the next day, the same witnesses watched a "squadron" of orange or reddish objects move across the sky, make a wide angle turn and disappear in the west.

On the 9th of August, residents of the Roseburg area and two Winston police officers observed a UAO traveling through the sky in a northeasterly direction. One of the officers described it as "round with lights at the rear—definitely not a plane." Another report at the same time described an object larger than a plane, oval in shape with white lights fore and aft, surrounded by small red lights and hovering over Dillard. Other residents reported similar sightings.

More On The Valensole Case

In our July-August '65 issue, we printed a preliminary report of the landing at Valensole, France on 1 July 1965. Further information has reached this office which we now submit for the record:

Mr. Masse was in his lavender field as usual, had not started his tractor and it was hidden behind a heap of stones about two meters high. He was lighting a cigarette when he heard a whistling sound, but couldn't see the source, so he came out from behind the heap of stones and saw an oddly-shaped object standing in the field about 80 meters distant. At first he took it to be a helicopter, then realized it was not, for he was accustomed to seeing them land in his fields or those of neighbors. Also, he often chatted with the pilots.

This object looked like a large rugby ball, about the size of a Dauphine car, and was topped with a cupola, and standing on six extensions. Wondering if it could be a new experimental machine, he approached it. Upon getting closer to the object, he saw two small beings of human appearance bending over a lavender plant. He approached even closer, intending to converse with them. But when he was 5 to 6 meters from them, they suddenly noticed him and one of them pointed a kind of tube or "pistol" at him and he became paralyzed. It did not occur to him to try to call for help, so he didn't try; but now feels that he would have been unable to call out. He remained immobile and watched

the beings. The "little men" were about the size of eight-year-old children, and had huge heads, about three times the size of a normal adult's head. He noticed they were bald and completely hairless, with white, smooth skin. Only their heads were visible, and the rest of their bodies were covered by an overall-like suit of a greenish-grey material.

The faces of the creatures had features similar in size and appearance to those of a normal human, except for the mouth, which was a lipless hole. The two conversed between themselves with sounds which didn't seem to be coming out of their mouths. They looked at Masse as though they were making fun of him, but their looks did not appear to be evil.

The appearance of the little men did not appear to be monstrous to Masse, and a few minutes later they entered their machine by way of a sliding door and took off westward at great speed. The object made a whistling sound as it left and gave off no steam or smoke. Mr. Masse then attempted to move, but could not, and it took him about a quarter of an hour to make even a slight move. He slowly recovered his ability to move.

After the incident, Masse went to the village to visit a friend who owns the Sports Cafe. He told him about the object he had seen. His friend noticed that he was very upset and did not doubt him. He also said there was more, but he would not talk about it as he didn't think anyone would believe him anyway.

Masse's friend advised him to tell the police, but Masse demurred, and then said nothing had happened and that he had been joking and made it all up. The cafe owner hurried to the field to check the marks Masse claimed the object had made and found them. He told others and the incident shortly became general knowledge. Newspaper and TV personnel were upon him almost immediately. Masse, however, told only what he had told his friend and no more. His friends began to notice that he was becoming moody and absent-minded. He began to doze or sleep for about 12 to 14 hours daily, in the days immediately following the incident.

The same morning after the object had left, a kind of liquid mud was found in the central hole. By evening, it had hardened to a kind of concrete. Masse compared the shape of the hole to a funnel held upside down with a hollow bowl at the bottom which amounted to a depth of about 30 to 40 inches from ground level.

The initial report mentioned only the presence of the "little men" and

gave no description of their features or the object which they used to paralyze Masse.

Many Witness UAO Near Caracas

At 9:45 p.m., on the evening of 17 August, 1965, a strange object executed several maneuvers over the water reservoir near the Hills of Carrizal, about 20 miles from Caracas, Venezuela. The object was a glowing oval-shape; it stopped momentarily over the lake and after some wobbling, it flew away. Several workmen staying at a house under construction in the vicinity of the reservoir stated that they saw the object over the lake, and that it then flew toward the house where they were lodged and landed briefly on the grass. Drivers on the highway also saw the object; one of whom said that his car engine acted up during the presence of the object. The workers and the drivers saw the object as it slowed, then extended several long stilt-like protuberances to the ground. The workers said they expected something or someone to come out of the object, but then the "legs" were drawn up into the object again and it glowed intensely and took off, going out of sight in the distance.

In Pro-Patria, a residential sector, Mr. Jose del Pilar Salazar, stated that he spotted a strange round, bright object with a smokey trail which approached his home very fast, at about the altitude of a 16-story building. It glowed intermittently, at times appearing to be gray in color. It finally swerved and took off into the east out of sight.

Saturn-Shaped UAO Over Peru

On November 7, 1965, in the afternoon, a saturn-shaped glowing object was seen by numerous people among whom were the Director and Editor of a Huanuco newspaper. The object showed up in the sky at 5 p.m. south of the city and appeared to be spinning as it hovered at an estimated 1200 feet above the people who watched it. It gave off colored lights and exhibited an aerial or antenna which rotated in various directions. Editor Samuel Cornejo, stated that when the observers attempted to approach the place over which the object hovered, they were dazzled by the glare, and that it shortly headed out of sight towards the north at high speed.

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Dwarves Seen In Brazil

Brazil, which has been the scene of many landing incidents in the past eleven years, yielded another sighting of a landed UAO and occupants. The exact dates of the first sightings are not stipulated, but the last was on the 13th of November, 1965.

The sightings took place in October and November. In the first, Dario Anhaia Filho, a landowner and chemist, was getting into his jeep at 10 p.m., when he looked up and saw an orange-colored sparkling object above him at an estimated 100 meters. It was "floating like a leaf" or "swinging like a pendulum" over the farmhouse. He then noticed two more UAOs which switched off their lights and abruptly ascended vertically to a height of about 1000 meters.

Filho sent his grandson to wake his wife and she joined him and they watched the objects. After a few minutes of the "dead-leaf" maneuvers, all three objects disappeared over the treetops at such a low altitude that they nearly hit the trees.

The second sighting: Dario had gone to town (Mogi-Guassu) for business with the local mayor. There he met the managers of the band and store and he asked both of them to visit him at his farm some evening to watch and photograph the phenomenon. He also asked them to keep the matter confidential. On returning home, he found his wife in hysterics and after calming her, got the following information from her:

At 9 p.m., Mrs. Filho saw the "typical light" of a UFO. Followed by her grandson, she walked to the farm gate, from which location she saw the object sitting on the ground and by it were standing two little figures like dwarves. The one was walking to and fro along a furrow, picking up twigs, branches and leaves which he carried in his arms. The other figure was by the fence and was watching the mare on the other side of it. The mare, which is a quiet creature, did not move. The first dwarf went back and forth among the plants five times. In the meantime, a truck loaded with shouting and singing people, went by. The UFO then slowly moved away. Only one dwarf got into it up a green-colored tube that suddenly appeared at one side. The other dwarf was not seen getting into the object, so Mrs. Filho assumed it stayed on the ground.

The saucer returned, and the preceding sequence of events was repeated again. Another car passed, the object switched off its light and moved away again. During this performance Mrs.

Filho and her grandson claimed that two other objects were hovering in the sky, as if watching.

Suddenly one of the dwarves turned on a green light which issued from an object the size of a drinking glass, and rather like a rocket, according to the grandson. There followed a small explosion. (Later the glass lamp chimneys in the house were found to be shattered).

After the "torchlight" focused on the UAO standing in the field was turned off, the observers noticed that the beam sustaining the garage roof near the house had been turned into a mirror through which Mrs. Filho could now see the man in the larger UAO which was floating above, much farther away. (The meaning here is not clear—concerning the roof beam). Mrs. Filho became quite frightened by this. (No further information about how the objects left, etc.).

The third sighting took place at night on the 13th of November. The witnesses were Dario Filho and his wife and grandson and the local bank manager. Same locality. The UAO landed at night at about 100 meters from the observers, and focused a bright beam of light upward. At the same time the local sheriff and a police clerk were travelling by car to Catagua, Senator Auro Moura Andrade's farm, and were close to the farm when they also witnessed the same sight, seeing the UAO's bright light over Filho's farm.

The bank manager had brought along a camera to take a picture but was so upset that he fell down and dropped it. He had come to the farm completely unbelieving and was unnerved when he saw the object.

The beings seen in this incident were small, about the size of a seven-year-old child seen at 20 meters distance. One was wearing an overall, the other chocolate-colored pants and a gray collarless shirt. The third being seen in the mirror (?) had a square, flat head and was wearing a surgeon's apron.

Both the UAO and the beings shone brightly. The object which landed was as high as the garage. (Further description says the garage is "no higher than an ordinary cabin"—we assume, then, probably about 8 feet, and no more than 10 feet high).

Supplementary witnesses were Father Longino Vartbinden, parish priest at Mogi-Guassu, the mayor and the chief of police, as well as dozens of people living in the neighborhood of the farm. Both the light and movements of the beings were seen.

The foregoing case was investigated by Prof. Flavio Pereira and Drs. Leo

Godoi Otero and Renato Bacelar, of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Unfortunately the report is abbreviated and leaves much to be desired by way of detail. However, considering the number of witnesses, it is quite likely that this is an actual incident.

Following are two additional cases which took place on the same night in the same general area:

On October 30, 1965, a couple driving their Volkswagen car from Mogi-Mirim to Nova Lousan in the middle of the night, on the way back from a wake, saw a huge light blocking the road in front of them. They turned back. They then encountered a truck and warned the driver. While they were talking to him, another Volkswagen sped by them in the direction of the light, but soon returned. The three vehicles then made their way along the highway together, in a group, driving slowly, toward the source of light. As they approached the enormous light, it suddenly soared up above the approaching car and lighted up everything in the vicinity. Coming to the junction of highways at Pinhal, where there is a gasoline station, the drivers got out of their car just in time to watch the object soar up and away. This part of the incident was observed by dozens of other witnesses at the junction.

On the same night in the same locality, a night watchman working at the Ipe Ceramics factory noticed a light in the yard, so he went to examine it and saw a luminous disc floating slowly by the large chimney-towers and upon reaching the border of the field where the high-voltage wires were, it returned, and seemed to head straight for the witness. The man ran into the factory and locked himself in.

Hunters See UAO On Ground In Venezuela

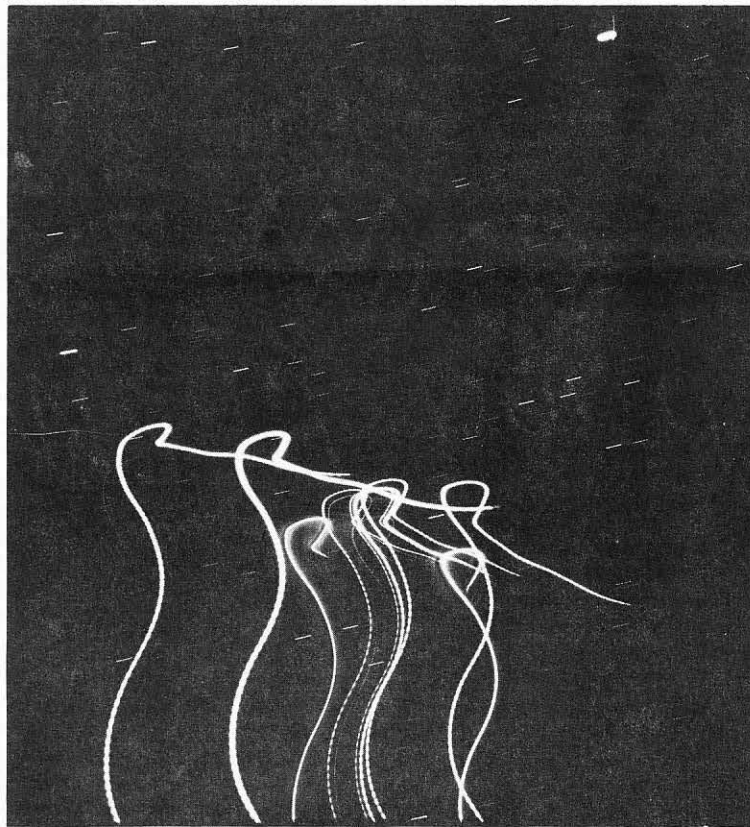
Euclides Bencomo, Jesus Zapata and Juan Ramos reported to authorities that on the 18th of August, while hunting in the Bum-Bum forests in Barinas, Venezuela, they observed a strange luminosity behind some bushes. They approached the bushes, and saw a huge egg-shaped object hovering some six feet off the ground. They said the strange object was giving off multi-colored lights which emanated from large round windows. The object made a whistling sound. The three men became frightened, dropped their guns and ran. A posse was formed by those to whom the hunters reported the incident, to investigate the area.

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UAO LANDING IN INDIANA



The following described incident is one of the most well-documented landing reports APRO has recorded, and unless ministers, Scout leaders and teachers are poor judges of the character of the principals, this report can be considered authentic.

Before proceeding with the narrative, we would like to point out that the incident was investigated and submitted by Donald Worley, some of whose other work appears in this Bulletin. Considering the fact that he is the only APRO member in that particular area of Indiana and had to work against the odds of cold weather, snow drifts and sometimes uncooperative people, he did a very thorough and admirable job.

The witnesses are two boys, 14 and 13 years of age, who will hereinafter be referred to as Observers A and B. On file in APRO's office are statements attesting to their trustworthiness and honesty from their respective teachers, ministers and Scout troop leaders. Both boys and their families request anonymity for the usual reasons.

On the morning of 4 October 1966 at about 5 a.m., Observer B was delivering his newspapers on John Street in East Connersville, Indiana. When he reached the last house on the dead-end street, he noticed a group of lights in the field beyond the end of the street to the west. He glanced at them and since they seemed somewhere near or in line where the electrical sub station should have been, he thought they were a new light installation and paid no further attention, continuing his route.

On the next morning, the 5th, the two boys were delivering their papers and generally keeping within sight of one another. Observer B suggested to his friend that he come to the end of John Street and see the new lights. As they approached the end of the street, it was obvious to Observer B that the lights were in a different place than they had been on the morning before, and were actually a little more to the north. Both boys sat on their bicycles and stared transfixed at a dark object with lights on it which was apparently on the ground some 280 yards out in the field. One told Mr. Worley, "I knew it was a UFO." The other said: "It was eerie and I felt like something was there that shouldn't be."

Observer A heard a faint high pitched

Mild Flap Continues

At this writing, reports are coming into the APRO office daily and the staff has had some difficulty keeping current with investigations and mail, as the tardiness of this issue indicates.

In order to expedite matters, we are asking that anyone who feels he or she is qualified and who could take the time to investigate, get in touch with this office by air mail letter, stipulating the purpose of the letter on the outside of the envelope with the words: Volunteer.

We realize that many of our members, especially medical doctors, of whom we have many on the membership rolls, have little time of their own but would like to point out that individuals such as engineers, doctors and lawyers are especially qualified to carry out investigations and in the event of a UAO incident in their area, it may be the only time they are required to perform this service.

APRO has expanded by about 600 members since October and it is felt that many of these could fill in the "gaps" in our investigative network.

Hopf Photographs Something (?)

John T. Hopf, APRO's photoanalyst wrote the following self-explanatory letter to Sky and Telescope magazine concerning the above photo. As some members no doubt know, Mr. Hopf builds his own telescopes and has won awards for same.

January 3, 1967

Photo Editor, Sky & Telescope
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

On Dec. 13 (A.M.) from midnight to 4 A.M., I had four cameras set up in my roof-top observatory to record the Geminid meteor shower. All used 120 size roll film (2 1/4 x 3 1/4" size).

Although only three meteors were picked up during this time, one of the Kodak Medalists (f3.5, 4 inch focal length (lens used wide open) recorded the enclosed unusual trails during the

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If your Zip Code does not appear on the envelope in which you received this Bulletin, please send it to us by return mail, POST CARD. We are re-vamping our addressing and records system and in the interests of office efficiency must have your zip code right away.

In response to the current increase in reports and membership, we are preparing for the day when we can publish on a monthly basis. A pre-requisite for that day, which may yet be a long way off, is that we streamline our office procedures. Your zip code will help.

Many members have written to say that they are having difficulty finding Coral Lorenzen's "Flying Saucers," Signet Book No. T-3058 on the book stands. This means generally that the actual sales of the book have exceeded the anticipated sales. To fully understand the situation (and remedy it) it is helpful to understand how Signet Books are distributed.

Bookstores and book departments of department stores buy directly from the publisher, New American Library. If your proposed source fails in this category, simply ask them to order it for you.

Most book racks found in drug stores, markets, bus terminals, air terminals, etc., are stocked by local distributors who depend on a national jobber—the Independent News Company—to supply them.

In this case, to be effective, a request must be made to the local distributor. Identify the book by number (Signet T-3058) and give him a list of the local retail outlets where you have sought the book in vain; talk to the soft-cover distribution manager—not the route man. You can get the name of the local distributor from the local retailer, drug store, market or whatever. If the book does not appear on the racks in a week or so—repeat the procedure.

Magazines With UFO Articles

In addition to the Saturday Evening Post issue which carried J. Allen Hynek's statement on UFOs, several other magazines are planning articles on UFOs, among which are TRUE, and PLAYBOY. On the newsstands at this time is a special issue published by Dell Publishing Co. called, simply, "Flying Saucers." APRO was asked to cooperate in the latter venture and the result is an interesting display of some of the most intriguing UFO incidents. We have been informed that LOOK magazine is coming out with a special issue on the subject, also.

As a result of increased membership and mention in various publications, APRO's membership has been soaring since late August. Besides the processing necessary to enroll a new member, the

office has been literally swamped with inquiries concerning membership, resulting in a "traffic snarl." Although extra help has been arranged, the flow of mail continues to bog down office procedures, and we hope that all the members will be patient about correspondence from this office. This issue of the Bulletin is late because of some of the foregoing problems, but we hope to be able to smooth out the rough spots before the January-February issue is due.

Along with new members we have received many old sightings as well as current ones, which need a certain amount of attention. Despite the workload we wish to urge all members to remain alert to UFO incidents in their immediate areas and notify this office at once.

Tiny Object In Washington

At 8:30 p.m. on 13 February 1966, three members of the Stanley Lord family were startled to observe a small object outside the kitchen window. The article in the Methow Valley News gave a pretty fair description of the incident:

The object was first noticed by Stan Lord as a bright, circular orange disc of light hovering seemingly close to the kitchen window as if it were observing. When someone would look up and watch it, it would disappear. It would then move to another window. On its third appearance it attracted attention of all three of the Lords as it appeared to come to within 3 feet from the ground and about 50 feet from the house. As the three scrambled to get to the windows it left again, and when they got to the windows it had gone toward a neighbor's house, ascending at a 30 degree angle. At this time it seemed to have two lights—a small "forward" one and a larger one in the rear, which appeared to be about 18 inches apart. The rear light seemed to be glowing much brighter. The object was very maneuverable, changing positions and directions swiftly, hovering and accelerating immediately from any angle.

The Lords said that they couldn't describe the shape of the object, because of the bright lights, and theorized that the first object, the small sphere, may have been lowered to the window height from an object at a greater height.

(Editor's Note: The newspaper added their comment that the object had been seen by two boys near Mazama, but gave no other detail. This sighting, however, coincides in detail with many others we have logged, which have been tagged "monitor units.")

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Landing . . .

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whirring sound from the direction of the object. It has been suggested that what he heard was Roots Blower Co., a local factory testing a blower. It was learned later by Mr. Worley, that the factory was not testing at the time. It was decided the sound could not have been a fence or transformer hum either. Both boys noticed a faint odor which one said smelled like sulphur. The other, who has a chemistry set described it as an odor similar to that of sulphur and tannic acid.

After watching the object, observing its lights, smelling the odor, the boys heard a sound which, after 10 to 20 seconds, caused them to flee the scene in fear and as fast as their bicycles would take them. Observer A said: "I could hear the sound of breaking weeds and it sounded like a person walking, not a four-legged cow." Observer B said: "It sounded like a person walking slowly. There was the crush of weeds and stubble and a faint plop. It never got louder. I was scared and my heart was pounding. We took off as fast as our bikes would go and raced up John Street neck-and-neck." Observer A said: "I had cold chills up my spine and we didn't slow down until we got to Vine Street. I finished the rest of my route awfully fast that morning. I felt like something might be watching me."

Commenting on the rest of the morning route, Observer B told Worley: "I was too scared to care if I made a bad throw at a porch with a paper. I felt like something out there may have seen us." When asked where he was looking for the danger he said, "Everywhere — ground or air."

Worley makes the following observations about the "walking sound": "Something humanlike with two legs was walking. If so it may not have been too far distant because this type of sound is not audible beyond a certain distance. It is not known if dew was on the weeds or not.

"Or—it may have been some type of machinery used to start the object.

"Or—it was imagination on the boys' part

"Or—a cow walking in a field. (Observer B stated that he heard the sound of cattle down near the barn to the south. Both boys were certain it didn't sound like a cow walking).

"And lastly—it might have been movement in the foliage resulting from the wind or breeze.

Investigation indicated that it was a still morning, with no discernible air movement. After finishing their routes the boys went home, and for the most part their story was met with nearly total disbelief. Observer B's mother said "he was sure wound up and excited" when he got home, but thought he was exaggerating something he had seen by

adding something from TV or one of his books. He told his Scout troop and although not all of them believed him, it was decided it was best for him to remain quiet.

Observer A's sister-in-law and mother were impressed by his days of excited talk about the event. He was urged to call Worley.

After school on the 5th, Observer B, brave in daylight, returned to the scene and discovered three holes and noticed a faint sulphur smell. He also saw a small spot of light red dirt-like material about 6 feet away from one of the holes. He looked for holes made by the object on the first morning, but found nothing. The point where it hovered on the first morning, the 4th, was quite close to a 2-strand electric fence.

During the next several days the boys and friends went to the spot and looked at the holes, and discussed them. On Sunday, the 9th, Observer A's 27-year-old sister-in-law took her camera to the spot and photographed the holes. She looked for other tracks or evidence, but found none. The cattle seemed to have avoided the area.

A telephone survey of the area near the sighting has not revealed any other witnesses.

Observer A's description: Edge of the object was solid and smooth, but didn't reflect light very well. It sat level. He could not see the underside. He saw about ten red, green and another color (can't remember which) lights. He does not remember the location of the lights but two were on each end. The lights pulsed slowly, were round, about the size of a light bulb. He estimated object's size as 27 feet long and 10 feet high, after observing an auto at the same distance in the same light.

Observer B's description: He saw a dark, curved shape, much like a house looming in the darkness with lights off. He saw at least 8 red, white and green clear bright lights. They were a little larger than an outdoor Christmas light. At several places in between he saw faint lights which pulsed slowly. He doesn't remember the sequence. He estimates distance between the end lights to be 23 feet apart and 6 feet off the ground, after observing two flashlights in the field at the same distance.

The sister-in-law and the boys all estimated the holes to be 8 feet apart, forming an equilateral triangle. She said the holes were 7 inches in diameter at the top, tapering to around 1 inch at the bottom. This formed a cone-shaped hole and was estimated and appears to be, in the photographs, 7 or 8 inches deep. Mrs. Granger said the holes were cleanly compressed with no dirt on the top edges and not even the weeds along the top edge were disturbed. Observer A said the sides of the holes were fairly smooth and "kind of hard." Observer B said the sides of the holes felt like dirt that had water poured on it and then dried in the sun.

Hollis Hanson, the farmer who owned the field, said he had nothing with that many lights on it and did not recall moving anything into the field.

The appearance of the holes indicate three apparatuses pressed into the ground under great pressure.

IN CONCLUSION

As we said earlier in this report, Worley's presentation is thorough and neat. The document includes statements concerning the boys' character and integrity from a minister, a teacher and a Boy Scout leader. Although by the time Worley was notified of the sighting, the evidence had undergone the rigors of weather, the photos taken by the sister-in-law were helpful in interpretation of the physical evidence.

As Worley so aptly pointed out, if one took the sighting for granted and did not attempt to relate it to the others which preceded it and followed it, it made absolutely no sense. However, the map which Worley included with the landing report is quite revealing.

The sightings from August 8th forward fall along a line in the area of the microwave relay tower chain in the vicinity of Connersville and Rushville. The middle of the area of the sightings is within 70 air miles of Wright Air Development Center at Dayton, Ohio. Further:

The October 5th landing took place: 180 yards from an electrical substation, 340 yards from high tension power lines, adjacent to an electric fence, two blocks from the State Police Post and Radio Transmitter, and in a direct line between the State Police antenna and the WCNB Radio antenna, nine-tenths of a mile distance. The only other outstanding features of the terrain was the field full of stubble.

Three Unidentified Satellites In Orbit

The press wires carried stories out of Washington, D.C. on 1 November 1966 relating to three satellites discovered in orbit around the earth by tracking radar in May of 1966. They had not, at that date, (November) been identified "with any launching or country of origin" according to the official catalog, "Satellite Situation Report."

The report claimed that this discovery is the first time that unknowns have been listed among the satellites and debris being tracked by the U.S. It went on to propose that they could be natural meteorites and may have been in space for some time (the report mentioned 1958) without being discovered.

Military officials reportedly hesitated to list the three until some clue as to their identity could be found, because they feared "flying saucer enthusiasts" would claim the three objects were evidence that earth has visitors from elsewhere.

The "UFO Circus" In Indiana

Member Don Worley of Connersville, Indiana found himself the only APRO representative in his area when UFOs began to haunt it in late September, but nevertheless undertook to investigate and report his results. He came up with 9 good sightings, some of them involving multiple witnesses, and one landing. We present the nine here and the landing elsewhere in this issue. We would like to editorialize a little concerning Worley's performance, however.

Realizing that the activity might be a one-time thing he devoted his spare time to tracking down witnesses, often driving as far as 40 miles on poor country roads. The results are very comprehensive reports which are important contributions to the UFO picture.

Thursday, October 6: Jack Lewis, wife and children were headed west six miles southwest of Connersville at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Lewis noticed what she thought was an airplane with red, green and white lights going east at low speed. No sound was heard. The object suddenly stopped and hovered at no more than "cornstalk height" over a field. Jack turned the car around and they drove back and watched the now one slow pulsating white light for about 15 minutes. Object then became much brighter, took off at rapid speed and a green and a red light could be seen on each side and a little lower than the white light. The white light while hovering was a flat-bottomed, shallow-domed configuration.

Witnesses drove west again to home of friends and 6 adults assembled in the yard to watch. Lewis, owner of Citizen's Band Radio Transmitter, was all this time on the radio telling anyone who was listening what was happening.

The lights soon returned from the south and hovered very low over a wooded area about 500 yards south of the observers, and went dark for about 15 minutes. Just as suddenly as its other maneuvers, the light showed again, flew into the western sky, stopped and remained stationary again, then turned bright white and sped off west. It appeared to swing over part of Rush County and CB owners there were saying (on the radio) "I see it. I see it." At high speed it then returned and appeared to fly north over Connersville. It seemed to stop in the NNE and began to slowly change from red to white to green, gradually receding from sight. Conservative estimate of number of witnesses: Seven Citizen Band owners in Fayette County, five in Rush County, one or two in Wayne County and their wives, children and neighbors. Approximately 50.

On the same night at 9 p.m., Robert Zimmerman of Connersville, a Philco employee (27) who had heard the CB broadcast earlier and treated it as a joke, spotted the same or a similar ob-

ject. During his observation the object passed over the Connersville area, appeared to pass between WNBC and State Police radio towers and arced up as though climbing, toward the north. During this time it was observed to stop and slow down and make an instant right angle turn without stopping. Faster than a jet, made no sound. When passing overhead, going north, it was a bright white light, with a greenish tinge on the edge and "almost as bright as the sun," "a little larger than a full moon high in the sky."

Zimmerman alerted several CB people in towns to the north and received an answer from Pershing, 15 miles to the north, saying they had the object in view.

Another witness to what was apparently the same object's flight, was Richard Henry, who heard the alert on CB and first saw the object in the south going west at 8 p.m., at prop plane speed. It seemed to be just a little above the tree tops and like a ball of blood-red fire. It stopped suddenly, seemed to be about 500 yards away and the size of a half dollar held at arm's length. The object hovered in the SW for about 10 minutes where it pulsated red, green and white. Then it suddenly turned a glowing white and sped off toward the SW at 45 degrees and at a speed much faster than a jet.

Another 8 p.m. sighting was by Bob Hamilton, also of Connersville, R. R. 6. He heard Jack Lewis call on CB and hurried outdoors and saw the light passing east to west at what seemed to be about one mile south of him. The bright green, red and white lights, glowing and pulsating, seemed to be no more than 500 feet off the ground. They stopped instantly in midair and then hovered, then moved again and then hovered again. They seemed to stop over the Mary Grey Bird Sanctuary for about 10 minutes. Object finally disappeared at high speed in the southwest.

Later on the same night, at 10:45 p.m., another CB owner, Ray Cox, of Laurel, Indiana, was driving home from work south bound on Highway (State Road) 121. As he neared a new bridge, he observed a rapidly approaching light coming from the south at about 300 to 400 feet and an estimated one-fourth mile distant. The light swooped over the top of a large house on a hill south of the bridge, then dived at the bridge at high speed. Feeling it was coming straight at him, Cox hit his brakes and swerved.

Object was now round, "larger than an aircraft searchlight," the size of an orange held at arm's length. Smooth-edged, left no trail, made no sound. It then darted to Cox' left, and headed down the creek bed so low he could see it flash through the trees as it went east and was quickly lost from sight. About 10 seconds later another object, this one with several small white lights followed exactly the same route.

As Cox initially approached the bridge

mentioned above and spotted the object, he turned on his CB radio and began transmitting. All he was able to say was: "Fellows, I may need help—it's—" and the object loomed near and both his transmitter and receiver were blocked by a transformer-like hum. When he finally returned to the air after the object left it was obvious to all who were listening that he was very frightened.

The next incident in Worley's Circus took place at 10 p.m., on 8 October, when Ronnie Cameron, 22 and his wife Judy, of Rushville, saw an object from their home on R. R. 6, State Road 44.

Judy Cameron heard what she described as a "screaming" sound, looked out the window and saw a blinking red light going southeast at about 70 degrees elevation. Ronnie looked out a rear window, saw two lights, one red and one white, side by side. He ran upstairs to look out for a better view. The lights did not blink and seemed to be hovering above a field southeast of the house, barely above the tree tops. Both of the Camerons watched the lights for about 6 minutes. They did not change brightness or position. Police dogs in a pen next door began to howl.

At the end of the 6 minutes the object or lights began moving straight up, were lost to sight within 7 seconds. The sound was also heard by brother Bennie Cameron, sister Diana Cameron and sister-in-law Nancy Isgrigg.

Miss Isgrigg, in house next door on the west said later her TV began to act up just as she heard the strange sound.

On the 12th of October at 8 p.m., Harry Remy of R. R. 3, Rushville, Indiana, came into the house, told the family "one of those airplanes people are always mistaking for flying saucers" was in view. He and Mrs. Remy and daughter, Christine Lore, 22, went outside. They were startled to see a perfectly round, glowing red object about three-fourths the size of the full moon. Mr. Remy now decided the object was not a plane, but the red light on the relay tower. The light was hovering at about tree top level due south of them. Mrs. Remy pointed out the location of the relay light to the southeast and about five miles away. Suddenly the object made a leap and stopped again, a maneuver almost too fast for the eye to see. The length of the leap was described as "10 full moons." The object stayed in its second position for a few minutes, then made another jump, which put it in a more southeasterly direction from the observers. After a short pause, it began to move east and seemed to curve around to a northerly heading. As it came around to pass the observers on the east it appeared as an object with red, white and a blue-green light on it. They seemed to move around the object on a horizontal plane as if the object were revolving at just under a speed

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period between 3 and 3:10 approximately. This camera was aimed to the South and up at a 45 degree angle. Jupiter appears at the top right of the print. The trails rise into the camera's field from the bottom. At the time this was recorded I was changing the film in two of the other cameras and had my back turned to the South and did not see anything. Of course I don't understand how anything this bright did not attract my attention, but apparently the object or objects were silent. I have checked every possibility that could have caused these trails and can find none that fit the facts.

Due to the blinking effect of some of the trails, I of course thought that they were aircraft lights, but examination of several negatives on hand taken with the same cameras in the past show an entirely different effect. The main trails here are fully as bright as the Jupiter image which gives a good comparison. I have been observing and photographing the sky for over 20 years and have never caught anything like this before. Your opinions would be most welcome on this matter.

Very truly yours,
John T. Hopf.

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that would not cause the lights to blur. A dim grey outline could be seen at one time. It seemed to be ovoid or egg-shaped. Mrs. Remy said she heard a sound like "frying." As the object moved north it became red and round again and growing dimmer, it faded from sight.

Things were apparently quiet in the Connersville-Rushville area until the 24th. This next incident has no exact date—the 24th or 25th is the closest the observers could estimate. At about midnight or shortly after Rodney Howell of Connersville was called to the scene of a wreck in the country where his mother's car had run off the road. When the wrecker, driven by James Swanner arrived, Swanner complained about a light in the sky which he couldn't identify, on Road 121. The people at the scene of the wreck looked at the light which was about 2½ times the size of the brightest star, and was located at 45 degrees elevation in the northeast. They stopped and discussed the light from time to time while getting the car back on the road. In a short time one of the party looked at it again and it was gone, and now appeared to be in the southeast and lower. Their time and attention taken up with the task with the car, the party forgot the light entirely.

On the night of the 29th at 7:30 p.m., Don Carlton of the Rushville Police De-

partment was called about "objects" in the sky seen from an East Second Street address. Delayed answering the call because of other matters, finally went outside and saw a star-like point moving across the sky at prop-plane speed. He did not get out of the patrol car to observe. Carlton later told Worley that he had received a call from someone who said they saw a glowing light near a transformer south of Rushville, but ignored it as he thought it was probably a light that the fog made glow.

On the same night at 6:35 p.m., on the Eastern outskirts of Rushville, Brenda Butts, 20, was called outside by her brothers to see a "flying saucer," observed a point of light, smaller than a star, move slowly, then stop at approximately 30 degrees elevation in the SSE. It alternated red or white and frequently disappeared for a second. She compared it with a large star nearby and its color changes were more pronounced. This object remained in this position for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

At about 7:15 there appeared in the SE sky at about 32 degrees elevation and 15 degrees east, object which was bright and shiny and had a trail 10 times its own length. It traveled across the sky at faster-than-jet speed in an upward flight path. It disappeared at about 40 degrees elevation in the ESE in an estimated 5 seconds.

Attention of the observers was then attracted to an area ENE some 20 degrees from the moon, at the same elevation. The sky had a terrific red glow with a white haze spreading around it very fast. The dull red seemed to be a curved layer as did the white. The white part was brighter than a cloud but was not a light. The red began to fade as the white spread and turned into a haze. Miss Butts called her mother to come outside, and Mrs. Butts directed some of the brothers to call the police.

The haze kept spreading until it darkened the moon somewhat and covered the stars in that area of the sky. In the midst of the thicker haze in the spot where the witness had first seen the explosion (?) there was noticed a slanted large dark grey band or layer of cloud. The band was about one-fourth the width of a full moon and seemed longer than the full moon with ends lost in the haze.

Shooting up out of this "cloud" were two pairs of light points about the size of a star. All arose at the same time and were joined by a light point already above the cloud. All five traveled a short distance and disappeared in the haze. The latter had begun to break up and many dark places had begun to be seen by the time the police arrived. The unidentified light in the SSE now began to move at about Piper Cub plane speed on an upward flight path toward the "explosion" site. When it almost reached the spot where the glow had first appeared, it just disappeared. At this point it was the size of a large star.

The last incident in Mr. Worley's re-

port involves a group of coon hunters who were interrogated separately and in two instances, the wives were questioned about their husband's reported sightings and their reactions. The only deviation in these individual reports is the approximate time of the sighting given by each, but this is accounted for by the fact that the men had been out for about three hours at the time of the incident and time is only estimated.

At sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., on the night of 14 November, 1966, Dewey P. Isaacs, 28; Paul Jenkins, 26; Ronald Collins, 24, and Jack Hall, 24, all of Connersville, were 5 miles NE of Brownsville in Union County, Indiana. An aircraft began circling the area in wide circles. Jenkins estimated its altitude as about 1,000 feet. Ronald Collins was angry because the sound of the airplane blocked out the sound of the hounds which were tracking a coon some distance away.

Jenkins noticed an exceptionally bright "star" in the east, later said it was the brightest star he had ever seen.

It began to increase in brilliance and seemed to be approaching. Sometimes it appeared to hover in mid-air and had a yellow colored glow as it did so. As it reached a location which the men estimated to be about half way to their location, the circling plane flew close to the right of the object. Jenkins, Isaacs and Hall all stated that they definitely heard the plane's motors stop momentarily, and Collins said he thought they did. The plane then banked and flew out of the area.

The big, white, perfectly round object was at this time nearly overhead by a tall walnut tree, its apparent size, that of a grapefruit held at arm's length. One of the remarks that was passed at this time was: "I don't like this; I think I'll get out of here."

Collins directed the beam of his five-cell sealed beam flashlight at the object and it shot out of sight "like a bullet," and was gone in 4 seconds.

Isaacs told Worley that when he got home, he took three Excedrins so he could sleep because he had to get up early for work. As he told his wife about the incident, he stood by his bed and scratched nervous welts which he gets when upset or nervous.

Jenkin's wife told Worley that when he got home he kept talking about what had happened, was quite upset, until she finally told him, "I believe you, please shut up so I can get some sleep."

Collin's wife said he was pale and excited when he arrived home. Collins is the man who flashed the light at the object over the objections of his friends.

In summation, Worley said that interrogation revealed that none of the men were familiar with "saucer" lore prior to the incident, and that none had ever heard of the incidents involving UFOs apparently interfering with engines, or the affect that light apparently has on the objects.

Weird Aerial Phenomena In Oregon

In October of 1966 a remote logging area near Toledo on Pioneer Mountain experienced the presence of strange objects which captured the interest of the press. Among those who observed the manifestations were Georgia-Pacific Co. chemist Max W. Taylor and the Evelyn Reeves family. The sequence of events began in March when the Reeves' called Deputy Sheriff Thomas Wayne Price about the small doughnut-shaped lights which had been "crawling" across walls almost nightly both inside and outside the house. These were accompanied by noises described as like a high speed saw or a "giant, spinning top."

Taylor had been called by the Reeves family also, and one night while visiting there for the specific purpose of observing, he saw one of the small light spots on the living room wall and at the opposite end of the house, another spot, located in such a way that it indicated that an invisible beam of light had penetrated the house and was showing at each extreme.

However—there was no apparent source for the light and no beam in between.

When Price arrived on the scene at 1:20 a.m., the morning he was called, he was startled to see a large orange, glowing object maneuvering in the sky. The whining noise was then heard and the orange object vanished.

The first indication of the strange phenomena came when Mrs. Reeves' daughter, Kathleen, 16, was walking up Pioneer Road with a friend and both girls saw what looked like a neighbor's field on fire. "It was dome-shaped," she said, "and looked like it was burning." The sight perplexed the girls and they started on home and then saw what appeared to be a "flashlight with a cover over the end so there was no beam."

Kathleen said she thought it was someone playing a trick, and threw a rock at the light, whereupon, "a lot of big ones went on all around it and we ran home."

Thereafter, according to Mrs. Reeves and her daughter, the house was increasingly visited by pulsating "wall donuts" and the strange noises including the high-pitched whine heard and described by Price.

On one occasion, said Mrs. Reeves, one member of the family went for a gun after seeing "something" outside a living room window. When he pointed the gun, the "thing" appeared to back away, and then the inside of the house suddenly sparkled with a multitude of the crawling lights.

Another incident took place at about 2 one morning when Mrs. Reeves woke up to see her whole bedroom lit up with a rosy glow so bright it would have furnished adequate light by which to read. She turned toward the living room door

and saw a watermelon-colored red thing, like a cloud—just hanging there. She could see through it. It hung there, a hazy mass for a couple of minutes, and then disappeared.

Among others who witnessed the strange sights was the owner of the house, Delbert Mapes, who bought the house from the Reeves. He said there has been no more activity since the Reeves left.

Mapes observed round, luminous objects whizzing about through the orchard on one occasion.

The remarkable thing about this incident is that no one believed the observers who reported the strange manifestations—until the doubters saw the things themselves. One of the incidents which Kathy reported and which no one can accept is the three little "stumps" that walked across the pasture one night.

The activity, which started in March was still going strong as late as October 1966 when a secretary and two others in a car had a "near miss" with a "house-sized glowing sphere" on Friday, the 14th of October.

This seems to be another one of those series of incidents which may involve UAO occupants engaged in certain activities in a certain area, and the methods by which they discourage local residents from interfering with them.

An Oregon member far removed from the Toledo area has volunteered to make the long trip to thoroughly investigate the incidents and attempt to procure exact times, places and dates. We will report on this series of sightings when more information is available.

The most recent Oregon sighting took place near Corvallis, where "an engine blast" strong enough to almost knock a man to the ground was reported to the Benton County sheriff on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Brooks of Route 1, Monroe, claimed they were driving along a road two and a half miles south of Monroe at about 3 a.m. on the 25th of December. They stopped and while Brooks was out of the car, a sudden noise of an engine and a blast that threw him against the car, was heard. Then an object emitting a large reddish orange flame took off into the sky and joined two other similar objects, the couple reported. They returned home, got two of their children and returned to the scene but found nothing. A sheriff's investigation disclosed no evidence of the object or a blast.

Tucson Site Of Flyover

Four boys, aged 12 and 13, were sleeping outside the home of Scott Stewart on the morning of April 2, 1966, when they spotted 3 or 4 discs flying over in a west to east direction. Scott's mother heard them excitedly talking about what

had gone over, and when they asked for the binoculars, she handed them out the door and went back to bed, and later was sorry, after hearing what they had seen.

The discs, (there is disagreement here) three or four of them, began coming over, fast, at between 30 and 45 degrees elevation in the south, at 5:15 a.m. They came singly, 3 to 4 minutes apart. They appeared to be ¼ inch in diameter (at arm's length) and stood out against the dark morning sky.

The boys were interviewed, singly, by Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen and it was concluded that they did indeed see the discs, that the discs had three lights on the bottom. All of the objects were seen from a side view except one which banked and showed its top as it went over.

The boys' attention was first arrested when a brilliant white flash which seemed to emanate from nowhere, but lit up the sky, was seen, and five minutes later the first disc passed over. It took about 20 seconds to traverse the sky. The second slowed, hovered, then went into the east, the third tilted, then straightened out and continued on. All appeared to have the same path. One bit of humorous authenticity was lent by the fact that one of the boys was so upset by the experience that he scrambled down into his sleeping bag, covered his head and swallowed his bubble gum.

Disc Skims Field

Our thanks to Mrs. Robert Pechinski for this one: Mrs. James Passineau of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, was using the telephone at 9:20 a.m., on November 28 and looking out the window when she observed a round, metallic-appearing object which skimmed above a field adjacent to her home. At first glance she thought the object was preparing to land because of its extremely low altitude, but it continued on, then zoomed off into the sky. She called the local radio station and was told to contact the sheriff's office.

On the same day at approximately 10 a.m., Mrs. Wilbur Reinicke was driving into Wisconsin Rapids for a luncheon appointment when she observed an oblong metallic object which appeared to be hovering over the local canning factory. Because of traffic she was unable to watch the object closely, but when she arrived in town and parked her car, she looked in the direction in which she had first observed the object. It had been hovering or moving very slowly at first, but by the time she stopped, it was speeding out of sight into the northeast. The sheriff's office was notified.

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Airliner Sighting Over Mo.

Captain Donald E. Lochner, of Ozark Air Lines, was interviewed concerning his sighting of a UAO while en route from Jefferson City to Columbia, Missouri, on 15 November, by Walt Andrus and the following information resulted:

Lochner noticed a fairly large fire—what he thought might be a forest fire, northwest of Columbia. He turned his attention to his instrument panel for a couple of seconds, looked back at the fire, and it was gone. The time was 10:20 p.m. The plane landed at Columbia and as Lochner taxied out, the radio operator asked if he had seen any "weird objects." Lochner said he had not, and asked for a qualification from the operator who said he meant "UFOs or anything like that." Then Lochner told about what had appeared to be a forest fire northwest of Columbia which suddenly went out. The operator verified this and volunteered the information that residents of Fayette were calling in and stating that there was a UFO which hovered over the city for about 30 minutes. He asked that Flight 419 take a look at it and Lochner said he would. He took his plane off south, making a right turn out and he and his First officer, Donald Egerton, saw the object immediately. Lochner's description: "The object appeared to us to have multi-colored lights, green at the tip appearing whitish toward the middle. It looked like it had a rotating beacon on the top of it, however the beacon appeared to be turning much faster than that on a normal aircraft does. We kept an eye on it and on occasion, could see it emit a strong beam of white light from the top and the white light would go vertically, like it could possibly have been a signal of some sort. It didn't last but a few seconds and it would go off."

Lochner and Egerton compared their observations and Lochner had Egerton ring the hostess, Miss Jewell Wade, and she came forward and observed the object also. She was first asked if she saw anything unusual in the sky and she immediately spotted the object and then the three discussed it, comparing observations.

Lochner then asked the Columbia radio operator to call Kansas City radar to see if they had radar contact with it. He gave his position, his plane was on a 307 heading at this time.

The Columbia radio operator called back and said that Kansas City did have the object on radar. Lochner was climbing toward the object and seemed to be closing in as it looked as if it were getting bigger. Columbia said Kansas City had fixed the altitude as approximately 15,000 feet at that time.

Lochner then decided to use his Altus light to attempt to signal the object. The Altus light is small, portable, has a trigger and a sight and is extremely bright. He flashed a series of three short

dots. As Lochner flashed the light at the object, it appeared to move away at a fairly high rate of speed. Columbia radio called and notified him that Kansas City radar station said the object had "moved off their scope at a high rate of speed."

As the object moved away from Lochner's plane, he described the light change in this manner: "It did move very rapidly and the lights got much dimmer. The only thing that was visible as it got away from us was the beacon and the greenish lights. They kind of all went together and I could still see the red light. It seemed to be more clear and outstanding." It appeared to go out away from Lochner's plane and then stopped. Lochner and Egerton watched it for a period of about 40 minutes and as they watched, it got dimmer and dimmer and finally disappeared from view.

During the time that the two pilots watched the object, they turned the plane several times to determine if it was a reflection, or weather balloon, etc. They said that neither balloon nor reflection would explain the object, and that they were particularly impressed by the multi-colored lights and the strong beam of white light. Lochner said he got the impression that the bright, white light on top of the object was sending a signal of some sort.

Lochner told Mr. Andrus that he could not establish whether there was an actual craft or not—that he saw only the lights, and their movement away from his aircraft.

At the time that the object appeared to move away, a woman at the Kirksville radio station contacted Lochner. She said she could see the object in her binoculars. Another light aircraft pilot at about 9000 feet and east of Kirksville called in told Lochner he had the object in sight.

After the object moved away, Lochner went on to Kansas City. When he approached the city, he contacted Kansas City radar and identified himself and told them that he had been in contact with the controller in Kansas City on a UFO out of Columbia. He asked for the controller's name. They asked Lochner to stand by, and when they made radio contact again, they said "no controller here had seen anything like that on radar tonight."

During the course of the interview with Lochner, Mr. Andrus established that the Kirksville F.A.A. operator was Mrs. Donna Wharton, who had initially reported the sighting to Andrus in Quincy, Illinois.

When asked to estimate the apparent size of the object, Lochner compared it with the brightest star, said it would be three to four times the diameter of the brightest star. He also said that the flashes from the object were 2 to 3 times faster than the normal rotating beacon.

At the same time that Lochner was observing the object from aboard Flight 419, Mrs. Wharton was observing the

object through binoculars from the airport at Kirksville, according to her report to Andrus. She said she called Kirksville Air Force Base which is an early warning radar station for the St. Louis area, and they reported they had the object on radar also. Later, when Mrs. Wharton advised the AFB in Kirksville that she planned to call Andrus and report the incident, and that "they had confirmed the radar sighting"—they quickly withdrew their opinion and said "that there would be too much red tape involved to report this."

Two male passengers (unidentified) aboard the plane also observed the object. One of them suggested to Lochner that he should make it official by making a report to the company (Ozark Air Lines) concerning the sighting. Lochner later asked his office if they wanted a written report for the Vice President of Operations. They didn't, but listened to it.

Weather data concerning this incident: Extremely clear sky, visibility more than 15 miles. Marshall, Mo., about 40 miles from Columbia was visible at 2,000 feet. There did appear to be a thin layer of haze at Kansas City. There did not appear to be any interference with the airplane's function nor the radio during the sighting.

Speedy Lights Over Tucson

Ralph H. Pestalozzi, Major, USAF, Retired, of Tucson, Arizona, reported the flight of objects over Tucson, Arizona, on the 13th of October, 1966, at 8:10 p.m.

Pestalozzi describes the objects seen as orange lights, no shape discernible, about the brightness or size of Echo satellites but with a speed about 3 times that of Echo. The first object was spotted at 8:10 p.m., was followed by another 20 seconds later, then by a third 20 seconds after that. Fifteen to twenty minutes later three more objects passed over in the same flight pattern, spaced the same in time. The fourth object showed flashing red lights as it curved toward the southeast. These lights flashed in series of 3 in very rapid succession. The first flash in each series seemed more intense than the other two.

There were other aircraft (F4C) flying in the Davis-Monthan AFB traffic pattern, and issued the usual jet aircraft noises and F4C whine. Pestalozzi states that they appeared to be at great altitude and much faster than any jet aircraft that he has ever observed.

A separate report from Wendelle Stevens, Lt. Col., USAF, retired, a rated pilot, coincides in detail with the report of Pestalozzi although Stevens saw a total of 12 lights, having spotted them before Pestalozzi (who saw 7) did.

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Man Claims Contact

During a spate of UFO reports in the vicinity of Interstate 7 and State Road 47 near Cedar Grove, West Virginia, in November, Woodrow Derenberger, a 50-year-old Mineral Wells resident and salesman reported his fantastic encounter with a "space man" on November 2nd. Derenberger claims that a dark object passed his truck on the highway, pulled over in front and forced him to the side of the road. A "man" wearing dark clothing got out of the object, and, using mental telepathy, told him he would not harm him and asked him to roll down the right window, which Derenberger did. After the "man" got out of the craft, it elevated so that it was no longer visible. He came around to the open window and conversed with Derenberger, using telepathy.

Derenberger claims that he was frightened until the "man" assured him that he would not be harmed. The "man" asked what Parkersburg (which lights were visible in the distance) was and Derenberger told him and the "man" asked if people lived there and was told that they did. The "man" then informed Derenberger that where he came from such a place was called a "gathering." He asked Derenberger's name, then proffered the information that his name was "Cold."

When the "man" departed, the object came down, a door opened (similar to a car door), he got in, then another arm (not belonging to Man No. 1) reached out and closed the door, and the object departed.

In this instance, we have several choices in rationalizing the report. The whole thing could be a hoax. Or it could be real, and that opens up many possibilities such as UFOs simulating cars and operating along highways. Why was Derenberger chosen for such an inane and seemingly useless conversation, even if it is true? Why wasn't, for instance, the car which passed Derenberger's truck just prior to the UFO's passing, stopped?

The seeming boldness does not fit into the general pattern of behavior of the UFOs and their occupants which has been evident over a long period of time. They have been quite surreptitious, avoiding contact with humans, landing in isolated places.

It is not known in this office if corroborating reports have come to light. Although objects were seen in that vicinity weeks later, as far as we know, there has been no report of objects being seen in that vicinity on that night. If any member is aware of such, we would like to be informed.

Derenberger's experience could be hallucinatory in nature and his description of the man in dark, ordinary clothing suggests the appearance of the "shadow self" of Jung's theory of subconscious archetypes. Supporting this is the name

"Cold" and Derenberger's Doctor's statement that Derenberger seems to be in better health and spirits than he has been in a long time. It has been our experience that real encounters with the occupants by normal individuals bring on a nervous state and extreme fright which lasts for some time. On the other hand, in those instances in which the symbolism of the experience indicate a psychic origin, the "observer" or participant in the experience was disturbed BEFORE the experience, but exhibited unusually good health and spirits afterward. A very revealing bit of information is the fact that Derenberger refused to submit to hypnotic questioning, saying that Air Force representatives advised him not to.

Lights Over Long Island

During the month of October, hundreds of Long Island, New York residents reported observing strange star-like objects which appeared to have brilliant multi-colored lights. A careful study of the information forwarded to this office indicates that most people may have been viewing bright stars which appeared to be changing colors due to dust in the atmosphere. Some of the sightings, however, are not as easily explained.

On the 30th of October, 25 people in Suffolk and Nassau reported moving objects in the sky. A Southampton village patrolman, Thomas Dombrowski, said that he watched a bright ball of light for 20 minutes at about 7 p.m. Although the object seemed to be at low altitude, he heard no sound.

The night before, on the 29th, Leonard Victor, a photographer for the Long Island Press, got photographs of an object which were printed in that paper on the 31st. The feature accompanying the picture said that the motionless object which Victor spotted was at least ten times as large as any star in the sky at the time, brilliant and pale yellow in color. At first located near a cloud bank, it was shortly obliterated by the cloud and when it reappeared later, it was in motion from west to east and the yellow shade was changing to a bluish-purple color. As it went into the east, its speed increased dramatically. Photographs of the object after it got underway, showed a glowing streak of light accompanied by two others. We are indebted to member Norman Bohrer for a comprehensive investigation of all of the Long Island sightings.

Blackouts Result In Power Directive

Unexplained blackouts which are occurring in increasing number seem to have resulted in a power directive out of Washington, D.C., on the 22nd of December, 1966. A United Press Interna-

tional story said that beginning on the 31st, electric facilities through the U.S. must report any major power failures to the Federal Power Commission. The order outlined the following procedures: Major failures should be reported as soon as practicable by telephone, and lesser failures by telegram within two hours.

Some of the blackouts during November and December were: Las Vegas, Nevada (including Nellis Air Force Base) on the 14th of November. Failure blamed on failure of a lubricating pump feeding the main bearing of a generator at the station 50 miles north of the city.

San Rafael, Calif., 4 December. Three thousand homes affected.

Austin, Texas (State capital) suffered a blackout on the 14th of December, 1966. Workmen patrolled 60 miles of high voltage lines between major substations to determine the cause. It was still a mystery two days later, according to news dispatches. Seventy per cent of the city, in the north and west, was without power for from 10 to 40 minutes. On Saturday, the 17th, a part of south Austin was blacked out for 43 minutes. The failure on the 17th was attributed to a squirrel which allegedly crawled into a transformer at a sub-station.

At Missoula, Montana, on or about the 22nd of December, firemen rushed to the summit of TV Mountain to fight a fire which destroyed a large metal building which housed television transmission and microwave equipment. Newsmen who went to the scene said the heat was so intense in the building that a 200-foot tower nearby toppled into the snow.

The transmitter operator, who was on duty alone at the time was in shock and was hospitalized in Missoula.

The news account of this fire and the ensuing damage stated that the fire "apparently started in electrical equipment," and that heat was so intense that the aluminum shell of the building was melted, leaving only a skeleton of girders.

"The Humanoids"

This special issue by the Flying Saucer Review" (21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C. 2, England) is a collection of the recorded sightings of UFO occupants from around the world. Among the contributors are Aime Michel, Jacques Vallee, Gordon Creighton, Coral Lorenzen (APRO's Secretary), Antonio Ribera, and the issue is edited by Charles Bowen. It includes a very interesting article by Michel titled: "The Problem of No Contact." Every UFO researcher interested in the occupant reports should order this special issue. It is available from the address given above, make remittances payable to Flying Saucer Review. \$1.75 postpaid.

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Pair Of Discs At Bloomsburg, Pa.

Several oil company employees, Mr. Delmar Pegg, Mr. George Shipe, and Miss Judy K. Schaffner observed a pair of UAOs over Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania on the 22nd of July, 1966 at 8 p.m. This case was investigated by Mr. Clarence Stackhouse, APRO member in Allentown, Pa. Mr. S. is also vice-president of the two-state UFO Study Group.

Mr. Pegg was raising his American flag to the top of the flagpole, looked up and saw two elliptical-shaped objects directly overhead at what appeared to be very high altitude, estimated at 80,000 to 90,000 feet. He immediately obtained his 10x50 binoculars and observed that the objects were egg or football-shaped, silver in color and when changing directions, reflected the sun's rays.

For the duration of the sighting, which was 30 minutes, one UFO hovered directly overhead, never deviating from its position. The second object proceeded due east, making a full 360 degree circle flight over the Bloomsburg area. Pegg estimated its speed as greater than that of a jet plane and the time required to complete the full circle was ten minutes. At the end of this maneuver, the object returned to its original position, which appeared to be under the other UFO, remained there for five minutes, then made another full circle flight. The second circle was smaller, and required a period of 8 minutes.

During both full 360 degree flight pattern circles, the No. 2 object turned at a 45-degree angle clockwise going to the right at the same time and when it tumbled or turned, the sun's rays would reflect from its surface. It then resumed its original position again.

After the second circle maneuver, the objects stayed in hovering position overhead for about 10 minutes, then left the area, separately and within 5 minutes of each other. Object number two left first, in the general direction of Red Rock Air Force Base. One UFO went north, the other disappeared into the west.

After the two objects had left, Pegg observed a large quantity of white material which resembled snow or feathers or paper the "size of a teacup" which started falling from the sky and gave a "sparkling appearance." The effect was pronounced and resembled hard frost on a very cold morning with morning sun reflection shining on it. A very light breeze was starting to blow and seemed to make the objects flutter.

No sound came from the objects while they hovered or during Number Two's flight.

A letter from Mr. Stackhouse to the Department of the Air Force in Washington elicited a reply which stated that "radar personnel at Benton AFS, Pennsylvania, and the New York Sector Cen-

ter have no record of any unidentified objects on their respective radar scopes. Also, no type of radar jamming was experienced by either station. Benton AFS also reported that no aircraft were scrambled because of UFOs."

U.S.A. Round-Up

At Lisbon, Ohio, on the 5th of December, a bright unidentified orange object was observed above a hilltop for several minutes by the Arthur Pitchard family. It took off in a burst of speed, they said, at about 7:30 a.m. Pritchard reported he first thought it was the rising sun, but noticed it had an unusual shape, like a dish, with a dark blue horizontal stripe dividing it. They estimated the object to be about 15 feet in diameter, and thought it was about 2½ miles away near Lusk's Lock.

At Brooksville, Florida, John Reeves, who reported seeing a landed disc-shaped object and its occupant in March, 1965, claims another landing has taken place near his home at Weeki-Wachi Springs on the 4th of December. APRO members are investigating.

On the 8th of December at Escondido, California, an anonymous caller to the local paper reported an orange-yellow light moving slowly from east to west above Highway 395 at 9:32 p.m. It stopped, the observer (who was watching with binoculars) said, and another similar object "apparently behind the first, then fell, the falling object seeming to be unstable in its fall, but close to vertical, and was lost to sight." The fixed object then went north and out of sight. No sound was heard, the object appeared "larger than a plane," and ringed about with "very light blue-white lights like an arc weld lights, unstable in intensity."

A second report by others seemed to confirm the first one. These observers said they saw an object "of unknown circumference, with a cone on its top and a glowing surface, which hovered over a shack for 40 to 50 seconds at 9:30 p.m." It then sped off to the north, the observers said, dropping three red objects as it left. No sound.

At Imperial Beach, California on the 16th, glowing, symmetrical-shaped objects were reportedly seen by about a dozen residents and three Navy fliers at Ream Field. One observer, an insurance broker and private pilot, said, "I can't discount what I saw. It's beyond my knowledge." All observers felt that what they had seen were very unusual but Donald Robey, an engineering staff specialist with General Dynamics-Convair labelled the objects as "cometoids," said they are frozen gas masses in a predictable orbit that nears earth in late June and December.

According to testimony of the major witnesses, however, the cometoid theory did not account for what was observed. Ensign John Schmitt, 22, a Ream Field

helicopter pilot said the objects were bright, round and yellow and flying in a triangular formation. A fourth similar object appeared from the east, joined the first three, then dropped out of the formation and headed back into the east. He estimated the altitude as 50,000 feet, and the speeds ranging from that of the minimum speed of a B-52 to five times that fast. The fourth object traveled faster. Ensign John Coghill, 23, a pilot from Miramar Naval Air Station at San Diego, and Ensign David Conklin, 22, of North Island Naval Air Station, said the objects were seen by fourteen people leaving the main gate at Ream Field at about 9:30 p.m. Duration of the sighting was nine minutes. San Diego area bases said nothing unusual was registered on radar. Schmitt ruled out meteors because of the time and maneuvers involved, and said that fixed-wing craft were ruled out also because the objects frequently hovered in one spot.

UAOs Over Akron, Ohio

Police were included in a number of observers of a brilliant orange-gold half-moon object over East Akron at 1:30 a.m., on the 7th of November. Officers Gary Yost and John Bickett said the object was south of them, then veered to the northeast, rising rapidly and that it finally disappeared in the east. A state highway patrolman also sighted the object, commented to reporters: "Officially it was an optical illusion. Unofficially, I don't know what I saw." Yost and Bickett said the object resembled the bottom half of a bright harvest moon and hovered about 200 feet off the ground at one time.

At Weirton, Ohio, U.S. Commissioner John Vajnovic reported on the 4th having seen a strange, brilliant light a few nights previously which apparently landed on a hillside near State Route 66. He was driving at 10 p.m. with his 10-year-old son who also saw the object. They left the area immediately because the boy was frightened, and did not mention the sighting until other sightings were reported in the area.

Orange Egg In N. H.

James Roy Garceau of Claremont, New Hampshire, reports that on the night of October 26 at 7:45 p.m., his attention was arrested by a flash which he took to be a meteor burning out in the atmosphere. He looked up at the sky and saw an elliptical or egg-shaped object, glowing a bright reddish-orange which approached the town from the northeast, at an estimated elevation of 10-12 degrees. It appeared to be about three-fourths the size of the full moon or larger. The object exhibited a downward flight path and disappeared behind trees after about 10 to 15 minutes of observation. No sound.

The "Mothman" of W. Va.

On the 17th of November, 1966, two couples from Point Pleasant, West Virginia, USA, were in the headlines as a result of their encounter with a 6-foot-tall, 100-mile-per-hour "bird" which followed their car around midnight on the night of the 15th, and the early hours of the 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mallette and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scarberry told authorities that at that time the four of them were riding in the vicinity of the McClintic Wildlife Reserve. The "bird" was apparently caught in the headlights of the car, and the observers gave this description: Six feet all or over, grey in color, and two-inch diameter eyes which glowed a reddish color. At this time, the "bird" was near the abandoned power plant in that area.

The "bird", described as a "clumsy runner," took off after the two couples saw it, and, said Scarberry, "I'm a hard guy to scare, but I was for getting out of there." "If I'd seen it by myself," he continued, "I wouldn't have said anything about it, but there were four of us who saw it."

The "bird" reportedly flew along above the car until it reached West Virginia Rt. 62, when it disappeared. They proceeded into Point Pleasant, turned around and went back as far as the city limits where their headlights illuminated the thing again, apparently waiting for them. It then scurried into a field and disappeared.

Deputy Sheriff Millard Holstead, who investigated and questioned the two couples, said he didn't discount the story, and emphasized that none of the four had been drinking.

Several other people reported seeing the thing in the ensuing days and the curious flocked to the area to "hunt" it. On December 1st, Dr. Robert L. Smith, associate professor at West Virginia University, offered his theory that the "mothman" (one of the names given the strange "man") was a sandhill crane, the second largest American crane, which stands almost as high as a man and has a wingspan of more than seven feet.

Rocket With Fins Over Texas

Capt. Louis Fontenot, 49, port captain at Morgan's Point, Texas, and several friends, observed a vertically-oriented cigar-shaped object travelling at an estimated 100 miles per hour at an estimated 15,000 feet on the 6th of November. There was "either writing or windows" on it, he said, and he watched it through 50 power binoculars. Fontenot reported that he and his friends watched a jet fighter turn over LaPorte, Texas, and followed the object's path as it went out of sight.

Objects Haunt Ohio Area

At 4:45 a.m., on the 17th of November Mrs. Roy Grose of Cheshire, Ohio, was awakened by the barking of her dog and got up to see what was bothering the animal. When she looked out the kitchen window she saw, in addition to the moon, a bright-colored circular object on the "other side" of Route 7. She said it was the "size of a small house" with what looked like sections or compartments of blue and red windows. The object appeared to be over an open field at about housetop level and its brilliant lights were visible for from 30 to 40 seconds before it zigzagged, and then abruptly disappeared.

On the 8th of December, Charles Hern, an employee at the Kyger Creek Power Plant took his dog out for a walk along the Ohio River at about 6:30 a.m. He noticed a red light across the river and thought at first that it was merely a trapper in a boat checking his traps. As he watched, he realized his first guess was wrong, and he called his wife. The two watched the light, called their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor who watched it also. Mrs. Taylor, a school teacher, got outside first, and recalls that the red and orange lights were shining from an object by the river. One of the lights was directed toward the water, she said. Taylor corroborated the testimony of his wife and the Herns. The Herns said they detected small people moving to and from the object, but were visible only when near the lights.

Although the Taylors and Mr. Hern went back inside, Mrs. Hern remained outside for a while and watched while the lights went out and lights of another color appeared. Then, she said, the object went straight up and vanished. Hern, who said he had lived at that spot for 12 years and "I know every boat-light," said this was definitely not anything he had ever seen before.

On the 9th, a George Creek woman was driving along George Creek Road at 7 p.m., when she saw a reddish-orange metallic-appearing object just above a utility pole. She said it was "about the size of a helicopter" but definitely not one. She said she and her children watched as it moved along the highway in front of the car for about a mile, disappearing from view as it approached the lights of the power transformers.

"Bubbles" In Indiana

Mike Jenkins, a radio station newsman at Marion, Indiana, was among many who observed a UFO in that area on the 2nd of December. After he had received several calls concerning the object, he stepped outside and saw two "balls of light attached to each other"—like two bubbles, moving southwest. They stopped between the radio station's towers, according to Jenkins, then moved away and disappeared.

Pink Object Scares Youths

On the 1st of December at about 9 p.m., a pink flying object terrorized a group of young people driving on a Caroline County road near Preston, Maryland. The car was driven by Eugene Roe, 16, a high school junior. With him were his 11-year-old sister Debbie, and his brothers Dale, 13, Jerry, 9 and Rickie, 8.

The object, described by the children as circular and 60 feet in diameter, was approximately 100 feet above the tree tops, then it crossed the road in front of the car and dropped down level with the tree tops after stopping over the Roe house. Eugene Roe said, "It wasn't making any noise, it just went on across the woods and we didn't see it any more. Then about 10 or 15 minutes later we saw a flashing red light resembling a searchlight over the woods."

The Roes, when questioned about the incident, said that the children were so frightened that one had a headache and another a stomach ache after the experience.

Missouri River Under Scrutiny

An unidentified hovering object has been reported over the Missouri River in the vicinity of Plattsmouth, Neb., several times. It was seen occasionally in March and the last sighting during that month came on the 25th of March from Mrs. Lowell Hamblen of Plattsmouth who described it as a canoe-shaped object with a bright light in the center. Beneath it, she said, apparently supported by two rods, were a series of lights blinking red and green.

When suggestions were made that she may have seen navigation aid lights, Mrs. Hamblen pointed out that she knows the river, and lives on Wintersteen Hill overlooking and about a quarter of a mile from the river. Her husband, who also saw the object, is a pilot of a dredge for the Army Engineers.

Mrs. Hamblen's first sighting was about a week before the March 25th sighting, at 10:15 p.m., and the next sighting was at the same time three days later. Mrs. Hamblen also compared notes with H. C. Steeby, operator of the Equity Union Elevator at Rock Bluff who had reported seeing three objects over the river on the night of April first. The Steebys said two of the objects moved away and the third settled down over the river bank with a torch-like light showing. Occasionally red and green lights were seen, they said. They turned their car lights on and off and the object soon disappeared.

Offutt Air Force Base is close to the area where the objects were seen.