

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1952 September-October

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

"Supplemental Notes" consist of material under consideration for any revision of the original UFO history volume covering this time period.

Early September. Anchorage, Alaska. (early evening)

"Strange looking aircraft."

UFO report found in Robert Gribble's files:

"We lived on a homestead in Alaska, against the mountains and back of Anchorage. My name is Luella B. Dickson, and I am one of the people who saw an Unidentified Flying Object over Anchorage one day in early September. I think it was in the year 1952.

"It was early evening and not dark and I saw it first from the kitchen window. Then I got a pair of field glasses and went outside to look at it. The thing that had made me notice it was the lights and the fact that it hovered. Through the glass it appeared to be a flattish disk with a dome set back from the edge. The lights appeared to be all around the disk, and crossed over the top of the dome from side to side and front to back.

"I called Alan and Steve, my two boys, to look at it, then took the glasses and walked down to my uncle's place to let the people there look at it. There was my Uncle K. Bradley, his wife Alice, their daughter Orilla Rowe and her daughter Janice Rowe, my brother Hartley Saxton and a friend, Ralph Engle, and his brother Emmit Engle who is a Catholic priest. We all took turns looking at this strange looking aircraft. We all agreed it could not be any kind of aircraft that any of us knew about, including a balloon or blimp because of the shape of it. It hovered there at the east end of Anchorage and suddenly it moved. It went straight up and was out of sight in less time than it takes me to say it.

"We were not the only people to see this. It was seen by a soldier who called the post [military post?], but was too late for them to investigate it. Also Clarence Smith of Anchorage saw it.

"Question [All questions apparently by Gribble]: How long did the sighting last?
Ans: about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

"Question: Did the object make any other movements before it moved out of sight?
Ans: It tipped or rocked a little as it hovered.

"Question: How far from the object were you at the time of the sighting? Ans: It appeared to be right at the edge of the airport which would have been about six miles away.

"Question: At any time did you hear any noise coming from the direction of the object? Ans: No, there was no noise that we could hear.

"Question: Was this sighting ever reported to the news media? Ans: Yes. It was reported by Clarence Smith and a soldier, and there was a small article in the following days paper." (xx.)

. (xx.) Typewritten report in the Robert Gribble files. Gribble files in author's collection.

1 September. Los Angeles, California.

"Warning from other planets." (See clipping on page two)

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This Clipping From
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FLYING DISCS TIP

There's gonna be some changes made on this old earth come Sept. 21.

That's the day we can expect a visit by a gigantic "ball of dust" now approaching the earth at a clip of 24,000 miles a minute, Rev. Ray Mullendore, nature doctor and founder of the Cosmic Church for Christ, warned today.

A heck of a crash is expected when the ball gets here, Rev. Mullendore warned, and she issued a few suggestions for self-preservation during an "unusual weather period" undoubtedly to follow the collision.

Before leaving Los Angeles for her sanitarium in Wrightwood, where she and about 100 followers are planning for the dust-ball visit, Rev. Mullendore advised for the expected period of darkness:

- 1—Stay in your homes during the day. All right to go out at night only.
- 2—One small oxygen tank should be in every home. Protect the eyes with pinhole glasses.
- 3—Eat no heavy foods. Eat melons, seeds of the melon and fruit juices. Eat only at night.
- 4—Do not use radios or televi-

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sion. Do not drive cars. Do not bathe. No smoking. No alcoholic drinks. Do not become angry. Don't talk too much.

- 5—Be sure exercises are taken regularly. Exercise refers to head-standing and yogi breathing only. Stand on your head each day to bring circulation to brain.

This emergency period will last 27 days and Dr. Mullendore, who admits her information came in warnings from residents of the other planets, cheerily said:

"If directions are carried out carefully no casualties will occur as a result of the unusual weather conditions. There is no need to fear and none need die of fear."

All of us, particularly red-heads, should cut our hair short before the big day Sept. 21, she said.

Dr. Mullendore added:

"These reports have been coming in from the flying saucers and planet space ships for the past three years and they have given us the information about the recent earthquakes and other reports that have been proven true to the letter.

"We have advanced you information in the faint hope that some of your governmental authorities would grasp the fact that, with the explosion of living substance, they create a condition parallel to what your scientists call frozen equilibrium."

Dr. Mullendore strongly urged:

"Consult your physicists. Ask them about the parallel condition of frozen equilibrium. They should inform you, if they speak the truth and are not influenced otherwise by the forces of darkness, that this is truth."

1 September. Woodlyn, Pennsylvania. (7:30 p.m.)

UFO circles airplane. (See clipping)

1 September. Memphis, Tennessee. (1:45 p.m.)

"It didn't have any wings." (See clipping)

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'Saucers' Reported In Two Communities

Flying saucers, or something, chose Labor Day to make their second appearance in the county in less than a month.

This one—or maybe these two—were reported from locations in Collingdale and Woodlyn. The first saucer reported was spotted two weeks ago from a backyard on Concord road, just outside of Chester.

Calls to the Chester Times were made simultaneously Monday night by Peter Fowley, 717 Andrews av., Collingdale, and Nick Tulcinella, 165 Washington av., Woodlyn. Fowley said that he and a group of men saw a "bright object circling around a jet plane."

SEVERAL SAW IT

Mrs. Tulcinella, who was among the seven or eight persons spotting the aerial phenomenon at Woodlyn, this morning said the group was watching a jet plane headed southwest over their homes.

"We often watch airplanes over the house," she said, "and that's what we were doing last night. All of a sudden we saw this saucer come out from behind a

cloud and make several circles clear around the airplane, then both of them disappeared behind another cloud."

Mrs. Tulcinella said the airplane and saucer were in sight for about two minutes, and she got the time of the spotting at 7.10 p.m.

Once again Operation Skywatch tried to verify the saucer spottings. Al O'Donnell, deputy chief of the county's ground observation corps, which keeps an eye peeled for strange objects in the air, said this morning that no saucers or other unusual aircraft had been reported by any of the county's observers Monday night.

A telephone call to the headquarters of the 53rd AAA Brigade at Swarthmore also failed to turn up verification of the saucer. An officer there said that the anti-aircraft brigade's own spotting system had shown "nothing" for the time and place reported.

Then the reporting officer said, "Stuff, I wonder?"

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Sunbather Looks Up, Sees Flying Saucer

Higher than the clouds, with a diameter of about 40 feet and traveling about 400 mph was the strange object seen at 1:45 p.m. yesterday by Nelson Finney, 2307 Lowell, as he took a sun bath in his yard.

"I saw it for about 10 seconds. It didn't have any wings, and it was white. It was traveling southeast at about 5000 feet," Finney said. "My boy saw it. My wife was in the house, but it was gone before she could have gotten out. I didn't notice anyone else in the neighborhood watching it," he said.

"I've read about these saucers and I didn't think much of it but I actually saw this," Finney said. He tried to report it to the Air Force unit at Municipal Airport but got no answer to his phone call, he said.

2 September. O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. Midnight, 5:00 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7:00 a.m.

Mystery blips on radar follow airliner. Air Force jets don't see a thing. (See clipping)

Sabre Jets Fly Through Saucer Blips 9-3-'52 Ordered Up When Radar Scope Show Unexplained Objects Near Chicago Field

By WAYNE THOMIS
Chicago Tribune Press Service

Chicago, Sept. 2—Two Sabre jet fighter planes from the 4706th Interceptor Wing at O'Hare International Airport early today flew "right through the spot in the sky over Chicago where radar scopes on the ground were showing a reflection from some unexplained object.

This was the first time, so far as it publicly known, that an Air Force interceptor actually tracked down and rode through what some observers have said were mysterious extra-terrestrial flying craft.

"We didn't see anything. We didn't hit anything. We went through the target showing on the scope and there was nothing there, not even cloud," the two pilots, Capt. William W. Maitland and Lieut. Beverly L. Dunjill, told their wing intelligence crews.

The mystery of what was providing the electronic energy reflection, which was picked up on the radar scopes in the air traffic control tower at Midway Field, thus remained unsolved. Bob Zeigler, chief of the Civil Aeronautics Administration tower crews, told reporters it now is believed that some peculiar atmospheric condition caused the targets which his night crews watched for several hours between midnight Monday and 7 a. m. today.

Bob Terneuzen, watch supervisor on the night shift in the Midway tower, had his attention called to the scope shortly after midnight when the first target was seen. Tower operators, exchanging voice communications with incoming and outgoing scheduled and transient airplane crews at busy Midway, initially asked

these pilots to keep a sharp lookout for any unusual craft. In every case the crews reported seeing nothing.

About 5 a. m. the Midway crew saw an approaching airliner, visible on the new search-type radar in the tower up to distance of 35 to 40 miles. It appeared to Terneuzen's group that two of the unexplained reflections moved into what seemed a rough formation position with the passenger plane. They were visible as the plane neared the field, and the crew was asked to report what they saw.

In this case also the pilots could distinguish nothing in the sky near their craft. In the control tower, however, it appeared that the objects stayed with the airliner until it was in its final approach to the field. Then they seemed to veer away right and left and disappear.

Jets Ordered Up

At 6.30 the Lake Geneva Ground Control Interceptor Station ordered two jets from O'Hare into the air.

"We gave the fighters headings which would put them on a heading straight at the objects," said a CAA controller. "One of the interceptor boys said: 'Head us right for whatever you see. We'll ram it if necessary.' The two jet fighters passed right through the spot of reflection and didn't see or hit anything. We are convinced the reflections weren't from planes."

2 September. Salisbury, Maryland. (1:30 a.m.)

V-formation.

According to a press report:

"Flying saucers—seven of them in a 'V'-formation—were sighted over Wilcomico County at 1:30 a.m. yesterday.

"But the man who sighted them wasn't 'fool enough' to tell anybody about them.

"John A. Vickers, Salisbury contractor, let the word slip out at a baseball dinner yesterday afternoon. He had sighted the saucers on his way home to Sharptown. He had decided to say nothing about them because he didn't think much of flying saucer stories.

"Operator of a plane charter service, he was talking about flying when he said he saw the saucers at least 20,000 feet high.

"They were traveling faster than the fastest jet plane he has ever seen, he added reluctantly.

"They were yellow round disks, he said, with white tails. The tail was not like the short and more yellow afterglow of a jet plane, he added.

"They soon disappeared from view at a high rate of speed. Although Mr. Vickers is a frequent flier, he said that he had never seen anything like the saucers before. He had time to stop his car and watch them momentarily." (xx.)

(xx.) Salisbury, Maryland. *Times*. 3 September 52.

2 September. More on the "*Tales of Tomorrow*" cancellation.

Producer George Foley of the "*Tales of Tomorrow*" Sci-Fi Television show had planned to do a fact-based flying saucer documentary with Air Force help. Late in August it was announced the project was cancelled due to an Air Force decision. On September 2th TV columnist R.H. Shepherdson of the *Peoria Journal* provided two details about the incident. He tells us when the project was terminated. Also, he gives the reason why official cooperation was denied:

"Because the United States Air Force turned thumbs down on participating in any program giving additional publicity to 'flying saucers,' '*Tales of Tomorrow*' producer George Foley is canceling the documentary about them that he had scheduled for Friday night's telecast... *after Foley's preliminary work had been done for the show, service personnel with whom he had been working told him of the decision." (xx.)

*Gap in original text.

(xx.) Peoria, Illinois. *Journal*. 2 September 52.

2 September. Great Falls, Montana. (daytime)

"Several hundred objects?" Circular formation.

A Montana newspaper published:

"CHINOOK—Hundreds of unusual flying objects were reported seen near here by John H. Stephens, Blaine County commissioner, and his wife.

"Mr. and Mrs. Stephens said they saw 'several hundred objects' traveling 'at a terrific rate of speed' at an altitude of about a thousand feet over their farm north of here. The objects were in a circular formation, they reported.

"The formation was maintained for some distance over the farm. One lone object 'that appeared to be the controller' flew a short distance away from the main group and maintained this position as long as in sight [Similar to the 1951 Lubbock lights photo?].

"The objects were bright metallic in color, and sun reflections off them mirror-like flashes, they said [Does that eliminate birds?].

"Stephens said he could discern no sign of wings and the objects flew with a smooth motion." (xx.)

(xx.) Great Falls, Montana. *Tribune*. 2 September 52.

2 September. Monthly Historical Report.

The Air Technical Intelligence Liaison Office reported on activity in the FEAF Command. It states in its August monthly report that:

"A discussion was held between Captain Malven, Major Maygarden, and Major Shaw, Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Far East Command, over the reporting of unidentified flying objects. No requests for reporting of unidentified objects was previously been sent to Headquarters Far East Command. Major Shaw will draft a requirement to be placed on ground force units and will use AFL 200-5 as a guide. The requirement will be coordinated with D/I FEAF before being published." (xx.)

(xx.) Monthly Activity Report. August 1952. Headquarters, 6004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron, APO 925. p.3. Photocopy in author's files.

2 September. Rapid City, South Dakota. (4:15 p.m.)

"Flying platter?"

According to reporter Warren Morrell of the *Rapid City Journal*:

"Two lieutenants saw what they described as a 'flying platter' as they were driving to Rapid City from the airbase Tuesday afternoon. The time was 4:15 and the object was about six miles north of Rapid City at a point they estimated to be in line with the stop light at Baken Park.

"For some time the object was stationary. It reflected the sun's rays as a metallic surface does. 'Then it began to wobble—like a platter and suddenly it disappeared,' said one lieutenant. They are positive what they saw was not an airplane. Nor was it a cloud formation. Wonder how many others saw the 'platter' Tuesday afternoon at 4:15, north of Rapid City." (xx.)

(xx.) Rapid City, South Dakota. *Journal*. 3 September 52.

3 September. Green fireballs and Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. (See clipping on page 7)

4 September. TV interview.

Here are some notes from Coral Lorenzen's APRO files:

"Sept. 4, 1952

"Roy Maypole on Station KTTV interviewed three airline captains who had seen strange objects.

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Meteor Expert Believes 'Fireballs' May Be Prelude to Space Fireworks

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Sept. 3 (AP)—One of the country's leading authorities on meteors said Wednesday the "green fireball" sighted in southwestern skies last Sunday night may be the beginning of another space fireworks show like the one which excited scientists and laymen late last year.

Dr. Lincoln Lapaz, head of the meteoritics institute at the University of New Mexico, said the object seen Sunday night apparently was the same type as those seen late in 1951 in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Sunday night's display—which was described by pilots and military observers as being a "yellowish-green ball of fire" with a bright, luminous tail—resembled the 1951 phenomena both in color and in that no accompanying noise was reported, Lapaz noted. An ordinary meteorite, said the scientist,

gives off a deafening roar, similar to a series of detonations.

The weekend fireworks preceded by a day the 15th annual meeting of the meteoritical society being held here. Lapaz said meteor specialists from all over the world attending the meeting would investigate existing reports on the mysterious objects this Thursday morning at the final session.

Lapaz said it was "very unlikely" that the meteoritists would be able to identify the objects.

Not Ordinary Meteors

"We will more probably try to tell what they are not," he said. "They certainly are not ordinary meteors."

Concerning the reports of more of the objects, Lapaz pointed out that such phenomena are more common at this time of the year.

"They are far, far more common in the last half of the year than in

the first half," he said.

Lapaz said the object seen Sunday night apparently came nearest the earth in North Central Arizona. He said all reports indicated it was nearly identical to the fireball reported in the same area last Nov. 2.

"Both were of a yellowish-green color," he said, "and traveled almost identical paths in the sky."

Discuss Meteorite Falls

Meanwhile, in the first day sessions of the society meeting here Tuesday, the scientists already had discussed two ordinary meteorite falls which occurred about the same time as the "green fireball" reports last year. One of these was near Oklahoma City, Okla., and the other in the vicinity of Cloverdale, N.M. The latter was believed to have come to earth between Chihuahua and Sonora in old Mexico in almost inaccessible terrain.

No fragments of either object have been found.

Radio broadcast of the sessions of the meeting were not allowed Tuesday, but the press was not barred.

Lapaz explained that some of the persons on the program said they would withdraw from the round table discussions if wire recordings were made, since they were engaged in classified work for the U.S. government.

35 Meteoricists Present

Some 35 meteoricists were present for the meeting. They came from as far away as Japan, North Africa and Australia.

A highlight of the three-day meeting was scheduled Wednesday night when a new meteoritics building will be dedicated on the New Mexico University campus. The \$200,000 structure will be used both for meteoritics research and physics.

"Captain Carpenter, American Airlines, reported seeing three or four moving lights over Denver.

"Captain Fox, Western Airlines, told of seeing a Flying Delta Wing near Salt Lake City.

"Mr. LeVeau (?), of Pan American, stated that a Captain de Pineda had reported seeing a shimmering object about the size of a dime over Mexico City. World War II planes were sent up to investigate, but it was too high for them to reach it.

"It was announced that 3 rangers in Yosemite saw a piece of metal 6"x1/8" by 1/10,00" fall from a flying saucer and recovered it. This was being sent in to Maypole.

"Messrs. Reidel and Heard asked a few questions.

"Captain Carpenter said the Air Force had allocated \$1,500,000 to investigate flying saucers." (xx.)

(xx.) APRO files. "Denver Colorado 52-9-4." Photocopy in author's files.

4 September. Ludington, Michigan. (morning)

Disc 500 or 600 feet in the air?

A newspaper account states:

"Flying saucers have come to Ludington. At least Wanda Hayes, 13, of Ludington Route 1 and her uncle, William Leslie of Hart believe that they have.

"While driving through the Fourth ward delivering fruit this morning, Mr. Leslie thought he saw an airplane. However, after taking a second look and calling the attention of his niece, they deduced that a flying saucer was hovering over Ludington, slowly revolving toward the direction of the lake.

"Mr. Leslie estimated the saucer to be 500 or 600 feet in the air. He described it as disc-shaped with an aerial-like aperture sprouting horizontally from the side, and slightly larger than an airplane.

"According to Wanda, the disc appeared silvery and with the sun shining upon it, a halo effect seemed to revolve around the disc." (xx.)

4 September. Montreal, Canada. "Flying Cow."

What if a four-year-old told saucer skeptic Dr. Donald Menzel he saw a "flying cow?" (See clipping)

This Clipping From
OTTAWA, CANADA
CITIZEN

SEP 6 - 1952

Kills Interest In "Saucers"

By The Canadian Press

MONTREAL — Flying saucers are passe for four-year-old Stanley Isbitsky—he's more interested in flying cows.

Young Stanley, despite the protests of his parents, insisted he had seen a black and white cow soaring above Montreal's Mount Royal early Thursday morning.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Isbitsky, pooh-poohed the idea but changed their minds at the following turn of events.

They saw in the paper how a big plastic helter filled with helium which was to have flown over the national plowing contest at Kasson, Minn., last Saturday had broken away from its moorings.

The weatherman at Dorval said that prevailing winds have been from that direction and that the 600-mile "cow-flight" distance could have been covered by the flying cow since Saturday.

You never know, do you?

4 September. Camp Pendleton, California. (4:30 p.m.)

Six Marines take solemn oath. (See clipping)

4 September. Crescent Springs, Ohio. (early evening)

It turned over and became a line of light. (See clipping)



SIX MARINES REPORT 'FLYING SAUCER' OVER CAMP PENDLETON

Six Marines from six separate states took a solemn oath today that they had seen their first "Flying Saucer" yesterday high over the Camp Pendleton area.

Sgt. J. F. Estes, of San Antonio, Texas, said that he and five other Camp Del Mar Marines distinctly and clearly saw a large oval-shaped and brightly colored object at about 10,000 feet in the air. The observers saw the object at 4:30 p.m. while looking northeastward from Camp Del Mar, and believe that the saucer was approximately over Tent Camp 2.

Estes said they were watching a B-26 fly over when they first noticed the object higher than the big bomber. They looked for wings and thought at first it might be a balloon. But further

observation convinced them it was not a balloon or a dirigible. It stayed still for a time, but when it did move, the saucer went off fast and parallel with the ground toward the north, disappearing as they watched.

Others See

In addition to Estes, others who reported they saw the same object were Corp. C. W. Cox, Carretta, W. Va.; Corp. Bernard Patch, Seattle; Corp. F. Gresczyk of Moose Lake, Minn.; Corp. A. J. Gibbs, Milwaukee, Wisc.; and Corp. J. C. Glenn, Corning, Calif.

Estes said he had lived near Kelly Field in Texas and was familiar with balloons and other aircraft; and that this object was different than any he had ever seen.

This Clipping From
CINCINNATI, OHIO
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Covington Ky.

SEP 5 - 1952

Flying Disc Seen, Kenton Girl Avers

White, Orange Blinker Is Spotted From Home In Crescent Springs

A flying saucer was seen soaring high in the air over Crescent Springs early last night by a 18-year-old schoolgirl, she reported.

The girl, Miss Joan Downer, Box 366, R. R. 4, Crescent Springs, said that the phenomenon was witnessed by at least three other persons whose attention she called to its presence.

"I first saw it," Miss Downer said, "in the southwestern sky. It looked perfectly round at first. Then it seemed to turn over and seen edgewise it looked like a line of light. It blinked white and then orange, and a shower of blue lights shot out into the sky like the sparks from a Roman candle."

The mysterious object first soared upward; then swooped earthward with immense speed, she said. This it did several times.

Miss Downer, who was hanging up some clothes, was not expecting to see anything. The Downer residence, she said, is only five miles from the Greater Cincinnati Airport, and she is well acquainted with the habits and appearance of airplanes.

"This," she insisted, "was completely different. And anyway, when the planes pass over our house, they are so close to the airport that most of them fly very low."

She named her 13-year-old sister, Jerry Downer, and "the boy next door," Johnny Dennis, as having likewise glimpsed the saucer. The Dennis boy's mother also was called outside to look.

Finally, Miss Downer said, her mother called her into the house. She could not forbear taking one last look after she got in the house.

"But by then," she concluded, "the thing had disappeared."

4 September. Pusan, Korea. (no time)

Something hovers over city.

A news dispatch states:

"A 'flying saucer' was supposedly seen today by several persons over Pusan, the temporary capital of South Korea. This is the second such report in two months.

"According to witnesses, the machine, of a whitish color, spun slowly above the city for 11 minutes, then disappeared at 'terrific speed.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Pusan, Korea. Sept. 4 (AFP)

5 September. Stuttgart, West Germany.

International Astronautical Congress.

A press report tells us:

"Take it from the rocket scientists who expect to fly to Mars some day—flying saucers are not space ships from another planet.

"Moreover, they said, it will take earthmen many more years of research and billions of dollars in expenditures before they can fly rockets into outer space.

"These were the almost unanimous opinions of 200 scientists from 12 countries gathered for the third international astronautical congress.

"Most of the scientists here say 'flying saucers' are perhaps nothing but optical or atmospheric illusions." (xx.)

(xx.) 5 September 52. (AP)

Frederick Durant.

An American delegate to the congress was rocket expert Frederick C. Durant. Durant had been involved in ongoing discussions about the UFO problem between the Air Force and the CIA at this time. In January 1953 he would be part of the Robertson panel. An Italian newspaper questioned Durant and was told there was "no point in the interplanetary hypothesis." Moreover, Durant said the Russian and American secret weapon theories to explain saucer reports were "ludicrous." (xx.)

(xx.) *LL Giorinale d' Italia*. (No city name available) 9 September 52.

5 September. Rome, Italy.

International Astronomical Union.

The same time all the rocket experts were gathered in Germany, astronomers were convening in Rome, and after the all the meetings ended a Russian scientist would contribute his opinion

concerning the mysterious sky objects. As explained by a news release, opinions were not to be expressed while the gathering was in session:

"ROME—the world's greatest experts on the secrets of the skies met here Thursday, but flying saucers were a forbidden topic.

"Leading astronomers of 35 nations are among the 430 delegates gathered for the eighth general assembly of the international astronomical union.

"The meetings at the University of Rome will continue for ten days." (xx.)

(xx.) Rome, Italy. 5 September 52. (AP)

5 September. Concordia, Kansas. (11:20 a.m.)

UFOs or jet interceptors? (See clipping)

This Clipping From
CONCORDIA, KAN.
BLADE-EMPIRE
SEP 5 1952

Don't Look Now, Folks, But Here Are Those Strange Visitors Again

If you don't see 'em at some time or other you're apparently in the minority, and if you do see 'em you sorta hate to admit it for fear of the sly grins or hoots of derision from many quarters. Flying saucers, that is. The timidity about owning up to having seen any strange object afloat in the wild blue yonder accounts for the fact that a Concordia man today asked a Blade reporter not to use his name in reporting that he saw several "saucers" or whatever-you-over Concordia this morning.

Two Concordia ladies, however, came forward with corroboration for the occurrence, as Mrs. M. D. McComas and Mrs. Chet Tibbits saw the same objects. Mrs. McComas saw them this morning, and Mrs. Tibbits saw some yesterday.

The 'saucers' or whatever they were flashed over Concordia about 11:20 this morning. A formation of B-36 bombers went over town, flying at perhaps 10,000 feet, west

to east. At the same time, so three observers report, a silver-colored object which appeared round in shape, came out of the northwest, traveled southeast, crossing the bombers' flight, and disappeared in the southeast.

Immediately another 'shape' just like the first appeared in the northwest, and observers claim it was travelling at about twice the speed of the B-36s. This silver-colored stranger played around the bomber formation, disappearing in the southeast. Then a third 'saucer' appeared, this time from the west, caught up with the planes, and veered to the north.

The Concordians don't claim the silver-colored disks were flying saucers, men from Mars, or new hush-hush weapons of the navy. All they say is, they saw some flashing objects they couldn't identify. And if the airforce or the intelligence service want to send some teams to Concordia, it's all right with us.

5 September. Near Walsenburg, Colorado. (11:30 a.m.)

Oval disc with scintillating lights.

According to a press report:

"Flying saucers have returned to Walsenburg. A passing motorist reported yesterday seeing a large oval disk with circles of scintillating lights—like sparklers—emitting from one end surrounded with two columns of orange lights.

"H.P. Clark of Taos, New Mexico, told the *World-Independent* that he was heading toward Walsenburg on highway 85-87, about 10 miles north of the city, when he saw the disk.

"His mother, who was a passenger in the car, also witnessed the now frequent phenomena.

"Clark reported seeing another disk with no lights. He said the second disk seemed to hover above the ground at a great distance away. The objects were sighted at about 11:30 in the morning." (xx.)

(xx.) Walsenburg, Colorado. *News*. 5 September 52.

5 September. Port Arthur, Texas. (morning)

"Mother plane?"

A press report states:

"Three 'flying saucers' and the 'mother' plane which possibly 'released' them were reported spotted over the Port Arthur area by several Gulf refinery employees Friday morning.

"R.B. Tompkins of 1013 Pecos, gauger for the Gulf, and several companions saw the strange objects, which were flying east in perfect formation. They came from the west.

" 'They were round and looked like aluminum discs,' said Tompkins. 'They were quite high and that far away looked about the size of a No.3 washtubs. They were glistening in the sun.'

"Suddenly, one of the 'saucers' darted upward, 'and disappeared into the sky in just a few seconds,' according to the observers. The others promptly followed.

"Then, to cap the climax, in about five minutes a lane, flying west appeared in the same area that the objects had been. Presently, it too vanished in the blue distance." (xx.)

(xx.) Port Arthur, Texas. *News*. 6 September 52.

5 September. 15th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society.

"Flying saucers are real?"

"The sensational assertions made in September issue of *People Today* happened to coincide with a gathering of meteor experts in Albuquerque. The host of the convention, Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico, did little to oppose the claims in the magazine. In fact the idea that something very strange was going on was not that rare among the delegates:

"A noted American astronomer believes the mysterious flaming green 'fire-balls' observed in western skies during the past three years are artificial and not natural phenomena.

"Dr. Frederick Leonard, head of the astronomy department of the University

of California at Los Angeles, told a convention of experts on meteors here yesterday that 'in view of the overwhelming reports by scientists, I am forced to believe in them (fireballs).'

"However, he added, he was certain the objects were not natural phenomena such as meteors or other celestial bodies that accidentally wander into the earth's atmosphere.

"Although he indicated they were artificial, the California astronomer did not elaborate on his theories concerning the nature of the 'fireballs.'

"Leonard expressed his ideas about the objects at the 15th annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society.

"The experts gathered here [Albuquerque] carried on a wide discussion of the 'fireballs' but generally agreed they did not know what the mysterious objects were.

"One of the scientists, Oscar Monnig of Fort Worth, Texas, said he thought the 'fireballs' were just figments of people's imagination and said flatly he did not believe in them [Monnig's statement was amazing since even the Air Force and rooted skeptic Donald Menzel recognized the phenomena!].

"He was the only delegate who doubted the existence of the objects.

"Another delegate, Douglas Cragg, a former mathematics student at New Mexico University, where the convention was held, said he personally saw one of the objects near Vaughn, N.M., in 1948.

"The host to the convention, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, head of the University Meteoritics Institute, said he has 'great respect for Monnig but I cannot agree with him.'

"La Paz said he believed the 'fireballs' somehow coincided with the normal fall of meteors. He said the principal characteristics of the objects are a 'remarkable' yellow-green color, a constant, unvarying light, a soundlessness and a velocity that appears slower than ordinary meteors.

"The New Mexico scientist has sent field crews into areas where the 'fireballs' were reported and where some ground observers believed they struck the earth.

"La Paz said no trace has been found of one hitting the earth to date." (xx.)

(xx.) Albuquerque, N.M. Sept. 5 (UP)

A better understanding of Monnig's attitude might be possible if classified documents were examined concerning who in the Fort Worth area the scientist was associated, and also the matter of nuclear weapon storage.

The *People Today* article got a big play in the press. (See clipping on page 14)

- About the only thing we can be sure of after a half century is that whatever the fireballs were, they were not man-made (Russian or American).

5 September. Birmingham, Alabama. (evening)

Hovered over Howard College.

A press account said:

Flying Saucers Real, Cry Editors Of People Today

They're real . . . they're Red . . . and they're American too!

This remarkable analysis, which sheds the first real light on the true nature of the so-called "flying saucers," is the joint work of three "People Today" editors who interviewed America's top physicists and military and civilian experts on ultrasonic flight. Their conclusions, which appear in the current issue of "People Today", came independently.

Flying saucers are guided missiles, both American and Soviet. The inescapable conclusion from world-wide reports is that the Red saucers are launched from Atomgrad No. 3, a heavily-guarded missile center in a barren waste near the Finnish border. Swedish authorities have detected their passage as they hurtled across Scandinavia in a direct line for this hemisphere. Other Red launching sites are in Siberia.

The Soviet missiles are crewless, between 50 and 75 ft. in length, about 14 ft. deep. Rockets provide their main power source but they also carry auxiliary motors, possibly jets. Ovoid in shape, they reach altitudes of 80-100,000 ft., attain speeds in excess of 2,500 mph.

Loaded with cameras and electronic observation devices, the missiles seem to have but one mission at present—to reconnoiter U. S. atomic and military installations. They could as easily carry atomic warheads.

The Soviet missiles are remote-controlled. Red submarines, posted strategically in a chain across the Atlantic, are equipped with electronic monitor boards to guide the missiles through each sub's "control area." Thus, a missile originally launched on a course that would place it over Washington, D. C., may be diverted by a sub off Nova Scotia (where unidentified subs have been reported) to a course aimed at the Brookhaven Laboratories on Long Island, close to Manhattan.

For 24 months the U. S. has been working frantically to keep ahead of Russia in the guided missile field. Dr. Karl Compton, one of the nation's great scientists, has

envisioned huge, crewless missiles screaming through the ionosphere at 6,000 mph. Said Dr. Compton in 1949: "... the picture of smashing a vital electronic development on the outskirts of Moscow from a launching pad somewhere in the United States is not pure fantasy."

Today, U. S. rockets are being launched from the Joint-Services proving grounds on Cape Canaveral in Florida. These rockets carry electronic devices, can carry atomic warheads. Should one go out of control, a scientist at the base hits the "destructor button" on his control board and an explosive charge in the rocket blows it up. Military authorities will admit that flights of as long as 500 miles have been made by these guided missiles.

the Caribbean. Reports of sightings and other mysterious "objections" in this area frequently refer to these missiles. Our officials aren't worried about these reports. They are jolted, however, by 400-odd "unexplained" saucers, fireballs which have crisscrossed our skies, appearing in their greatest concentrations over vital atomic and defense centers.

In 1945, following detailed reports by B-29 crews flying missions over Honshu, the 21st Bomber Command's intelligence officers decided that the fireballs were remote-controlled guided missiles. Recently, fireballs have been seen over Korea, Alaska and the southwest U. S. The Pentagon is particularly disturbed because they resemble American developments which were considered exclusive and top secret.

Attempts to pass the fireballs off as meteors were spiced by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, head of the Insti-

tute of Meteorics at the Univ. of New Mexico. "I have never seen a natural meteor with the characteristics of the yellow-green fireballs," he told people today. "Meteors blow up with a loud explosion. These disintegrate with complete absence of sound. Sightings here and in Scandinavia lead me to believe that fireballs and the so-called saucers may be guided missiles—some possibly ours, some possibly Russian. In any case, they are Earth-born."

"It is possible that the yellow-green fireball is not the missile itself but the remaining part of a missile in the final phase of self-destruction. It does not explode—it simply evaporates in a flash of light."

Said Dr. LaPaz: "Compare the saucers with the atomic bomb. If someone had asked a Manhattan Project official for an explanation of the brilliant mushroom of light at Alamogordo, he would have received a blank stare and been told that no such thing had ever happened."

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"A 'whirling ball of fire resembling a red saucer' was seen flying out of the west over Howard College early yesterday evening, a real estate broker reported.

"R. W. Stockdale, 5117 First avenue said, 'I was riding on a streetcar going from Birmingham to Howard when I saw the red ball of fire come hurrying out of the west, Hover over Howard College for a moment and then disappear into the north.'

"Mr. Stockdale said 10 or 12 persons on the streetcar also saw the saucer." (xx.)

(xx.) Birmingham, Alabama. *Post Herald*. 6 September 52.

5 September. Quincy, Illinois. (4:20 p.m.)

"Bobbed up and down."

According to a press report:

"Baldwin Airport personnel stuck to their story today of a 'flying saucer' that flew against the wind and 'bobbed up and down' as it passed high over the field.

"Edward Schmidt, Civil Aeronautics Authority employee who spotted the object at 4:20 p.m. CST Friday, said it didn't resemble any known plane and was not a weather balloon.

" 'It looked like a saucer,' Schmidt said.

"Other airport employees, including Manager Frank Phillips, said they saw the object. The watchers said it was 'brilliantly polished like a mirror' and 'bobbed up and down' for 10 minutes before moving away into the wind.

"Schmidt said he knew the object went against the wind because he had just launched a weather balloon at the same altitude." (xx.)

(xx.) Pekin, Illinois. *Times*. 6 September 52.

5 September. Denver, Colorado. (shortly before 8:00 p.m.)

Stunt pilot or UFO?

Here is the press report:

"Another of those flying things visited Denver again Friday night.

"One of two unidentified objects, whose appearance loosed a flood of telephone calls to the *Denver Post*, probably was a meteorite. The other probably wasn't.

"The first flashed across the sky, leaving a fiery tail, and disappeared seconds later. The second stayed longer. It went through a series of erratic antics that startled many residents.

"Accounts of its behavior, varying in some respects, were similar in these points:

"It appeared shortly before 8 p.m. and remained visible about half an hour while it darted, twisted and turned, occasionally slowing to near motionless,

then moving with what one observer termed 'unbelievable rapidity.'

"One insisted he heard the distant sound of motors as the 'saucer' plunged toward the earth before disappearing." -(xx.)

(xx.) Denver, Colorado. *Post*, 6 September 52.

6 September. Near Lantana, Florida. (2:30 a.m.)

Two truckers tell tale. (See clipping)

6 September. York Beach,
New Hampshire.
(6:30 a.m.)

"Like a cake tin."

A press account said:

"A 24-year-old Portsmouth newspaper salesman today reported seeing a flying saucer near the shore at Long Sands.

"John A. Mullikin, 21, of 51 Islington St. said he was making his rounds with the Winebaum News Service delivery truck at 6:30 a.m. when he looked out over the ocean and saw a 'bright red object on the horizon.'

"As told in his own words, this is what Mullikin saw:

" 'I had just delivered papers at the Decatur Cabins and was heading north on Route 1-A towards the Anchorage Hotel when I noticed a fiery glow on the horizon. As the object emerged from the clouds it began to take shape, resembling a cake tin. It was flat at its base and round on top. On the top of the object was a halo-like disc which completely covered the upper surface, and the whole thing was as large as a truck.

" 'As I drove down the road to the Anchorage Hotel, the object followed me. By the time I reached the hotel, the 'saucer' was directly over the low tide mark. The halo-like disc on top had disappeared, but the now solid bright red object was encircled by an orange glow.

" 'I looked down to Nubble Light to see if possibly the object could be the sun rising, but the sun was just coming up near the light.

" 'I was very scared and wanted someone else to witness the thing with me, but I couldn't find anyone up at the hotel, so I proceeded on my route.

" 'I made two more stops on the road, and the 'saucer' continued to follow me,

This Clipping From
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Two Daytona Beach Truckers Tell Tale Of 'Saucers' West Of Lantana

More strange objects were sighted early this morning and two more names were admitted to the roster of those reporting "flying saucers" in the vicinity west of the city during the past two weeks.

Paul Lyon, 28, and Carl Eastman, 18, both of Daytona Beach, called for an audience with police at 3:15 am today at 15th St. and Tamarind Ave., and this is the story the two told Police Sgt. J. D. Noel:

"We were driving north on Rt. 7 about three miles south of SR80 at about 2:30 am. I (Lyon) suddenly saw a great ball of white flashing to the right of the highway.

I blinked my eyes to be sure I was awake and looked again—it was still there.

"I awakened Eastman who was riding with me and he, too, saw the light. Suddenly another ball of white appeared just over some pine trees. These objects would race along, then slow to a complete stop as if suspended. Then, they would start again in a circle.

"We climbed on the top of the truck cab to get a better view. One of the objects suddenly lit up real bright, just as if you were in a dark room and someone turned on an electric light. Just as quickly, the light diminished, leaving a soft white light in the center and surrounded by a dull red light.

"They dipped, moving very slowly across the highway, just like porpoises playing in the ocean. They circled around west of the highway several times then increasing in speed as well as brightness. They recrossed the highway, going straight east and seemed to disappear into the pine trees."

Sgt. Noel said the location is west of Lantana. Neither of the men was drinking, the officer said, and added he told them in all probability they would be investigated by Federal authorities.

He said he told them they should be sure their story was not a "figment of the imagination," and they replied they were "telling the truth" and would "welcome an investigation."

but I couldn't find anyone up at the hotel, so I proceeded on my route.

" 'I made two more stops on the road, and the 'saucer' continued to follow me. When I reached Harry Winebaum's cottage, a car traveling north came around the corner, and the saucer headed toward Nubble Light.'

"Mullikin said the strange object wasn't transparent and the glow was what impressed him. He said he was 'scared stiff' and 'it will take two more times for me to see that and I'll go to the nut house...' " (xx.)

(xx.) Portsmouth, New Hampshire. *Herald*. 6 September 52.

6 September. Osborn Prison Farm, Enfield, Connecticut. (10:10 a.m.)

Zig-Zagged, loud report, puff of smoke.

The local newspaper printed:

"ENFIELD, Sept. 6 (Special)—An odd silvery object traveling at an exceptional high rate of speed was seen by an Osborn Prison Farm guard here Saturday. His report was substantiated by 14 witnesses.

"Walter Borys, 36, of East Street, Suffield said that at 10:10 a.m. today he heard a strange sound in the northern part of the sky while he was in charge of a 13-man detail. Another guard, George McCracken, who was in the prison farm enclosure area, also saw and heard the object.

"Because of its height, Borys said that the silvery oblong object appeared no larger than a dinner plate. The motor sound was unlike that of a jet or any other airplane, he said. [Text not clear "...and its" ?] speed was 'incredible.'

"The sound stopped and the object appeared to be drifting toward the earth in a zigzag course. As it descended it assumed a 'fluffy appearance,' he said. After it had dropped a considerable distance, the object stopped. There was a loud report and with a puff of smoke it shot upwards at a right angle at an incredible speed. It was out of sight within seconds, Borys said.

"Borys reported the incident to Francis D. McCue, acting captain of guards, who notified Farm Superintendent George H. Bradley.

"Enfield CD officials, William J. Murphy and Russell Maylott, visited the farm to interview the witnesses.

" 'All 15 stories were consistent and agreed except for minor details,' said Murphy. He said that he had no explanation to offer about the incident which was reported to the Filter Center in New Haven." (xx.)

(xx.) Hartford, Connecticut. *Courant*. 7 September 52.

6 September. Kalama, Washington. (daytime?)

Jets?

According to the Longview News:

"'Flying saucers' reappeared over Cowlitz County Thursday afternoon, a Kalama woman told sheriff's deputies.

"Mrs. Walter Warlia said she was near Kalama when she sighted two objects darting around a large airplane. She said the 'saucers' flashed in and out of their own smoke which came in 'spurts.'

"Mrs. Warlia said the objects were spinning south when last seen." (xx.)

(xx.) Longview, Washington. *News*. 6 September 52.

6 September. Dayton, Ohio. Base gets dirt. (See clipping)

DID SAUCER LAND?

Base To Get Dirt

Somewhere between the Kansas prairies and what was once known as Huffman Prairie is one square yard of Kansas soil.

The sample is covered with wheat stubble from a field near Pittsburg, Kan., and marks the site where a Kansas radio announcer reported late last week he had seen a flying saucer. The saucer, which hovered near the earth, reportedly scared away as he approached. The announcer labelled it a "flying saucer."

To support the announcer's views and to get a study of the earth for possible burns, the square yard of earth was carefully removed.

The earth was first turned over to an Air Reserve organization in the Kansas town, which in turn forwarded it to the nearest Air Force base. The commanding officer at the base, following the familiar "put it through channels" policy of the military, sent the box up to the next chain of command. Eventually the soil would have reached the Pentagon in Washington, but alert scouts stopped the shipment

short of the Air Force and Department of Defense headquarters.

Currently the Kansas shipment is somewhere in channels somewhat lower than headquarters and believed to be en route to Air Technical Intelligence Center headquarters at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base. A portion of the base is located on what was once known as Huffman Prairie, site of early flights by the Wright Brothers.

On reaching the Dayton base, the soil will be studied by the ATIC personnel responsible for investigation of "flying saucer" reports.

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6 September. Payette, Idaho. (no time)

Flying "thing" reported over Payette farm.

According to a local paper:

"A Payette farm couple reported they observed a flying object lazily hovering over their field for about 10 minutes Saturday.

"When they ran to within 100 yards of the object they said it 'gathered tremendous speed and set off in a northwesterly direction.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Drinkwine said the object was slightly elliptical, about five feet in diameter and of a slate gray color. They said it contained a projection 'of some sort in the rear.'

"They said the flying object moved slowly about 100 feet in the air and as it neared a high power line crossing the Drinkwine farm, the object settled to within about two feet of the ground.

"It slowed to nearly a stop and slowly passed under the power line, just above the fence, they said. The Drinkwines ran toward the object as it settled to the ground, but it took off again and disappeared, they said.

"Drinkwine said he was sure the object 'was controlled in some way. It might have been remotely controlled but it seemed to definitely avoid the power lines and other objects.'

"Drinkwine said he had no camera available to take a picture of the object."

(xx.)

(xx.) Lewiston, Idaho. *Tribune*. 7 September 52.

6 September. The Frank Scully story reaches Brazil. (See clipping)

'Flying Saucers' Make Denver-Rio Round Trip

By GENE LINDBERG,

Denver Post Staff Writer.

Flying saucers—as objects of international news interest—have just completed what ought to be a record flight, from Rio de Janeiro to Denver.

Just received here via air express is a copy of the Sept. 6 issue of *O Cruzeiro*, largest illustrated magazine in Brazil. In it is Luciano Carneiro's story, with pictures, on U. S. flying saucers—"discoas voadoras" he calls them in Portuguese, official language of Brazil.

His story, in text and pictures, gives credit to The Denver Post for providing the printed facts about the now-famous "saucers and little men" talk made by Silas Newton to Prof. Francis Broman's basic science class at the University of Denver.

REACHED IN CUBA.

Carneiro, staff reporter and photographer for *O Cruzeiro*, was on his way home from Korea, where he had made five parachute jumps as a correspondent, when a message from his editors reached him in Cuba.

"Go on back to the United States and dig us up a flying saucer story from the North American viewpoint," he was told. "We've just had a big saucer flareup down here."

So Carneiro, being a good reporter, wasted little time arriving in Denver on the trail of Silas Newton, oil man, promoter, one-time Colorado amateur golf champion, whose tales of saucers from another world crashing in New Mexico with little men aboard were given international publicity in the Frank Scully book, "Behind the Flying Saucers."

In Denver, Carneiro read the files of Thor Severson's original article reporting the Newton talk at D. U. Through The Post he got in touch with Professor Broman, in whose class the talk was presented not as a factual report, but as an exercise in using scientific judgment to weigh such statements on their merits.

From Denver, Carneiro went to

the west coast. There he located, interviewed and photographed Frank Scully, the Hollywood writer, and Silas Newton himself, located through Scully. He got signed statements from both of them, and from Professor Broman here.

The article carries photographs of these statements in English, with Portuguese translations alongside them. Also pictured is a picnic scene in the Broman yard, a shot of the D. U. campus, and a full-page portrait of Professor Broman.

A WORKMANLIKE JOB. Portuguese is more difficult to read than Spanish, but Carneiro apparently has done a workmanlike job of reporting facts and happenings and giving everyone concerned in the Newton-Scully affair an equal opportunity to speak his mind for the benefit of South American readers. He neither supports nor attacks the validity of saucer statements.

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6 September. Detroit, Michigan. Saucers are a myth? (See clipping below)

OR AT LEAST 80 PCT.

Flying Saucers a Myth, Astronomy League Told

Flying saucers don't exist, the Astronomical League's regional convention was advised by John Streeter, assistant director of the Fels Planetarium, of Philadelphia.

A paper by Streeter was read to the Detroit meeting by Prof. Bertram M. Donn, of the Wayne University physics department, who pinch hit when Streeter was unable to appear at the convention at the Wayne U. Student Center.

The Astronomical League opened its two-day Middle East parley Friday.

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A LIVELY question and answer session after the paper was read indicated that the views of Streeter, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve, were not completely accepted by the astronomers.

"No object has ever been sighted in the sky that does not belong in the conventional category of natural phenomena or represent the sighting of a man-made device obeying common laws of physics," Streeter stated.

He charged, however, that the "defense services have so mismanaged both intelligence and public relations aspects that confidence in their findings and

pronouncements has been shaken."

This, Streeter contended, resulted in "public uneasiness that represents a distinct menace to the security of America."

"THEY HAVE been incapable of stilling the fear that aerial reconnaissance and attack which present weapons cannot repel are under way."

"The Air Force, sifting 1,200 reports of flying saucers, has been able to identify all objects as natural or man-made phenomena except 20 per cent, which they classify as 'reports from credible observers of relatively incredible things, according to Streeter."

His list of phenomena mistaken for flying saucers covered 19 examples—from birds to ground light reflections.

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6 September. San Anselmo, California. (2:25 p.m.)

No sound, no wings, no vapor.

A San Rafael paper published:

"Two residents of San Anselmo, who never before had seen a flying saucer and were dubious, are now convinced such a thing exists. They saw one Saturday over Butterfield road.

"Milton Helmer of 9 Carlson avenue was working in his back yard Saturday afternoon about 2:25 when he heard a jet plane fly over. He looked up and watched the jet disappear to the west, and then all of a sudden he noticed 'a silvery oval-shaped object' standing stationary high in the sky directly above the Butterfield road area.

"The sun was shining on the object," said Helmer. "It had no wing, no sound,

and no vapor. It suddenly took off in a northerly direction and disappeared in about 40 seconds, getting whiter and dimmer the farther it got.'

"In the meantime he had called his neighbor, Peter Bann of 13 Carlson Avenue, to confirm that what he was seeing was not an illusion.

"Bann said that when he arrived the 'silver-white object was starting out slowly in a north-northwesterly direction.' As he watched 'it gained tremendous speed and was gone in about 25 seconds.'

"Both men are convinced that it was not an airplane nor a balloon of any kind. 'There was no sound, no wings, and no vapor trails,' Bann declared. 'It traveled in a sort of curve toward a north-northwesterly direction.

"Bann estimates it might have been about four miles away and seemed to be a fairly large object.

"Helmer said he could not estimate how high it was or how big it was except that it seemed 'fairly large.' He said he is convinced that it was none of the conventional type aircraft or balloon that he has heard of and concluded that it must be one of the flying saucers other people have reported seeing." (xx.)

(xx.) San Rafael, California. *Independent-Journal*. 8 September 52.

6 September. Corpus Christi, Texas. (7:50 p.m.)

"Two perfect S turns." Brilliant orange.

The local press reported:

"A brilliant orange-colored light was reported behaving strangely in the early evening sky above Corpus Christi yesterday.

"W.L. Watson said he was lying on a pallet in the back yard at 666 Omaha Drive waiting for some barbecue to cook when he saw the strange object come out of the northern horizon.

"From due north the bright object (about the size of a golf ball compared to a star, Watson said) completed two perfect S turns and disappeared at great speed over the southern horizon.

" 'It was going much too fast for a jet or anything else we know of,' Watson, a private pilot, said.

"Watson said he tried to call the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Jones and his 10-year-old daughter to the phenomenon but the light disappeared before they could be alerted.

"The light first was seen at 7:50 p.m. and was visible for an estimated 45 seconds.

" 'Perhaps two or three minutes later,' Watson continued, 'I saw it come out of the south.'

"Watson, his host and hostess and his daughter watched the object describe an arc and disappear to the northwest.

" 'It definitely was a controlled turn that we saw,' Watson said.

"None of the witnesses are given to hallucinations, Watson claimed, and his daughter was willing to take an oath on her Brownie Scout pledge that she saw the

flying orange." (xx.)

(xx.) Corpus Christi, Texas. *Caller*. 7 September 52.

7 September. Corry, Pennsylvania. (shortly before noon)

For the lack of a better name, "flying saucer."

A press account states:

"Several Corry and area persons are wondering to day just what it was they saw yesterday shortly before noon time.

"Mrs. Charles Tripp of the Columbus section was the first to notify The Journal of the. For the lack of a better name, 'flying saucer.'

"After that there were several reports of local residents who spotted three planes flying in a westerly direction over the city with a fourth disc-shaped object keeping pace with them.

"As they described it, the disc was up in front, then beneath and then back of the three planes. When the aircraft disappeared into the west, so did the disc, the observers said.

"The local report was one of two of 'saucers being spotted in Western Pennsylvania over the week end.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Corry, Pennsylvania. *Journal*. 8 September 52.

7 September. Near Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. (4:00-6:00 p.m.)

Silver ball(disc?) hovers in sky for two hours.

According to a press account:

"A bright, silver disc that seemed to hover in the skies for approximately two hours was observed by four Wyoming Valley residents yesterday afternoon about 10 miles from Tunkhammock. All four persons agreed that the object resembled a 'flying saucer.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers of 101 West Walnut street, Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dymond, of Montgomery avenue, West Pittston, sighted the strange apparition while visiting the farm of Mrs. Myer's uncle, Alpha Dymond, at Jenningsville, yesterday afternoon.

"In a telephone conversation with a *Times-Leader Evening News* reporter, Mr. Myers stated that he and his companions did not notice the saucer until Mrs. Myers' uncle called their attention to it. Mr. Dymond told his visitors that the object had been in the sky all afternoon.

"'From about 4 to 6 p.m. the silver ball just seemed to hover in the sky,' Mr. Myers said. He reported that there were no clouds in the sky at the time, but that the disc was up quite high. It appeared to be round in shape, he said, and when it disappeared the strange object just seemed to go straight up into the heavens.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. *Times-Leader Evening News*. 8 September 52.

8 September. Memphis, Tennessee. (shortly before 7:45 a.m.)

"Won't scoff any more." (See clipping)

8 September. Canton, Texas. (8:15 p.m.)

"102 Flying Saucers?" (See clipping)

This Clipping From
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'It's Got Me Guessing'

102 Flying Saucers Spotted at Canton

Special to The Times Herald

Canton, Sept. 12.—Flying saucers—102 of 'em—zipped over this area one night the first of this week.

There may have been even more.

That's all Mrs. J. E. Cauthen, who lives on Route 1, Canton, in Van Zandt County, said she counted.

"My husband and I came in home from a short visit to friends about 8:15 Monday night," Mrs. Cauthen reported. "When my husband got out of the car, he said: 'There go some of the flying saucers you've been wanting to see.'"

Started Counting.

It took Mrs. Cauthen a few minutes to get their location, she continued, "but when I did, I started counting them. They looked really about the size of a saucer and were flying in the same direction, north to south, across the eastern horizon, seemingly direct in line. About two seconds apart, I judged, and in pairs."

One time, she continued, they came over in a group of four, with the rear saucer zipping ahead of its three running mates, only to be overtaken by the saucer flying in the rear of the formation.

Mrs. Cauthen said there was an airplane flying in the vicinity of where she could see her saucers. She said she could hear its (the plane's) motor.

Tallied Two Times.

"I stayed outside and counted them up to 80, went in the house then decided to go out and watch them some more. I didn't start counting right away. They were not coming so fast this time, so I started my count again. Twenty-two was my last count."

"By this time, they were only coming over several minutes apart, but in the same vicinity."

"These lighted flying objects appeared quickly and disappeared like turning off a light. They were flying at a terrific speed."

Mrs. Cauthen said she had heard so much about the flying saucers she had told her husband she hoped some of them would "visit us away out here in the country."

"But now," she says, "if these objects were flying saucers, I feel like I've had more than my share of them."

"It didn't scare me, but it sure has got me guessing."

So is everybody else, Mrs. Cauthen said.

On Way to Work, Sees a Saucer

Won't Scoff Any More,
Says Memphis Woman

Mrs. Oliver Richardson, an employe of the classified ad department of The Press-Scimitar and the Commercial Appeal, said she saw a flying saucer in broad daylight this morning.

"I have scoffed at all the stories about flying saucers I have heard and read," she said. "Now I'm a believer."



It happened as she waited for a bus shortly before 7:45 this morning at Coleman and Treadwell, Mrs. Richardson said.

"This is a quiet little neighborhood, and there was no traffic," she said.

"I was standing there by myself when I saw this thing."

"It seemed about as big as a wash tub. There was a thing thru it—like a pole—with a light on each end. One light was green and the other purple. The pole was about half-as-thick as your arm and about a yard long."

"The body of the thing was white, perfectly round and about a foot thick," she said. "It seemed perfectly smooth."

Mrs. Richardson said the sizes in her description are just what it seemed like to her, as she had no way of telling how high the object was.

She said she saw the object at a northern angle from her, and that it was traveling from east to west "so fast it was hard to believe."

"I saw it once, blinked and when I looked back I could hardly see it."

Mrs. Richardson said she hesitated to tell of her experience, "knowing what people will say."

"But I saw it. I won't be a scoffer any more."

Mrs. Richardson lives at 813 Homer.

9? September. Lake City, Florida. (7:10 a.m.)

"It almost blinded me."

According to the local paper:

"Mrs. Nina Munn and son, Eddie of Miami, Florida, visiting in Meridian related a story of a flying saucer they said they sighted at Lake City, Florida, while en route to Meridian to visit P. R. Hanson, 5th Street.

"Mrs. Munn stated she first noticed the saucer about 7:10 a.m.—before sunup. 'It was glowing so brightly through the windshield that it almost blinded me,' she stated. 'I thought at first that it was some kind of new plane but under close observation it appeared to be a huge disc that shone with the brilliance of a diamond.

" 'It remained stationary for about ten minutes then dropped down about 25 feet, began to glow amber as it started its ascent, and disappeared with the quickness of lightning.'

"Mrs. Munn states that she had been skeptical of the stories of flying saucers until she saw one herself 'but now I know they are real.'

"When asked her theory on what the saucers could be Mrs. Munn replied, 'I just don't know, but I don't see how it is possible for any human being to make anything so brilliant and fast. It seemed to exude a strong spiritual feeling that held me in a tight grip.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Meridian, Mississippi. *Star*. 9 September 52.

9 September. Gallup, New Mexico. (evening)

"I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it."

According to a news story:

"Patrons of the Yucca drive-in theatre enjoyed an added feature for their money last night. Eddie Bowman, drive-in attendant, reported that a bright, glowing object 'about the size of a car's headlight' appeared briefly but definitely just before the end of the last show.

"Bowman said that he first thought it was a shooting star as it passed over the large outdoor screen until it zoomed closely to the ground, leveling off at fence-top level before rising again at about Clarke's Dairy in a beeline for the west.

"Bowman's testimony was also backed by several movie goers who watched its course.

" 'I wouldn't have believe it if I hadn't seen it,' Bowman said. 'But I saw it.' And the management admitted it was not on the regular program." (xx.)

(xx.) Gallup, New Mexico. *Independent*. 10 September 52.

10 September. Itazuke Air Defense Control Center, Japan. (no time)

1,000 knots?

A monthly report of unidentified radar tracks in the Korean war zone included this very brief remark: "Included among the unidentified tracks was a radar pickup on 10 September carried by Site #21 at an estimated 1,000 knots. JADF Reg. 200-4A, covering such incidents, was complied with both by the Site and the ADCC." (xx.)

(xx.) Monthly Historical Data. 850th Air craft Control & Warning Squadron. 1 September - 30 September 1952. RCS: 1-AF-D2A. Written by A/IC Robert W. Morrison. p.3. Photocopy in author's files.

11 September. Mt. Zion, Ohio. (no time)

As big as a house. Hung around oil rig.

Newsman Wave Dugan, reporting on activity in the oil fields around Mt. Zion, had this amazing event to relate:

"Donald Davis and Bill Darling report seeing a 'flying saucer' Thursday while working on the Howard Rine well near Dennis church. They said the object they saw was as large as a one or two room house, lights on one side, hung around the rig for half an hour, made no noise until it started to leave, then sounded like a jet plane or gas roaring." (xx.)

(xx.) Mount Vernon, Ohio. News. 16 September 52.

11 September. Poughkeepsie, New York. (night)

Jet scares off saucers? (See clipping)

This Clipping From
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
NEW YORKER
SEP 26 1952
'Object' Seen,
Pilot Reports;
Details Guarded
 Skywatchers
 Observe Visitors
 In 2-week Period

Mrs. Arthur D. Benson, post supervisor at the Dover "sky-watch" installation of the Ground Observers corps, confirmed today that jet planes were sent to Dutchess county recently to observe "objects" in the night sky after 10 observers at the Dover post watched the phenomenon. She said an operator at the White Plains filter center of the corps, in communication with a jet pilot by radio, told her the pilot reported "he saw an object" but that military regulations forbade disclosure of further details.

Since the night of Sept. 11, when the jet observed the "objects" in the sky in an area generally over the Wassala State school, other

ground observers have seen and reported similar objects, said the post supervisor.

Mrs. Benson said she first observed an object about Sept. 8 or 9, while on duty as a ground observer with Mrs. William Kelley, wife of Dover Justice of the Peace Kelley. This one, however, was not reported to White Plains.

THE MORNING AFTER the object first was sighted, Mrs. Benson said she was confronted by three other Dover residents who asked if the aircraft post had observed an object in the sky. When their report tallied with those at the post, Mrs. Benson decided to report the phenomenon to White Plains. She was instructed to report any recurrence.

No objects were sighted then until Sept. 11, as Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Frank Scott were "on watch" between 10 and 12 p. m.

"I saw this thing appear in the sky over the Wassaw Falls school," said Mrs. Benson. "It was the same as the one I'd seen a couple of nights before. I turned to Mrs. Scott and said, 'do you see anything in the sky over toward the school?'"

"MRS. SCOTT SAW the object the same as I did," said the post supervisor. "We watched it for nine minutes, and then I called White Plains. It looked to be about the size of a baseball, from where we were. It didn't twinkle or blink like a star, but flashed on and off in a light shade of green—that new green that's being used a lot. Then sometimes it glowed red."

"Sometimes it would bob up and down, swing back or forth, or would dart suddenly in any direction."

"I called the White Plains center and they said a blimp was in this area," said Mrs. Benson.

Next, she said, she telephoned Mrs. Kelly and asked that she come to the post.

"She came up and said, 'Why that's the same thing we saw before by East mountain.'"

MRS. JOHN KINGSLEY and Mrs. Frank Faddis went to the post and observed the object. Then Mr. and Mrs. James Callahan reported for their midnight to 2 a. m. observers' shift, and they too saw the

object, said Mrs. Benson.

Dividing their attention, Mrs. Benson said the group observed five more similar objects in the sky, forming somewhat of a rim around the central figure but not close to it.

White Plains filter center, meanwhile, informed Mrs. Benson to keep the telephone key open, maintaining a direct telephone line between the Dover Plains post and the White Plains center.

"White Plains said a jet would be dispatched to our area, flying at 40,000 feet, and asked us to watch the object as the jet flew over. As the jet came over and around the object, it turned to a blue color."

12 September. Crystal Hill, Virginia. (6:30 p.m.)

More strange sights in Halifax County skies.

SOUTH BOSTON, VA
NEWS
9/16/52

Objects Seen In County Skies Friday

Another report of a flying saucer, the first in Halifax County in some time, has come in from Crystal Hill, where Mrs. Nonie Burch Clarke sighted a strange object in the air Friday night.

In a letter to the South Boston News, Mrs. Clarke said that the object was first seen about 6:30 o'clock and that it disappeared and then came into view again before finally disappearing by the same route it had come by.

Mrs. Clarke's complete letter says:

"I am writing to report seeing a flying saucer in the community of Crystal Hill this afternoon (Friday) about 6:30 p. m., flying over the Burch farm. It was a round object, brightly lit as if by electricity, about the size of a gallon molasses bucket top, with an extremely glittering bright red tail about two feet long."

"It was moving moderately fast and not too high over the trees. It wasn't making any sound. After it had gotten about 40 yards, it stood still in the air and the lights went out. About ten

minutes later it reappeared, brightly lit, and went back the same way it came from. I, my sister and my little girl saw the thing."

"I haven't been believing in flying saucers but after seeing that thing, I know they must be something from somewhere."

Mrs. Clarke's sighting of an object coincides with what the daily papers have called a meteor, which was seen at about the same time Friday by persons in Richmond, Lynchburg, Danville, and other places, including South Boston. The object according to the description given by one witness, was round in shape and had a tail. The whole thing seemed to be afire and in spots gave off the characteristic blue flame of intense heat.

In this respect Mrs. Clarke included in her letter a sketch of the object she saw and it resembles quite closely a meteor with a tail.

12 September. Hokendauqua, Pennsylvania. (11:30 p.m.)

Despite many "amused lifting of eyebrows."

The report of four people:

"WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP—Four Hokendauqua people insist they saw what they believe to be a flying saucer circling Hokendauqua homes near midnight Friday.

"Despite many 'amused lifting of eyebrows' they stand firm in their conviction that the strange object was circling the village at an altitude of between two and three thousand feet.

"They are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Rothrock, 13 North 3rd Street, Mrs. Lydia Andrews, 4th Street, and Nicholas Hryzuk, Lehigh Street.

"Mrs. Rothrock, Mrs. Andrews and Hryzuk were returning home at approximately 11:30. When they arrived at the Rothrock home and alighted from their car, Mrs. Rothrock said she looked up and saw 'a white round disk-like thing, with a tail on it, circling around the houses.'

" 'Look at the flying saucer,' she cried to the other two who insist they looked up and also saw the unusual aerial object.

"Rothrock, an aviation enthusiast with a private pilot's license, who was inside the home heard his wife's call, looked out the window and also saw the object. Rothrock estimates that it circled at an altitude of between two and three thousand feet for approximately 15 minutes from the time he first saw it. Then it appeared to fade away.

"All are at a loss to explain what they saw, but they are equally as positive that they saw it." (xx.)

(xx.) Allentown, Pennsylvania. *Call-Chronicle*. 15 September 52.

13 September. San Benito County, California. (6:30 a.m.)

Strange illuminate cigar-shape seen for 15 minutes.

A farmer and his wife witness weird thing:

"An illuminated 'object' seen early the morning of September 13 at King City evidently was sighted in San Benito county by Peter Clausen and his wife, according to a letter received from the couple at the Pinnacles.

" 'At 6:30 o'clock Saturday (Sept. 13) morning and for the next 15 minutes, my wife and I watched a strange illuminated, more or less cigar-shaped, object travel quite slowly in a general southeasterly direction,' the letter stated. 'It was glowing like fire and must have been guided as wind currents did not seem to affect it.

" 'I watched it until distance absorbed it,' Mr. Clausen wrote. 'We were milking at the time and had been in the barn or I am sure it would have been insight much longer.

" 'If it is the same "thing" seen in King City it must have traveled north, turned around and then returned south again.

"Mr. Clausen wrote he is confident 'there definitely was something in the air, though some think we were just seeing things.' (xx.)

• (xx.) Salinas, California. *Californian*. 22 September 52.

13 September. The British Interplanetary Society and comic books. (See clipping on page 28)

13 September. Hardy, Kentucky. (about 4:00 p.m.)

It was turning flipflops.

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British Interplanetary Society Doubts Saucers

LONDON (AP)—The British Interplanetary Society said today you are more likely to see a flying saucer if you keep up with your comic book reading.

The society went into the whole subject in its September Journal. It said it could not buy any of the current flying saucer reports but conceded it would "rather like to believe that space ships were already flying in the neighborhood of the earth, even if they were not our own."

The society said it preferred to "retain an open mind, tinged with skepticism" until one of its members spotted a saucer. A few members have written in, however, saying the society would do well to avoid being too flippant on the subject.

The society itself is extremely space-minded. It was founded in 1933 to promote the collection and spread of knowledge dealing with possible flights to other worlds. Its members study everything from astronomy and rocket engine construction to the social, political and legal problems that will arise if humans do make it to Mars some day. Within its ranks are many prominent British and foreign scientists.

The society is disturbed by the fact that flying saucers show no uniformity. According to the accounts of observers they come in a wide variety of sizes and shapes, although the standard model usually spits green fire.

According to the society, there is a possibility that some observers are "enjoying a large practical joke at the expense of their fellow men." Switching to high flown scientific terms, the Journal continued:

"As we go to press, Washington is again suffering from a plague

of flying saucers on its radar screen, and the number of sightings over the U. S. as a whole has appeared to reach an all-time high. Jet fighters vectored converged into the radar echoes have found nothing there, and it appears fairly certain that the phenomenon is the well-known 'radar mirage.'

"Under certain conditions, particularly gradient in the atmosphere is reversed, strong echoes can be obtained from ground objects at great distances, and, as in the case of the ordinary optical mirage, these radar echoes will appear projected in the sky."

According to a newspaper account:

"Weird, spinning objects, buzzing through American skies in apparent defiance of all known natural laws, have been reported often and reliably by astonished citizens all over the country.

"Now neighboring Pike County comes up with another report of a 'flying saucer,' this time seen by a family of three and observed through binoculars.

"A letter received by the *Daily News* today carries details of a small, circular, buzzing, spinning object observed Saturday at Hardy, Ky., by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murphy and their four-year-old son, Tommy.

"As a matter of fact, Tommy saw it first, according to the letter from Thomas Hunt of Pinsonfork, Ky. Details?

"Tommy, playing on his lawn about 4:00 p.m. Saturday, heard a buzzing sound. He looked up and saw something 'buzzing very high in the air.' He ran inside, calling his daddy to come and look at the 'little bitsy plane.'

"Mr. Murphy, who is tippie foreman of the Eastern Coal Corporation mine at Hardy, Ky., came and saw the object, fitting all the much-publicized description of the 'saucers.'

"It was a round object, silver with a black band around the edge, almost standing still in the air, except that it was turning 'flipflops,'" he said.

"Calling for his binoculars, Mr. Murphy observed the strange object...[word not clear]. He estimated it was one

Saucers Listed As War Nerves

HERALD 9-10-52
ROME (AP)—One of Russia's leading astronomers said flying saucers are an "optical illusion growing out of sheer war psychosis."

The psychosis, said Prof. Boris Kukarkin in an interview published in the Communist newspaper L'Unita, "is encouraged by those interested in war."

Kukarkin, one of the leaders of the Russian delegation attending the eighth World Astronomical Congress here, said no flying saucers have been seen over Russia.

thousand feet in the air, moving no faster than 100 miles per hour when it buzzed off. He said it was 'round and flat like wash tub,' when it was seen through the binoculars.

"Mrs. Murphy also observed the object through the binoculars as it finally gave up hovering and zipped out of sight.

"It is of course not known whether the object seen here Saturday has any connection with a 'saucer' seen Friday night at Sutton, which on investigation resulted in the observers being frightened out of their wits by what they described as a 'a 10-foot monster with a bright green body and a red face.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Williamson, West Virginia. *News*. 16 September.

13 September. Near Bornholm Island,
Baltic Sea. (night)
(See clipping)

13 September. Sedalia, Missouri. (8:00 p.m.)

Passed over Drive-In.

According to a press report:

"The flying saucer scare came to Sedalia recently.

"Several people at the Sedalia Drive-In sighted a disk-like object at 8:00 p.m. headed on a due west-to-east course. According to one observer, the 'saucer' took eight minutes to go from ten degrees above the west horizon until it disappeared to the east.

"It was on edge, and since it passed almost directly over the theatre area, only a slight side view was obtained. From the side sighting a definite round appearance was established, and a reddish glow was quite apparent when first sighted, but gradually turned a lighter color.

"As is customary, there were several different opinions as to what the object actually was. Some seemed to think what they saw was only a vapor trail from a jet plane, but all agreed there was no noise, and that if it was a vapor path, it stayed the same length as long as it was in sight." (xx.)

(xx.) Kansas City, Missouri. *Box Office*. 13 September 52.

14 September. Gillette, Wyoming. (2:00 a.m.)

"Twin orange flying eyes."

According to the Sheridan press:

"Have flying saucers come to Wyoming?

"If so they must be twins, or maybe they are flying eyes.

"Anyway, Mrs. V.J. Oedekoven and her husband of Gillette recently witnessed strange lights in the early morning darkness which they are at a loss to explain.



"But let Mrs. Oedekocen tell the story in her own words:

" 'Last Sunday morning about 2 a.m., my husband and I saw a strange phenomenon when we were on our way home from a neighbor's. We were about home when Mr. Oedekocen said to me, "See those eyes, do you suppose they could belong to deer?"

" 'I replied, "I don't think so, they are too large and bright, not the right color and too far away to be seen so plainly."

" 'The eyes were the shade of burnt orange, very bright and fascinating. At first sight the eyes moved so slowly about you could hardly tell they were moving. Then the eyes slowly moved and merged into one light which appeared round and oval about the size of the moon and then turned into a lighter shade of yellow.

" 'It stayed almost stationary for a few minutes and then it started to move along the hill slowly into the sky, getting smaller and smaller until it was the same size as the other stars in the sky and took the same shape, only it could be distinguished from the rest of the stars due to its color.

" 'After it reached the sky it turned a bright orange, the same color the eyes were when we first saw them

" 'It certainly gave one an eerie feeling.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Sheridan, Wyoming. *Press*. 17 September 52.

COMMENT: THE COLOR ORANGE IS NOT USED ON AIRCRAFT. ALSO, IF THE READER OF THE SUPPLEMENTS COVERING THE SUMMER OF 1952 HAS, OR HAS NOT, NOTICED THE COLOR ORANGE TURNS UP IN MANY OF THE BEST CASES. THE READER SHOULD ALSO NOTICE THAT THE COLOR ORANGE WAS NOT SINGLED OUT OR PROMOTED IN PRESS COMMENTARIES ABOUT UFO REPORTS. NEITHER KEYHOE OR OTHER PRO-UFO PEOPLE HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE "ORANGE COLOR FACTOR." DOES THIS SUGGEST SUCH REPORTS ARE REAL EVENTS?—Loren Gross.

14 September. Belle Glade, Florida. (4:30 a.m.)

Saucer scares cows. The Nash/Wolfer inquiry.

UFO witness/airline pilot William Nash, along with George Wolfer, traveled to Belle Glade, Florida, on April 9, 1954, to talk to farmer Fred Brown. Brown adds a little more to what is known about the case, as well as some details about the military investigation:

"Fred Brown is respected by his work-fellows and superiors to whom we talked to first. He is forty-five years old, approximately, honest-faced, sturdy farmer-type who doesn't waste words, but tells a straightforward story of his experience. He offers no explanation for what the thing was. He would not call it a saucer. He served four years and eight months under General Patton, and says he doesn't scare easily, but felt shaky for a couple of days after the experience.

"The experience is as in the clipping, with additions that the cows dropped off in milk production from 15 gallons to ten gallons for the next three days and didn't fully recover for three weeks. Also the horses in the field broke down a

corner of the fence, and a gate of another fence, and it took all day to get them back. Neither the cows nor the horses wanted to return to the area.

"The lights he saw on the craft which came as low over him as about 40 feet, were on the bottom of the rim of the thing (which was silvery and convex on the bottom), and the lights were about 50 to 60 in number, alternately amber and red.

"He said that he forgot all about a 30-30 rifle he had in the barn, or he'd have taken a shot at the thing (Glad he forgot!).

"His address is 311 South West Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida. Phone-30 63.

"Some workers who arrived later than he did on the job asked him what he'd been spraying with, and he told them about the strange machine which emitted the ammonia-like odor and sounded like a shorted-out high tension wires in the morning dew.

"Both the Army and the Navy questioned him the next day, and when he asked them questions in turn they told him that they were there to ask questions—not to answer them

"George and I were impressed with the integrity and sincerity of Fred Brown. We photographed him on the spot of the occurrence and tape-recorded his story.

"Note:-Fred Brown said that he could only hear the low humming sound when the saucer was close to him, but that there was no sound when the object sped away at a great rate." (xx.)

(xx.) Interview of Fred Brown by George Wolfer and Bill Nash on April 9, 1954. Photocopy in author's files. Also, see *UFOs: A History 1952 September-October* pp.28-29.



Dairyman Fred Brown showing William Nash path of saucer he heard and smelled.
—William Nash collection

14 September. Mason, Texas. (no time)

"Round with tentacles."

A press reports states:

"Seeing is believing, says August Schmidt, Mason County ranchman, who saw what he believed to be a flying saucer this week.

" 'A Dallas friend and I were hunting doves at my place,' he reported, 'when an object appeared in the sky. It was round and had tentacles protruding like those of an octopus or star. It was bathed in a bright glare.'

"Asked how long it lasted, he answered, 'Just a few seconds. Then it disappeared.'

"Aware of all the skepticism concerning flying saucers, he added, 'My friend saw it too.'" (xx.)

(xx.) San Angelo, Texas. *Standard-Times*. 15 September 52.

14 September. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (about 10:05 p.m.)

Seemed to play with each other.

According to a press report:

"A double feature wasn't the only thing seen Sunday night at a Drive-In theater by Milton Klassen, a senior in geology at the University of New Mexico—he and a companion also watched a pair of 'flying saucers.'

"The student, who lives at 919 Girard Blvd. NE, reported he saw two 'yellowish platter-shaped lights' appear above the screen at the outdoor theater about 10:05 p.m.

" 'For four or five seconds,' Klassen said, 'the objects weaved back and forth and seemed to play with each other as they came closer. Then they disappeared.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Albuquerque, New Mexico. *Journal*. 16 September 52.

15 September. Chicago, Illinois.

Heard seeks contact.

According to a press account:

"College students in Chicago have been invited to engage in a nation-wide battle of wits with flying saucers.

" 'Our present predicament is unique,' says Dr. Gérald Heard, a scientists and religious leader, 'because we seem to be confronting an intelligence which is not only superior in mechanical skill but also in detachment and restraint.'

"He believes flying saucers are robot instruments of inhabited space ships which

15 September. Topeka, Kansas. (2:15 p.m.)

"I'm not trying to be sensational."

A Topeka paper published:

"Five residents of Highland Park reported Tuesday that they saw 'metallic objects' in the sky.

" 'I'm not trying to be sensational and I'm not superstitious, but there were six metallic objects up there in the sky northeast of Topeka,' said O.W. Bobo Jr., of 1720 Hudson.

"He said he, his wife, his wife's mother, his mother, and a neighbor, Mrs. Harold Hibbs of 1701 Hudson watched the objects for about 20 minutes at 2:15 p.m. Monday.

"They had no shape and were possibly 10 miles high and 15 miles away, Bobo said. They twinkled like stars as they reflected the sun, and apparently hovered in the air before taking off to the East." (xx.)

(xx.) Topeka, Kansas. *Capital*. 17 September 52.

15 September. Near Douglas, Kansas. (8:15 p.m.)

Two Air Force men see saucer close up. Oblong object paces car.

According to the Kansas press:

"Two Wichita Air Force Base men reported seeing a saucer-like object flying slowly at low level five miles south of Douglas, Kansas, at 8:15 p.m. Monday.

"An unidentified Douglas resident reported seeing a fiery object streak across the sky about the time given by the airmen.

"Lt. William Robinson of the Wichita Air Force Base public information office said Tuesday morning that S/Sgt. Caryle McLendon, 30, and S/Sgt. William Muse, 25, reported sighting the saucer while driving along a road south of Douglas en route to Wichita.

"The airmen told Robinson the oblong object, resembling a large dining table, flew parallel to the car at an altitude of 50 to 100 feet for several minutes. The airmen said they were traveling only 20 miles an hour at the time, yet the flying object paced them easily, was about 200 feet from the road, apparently gliding.

"The saucer apparently had a dome-like structure on top, McLendon and Muse said, and they estimated it to be about 30 to 40 feet long and 20 feet wide.

"Lieutenant Robinson quoted the two sergeants as saying they decided to stop and when they did, the saucer veered sharply toward them, streaking across the road about 200 feet in front of the car and disappearing in a 'split second.'

"They said they then drove to Douglas and stopped at a café, where they heard an unidentified man say he had seen a flaming object streak across the sky.

"The airmen said light emanated from portholes in the object's dome and that orange-colored flames and sparks steamed behind it for a distance of possibly 10 to

15 feet.

"They said no wings or power source was visible and that the ship made no noise.

"The site of the reported sighting is only two air miles from Wichita Air Force Base for jet aircraft.

"Lieutenant Robinson said McLendon was senior motion picture projectionist on the base and Muse was classification assignment clerk." (xx.)

(xx.) Wichita, Kansas. *Beacon*. 16 September 52.

15 September. Wichita, Kansas. (8:19 p.m.)

"Flying eggs or meteors?" (See clipping)

16 September. New Bern, North Carolina. (9:00 p.m.)

The "invisible saucer?"

A press account states:

"Highly skeptical concerning the 'flying saucer' stories of the past several years, Luby Hardison had an experience at his place on Trent river above New Bern last Tuesday morning even stranger than a flying saucer experience and one for which he is seeking an explanation. It was so unbelievable that he hadn't told the story until Friday night, hoping that someone else might first report a similar experience.

"Mr. Hardison and Fred Simmons, a colored man about 45 years of age, were rolling out some fence wire on Mr. Hardison's farm preparatory to fencing in a pasture. Mr. Hardison was walking backward, dragging the wire. The two were about 50 yards apart. Suddenly there was a loud noise similar to that made by a swarm of bees, but louder. Mr. Hardison thought he had stepped into something behind him. He glanced back and ducked, but saw nothing. He says the noise was so close over his head that he almost felt the motion of the air, and that he wouldn't have dared raise his hand above his head.

"He glanced at Simmons and found the colored man had dropped to his knees and his hat was off. He too, had ducked as the roar passed over him, and he declared that 'it almost hit me, too.' In just about two seconds, says Mr. Hardison, the roar passed over in the direction of Wilmington.

"The sky was clear, but neither Mr. Hardison nor Simmons saw anything. The field was small, with trees to each

This Clipping From
WICHITA, KAN.
EAGLE

SEP 16 1952

Had Roman Candle Tail

Flying Egg Latest Object Seen in Skies Over Wichita

Now it's a flying egg. Don O'Hara, a Boeing inspector, was driving on Seneca near Second street, Monday night, when swish, a phenomenon too slow for a comet and too fast for a B-47, crossed over Wichita and headed east, leaving in its wake a ribbon of blue flame.

It happened, said O'Hara, at exactly 8:19 p. m.

"Boy, it was a beauty," he declared.

He described the thing as egg-shaped, with a tail like a Roman candle.

O'Hara said he was en route to a lunch room for a snack.

"But it was not an optical illusion born of the appetite," he insisted. "I was thinking of hamburgers."

At least six other Wichitans reported seeing swooshing objects in the skies Monday night. But none but O'Hara likened them to an egg. They called them balls of fire, as was the case the night of Sept. 5 when many reported strange goings-on overhead.

At about the time of O'Hara's egg, "a most peculiar traveling light" was discerned by Mrs. Louis Johnson of 2102 Rule.

"I didn't see any little men," she said.

And if there were any then, there aren't now, because Mrs. Johnson says she distinctly saw her fireball break up in a shower of sparks.

Five boys riding in a convertible car called The Eagle to report they, too, had observed a fireball for 15 seconds traveling east over Valley Center. They are Tommy Neth, 3048 Balling Haskell Pogle, 3130 Jewel; James Howard, 3015 Woodlawn; David Wolfe, 3122 North Arkansas; and Sudley Redford, 3131 Arkansas.

side, but there was nothing for some distance to obstruct the view. The occurrence was at about 9 a.m., and bees don't travel that early in the morning, says Mr. Hardison. A swarm of bees would have been visible.

"The fencing was unfinished that day, and when Simmons put in an appearance Wednesday it was decided to postpone work another day in hope that some plausible explanation might be found. Still without an explanation, Mr. Hardison told the story Friday night in hope that some other person might have had the same experience and might be able to throw some light on the occurrence." (xx.)

(xx.) New Bern, North Carolina. *Sun-Journal*. 20 September 52.

16 September. Highland Park, Tennessee. (10:30 a.m.)

Flying dishpan.

According to the local press:

"A resident of Highland Park reported seeing a 'flying object' at 10:30 a.m. today.

"The woman said she was in her back yard when she looked up and saw a silver object coming from the general direction of the Tri-Cities Airport. She watched the 'silver thing' for about two minutes and then rushed into the house to get her children to look at the object. It disappeared.

"She described the object as looking like a dishpan, silver all over and giving off silver flashes. She also said the object was traveling straight across the sky and appeared to be turning over and flashing." (xx.)

(xx.) Kingsport, Tennessee. *Times*. 16 September 52.

? September. Near? Gonzales, Texas. (night)

"Eggs" over the chicken house.

According to the Gonzales *Inquirer*:

"Mrs. Inez Ried of the Unity Community [a town?] reported seeing flying saucers or the equivalent sometime ago [story published on the September 24th]. Mrs. Reid says that she was asleep when the room became very bright, waking her up. She rushed to the window to see three egg-shaped objects flying low over her chicken house, seemingly playing tag with one another. She watched until they were out of sight and then saw three more come from the same direction which the others had come [end of article]." (xx.)

(xx.) Gonzales, Texas. *Inquirer*. 24 September 52.

17 September. General Eaton replies to letter. (See clipping on page 36)



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WATKINS GLEN, N. Y.
REVIEW
3/17/52

Localite Writes Truman on "Saucers;" General Eaton Replies, Places Report In Air Force Records

After reporting her observations on the two "flying saucers" she spotted coasting over Watkins Glen three weeks ago to President Truman in a letter, Mrs. Marion Granston Leonard of N. Glen Avenue received an answer from General Robert E. L. Eaton, Director of Legislation and Liaison of the Department of the Air Force in Washington on Friday, stating that her report is now being evaluated and has been made a matter of record by the Air Force.

A trained observer during World War II in Pleasantville, N. J., Mrs. Leonard reported "two ball-like objects with narrow platforms around their circumference" floating over her home. Two small children corroborated her observations. About five minutes later, three workmen saw one of the "saucers" dive into Seneca lake without coming out again. No investigation was made.

In her letter to the president recently, Mrs. Leonard briefly detailed her impressions of the floating spheres seen on August 25.

The letter from General Eaton acknowledged that "The Air Force has received a number of reports from credible observers which cannot be explained at this time."

However, the general states, "Our investigations of unusual aerial phenomena have produced nothing which we believe cannot be explained and understood as more is known about occurrences in the upper atmosphere."

In a lengthy report accompanying the letter, the general summarized investigations on the "saucers" from the time they first reported in 1946 up to the present.

He states in one part that "To date, the Air Force has undertaken to investigate and analyze

about 1500 reports dealing with these phenomena. Most of the reports were identified and disposed of as friendly aircraft erroneously reported, known electronics and meteorological phenomena, light aberrations, hoaxes, and other known natural occurrences or man-made objects."

General Eaton admits that, "the unexplained reports, which are in the order of 20% of the total, cannot be definitely associated with these familiar things."

After detailing the work done up to today to investigate these "flying saucer" reports, General Eaton concludes his letter: "The Air Force has stated in the past, and reaffirms at the present time, that these unidentified aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile, or aircraft, developed by the United States. None of the three military departments nor any other agency in the government is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be a basis for the reported phenomena. As far as is known there is nothing in them that is associated with material or vehicles that are directed against the United States, from another country or from other planets."

17 September. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (no time)

Flying soup bowl.

A press report tells us:

"Mrs. Charlotte Schultz, of 2500 South Sheridan Street, and Mrs. Edward Shea, of 2307 South 7th Street, were chatting on the corner of 7th and Porter Streets when they saw the 'thing.'

"It was a gleaming object, shaped like a soup bowl, they said. It looked as if it was made of aluminum. It moved noiselessly in the clear sky. There was no exhaust to indicate it was a plane.

"Both women asserted they knew what jet planes looked like. They had seen many fly over the Philadelphia Naval Base, they said.

"Excited by the strange object in the skies, the women ran into a drugstore. The druggist called the police radio dispatcher, who called the 24th and Wolf Station where the First Detective Division is located.

"Lieutenant Charles Brown assigned Detective Frank Flood to investigate, and with reason too. Flood was a pilot with the U.S. Air Force in the last war.

"Flood rushed to the scene with the idea in mind that the object might be a jet plane. But he had never seen anything like what the women described. It accelerated suddenly and disappeared in the direction of the Naval Base." (xx.)

(xx.) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Inquirer*. 18 September 52.

17 September. Houston, Texas. (8:40 and 10:00 p.m.)

Various formations.

A brief note in an Austin paper said:

"Residents south of Houston reported groups of lights flying in various formations across the sky Wednesday night. The lights, yellow with a green tinge, were in groups of from five to ten and were sighted between 8:40 and 10:00 p.m. Some flew in formation, observers said." (xx.)

* (xx.) Austin, Texas. *Statesman*. 18 September 52.

18 September. Air Force "saucer cameras." (See clipping)

18 September. West Palm Beach, Florida.

Rumors sweep the county. (See clipping on page 38)



18 September. Big Rapids, Michigan. (9:50-10:35 p.m.)

"Something" circles for 45 minutes. (See clipping)

18 September. West Palm Beach, Florida.

Rumors sweep the county. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
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SEP 20 1952

GLOW ABOVE BIG RAPIDS

Saucer? Workers Watch Something 45 Minutes

BIG RAPIDS—Two night workers, who were about five miles from each other, watched a glowing object move in a circular path in the sky above Big Rapids Thursday night for nearly three quarters of an hour.

Harold Rose, a Consumers Power Company employe on duty at Rogers Dam, five miles south of Big Rapids, first noticed the light about 9:50 p. m. When Louis Barger, of Big Rapids, made an hourly call to him at 10 p. m. from the Central Plant Company in Big Rapids, Rose told him of the object and they both watched it.

Rose said it looked round and the leading edge was distinct but the rear edge faded out.

"Light seemed to be coming from both the top and bottom," he said. Barger described the object as being oval in shape and about three times as long as it was thick and he said a light tail seemed to be trailing off one side and to the rear. Stars were shining and there were no clouds. Both men said the object moved in a circular path about four miles in diameter.

Rose said as he watched it he was looking in a northeasterly direction and Barger said he was looking southeast. Both men said it came into view in the southern part of its circle and went in its curving path and faded out but then appeared again. They both agreed that it followed about the same path each time.

Barger said he got a pair of eight power binoculars and with

those it seemed he could see through it. He said he looked for a light beam going into the sky but could not find one. Rose said he moved to different places to watch it and see if it were a reflection.

Both men said their line of vision was at a low angle, not more than 30 degrees. They both said the direction of it from them would make its position above the area of the Austin gas fields.

This Clipping From
**WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.
PALM BEACH POST**

SEP 18 1952

That 'Saucer' Is Back, And Gone Again

By GORDON ELWELL
Post-Times Staff

Palm Beach County's own flying saucer reappeared Wednesday in a blaze of glory (otherwise known as an "amber light") only to disappear—either smothered to death by rumors or ignominiously crashed to oblivion in a muddy ditch on SR 7.

Reports were flying as high, wide and handsome as any flying saucer all through Tuesday night and Wednesday that:

1—A flying saucer crashed into a ditch on SR 7.

2—The Air Force had cornered "a peculiar flying object" with two men in it.

3—A "gliding, soaring object" had frightened a whole family when it hovered over SR 7 just south of the Lake Worth Rd.

4—The Army, Air Force, sheriff and State Highway Patrol had thrown a cordon around an area where two flying saucers had collided. (This last was an authentic report from two school children who "were there").

However, the Air Force provost marshal's office and a spokesman or Col. Fred Easley, commanding officer of the Palm Beach International Airport, both flatly denied any knowledge of the affair. So did the sheriff's department, as did the Highway Patrol and West Palm Beach police.

On the other side of the ledger was a statement from a Lake Worth resident who received word from "a high county official" that an object not an airplane did crash at 5:10 am Wednesday morning near SR 7 between Lake Worth and Lantana.

Also a woman living near that section, who said she did not want to be identified, claimed that she and her entire family saw a "glowing object" which soared slowly round the sky for some time, dipping very low before it disappeared.

Two salesmen reported to a ruggist they had seen the object just after it had crashed and it was then "surrounded by soldiers." The druggist could not remember the names of the two salesmen.

A farmer in the section reported he had talked to "two discouraged joking Air Force officers" who were searching for evidences of a flying saucer.

Just as this story was being written late last night, the final rumor came home to roost with a telephone call that there was a flying saucer "forced down" on SR 7.

Saucers over Britain

DID a "Flying Saucer" gatecrash Operation Mainbrace, the Allied air and sea manoeuvres? Ten experienced RAF men think one did. They have signed reports for the Air Ministry, describing what they saw.

Service chiefs cannot give an answer.

Officially, the Air Ministry "does not believe in Flying Saucers." Yesterday, however, a log was opened to record any further details.

One thing is clear:

Something strange flew—or floated—over Topcliffe RAF station at 10.53 a.m. on Friday.

Witness 1

Several witnesses were pilots with more than 3,000 hours' flying experience—men like Flight-Lieutenant John Kilburn, of Thornhill, Cumberland.

Kilburn, 31, and captain of a Shackleton aircraft which has been taking part in Mainbrace, said he saw the object following a Meteor which was coming into nearby Dishforth airfield at a height of 5,000ft.

This is his story:

"The 'Saucer' appeared to be at about 15,000 feet flying slowly in the same direction as the Meteor.

"Then it seemed to side-slip to lose speed and came down to roughly 10,000 feet. It then looked about the size of a Vampire.

"It moved like a pendulum for a time. Then it seemed to stand still for a few seconds, whizzing like a child's top. Afterwards, it moved off westward at an incredible speed—faster than a shooting star."

Witnesses 2, 3, 4

Witness No. 2 is the captain of another Shackleton, Flight-Lieutenant Marian Cybulski, who, with 3,000 hours' flying in his log, said: "We were not seeing things. We had a perfect view of the object. It was definitely solid, under control and travelling faster than a shooting star."

Master Signaller Albert Thompson, of Barrow-in-Furness (eleven years' flying experience), reported seeing it, too. So did Sergeant Flight Engineer Thomas B. Dewis, of Bedworth, Warwickshire.

The theories

● What is the explanation?

Could it have been a parachutist jumping from a plane?—No. The Air Ministry states that no one baled out in the area.

Could it have been a meteorological balloon bursting at height?—Unlikely. Experienced officers would have seen those before and, anyway, would recognise them.

Might a foreign aircraft have blundered on to the scene?—Radar screens did not detect one.

Was it an optical illusion such as the reflection from a searchlight during daytime operations?—Ten men would not form an impression of such detailed similarity if that was the answer.

Could it have been a vapour formation, possibly from one of the jet planes?—The witnesses are certain it was not.

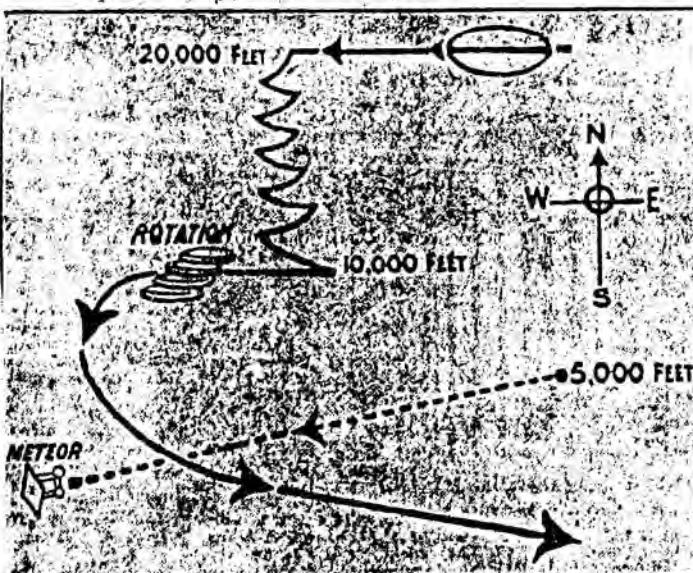
● Experts are taking no chances. They want to satisfy themselves on answers to those questions. That is why an official "log" has been opened.

Operation Mainbrace.

THE YORKSHIRE POST AND LEEDS MERCURY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1952

Flying saucer went like this, says R.A.F. officer



The movements of the flying saucer reported in yesterday's Yorkshire Post to have been seen on Friday near Topcliffe Aerodrome are traced in this diagram, which is based on information of Flight-Lieut. John William Kilburn, of Thornhill, Cumberland, one of the R.A.F. officers who have reported the object. Last night, an R.A.F. officer at Topcliffe told The Yorkshire Post that a civilian living at Aine, near Easingwold, had written to the Adjutant reporting that he, too, had seen the flying saucer.

THE AUCKLAND STAR,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1952

Flying Saucer: U.K. Report

LONDON, Sunday.—Royal Air Force experts today studied reports from 10 experienced officers and men who have described with almost identical details the appearance and behaviour of a "flying saucer" over the north of England yesterday.

The men, from the Air Force station at Topcliffe, Yorkshire, said the saucer appeared behind a Meteor jet fighter which was taking part in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercise "Operation Mainbrace."

This is the second time within a week that European observers familiar with aerial objects have announced sighting saucers.

In central Sweden last Saturday an ex-Air Force flyer, Mr. Ture Innala, watched a "snowplough-shaped cloud with bubbling smoke from its tail" appear very high and streak across the sky at a colossal speed.

It dropped a "blue-green shimmering plate, which changed course and disappeared equally as fast in the opposite direction." His wife supported his testimony.

19 September. Berwick, Pennsylvania. (early evening)

"Stood end on end?"

According to a press account:

"Berwickians reported seeing a 'flying saucer' in the western skies early last evening.

"The strange object was followed for more than 10 minutes by a local physician, who used binoculars. Others reported seeing the 'saucer' which emitted blue flames and stood end on end, at times." (xx.)

(xx.) Berwick, Pennsylvania. *Enterprise*. 20 September 52.

20 September. Dr. Lincoln Pa Paz and the "Green Fireballs." (See clippings on pages 41 and 42)

21 September. Odessa, Texas. (8:30 p.m.)

U-formation.

A newspaper report said:

"A group of Victory Village housewives reported seeing a U-shaped formation of 'flying saucers' racing across the sky about 8:30 p.m. Saturday night.

"Mrs. Carl A. Huber, spokesman for the 'saucer' spotters, said the formation was travelling at a high rate of speed in the southern part of the sky and was going from east to west.

"Others seeing the 'things' were Mrs. Dorus Swidel and Mrs. Merle Davis." (xx.)

(xx.) Odessa, Texas. *American*. 21 September 52.

22 September. Everglades Experimental Station, Florida. (about 4:20 a.m.)

Round object with blinking lights. (See clipping on page 42)

A Phillumenist is not a visitor from another planet. It's a fancy name for a person who collects matchbook covers.

Right: A prize cover from 1952.
—George D. Fawcett files



Saturday, September 20, 1952

Robert S. Allen

Meteor Expert Discusses Green Fireballs

Robert S. Allen is on vacation. In his absence, his column today is written by Dr. Lincoln LaPas, Director of the Institute of Meteoritics of the University of New Mexico, the only institute of its kind in the U. S. Dr. LaPas is a world authority on meteoritics and other "flying objects."

By Lincoln LaPas
(Director, Institute of Meteoritics,
University of New Mexico)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex. — Any discussion of the remarkable "green fireballs" so frequently observed in recent years in the Southwest must begin with an appraisal of the accuracy of eyewitness accounts of these objects. Admittedly, the majority of fireball reports relate to ordinary meteoric phenomena, although those reporting usually believe they have sighted something strange.

Meteoriticists, however, have little difficulty in screening out observations that merely describe exceptionally bright shooting stars. The observations that remain differ in many important particulars from those relating to ordinary fireballs. Is one justified in accepting these non-conforming observations as dependable?

Perhaps it is well to be guided by analogy in answering this question. The writer's service as Technical Director, Operations Analysis Section, Headquarters Second Air Force, began while General U. G. Ent was Commanding Officer. I well recall that at one of my first conferences with General Ent, we discussed numerous bright stationary fireballs sighted in North American skies. During ordinary shooting stars showers stationary meteors are occasionally seen; but since such immobile luminous objects are produced only by those few grains of cosmic debris headed directly at each particular observer, they are of such rare occurrence that few readers of this column will recall ever having seen one—especially a blindingly bright one.

It is therefore understandable why meteoriticists discounted the reliability of frequent reports of

bright stationary fireballs. However, they soon had cause to regret their skepticism, for recovery of Japanese balloon assemblies disclosed that the huge hydrogen-filled paper envelopes of these balloons had a half-pound charge of a magnesium flash powder mixture cemented to them.

The reader will recall that the founder of scientific rocketry, Dr. Robert H. Goddard of Clark College, while seeking a signaling device for announcing the arrival of a rocket to the moon, tested many such flash powder mixtures and showed that ignition of a few grains of magnesium flash powder would produce a flash "strikingly visible" more than two miles away. It is therefore not surprising that ignition of the half-pound powder charges which the Japanese attached to their balloons produced a brief flash of such enormous light intensity as to be visible as a "stationary fireball" at very great distances.

Stripped of some of our skepticism about strange fireball reports by the example just given, we can profitably scrutinize more closely some of the characteristics reported for the green fireballs. One of the peculiarities of these objects is that, unlike the ordinary meteors which flash across the sky at all angles to the horizon, with few exceptions, each green fireball is described by all who witness it (irrespective of the positions of the observers with respect to the real path of the fireball) either as falling vertically or as moving horizontally.

A self-destructive device functioning along the terminal arc of a missile-trajectory, such as that traveled by the typical V-2 rocket of 1944 on its way from German bases to London, would give rise to a nearly vertical luminous path.

A POSSIBLE explanation of the horizontally moving green fireballs is suggested by statements on satellite vehicles and their "circular orbits" and "approach ellipses" made by Dr. Heinz Haber, and Dr. Wernher von Braun, two of the foremost experts in the space-flight field, in a handbook, *Physics and Medicine of the Upper Atmosphere*,

published in August 1952 by the University of New Mexico Press. This handbook, which should be required reading for those who ridicule the possibility of intercontinental missiles and satellite vehicles, contains on page 576 the following comments by Dr. Haber:

"During the next phase, the development will be directed toward the establishment of a manned artificial satellite as the principal goal. In contrast to general belief, this project does not call for rockets energized by atomic power plants, which are still rather hypothetical. The manned artificial power plants exceeding 1,000 tons. No major objection can be advanced against the possibility of building rockets of this size."

Since, by definition, a vehicle in either a "circular satellite orbit" or an "approach ellipse" would move nearly parallel to the surface of the earth, it follows that a self-destructive device functioning along a short arc of either orbit or ellipse would lead to the appearance of a fireball moving in a horizontal path.

A second curious characteristic reported for the green fireballs is that they are observed to "gang up" those times when ordinary shooting stars occur in greatest numbers. For example, the greatest concentration of green fireballs so far observed occurred during late October, November, and early December 1951—a period comprising the end of the annual Orionid meteor shower and the epochs of the Leonid, Bielid, and Geminid meteor shows which also put on a display each year. Furthermore, the visible paths of the green fireballs in question radiated from approximately the same position as the northernmost point in the sky from which the ordinary unimpressive Bielid meteors have been seen to emanate.

ONE interpretation is, of course, that the green fireballs are, after all, simply giant Bielid meteors of unusual composition. Another like the bacteriologist who can readily brew up the cultures he wishes to study in his own laboratory, the fireball investigator is

—LaPaz continued.

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Scientists See Flying "Object" In Everglades

An object which became too animated to be the harvest moon it at first was believed to be became the focal point of several Everglades Experiment Station officials and their wives early today.

When sighted by one of the women about 4:20 am in the southeast sky, it was at first thought to be a "very bright harvest moon."

However, this person realized quickly that it was too bright, and also much out of place in the sky at that time of morning to be a "harvest moon."

It was about this time the viewer realized it was a round object, with blinking lights around its lower part.

Although there was a ground haze in the area, the person reported the lights flashed red, green and amber, blinking alternately.

The sphere moved up and down, and from side to side, remaining in the southeast throughout, and

being watched about 25 minutes before disappearing in the same direction.

A few minutes after its disappearance, it reappeared again, but not as near, one observer saying it "looked four or five times larger than a star."

However, at the distance, the lights, still blinking alternately, appeared red, green and white, the amber missing and the white, an addition.

It moved from side to side, also up and down, staying in its southeast position about 15 minutes before finally disappearing for good.

Five persons in all witnessed the "flying object, the others being called by the first to observe it, but none was informed of what was seen in the sky.

The group is well known at the Station, located on Six Mile Rd., three miles from Belle Glade. None wished use of his name.



DR. LAPAZ TRACES A FIREBALL

and less reassuring interpretation is suggested by Dr. Louis N. Ridenour's sombre play, "Pilot Lights of the Apocalypse."

On the theory that use of a water pistol will attract least attention in a shower of rain, it may be inferred that the testing of long range missiles (which for one reason or another become, or are purposely made, luminous in the terminal portions of their trajectories) will take place during such meteor showers as the Perseids mentioned by Ridenour. Clearly, the identification problem would be still further fouled up if the luminous paths of such missiles were caused to appear to emanate from a known meteoric radiant.

Because of the puzzling nature of the green fireballs, they were the subject of a protracted round-table discussion held during the 15th annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society (an international scientific organization affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science) at the Institute of Meteoritics of the University of New Mexico on September 2, 3, and 4, 1952. A single member of the Society flatly denied that any such objects as the green fireballs had ever appeared, but under questioning conceded that his remark applied only to the familiar skies of his home state, Texas. The consensus of all other members was well expressed by Professor Frederick C. Leonard, of the Department of Astronomy at the University of California at Los Angeles. Dr. Leonard, founder of the Meteoritical Society, stated that in view of the overwhelming observational evidence presented to the Society, he was forced to believe in the existence of the green fireballs which, in his opinion, were certainly not natural objects like the ordinary meteoric fireballs.

THE reader now will readily understand why meteoritologists heartily welcomed the publicity recently given the "green fireballs" by Columnist Robert S. Allen. Unusually dependent on the cooperation of the general public in his search for any fragments that may fall from these objects, descending as they do widely separated in space and time.

The present guest column has been written in the hope of sharpening the interest of laymen in observing and reporting to the Institute any unusual luminous phenomena seen in the skies, particularly during the meteor shower periods of autumn and winter just ahead. All such reports will be thoroughly appreciated and, if desired, will be kept in confidence; but, because of the volume of correspondence already carried by the staff of the Institute, acknowledgment will be made only in those cases where the phenomena reported merit intensive investigation.

Note: The Experimental Station was only a few miles from Belle Glade, the site of farmer Brown's UFO encounter.

22 September. Camp Drum, New York. (night)

Half-hour peek at Camp Drum.

This is the kind of UFO report the Air Force did not want to publicize. The "wobble room" for any conventional explanation is very small. (See clippings)

Also: See: *UFOs A History 1952*
September-October. p.54.

This Clipping From
GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.
HERALD

SEP 27 1952

'STRANGE OBJECT' IN SKIES TAKES HALF-HOUR PEEK AT CAMP DRUM INSTALLATION

CAMP DRUM (AP)—Who or what took an uninterrupted 30-minute peek at this Northern New York Military installation from the heavens?

Military authorities said yesterday an unidentified object zoomed through a half hour of weird aerial gyrations over this base last Monday.

The incident was classified as confidential military information until yesterday.

The object was described by camp officials as 20 feet in diameter with an exhaust tail of red-hot orange sparks.

Eight soldiers who saw the object reported it sounded like the whine of a generator or rotating disks. Griffiss Air Base at Rome was notified of the incident immediately, officials stated.

The observers said the object hovered, circling rapidly, and occasionally stopped completely.

Noticed at Midnight

It was first noticed by a soldier firing boilers about midnight. He notified the others who all claimed they saw it in a starless sky. A duty officer was among the witnesses.

Air Force officers from Griffiss Base questioned the men about characteristics of the object the next day.

The Air Force would not comment.

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Air Force Silent On Camp 'Saucer'

Camp Drum — (AP) — The Air Force has no comment on an unidentified flying object that reportedly paid a half-hour visit to this Northern New York camp.

Military authorities said yesterday the object hovered over the base last Monday night. The information at first had been classified as confidential. Eight soldiers said the object was about 20 feet across and trailed red-orange sparks.

22 September. Near Greensboro, North Carolina. (8:45 a.m.)

"Pilots have stopped reporting flying saucers."

College dean sees UFO:

"A flying saucer report from a source which can be regarded as more reliable than many came to *The Greensboro Record* today. The 'thing' in the sky was described by Dr. Franklin McNutt, associate dean of Woman's College.

"Dr. McNutt lives 10 miles east of Greensboro on McConnell Road. He said he and Mrs. McNutt were in their yard at 8:45 a.m. today when they heard an airplane overhead. Looking up, they saw a passenger plane headed toward Greensboro-High Point airport. The sky was clear and visibility was perfect in the morning sunlight.

"Mrs. McNutt then asked her husband, 'Do you see something there ahead of the plane?' Dr. McNutt said he then saw a disc hovering in the sky which looked to be about the size of a man's straw hat. It was silver-colored and much higher than the plane.

"Dr. McNutt said that as he and wife stood there looking at the almost motionless object it suddenly took off at high speed toward the north, rapidly became smaller as its distance away increased and disappeared in a few seconds.

"Calling the weather bureau, he verified the fact that the object could not have been a weather balloon. The weather bureau, he said, informed him no weather balloon had been released this morning there, and that none from any other weather station could have been in this section. Moreover, the weather bureau said, the wind was out of the north up to a height of 10,000 feet; therefore, the object could not have been riding on a high wind since it took off directly into the wind.

"The control tower at the airport said the plane which Dr. McNutt saw at 8:45 a.m. was apparently a Capital Airlines plane which came in about that time. The tower official said the pilot made no report of any unusual object in the sky but added: "Pilots have stopped reporting flying saucers, because they don't want to be laughed at."

"There were no other reports concerning the object, but if anyone else did see it Dr. McNutt would like to know about it." (xx.)

(xx.) Greensboro, North Carolina. *The Greensboro Record*. 23 September 52.

23 September. Orange County, California. (2:35, 3:30, 4:07 a.m.)

Precise, mathematical formations. The Air Force? "They were very interested."

Here is the UFO news as given in the press:

" 'Flying saucers' returned to Orange County's skies yesterday morning after a several weeks' vacation and startled civilian Operation Skywatch observers in three coastal cities.

"The 'saucers' assumed a new shape, however, and flew in precise, mathemati-

cal formations.

"A group of Corona del Mar residents first spotted the aerial oblongs going through their maneuvers. They swooped about and headed out for the ocean where they were finally lost from view.

"They next appeared on the celestial scene at 2:35 a.m. yesterday when they were spotted by two Skywatch observers from Corona del Mar perched atop the Lido Isle Club House off Newport Beach.

"The oblongs were noticed simultaneously by watchers Mrs. Josephine Whyte, 56, of 416 Hazel Drive, Corona del Mar; and her companion, Mrs. Clara E. Axater of 611 Poppy Avenue, Corona del Mar.

"The two ladies were leaning back and watching the sky when they saw the strange lights approach from the west over the land.

" "It was a very clear night with lots of stars out," Mrs. Whyte said, "and then these oblong lights came into view. They were traveling very high and very fast in a V-shaped formation with one leading the rest. Like a bunch of ducks."

"The objects whizzed over and were lost to sight, the women reported. They were extremely bright [ducks?] and clearly outlined against the sky.

"Mrs. Whyte immediately sprang to the telephone and informed officials at the Santa Ana Filter Center, 1210 North Main Street of what had occurred.

" "They were very interested," she said this morning, "and immediately put me in contact with the military personnel there."

"Mrs. Whyte and Mrs. Axater sat for several hours and discussed the odd formation. Mrs. Axater was sure they resembled photos of strange lights taken over Lubbock, Texas, several years ago that had appeared recently in a national photo magazine.

"The women continued to watch as they talked and were startled to see another formation whip by overhead.

"This time Mrs. Axater hit for the telephone.

"The second formation came over at 4:07 a.m. They were going in the same direction but the formation was different. It was more of a rounded pattern rather than the V, the women agreed.

"Mrs. Whyte said this morning she was not frightened by the two sighting—just awed somewhat.

" "I am a veteran Skywatcher," she said, "I have been a ground observer since the program started in mid-July and worked a lot during World War II. But I have seen anything like this before. It was beautiful and impressive."

"Mrs. Whyte said she didn't really know what to think about the whole thing. 'Of course,' she said slowly, 'we don't really know what they are. But they definitely are something.'

"Among the flurry of calls hitting the switchboard of the Filter Center concerning the flying oblongs was one from Diana Biel, a Laguna Beach Skywatcher, who sighted the same type formation at 3:30 a.m. yesterday." (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Ana, California. *Register*. 24 September 52.

23 September. Mobridge, South Dakota. (daytime)

8 see it perform.

According to the a press report:

"It took a long time for the flying saucers to get over Mobridge.

"But one of them did Tuesday and it stuck around long enough for eight persons to get together and compare notes.

"The 'saucer' hovered for seven minutes high in the sky southeast of the bridge city, the observers said.

"And when it decided to move on, they reported, it did so, 'faster than a jet plane, disappearing to the southeast in four or five seconds.

"The object's speed convinced the eight, all employees at the Milwaukee railroad roundhouse, that it was no balloon, mirage or anything like they ever had seen before.

"It was estimated the 'thing' was 5,000 to 10,000 feet high. The witnesses said it hung perfectly still directly under the sun, reflecting the sun's rays brightly at times and with little or no reflecting a moment later.

"They hesitated to estimate the size, but agreed that 'it was bigger than an airplane.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Sioux City, Iowa. *Journal-Tribune*. 26 September 52.

23 September. Fillmore, New York. (8:00 p.m.)

"Balls of fire" rendezvous in the sky.

A press report says:

"Fillmore—A group of five persons, on a field slightly north of here at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, saw two 'balls of fire' moving rapidly through the air.

"John Hodnett and Forrest Hodnett, members of the group, said the first looked like a ball at first, red and orange, then began changing shape and color, looming larger as it appeared to approach at a rapid speed. It finally assumed the shape of a half-moon.

"As the object appeared to get very close to the observers, another lighted object came down from the sky, met the first, and they both went away, the observers reported." (xx.)

(xx.) Olean, New York. *Times-Herald*. 24 September 52.

24 September. Norfolk, Virginia. "Saucer Traps."

Some military people try to turn the mystery into a joke. (See clipping on page 47)

24 September. Albion, Maine. (about 7:30 p.m.)

Orange objects in the sky. (See clipping on page 47)

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Saucer Trap Set To Catch Naval Laughs



TRAP—Norfolk naval officers, in their lighter moments, will tell you this is a flying saucer trap.

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Several officers attached to the Norfolk Naval Supply Center put their tongues in their cheeks and announced they have installed flying saucer traps in the skies over Norfolk.

Comdr. William F. Muller wants to capture a saucer soon so it will be available for display in the National Air Museum in Washington — when and if the museum is built.

Muller disclaims credit for the saucer traps. "Just as I do with any problem around here," he said, "I asked for beneficial suggestions."

And he got them.

How's That?

Full details of the traps cannot be released for security reasons, the officers said. However, Lt. Comdr. Glen Darst says the traps are nothing more "than an astral intertwining of supersonic electronic impulses strategically placed at likely spots on the most heavily traveled vapor trails."

"They are secured in place by magnesium sky hooks, fabricated from scrap aluminum alloys at no expense to the government. They may be left exposed to the weather for so long as 18 months without need for maintenance."

"The basic physics involved in developing the trap," Darst said, "was simple. It was simply a practical application of nuclear physics as applied to the hydro-generation of aerial reactors. The real problems were finding a bait for the trap and a means of extinguishing the saucer's fire tail, which a number of plumbers and postmen have reported is 400 feet long."

Vapor Trouble

Comdr. Kenneth M. Beyer has been assigned to inspect the traps regularly. The only inspection made so far, Beyer reported, disclosed nothing except that the vapor trails are in a bad state of repair and show little evidence of good housekeeping.

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Albion Man Sees Objects In Sky

ALBION, Sept. 24—(Special)—Flying saucers were on the wing over Albion tonight. At least, so states John F. Edgerly, whose home is on the Quaker Hill Road, two or three miles out of the village.

Edgerly reported that his attention was attracted to brightly colored objects in the sky about 7:30 o'clock. They were flaming orange in color and were headed southwest at the height that he expects an airplane would fly, but Edgerly said they were not planes.

He had no time to summon anyone from his home to witness the spectacle, as the bright objects were soon lost to sight.

24 September. West Palm Beach, Florida. (8:26 p.m.)

"Going south at 500 feet—speed moderate." "Nerves?"

The Palm Beach Post reported:

" 'Flying saucers, going south at 500 feet—speed moderate.' "

"That was the report of three agitated West Palm Beach citizens to the police department last night.

"They saw, so they told investigating police officers, two flying saucers—only this time they were pointed objects with rounded centers[?]-flying over 2000 Broadway at 8:26 p.m. The strange objects were minus the usual blinking lights but seemed to glow with indirect lighting.

"Flying at a moderate speed, one object followed an identical companion at about 300 feet. They went southward to disappear, reported the three viewers.

"The police report, under the heading 'object of complaint,' stated 'nerves.' Investigating officers Paul Metcalf and John Masten said the three complainants appeared justifiably nervous after their adventure." (xx.)

(xx.) West Palm Beach, Florida. *Palm Beach Post*. 25 September 52.

25 September. International Astronomical Union convention comes to an end.

Drs. Shapley and Dunham agreed with Russia's Boris Kukarkin: Flying saucers are due to hallucinations. (See clipping)

NO SAUCERS IN RUSSIA **Astronomers Report on** **Radio Star Discovery**

By BARRETT MCGURN

New York Herald Tribune News Service

ROME, Sept. 25—Americans and Russians shared a large part of the attention here as 500 astronomers of 25 countries took part in the first convention of the International Astronomical Union in three years. The Americans reported that the gigantic 200-inch lens of the Mt. Palomar observatory has been used successfully to pick up and analyze

the two most important "radio-stars" while some of the delegates were discussing a Russian announcement that their country is one nation free of flying saucers.

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THE TWO "RADIO STARS" are part of a group of 100 discovered in the course of the past five years by Australian, British and Canadian scientists. They found points in the sky sending out radio waves thus indicating the presence of stars although none were apparent.

Mr. Walter Baade, chief observer at Mt. Palomar, told the scientists that he has now been able to photograph the two most important of these stars, one in the constellation Cygnus the Swan and the other in Cassiopeia.

The Russian statement on flying saucers was given to a Rome Communist newspaper by Prof. Boris Kukarkin, director of the Sternberg Institute of Astronomy at Moscow. He said with a laugh, according to the Rome Communist press, that flying saucers "are optical illusions of the imagination," the product of

"pure war psychosis fomented by those who have an interest in war."

* * *

IT WAS NO ACCIDENT that flying saucers come en masse in the summer time, he added, hinting that heated imaginations lend themselves to saucer observations.

Prof. Kukarkin, without mentioning Pope Pius XII by name, took issue with the latter's claim that universe expansion and energy consumption is proof that the world had a beginning five billion years ago and will eventually have an end. He said that it is not true either that galaxies really are flying further out into space as some astronomers claim nor that energy laws of earth necessarily apply to outer space.

Americans at the conference

said that the Russians have taken a lively part in discussions, contributing as well as taking information and only occasionally making ideological points. Dr. Harlow Shapley and Dr. Theodore Dunham, both of Harvard, agreed that the Russian idea about hallucinations as the source of flying saucers might well be one thing on which the Russians are right. (© 1952 NY Herald Tribune, Inc.)

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25 September. El Paso, Texas. (8:00 p.m.)

"I just thought they were people's imaginations."

(See clipping)

They Believe In Saucers

El Paso Youths See Sky Objects

By DON PINKSTON

The kids in the neighborhood of 3100 Aurora Street had had excitement enough for one night.

Jimmy Bundren, 14, and Eldridge Hardie, 12, had played with a brand new game of "electric football."

Mike Ross—"almost 13"—attended a Boy Scout honor court and got himself sworn in as a fullfledged, honest-to-goodness first class Scout.

Then came the flying saucer.

"Now I didn't believe in flying saucers," said Jimmy as he told the tale a few minutes after the excitement Thursday night.

"I just thought they were people's imaginations. But I sure do believe in them now."

That game of electric football had come to an end, as boys' games must, because Eldridge had to get home by 8 p. m.

"I walked out with El to the driveway—and there it was," said Jimmy.

"It was right over the telephone building across the street—a big, round ball of lights, like electric light bulbs set in a circle. It was there, going around and around, for maybe 20 to 40 seconds. Then it went out like—well, you know, like you'd flick a light switch and snuff it out."

"El and I walked over across the street, and I said, 'Goodbye, El, see you tomorrow,' and then it just appeared again out of nowhere. It was like a star and was going fast! Gee, were we scared?"

About that time along came Mike Ross, first class Scout.

"I didn't see it at first, but then I did," said Mike. "It was a bright light, going very fast, and it looked like it was awfully high. It was going away fast and it turned from white to a bluish-green. When it got so far off you couldn't hardly see it, it was still bluish-green."

Jimmy's father, J. S. Bundren, Jr., a drug salesman, was called by the excited boys. He said later that the light—or lights—could

not have been from a weather balloon.

"Not even a jet could make it that fast," Bundren said. He added that the object made a distinct circle as it swept northward from sight.

"Right toward White Sands," commented Jimmy.

"It was a flying saucer, all right," said Mike. "I always thought they were true, but I believe they're more true now."

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25 September. The "breath-taking" secret Air Force report. Robert Allen's story. (See clipping)

Robert S. Allen

REPORT ON FLYING SAUCERS

WASHINGTON—The Air Force has a breath-taking report on "flying saucers." The study, prepared by noted scientists and Air Force experts, expresses the belief that some of the mysterious flying objects are genuine and that they originate from "sources outside of this planet."

That is, these devices are interplanetary aircraft of some kind.

The Air Force document contains two other sensational findings:

In some instances, flying objects that have been sighted were actually secret U.S. missiles undergoing tests.

Russia is profoundly mystified and worried by "flying saucers" and strongly suspects they are new U.S. weapons. The Kremlin now has four different investigations under way in an effort to discover the identity and source of the strange devices.

The Air Force study is based on more than 1800 sightings in the past five years.

One important point stressed in the report is that the most authoritative and detailed sightings came from atomic plants and military bases and research centers.

These highly significant sightings number around 20% of the total reported. Following is a list of the locations of the most important of these sightings:

New Mexico—Los Alamos and White Sands atomic plant and testing grounds, Albuquerque, and the Holloman, Kirtland and Walker air bases.

California — Muroc, Travis, Hamilton, George, Edward, Sac-

ramento and Mint Canyon airfields.

Tennessee—Oak Ridge atomic plant, Knoxville and Dickson air base.

Arizona — Williams, Davis-Monthan and Luke air bases.

Alabama—Maxwell air base.

Illinois—Scott and O'Hara air bases.

New Hampshire—Grenier air base.

New York—Mitchell airfield.

Mississippi — Air bases at Jackson, Keesler and Biloxi.

Michigan—Selfridge airfield.

Massachusetts—Westover airfield.

Nebraska—Offutt air base.

North Carolina—Chapel Hill and Pope airfield.

South Carolina—Spartanburg and air base at Greenville.

Texas—Kelly and Randolph airfields and other bases at Carswell and San Marcos.

Washington State — Mt. Rainier, Mt. Jefferson and McChord air base.

Oklahoma—Tinker air base and Norman.

South Dakota—Air base at Rapid City.

Ohio—Air Force research center at Dayton and Lockbourne air base.

The sensational study is the work of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, O. A number of top scientists are devoting their full time there analyzing reports on flying objects. Their activities are so secret the Air Force will not permit the publication of their names.



25 September. More on the Robert Allen story.

Due to editing, Robert's column in the New York *Post* contained some additional detail:

"...no one connected with the project would permit his name to be used. However, Air Force authorities are considering publishing certain portions of the report. Chiefly deterring them is fear the sensational nature of the findings may cause undue public alarm.

"These findings were described by a high Air Force official as 'fantastic but true.'

"Note: Commenting on the recent flurry of 'fireball' reports, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, noted head of New Mexico University's Institute of Meteoritics, said, 'Sightings here and in Scandinavia lead me to believe that fireballs and so-called flying saucers may be guided missiles, possibly ours or possibly Russian. In any case, they are earth-born.'" (xx.)

(xx.) New York, New York. *Post*. 26 September 52.

The identity of this secret report has yet to be confirmed. It has been suggested that perhaps it was Maj. Dewey Fournet's "UFO maneuver study," or perhaps it refers the work Battelle Memorial Institute was doing for BLUE BOOK, the Special Report #14. Moreover, there was an "evaluation" of the UFO problem being done by Professor George Ganow, and other unnamed experts, for General Curtis LeMay's Strategic Air Command in 1952, about which we know no details. (xx.)

(xx.) Sigismond, Richard. "Confrontation with Dr. Condon: Prelude & Aftermath." *International UFO Reporter*. Published by the Center For UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois. Ed. J. Allen Hynek. September/October 1983. pp.3-4.

The best guess is that the "secret report" was Fournet's study which came to a sensational but tentative conclusion.

William Nash sought to learn more and contacted Robert Allen in 1953. (See Allen's 1953 reply on page 52)

26 September. Near Denmark, Wisconsin. (1:30 p.m.)

Low speed, tight formation.

A note in Coral Lorenzen's APRO files says:

"At 1:30 p.m. on the afternoon of September 26, 1952, Miss Donna Eisemann, schoolteacher at the Bungalow school on highway 96 near Denmark, Wisconsin, saw what appeared to be two flying discs flying in tight formation at a very low rate of speed. At the same time a small plane was in the sky and traveling southwest and very high. Miss Eisemann said the two objects together were comparable to the size of a half-dollar held at arm's length. The objects were silver in color, and

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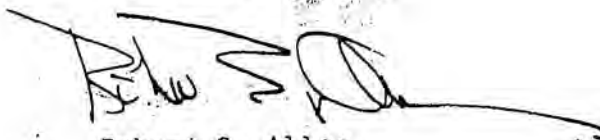
Dear Lieutenant Nash:

I wish I could give you better news about that AF report, but, unhappily, it has never been released. At the time I wrote the column last year, my information was that the document had been cleared and was in the process of being made public -- that is, in an edited and abridged form for security reasons. But almost at the last moment, somebody in the Atomic Energy Commission, I assume the Security Director, threw a monkeywrench and the matter was "held in abeyance."

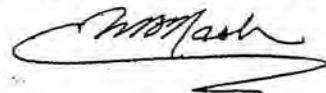
That's where it has been ever since. Nothing has ever happened on it and when it will be, no one seems to be able to say. One reason for that in the last few months has been the many changes that have taken place in the ABC, the AF and the Washington scene generally. In the big turn-overs and resulting uncertainties, no one is pushing anything that they don't have to. And this report, not being in the category of a pressing problem, is just hanging fire.

I have been prodding away at it for a long time but have had no luck. If and when anything is ever done about it, you can be assured that I'll do my utmost to publicize it. Also, I'll be more than happy to make my information available to you.

Cordially,


Robert S. Allen

(Note:- This letter was in answer to mine inquiring about AF report mentioned in Mr. Allen's column of Sept 26, 1952-See pg. 98, Vol I)



traveled very slowly—in sight a couple of minutes after the plane faded out. She said she was watching them closely, then suddenly they just weren't there. They made no noise, left no trail and seemed to be at a much lower altitude than the plane. They did not appear to have any protuberances of any kind. The objects' course was horizontal and they traveled southwest at a steady speed. Elevation 70-75 degrees at time of sighting, and the objects were in sight about 3 to 5 minutes. Three of Miss Eisemann's students in the physical education class she was conducting also saw the object. The following is a sketch as Miss Eisemann drew it, showing approximate shape and travel formation of the two objects. She said they definitely 'overlapped.'" (xx.)

—Drawing by Miss. Eisemann



(xx.) Wis, Denmark 52-9-26. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

26 September. St. Gervais, France. (night)

"Flying cigar?" (See clipping)

26 September. U.S. Navy UFO regulation.

On September 26th an OPNAV, or Navy regulation, was issued directing all Naval units to report UFO sightings to the Air Force. What bearing this had on any independent Navy investigation into the UFO problem is not known, but it must have had a detrimental effect, perhaps even terminating any official Navy project.

27 September. 20 miles east of Colorado Springs, Colorado. (no time)

Swooped down to 500 feet.

According to a press account:

"Henry Luna and three companions told Colorado Springs police that about 20 miles east of Colorado Springs on U.S. Highway 85 a mysterious object swooped down to within 500 feet of the highway, scattered sparks like a rocket, and then took off in the direction of Pueblo, Colorado." (xx.)

(xx.) Colorado Springs, Colorado. *Gazette-Telegram*. 27? September 52.

28 September. Topcliffe UFO report. Official R.A.F. signal message with note about news media awareness. (See page 53)



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C O P Y

SIGNAL SENT YESTERDAY FROM 18 GROUP TO HEADQUARTERS COASTAL COMMAND.

"FOLLOWING UNUSUAL INCIDENT OBSERVED R.A.F. TOPCLIFFE BY NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND AIRMEN AIRCREW 1053 LOCAL TIME. METEOR AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 5,000 FEET AND DESCENDING. WHITE OBJECT WAS SEEN 5 MILES ASTERN AT APPROXIMATELY 15,000 FEET AND MOVING AT COMPARATIVELY SLOW SPEED ON SIMILAR COURSE. OBJECT WAS SILVER IN COLOUR AND CIRCULAR. IT MAINTAINED SLOW FORWARD SPEED BEFORE COMMENCING DESCENT. SWINGING IN PENDULAR MOTION LIKE A FALLING SYCAMORE LEAF. THOUGHT BY OBSERVERS TO BE PARACHUTE OR COWLING FROM METEOR AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT HAD TURNED TOWARDS DISHFORTH AND OBJECT, WHILE STILL DESCENDING, APPEARED TO FOLLOW SUIT. THE PENDULOUS MOTION AND DESCENT CEASED AND OBJECT BEGAN A ROTARY MOTION ABOUT ITS OWN AXIS, SUDDENLY ACCELERATED AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED IN WESTERLY DIRECTION BUT TURNING TO A SOUTH EASTERLY COURSE. OBSERVERS STATED THAT ITS MOVEMENTS WERE NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANYTHING THEY HAD SEEN IN THE AIR AND ACCELERATION WAS IN EXCESS OF THAT OF A SHOOTING STAR. DURATION OF INCIDENT 15 TO 20 SECONDS."

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NOTES

The Press know of this. A saucer appeared on the operations plot in the underground operations room at Pistresvie near Topcliffe on the map. The saucer comes from the N.A.A.F.I. The R.A.F. Duty Controller has opened a new file headed "Saucer sightings and movements".

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28/29 September. Flap in Scandinavia. (See various news accounts on pages 54-55)

Goteborg, Sweden, Sept. 28, 1952

AI-P-42

Stockholm, Sept. 28 (AFP)— Luminous phenomenon seem to be multiplying nowadays in the Scandinavian skies. While Finland and Denmark each had their flying saucer last week, three people, including a policeman, saw a round, shining object very high over Goteborg last night. Twice the size of a star, it went to and fro in every direction, as if dancing to a jazz tune, according to the words of the main witness.

This went on for a good hour before the object disappeared, leaving behind it a trail of smoke and even some sparks. For a few minutes three small satellites were noted revolving around the ~~main~~ main object.

Almost at the same time, a lady in Stockholm noticed a flying saucer.

A large evening newspaper of the Swedish capital published today on its front page the photograph (a trifle blurred, to be sure) of a phenomenon of the same sort, observed in the province of Dalecarlia on the night of Sept. 15/16. It will be agreed that the mysterious forces of the universe, at this moment when the report of the American experts dismisses the subject, have a sense of the apropos.

(Transl. by A. Mebane)

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Copenhagen, Denmark, and Southern Sweden, Sept. 28, 1952 AI-P-43

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 29 (Reuters)— Astronomers today described the "flying cigar" seen moving with the speed of a jet plane across the Swedish skies last night as an exceptionally bright but slow-moving meteor.

The phenomenon was seen at a height of about 3,500 feet by a number of people in southwest and central Sweden.

Observers included three Air Force pilots, and meteorological assistant (sic) of Malmo Airfield.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 29 (INS)— A "flying saucer" traveling at great speed from west to east was reported today to have been seen over Denmark and Southern Sweden.

The mysterious object was described as cigar-shaped and spouting fire. One Copenhagen newspaper said it was swamped with some 200 telephone calls from persons claiming they saw the object last night.

29 September. Dr. La Paz: More discussion on the
"Green Fireballs." (See clipping)

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WORLD-TELEGRAM & SUN

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Green Fireballs Called Man Made

Expert Says Flying Blobs May Have Copper Content

By CLYDE FARNSWORTH,
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer.

ALBUQUERQUE, Sept. 29.—The man who knows green fireballs best (without being in on the secret) leans to a theory they are man-made.

Dr. Lincoln Lapaz of the University of New Mexico, head of the world's only Institute of Meteoritics (unless the Russians have one), has taken this tack in his thinking at the risk of:

1. Disappointing living-room voyagers of outer space, or

2. Throwing a scare into folks with the idea that the Russians may have been drawing a fireball bead on our atomic Southwest, or

3. Lulling others into a conclusion that U.S. scientists have been pitching those kelly-green flashes.

Dr. Lapaz doesn't talk about flying saucers. Not his line. All the saucer reports that get mixed into meteoritic and fireball matters, he passes on to the proper authorities.

The University's Institute of

Meteoritics has become the clearing house for information in the public domain on green fireballs. But the 55-year-old scientist doesn't tell all he has learned.

For example, he's mum on the velocity and altitude of the green fireballs (or at least the one he personally saw). He feels security bound not to disclose these calculations because of the "classified" auspices under which they were made.

As Dr. Lapaz explains, he is working closely with military intelligence. So far as official interest goes, there's no telling whether it's real or pretended. But it would surprise Dr. Lapaz if government scientists hadn't already taken spectrograph readings of the hurtling yellowish-green blobs and come up, secretly, with an appraisal of their substance—if they haven't known it all along.

The color of the fireballs, as described by nonmilitary witnesses, suggests a copper—or uranium—content.

A woman drove 60 miles to tell Dr. Lapaz about a fireball and fingered her kelly-green scarf to indicate color. Sometimes it is described as "copper green" or "neon green." These color descriptions, says Dr. Lapaz, distinguish the postwar green fireballs from the usual brand of meteors.

I asked Dr. Lapaz to tell me at what point in his thinking he started to consider the green fireballs as possibly man made.

It was on reading an article by Col. C. H. Lanza in the Field Artillery Journal, he said. The article discussed green fireballs sighted over the Baltic and Sweden as long ago as 1946. The possible explanation there was that the Russians were testing guided missiles, using knowledge and materials captured from the Germans.

There is evidence that the Germans had been using copper-beryllium alloys for their missiles. Copper nitrate in the flame of a bunsen burner glows kelly green.

This Clipping From
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Flying Mystery Crosses N. Europe

STOCKHOLM, Sweden. (UP) — Reports poured in today that an object described variously as a fireball, a flying saucer or a flying cigar flew across Western Germany, Denmark and Southern Sweden Sunday night.

A high-ranking Swedish air force officer said the object was headed toward the Soviet Baltic coast when last sighted. He suggested it might be a Soviet guided missile fired from a Baltic base.

First reports came from Germany, where dozens of citizens said they saw "a brightly shining round ball with a comet-like tail" over Hamburg and Kiel.

Then Copenhagen newspapers and the Danish State Radio reported hundreds of persons in Boenderboerg and Copenhagen had telephoned they saw a low-flying cigar-shaped object moving eastward without any engine noise being audible.

Finally, Col. Ingemar Nygren, commander of Sweden's Ljungbyhed air force base, said numerous persons reported seeing a "flying saucer" or "flying cigar" cross Scania, Sweden's southernmost province.

Late September. About 40 miles southwest of Chicago, Illinois. (about 5:30 or 6:00 a.m.)

Moved like lightning.

A Frank Clark and a Fred Rarig encountered something in late September 1952. They told relatives about it at the time but it wasn't until 1966 that an interested niece of Frank's talked him into putting the details down on paper so the story could be filed with Coral Lorenzen's ARPO group. Mr. Clark wrote:

"Yes! Uncle Fred Rarig and I saw something. I don't know what. It was in late September 1952 near (about 40 miles southwest of Chicago). Neither one of us ever saw anything like it before. It was about 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock a.m. nearly dark yet. About a mile away. A domed-shaped or (inverted saucer) silver in color-bright lights. It is hard to judge size that far away but I'd guess it was 25 feet to 50 feet across or in diameter. I am sure it wasn't a balloon. No balloon could move that fast. It would hover awhile in one place then move like lightning to another about 150 or 200 feet above the ground. We watched it almost ½ an hour. Besides the silver glow it had red lights. It came nearer us then-went up high. Hovered there an instant and disappeared into the sky above us. I have not said too much about it because most people look at you like you are a nut. I have never seen anything like that before or since. The Shillings airbase bombing range is just south of the farm here. We see lights in the sky at night sometimes but this wasn't like that. It wasn't just a light and was closer than that-also bigger. The weather was clear-no clouds.  like that. Clearly defined." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Deetta Cunningham. From: Uncle Frank (Clark). Culver, Kansas. Date: 8/12/66. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

End of September.

Apparently the Air Force's contract with the Romeike press clipping service was terminated at the end of September. While it lasted, it helped fill a big gap in the availability of information.

October.

9 October. Belvidere, Illinois. (7:15 p.m.)

They agree: seeing is believing.

A press account tells us:

"There is no skepticism in the Ed Davis family, 1305 South State Street about 'flying saucers.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Davis were forced to agree that seeing is believing after they witnessed a bright object in the sky Thursday evening fitting descriptions of one of those celestial mysteries.

"The couple made the observation while en route to Chicago at about 7:15 p.m. on highway 20, some 25 miles east of Belvidere. Mrs. Davis said she saw the phenomenon as she glanced to the south. The object, she said, was exceptionally bright. Its dish-like size and zig-zag pattern of motion distinguished it from a star, she explained.

"The local residents testified to two appearances of the flying saucer. Mrs. Davis was the only person to see the object the first time it appeared. Shortly after the brilliant spectacle vanished, it re-appeared when it was observed by her husband and daughter, Mrs. Gladys Kolb, 416 South State Street.

"It hung at a low level for about a minute before dropping out of sight again, they said." (xx.)

(xx.) Belvidere, Illinois. *Belvidere Daily Republican*. 10 October 52.

APRO investigator A.R. Jaffray contacted the Davis family to obtain more detail. This is what he was told:

"We were driving to Weaton Thursday evening about 7:15, Mrs. Davis happened to look out her window and suddenly saw a brilliant disc glowing with a bright golden color appear in the darkened sky. It was about 20 degrees above the horizon. It moved with a bobbing motion, like a cork on rough water, from the south, where it first appeared, to the west. As it moved we could see it was dish-shaped. Then in a moment it very suddenly vanished and we could see nothing except the ordinary stars. It was much larger than any star. We did not see any vapor trail or color than the brilliant golden glow.

"In about fifteen minutes we turned onto a road running north. Mr. Davis glanced out of his window and saw the golden dish-shaped object again, this time appearing in the west and travelling north. After a few seconds of the bobbing it again vanished. We didn't see it again." (xx.)

(xx.) UFO report in APRO files. APRO investigator A.R. Jaffray. Photocopy in author's Files.

10 October. Rouyn, Quebec, Canada.

Strange things going on in the sky.

According to a press account:

"A formation of flying saucers was reported to the *La Frontiere* [local French newspaper] on October 10, 1952 around noon over the phone by Mr. L. Martin, grocer, living on the corner of Bagshaw and Latulips Streets [The store is located on a hill and is one of the highest places in the town]. Mr. Martin said that there were 5 or 6 saucers flying in formation over the city. A reporter went out on the street but could not see anything in the sky. It was a cloudless day and very clear. The newspaper thought that the saucers could be lost behind the smoke of the Noranda Mine chimneys. The next day a reporter met Mr. Martin who told the story to him.

"I was in my store when my young son, 13 years old, ran into the store and said that there are strange things going on in the sky. I went outside and saw 5 or 6 discs that looked like real saucers. They were flat, were spinning and reflected the sun's rays like a mirror. The reflection hurt our eyes. The saucers were traveling very high and fast.' One of Mr. Martin's clerks, Mr. Fournel, witnessed the sighting and was sure that the objects were saucers." (xx.)

(xx.) Rouyn, Quebec, Canada. *La Frontiere*. 14 October 52. This is a translation from the French found in APRO files. The inserted comments are by the translator who apparently lived in Rouyn. Photocopy of translation in author's files.

17 October. Oloron, France. (12:50 p.m.)

The famous Oloron case as described in the French press. (See clipping)

LES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES VUES A OLORON

LE 17
OCTOBRE

sont prises au sérieux par les services officiels

Plusieurs habitants de la ville d'Oloron-Sainte-Marie (Basses-Pyrénées) ont assisté, vendredi dernier, à 13 heures, au plus spectaculaire passage de soucoupes et cigares volants enregistré jusqu'ici. Pour la première fois aussi, les apparitions mystérieuses ont laissé une trace tangible, une pluie de flocons laineux que les témoins ont pu tenir entre leurs doigts. Les autorités scientifiques étudient le témoignage collectif des habitants d'Oloron qu'elles prennent très au sérieux. En attendant, France Dimanche rapporte, par le texte et par l'image, leurs extraordinaires constatations.

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—Oloron case.

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Les soucoupes se déplaçaient dans une même et avançant en zigzag.



Longu elles s'écartaient l'une de l'autre, une traînée blanchâtre les reliait.



Elles avaient la forme d'une sphère de couleur rouge, entourée d'un anneau jaune.



Elles entouraient une sorte de algare duquel s'échappait une fumée blanchâtre.



UN ÉCLAIRAGE

L ES Oloronais qui ont vu l'étrange phénomène sont au nombre d'une dizaine. Ce sont M. Yves Prigent, 45 ans, surveillant général du lycée d'Oloron, sa femme, institutrice, leur fils Jean Yves, 14 ans, élève de troisième, ses deux frères, M. Jean Pardies, 50 ans, le concierge du lycée, sa femme, le professeur de gymnastique, deux élèves et une passante, Mme Belstein. Dans une commune voisine, à Gèrance, le maire, M. Bordes, et quelques-uns de ses administrés virent aussi les soucoupes.

Il était 12 h. 50 environ. La journée était magnifique, le ciel d'un bleu profond, sans nuage. La famille Prigent allait se mettre à table, dans son appartement, au premier étage du lycée. Des fenêtres, on découvre un large panorama vers le nord de la ville. Jean Yves était à la fenêtre et on l'appela pour le repas quand il cria : « Oh ! Papa, viens voir, c'est fantastique. » D'un bond, toute la famille fut à la fenêtre.

Dans le ciel, un cylindre long et fin, semblable à un mât de navire incliné à 45° par rapport au sol, se déplaçait lentement en ligne droite vers le Sud-Ouest, à 2.000 mètres environ d'altitude.

L'objet avait une couleur blanchâtre, mais pas lumineuse. Son dessin était très net. De son extrémité supérieure s'échappait un panache blanc.

M. Prigent, qui a servi dans la marine, prit des jumelles. Il n'y avait rien de particulier sur les flancs de l'engin.

Mais bientôt apparurent, assez loin de l'objet en avant, et derrière, dans sa trajectoire, une véritable nuée d'autres engins rappelant ce que l'on a décrit ailleurs comme des « soucoupes volantes ». Ces soucoupes avaient l'air d'une boule informe, comme un flocon de fumée. A la jumelle apparaissaient une sphère centrale de couleur rouge et tout autour une sorte d'anneau jaunâtre. Cet anneau, incliné assez fortement vers le sol, décrivait la partie supérieure

(xx.) French newspaper not identified. Probably the *France Dimanche*.

—Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

NEWS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1952: 14 Cor #5-P

SAUCER WATCHERS FILE FOR CHARTER

St. Georges Woman Plans Organization to Exchange Reports From Observers

An unexplained flash of light over Delaware City five years ago resulted yesterday in the formation of Flying Saucers Investigative Associates, which filed for a charter in Dover.

Mrs. Lucille T. Nichols of St. Georges was riding in a car over the Summit Bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal when she saw what she thought was a flaming airplane descend to the east over Delaware City.

The bright object, trailed by masses of flame, was traveling "very rapidly," she recalls.

Unable to Find Plane

Driven to Delaware City, Mrs. Nichols could find no one who had seen a plane fall.

She returned to the bridge and climbed the tower to talk to the bridge tender.

No, he didn't see anything. But he had just talked by phone with the Reedy Point Bridge tender, who had a call from a man in that area who had seen "something bright falling."

Mrs. Nichols, the wife of a Philadelphia engineer, reported her sighting to the Air Force and to state police. She inquired several times, but could get no further information.

A few years later, flying saucer reports began to sweep the country. At first, they were dismissed by Mrs. Nichols and many others as symptoms of the silly season that arrives with a dearth of news every summer.

Then, as saucers were reported by reputable observers, Mrs. Nichols took a new interest in the pheno-

mena. She met others who had seen weird objects in the skies, and thought it strange that their experiences never were reported to the public.

To Exchange Reports

Her fellow saucer spotters were puzzled that their sightings were not publicized and in many cases investigated, so the group has banded together to exchange reports.

Several scientists, who have asked

that their names be withheld, have placed their services at FSIA's disposal to check reports as they come in.

Members will form ground observation teams to give the scientists reports to check.

In turn, the members will receive periodic bulletins reporting the saucer situation.

When the situation produces something out of the ordinary, the

FSIA will put it before the public, Mrs. Nichols said.

Mrs. Nichols, who has investigated several other saucer reports, is treasurer and business manager for the group. A president will be elected after a sufficient number of spotters have been interested in flying saucers "or whatever they are," Mrs. Nichols explained.

READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS

Pentagon pleased?

Journal-Every Evening, Wilmington, Delaware.

14:5

Monday, October 20, 1952:

Air Force Offers 'Saucer' Aid To State-Chartered Group

By GLENN D. EVERETT
Washington Correspondent
News-Journal Papers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. — A spokesman for the Air Force promised cooperation today with the newly-established Flying Saucers Investigative Associates, which has applied for a charter as a non-profit corporation in the state of Delaware.

"The Air Force is always pleased to receive accurate reports of the sightings of any unidentified aerial objects," said a spokesman at the Pentagon.

He added that the Delaware group is the third such organization formed by private citizens, the first being in California, and the second being organized recently by students at Ohio Wesleyan University. The latter group is enlisting recruits among science students in other colleges and universities, with the intention of making a scientific investigation of all reports from civilians throughout the United States. The students are convinced, incidentally, that we have visitors from Outer Space.

(The Investigative Associates filed for the charter in Dover last Thursday. The organization was formed by a St. Georges housewife, Mrs. Lucille T. Nichols, mother of three children and wife of a Hercules Powder Company chemist. As a corporation, the organization hopes to enlist others "who feel we should have more information on flying saucers or whatever they are.")

The Air Force has been able to dispose of about 80 per cent of all "saucer" reports by proving that

they were made by jet airplanes, weather balloons, meteorological phenomena, or other explainable objects, an official said. In many instances, with respect to the remaining 20 per cent, the data has been too sketchy, or observers have disagreed as to what they saw, and the Air Force has been unable to reach any conclusions.

Most Cases Explained

However, there are a few sightings by sober, trained, reliable people which cannot be explained at all, and which have attracted considerable serious attention by Air Force officers.

It is these sightings by such persons as airline pilots, meteorologists, and trained ground observers that give caution to those who would dismiss flying saucers as a fragment of overworked imaginations.

If a "flying saucer" is sighted, the Air Force recommends that the observer take careful note of its position, apparent size, direction and speed of movement, and its height, if that can be estimated by means of clouds, trees, or other objects.

If possible, the observer should call the attention of others to the phenomenon, but not until after he has noted its apparent characteristics. One sober report to the Air Force is worth half a dozen hysterical ones, and the lone observer need not worry that he will be laughed at by the Air Force. There have been too many "flying saucer" reports for that.

So the Delaware saucer observers can go to it. The Pentagon will lend a polite ear to anything they have to report.

17 October.

Flying Saucer
Investigative
Associates,
Dover, Delaware.

21 October. Vosges, France. (about 7:00 p.m.)

"Truncated cylinder."

According to the French press:

"Mysterious aircraft made an appearance Tuesday (October 21, 1952) in the sky of the Vosges. At about 7 p.m. local time a witness observed, above the village of Gemfontaine (Vosges), a luminous object shaped like a truncated cylinder, which was moving from west to east at a very high speed, leaving a trail of iridescent span-gles.

"At the same time, the residents of Frash-le-Chateau (Haute-Saone) saw a sort of luminous cigar crossing the sky from west to east at the speed of a meteor." (xx.)

(xx.) Typed note in NICAP files. No news service given. Probably (AFP). CUFOS Archives. Photocopy in author's files.

25 October. "Saucer landing." Italian hoax. (See clippings on pages 61-63.



Italian: I Saw Saucer Man On Glacier

ROME, Friday. — Signor Gian Pietro Monguzzi, a 29-year-old Italian draughtsman, says he has photographed a flying saucer — and its pilot.

The saucer landed on a glacier in the Bernina group in the Italian Alps two months ago, when he was climbing there with his wife, he says.

"The flying saucer touched down for a few minutes and a figure with a human shape, wearing a sort of diving suit, got out and walked around the saucer as if he were inspecting it.

The figure then entered the saucer again, and it took off, without a sound, at breath-taking speed. It disappeared in the direction of Switzerland," he says.

Signor Monguzzi claims that he sold the photographs to a French magazine. — N.Z.P.A. — Reuter.

FROM "STAR"

25/10/52

Mr. Monguzzis' saucer photo still shows up occasionally in tabloid publications.

This article exposing the hoax is from the *Reynolds News*, a newspaper published in England. No date is available.

—Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

This is how it was done



Giampiero Monguzzi, who engineered the hoax, and his wife—who gave it away.

REYNOLDS NEWS

FLYING SAUCER!



Close-up of the "flying saucer"—it was made of cardboard and was only nine inches across. The Man from Mars was 2½ in. high.

27 October. Marignane, France.

The famous "landing" case.
(See map of airfield on page 65)

—Murray Bott files
Auckland, New Zealand.

le 27 octobre
Marignane



igare mystérieux a laissé des es sur la piste de Marignane

important. Il se détachait légèrement sur la masse plus claire du petit bâtiment de la météo, qui est peint en jaune. L'objet était sombre, du gris que prend toute chose dans la nuit. Je ne peux donc dire de quelles matières il était fait. En me repérant sur le bâtiment qui se trouvait derrière, et que je connaissais bien, j'ai estimé sa longueur à 5 mètres et son épaisseur à 1 mètre.

L'objet avait la forme d'un ballon de rugby pointu aux deux extrémités, d'ailleurs un peu plus visibles, parce qu'elles étaient vaguement atteintes par la faible lumière du néon rouge de l'enseigne de l'aéroport. Ces deux extrémités étaient très effilées. Je ne puis rien dire de ce qu'il y avait sous l'objet, la courbe inférieure étant dans une ombre totale. Je ne puis donc préciser s'il avait des roues ou non.

Une étrange lumière qui semblait palpiter

La lumière que j'avais vue dès le début provenait de quatre hublots, très exactement carrés, qui m'ont semblé mesurer une vingtaine de centimètres de côté, peut-être une trentaine. Ils étaient disposés en ligne, formant un ensemble exactement centré dans l'axe de l'appareil, c'est-à-dire que le dernier hublot de droite et le dernier de gauche étaient à

teurs à pistons et à réaction. Il a même vu, à Marignane, le Sabre américain et le stato-réacteur Leduc. Il ne peut confondre ce qui lui est apparu cette nuit-là et aucun appareil en service actuellement.

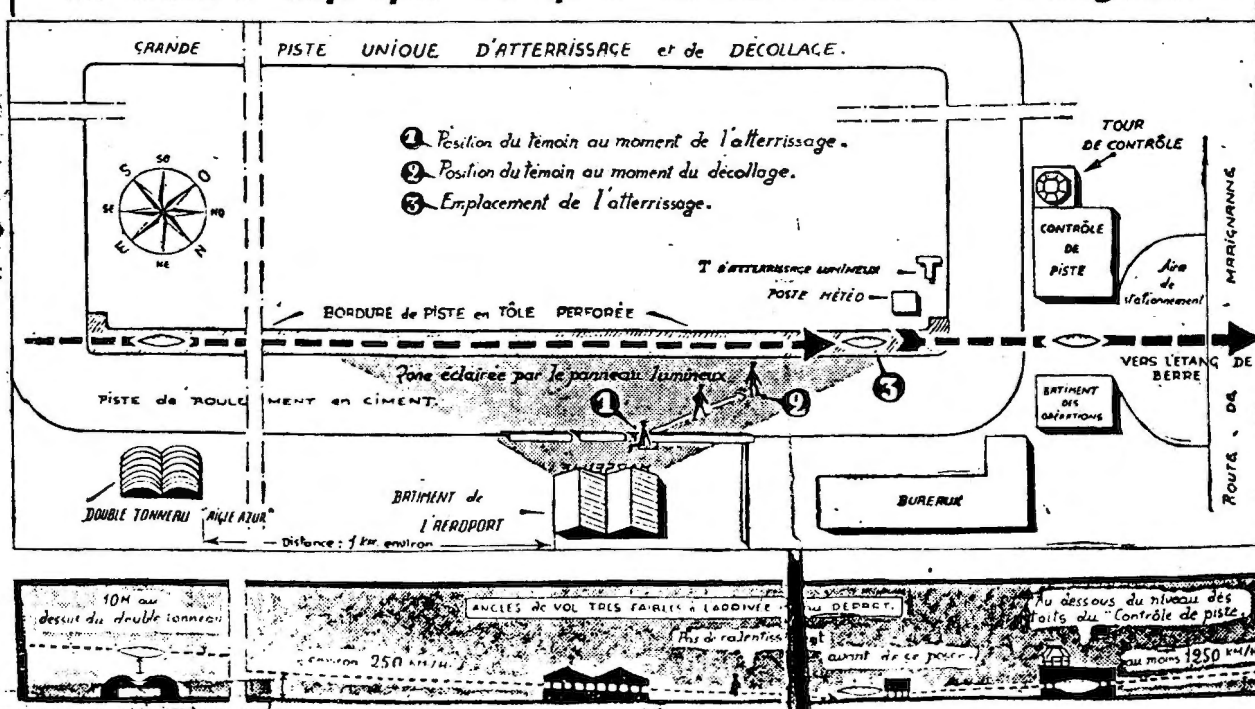
Des techniciens ont relevé des traces de « brûlures »

Gachignard et ses supérieurs n'ont relevé aucune trace visible à l'endroit de l'atterrissage de l'engin. Mais des camarades du douanier lui ont rapporté que les techniciens de la S. N. C. A. S. E. étaient venus avec des « détecteurs » et avaient relevé des traces de « brûlure ».

On peut rappeler qu'une nuit de l'été 1948 un certain Clyde W. Tombaugh aperçut, dans le Nouveau-Mexique, un engin volant à faible altitude, à une vitesse considérable. Cet engin émettait des lueurs bleu vert et laissait derrière lui une traînée visible. Il était pourvu d'une douzaine de hublots. Personne ne songea à se moquer de W. Tombaugh. Car il se trouve qu'il est un des premiers astronomes du monde, l'homme qui a découvert la dernière planète : Pluton !

La vision de l'humble douanier de Marignane ne semble pas plus ridicule.

Ce dessin explique ce qu'a vu le douanier Gachignard



27 October. Dunedin, New Zealand. (2:45 a.m.)

"Glowing cymbal." (See clipping)

Evening Star Dunedin Oct 28. Chelms

"Flying Saucer" Seen Over Dunedin By Experienced Airman

A "flying saucer" was seen over a suburb of Dunedin early this morning, flying at about 5,000ft to 6,000ft. And the man who reported sighting the object said this morning that he and his wife watched it for 20 minutes before it disappeared on a north-north-west course.

The "Star's" informant was Mr J. P. Burke, of Glen road, Mornington, an experienced pilot with eight years' flying to his credit, and a former club captain of the Otago Aero Club.

He was awakened at 2.45 a.m. by a ringing metallic noise, very similar to the noise made by a jet engine with the throttle back. The next minute, as he was arousing his wife, he saw the "flying saucer" through his bedroom window.

It was only a matter of a couple of seconds before he was out of bed and standing by the window to get a good glimpse of the object.

Mr Burke said that for fully two or three minutes, as he and his wife stood at the window, the "flying saucer" flew a straight and level course under 6,000ft. Then it began a gradual climb, disappearing out of sight when it reached the cloud base, which he estimated to be 10,000 feet.

The "saucer" looked exactly like an inverted cymbal used by a dancer band drummer, said Mr Burke. It had a raised portion on the upper centre, and directly underneath was an oblong part.

The whole machine, making a ringing metallic noise, was covered with a greenish-blue phosphorescent light, and was about the size of a Douglas Dakota aircraft.

GLOWING MASS.

It was travelling at an estimated speed of between 250 and 300 miles an hour as it passed Mr Burke's house, and it was not long before the sound disappeared and the machine lost its shape to become a glowing mass of light.

Its rate of climb, after it had passed

over the suburbs of Mornington and Roslyn, heading towards the peak of Flagstaff, was no greater than the rate of climb for an ordinary aircraft, Mr Burke said. After 20 minutes the machine disappeared in the distance, emitting a glow very much like a star.

As it reached the cloud base and passed into drifting pockets of cloud underneath, the entire formation of clouds was lit with a very bright glow.

Visibility was extremely good early this morning over the city, and Mr Burke is positive that, although the object he saw was an aircraft of some kind, it was certainly not a type of aircraft well known anywhere in the world. Its climb was smooth, and its passage through the air steady.

He said that he could only assume, from its course, that the "flying saucer" had come over the city from the sea off St. Clair.

SECOND OBJECT.

No corroborative reports could be obtained to-day, but a strange object seen early yesterday morning flying parallel with the coast line from Invercargill up to about Balclutha, was reported to the "Star" by Mr Robert Incecci, of Castle street, Dunedin.

Mr Incecci would not say that he had seen a flying saucer, but he admitted that what he had seen was very strange, and was definitely not a shooting star or wildfire.

Between midnight and 5.25 a.m. yesterday he was driving from Invercargill to Dunedin. Soon after he left Invercargill he noticed a peculiar orange light in the sky, which occasionally turned a brilliant white.

Between Waiwera and Balclutha he stopped his car, turned off the lights, and had a good look at the object. It was flying a straight and level course on the seaward side of the Main South road, and was well above the line of the hills.

When he resumed his journey he saw the object several times, still on the same course and still flying straight and level. At no time did Mr Incecci hear any noise from the strange object.

Dunedin, New Zealand
Evening Standard.
28 October 52.

29 October. Auckland, New Zealand. (2:45 a.m.)

Civilian Saucer Investigation of New Zealand. (See clipping)

Everybody's Interested, Few Scoff . . .

SAUCER INVESTIGATION (N.Z.)

Hopes To Fit A Piece Into World Puzzle

By the Auckland Representative of the "New Zealand Free Lance."

So many letters flooded in to Civilian Saucer Investigation (New Zealand), set up in Auckland recently to "prove or disprove the flying saucer mystery," that even though correspondence was being collected regularly postall officials had to ask secretary R. J. La Varis to clear the box more often because no more mail could be pushed into it.

THESE letters came from responsible folk in almost every part of New Zealand, many of them from people highly qualified in a variety of fields. Thus were represented schoolteachers, engineers, air pilots and navigators, farmers, Army officers, radio hams, holders of university degrees and a host of others.

Not one treated the matter lightly. All, on the contrary, expressed keenest interest and a desire on the part of the writers to do anything they could to help.

A Dutchman sent translations of reports taken from leading newspapers in his own country. Many sent detailed reports of their own observations and studies; one of these was the woman head of an art department in a large city school. She was only one of a considerable number of women correspondents who displayed a keen interest in and a wide knowledge of the subject.

Running through nearly all the letters, too, was a note almost of relief that New Zealanders were showing a willingness to come to grips with a mystery which is baffling many of the countries of the world—including Russia.

It was evident, too, from the careful setting-out of observations and theories, that far more people in the Dominion believe that they have seen these objects than has ever been reported in the newspapers. The belief is, apparently becoming general, too, that flying saucers are neither some type of guided missile nor hallucinations caused by the vagaries of natural phenomena.

"On Everyone's Mind"

Fantastic as the idea may appear to the average "man in the street," the belief that the flying saucer is some sort of interplanetary vehicle, controlled by an intelligence which may not necessarily be that of men as we know them, seems widely held.

"Whatever the explanation may be," says the president of the New Zealand investigating body, Sergeant Harold H. Fulton, of the R.N.Z.A.F. (attached to engineering), it is very clear that the flying saucer—a very unfortunate designation, incidentally—is now on everyone's mind everywhere.

This last statement certainly appears true enough for organisations similar in aim to C.S.I. (New Zealand) have been set up in a number of countries to try to probe the mystery. The United States of

America has a very highly-organised Civilian Saucer Investigation organisation based on Los Angeles, with membership including atomic observers, rocket technicians, astronomers and radio and radar research scientists of world standing.

Its president, in fact, is Dr. Walther Riedel, one of the greatest radar experts of the day and the man who,

not believe there were very sound reasons for its existence.

In Brazil there is an investigating body known as the "Flying Saucer Project," while France deems the matter so important that the Government has actually established a "Flying Saucer Department."

Tremendous speed, generally north-to-south direction, a "hurting" manner of progress and complete noiselessness in flight are among the now commonly-accepted characteristics of the saucers.

Investigators' Aims

The New Zealand investigating body aims, as yet, to keep its numbers small. Besides president Fulton and secretary La Varis, who, incidentally, is a member of



FLOODING IN. The president of Civilian Saucer Investigation (New Zealand), Harold H. Fulton (right), and the secretary, R. J. La Varis, examine some of the correspondence that has been received in large quantities ever since formation of the organisation was announced.

as chief designer at the rocket laboratory at Peenemünde, Germany, was almost solely responsible for the V2 rockets of World War Two. It is obvious that men of this calibre would never associate themselves with such an organisation if they did

the Territorial Air Force, its committee members are E. J. N. Greager, an astronomer and engineer, G. Pudeu, a Frenchman who was formerly an intelligence officer with the R.A.F. G. H. Gilmore a former commercial aviation engineering

inspector, and Don La Varis, a student working for a science degree.

The group has no connection whatever with any other body or organisation, nor with the Government or any one of the Armed Services to which its members may belong.

For all members interest in flying saucers is no flash in the pan. Sergeant Fulton has been gathering data in the form of photographs, magazine articles and newspaper clippings ever since 1947.

One of the first steps of C.S.I. (New Zealand) will be to appoint "honorary observers" all over the country, these to be chosen from among their correspondents who have shown serious concern with the subject, as well as an ability to make clear and detailed reports. They will be asked to send in to the committee both results of their own observations and study and any information they may receive from elsewhere.

Large Wall Maps

"Another 'must' for the very near future is large wall maps on which will be pin-pointed reports of sightings of flying saucers from all over the world. Don La Varis, in fact, has been keeping a record of these on a school globe ever since 1947.

The board bears out exactly the information which has recently been published from overseas—that the sightings have been most common in the vicinity of atomic research projects, military experimental grounds and so on.

As most of the atomic work has been done in America, this is thought to account for the fact that more saucers have been seen there than anywhere else. The explosions on Monte Bello, of course, preceded the recent reports of sightings in Australia and New Zealand.

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OCTOBER 29, 1952—Page 39

30 October. South Taranaki, New Zealand. (7:53 - 7:58 p.m.)

"Five antenna-like balls?" (See clipping)

Flying-Saucer Over South Taranaki: Second in a Month

(P.A.) HAWERA, Oct. 31.

The second flying-saucer to be reported in South Taranaki within a month was seen by three Hawera men returning from whitebait fishing at the mouth of the Manawapou River about 8 o'clock last night. The men, Messrs. G. Rowlands, K. Frampton and J. R. Mortlock, all agreed that they first saw the object, which they thought was a star until they noticed it was moving upwards and in an easterly direction, at 7.53 and watched it until 7.58. They stopped their car and stood beside it to watch the object until it moved out of sight.

Mr. Mortlock's description of the saucer was that it was round and reddish. He said it could not possibly have been a star because of its colour and movement. The round body of the object became elongated with each sideways movement.

Mr. Mortlock says there were four or five antennae-like balls above the main body of the saucer, and that these were of a shade lighter colour.

"The thing moved in a spinning, swinging sort of motion well above the outline of the hills. It was going in an easterly direction. I don't believe in flying saucers, and I wouldn't have told anyone about this one if I'd seen it when I was on my own, but there were two others with me, and they saw it too," said Mr. Mortlock.

He added that the movement of the object could be likened to a top which wobbled as it spun round, and as they watched it it would grow in intensity

Note: Unless otherwise designated, all New Zealand newspaper clippings are from the Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

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