

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1954 November - December

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.

Notes on sources:

The UFO wave of 1954 was primarily an "overseas" phenomenon. Coverage of regions outside the U.S. was limited for American researchers since civilian UFO groups like APRO were just beginning to develop contacts in places like Brazil and Venezuela, but thanks to Barry Greenwood, who spent countless hours scanning files of foreign newspapers in University libraries in New England, we have a many more UFO sightings to study. Barry's contributions are easy to spot due to his distinctive handwriting when listing dates and names of newspapers. (See sample)

*El Mercurio
Santiago Chile
Dec 22 1954*

Barry's writing.

One might also say a word about the translators for NICAP and APRO.

NICAP's "AMD" is better than APRO's "Joe," although both men did an adequate job. Direct translations of Spanish into English by "Joe", however, can be hard to figure out, therefore it was necessary to change a few words here and there for improved understanding.

Once in awhile both "Joe" and "AMD" insert interesting personal remarks which are unique sources of information.

As one can tell by a quick glance at the text, APRO's contribution of reports covering the last latter part of 1954 is considerable due to "Joe" who collected information as well as doing translations.

NICAP's foreign news clipping collection is larger than one might think, and many pieces of information from overseas are translated by "AMD." Many such items didn't seem to have appeared in the group's publications.

Jan Aldrich has collected so much material its difficult to sort out which item he made available.

Les Treece-Sinclair's and Robert Gribble's files always seem to have an occasional news clip not found in anywhere else, and of course there is Gribble's records on Fontes' activities which are a big help.

CUFOS archives are so extensive it can always counted on for something.

Finally, Murray Bott's Australian, New Zealand, and European, news clips continue to be a gold mine of data.

? November. Akron, Ohio. (evening)

Darted downward, then hovered.

According to our source:

"We live in wide-open spaces; there are no street lights or houses near our home. As I was staring out my window, a very large, round luminous object darted downward out of the sky, hovered for a few seconds about 100 feet above the ground, moved to the right about 50 feet, returned, then shot upward out of sight quicker than one could say 'Jack Robinson.'

"Wondering what this could be, I kept watch. Shortly it returned almost in the same manner, hovered a bit longer and darted straight upwards again.

"Down it came a third time again from the east. This time it visited the north side, came back to the east position to dart upward again.

"This object, in my estimation, was too close for not knowing what it was. I have deduced that it was no airplane of any type we know, for no airplane would carry such a huge light; no airplane could fly so low without being heard. Also, to my knowledge, we have no airplane that can hover in one spot and suddenly take off faster than a jet.

"I might add that after the second arrival of this 'thing' we went outside to view all this. (Signed: Irene Kovacs)" (xx.)

(xx.) Akron, Ohio. *Akron Beacon-Journal*. 28 August 58.

1 November. Ponte Dese (Mestre), Italy. (late night)

Small beings groping in the fog.

A HumCat case states:

"Giuseppe Seenza, a fisherman, was setting out his net seven km from Ponte Dese when he saw through the fog a greenish light. He found it to come from a mushroom-shaped object, around which several small, stocky beings were 'groping in an inconclusive manner.' Seenza shouted to attract their attention, but they ignored him. They re-entered, and the object rose vertically without noise. Flashes of silvery light from the 'stem' illuminated the whole area. After some maneuvers in the sky, the craft flew off at fantastic speed." (xx.)

(xx.) F. Izzo's Italian CEIII catalogue, #20, quoting *Gazzetta del Veneto*, 11/2/54.

1 November. Modigliana (Forlì), Italy. (3:50 p.m.)

"Little cylinders?"

A HumCat case states:

"Adelmo Monti, a farmer, saw a dark object hovering about 500 meters (1,600 feet) away. It was surrounded by 'little cylinders.' On one side of it he could see the

silhouette of some small being.” (xx.)

(xx.) F. Izzo’s Italian CEIII catalogue, #22, quoting *Il Resto del Carlino*, 11/2/54.

1 November. Torquay, England. (night)

Man sees 15 “saucers.”

A Reuters dispatch states:

“Mr. J. Branson, of Torquay, claimed to day that he saw 15 mysterious objects several miles out at a considerable height over the English Channel last night.

“‘I never believed in flying saucers, but seeing is certainly believing,’ he said.

“‘They were an orange-yellow colour—like balls of fire. I saw them go into a straight line and counted about 15 of them. They were moving quite slowly and then went into a cluster and climbed rapidly out of sight.’

“He said a friend, Mr. W. Cox, saw them with him.” (xx.)

(xx.) Cairo, Egypt. *Egyptian Gazette*. 3 November 54. Torquay, Nov. 2 (Reuters).

Dr. Olavo Fontes and Brazil.

Dr. Fontes wrote:

“On November, 1954, the UFOs’ activity over Brazil multiplied. From all over the country, a number of reports started to come from people who ‘didn’t believe in them’ but who ‘had seen something.’ Each day, the newspapers and the authorities received new reports of sightings—sometimes from places hundreds of miles away from each other. Gradually the unidentified flying objects became the number one subject, stirring the whole nation. Brazilians now spoke of saucers a great deal, but no saucer-scare, no mass-hysteria or collective panic developed. Most people seemed to take the matter very lightly: the majority refused either to believe or—if they believed—to consider the problem seriously. The skeptics suggested a ‘psychosis’ to explain the increasing tide of sightings. As it was observed in other countries, no person believed in UFOs excepting the witnesses. Those who had not seen them continued to disbelieve until the day when—having been witnesses themselves—they became indignant or worried about the skepticism of their friends. Nevertheless, in serious moments most people were obviously a little worried by all the ‘shining discs,’ ‘flying saucers,’ and ‘cigar-shaped crafts’ sighted in the sky day after day.

“Quite different, of course, was the reaction from the Air Force, authorities, experts, scientists and technicians. Already—after the UFOs’ initial patrolling over AF bases in Rio Grande do Sul—all operational units of the Air Force have been alerted to report in detail any sightings of UFOs. The Air Defense Command had started a 24 hour air patrol over all military bases in Rio Grande do Sul state, which were, apparently, the first target of the UFO-survey. Other groups—scientists, private and commercial pilots, weather observers—all trained observers whose work in any way concerned the sky, were urged to make immediate reports to AF authorities of any

UFO they sighted. At the same time, the AF invited all citizens to report their sightings to the nearest AF installation.

"The Press, at first, tried to bury the news in back pages and under skeptical headlines. But the increasing number of strange and insistent tales of eerie objects streaking across Brazilian skies, aroused the public attention and the papers were forced to report the sightings with more details. By the middle of November they were giving to the matter a half page daily.

"This was the situation on early November, 1954, when the UFOs started the second stage of their operation: a country-wide mass-inspection which equaled in intensity any UFO visitation to any part of the world..." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Brazilian UFO Review. Part Six: The UFO Season.* Rough draft. Original notes by Dr. Fontes. Donated by Robert Gribble. Now in the author's collection.

2 November. Sante Amare (a suburb of Sao Paulo), Brazil. (12:30 a.m.)

A fabulous tale.

Dr. Fontes relates a disturbing story only because of who released it:

"The report had been released to the press by Colonel Adil de Oliveira, Chief of the [Brazilian] Air Force's UFO-Research Group. In this press conference the Colonel was interviewed by Mr. Milton Salles, a reporter of the magazine *Revista Da Semana*—where the matter was printed a few weeks later. According to the Colonel's release, the Air Force had received this unbelievable report from Sao Paulo. It had been kept secret for a time. The witness was a taxi-driver, Mr. Maurilio Braga Godoi. He told the following story, transcribed 'verbatim':

"On November 2, 1954, at 0:30 A.M., I left the "Sate Amaro" streetcar terminal and started to walk home. At that hour the place was deserted, as usual. When I arrived at Andaguara Street, I was startled to see a luminous, circular object about 90 to 120 feet in diameter (30 to 40 meters, in the original report), surrounded by a strange reddish-blue or violet glow. This light was soft and diffuse, and seemed to come from the periphery of the object, which had landed on a level place. Curious about the alien craft, I decided to investigate. But—as I approached it—I realized that the strange 'thing' was greater in size and height than it looked before. In fact, it was a very big machine. Then, I stopped for a few seconds, a little frightened. What to do next? The weird machine was unlike anything I had ever seen. I wished to run away from that place, at once, and report the facts to some authority. I even tried to run, but I couldn't. I tried to call for someone, but no words came from my throat—the emotion was paralyzing, a strange feeling that persisted for a time. When the spell was broken, I decided then to make a close examination of the object (I was only 60 feet away from it, at the moment) and my caution left me completely. So, I continued walking toward it.

"Nearing the ship, I noticed an open door at one side (a sliding door). Not stopping to think, I came into the ship—but I cannot tell, now, if I had stepped through a stair-case, or another thing. I entered into a large, circular room, illuminated by a

diffuse and soft light, but I couldn't find the lamps. No one was in sight; the craft appeared to be deserted. At the center of the room, there was a strangely-shaped table, having behind it some kind of support, which appeared to be some type of chair.

Over the table, I saw some charts and maps. One of them immediately attracted my attention, because it irradiated a phosphorescent glow. It was—I recognized—a map of South America. I approached it, to take a closer view, to see if there was something written on it. I only noted the presence of marks, or symbols, which seemed to be mushroom-shaped. For a long time, I studied these marks with no results—they were scattered through [...out?] the map apparently with no understandable pattern.

“ ‘When I finished this analysis, I raised my head...and froze where I was, scared. I saw that I wasn't alone in that place anymore. Three “persons” were standing in front of me. I said “persons,” because they were like me. But they were smaller—less than five feet high (less than 1.50 meters, in the original report). They had a dark-brown complexion and their hair was black, cut very short. Their clothes were a one-piece garment—like overalls—light-grey in colour. I saw no zippers or buttons, or anything like that. All of them had a belt around the waist, which was a support for a weird-looking object, seeming to be a gun (I thought).

“ ‘The three “men” were not good-looking, and the expressions of their faces and eyes told me clearly that I was being submitted to a careful inspection. I still couldn't move and was so stunned that my voice had disappeared too. The “men” started to talk with each other about me (I knew it) in an alien language. I didn't understand the words, but I noted clearly a peculiar characteristic of that dialect: the letter “K” was repeated many times—at the beginning of the words—more than any other letter, or symbol.

“ ‘It was a strange scene...I was completely paralyzed by terror. I had forgotten, entirely, that I could have asked some questions and made some signs about my peaceful intent. I didn't realize that time was passing, and I was getting no information by just looking at them. On the other hand, their only objective seemed to be a study of my body...and nothing more. All the time, they stood motionless—just looking at me and talking to each other—at the other side of the table.

“ ‘Suddenly (I don't know how, or why), I realized I was backing out, dragging my feet backward, my eyes still fixed on the small “men.” They made no attempt to block my way, or to seize me. I came rapidly through the door, jumped to the ground and I started to run away, as quickly as possible. When I was at a distance of about 30 feet from the ship, I turned my head. Then, I saw the object suspended at about 30 feet from the ground—having, at the center, some type of screw without end [? ... round spinning part?].

“ ‘Silently, the alien craft climbed up at high speed. At that moment, I observed, again, the eerie bluish-red or violet light, at the periphery of the strange machine.’

“ [Fontes picks up the story from this point] Colonel Adil de Oliveira refused to give his personal opinion about the fantastic report of Mr. Godei. He only said that the story was disturbing, like many others the Air Force had collected in its files. And the final verdict of Air Force “experts” about the incident, never was released to the public.

“ ‘The report of Mr. Godei seems “very good,” but I don't believe in this incredible tale. I might be wrong, but I don't think so. I have the feeling that it is connected with the tales told by Adamski and Fry. Certain details in the three stories are alike, almost

identical. And I remember that, on October 23, 1954, the magazine *O Cruzeiro* reviewed the Adamski incident—ten days before the sighting reported by Mr. Godoi. And, on October 30, 1954, the same magazine published an account of Daniel Fry's incident—just two days before Mr. Godoi alleged sighting. I don't like this kind of coincidence..." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Brazilian UFO Review. Part Six: The UFO Season.* Rough draft. Original notes by Dr. Fontes. Donated by Robert Gribble. Now in the author's collection.

2 November. Looe, England. (daytime)

"Come quickly."

A newspaper story said:

"In a letter to the Telegraph, Mr. C. Ward-Davies of Looe, Cornwall, a retired Admiralty official, says that he and his wife have 'joined the ranks of the elect'—in other words, they have seen a 'flying saucer!'

" 'I was in the house on Tuesday, November 2nd, ' he hastens to explain, 'when I heard cries of 'Come quickly!' I ran to the garden, where my wife was, and she pointed to something in the sky. Sure enough, there was an unusual object there, due west and still travelling west.

" 'I retrieved my binoculars and had a good look at it. Perfectly defined, it was of a golden colour as if lit up by the sun. Something like flames seemed to be issuing from its edges. I watched it for about four minutes. It was evidently going away from us because it was getting smaller. Then the 'flying saucer' turned north, and we could see it side on. It was still a golden colour, but twenty seconds later changed into a grey, and then merged into the clouds. The object's outline was quite distinct—in proportion, length to breadth, similar to a lead pencil.'

" 'It must have been eight to ten miles away, and appeared to be roughly 100 feet long. Its proportions, length to breadth, ruled out a plane entirely and there were no signs of wings when turning. Besides, if what we saw was a vapour trail, why could we not see the aircraft? Lots of other people scanned the flying saucer. I have talked to some of them but no explanation was given—just bewilderment. Frankly, it beats me entirely.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Haverfordwest, England. *Western Telegraph.* 8 November 54. Murray Bott's Files, Auckland, New Zealand.

2 November. Porto Alegre, Brazil. (8:00 p.m.)

Orange-red glowing object.

Fontes wrote:

"At Porte Alegre, that night [November 2nd], hundreds of persons (residents from three different places through the city) spotted an orange-red, glowing object hovering

over the Guaíba river near a spot named the 'Usina do Gasometro.' It appeared at 8:00 p.m. and seemed to be—at first—motionless in space. It was a spherical object, two or three times the size of a first magnitude star. For a long time it remained in that position, watching the city below. Then, the 'unknown' started to move away slowly, diminishing gradually in size before vanishing. The actual speed couldn't be estimated not knowing the height. A few minutes later two Air Force jet fighters searched the area. But the UFO was gone." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Brazilian UFO Review. Part Six: The UFO Season.* Rough draft. Original notes by Dr. Fontes. Donated by Robert Gribble. Now in the author's collection.

2 November. Uberaba, Minas Gerais, Brazil. (8:30 p.m.)

Huge disc.

Fontes continues:

"That same night [November 2nd] three more 'unknowns' were reported. At 8:30 p.m., citizens of Uberaba, Minas Gerais, sighted a huge disc-shaped object above their city, moving at high speed. This strange luminous craft shone with a green light and seemed to have a red ring or band around its center, which emitted flashes of brilliant light. It flew silently." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Brazilian UFO Review. Part Six: The UFO Season.* Rough draft. Original notes by Dr. Fontes. Donated by Robert Gribble. Now in the author's collection.

2 November. Matesinhes, Brazil. (?10:30 p.m.)

Fontes continues:

"Two hours later [?10:30 p.m.] a luminous, cigar-shaped, red object was sighted over the city of Matesinhes, Minas Gerais, flying high in the sky. People coming out from a motion picture theater saw it hovering in space. A few minutes later, the same object (or another one) was spotted from a different area of the city. But this time it was described as disc-shaped, and had two glowing orange-red lights. For some time the machine circled swiftly overhead—moving silently. Then, changing course, it streaked off to the Capim Brance County." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Brazilian UFO Review. Part Six: The UFO Season.* Rough draft. Original notes by Dr. Fontes. Donated by Robert Gribble. Now in the author's collection.

2 November. Gi(s?)ulianova (Teramo), Italy. (10:30 p.m.)

"Anx Eleta Nui."

A HumCat case states:

“Anna Spiadacci and Adele Orsini, emerging from a movie theatre, saw a strange being moving convulsively and uttering incomprehensible words sounding like ‘Anx Eleta Nui.’ The entity was about one meter tall, and wore a gray ‘diving suit’ and a leather helmet, from whose faceplate an intense bluish light emanated. It vanished in a white cloud.” (xx.)

(xx.) F. Izzo’s Italian CEIII catalogue. #24, quoting *Il Corriere della Sera*, 11/4/54.

2 (11) November. Holloman and Alamogordo, New Mexico. (no time)

UFOs over Holloman and Alamogordo?

After spending a short time in Ceres, California, the Lorenzens moved to New Mexico. Mr. Lorenzen was employed at Holloman, and Coral, having family medical bills to pay, also took a job at the military installation. For Coral, there could be hardly a better place to work since she was fascinated with UFOs. Interesting and reliable information, plus plenty of rumors, was easy to come by. The only hitch was that a lot of things were classified. In a letter to Donald Keyhoe (its not dated but it was probably written in November 1954) Coral passed on whatever she dared to share:

“First—despite the vehement denials of the Air Force, spectrographic results from the spectro-grid cameras have been obtained—and one right here at Holloman. I’ve been trying to track down the report but they may be classified over my head. My information comes from two different and unrelated sources, both of who were on the ball when the pictures were taken and who seized the opportunity to see the film and read the report later. They won’t give any specific information for that would be violation of security, but they both said in effect that the films proved that the saucer involved was a real, solid, material object, without a doubt. They inferred that the thing was metallic.

“As it is, I am cleared for Secret [She seems to have had a desk job processing paperwork. There is nothing that I know of that would qualify her for an important administrative or technical position—L.E. Gross], and if I get the job of mission controller, will get a Top clearance. I’m after that job and several of the officers are bucking for me...I may make it. I’m really interested in this missile business and it is very absorbing, to say the least. There is opportunity to learn a lot.

“There were UFOs over Holloman and Alamogordo on November 2, 11 and we had two sightings at the base two days apart. Both were circling firing sites, and took place last week. One I heard on the squawk box from the mission control set-up and the other was told to me by an officer who is a good friend of ours. He and his men saw the thing alternately circling two firing sites, about five miles from their launching site [the officer’s].

“I’ve found through discreet listening and little questioning that most of the Air Force (especially officer personnel) manpower takes a very dim view of Air Force statements and explanations in reference to UFOs. I’ve heard a lot of them ridicule the idea that they might be Air Force projects—the latest missiles (and some others not revealed)...” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: "Don" (I assume it to be Keyhoe —L.E. Gross). From: Coral Lorenzen, 519 New York (Street?), Alamogordo, New Mexico. No date. Photocopy in author's files.

2 November. Alamogordo, New Mexico. (6:00 p.m.)

Regarding incidents referred to in Coral's letter.

Scribbled on the left hand edge of the letter in what appears to be Keyhoe's writing are the words: "PIX," and "Nov-54 UFOs add check." Like Keyhoe, one would like details about the film and UFO reports Coral mentioned. There is little to be found. In APRO files there is this short, hand written, note:

"Nov. 2 Alamogordo, N.M.

"Man watches 'second moon' at 12 o'clock [direction] for 45 seconds—hovering over city. Time: 6 p.m. Wife first saw it, watched it for 45 seconds, went to get neighbor, also called to husband. At end of 60 sec observation, object which was shape and color of moon, same apparent size, with trailing edge & bluish halo, took off to N.E.—gone in a few seconds at a terrific rate of speed.

"Identity of man not disclosed by request—however the Director [Coral] can vouch for his honesty & integrity." (xx.)

(xx.) "USA Alamogordo, N. Mex. 54-11-2." APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

'Glowing cigar' sighted over Cornwall

A GLOWING cigar-shaped object was seen in the sky last night, west of St. Austell, in Cornwall.

One of several eye-witnesses, Mr. Geoffrey Ennor, a bank clerk, gave this description: "It looked just like a ball of fire with a vertical tail."

It appeared to be quite motionless for a matter of five minutes and then flattened out and moved to the west, developing a perpendicular tail as it went.

Meanwhile, ANSA reports from Sicily that more than 50 inhabitants of Sciacca and scores of fishermen at sea, last night, asserted they saw high in the sky a shining spherical object which produced a reddish light.

They said the light suddenly changed to yellow and the object turned to a cigar-like shape before disappearing at a terrific speed. — Reuter and ANSA

*Egyptian Gazette
Nov 4 1954*

FLYING CIGAR

BRUSSELS, Sunday. — The first "flying cigar" reported in Brussels—fluorescent and moving very slowly from east to west—disappeared after about three minutes behind a cloud tonight, according to several eye-witnesses, who included a journalist, Mr. Edouard Gautier. — N.Z.P.A.—Reuter.

? November. Brussels, Belgium. (no time)

"Fluorescent cigar." (See clipping) (Murray Bott files.)

3 November. St. Austell, England. (night)

"Glowing cigar." (See clipping)

4-6 November. Israel. Mt. Carmel, Rehov Herzl, Kiryat.
(7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.)

More UFO news from the Holy Land. (See clipping on this page)

4 November. Lima, Peru. (no time)

Angel hair?

Probably the most interesting thing about this case is the claim that some alleged "angel hair" was seen being emitted from a UFO in the form of a liquid, which then "hardened" into strands of the famous "cobweb-like" material. This could be an important clue to the nature of the substance. A Venezuelan APRO member wrote Coral Lorenzen to say:

"...some friends of mine who came here [Caracas] from Lima, Peru, last week, brought news that 'on November 4th, during a football game, in Lima, Peru, flying saucers hovered over the stadium and 'dropped' some kind of a liquid 'fluid' which on contact with the air hardened itself and turned into cobwebs. It is said that people in the game swept off their faces the 'gossamers,' and the game was suspended for a while on account of the phenomenon ... These friends offered to give me the clipping from the Peruvian newspaper that published the incident."

(xx.) Letter: To: Coral Lorenzen. From: "Joe," Caracas, Venezuela. 15 November 54. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

4 November. South Carlton, England. (11:15 p.m.)

"I've always been a bit skeptical."

A clipping from an English paper tells us:

"It appeared out of the night sky above South Carlton, near Lincoln. It hovered, making a noise like a humming-top. An orange light came on...and then it faded away among the clouds.

"It," 42-year-old South Carlton farmworker Albert Smith, told the *Echo* reporter, Norman Frisby, 'was definitely a flying saucer.'

Jerusalem Post

Nov 7 1954

'Cigars' Flash In Galilee Skies

HAIFA, Saturday. — The sky in the northern part of the country appeared to have developed its own traffic problem this weekend, with vapour trails, "cigars" and "matchboxes" observed darting through the sky by residents here and in Kiryat Shmone, in Upper Galilee.

On Mt. Carmel, Mr. Max Goldstein, an Eggod cashier, told *The Jerusalem Post* that at about 7:30 yesterday morning he had seen a "trail of vapour" like a thin cloud suddenly dart out of the clouded sky, describe a lightning-quick, semi-circular movement upwards and then stop. No object was seen nor was any sound heard. His wife saw a similar trail a few minutes later, but it was straight.

Mrs. Ella Bayer stated that she had seen a "long, snow-white object, like a long cigar or cable" flash across the sky over Rehov Herzl after eight o'clock yesterday morning. It had disappeared in a matter of seconds but left puffs of smoke behind, she said.

Other people also reported seeing some sort of flying saucers at about the same time over various parts of the town. The object left a trail of smoke. One resident said that he had seen something resembling a longish matchbox shooting across the sky at very great height.

The appearance of three "flying saucers" at Kiryat Shmone on Thursday morning created a sensation there. They were observed at 10:30 flying at great speed in a north-easterly direction, but reappeared several seconds later, circled over the town, performed acrobatics, then suddenly rose vertically and flew out of sight. Those many eye witnesses say that the objects were "cigar-shaped," appeared to be about 20-25 cms. long seen from the ground and circled long enough to be clearly observed by dozens of persons.

"He phoned the *Echo* office this morning to describe the thing he and his wife saw as they walked home at 11:15 last night.

" 'I have heard about this sort of thing before,' he said, 'and I've always been a bit skeptical, but now...'

"This was his story: 'My wife and I were out at 11:15 when we heard a noise like a humming top. We could see this thing in the sky—it seemed to be coming towards us.

" 'We could see a big saucer-shaped thing with two smaller ones behind it.

" 'An orange light came on right on top of the first one.

" 'This is no fantastic yarn. The thing was definitely there. It frightened my wife. Like me, she has heard about these things.'

"Did anybody else see this saucer? 'Two Americans drove up in a jeep,' said Mr. Smith, 'and they said they saw whatever it was as it faded away among the clouds.

"Mr. Smith denied that it might have been fireworks, or a rocket.

"An R.A.F. spokesman said the object could not have been an aircraft landing at Scampton. 'All aircraft were down by 9:30,' he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Lincoln, England. *Lincoln Echo*. 5 November 54. Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

5 November. La Roche-en-Brenil (Cote-d'Or), France. (10:00 a.m. & 6:05 p.m.)

A far-out story.

According to our source:

"M. Raymond R. and a 13-year-old boy noticed a gray object on the edge of the woods; they approached through the woods to within 130 feet of it. It was about 30 feet in diameter and a total of 16 feet high; it had a 10-foot cupola in which was a row of portholes. It made a humming sound like a transformer. A man not more than 5 feet tall stood near it; he wore a transparent suit, apparently made of plastic, with black clothing beneath it, and a dark-gray helmet that rested on his shoulders. On his back, beneath the suit, was something that gave him a humped appearance; on his chest was a small shiny black box. Moving heavily, he walked about near the saucer. M. R. took seven photographs, only four of which came out well. The man returned to the UFO through a door at its base; then two others came out, in the same costume. One of the men carried a sort of pistol with a funnel-shaped barrel, the other a white ball as large as two fists. They went to the place where the first man had been, turned their backs, and did something that produced a blue-luminous smoke. At this point the boy, frightened, ran off through the woods toward a nearby road. Immediately one of the portholes of the cupola became green-luminous, and a beam swept the area where he was running. Some 20 seconds later, with a loud whistling sound, the saucer took off vertically. M. R. found the paralyzed, but this quickly passed off. At the site where the UFO had been, the grass was burnt and the earth blackened and strewn with a sort of cinders, over a radius of three meters. M. R. also found a part of the white ball, which was a cottony substance but as heavy as lead, and a yellow power

resembling sulphur, which was also very heavy. Soon after collecting this power in a paper, his fingers began to burn, and the next day they were blistered and blackened. The power was later analyzed and found to consist largely of silver nitrate.

"At 1805, nine orange-luminous objects crossed the sky, and one of them landed in exactly the same spot, with a soft whistling sound. The witnesses were 600 feet away and dared not go closer. After 10 minutes the UFO took off again, with a burst of orange light." (xx.)

(xx.) HumCat case #339. Witness's account in LDLN #125 (May 1973), pp.22f.

5 November. Gwelo, Rhodesia. (early morning)

European policemen and African detectives. Orange-red elliptical lights.

A Johannesburg paper published:

"Our Salisbury correspondent says that three European policemen and two African detectives were among a party who watched three elliptical lights in the sky northwest of Gwelo early on Friday morning.

"The sky was completely overcast and the lights, which were orange-red in colour, illuminated a cloud above them. The policemen watched the lights for about ten minutes.

"At first, one large elliptical light attracted their attention. As they watched, two smaller lights detached themselves and took up position below the larger one.

"The larger one grew brighter and seemed to be travelling at great speed towards us, while the smaller ones moved slightly to one side," said Det.-Sergt. Stretton." (xx.)

(xx.) Johannesburg, South Africa. *Rand Daily Mail*. 8 November 54.

6 November. Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa. (night)

Enormous cylindrical object. (See clipping)

7 November. S.A.A.F appeal.

A press account stated:

"The South African Air Force issued a statement in Pretoria yesterday reminding the public to report to the Air Chief of Staff any strange or unaccountable object seen in the air.

"The statement said that although the Air Force asked the public 18 months ago to report such objects, it appeared that people had forgotten that the air force was interested in such phenomena.

"Research on a world scale is at present being conducted [!?], and because South Africa is situated so far south, observations in this area is regarded as of extreme importance." (xx.)



8 November. R.R.A.F. "No investigation." (See clipping)

9 November. Damascus, Ohio. (12:30 a.m.)

Huge, glowing, oblong object.

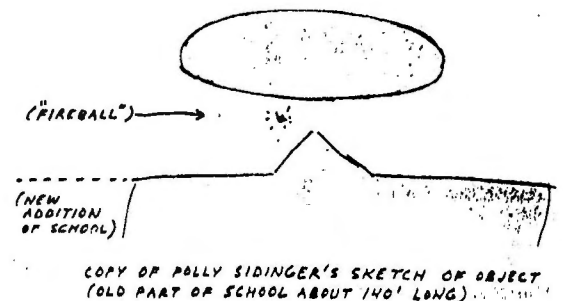
APRO files contain this sighting:

"Keith Sidinger was a TV repairman and worked late. He also was a radio ham. Around midnight Polly [his wife] usually turned on her husband's radio set and waited for Keith to call on his mobile unit. At 12:30 a.m. (EST) Tuesday, November 9, 1954, she had the set on and was waiting for his call when suddenly she heard a rumble outside the house. At first she thought it was a nearby train, but the rumble became deafening and rattled the windows and the dishes in a corner cupboard. Looking out a front window, she saw to her amazement a huge, glowing, oblong object hovering over Goshen High School directly across the road and not more than about 200 feet away. Polly's senses were thoroughly jolted and she couldn't believe her own eyes at first. But there it was—definitely a solid, material object with a dull metallic skin giving off a pale glow. Polly said she noticed no detail on the object's surface. The thing was practically as long as the old portion of the school it hovered over, which would make the UFO roughly 100 feet in length.

"Now Polly heard a jet flying over at an extremely low altitude, possibly searching the area. She was becoming panicky, frightened, but she claimed the object seemed to vanish—one moment it was there, the next it wasn't! After the jet had circled a few times and gone away, the UFO appeared again in its former position. Just before it vanished for the second and final time, it dropped a small, sparkling object like a ball of fire that might have fallen on or back of the school. The UFO's second disappearing act was exactly like the first.

"When Keith arrived home—he said he heard a faint hum in the southeast. He found his wife frightened, shaking, and crying. He said he had never seen her so upset." (See sketch) (xx.)

(xx.) "The Damascus Sightings 54-9-11."
Damascus, Ohio. APRO files.
Photocopy in author's files.



Rand Daily Mail
Johannesburg, S. Africa
Nov 9 1954

No Flying Saucer Hunt in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Monday. — A Royal Rhodesian Air Force spokesman said to-day that the air force did not intend to carry out any investigations into reports flying saucers. — SAPA.

Avanti
Milano Italy
Nov 6 1954

Dischi volanti

in val Venosta e in Sicilia
BOLZANO, 5. — Dopo l'apparizione di dischi volanti in serie in valle Venosta e nella zona di Fortezza, dalla parte di Scaleres, ieri sera è stato visto un oggetto fortemente illuminato solcare il cielo sopra l'altipiano di Renon. La singolare apparizione è stata notata, verso le 21, da due alpini di Bolzano che stavano scendendo dal Corno di Renon. I due, certi Luigi Stancher e Goffredo Maler, sono convintissimi di avere veduto un disco volante. Lo strano oggetto, circondato da un alone fluorescente, viaggiava a fortissima velocità ed era diretto verso il nord.

WINNIPEG, FREE PRESS
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA.
NOVEMBER 9 - 1954.

Winnipeggers See Weird Object In Sky

A round white "object" with a pink ring around it made a three-hour appearance over Winnipeg Tuesday night — unless a couple of dozen Winnipeggers were suffering from the same hallucination.

The Thing showed up exactly two days after an "object" was seen by a number of airmen at the Gimli air station and a "something" was seen by a farmer at Belmont, Man.

Whether the Thing, the Object and the Something were all the same, nobody in either the air force or the weather bureau at Stevenson field was prepared to say Wednesday morning. The air force declined to say whether any of its personnel spotted the Thing. The weather bureau said it did not see it.

But at 8.30 p.m. or shortly thereafter, Murnie McIntyre, a truck driver, of 253 Ellen street, saw "a thing like a steady light moving across the sky like a meteor."

He called the attention of Norman Kowsol, 14, of the same address to it and Norman called the attention of all the children on the block to it. They agreed description: A thing, something like a

meteor, only bigger and moving across the sky and disappearing to return about every 15 minutes. Don Dickson, 14, says he thought it was "trailing red streaks."

The "oohs" and "ahs" and shouts and howls of the children brought the rest of the block to windows and doors. Some phoned radio stations and the weather bureau where reports of it were coming in from the rest of the city.

Meanwhile, sitting by his radio at 125 Tait avenue, Avrom Kushner, a Grade 11 student, son of a lawyer and regarded as "a very bright student" by the principal of West Kildonan Collegiate, heard the report and looked out the window. There over the treetops was the Thing.

—Continued

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HAZY RING

By over the treetops, Avrom explained, he referred to its position in the sky. It might have been five, 50 or 500 miles away. He trained nine-power binoculars on it. It was white in the centre, with a pink hazy ring around it. It seemed to grow larger and larger, as it apparently drew near. Then it would fade back till the white spot became a tiny pinpoint. Then it drew nearer again, became very large, moved from side to side and up and down. Then it faded. This kept up for over two hours.

Avrom's mother, Mrs. C. N. Kushner, looked at it. Fred Whiting, a CKY announcer, rushed out to check Avrom's report and, says Avrom, the announcer gazed on it for a while too.

The Thing differed in description from the Something. John Beckam, a man who had always been skeptical about flying saucers, says that he saw "something like a meteor" in the sky near his home at Belmont Sunday night. "It seemed to be a blend of fiery red and blue and green undertones and altogether it gave the impression of tremendous heat," he wrote the Free Press. "As it travelled there were flashes of fire as if it were flaring from the parent body. It also left a long trail of fire behind it."

"I am convinced that it was a powered missile guided by intelligent beings," Mr. Beckam declared. "But I can't emphasize too strongly that this is not an hallucination on my part."

NO REPORT

The air force had nothing to report on its investigation of what four airmen describe as a "flying object" seen near Gimli three hours before Mr. Beckam saw his phenomenon.

And weather observers declare emphatically they did not see the Thing. Perhaps, they said, it was simply their wind balloon. But the wind balloon was up at the wrong time. One weather observer had only a question to offer: "Did anybody happen to notice," he asked, "if between the white centre and the pink ring, there were any little green men?"

9 November. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. (8:30 p.m.)

'The Thing, the object, the something.' (See clipping)

11 November. "Independent Center for Collection of News on Space Observation."
(CIRNOS)

Italians react:

"The Italian Air Force ministry has officially denied sighting any saucers.

"A number of Italians were not satisfied with official denials, however. A group of inquisitive citizens in Pietralata today announced the creation of an 'independent center for collection of news on space observation (CIRNOS).' A CIRNOS spokesman said, dozens of letters have been received from Rome, Catanzaro and other Italian cities, and from Marseille and the Moselle area in France, giving 'valuable details' on flying saucers.

"Information collected so far shows that saucers are flying at far lower altitude in Europe than in the United States, the spokesman said. Their average height in America is 6500 to 10,000 feet as compared with only 1,000 to 1,300 feet in Europe, he said." (xx.)

(xx.) New York, N.Y. *World-Telegram*. 11 November 54.

11 November. Alamogordo, New Mexico. (no time)

The Lorenzens see 'something.'

Here is the November 11th sighting referred to on page 7 of this supplement:

"Director [Coral], husband and daughter Leslie, 8, driving about 6 miles north of Alamogordo to Tularosa, N.M. See flash at ground level appr. 10 degrees east of due north, apparently to N.E. of Tularosa, followed by ascension of star-like orange object which proceeded straight up about 15 degrees, then leveled off, disappeared quickly in the north. Had shape & brilliance of present Mars configuration.

"Location of orange-colored flash at ground level which preceded ascension of object was not on or near test range of Holloman or White Sands. That and apparent high speed & G's [forces] involved preludes test missile answer." (xx.)

(xx.) Hand-written note quickly scribbled by Coral. "Nov. 11 Alamogordo, N.M. 54-11-11." APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

12 November. Loyal Oak, Ohio. (no time)

A brief note in the APRO files states: "...a 'cigar-shaped object with three pale orange lights on its side' seen on the 12th at Loyal Oak, just west of Akron." (xx.)

(xx.) "The Damascus Sightings." Damascus, Ohio. 54-11-9 APRO files. (There were a number of sightings briefly mentioned in the file on the Siding case. Photocopy in author's files.

12 November. Walderalm, Austria. (6:00 p.m.)

Detached itself—went down.

A sighting investigated by E. Berger:

“In the evening of November 12, unidentified flying objects were sighted and carefully observed over the Gnadenwald mountains (12 km ENE of Innsbruck city —EB) by several persons. The ‘Speckbacher’ Inn keeper Luis Mair reported the following details: ‘It was around 1800 when high over Walderalm (near Mt. Walderjoch, 1666m—EB) a small luminous body detached itself from a big lighted, star-shaped object and went down vertically at great speed. It bent [turned?] off to the west parabolically and continued its flight at half height of Walderhang (slope —EB), in low altitude. Despite of the falling dusk visibility was still good. Seen from the road it looked as if the body was only flying a few hundred meters over it. It resembled a torpedo of several meters length which caused no sound, glowed red and expelled sparks to the rear. The observation lasted only a few seconds, then the body passed towards the west and was no longer visible.’ (xx.)

(xx.) Berger, E. “1954/55 The Austrian Share.” *UFO Phenomena*. Ed. R. Farabone. Editecs Publishing House. P.O. 190 Bologna, Italy. Vol. III, No.1. 1978/79. pp.108-109. Also: *Tiroler Tageszeitung*. 15 November 54.

Contacted in 1974 about his 1954 sighting, 70-year-old Luis Mayr (the correct spelling) added some new details. Investigator E. Berger wrote:

“He [Mayr] saw a ‘round fire’ above Walderalm while standing out doors on the parking ground of his alpine in at St. Martin (greater community of Gnadenwald —EB). What happened then was also witnessed by an academic walking past Mayr. Something moved down from the light [UFO] and probably leaving the watchers unable to decide whether it bent off parabolically or not, dashed along over the east-northeast bound road towards them. Mayr feared ‘it might crash into the small house’ vis-à-vis of his inn, but the ‘fiery arrow trailing a tail and spraying sparks’ passed between the building and a nearby monastery church, flying below treetop level over a meadow less than 100 meters from them. The expression ‘torpedo’ was due to the doctor and his wife who said the body was cigar-shaped. Mayr also recalls that two Americans, ‘perhaps military personnel’ (of the Allied occupation army) posed questions to local people concerning ‘sky phenomena’ and also visited Walderalm some time later.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.109.

13 November. Verviers, Belgium. (night)

“Flying Cigar.”

A very brief report states: “Several people in Verviers, Belgium, reported today they saw a ‘Flying Cigar’ escorted by four other ‘shining objects’ over Verviers on Saturday night.” (xx.)

(xx.) Cairo, Egypt. *Egyptian Gazette*. 15 November 54. (Reuters)

12 November. Coromandel, New Zealand. (7:40 p.m.)

"I've never seen a meteor with windows in it!"

There were a lot of "cigar-shaped" UFO reports. No doubt many were meteors, or so like meteors in appearance and behavior we cannot prove otherwise. The CSI New Zealand group obtained this close up observation of a "cigar" UFO that has interesting details:

"Mr. Ray T. Craig, who is the Auckland City Housing Officer, had a close-up view of what may have been a space ship. It was on November 13th, 1954, on the day of the Parliamentary Election when he and his party set out on a week's holiday to Coromandel, at a place called Wairimu Bay. In the evening, following an invitation from their host and hostess, the party set off for the pictures [cinema] in the township in their host's car, and as they arrived very early they were all sitting relaxed in the car on the opposite side of the road from the theatre, whilst their host, who was the driver of the car, was talking to a friend from his position in the right hand front seat.

"The evening was clear and visibility excellent after a beautiful sunny day with very little cloud. Mr. Woods, who was sitting in the rear seat on the left called out, 'Look at the meteor!' There sailing quietly across the line of vision between the picture theatre and the Post Office, was a brightly lit flying object not very high—maybe 2,000 feet up, and proceeding in a westerly direction at roughly the speed of a normal aeroplane, say 200 miles per hour.

"Four of the six in the car saw the machine, two in the front seat and two in the rear. The driver who, was engrossed in conversation, did not see it, neither did Mrs. Craig who was in the centre of the rear seat, and whose view was obstructed by her husband on her right. Mr. Craig said that at first it looked like a very large and brilliantly lit railway carriage floating in the air, and he said, 'That is no meteor, I've never seen a meteor with windows in it!' Thinking the whole thing might be a reflection on the inside of the car's windows from a lighted vehicle on the left side of the car, he quickly opened the right side rear door and was able to get a clear and unobstructed view of the object. It was cigar-shaped with the rear end elongated and the front end stubbed off short.

"The whole thing appeared very large with straight sided windows or ports all along its side, these windows having perfectly shaped semi-circular tops and bottoms. Ports were also in the elongated rear end. Each window was brilliantly lit from inside, and was about the colour of the old incandescent gas mantle when alight. At the top and bottom on the windows and also between them, The fuselage was bright silver, and this portion appeared to be rough as though covered with what appeared to be drops standing out like roughcast [rough surface?].

"The front end, from the foremost lighted window to the extreme front, was not lighted at all, but appeared as a large unlighted shadow against the sky. On thinking over the whole sighting, which of course only lasted about eight seconds, Mr. Craig thinks that as the fuselage portion appeared bright and the part between the windows silvery, while the bow end was in darkness, the fuselage was probably translucent and

the bow was probably cut off from the body by an internal bulkhead.

"The amazing part of the whole affair is that there was no sound. There appeared to be no wings, tail or fins, of any description, and as far as could be judged, any great streamlining. Yet later in the evening it was seen by the son and daughter of a friend of Mr. Craig's when it was described as absolutely streaking across the sky to the north of the Auckland harbour. This visitor was seen in the Wailato, over Chelsea and Whangarei on the same night, and the sighting in the Waikato was reported in the *Auckland Star*. It was seen by Mrs. Boyce at Orakei, Auckland, almost over the house at even closer quarters than the sighting described by Mr. Craig.

"A few more points were elucidated in conversation with Mr. Craig by our interviewer. After the sighting Mr. Craig said to the others in the car, 'We won't see anything like this again so we had better talk it over and agree upon a description and make a sketch. As he is accustomed to drawing, he made the sketch himself. Asked how big he thought it was, he said it was hard to estimate the size with any accuracy, but there were a few pointers that helped in judging. For example, there is a low hill behind the picture theatre at Coromandel, and it was above and behind this hill, and comparing its position with the hill, he was able to put the distance as half a mile and the height at 2,000 feet. For anything even at that distance to give the impression of being huge it must have been fairly big.

"Then again he was able to get an idea of the probable size of the windows from the following. Later in Auckland he noticed some windows of similar shape in a building, and about 20 feet high, and the spaceship's windows were seen from farther off, they must have been more than 20 feet high, and the length of the ship compared with the height of the windows might have been anything from 200 to 400 feet. If that were so it may have been as big as a large steamer...

"The date being 13th November, it should be realized that his was a daylight sighting. At that time of the year, only five weeks to the longest day, there is still a good light at 7:40 p.m." (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.)*. March-June, 1956. Vol. III, No.4. pp.3-4, 22.

Untranslated clipping dated: 14 November. (See page 18) (Credit: Jean Sider)

14 November. Alavieska, Finland.

"UFO crow."

This Finnish story, as given on page 21 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*, is incorrect. The "phony UFO" was not a cow. It was a crow. Here is the correct information:

"Finnish police Saturday unmasked a 'flying saucer,' revealing it to be nothing more than a tame crow with a small flashlight tied to its bill.

"The bird had been tamed by a shoemaker in Alavieska, equipped with a 'headlight,' and sent aloft regularly at dusk to alarm residents." (xx.)

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MARCINELLE-CHARLEROI, BELGIQUE

étonné d'entendre le mot « hallucination » sortir de sa bouche. Sans doute, Marius lit-il, mais, à mon sens, le terme ne figure pas au vocabulaire d'un métallo. Et Marius travaille dans une usine métallurgique.

LE COMMISSAIRE
EST BON ENFANT.

Je suis allé ensuite demander l'avis de M. Gouchet, commissaire de police à Onnains. J'ai appris que lors de la visite nocturne de Marius Dewilde, les agents de service n'ont pas jugé opportun de réveiller leur chef. « Pourtant, ils ne font pas de manières pour me tirer de mon lit pour des choses moins importantes », ajoute mon interlocuteur en riant.

Quand il a appris l'incident, il s'est rendu immédiatement chez l'informateur.

— J'aurais donné n'importe quoi pour pouvoir l'interroger avant qu'il ait pu conter l'aventure à quelqu'un d'autre, car je sais combien les faits sont vite déformés à force de répétition.

« J'avais pris la précaution de ne faire accompagner de plusieurs agents de la Police de l'Air. Marius frissonnait et claquait des dents en nous parlant. Je me suis même demandé s'il n'avait pas froid et je l'ai invité à passer un vêtement plus chaud. Mais cela n'a rien changé à son attitude : c'était de peur que Marius tremblait en nous faisant le récit de ces événements mystérieux.

« Maintenant, je le connais depuis des années et je sais qu'il n'est pas un froussard. C'est un gars qui n'a pas froid aux yeux. D'autre part, il ne boit pas et ce n'est pas un rêveur. Il a un esprit équilibré, positif.

« Donc, s'il s'est dérangé pour aller prévenir la police, c'est qu'il s'était passé quelque chose de sérieux : on ne fait pas vingt-cinq kilomètres pour le plaisir de raconter des caembredaines.

« J'ajouterais un détail qui a son importance. Marius « avait les foies », comme on dit en France ; il ne l'a pas caché et, au cours de la conversation avec les hommes de garde, il a dû — sauf votre respect — s'interrompre quatre fois pour aller à la toilette. Voyez-vous, dans notre métier on apprend à donner quelque valeur à ces choses.

« Ma conviction est donc faite, il s'est passé une chose mystérieuse, une chose si extraordinaire qu'elle a fait perdre quelque peu la tête à un homme sensé. En ce qui concerne vos remarques, par exemple à propos de la facilité avec laquelle il raconte son aventure, un peu à la façon d'une leçon apprise, n'oubliez pas qu'il a reçu la visite de quatre-vingt-quatre reporters et qu'au contraire, si sa relation s'était amplifiée, vous auriez alors le droit de le soupçonner de broder sur un thème connu.

Le lecteur l'a deviné, j'avais plaidé le faux pour savoir le vrai en mettant en doute la sincérité de Marius sous prétexte qu'il se tenait à sa version originale.

Mon commissaire, qui semble décemment avoir appris les règles de la critique des témoignages, ajoute :

— Vous vous étonnez de l'entendre parler d'hallucination ? Sachez qu'il a reçu une avalanche de coupures de presse relatives à son aventure, plus ou moins romancée par vos bons confrères et que l'hypothèse de l'hallucination a été avancée cent fois dans ces journaux. Il a eu le temps de se familiariser avec le mot. Ne vous a-t-il pas parlé de l'attitude de la presse ?

— Sa femme s'en était chargée et elle n'était pas contente de cette publicité.

— Mettez-vous à sa place... Mais Marius lui-même n'a-t-il fait aucune allusion ?

— Il a simplement dit, tout en dessinant un croquis : « Et surtout, ne vous fiez pas à ce qui a paru. C'est cent mille fois exagéré. »

— En tout cas, les journalistes qui ont voulu à toute force faire passer Marius pour un halluciné perdent de vue que l'état mental d'un visionnaire est totalement différent de celui d'un homme normal, et que dans la plupart des cas cette tendance va de pair avec un déséquilibre de l'organisme.

— En conclusion, vous avez la conviction qu'il s'est passé quelque chose ?

— Absolument ! En dehors des arguments que je viens de développer, il y a quelque chose de plus tangible, de matériel, je veux dire les traces que l'engin a laissées sur le ballast...

— Je sais. Nous les avons photographiées. Puis-je vous demander ce qu'en pensent les hommes de la Police de l'Air ?

— Oh ! ils ne sont pas bavards. Ils ont simplement constaté que les traverses montraient à huit endroits des taches ressemblant à des taches d'encre. Ils ont emporté des éclats de bois pour les faire analyser en laboratoire.

— Ont-ils décelé quelque radio-activité ?

— Pas que je sache. Et, en tout cas, ils ne nous le diront probablement pas ; ce n'est pas dans leurs habitudes.

L'entretien était terminé. Vrai, j'ai rarement eu le privilège de prendre contact avec un fonctionnaire aussi perspicace, aussi cultivé que le commissaire Gouchet. Je ne diminuerai pas la valeur de l'hommage en ajoutant que je ne hante pas les bureaux de police...

Un disco volante osservato
da 300 militari presso Ginevra

Ginevra 15 novembre, matt.

Una sensazionale notizia sul tanto discusso problema dei « dischi volanti », è trapelata ieri a Ginevra. Giovedì pomeriggio, verso le ore 15,30 le compagnie della difesa contraccera stazionanti al campo militare di Grand-Villard stavano compiendo delle normali esercitazioni quando, improvvisamente, un soldato scorgeva nel cielo qualcosa di insolito. Circa trecento fra militari ed ufficiali abbandonavano allora cannoni e pezzi per seguire nel cielo le evoluzioni di un « disco volante » che volteggiava ruotando su se stesso a circa 10.000 metri di quota. Le osservazioni vennero fatte a mezzo di cannocchiali, apparecchi di precisione per l'osservazione del cielo e telemetri. Il « disco volante » si presentava di color argento contornato da una luce rossastra.

Corriere della Sera
Milano Italy
15/11/54

(xx.) Omaha, Nebraska. *Sunday World-Herald*. 14 November 54. (Reuters)

15 November. Saucer craze reaches Greece.

A Reuters correspondent notified his London office:

"The 'flying saucer craze' has reached Greece. 'Flying saucers, saucer-men, interplanetary journeys' and problems and speculation connected with all these subjects have become one of the main topics of everyday conversation.

"While the Greek Press almost every day carries reports of flying saucers seen by peasants in remote mountains villages or islands [apparently hardly any were reported in the press outside of Greece]." (xx.)

(xx.) Belfast, Ireland. *The Belfast News-Letter*. 15 November 54. (Reuters)

? November. Unnamed village, Central Greece. (no time)

Suddenly disappeared.

The same Reuters correspondent passed on two Greek UFO reports. One was from a small village:

"Recently, from a small village perched high on the slopes of Mount Pelion, in Central Greece, came reports of a 'flying saucer' which, after hovering over the village for fifteen minutes, suddenly disappeared. The two 'eye-witnesses' of the incident, however, disagreed on the shape of the flying object. One said that it was like a sup plate, while the other asserted that it looked like a flying cigar [Seen at different angles?]. (xx.)

(xx.) Belfast, Ireland. *The Belfast News-Letter*. 15 November 54. (Reuters)

? November. Agiassos, Lesbos Island, Greece. (no time)

"Flying alarm clock." Another disappearing act—twice over.

The second Greek report passed on by the Reuters man states:

"A part of Greece apparently most visited recently by flying saucers is the island of Lesbos, close to the Asia Minor coast of Turkey. Huntsmen, wood cutters, and agricultural guards have repeatedly reported the apparition of flying objects to the Gendarmerie Headquarters of this island [We need some Greek UFO researchers to check this out—L.E.Gross]

"Doctors, nurses and 100 inmates of a sanatorium at the village of Agiassos, on the island of Lesbos, are reported to have seen the latest, and strangest, apparition. According to their statements, they saw a round shining object shaped like an alarm clock [round?] flying at a great height over the sanatorium.

"The 'flying alarm clock' made a few rounds then climbed upward at a tremendous speed, plunged down, and disappeared flying horizontally. A few moments later, where there had been one 'flying alarm clock,' two appeared on the horizon—and after similar movements vanished before the eyes of the astounded onlookers." (xx.)

(xx.) Belfast, Ireland. *The Belfast News-Letter*. 15 November 54. (Reuters)

15 November. Gela (Sicily), Italy. (no time)
(See clipping)

15 November. Alliance, Ohio. (no time)

Orange, oval objects.

An extremely brief report states that a James Ansley Jr., amateur astronomer, spotted a couple orange, oval-shaped, objects over the city of Alliance, Ohio, on November 15, 1954. From each side of the objects three or four beams of lights were projected. (xx.)

(xx.) "The Damascus Sightings." 54-11-9. APRO files.
Photocopy in author's files.

Brazilian military press releases.

Here is some of APRO's file on the release of UFO information by the Brazilian military:

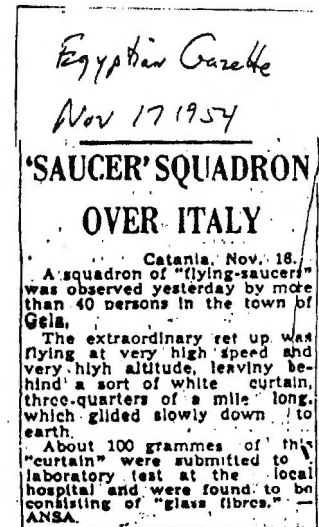
"The [Gravataí AF Base October 24, 1954] sighting was first reported in an official statement released to the press on October 26, 1954, at Porto Alegre, by Colonel Hardman, the AFB C.O. Confirmed at Rio by Brigadier Gervasio Duncan, Chief of the Air Defense Command, in an interview printed in the newspaper *Tribuna da Imprensa* on October 28th. Printed in the magazine *O Cruzeiro*, November 27, 1954. This statement was also published in the May, 1956 issue of C.F.S.I.'s *Flying Saucer Review*, in a Dr. Fontes' article. On November 16, 1954, in a press interview, the Air Defense Command at Rio de Janeiro released for publication summaries from five of sixteen reports on military sightings over Rio Grande do Sul, in October, by AF personnel; two of the summaries were concerned with the Gravataí AFB incident. They were printed in the *Trinbuna da Imprensa*, *O Globo*, *Diario da Noite*, *O Jornal*, and several other Rio newspapers (November 17, 1954); and also in the magazine *O Cruzeiro* (November 27, 1954).

17 November. Telfa, Austria. (6:15 a.m.)

Reddish-yellow disc.

An Austrian gendarmrie report states:

"On November 17, 1954, at 0615, as usual, the eyewitness walked from his



house to the Schindler factory which lies 200-300 meters to the north. On his way Alois Seelos [the witness] spotted a bright, reddish-yellow colored disc in the starry morning sky. It seemed to fly at 5,000 meters altitude. It came from Mosern (north), changed direction over the Inn Valley to the southwest and disappeared towards Brenner. The disc was clearly visible. It flew soundlessly and had a long, glowing tail which looked like a shower of sparks. The whole phenomenon was observed for 3-5 seconds. Seelos had heard of saucers before, but never believed in their reality. He is now convinced they are remotely controlled, unmanned flying objects of terrestrial origin. This because he believes no human being would stand the high cruising speeds. The disc he observed flew much faster than a jet fighter. It could not be mixed up with one." (xx.)

(xx.) Berger, E. "1954/55 The Austrian Share." *UFO Phenomena*. Ed. R. Farabone Editecs Publishing House. P.O. 190 Bologna, Italy. Vol. III, No.1. 1978/79. pp.109-110.

19 November. Guttaringberg, Austria. (6:30 a.m.)

"Like a flattened star."

E. Berger found two reports for the 19th. Here is the first one:

"Two Guttaring/St. Veit an der Glan officers on patrol observed a bright, shining disc like a flattened star on November 19, 1954, at 0630 from Guttaringberg way over the Althofen region (an industrial town of NE Carinthia—E.B.). After hanging in the air motionless for some seconds, it went into motion with great speed, flew a north-south course, and disappeared behind an isolated cloud after five seconds. The flying body had a noticeably wavy trajectory." (xx.)

(xx.) Berger, E. "1954/55 The Austria Share." *UFO Phenomena*. p.110.

19 November. Innsbruck, Austria. (8:00 a.m.)

Aeronautical expert, glider pilot, puzzled by a "something." Berger writes:

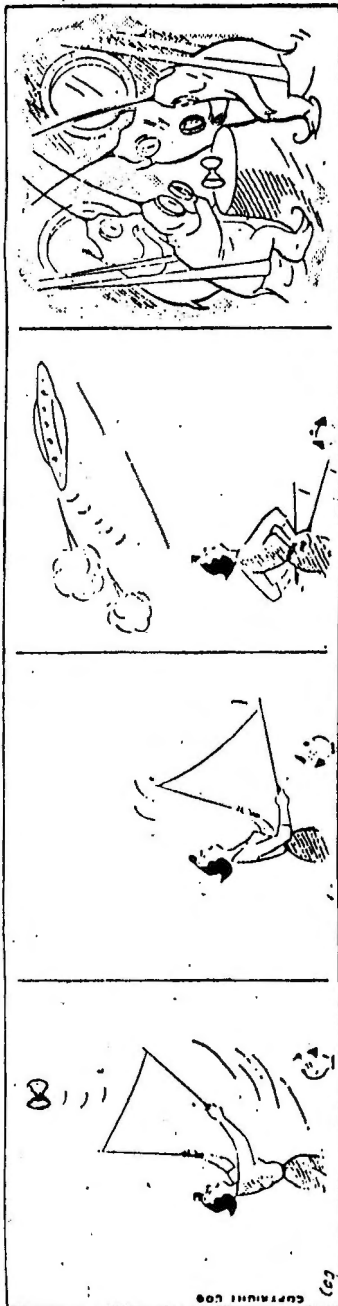
"...from a serious source. Yesterday (December 19, 1954—EB), Sunday at 0800 ...an aeronautical expert...from Innsbruck airport just coming from his night shift, sighted a 'UFO' hovering at 6,000 meters altitude over Wipptal Valley. It was remarkable that the object did fly completely against the wind which was blowing from the northeast at 10 knots. At that time a man from the Innsbruck glider team also wanted to show him the object...visibility was good, the sky nearly cloudless...The measured altitude of the cirrus clouds was 7,000 meters, thus about 1,000 meters over the object...which was luminous and had a halo. It moved against the wind for ten minutes and definitely was no weather balloon..." (xx.)

(xx.) Berger, E. "1954/55 The Austrian Share." *UFO Phenomena*. p.111.

The cartoon strip *Man'zelle Souris par Coq*, in the Brussels newspaper *Le Soir*, repeatedly made use of the "saucer theme" for its daily dose of humor. The strip used no dialogue and kept things very simple. Three examples are shown below.

MAN'ZELLE SOURIS par COQ

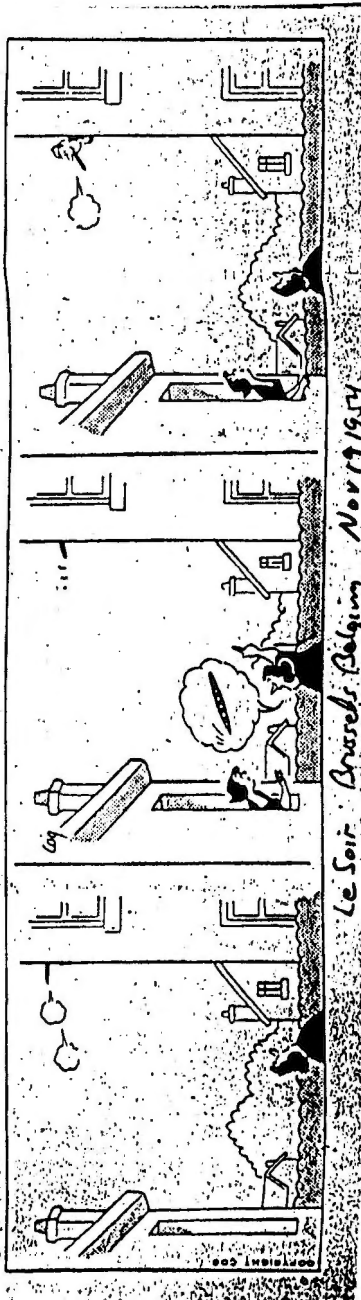
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Le Soir Brussels Belgium Nov 13 1954

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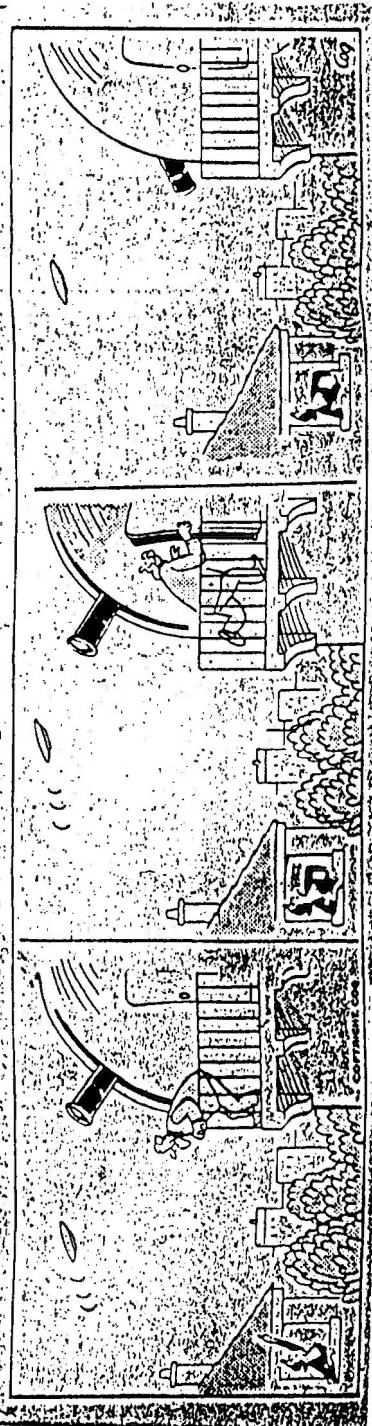
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Le Soir Brussels Belgium Nov 14 1954

MAN'ZELLE SOURIS par COQ

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Le Soir Brussels Belgium Nov 17 1954

19 November. Catania (Sicity), Italy. (no time)

"Shaped like a platform." (See clipping)

Untranslated clipping. APRO files. (See clipping)

20 November. An island in the Rio Grande River,
Brazil. (no time)

"Some kind of platform."

A Lt. A. Sobral and a Lt. Francisco Hardy of the Brazilian Air Force encountered a UFO while flying over the Rio Grande, a river that marked the boundary between the States of Minas Gerais and Sao Paulo.

On November 20, 1954, while piloting a mail plane (#T15-1166) from Uberaba to Sao Paulo, officers Sobral and Hardy noticed a strange object either on, or hovering over, a small uninhabited island in the Rio Grande. The object appeared to be "Some kind of platform," an estimated nine meters in diameter and about 3-4 meters thick, topped with a dome. The "thing" was surrounded by a yellow, chrome-like (?) colored halo.

The officers banked their plane and dove on the object. Apparently reacting to the plane's movements, the UFO zoomed off at a 30-degree angle towards the east.

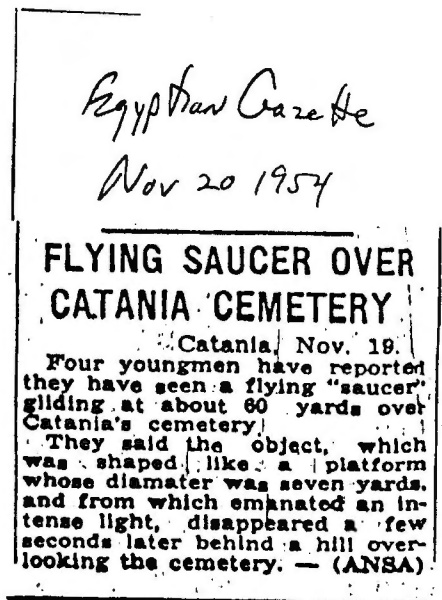
As the object increased its acceleration, the brightness around it grew ever stronger which masked any details of the UFO's structure. The object covered the distance to the horizon in a split-second. No sound was heard. (xx.)

(xx.) UNICAT Files. Investigative report by Dr. Olavo Fontes. Photocopy of UNICAT file in author's files.

23 November. Torpo, Norway. (afternoon)

"Big eyes, covered by a pair of immense red glasses."

According to our source:



Universal 30/11/54

Seguen las Apariciones

También en Puerto La Cruz

Vieron un Platillo Volante

Rafael Bellorin, muy conocido en el ambiente radial señalaba las características de lo que había visto. Hay otro testimonio.

PUERTO LA CRUZ, noviembre 20 (G. Vilches). —El sábado en horas de la noche por las inmediaciones del barrio El Paraíso, el señor Rafael Bellorin Malaver, quien viajaba en compañía de otras personas observó un extraño aparato, que él señaló al declarar a nuestro Corresponsal que se trataba de un "platillo volador".

—Tuve que detener el vehículo, dijo Bellorin, a causa del resplandor por lo que me supongo sea una nave aérea, "muy extraña".

Y Bellorin, conocido ampliamente aquí en el ambiente radial, señalaba las características del aparato, que según él, siguió rumbo hacia el oeste.

—Llevaba un extraño zumbido, y no me explico cómo otras personas no pudieron enterarse de su aparición.

Y haciendo gestos convincentes, se alejó el "Negro" Bellorin.

Otro testimonio con relación al "platillo volador", lo facilitó igualmente el señor César Augusto Martínez, quien dijo:

—Yo venía a pie desde El Paraíso para el centro de la ciudad, cuando repentinamente observé un zumbido muy raro y al detenerme para observar, vi un extraño aparato dando vueltas, casi suspendido en el aire por los lados de la Creole. Me supuse que era un platillo y grité para llamar la atención de los vecinos, pero estos no se dieron cuenta de nada, tal vez por lo tarde de la noche.

Otras personas de El Paraíso atestiguan que vieron la extraña nave desplazarse hacia el Oeste a gran velocidad, coincidiendo los relatos con las apreciaciones arriba expuestas.

"The date was November 23, 1954—a time just after the great landing wave in France, when notable sightings were being made in many places, among them Italy and Brazil. The witnesses were three little girls, Anne and Tora Storedal and Tora Moy Haugo, of Torpo, in the Hallingdal district; Anne was ten years old, the other two were nine, and all were frightened out of their wits. As they were coming home from school near some woods, a black object descended rapidly from the sky, knocked snow from the tree tops, and stopped only a few feet above the girls' heads. They gave the following weird description of it: 'It looked like a stone...like a ball...about ten feet across; the lowest part was black, but trimmed with yellow spots which could have been made of glass, and there were also a number of small, red jags[?].' The upper part was transparent—the trees could be seen through it—and a human or at any rate semi-human pilot was visible inside, operating controls of some sort. Dressed in black, this man or entity had 'big eyes, covered by a pair of immense, red glasses,' with which he looked straight at the girls. The craft then rose again with a droning sound, brushing a high-tension line and striking a shower of sparks from it; an odor compared by Tora Moy to 'fried sausages' filled the air; and the little girls ran for their lives." (xx.)

(xx.) *CSI Newsletter* 5/1/57. Also: *SIR!* magazine. March 1957. Investigator: Oddvar Larsen.

UFO investigator Oddvar Larsen talked to the witnesses. Tora Storedal had this to add: "When the stone [UFO] came down toward me it had a long, white tail behind, but when the stone turned and moved away, the tail went first. That was funny, I thought." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Larsen also recorded this: "In the snow, there was found and photographed a disturbed track 25 yards long, presumably made by the craft after the girls had turned their backs on it." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

23 November. Melbourne, Australia. (8:45 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 9:40 p.m., 9:45 p.m.)

Orange flames?

An article in the *Argus* said:

"A 'mysterious whining object' swooped for more than an hour over southern suburbs last night. Startled watchers jammed *The Argus* switchboard with reports after it had roared out to sea at a height of two miles. The object 'with flames shooting from its sides,' was seen at Ormond at 8:45 p.m., Camberwell at 9, Brighton at 9:40, and from a fishing boat two miles off Hampton at 9:45. These *Argus* readers reported the object:

"1. 'I saw a white object with flames shooting from the sides as I stood in Ormond station. It was about a mile up and making a whistling noise

as it circled quickly.'

- "2. 'I saw it in Doncaster Road, near Burke Road, Camberwell. It seemed to be about miles up and hovering. It then circled and flew south. It was white in the middle, dark on the outside, with orange flames gushing from the sides. It had a high pitched whistle or whine.'
- "3. 'I saw the object at 9 p.m. in Camberwell Road, Camberwell. It was white with dark edges and red flares seemed to flash out of it. It would have been at least a mile up and was whining eerily.'
- "4. 'At the corner of Riversdale and Glenferrie Roads at 9:30 I heard a whining noise and saw a round object with a white centre and orange-red flames shooting from it, hovering two to three miles up.'
- "5. 'At 9:40 I saw it from near by home. It had a light in the centre and flares from the sides, and circled before racing out to the bay. It was two or three miles up. It whined like a jet at first, but the sound got louder as it accelerated.'
- "6. 'The object flashed past [in?] the sky about two miles up. It was oval-shaped and glowing, but the low cloud ceiling stopped us from determining the exact colour. It was glowing too brightly to be a meteor.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *The Argus*. 24 November 54.

25 November. Manasquan, New Jersey. (9:45 p.m.)

V-formation.

A report in APRO files reads:

"We had gone out to see my brother and his family off to their home in Freehold. It was a very clear night—no clouds, cold, and the sky was filled with stars. I stood on the porch when the others walked out to the car. I noticed a long, broad beam of light in the north. It seemed to be waving slowly from right to left. I thought I'd ask my mother about it after the others left, because I had not known there was a searchlight over Manasquan. About a minute and a half later, my mother, who was standing by the car with my brother and his family, spoke about how beautiful the sky was. We all looked up. At that point I noticed that what I had thought was a broad searchlight beam was now moving towards us. Then, immediately after, it became a V-formation of about 20 objects...moving from north to south, they appeared luminescent, greenish-gray, roughly spherical, moving very fast (about the speed of a jet plane) and silently. Number: about 20, flying in V-formation. Height: low, but above the trees. Size: from the ground they appeared about the size of melons. Witnesses: Mrs. W.W. Wynkoop, 73 Virginia Avenue, Manasquan, N.J.; Mr. & Mrs. Burson Wynkoop, North Wind Farm, Freehold, N.J. and son Chrsitopher; Mr. William Wynkoop, of New York City (200 West 108th Street).

"As they passed over the house, we all ran down the walk to follow them with our eyes, but they quickly disappeared behind the trees on the next block. I called the Central Office of the Sky Watchers in Trenton and reported it to them. My brother and his son said the whole formation appeared to them to be undulating. (xx.)

For what it's worth, the witness added this: "A young man I know has two friends in the Radar Control Base, White Plains, New York. They told him that there were so many sightings Thanksgiving night, 1954, that the whole coast—from Maine to Florida—was alerted for invasion." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

27 November. Madras City, India. (about 8:30 p.m.)

"Saucer" lands? (See clipping) Was it a helicopter?

28 November. Between Florence and Rome. (no time)

Saucer chases a train?

A note in APRO files says:

"The *Giornale d'Italia* published a letter from a Lt. Fulvius Donnini in which this officer states that he saw two flying saucers, which, during one hour and forty minutes chased a train in which he was traveling from Florence to Rome. Lt. Donnini specifies that the two machines (which looked as if they were made of aluminum) left an orange-tinged trail in the sky. They looked to be 1,800 and 5,400 feet high and moving at the same speed as the train. The lieutenant observed that the two saucers seemed, at certain moments, to stop in the air and change their direction." (xx.)

(xx.) (No city given), Italy. *Giornale d'Italia*.
28 November 54. APRO files.

28 November. Petare, Venezuela. (2:00 a.m.)

The famous "scuffle with a dwarfish creature."

About the time Coral Lorenzen of APRO obtained the services of Dr. Fontes of Brazil as a UFO investigator, another Latin American source became available: a Mr. Horacie Gonzales Ganteaume who worked for General Motors Venezuela. Mr. Gateaume's English was good enough to provide reasonable translations of news items about UFO activity in Venezuela for American readers.

APRO was fortunate to have Gateaume for a correspondent at this time. A UFO flap hit the oil rich nation.

The big story of the flap was the "fight with a dwarf" on November 28th involving a Gustavo Gonzales and Jose

Flying Saucer Lands Near Madras City ?

MADRAS, Dec. 4.—Landing of a flying saucer in the Hamlet of Karlambakkam in the suburbs of Madras City, on Saturday last is the talk of the town.

The whole hamlet, which has at least a hundred educated residents, is agog with the story. The saucer "landed" in an open space adjacent to the village road, at about 8-30 p.m.

The villagers said that the flying saucer was like a boat in shape, with a dazzling light at the tail end. Many people witnessed the landing, which was vertical, and swift. They saw the object in the sky, and watched it coming down with lightning rapidity, and before they could realise what was happening, the object had landed.

The rather incredulous part of the story was the claim that there were three people in that saucer—or the flying "boat." Two of them, it was stated, were men and one a woman. All wore perfect "European dress."

At this sight, the villagers ran into their homes and began shutting doors and windows. Some of them said the occupants of the flying boat invited them to come near them by gestures. But they were so frightened they did not go.

After five minutes, the flying saucer again rose vertically in the sky and zoomed away out of sight, going up thousands of feet. One of the reported eye-witnesses of this event was the wife of a retired pilot officer—an educated lady.

Bit by bit the story got around and the whole of Madras city is now talking about the mysterious landing of the flying saucer.

Ponce. Fact or fiction, the story made quite an impression. Wrote Ganteaume: "This case I can tell you has taken the country by storm! There is expectancy in the air! The people have been jolted seriously! There is no indication of panic, but one can feel from the commentaries and conversations that the people are waking up." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Coral Lorenzen. From: Horacie Ganteaume. Date: 30 November 54. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

Another note, this time from "Joe," in APRO records, asserts:

"Coral, what these two men saw on the morning of November 28 was true, as you know how the government is here with these things. There can be no hoax or phoniness in all this. All the newspapers in the city [Caracas] and the states have published the news. The men are being interrogated and questioned by government departments, as to prove that what they saw was real. My father went this morning to the Inspector in Petare and he talked to the men who saw the two yesterday morning. He says everything is true, and so do all the officers." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Petare 54-11-28." Note in APRO files. Photocopy in author's files. (I don't know who "Joe" is. It hardly seems reasonable Ganteaume would select the nick name of "Joe"—L.E.Gross)

Ganteaume provides some additional details on the case:

"The incident took place in Petare, a small town on the outskirts of Caracas [Some think the event took place in Caracas]. Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez de Leon owns a Panel Delivery Truck and earns his living transporting foodstuff to market [In some news accounts Gustavo and his helper Jose Ponce are referred to as "merchants"]. In order that produce should reach market in Caracas in time he has to go Petare early in the morning, get the stuff there from the producers and be back in time to catch the early morning rush. He always reaches Petaro at around 2:00 a.m. in the morning." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Coral Lorenzen. From: Horacie Ganteaume. Date: 30 November 54. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

Gonzales and Ponce turned into Bella Vista street to make a stop at a sausage factory. They were use to handling bundles of meat and should have had little trouble estimating weight. When Gonzales grabbed the "little man" he was surprised at its lightness. First he said the dwarf probably weighted 30 kilos but then suggested it might be more like 50. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

For the record, here is a translation of the incident as published in the newspaper *El Universal*:

"Gustavo Gonzales, a 25-year-old Cuban-born man, and resided at Catia

(a suburb of Caracas) was a victim of a nervous shock when he struggled with a strange living being who came to earth from an incandescent, glowing machine, which hovered at a few feet from the ground. The incident, recalls Gonzales, had taken place yesterday at 2 o'clock in the morning on Bella Vista street in Petare (a town 20 minutes drive from Caracas). The Cuban, hours after his encounter with the strange being, had to be taken to the Hospital and Emergency Post at Salas Street in Caracas where the medical station staff that examined him noticed slight bruises on his side. According to the Official Statement from the Press Office of the Police Precinct of the locality, Mr. Gustavo Gonzales declared as follows: 'When driving along Bella Vista street, steering a station-wagon car of my own, accompanied by my assistant, I made the car stop, when noticing, surprisingly, that the street ahead was as bright as midday. My assistant, Gonzales continued, also surprised, opened the door of the vehicle and jumped out, as I did too. Then he ran away when seeing what I, seconds later, saw too. We were not drunk as we were on our way to market place to sell our goods.

" 'When I got out of the car, I observed how a strange living being was coming closer to us. At first I felt as if I could not move myself, but then I walked towards the odd man, and took it into my arms and tried to stop it, but that little man had enormous strength and got rid of the sort of "wrench or clinch" I had applied to him. I, then, fell to the ground, but I got myself up quickly. I tried to chase the little man, and when I looked at him again, I noticed something more astounding. Two more little men, (one of them trained on me a sort of "flashlight") were coming, seemingly to help their companion. That light prevented me from noticing what was happening, and when things returned to normal, everything was gone [?]. When I came out from that kind of "spell," I had my knife in my right hand and remembered that, when the little man (whom I had tried to embrace and stop) came to me, I instinctively drew out the knife and thrust it against him. The blade made contact with the coarse skin of the strange being and glided on it as if on a very strong material. My friend and I, added Gonzales, could see something like a "shiny saucer," from which the three little men came out. The one I got was "hairy," had no nose at all, small sized (3 feet or 36 inches), barefooted, wearing a very queer suit (it looked like "diapers"), and two eyes that were bright and shiny. He got rid of me by jumping like a cat.'

"Jose Ponce, Gonzales's friend, ran away and arrived in the Inspectorcy of Transit, situated on the same street where the strange incident took place. Minutes later Gonzales, too, arrived at this office and after drinking some water, he told everything about the incident. All those at the Inspectorcy looked at the two men with surprise. Somebody said: 'What you two men have seen is nothing but a consequence of drinking...', but they showed that they had not tasted any alcoholic beverage by blowing their breaths in the face of the officers..." (xx.)

(xx.) Caracas, Venezuela. *El Universal*. 30 November 54. APRO files. Translated by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

The APRO translator adds:

"This is the best detailed report published by the newspapers here but there are several little details that this one didn't publish. Not many, here I'm writing them:

"Gonzales was thrown a distance of 15 feet by the blow of the little man's arm."
(*La Esfera*)

"Gonzales saw a very luminous body, as of a 'zeppelin,' cigar-shaped, silver-colored, that descended in the middle of the street." (*La Esfera*)

"[the dwarf was] Round-faced." [No newspaper named]

"At that instant, the dwarfs went back to the machine that took off at a great speed, leaving blinding flashes." [No newspaper named]

"Gonzales was pale and shaking; took pills for the nerves." [No newspaper named]
(xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela – Petare. 54-11-28." Translator "Joe." APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

Actually, there was much more. There was Ponce's testimony. Mr. Ganteaume wrote:

"...with one push it [the dwarf] threw him [Gonzales] off easily to a distance of 15 feet. Ponce verifies this as he was watching the scuffle but when he saw that with one push of its arm it threw off Gustavo such a distance he began to run in search of aid from the Traffic Inspector's Office which, incredible as it may sound, was just around the corner.

"Ponce also says that what made him run was that he saw, emerging from the bushes on his side of the road another being that was carrying something like earth in it's hands. This creature went hurriedly into the sphere, leaping into one of the openings on it's side." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Coral Lorenzen. From: Horacle Ganteaume. Dated: 30 November 54. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

A fragment of a note in NICAP files mentions a fellow named "Paolo" who was showing people the scene of the "fight." It reads:

"Paolo showed our reporters the slope leading down to two cottages on Buena Vista Street. 'Look,' he said, 'this is the place from which Ponce says he saw one of the mannikins emerging with earth in his hands. If he gathered it there, he must have got some black soil from the portion that is under cultivation.'" (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP files. See date: 28 November 54. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in Author's files.

Another scrap of information is contained in an English language news clipping in APRO files. It says there was no:

"...evidence to support the theory that Gonzales is slightly loco and given to fantasy. Antonio Cherchi, manager of the butcher shop where Gonzales was going to pick up his truckload of meat, says he is a calm man with good judgement.

" 'He has been on this job for more than a year,' Senor Cherchi says. 'He handles about a thousand items a day in money, and always keeps his account in

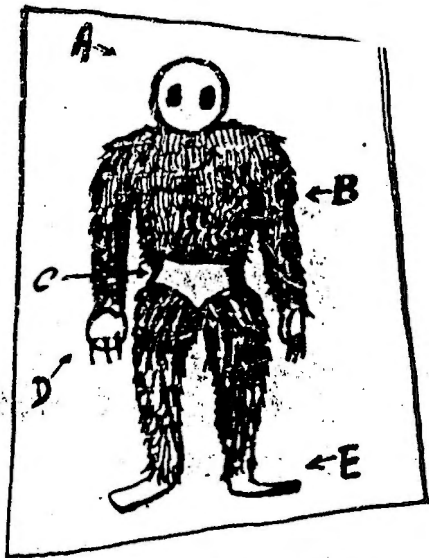
order.” (xx.)

(xx.) “Venezuela Caracas 54-12-7” Newspaper name unreadable. APRO files.
Photocopy in author’s files.

Drawings of the creature.

One drawing made by a newspaper artist following Gonzales’ directions may be less accurate than one claimed to be a duplicate of artwork done by Gonzales himself. The “duplicate” features bigger eyes and more claw-like hands.

One has to wonder how the “aliens” built and operated a “space ship” with such clumsy appendages. Considering that problem, the round heads, and the tough skin, perhaps the “little men” were wearing some kind suit. The “hair” may been some sort of camouflage covering.



Sketch said to have been made by Gustavo Gonzales--actually, must have been made by newspaper artist following his direction.

Sketch by newspaper artist.



"Duplicate" sketch.

Clipping from the Caracas newspaper *El Universal*. (See page 31) (Credit: APRO files)

Clipping about Petare case. (See page 32) (Unnamed newspaper) (Credit: APRO files)

28 November. Palmarito, Venezuela. (6:00 a.m.)

More "little men."

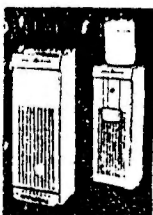
A group of peasants living in Palmarito, the area south of Maracaibo Lake in Merida State, notified the sheriff on November 28th that a strange ship had landed and that several small figures were seen.

News of the landing was spread in Maracaibo by a Palmarito trader, Mr. Ulises Urdaneta.



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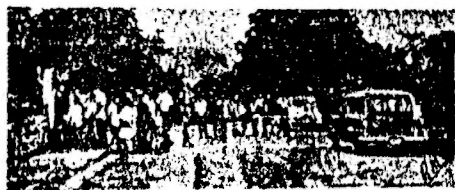
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El Extraño Suceso de la Semana

Centenares de Personas se Congregaron Ayer en la Calle Buena Vista de Petare



Un aspecto de la calle Buena Vista de Petare en el sitio indicado por González, donde se congregaron ayer tarde numerosos curiosos atraídos por la extraordinaria historia.



El señor Antonio Cherchi, gerente de la charcutería, será la llave de la historia de la aparición de González: todas las madrugadas llega a las dos con su camioneta para ir al mercado —dice— maneja apreciable cantidad de dinero en forma ordenada y cumplida y no podemos considerar por tanto que está loco.

En Petare había ayer tarde general expectación ante las noticias suministradas a los diarios por el señor Gustavo González y su ayudante José Ponce, quienes aseguraron que a las dos de la madrugada del domingo descendió un "platillo volador" al término de la calle Buena Vista de aquella población.

La calle —dice— tiene 8 metros de ancho— estaba todavía ayer concurrido por numerosos curiosos y vecinos, especialmente aquel lugar donde González juró y aseguró haberse encontrado con los extraños ocupantes de un disco luminoso en forma de globo que se desprendió a la vez de una mayor que iluminaba una extensa zona.

En la charcutería

El señor Antonio Cherchi, quien se encontraba al frente de la charcutería hacia donde se dirigían González y Ponce con su camioneta para aprovisionarse de los productos que diariamente llevan al mercado dijo:

—González está considerado en la empresa como un hombre juicioso. Tan es así —añadió mostrando una libreta— que desde hace más de un año maneja diariamente sumas que alcanzan a mil bolívares y nunca me he de quinientos. Por esta razón no podemos considerarlo como un alucinado o loco. Viene puntualmente con su camioneta todas las madrugadas a las dos.

No estaba ebrio

El hombre que se acercó jadeante a la Inspectoría del Tránsito en la calle Buena Vista de Petare, unas dos cuadras más allá del lugar donde dijo que se le había aparecido el extraño personaje la madrugada del sábado no estaba ebrio, según declaró el fiscal de guardia, esa noche Eugenio Domínguez, mostró una lesión sobre el costado derecho que dijo haberse producido en la lucha con uno de los ocupantes del aparato. De haber estado ebrio, habría sido arrestado por la circunstancia de que estaba guiando una camioneta.

El Inspector del Tránsito Pastor Suárez Varela estuvo parco en sus declaraciones. Se limitó a decir que los detalles del hecho los conoce a través de la prensa pero que según el informe que recibió del fiscal de guardia esa noche, el hombre que se presentó a contar el suceso, —en esta caso el señor González— "no estaba embriagado, ni parecía haber ingerido licor". Fuera de esto no quería decir más nada del asunto.

Se supo que Gustavo González no estaba ebrio. En la charcutería, el señor Cherchi duda que pueda estar loco, porque "maneja apreciables sumas de dinero diariamente y es un hombre que ha dado demostraciones de ser correcto y cumplidor de sus obligaciones". Una detonación en la madrugada. No hay huellas en el lugar donde González juró haber combatido con un enanito. Ninguna otra persona vio iluminarse el cielo



La señorita María Antonieta Avellaneda —al centro— quien vive en la calle Buena Vista, muy cerca del lugar que describe González como el día en hallazgo dijo: "Indo cuanto perdimos en la casa esa madrugada, había las dos fue algo así como una detonación. No vimos luminosidad alguna, ni escuchamos otros ruidos extraordinarios". La acompaña en la gráfica su sobrina, la señorita María Josefina Domínguez.



Una esfera como esta que publicamos interpretó el paso de la camioneta que guiaba González y de su interior —según el relato conciliado— "emergió un hombre de pequeña estatura, a quien González trató inútilmente de atrapar".

La señorita Avellaneda

La señorita María Antonieta Avellaneda, quien vive en una quinta diagonal —a unos cincuenta metros del lugar donde ocurrió el hecho— relatado por González, se limitó a decir al ser consultada por nuestro reportero que estaba despierta hacia la hora indicada y que pudo percibir algo así como una detonación. Na-

da más que eso. Durante su declaración estuvo presente su sobrina, la señorita María Josefina Domínguez y el señor Mario Arana, familiar suyo. Este último manifestó que había escuchado la versión y que "el hombre no se comovió, pese a que dijo a conocer su relato varias veces en la vejez".

presuntos marcianos hechos por muchachos del barrio, y en la población de Petare se comentaba el suceso. Los periodistas de la radio y televisión, camarógrafos y gente de la capital, atraídos por la curiosidad y la aparición fantástica de la "noticia" colmaron la calle, la cual por un lado da a una quebrada y a un pequeño campo que los separa de una alfarería cuyos hornos están prendidos continuamente.

La versión de González y su acompañante a los periodistas indica que "uno de los homocúculos mibia por la ladera llevando en las manos muestras de tierra".

Nadie, excepto el mismo González, quien no se dejó ver ayer ni de por el lugar, pudo dar al testimonio de que vio el aparato incandescente, ni había hui-



Un marciano enano, pero con músculos poderosos, dominó e hirió a González, cuando éste trató de atraparlo. Según la explicación dada a los periodistas, el extraño personaje que descendió del platillo tendría esta configuración.

llas de los presuntos marcianos que describe el afortunado protagonista de su extraordinario encuentro con seres interplanetarios.

Noticias sobre Platillos de toda el mundo

En los últimos días los Diarios han estado publicando noticias procedentes de todo el mundo relativas a la aparición de los discos volantes. Anoche poco después de terminar esta información se recibió la siguiente, que procede de La Plata, cerca de Buenos Aires, hoy llamada "Ciudad Eva Perón" transmitida por la France Press. He aquí su contenido:

CIUDAD EVA PERÓN, noviembre 29 (AFP). — Esta ciudad presenta desde ayer un aspecto curioso, pues todos los aficionados a la fotografía se han lanzado a la calle provistos de sus máquinas, para tratar de captar las imágenes de los platillos volantes, cuya presencia fue advertida por numerosas personas.

El principal motivo del revuelo es el ofrecimiento hecho por un diario local de entregar la suma de veinte mil pesos a quien consiga retratar un platillo volador.

Dijo Arana que le llamaba poderosamente la atención la circunstancia de que el señor Eusebio Narrachán, quien vive en Petare, había manifestado en su casa horas antes de producirse el suceso que había visto sobrevolar el sur de Petare un "extraño aparato luminoso" que "no hacía ruido" y que otras personas junto con él habían visto y comentado con extrañeza dicho suceso. En la madrugada, a las dos —dice el señor Arana— fue escuchada como una detonación en la calle Buena Vista.

Centenares de personas a pie y en automóvil atraídas por la curiosidad se habían dirigido ayer tarde a la calle Buena Vista, teatro de la aparición que cuenta

Un Platillo Volador

Aterrizó en Petare

Según Testigo Ocular

Los Hombrecillos, que se suponen sean Marcianos, Fueron Vistos por unos Comerciantes, a eso de las Dos de la Madrugada. Los Autores del Hallazgo, Cubanos, Dijeron que Habían Tratado de Detener a los Extraños Seres, Siendo Ligeramente Lesionados por Estos. Advirtieron una Luz muy Viva, en Toda la Calle, Cuando Aterrizó el Platillo Volador.

Gustavo González, de veintidós años de edad, natural de La Habana y con residencia en la Calle Bolivia No. 73 en Catia, fue víctima de una crisis nerviosa al sostener ligero forcejeo con un extraño ser viviente que descendió a tierra de un aparato incandescente el cual flotaba a pocos metros de altura. El caso, según González, tuvo lugar a las dos de la madrugada de ayer en la Calle Bella Vista, en Petare.

El cubano, horas después de su encuentro con aquel extraño personaje, hubo de ser trasladado al Puesto de Emergencia Central de la Esquina de Salas, donde el personal médico de guardia que lo atendió, le apreció contusiones simples en el costado izquierdo.

A juzgar por el parte oficial emanado de la Oficina de Prensa de la Comandancia General de Policía, el señor Gustavo González, declaró a las autoridades lo siguiente:

—Cuando pasaba por la Calle Bella Vista, en Petare, conducido en una camioneta de mi propiedad y acompañado de un ayudante, detuve sorpresivamente el vehículo que manejaba, al observar que la calle por donde transcurría se iluminó de repente como si fueran las doce del día.

—Mi ayudante, dijo González, también sorprendido, abrió la puerta de la camioneta y bajó a tierra al cual que yo. El salió corriendo al ver lo que yo seguí más tarde pude observar. No estábamos borrachos, pues veníamos hacia el mercado a vender nuestros productos.

—Al bajarme de la camioneta pude ver como un extraño ser viviente se acercaba a nosotros. Al principio sentí como si algo me impediera moverme — pero luego avancé donde el extraño sujeto. Lo agité entre mis brazos y traté de detenerlo, pero aquel pequeño "hombrechillo" podíamos calificar, tenía mucha fuerza y lo desahicé de la especie de fuerza que la había aplicado. Cae al momento y logré pararme rápidamente.



Gustavo González

El hombre que vió el platillo volador ayer en Petare.

En el momento en que me acordaba a ayudar a mi compañero. Aquella luz me impidió por momentos ver lo que a continuación ocurría y poco después al estar en mi estado normal, todo había desaparecido.

—Cuando salí de aquella especie de "trance" tenía mi cuchillo en la mano derecha y recuerdo que cuando el "hombrechillo" al cual traté de detener, se acercaba a mí, por cuestión de instinto, saqué a relucir el arma que portaba y le tiré una cuchillada. El arma rozó sobre el cuerpo, pero del extraño ser y se deslizo como si hubiese caído sobre algún material muy fuerte.

—Mi compañero, dijo Ponce, y agregó González, logramos ver algo así como un platillo luminoso del cual descendieron los tres pequeños sujetos. El que agarré...

riz, de baja estatura, descalzo, con un traje muy raro — parecía un guayuco — sus dos ojos eran brillantes, se me zafó dando un salto felino.

—José Ponce, salió corriendo y llegó a la Inspectoría del Tránsito de Petare, situada en la misma calle, donde se registró el extraño acontecimiento. Pocos minutos después llegaba a este mismo despacho oficial Gustavo González, y luego de tomar un poco de agua y recuperarse energías, relató lo que le había ocurrido. Los dos hombres, los que en aquel momento se hallaban en la I. G. T. miraban a Ponce y a González, sorprendidos. Alguien les dijo: Ustedes, lo que han visto es una visión, como consecuencia de las liberaciones y allos que demostraron que no habían tomado licor alguno haciendo sentir que no despidían vapor alcohólico, pues se dirigían hacia la charcutería "Scheper" en busca de los productos que venderían en el Mercado L. Por otra parte, nuestros rep...

teros, lograron conocer que en realidad Ponce y González, no se hallaban bajo la influencia alcohólica cuando tuvo lugar el suceso, pues de haber estado estos embriagados hubiesen sido embestados por las autoridades del tránsito, y además, cuando González fue trasladado al Puesto de Emergencia, se mostraba bastante nervioso y en su costado izquierdo aparecían unas leves contusiones.

Venezuela

Petare

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According Mr. Urdanta, the peasants said that at 6:00 o'clock in the morning (four hours after the Petare incident) they were sowing in their fields when the strange apparatus appeared. The object was like a globe and trailed a wake. The globe landed and several little men disembarked. The small figures picked up something from the ground and then climbed back aboard their ship. The globe-like then craft took off immediately in a vertical manner. Since the diminutive visitors were only on the ground a few minutes, the farmers had no chance to intervene.

Authorities were impressed enough to send a special investigative party to Palmarito (Another good case for modern day UFO researchers to check on. (xx.)

(xx.) Maracaibo, Nov. 29 (Special Correspondent) (No news service given. May be "AFP"). Also: "Venezuela Maracaibo, 54-11-28." APRO Files. (Translated press account by APRO —probably by "Joe." The APRO account is a direct translation and a bit confusing. I have cleaned it up a bit—L.E. Gross)

28 November. Caracas, Venezuela. (From 10:00 to 11:00 p.m.)

"Luminous globe."

Professor Boris Bossio, author of numerous textbooks on mathematics, viewed a strange object between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. on November 28th. He first thought he should report the observation to the Office of National Security, Los Dos Comins, only two blocks from his house, but changed his mind and told only his wife. He doubted saucer stories, even the well publicized and sensational "fight with dwarf" that made headlines that afternoon.

The next day Professor Bossio read in the morning paper that people in Los Palos Grande had seen the same phenomenon as he, and had reported it to authorities. Witnesses said that they had seen a strange luminous globe hovering in the air near a peak in the Avila mountain range. The peak was called "the chair of Caracas."

The professor's observation.

It seems Professor Bossio had been outside in his yard late in the evening of the 28th when he spotted something near the right side of the summit of "the chair of Caracas." The city of Caracas itself was wrapped in a thick fog but Professor Bossio had a good view of the UFO from his home. He went inside his house and came out on a terrace to get even a better view. What he saw was a very luminous body of giant size, which was emitting beams of light intermittently. He called his wife. When she arrived, Professor Bossio asked: "What do you see?" She replied: "A gigantic thing that emits luminous rays, right of the mountain, at its level, but without touching the ground. That is, like "suspended," hanging in the space, right at the same level as the summit of the "chair."

The thing kept its position, throwing off luminous "beams" for ten minutes. Then it began to diminish in brightness until it faded completely. Professor Bossio compared the beams to an "automobile's searchlight" (He is probably referring to what an American would call a "spot-light." This device, common in the 1950s, is never seen on modern cars).

After reading about reports in the morning paper, professor Bossio stopped to buy something in a grocery store and happened to overhear two Italians discussing the UFO visible the previous evening. He heard one of the men say: "It was an enormous thing, like a giant globe suspended in the air." The other man objected: "Oh, it was just a star." At this point professor Bossio

could not keep himself from interrupting. He asked the two men to explain themselves. The Italians said they had seen an enormous luminous body the night before in the eastern sky near the "chair of Caracas" between 10 and 11.

The professor left the store and made his way to work, a teacher's job at the National Guard Officer's School. He asked the military men in his classes if any military activity was taking place near the "chair of Caracas." They said no. He said: "Are you sure?" They replied: "Yes, we certainly are!"

The professor doubted the phenomenon was due to a searchlight since the city had been covered with a heavy, thick mist at the time.

Returning home after work, professor Bossio encountered still more people, even his gardener, who had observed the "object" the previous evening. The story was the same: "A luminous globe, floating in the sky, at the level of the summit, throwing beams of light intermittently. He did, however, learn something new. It was claimed that the globe, when last seen, rose straight up and eventually was lost from sight, its fading out due to distance from the observers. (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas 54-11-28," News clipping translation by "Joe." No newspaper named. APRO files. (See actual clipping on page 35)

28 November. Borburata, Venezuela.
(night)

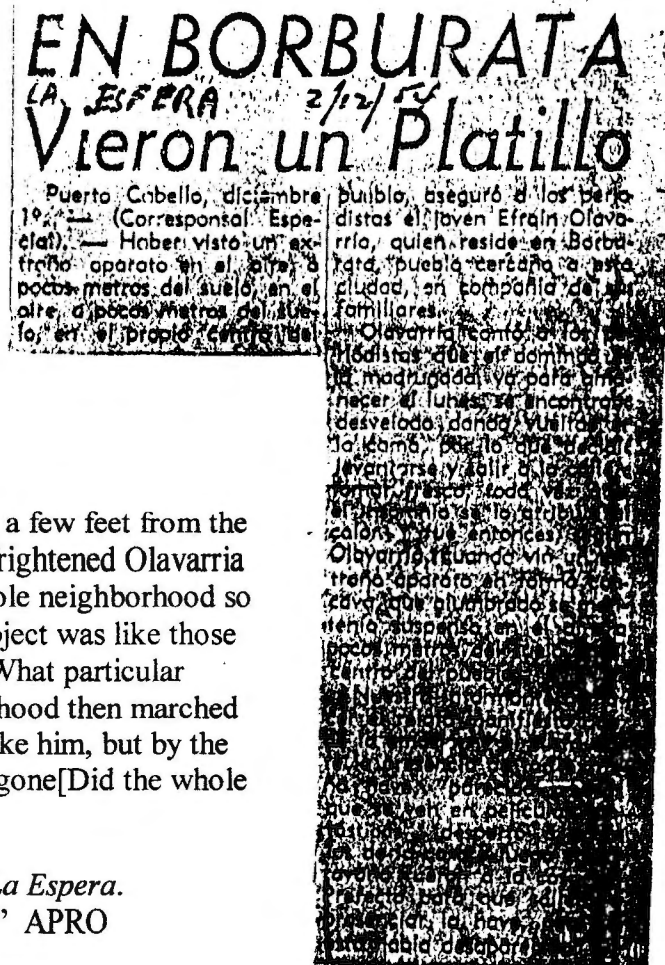
"In the center of the town?"

According to a press account:

"The young man Efrain Olavarria, who lives in Borburata with his family, encountered a strange machine.

"Olavarria told newspapermen that last Sunday [November 28th] night he couldn't sleep so he took a walk. He blamed the insomnia on the sultry heat. He came across the craft, hovering in the air a few feet from the ground in the center of the town. The sight frightened Olavarria who immediately attempted to wake the whole neighborhood so everyone could see the craft. He says the object was like those in science-fiction films.[That's interesting. What particular films?—L.E. Gross]. Those in the neighborhood then marched to the house of the Prefect of the town to wake him, but by the time the Prefect came out, the machine was gone[Did the whole crowd see it?]." (xx.)

(xx.) Puert Cabello, Venezuela. Dec. 1. *La Esfera*.
2 December 54. Translated by "Joe." APRO
files. (See clipping)



Durante Largo Rato

El Profesor Boris Bossio Vivas Vio un Cuerpo Luminoso A Nivel de la Silla de Caracas

El extraño aparato lanzaba haces de luz intermitente y después de 20 minutos inició una ascensión recta — El globo luminoso lo vio el profesor de matemáticas entre 10 y 11 de la noche del domingo



Profesor Boris Bossio Vivas
—Una duda disipada—

El profesor Boris Bossio Vivas, matemático, autor de numerosos textos de matemáticas para educación secundaria y profesional de absoluta seriedad, ajeno a toda cuestión de índole publicitaria, vivió el domingo próximo pasado, entre 10 y 11 de la noche, una de sus más emocionantes experiencias de hombre y de aficionado a la astronomía.

—Al principio —manifestaba ayer al reportero, con quien sostuvo una pequeña conversación al respecto— pensé acudir a las oficinas de la Seguridad Nacional, en Los Dos Caminos. Mi casa está a unas dos cuadras del edificio donde funcionan estos servicios; pero finalmente opté por dejarlo tan sólo como experiencia personal, que compartí mi esposa. Al día siguiente muchas personas que viven por los Pálos Grandes, habían visto, como yo, el extraño globo luminoso, al Este de la Silla de Caracas, a nivel de la Silla, más propiamente. Y entonces, al leer la información que el lunes traían los periódicos, no sólo me confundí, sino que aún ahora estoy confundido y lleno de dudas.

Hombre serio y metódico incapaz de creer aquello que no pueda ser demostrado por la lógica y el razonamiento, hasta el domingo el

profesor Bossio Vivas puso muy en duda la existencia de platillos voladores y de cuerpos celestes misteriosos. Incluso su experiencia del domingo, le parece fabulosa la historia del carnicero de Petare que luchó con extraños seres diminutos y no relaciona una cosa con la otra. Pero lo suyo puede ser motivo de una investigación seria que pueda poner en claro el fenómeno.

Cuenta el Dr. Bossio Vivas que entre 10 y 11 de la noche, estaba en el patio de su casa cuando a la derecha de la Silla de Caracas, estando la ciudad cubierta por una neblina que hacía muy difícil la visión, lo sorprendió la presencia de un cuerpo luminoso gigantesco, que emitía haces de luz, en forma intermitente. Subió a la azotea, en la segunda planta de su domicilio y pudo apreciar en toda su magnitud la figura global y luminosa. Llamó a su esposa y le preguntó: ¿Qué ves?

—Ella le dijo: —Una figura gigantesca, que emite haces luminosos, a la derecha de la Silla, en su mismo nivel, pero sin estar en la tierra. Es una figura como suspendida al mismo nivel de la Silla.

Era exactamente lo que él ex-

taba viendo. La figura se movió un poco, lanzando haces luminosos que atravesaban la capa de neblina —que es lo extraordinario— por espacio de unos días minutos. Después se fue desvaneciendo, haciéndose diminuta.

—[Ella—decía él, estremecido— la explicación gráfica— como un faro de automóvil.

En la contemplación del extraño fenómeno el profesor Bossio Vivas estuvo alrededor de media hora. Más tarde, cuando abandonó la idea de acudir a la Policía a denunciar el caso, por temor a que no tomaran en serio su exposición, comenzó a estar caboso. En un principio pensó que se trataba de una estrella.

—Quizá sea Júpiter —se dijo— que por estos tiempos y a una hora parecida, asoma por allí.

Pero la proximidad con la Silla de Caracas y la intermitencia de los haces luminosos lo hicieron desear bien pronto la idea: A la mañana siguiente, siempre con la idea del extraño cuerpo global que había visto la noche anterior, se lanzó a una discusión que sostenían los dos dependientes italianos de la casa de abastos próxima a su domicilio. Se detuvo a oírlos y pudo cerciorarse de que no se trataba de una equivocación suya. Uno de los italianos decía:

—Era una cosa enorme, como un globo suspendido.

—Que era una estrella, le dijo.

—Le objetaba el otro.

Preguntó por el motivo de la discusión, ya intercalado, hasta el máximo y los dos hombres le contaron que entre 10 y 11 de la noche del domingo, hacia el Este de

la Silla de Caracas,

un enorme cuerpo luminoso.

El profesor siguió hacia la Escuela de Formación de Oficiales de la Guardia Nacional, donde tiene varias sillas y lo primero que le ocurrió a su llegada fue el

lugar de la casa, donde se realizó una excursión por los lados de la Silla de Caracas.

—No, profesor —le dijeron.

—Seguro —insistió él.

—Seguro —la respondieron.

Descartó entonces esa posibilidad y la otra, la de que fuese un reflector.

—No podía ser el haz luminoso de un reflector —decía él— porque, le repito, la ciudad estaba toda en neblina y había mucha neblina.

Al regreso a su casa por la tarde comprobó que muchas personas, incluyendo al jardinero de su casa, habían visto el globo luminoso, flotando a nivel de la Silla de Caracas, lanzando haces de luz, en forma intermitente y como suspendido.

A él le llamó poderosamente la atención el fenómeno. El globo o lo que fue, realizó una ascensión recta, al desaparecer. Tardó cerca de 10 minutos en dispersarse. Al día siguiente, al hacer cálculos y comparaciones, no le cupo la menor duda de que se trataba de un cuerpo extraño, porque en la Silla de Caracas hay una enorme declive y la figura estaba justo a nivel del pico.

—Quizá —insistió— mucha gente no lo vio en Los Pálos Grandes debido a la neblina. Pero le repito, los haces atravesaban la

cortina que así formaba.

El reportero encasó la conversación hacia el fenómeno de Petare, ocurrido precisamente en la madrugada del mismo día domingo.

El profesor dijo que no daba por cierto lo de Petare si relacionaba este asunto con su observación; pero llevando la gente a ese plano, está bien.

La gente habla de Marte, como si necesariamente hubiesen de venir sólo de Marte seres extraños. Entre Júpiter y Marte hay una serie de asteroides que pueden también estar habitados. Por otra parte, no es posible pensar que si se trata de ensayos extra-terrenos, no habrían de enviar los científicos avanzadas así a la

lucha. Enviarían primero animales. Acaso animales de tipo superior.

Y, pese a las dudas que antes no abrigó, el profesor Bossio Vivas, tenía de "platillos" o cuerpos extraños, como que había visto uno por largo rato. Aunque no por ello dejará de parecerle fabuloso lo del cuento del carnicero de Petare, que libró dicha encarnizada con uno de los tres seres diminutos.

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29 November. African UFO flap "blows over."

A letter to the editor of an English newspaper on the 29th mentioned briefly the recent UFO activity over Africa. It seems a Mrs. Bates of Wolverhampton had a daughter, Mrs. George Sinclair, who lived in the city of Tanga, in Tanganyika. Mrs. Sinclair informed her mother:

"Re: the 'flying saucers.' I told you that everyone at the time was 'flying saucer' mad, that objects had been seen practically every night over Dar es Salaam (Capital of Tanganyika and major seaport) and Mombasa (Kenya's major seaport) for a week and even pictures of them appeared in the papers. Everyone was becoming quite alarmed as it seemed a landing of one of them was imminent. They traveled at incredible speed or hovered in the air as the mood took them, but as I predicted, it has over blown over and the mystery has never been solved." (xx.)

(xx.) Wolverhampton, England. *Express & Star*. 29 November 54.

29 November. Caracas, Venezuela. (morning)

Pilots encounter a strange "something" over Caracas.

Capt. Luis Felipe Toro, pilot of a TACA (airliner?) and his co-pilot Eduardo Chacin, were approaching Caracas when they were startled by a strange "something" zooming across the sky. Captain Toro told the press he was on instrumental flight control as he entered "Tacagua alley" prior to landing at Maiquetia. At that time a strange object flying at about 15,000 feet altitude passed over his plane, speeding east to west. It was all over in seconds, the UFO vanishing quickly in the distance. (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas 54-11-30 (Sic 29th)" News clipping translation by "Joe."
No newspaper named. APRO files. (See actual clipping on page 37)

30 November. Between Mene Grande and Lagunillas, Venezuela. (little after 10:00 a.m.)

"Gust of wind?"

Student pilot Saul Paez Paredes of the Air Club of Maracaibo told the press he encountered a "flying saucer," or "something much like it," when flying at a height 10,000 feet between Mene Grande and Lagunillas. According to Paez, the UFO was bright-colored and passed him by at a fantastic speed, leaving behind a "gust of wind" that affected the stability of his plane. He explained that he had taken off from Grano de Oro airdrome at 9:30 a.m., and when he returned to the field a little after 10:00 o'clock, the "thing" appeared. Paredes said the thing was not a hallucination or a vision, it was a strange ship, round, and "spinning-top-like." Upon seeing it, Paredes lost control of his plane momentarily. Quote: "When I realized this, I had time to move the steers [?], avoiding the strong 'gust of wind' to...[toss? -Photocopy not clear] the plane until I was forced to reduce the speed." [A direct translation of this sentence

Extraño Objeto Volador Vieron el Piloto y el Co-Piloto de un "TACA"

Volaban sobre Caracas de regreso ayer de un vuelo del interior.

El raro objeto se movía a gran velocidad de Este a Oeste y en cuestión de segundos desapareció. El piloto Luis Felipe Toro, cree que los platillos sean en verdad marcianos. "¿Por qué no?"



El Capitán de la "Taca" Luis F. Padrón declarando al corresponsal G. Villaseña en Maiquetía acerca del extraño objeto que vio volando sobre Caracas con rumbo a Maiquetía y que pudo ser un platillo volador.

MAIQUETIA, noviembre 30. — (Corresponsal G. Villaseña). — Volando sobre Caracas un piloto de la "Taca" — Capitán Luis Felipe Toro — vio un extraño objeto en la mañana del lunes, cuando regresaba de San Fernando de Apure y Valle de la Pascua. También fue visto por el copiloto Eduardo Chacín.

Toro esta mañana, cuando fue entrevistado por los corresponsales en el aeropuerto, no se atrevió a asegurar se trataba de un platillo volador.

Estábamos descendiendo, después de haber salido de un vuelo en instrumento, —decía— para entrar al "callejón" de Tacagua con rumbo al aeropuerto de Maiquetía, cuando vi en el espacio, a una altura aproximada de quince mil pies, un raro objeto que se movía a gran velocidad de Este a Oeste.

Fue cuestión de segundos, porque rápidamente se perdió a nuestra vista. Si apenas el copiloto Chacín logró distinguirlo.

Al aterrizar en Maiquetía informé acerca de lo que habíamos visto yo y mi copiloto y fue entonces cuando me enteré de lo que había ocurrido la noche anterior en Petare.

En su conversación con los corresponsales el Capitán Toro expuso su criterio acerca de los platillos voladores, los cuales considera que no son aparatos técnicos de nuestro planeta, porque con tantos años que se les ha venido viendo, ya se hubiera descubierto el secreto.

—Yo creo— expresaba con gran convencimiento el capitán Toro — que sean verdaderamente marcianos ¿y por qué no? que estén arribando a la tierra.

Mientras el Capitán Toro char-

laba con los corresponsales, a su alrededor se iban aglomerando más personas, todas interesadas en conocer la propia versión del piloto de la "Taca".

Al verse asediado por tantas personas, el Capitán Toro prefirió retirarse.

...erred round him, until on account of the crowd,

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doesn't make a lot of sense. Since he was a student pilot, perhaps he jerked the controls out fear. UFOs, as a rule, don't produce wind gusts]. The passing of the thing was very swift and it forced him to go down before finishing his "test flight." (xx.)

(xx.) No city named. *El Heraldo*. 30 November 54.
"Translation by "Joe." "Venezuela Maracaibo
54-11-30." APRO files. (I've "cleaned up" the
translation to make it more readable—L.E.
Gross)

*New Delhi India
Hindustan Times
Dec 1, 1954*

30 November. Colombo, Ceylon. (no time)

Queer, brown object. (See clipping)

30 November. Buenos Aires, Argentina. (night)

Luminous body.

Our source states:

Queer Object In The Sky

COLOMBO, Nov. 30.—Two of Ceylon's Air Academy pilots on Sunday zoomed up to investigate a queer brown object which floated across the clear, cloudless sky at Ratmalana airport, but could not spot it.

A large crowd had gathered at the airport to see the object.—P.T.I.

"Last night were seen several flying saucers in the sky over this city, as informed the newspaper ["*Glatin?*" —bad typing job made name unclear] which states that among the persons who saw them is Dr. Felix Molero, a meteorologist. 'Indeed, states the newspaper, several persons declared they have seen a round, luminous body, with all the characteristics of a flying saucers, which cruised at a moderated speed at a considerable height.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dec. 1. (AFP). Translated by "Joe." APRO files.

"M.Z. Truth," Wednesday, December 1, 1954—Page 22

MARSMEN WERE MONKEYS

LONDON ("Truth's" Special Service).—"Two-foot men from Mars" have been making monkeys out of humans just lately. From many parts of the earth have come reports of "little men in a flying saucer," etc.

BUT, it turns out, they were not little men from Mars, but ordinary, everyday monkeys.

From the U.S. it has been learned that monkeys have been sent up to great heights in balloons to test for cosmic radiation.

The little animals have been shaved and had electrical leads attached to them in this probe into upper space.

They have been given special clothing—oxygen masks and helmets—and the little aeronauts have gone aloft to stay there for many hours.

By radio vital information about blood pressure, temperature and other conditions, has been returned to scientists below. It has been found that cosmic radiation is harmful to human tissues at the height at which men can now fly.

Hundreds of thousands of these Rhesus monkeys have been flown out of India, mostly to America, where they have also been used in many types of research other than this "flying saucer" stuff.

THEY WERE SO GOOD THAT SINCE 1950 REPORTS HAVE COME IN ABOUT "TWO-FOOT-HIGH SPACEMEN" DEAD IN THE WRECKAGE OF "FLYING SAUCERS," WHEN A BALLOON HAS RETURNED TO EARTH AND HAS BEEN FOUND BY FOLK NOT IN THE KNOW.

"Are monkeys making monkeys out of us?"

Corriere della Sera
Milano Italy
Nov 30 1954

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Disco volante fotografato nell'Astigiano

Finalmente una prova sicura: i dischi esistono

Un disco volante è stato fotografato ieri nell'Astigiano ad opera di un cacciatore che, al tramonto, nella zona di Rocchetta Tanaro, ha avvistato un disco volante che si era abbassato vicino ad una chiesetta, fra Calamandragna e Canelli, ripartendo poi subito a folle velocità.

Appresa la notizia ci recammo immediatamente nella zona e già a Rocchetta Tanaro, a Incisa, a Nizza avevamo la conferma della notizia attraverso le concordanti dichiarazioni degli abitanti. Arrivammo alla chiesetta indicataci — una chiesetta isolata nel campo che è aperta solo nelle festività — e ci intrattenemmo a lungo col sagrestano sull'argomento. Ecco le sue dichiarazioni:

« Si — disse — è proprio vero. Il disco arrivò poco prima dell'imbrunire, girò a lungo e lentamente sulla chiesa e, nell'allontanarsi, lasciò cadere qualcosa che finì ai margini del sagrato. Meravigliato raccolsi lo strano oggetto consistente in un minerale di nickel avvolto in un foglio di carta molto spesso; sulla carta vi era un disegno che rappresentava una forma umana con la bocca spalancata e con una ciotola in mano dalla quale scendeva del liquido. Il disegno rappresentava, insomma, un essere umano nell'atto di bere.

A lato era poi uno schizzo della chiesa e davanti ad essa il disegno di un disco. Rimasi perplesso, ma poi credetti di capire il messaggio. Il misterioso viaggiatore chiedeva da bere e lo schizzo del disco e della chiesa stava ad indicare che sarebbe tornato ed avrebbe atterrato sul sagrato.

Guardai ancora il foglio, ma ecco che le linee del disegno scomparvero misteriosamente ed il foglio si sbriciolò riducendosi in finissima polvere.

Rimasi veramente sbigottito. Entrai in casa e mi rimisi dall'emozione con un buon bicchiere di vino.

Dopo una mezz'ora mi richiamò alla realtà un debole fruscio proveniente dall'alto. Uscii, e m'accorsi che il disco tornava. La sua sagoma appariva come un'ombra che discendeva quasi a perpendicolo sopra il sagrato. Mi ripresi subito e il significato del disegno mi apparve chiaro. Mentre il disco silenziosamente si adagiava sul terreno, corsi in casa, presi una bottiglia di vino e la posi sul bordo del disco volante, davanti ad un oblio. Nessun segno di vita all'interno. Immediatamente la bottiglia scomparve nell'oblio come risucchiata da una forza misteriosa, mentre il disco rapidamente si innalzava e scompariva alla vista a velocità vertiginosa.



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Perché — gli chiedemmo — ve lo aveva detto nel messaggio? — No — rispose il sagrestano sorridendo — ma sicuramente ritornerà. La bottiglia di vino messa sul disco era di Asti d'Olanda, e chi beve Asti d'Olanda una volta lo tornerà a bere per tutta la vita. Vuotando il bicchiere offertoci dal buon sagrestano, con venimmo anche noi sul ritorno del disco e sullo squallido sapore dell'Asti d'Olanda. Il dolce vino apertissimo che tonifica il corpo e rasserenava lo spirito.

Untranslated Italian news clipping dated: 30 November 54.

"MARTIANS"
ARE USED
AS AN EXCUSE
FOR MURDER

Drummond Murder Trial

FINAL STAGES ENTERED

PARIS

The trial at Digne, Southern France, of Gaston Dominici, a farmer, who is charged with murdering the British scientist, Sir Jack Drummond, his wife, and his daughter, Elizabeth, two years ago, has entered the final stages.

The public prosecutor has dismissed one by one the motives which were suggested earlier for the triple murder.

Among them was the theory that Sir Jack and his family were killed when the scientist returned to the farm to collect some money which he brought to the Dominici during the resistance movement in the last war.

The prosecutor also dismissed the theory that Communists were responsible for the crime because they mistook Sir Jack for an American general; and that "Martians" had done the murders after arriving in the Alps, where the farm is situated, in a flying saucer.

FROM "HERALD"
29/11/54

Murray Bott files.

2 December. The secret conference at the Brazilian Army Technical School.

(See pages 40,42, in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*)

Dr. Olaves Fontes wrote:

“Colonel Adil de Oliveira finished his statement and walked back to the first row of the spectator section. The room was quiet. The audience stood motionless, some faces worried, some confused or perplexed, a few bewildered, none of them absent-minded. Then, an analysis of the best sightings was started and, at the witness chair, three observers reported what they had seen. There were: Lieutenant Hernani Ferraz de Almeida, jet pilot; Major-Aviator Joao Magalhaes Mota; and Mr. Thelmo Braga, civilian.” (xx.)

(xx.) Fontes' original notes donated by Robert Gribble now in the author's files. Apparently the reaction of the people at the conference was recorded by one of those present, probably reporter Joao Martins of the magazine *Cruzeiro*.

2 December. Officers Almeida and Mota tell their stories at the secret conference.
(See page 41) (Credit: *O Cruzeiro*. 21 December 54.)

3 December. Caracas, Venezuela. (between 5:00 and 7:00 a.m.)

More UFO activity near the “Chair of Caracas.”

The press noted more reports about strange lights in the Avila mountains. It was said several times very strange luminosities were observed between 5 and 7 in the morning in the vicinity of the “Chair of Caracas.” The morning fog screened the strange lights from citizens in the city of Caracas but places above the heavy mist reported “luminous apparatus passing by at great speed.” Witnesses suppose the phenomenon has something to do with flying saucers. Investigative teams from the local police precincts and the Prefecture were sent to the area to question witnesses.

Workers at El Hatillo (only 20 to 30 minutes drive from Caracas to the south), at a place called “Rincon Verde,” assured the press they had seen the lights from there.

One of the first witnesses to contact the precinct to report an observation, Mr. Jose Antonio Cartcia, said a Mr. Bartolomeo, boss of some farmhands at a local estate, told everyone one of workers had viewed a brilliant object, round and shiny in appearance, near the east peak.” (xx.)

(xx.) No city named, Venezuela. *Ultimas Noticias*. 5 December 54. Translation by “Joe.” APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

3 December. Limassol, Cyprus. (no time)

A press report states:



"The residents of Limassol, a town situated on the southern coast of Cyprus, have seen what they affirm to be a flying saucer, flying toward the northwest at a great speed and at high altitude.

"The eyewitnesses state that the object, which was in view for several minutes before it disappeared behind the clouds, was round and silver colored." (xx.)

(xx.) Nicosie, Cyprus. Dec. 3. (AFP)

3 December. Flying saucers are not contrary to logical thought?

Letter to the editor:

"As a reader of your paper, *The Freethinker*, I feel I must protest about the article in 'This Believing World,' November 5.

"In this article you attack people believing in 'Flying Saucers.' You accuse them of credulity and gullibility, to quote your own words. Surely nothing could be farther from the truth. We disbelieve in God and Religion because they are contrary to all logical thought.

"Flying Saucers are not contrary to logical thought. I personally think it highly probable that they do exist. I ask you, what is strange about flying machines a bit more developed than our own..." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Freethinker*. 3 December 54. Last part of clipping missing, thus the name of the writer is not available. Murray Bott files. Auckland, New Zealand.

3 December. Psychic Society complains. (See clipping)
(Credit: Murray Bott. Auckland, New Zealand)

3 December. Wilmington, North Carolina. (12:30 p.m.)

Air Traffic controllers see "something." (See clipping)

4 December. Maracaibo, Venezuela. (night)

Bishop of Zulia sees saucer?

While the report cannot be classified as a "high strangeness event, the identity of the witness could only heighten public interest in UFO sightings. It seems Monsignor Marcos Sergio Godoy, Bishop of the Diocese of Zulia, went on record as being puzzled by odd activity in the skies. Was it now respectable to be quoted by the newspapers?

'Flying Saucer' Seen Over Field Near Wilmington

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 3 (AP)—An unidentified object—round in shape and faster than a jet plane in speed—was spotted today by the control tower at Blumenthal Field. The object also was sighted by a group at the Pennington Flying Service hangar at approximately 12:30 p. m.

Two airport traffic controllers with the Civil Aeronautics Administration—Luther H. O'Banian and J. B. Bradley—said they saw the saucer-shaped object from the control tower. It was headed in a southwesterly direction and vanished into the West.

Bradley saw the object with the naked eye and described it as white and round. He also observed it through field glasses and said it looked yellowish in color. O'Banian observed the object only with binoculars.

"It didn't have any definite shape or form," he said, "and it looked yellow with a little black on the lower side and to the rear."

It appeared to be descending and had a forward speed of 500 miles per hour or more.

"I don't believe it was a reflection," O'Banian added, "but I wouldn't know what it was."

O'Banian observed the object for 30 to 45 seconds. It was spotted a minute and a half after a B-47 headed north-northwest had passed over the field.

Kent Messenger
123, Week Street, Maidstone.
issue dated 3-DEC-1954
Sevenside EDITION

Psychic Society and flying saucers

Dear Editor.—The Chairman of the Psychic Enquiry Society wishes it to be known that the Society is not, and never has been, associated in any way with the branch of the Flying Saucers Club formed in Sevenoaks.

A report on the activities of the branch recently appeared in the local Press which it is considered may reflect unfavourably on the Society.

This announcement in no way reflects on the Press, but it is felt that attention should be drawn to this report.—PSYCHIC ENQUIRY SOCIETY.

The prelate told a reporter that a few days before (December 1st?) He was out for walk in the evening when he observed a "strange luminous object" crossing the dark sky. Since it cruised very slowly, the Bishop didn't believe it was meteor.

Likewise, recently he had been resting at his country place when suddenly a teacher from a nearby school called to report something strange speeding through the air, an object leaving behind a thick stream of smoke. Was it a saucer the reporter asked? The Bishop remarked: "I can't assure you it was. It can be. Everything is possible. God might have made another world." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Maracaibo 54-12-4" Translated by "Joe."
APRO files. Photocopy in the author's files.

4 December. Coronel Pringles (Buenos Aires), Argentina.
(6:00 a.m.)

A dwarf with an enormous head.

A brief HumCat case states:

"E. Aguirre Zavala, a commercial employee, observed a very bright disc coming down to about 20 feet above the ground where it remained suspended. In the middle of this disc there moved a strange figure which seemed to be a dwarf with an enormous head. The UFO rose up shortly afterward emitting a very bright light."
(xx.)

(xx.) Buenos Aires, Argentina *La Razon*. 19 April 73. (Belated report. It might be a hoax)

Untranslated clipping from Chile dated: 4 December 54. (Credit: Barry Greenwood) (See clipping)

Saucer project dropped.

The truth about the much ballyhooed "Canadian Flying Saucer" didn't rate much space in the press. (See clipping) (Credit: Barry Greenwood)

5 December. North East, Pennsylvania. (Between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m.)

(See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*, pages 46-48. The lady's name that was withheld at the time was "Lucy Dawson." Apparently she went public after others came forward with their own sighting of the same object)

EL Mercurio

Santiago Chile

Dec. 4, 1954

**Discos Avistados
A Gran Altura en
Sector de "Rojos"**

**Informe de oficial en
acción**

Con relación al período de maniobras que cumplen efectivos del Ejército en el valle central, ayer, aproximadamente a las 17 horas, un oficial destacado en acción, comunicó haber divisado a gran altura, tres aparatos de forma circular, que por su aspecto y luminosidad describió como los llamados "discos o platillos voladores".

Señaló que después de unos instantes, éstos desaparecieron, pero de inmediato —dice— fueron avistados otros cinco de estos aparatos, que se desplazaban a gran velocidad en el espacio.

De ello fué informado al comando rojo en campaña.

Egyptian Gazette

Dec 4 1954

**CANADIANS
WORKED ON
'SAUCERS'**

Southampton, Dec. 3. CANADIAN scientists worked for about 18 months on a 100-million dollar 'Flying Saucer' project. Mr. C.D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Trade, Commerce and Defence Production, said when he arrived here yesterday in the liner "Queen Elizabeth."

The Minister said the Avro-Canada firm planned the oval-shaped aircraft but finally dropped the scheme. He commented "we did engineering on it and proved to ourselves that it would fly but we did not carry it to the mockup stage because it did not seem to have any useful purpose." — R —

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkinson Confirm Sighting of Space Ship over North East

Two more solid North East citizens report seeing the space ship first reported to the Breeze by Lucy Dawson two weeks ago.

Mrs. Dawson had seen the phenomena twice — Saturday and Sunday nights, Dec. 4 and 5. She described it as glowing a brilliant orange with two rows of windows ranged like postage stamps. A lot of people scoffed until a substantial number of unrelated observers also reported the ship.

Most recent reports come from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkinson who were driving home along N. Pearl St. Sunday night between 11 and 12—the time Lucy made her second sighting.

Mrs. Wilkinson's description tallied with Lucy's. At the time, however, she put the craft down as a ship, although it was brighter than any she had ever seen.

She remarked to Mr. Wilkinson that it certainly had "lots of windows".

The Breeze had notified the Air Force officer whose business it is to check "flying saucer" reports. This newspaper sincerely solicits all information about this one, and the names of other persons who have seen it.

Father Robert A. Doelcke, astronomer at St. Mary's College who has expressed an avid interest in the matter, said that space ship authorities pretty well agreed that the things, if they really existed, were operated by remote control.

Half jokingly, he suggested that the missile might have been sent

5 December

The Wilkinsons
confirm Lucy
Dawson's sighting.
(See clipping)

4 DEC 1954



WITH REPORTS OF flying saucers over France, the interception of these tiny Martians by a Paris gendarme may not seem so strange. However, these "make-believe" Martians were soon handed over to mother.

North East,
Pennsylvania.
North East Breeze
24 December 54

French police catch
some "Martians."

Murray Bott files,
Auckland, New Zealand.

5 December. Melbourne, Australia. (12:55 a.m.)

Newspaper reporter sees "saucer."

Geoff Long, a reporter for the *Melbourne Argus* wrote:

"Early yesterday morning I sat in Amazement as I watched a 'flying saucer' move over Melbourne. Seated in my car with a friend in Victoria Road, Hawthorn, I noticed a small, indistinct, hazy shaft of light in the western sky. It was 12:55 a.m. and reasonably clear overhead.

" 'Look, a flying saucer,' I said jokingly. Then I looked again, for the shaft of light had moved. Slowly it rolled over, and as we both watched, fascinated, it became elliptical. It seemed at least three miles away, two to three thousand feet up, and between 50 and 75 yards long. The lower half was a perfect facsimile of a saucer, and it seemed to be spinning slowly. The upper half was hazy, and a small row of black dots, which could have been portholes, encircled the middle of the object. A halo of light shone overhead. We watched for about a minute as the saucer moved across the sky towards the north west.

"I thought, half hopefully, that I may have been seeing a reflection of light on the windshield, but when I climbed from the car, the 'saucer' was still in the sky. I decided to try to see it from close range and drove to the corner of Burwood and Glenferrie Roads. But the 'saucer' had disappeared..." (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *Melbourne Argus*. 6 December 54.

5 December. Maiquetia, Venezuela.

"Mysterious radio signal?"

A press report claimed:

"A radio operator of Pan American Airways at Maiquetia airdrome intercepted yesterday messages that are supposed to be from a flying saucer, as this airline stated that it was proved that the message did proceed from any terrestrial source. The Radio-Operators' Chief, Carlos Gonzalez Alvarez (of PAA) informed our reporters that the message will be sent to Fort Worth, United States, in order to be deciphered by a commission of technicians, according to the international codes. Mr. Gonzalez also informed our reporters that other airliners also caught the Martians communications and that at first they thought they were code communications from amateur radio operators." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela La Esfera 54-12-54." APRO files. Translated by "Joe." (*La Esfera* Dec. 6) Photocopy in author's files.

6 December. St. Arnaud, Australia. (10:45 p.m.)

"Mass of soft light."

According to our source:

"A resident of the southern end of the town reported this morning that she saw what she believes to have been a flying saucer over the southern portion of the town last night at 10:45 p.m. She said she watched it intently for about two minutes before it suddenly rose and spun uncannily into the heavens to the north. 'It seemed to consist of a mass of soft light roughly the shape of an inverted saucer,' she said." (xx.)

(xx.) St. Arnaud, Australia. *Saint Arnaud Mercury*.
27 December 54.

6 December. Pao Paolo, Brazil. (daytime?)

Panic among the military and civilians. (See clipping)
(Also check what is written on page 50 of the monograph
UFOs: A History 1954 November-December)

6 December. Caracas, Venezuela. (morning)

"Luminous sphere?"

A news service dispatch informed Americas: "Thousands of persons spent the greater part of Tuesday morning watching what most of them claimed was a flying saucer in the skies over the city. Many persons described the object they said they saw as a 'luminous sphere in movement.'" (xx.)

(xx.) New York, N.Y. *Daily Mirror*. 8 December 54. (UP)

6 December. San Christobal, Venezuela. (3:00 a.m.)

Fruit vendor and cobbler see "strange meteors." A great crowd jostles reporter.

A news story says strange meteors, or flying saucers, were seen in the skies of Tachira State:

"Early in the morning today a fruit vendor and a cobbler saw two flying saucers cruise by the city. A great crowd of people was around the fruit vendor who states he only saw the saucers early this morning. Our reporter jostled to get near and interview him. Luis Barrios is a humble and simple man, the father of two boys and two girls. He related his experience:

" 'This morning I got up at 3 a.m. as usual and left home to go to the market place. I had walked a little while and then suddenly a very bright light illuminated the street as if it were daytime. It looked like noon, when the sun is high. I looked up to the sky and saw two elongated meteors (several meters long [?]). The first one stopped suddenly and then circled above twice (went around himself twice [translator's comment]) and then joined the other one which had continued its path

FLYING SAUCERS IN BRAZIL?

PAO PAOLO (Brazil), Dec. 7.

Three "flying saucers" hovered almost motionless over an airbase here for an hour and a half yesterday but disappeared when a jet plane, dispatched on orders of the base commander, tried to chase them, base personnel reported.

Before their disappearing the "saucers" were said to have described the arc of a circle in a vertical direction. Three disc-shaped objects, presumably the same ones reappeared in the sky shortly afterward.

The appearance of the discs over the airbase caused panic among military and civilian personnel but some of them reported studying the objects at leisure through binoculars.

The pilot of the jet refused to comment to newsmen when he landed. He drew up a report for the base commander.—U.P.I.—A.F.P.

straightforwardly.' And what did you do at that moment? 'My legs started to quiver and I screamed "My God!" At the time I was at the corner of 9th Street and Pasaje Arismendi. A man, Mr. Julio Cesar Sosa, came up to me and said he had seen the same thing. We hugged and then watched the two meteors vanish into the distant horizon.' Mr. Julio Cesar Sosa, in his shoe repair shop on 5th Street, confirms the claim he had witnessed the phenomenon. Here are his own words: 'Besieged by the heat, I went out to the street and walked several blocks. Suddenly the whole sky was lit up as with a strong sun. When I looked up, I saw two long things cruising at great speed, north to south. The one in the second place turned around itself several times and then continued its path.' Were you scared? 'I was very much impressed. I was lucky enough to meet another person who had seen them too, and we both saw the two glowing objects disappear far away among dense clouds.' (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela San Christobal 54-12-6." Translated by "Joe." APRO files. No newspaper named. Photocopy in author's files. (I have to change the wording of these quotes a bit to make sense of the direct translations—L.E. Gross)

7 December. Caracas, Venezuela. (evening)

Police see "flying dots" in "almost correct formation."

A news source reads:

"Like a contagious wave, many people in the east section of the city affirm having seen yesterday evening bright objects in formation flying toward the Avila mountains, and also in the environs of La Carlota Airdrome (to the east, fifteen minutes drive from Caracas)...

"At Altamira, a residential urbanization east of the city, a police patrol car with its three officers noticed the phenomenon. The patrolmen, Sgt. Tolosa, officer Delfin Sayaago, and Apolinar Sanches, stated that in the in the direction of the Avila monutains they spotted six brilliant flying dots (the size of a gold dollar) flying at great speed in an almost correct formation. The policemen said, 'We saw them get higher and higher, and vanish eventually in the distance, unexplainably.' The crew of the patrol car added, 'Afterwards, the supposed saucers appeared again, this time going southwest, in the direction of La Carlota Airdrome, and disappeared towards the distant horizon.' They stated this in the Police Precinct in Chacao where declaration was recorded. It was learned that Mr. Hernan Villamizar, Secretary of the Patrol Car Service, as well as other functionaries of the Chacao Police Precinct, had also observed the phenomenon." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas 54-12-7" Translated by "Joe." APRO files. No newspaper named. Photocopy in author's files.

7 December. Isla Del Francis, Rio Santa Lucia (on the border between the departments of Canaiones and San Jose), Argentina. (9:30 p.m.)

"The water was hot."

The main witness, Senor Sarandi D' Alvora, tells his story:

"I went with three friends on December 7th to Francis Island where we have a small house. We planned to spend the night and the next day on the Island fishing and swimming, etc.

"At about 9:30 my friends were preparing a roast a little distance from the house. Suddenly crossing the trees in the direction of the river they saw a luminous object ascending at great velocity. We were discussing the episode when the object appeared again traveling at great velocity but this time descending from north to south as if to land on the extreme south end of the island. Because of the trees we could not see if it actually came down. We decided to investigate, and the strangeness and the anxiety were enormous.

"We entered a boat and commenced to row (deciding not to use the motor) south towards the throat of the Santa Lucia river known as the 'Paso de Bote.' We advanced some 300 meters when there on the water some 25 meters from the coast we saw a great object. It had an elliptical form some 10 meters in diameter and 1.8 meters high at its central cone. It looked like gray metal, sometimes bluish or with yellowish tones. The outer border appeared to have an uninterrupted line of exhaust ports or something similar from which when flying issued a luminous bluish haze that made its movement easy to see.

"We were aware of the press descriptions of these strange objects, in which generally the upper part is semi-spherical. This one did not have such a characteristic but was a cone not truncated in its vertice [sic vertical?].

"When we were some 60 meters from the object one of my friends committed the error of starting the motor running when the flying disc changed its displacement very slightly (almost imperceptible) and then rose in an oblique trajectory at fantastic speed, passing over us at very few feet altitude.

"Our shock, surprise, fear, etc., continued until it was out of sight. We decided to advance to where the object had sat on the water where we encountered a curious thing; the water was hot.

"As a result of the visit there were no fish in the area the next day but we saw many dead ones (between 200 and 300)." (xx.)

(xx.) "Islade Francis 54-11-7." APRO files. Translation: probably by "Joe."

Photocopy in author's files. Newspaper: *La Tribuna Popular*. 8 January 55.

7? December. Caribbean Sea. (night)

Pilots view strange luminous lights/objects.

Press report:

"A strange luminous object has been sighted on previous nights by several pilots on the Jamaica-Maracaibo route. Yesterday the newspapermen were told this by pilots of Lines Aeropostal Venezolana and Ransa, Captains Carlos Lomena and Angel Delgado Suarez. Captain Lomena stated that only 20 minutes after he took off from Kingston, Jamaica bound for Maracaibo, Venezuela, he saw a very

bright light far away, which cruised at great speed from east to south, and then turned back by the same direction. Upon seeing this strange thing, he warned his co-pilot Francisco Castillo, who realized the veracity of the phenomenon.

“‘During the long time we were able to watch the strange luminous object, it looked ten times larger than a star. We got in contact with the A.T.C. in Kingston, asking if there was any other plane on our route or if any experiments were being conducted in that zone, receiving a definite denial,’ said Captain Lomena.

“Reporters asked Captain Lomena if he could say the light was a flying saucer and he answered that, if it was, he couldn’t assure it, but he was certain that the light wasn’t any kind of aircraft.

“Moments later, Captain Angel Delgade, just arriving from a flight in one of Ransa Company, informed us that the previous night, while flying from Jamaica to Curacao, he also noticed the same phenomenon observed by Captain Lomena.

“It was also found out that other fliers have declared the same news while flying on that route, as stated before by Captains Lomena and Delgado Suarez.” (xx.)

(xx.) “Venezuela Marquetia 54-12-8?” APRO files. Translation: Probably by “Joe.” Photocopy in author’s files. Also: Marquetia, Dec. 8 (Local News —*El Universal*—by correspondent Villasana).

7 December. Dorchester, Massachusetts. (8?:15 p.m.)

“Yellowish-white lights.”

An article in a Boston paper said:

“A cluster of ‘yellowish-white lights’ that reminded suspended over Franklin Field, Dorchester several minutes late yesterday caused more than a score of persons to call police.

“An explanation that the phenomenon might have been caused by the planet Mars as suggested by the Blue Hill Observator failed to satisfy most callers.

“Mrs. Harold LeBodidge of 17 Donald Road, Dorchester, said her first impression was that the lights ‘were on an airplane.’ ‘But it remained stationary five to eight minutes as though suspended from the sky,’ she said. ‘Then it suddenly zoomed toward Quincy with a ‘tremendous flash of light.’

“Mrs. Lellovidge said her son, Alfred, 21, pointed out the lights to her at 8?: [not clear] 15 p.m.” (xx.)

(xx.) Boston, Massachusetts. *The Boston Herald*. 8 December 54.

8 December. Caracas, Venezuela. (6:30 p.m.)

Doctor and his father observe little men

According to a newspaper account:

"The day before yesterday at 6:30 p.m. a very distinguished doctor of this city was driving his car between La Carlota Airdrome and Francisco de Miranda Avenue in the Caracas suburb of La Floresta, accompanied by his father. They observed an unusual incident which we are going to report since it proceeds from serious-minded reliable people that wish no publicity for obvious reasons.

"The doctor steered his car on a curve, and suddenly, when reaching a very forested place with big trees and bushes, his father exclaimed: 'Look!' The doctor braked to a stop. When the doctor looked at the place where his father was pointing, he was able to observe two little men who were running to get into the thickets. Moments later, a silver disc, very luminous, emerged from the thickets and darted off into the sky with a sharp whistle or sizzling sound. The doctor and his father said: 'We know nothing of other persons who might have seen the same thing.'" (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas 54-12-10." APRO files. Translated by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files. Also: Caracas, Venezuela. *El Universal*. 10 December 54.

The same newspaper article added the comment that a very distinguished lady [who was not named] living in the eastern part of Caracas had seen some flying saucers the same evening. She watched as five luminous discs flew over her house, the objects arranged in an "angle-shaped formation." The UFOs disappeared towards the south. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

9 December. The Flores-Gomez "fight with the little men." (See *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*, pages 51-52)

"Joe," Coral Lorenzen's translator, had this comment about the case:

"Coral, here you'll find other detail which appeared later in other newspapers: They were arrested, as it was thought they were mad. Psychiatrists were sent to check the boys. They were hunting rabbits and had a flashlight. The spaceship gave out light, glaring flashes which lit up the nearby mountains. The boys said: 'We saw a sort of "aerial antenna" begin to emerge from the upper part of the saucer. Maybe it was a kind of human radar detector.' The boys were in perfect health and had not drunk anything... They are known in the region as people of reliability and good behavior." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Carora." APRO files. Translation by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

Shirts torn to rags?

Pictures of Flores and Gomez shown on page 51 appeared in the Venezuelan press. The reproductions of the photos here are of very poor quality but they do show clearly the condition of the of the boy's shirts.

que Vieron al "Platillo Volador"



Lorenzo Floris, el otro carareño, que dice haber luchado con los tripulantes del platillo volador y haber roto su escopeta sobre la cabeza de uno de ellos, cuando intentaban conducir a Gómez al interior de la nave. (Foto Iglesias).



Jesús Gómez, uno de los jóvenes carareños que vieron los platillos voladores, y a quien los pequeños tripulantes de la misteriosa nave intentaron raptar, según dijo. Obsérvese el estado de su camisa desgarrada. (Foto Iglesias).

9 December. El Valle (suburb of Caracas), Venezuela. (night)

Saucer tries to land?

A press story said:

"Miguel Toro and his friend Delio Amado Leon, both say they observed clearly during the night a flying saucer which tried to land at El Valle close to where Radio Caracas has its control-towers. Mr. Toro added that the craft displayed small lights and then extinguished them. Suddenly the two men saw the machine take off at high speed and zoom out of sight.

"Miguel Toro had not drunk any kind of liquor that night and he believed saucer stories were due to 'hoaxes' or propaganda (advertising)... 'but now I'm ready to believe anything,' he remarked." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela El Valle 54-12-9." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

9 December. Aguedo Felipe Alvarado, Venezuela. (night)

Proof of the Flores-Gomez incident?

According to a story in the press:

"The same saucer seen by the two hunters [Flores-Gomez] was seen by Mr. Benjamin Montoya at the Municipality Aguedo Felipe Alvarado, near the farm 'El Pelon,' Lara State. 'I saw it for several minutes as it went off its route zig-zagging. By its path I reckoned it was going to land right behind a village called Bobare, but some unexpected obstacle perhaps forced it to land at Carora,' said Mr. Montoya.

"Another man, by the name of Juan Segundo Rojas, owner of a farm not far from the rabbit-farm 'El Pelon,' a very stalwart and husky fellow, states that not only one saucer, but a whole fleet of them had been sighted the previous weeks in the western States. (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Barquisimento 54-12-11." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in authors' files.

10 December. Italians believe. (See clipping)

10 December. Maracaibo, Venezuela. (10:00 p.m.)

Domino match interrupted. Hat-shaped object over lake.

Citizens on watch all night. Why? The press explains:

"Many people here in Maracaibo kept alert vigil with the purpose of sighting any of the saucers frequently seen around here these past days. Beto Tudares and Reinaldo Afencio, two important employees of the Venezuelan Corporation of Increasing of Industry in this city, declared that last night, while playing dominos at shoreline walk in Republic Square, they sighted a hat-shaped object, which hovered over the surface of the lake for several minutes emitting intermittent lights. Time: 10:00 p.m. 'It was triangular-shaped and we didn't hear any strange noise. It was stationary for some minutes,

Egyptian Mail
Dec 11 1954

ITALIANS BELIEVE IN MARTIANS

Rome, Dec. 10.

THE well-known Italian filer and newspaperman Maner Lualdi, who is writing a series of articles on flying saucers, states in the *Corriere della Sera* that the majority of Italians still believe in flying saucers and Martians.

Lualdi based his statement on hundreds of letters received from all over Italy since he started writing on the subject. He says that the generally accepted theory outside Italy is that flying saucers are being built on earth, by some power whose aeronautical progress has gone beyond the known stages. He says the chief 'suspected' powers are the United States, Britain, Russia and France.

However, Lualdi asserts, that 82 per cent of his readers would not accept this theory. "They prefer to let their imagination run riot and believe that flying saucers are used by Martians." — ANSA.

and then disappeared without leaving any trail. What we saw was seen also by many boys who were studying at the square,' said Reinaldo Atencio." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Maracaibo 54-12-10." APRO files. Translation: Probably "Joe."
Photocopy in author's files.

12 December. San Antonio (Cariaco Gulf), Venezuela. (10:15 p.m.)

Strange balloon.

Short press dispatch: "Last night at 10:15 this population was caught by surprise by the cruising of a craft with the shape of an illuminated balloon (globe), green in color, which crossed the sky from south to north." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela San Antonio 54-12-12." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe."
Photocopy in authors' files.

13 December. Mexico City, Mexico.

"Club for the Distribution of Scientific and Technical Information." (See clipping)

14 December. Near Buenos Aires. (morning)

Figure like a dwarf.

According to our source:

"To the numerous reports by many persons of saucer sightings it must be added the one made by Enrique Zaba who lives at Coronel Pringles. He informed us that as he was going to work early in the morning when he sighted a luminous disc landing in a field after making great orbits in the sky and casting a bright light over a large area. He added that the object seemed like a cigar [seen at an angle?] throwing off a glaring, blinding light. The craft hovered three feet from the ground and in the central part of the disc a figure like a dwarf was visible. Finally the disc shot up into sky and vanished in a northern direction." (xx.)

(xx.) "Argentina Buenos Aires. 54-12-14?" APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Also: Buenos Aires Dec. 14. (AFP). Photocopy in author's files.

14 December. Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela. (10:00 p.m.)

Martian enters a hotel?

One would sure like to know the details about "an alien entering a building." For the record, here is what we do know with allowances made for a translation:



"Three flying machines shaped like flying saucers described by the press these days were sighted by many people at 10 p.m. The strange crafts emitted a brilliant light, and though quite soundless, they streaked at fantastic speed which left no chance of close observation. Among the persons who saw the objects were Messrs Crisanto Munoz and Antonio Jose Briceno. They stated they clearly saw three saucers which traveled at an impressive speed. 'They were at a considerable height, yet we could see their features. They were like a disc,' Briceno said. Briceno is a public functionary in this State, and on account of that, a person of reputation and respectfulness. Other persons assured that 'a strange being of little size' had went into the Embassy Hotel and those who saw it state that by no means it was a human being (an earthling). It was a Martian, its monster-like form and little size proved it. This is one of the first news about saucers and Martians here in the State of Bolivar and it caused great excitement."

(xx.) "Venezuela Ciudad Bolivar. 54-12-14." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." (See clipping below)

Los "Platillos" en Ciudad Bolívar Se Asegura que un Marciano Hasta se Introdujo en el Hotel Embajada

CIUDAD BOLIVAR, diciembre 15.— (NOTINAC).— Tres extraños aparatos volantes, similares a los platillos voladores descritos por la prensa aseguran haber visto volar a noche sobre el cielo de esta ciudad numerosas personas que se encontraban en la calle alrededor de las diez de la noche. Las extrañas naves irradiaban una potente luz brillante y aunque su vuelo no dejaba ningún ruido marchaban a una velocidad fantástica haciendo que no pudieran ser observados detenidamente.

Entre las personas que aseguraron ver los platillos voladores se encuentran los señores Crisanto Muñoz y Antonio José Briceno quienes manifestaron que pudieron ver en Upata claramente tres platillos que se desplazaban a una velocidad impresionante volaban a una altura considerable pero no obstante pudieron apreciar su forma claramente. Tienen las características de un disco. Briceno afirmó que la forma era la de un cometa pevilano de esos que usan los niños los días de carnaval. Briceno es funcionario público en este Estado y es la única persona cuyo nombre figura en la prensa venezolana. Otras personas en Upata aseguran que vieron tres platillos voladores que se desplazaban a una velocidad impresionante.

to podría ser gente humana. Era un marciano, su forma monstruosa y pequeña no desmintió lo contrario.

La alarma que causó ayer al haberse aquí la noticia fue general siendo ésta la primera vez que se habla de haber sido vistos platillos y marcianos en el Estado Bolívar.

EL TOCUYO (Estado Lara) diciembre 15.— (NOTINAC) Coincidiendo con el relato de numerosas personas sobre la fantástica aparición de platillos voladores, habitantes de esta población, aseguraron también haberlos visto y un grupo de trabajadores del Central El Tocuyo manifestaron que una vez los vieron volar que la del sol durante una

mañan el día de ayer en que había un resplandeciente sol.

Eran como las 11 de la mañana y al observar aquel brillo sobrenatural casi a un mismo tiempo, alzamos la vista hacia el cielo y pudimos ver claramente que un "platillo volador" surcaba el cielo de esta población y se perdió a nuestra vista entre altas nubes. Tenía forma redonda y se apreciaba del tamaño de un fuerte, pero solo pudimos verlos por espacio de segundos. Eran tres, dijeron otros campesinos pero nadie pudo dar una versión exacta. También en calles cercanas de la población, hubieron personas que dijeron haberlos visto pero nada pudieron concretar.

14 December. Calabozo, Venezuela. (about 9:00 p.m.)

"There is a better show outside."

A newspaper printed:

"Persons arriving from Calabozo, and a crew of a plane, informed us that last night that at approximately 9 o'clock a strange flying craft was seen cruising across the sky over the town. Everyone in a motion picture theater left the building to watch. It is said everyone in town witnessed the phenomenon. The object was described as moving rather slowly, from north to south, leaving a thick wake of reddish light which vanished after remaining in the sky for some time." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Calbozo. 54-12-4." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in authors' files.

15 December. 50 miles south of Carnarvon, Australia. (about 3:00 a.m.)

"Saucer kept watch on us." (See clipping below)

"Horrified as 'saucer' kept watch on us"

PERTH, Mon.—A Geraldton businessman believes that a flying object "observed" him and a companion for about four minutes.

The experience was horrifying, he said. The object hovered near their car, from which they had alighted on to a bush road. The man gave his name but asked that it not be published.

About 3 a.m. last Wednesday, he said, he was 50 miles south of Carnarvon, driving to Geraldton, when he and his companion sighted an object in the sky. It kept pace with the car for about 20 minutes. There were intermittent orange lights flashing in the sky. "We first saw one orange flash, then two; then one disappeared, followed by complete darkness," he said.

"The one-two-one-darkness pattern repeated itself at approximately 30-second intervals for about 20 minutes."

After the object had kept pace with the car for about 15 to 17 miles, he pulled up at 3.20 a.m. and extinguished the vehicle's lights.

"We both got out of the car and then the object came closer. "We could hear nothing, but it appeared to be half a mile away at a height of about 200 feet."

"At that distance other lights on the object were visible. "The object appeared to approach us very slowly, but at 3.24 a.m. all lights disappeared suddenly."

They did not see the object again until four minutes later, when they saw it for only a few seconds before it disappeared altogether.

"We had the sensation of being watched: It was extraordinary," he said.

One man reported the object to a Department of Civil Aviation officer in Geraldton, and the other to Pertham Police.

Perth?, Australia. *Sun-Herald*. 21 December 54.
Murray Boot files, Auckland, New Zealand.

15 December. Brussels, Belgium.

Saucers, Martians, descend on Christmas.

Holiday news from the Belgian capital:

"Flying saucers and Martians will descend on Brussels this Christmas to help the city's inhabitants to celebrate the festival. The Martians and their saucers will swarm in many large shops and are expected to make their most impressive appearance in one of Brussel's central streets, which will be specially heated during the whole of the Christmas festivities.

"The city's 'Syndicat d'Initiative,' which organizes the seasonal attractions and believes in topicality, has made the theme of this years festivities 'Flying Saucers and Martians,'

"The 'Men from Mars,' however, are only a small part of the preparations. Workmen have erected arches of electric bulbs for the traditional Festival of Lights." (xx.)

(xx.) Aberdeen, Scotland. *Evening Express*. 15 December 54. Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

15 December. Bachaquero, Venezuela. (?3:00 a.m.)

Glaring blue light. "I was dumbfounded."

A news story tells us:

"Between Tia Juana and Bachaquero many people saw a flying saucer which gave off blinding flashes of blue light. At Bachaquero it was seen close up by Professor Fred Smith of Shell Caribbean Petroleum who said it was approximately 3? [not clear] in the morning when a bluish, glaring light awoke him. The light came though the window and lit up the whole room. He says that when he got up to pull up the blinds, he noticed a giant, flat-shaped craft stationary a few feet off the ground over a nearby hillock. 'I was dumbfounded so I just turned down the blinds,' said Smith. He didn't want to alarm his wife and he went back to bed without awakening her.

"Asked if he saw any saucer crewmen, Smith replied: 'No, nothing living could be seen. It was impossible not to notice it since the blue light from the craft was so very strong. It was like looking at the sun with the naked eye. The next morning I investigated the hillock for any traces of the saucer but found nothing.'

"Doctor of Pharmacy L. Estrada and Manuel Piferua, a grocery store owner, say they saw the same saucer at the same hour and their description coincides with Smith's." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas 54-12-15." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

15 December. San Lorenzo, Venezuela. (2:20 p.m.)

Thousands see saucers?

Our source states:

"Nearly a thousand persons state they had seen a fleet of flying saucers yesterday in the skies over the Daralt District, Zulia State. Among them were school students, several teachers, and many farmers.

"At 2:20 in the afternoon the whole town and many people in the oil fields, including 400 students from a college here, went out to observe some strange crafts that whirled in the sky. Two of the boys fainted from excitement. One of the teachers was able to draw the crafts on a paper. Francisco Ollarve, a farmer, who lives not far from Moue Grande, beside the highway leading to this city, stated to us that he and his wife had seen several large birds fall dead while flying in the area of the saucers." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas. 54-12-15." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

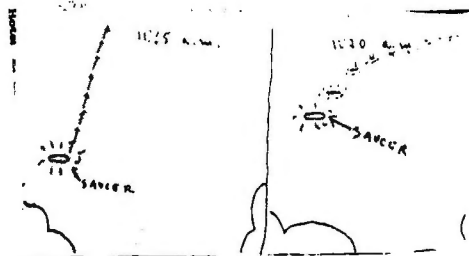
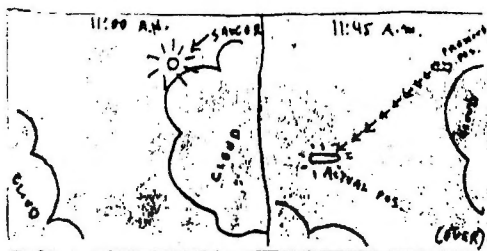
16 December. Caracas, Venezuela. (about 11:00 a.m.)

Silvery something.

A Venezuelan APRO member filed a UFO report for Coral. "Joe" translated:

"Yesterday some time after 11 o'clock in the morning a flying saucer was sighted stationary over the city. Described by Mr. Manolo Tirado as silvery and the size of a two-Bolivar coin [at arm's length?], it remained still for more than a half hour, then it suddenly increased its luminosity and moved several degrees downwards. It remained stationary again for approximately 10 minutes. Then it soared up into the blue sky and disappeared. Visibilty was excellent. The entire city viewed the object. (See drawings by Mr. Tirado) (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Caracas. 54-12-16." APRO files. Translation by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.



16 December. Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela. (night)

"Luminous circle."

A press story said:

"Several persons claim to have observed an enormous 'luminous circle' pass over the city at a very low altitude last night. It was also stated that the thing left a wake of greenish light, and that its speed was not fast, but moderate. It was lost sight of behind some hills which surround the city. Everyone was alarmed by the incident." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Ciudad Bolivar. 54-12-16." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

16/17 December. Apple Valley, California. (6:00 p.m.-about 12:00 a.m.)

Big cigar-shaped UFO.

According to our source:

"On December 16, 1954, I was dubiously fortunate to have observed a 'UFO' in the skies over Apple Valley, California, near Victorville. I feel that I have had enough experience with flying, radar navigation and observing to qualify for reporting the following incident with near accuracy. I am certain that the phenomenon was of a tangible nature with dimensions that were real, though unbelievable.

"The object was cigar-shaped, of extremely bright silvery material. It remained stationary at an altitude of approximately 25,000 feet, almost directly above the Apple Valley Inn, from about six o'clock p.m. of the 16th until almost noon of the following day. That night the object appeared as a reddish-orange glow, but when the sun came up in the morning, the object became silvery. It was easily visible with the naked eye. I observed it in the morning with a pair of 7x50 binoculars and was able to make out quite a bit of the detail

"This object must have been about two and a half times as long as a B-29. There were two windows or ports at one end near the bottom. It seemed separated through the length with a single row of bolts or small holes.

"There were approximately 50 people who observed the same thing that I did; among them were two deputy sheriffs from Victorville, a medical doctor, the manager of the Apple Valley Inn and most of its employees, and at least 20 guests at the Inn. The authorities were repeatedly called at George Air Base, which is just four miles from Victorville. The only answer that could be obtained at the time was that they had planes (jets) in the area and were investigating. They assured any callers that it was not a weather balloon or similar object but beyond that they would say nothing. The following day they denied that any inquiries had ever been made by all of these people.

"In the early morning there were jets all over the place. One vapor trail was visible flying directly over the object at about 25,000 feet. The jet wasn't visible with the naked eye but could be seen with binoculars. The pilot of that jet couldn't

have avoided seeing the object.

"One of the guests of the Inn took some pictures of the object which, I later learned, were taken from him by authorities.

"On Friday the 17th, I returned to Los Angeles and gave a full account of the experience to Mr. Paul Coates of the *Mirror-News*. He immediately began to check my story and verified everything I had told him.

"The only satisfaction that he was able to get was from two non-commissioned officers who admitted knowing about the reports, but made the bad mistake of telling Mr. Coates of their knowledge. They suddenly were incommunicado at the Air Base." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Flying Saucer Review*. The Official Publication of the Space Observers League. Ed.: R.J. Gribble. Box 441, Seattle, Washington. Vol. I, No.8. p.4. (The witness is not named but there may be enough elements to check to verify the information—L.E. Gross)

The Nowra, Australia, case. (See page 58 in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*)

Here is a comment found in the papers of Dr. James McDonald:

"Paul Norman [A prominent Australian UFOlogist] remarked, in a letter of October 5, 1967, that Dame Mabel Brooks, an elderly lady in the Melbourne area, was personally acquainted with the Navy Chief of Staff, Commander Dowling, who personally investigated the Nowra case. She said Dowling was quite impressed."

(xx.)

(xx.) "News Accounts of the 1954 Radar-Visual UFO Observation at Nowra (N.S.W.) Naval Air Station, Australia." (Material copied from library press files by Paul Norman, V.F.S.R.S., 10/67) Dr. James McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division. Box 1.

16 December. President Eisenhower discounts "Saucers from Space." (See pages 61-62 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*)

For the record, we will take note of the details of this historic news conference. Here is how it transpired. Questions from reporters touched on a possible second term for Eisenhower, an adjustment in the minimum wage, and removing restrictions on earned income by Social Security pensioners. And then, out of the blue: "A reporter, said he wanted to 'change the subject rather drastically.'" (xx.) This brave soul needs to be named and quoted exactly.

(xx.) Washington D.C. *Washington Post*. 16 December 54.

Here is the information:

"Garnett D. Horner of *The Washington Star*—Mr. President, if I can change the

subject rather drastically, recent news reports indicate that some European governments are investigating quite seriously the flying saucer problem. And not too long ago there was a book published in this country that purported to show that our Air Force thought that some of these flying objects at least might come to be of extraterrestrial origin. I wonder if you could tell us if our authorities really do suspect something of that kind or, if not, what is the form of the things? (xx.)

(xx.) New York, N.Y. *The New York Times*. 16 December 54. p.24.

17 December. Puerto Piritu, Venezuela. (no time)

Shape like a tortoise.

More UFO news from Venezuela:

"The crew and passengers of a LAV airlines plane sighted three luminous objects flying at tremendous speed over Puerto Piritu, Anzoategui State. The story was told when the airliner landed moments later at Cumana. According to the witnesses, the objects were flying in formation, one in the lead followed closely by the other two. The witnesses said the objects had a shape like a tortoise and shot off very luminous rays. Among the passengers was Mr. Rafael Boada, respected businessman in Sucre State, and Mr. Carlos Molejas, engineer. The report caused excitement and curiosity among the citizens of Puerto Piritu." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Cumane. 54-12-17." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

18 December. Catete Palace, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (3:00 a.m.)

Sentries see saucer?

It was a cool and cloudless night when the UFO was spotted. There was no moon and no wind. The place was the Catete Palace in Rio de Janeiro that looked out over Guanabara Bay. The witnesses were Marine Corps sentries that formed the palace guard.

It seems a round-shaped light approached, slowed down, and then stopped in mid-air. The brilliant glow given off by the luminous hazy ball lit up the waters of Guanabara Bay like moonlight. The rays were a glaring yellow of steady intensity. After a time, the mystery object climbed up in an oblique angle and disappeared in four to five seconds. Witnesses claimed they saw two small luminous jets flowing from the lower part of the UFO while it accelerated. No noise was heard the entire time.

The official report mentions other witnesses who happened to be on Flamengo Beach just in front of the Catete Palace." (xx.)

(xx.) Official report released in October 1956 by Brazilian Colonel Adil de Oliveira. Report filed with UNICAT by Dr. Olavo Fontes. Data entered into UNICAT data base on July 22, 1986. Photocopy of UNICAT entry in author's files.

19 December. Cartaya, Spain. (no time)

Circular craft on the ground.

A brief entry in an old *Data-Net* catalogue states:

"Messrs. M. Moral Bernal and J. Riquelme Camacho were at a place named Tavirona when they observed a circular craft on the ground 50 meters away. As they walked closer they were surprised to see the object rise very high with much noise and fly away toward Portugal." (xx.)

(xx.) (No city named) *Noticiario Universal*. 20 December 54.

19 December. Valcencia, Venezuela. (about 10:00 p.m.)

"Hairy little men rock collectors." (See *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*, pages 65, 69.)

"Joe," APRO's translator, adds little to the version in the UFO history monograph. He does say the witness/victim Jose Parra was a jockey, and needed to lose 2 pounds, which is why he was out for a run at 10:00 o'clock in the evening. (It might be said that it is unlikely Mr. Parra would fake such a story since no one would trust a "nut" to ride their horse in a race—L.E. Gross). "Joe" also mentioned that this "hairy little men" report was published in the newspaper *El Nacional* without ridicule. The *El Nacional*, "Joe" points out, is a serious and reliable newspaper. That fact was a measure of how Venezuela was reacting to the saucer flap.

20 December. Melbourne, Australia. (2:15 a.m.)

The "meteor" that flew under the clouds.

Here is the story:

"Four Commonwealth security officers and others saw a weird 'whooshing' object drop from the skies over Melbourne early to day, and hurtle at great speed across the city and northern suburbs beneath a heavy cloud-bank. Scientists tonight could not explain the mysterious object.

"Mr. T.B. Hehir, of Footscray, who was on duty at the Maribyrnong Explosive factory as a Commonwealth Security Officer, said tonight: 'At 2:15 a.m. (S.A. time; 19/12/54) I was about to open a door in a security building when I was suddenly bathed in light. The whole ground was lit up. Then I saw what looked like a ball of fire below the clouds.

"It appeared to have sparks flying from it, and it whizzed by me in a few seconds. The object made a sizzling noise as it went by, like the hiss of a jet engine, and it had a distinct 'swooshing' sound. I have never believed in flying saucers, but this will always stay in my mind.'

"A milk carter in Coburg, a woman in Thornbury, and a man in Research gave similar accounts. The milk carter said, 'It was like a rocket. It was bright

blue, and appeared to have a red flame coming out of its back.'

"The head of the CSIRO Meteorological Physics Division, Dr. C.H.B. Priestly, said: 'I cannot suggest what it could have been. I know of no meteorological effect which could behave in that manner.'

"A Weather Bureau officer said that cloud was 2,500 feet high at the time, and that there was no thunder or lightning.

"Another security officer, Mr. L. Foster, of Flemington, said: 'I had just begun my patrol when suddenly the sky was lit up. The night was black and clouded. The thing, which looked like a ball of fire, appeared out of the western sky and behind it was a channel of light. All of sudden it shot across the sky and I had an excellent view of it.

"I am certain that the object was controlled by some means because of the low path it cut as it swished by, and lit the ground like a powerful searchlight. I have seen anything like it before, and I have seen plenty of falling stars. This object was too low to be a natural phenomenon, as it would have fallen to the ground. I would estimate its speed as twice that of a jet plane. It held me spellbound.'

"Two other Security men at Maribyrnong confirmed what Mr. Hehir and Mr. Foster saw. Mr. Hehir made a detailed sketch of the phenomenon, showing clouds, the horizon, buildings, the Maribyrnong River, and the path and appearance of the object. The sketch was published on the front page of the *Sun* newspaper." (xx.)

(xx.) Adelaide, Australia. *Advertiser*. 20 December 54 and the Melbourne, Australia. *Sun*. 20 December 54.

(See Mr. Hehir's sketch and his picture below)



Mr. Hehir — he saw a "flying saucer."

20 December. Paysandu, Venezeula. (no time)

Disc or plate form.

A press account states:

"Various people observed a rapidly moving flying disc in the Sanducero sky near kilometer 23 of Route 90 on the highway to Paysandu near Piedras Coloradas.

"Mr. Alberto Sanguinetti and German Frascini in the first sighting and later Sr. Enrique Rocha, as well as several friends of his reported having observed an object at some 800 meters altitude, very large, and of blinding brilliance and of a metallic appearance. It sped off at great velocity to the south. When it was farther away it was easier to see that it had a disc or plate form." (xx.)

(xx.) "Paysandu, Venezeula. 54-11-20." APRO files. Translation: "Probably by 'Joe.'" Photocopy in author's files.

20? December. Turen, Venezeula. (no time)

"It came down to be seen and be seen?" "The present situation demands it."

According to a press report:

"The most impressive news of the flying saucer affair lately is this one which authorities reported to us. It happened on the roadway to Turen. It involved an important employee of the Ministry of National Education and many other persons who drove by at the time. Seemingly, a strange airship came down as though it intentionally meant to be observed clearly by all. It was stated that the airship emitted a luminosity from its edges and stood stationary for several minutes, apparently watching the cars passing by on the roadway. It then zoomed upwards until it was out of sight. The names of the witnesses to this strange incident have been kept secret as the present situation demands it." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Turen. 54-12-20." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

The "present situation" got pretty sensitive since on December 20th the secret meeting at the Brazilian War College earlier in the month was made public.

20 December. Details of War College meeting as reported by journalist Guillermo Tell Tronconis. Newspaper not named. Unfortunately the photos mentioned are not available for reproduction.

The article as found (typed up) in NICAP files:

" 'There are cases and events of a surprising character,' declares the head of the Aeronautics General Staff Information Service at a lecture.

"Photo captions: (left): Major Magalhaes and Lt. Hernani Ferras making their statements before the audience at the Brazilian War College, during Col. Oliveira's lecture. (Center): Colonel Joao Adil Oliveira, Information Chief of the Brazilian Aeronautics General Staff, the author of the work on flying saucers which provoked interesting commentaries in Rio de Janeiro and induced the government to devote more attention by defense authorities to these machines [Fontes?]. (Right): The high chiefs of the land, sea, and air of Brazil, attentive to the speech of Col. Oliveira in the Brazilian War College, expounding the necessity of taking the flying saucer problem seriously. (Bottom): Five famous photographs, in sequence, taken at Barra de Tijuca, which according to the lecture of Col. Adil Oliveira represent one of the most interesting documents on the existence of flying saucers.

"The flying discs, or saucers as they are also called, have now definitely entered the serious category. Now it is more than a question of victims of illusion who swear they have seen them. A dossier has now been compiled, and a general directive has been issued, putting this affair, which has excited the whole world, if not actually in the category of reality, at least in that of things whose existence cannot be denied without risk of **immediate and outright contradiction**.

"These thoughts are suggested by the dissertation of Col. Adil Oliveira, Chief of the Information Service of the General Staff of Aeronautics in Brazil. Colonel Oliveira, who enjoys a high reputation among his military colleagues, recently took under his charge the direction of the investigation of the events culminating in the crime of Rua Toneleros and the attempted assassination of the journalist Carlos Lacorda, which resulted in drastic changes in Brazilian politics and the suicide of President Getulio Vargas.

"The Brazilian High Command and the Saucers—Colonel Adil Oliveira said that, in the first place, no one can deny the existence of flying saucers. The text of his lecture (printed in the December 11th issue of *O Cruzeiro*) is rich in data, dates, and testimonies, which endeavor to show that man has not yet succeeded in deciphering the mystery of the flying saucers, and that there are some facts which are absolutely undeniable. Among these, six cases are outstanding, above all that of military pilot Thomas Mantell, who perished while in pursuit of a flying disc seen from Godman Field tower in 1948.

" 'The problem of the flying saucers, which has drawn the attention of the entire world, is serious and deserves to be treated seriously,' said Colonel Oliveira. 'It is necessary,' he added, 'for the government of all the great powers to take an interest in the matter.'

"The lecture was given by Col. Adil Oliveira at the request of the Alumni Association of the Brazilian War College, which is composed of men of the highest responsibility among the elite in both the military and the technical fields. It was given in the auditorium of the Army Technical School at Rio de Janeiro.

"Col. Adil Oliveira gave the history of the saucers. He warned that he had no intention of involving Jules Verne in this technical science. But the exciting idea of flying saucers or discs has preoccupied humanity for centuries. If we go back through time, we can find people who saw flying discs centuries before Christ.

"He then cited the account given by Donald Keyhoe and published in the *Sunday Dispatch*, in which this ex-head of the U.S. Department of Commerce Information Service asserts, that in 1762 the appearance of flying discs was noted. After this there ensued an abundance of accounts of the strange apparitions. Curiously enough (says Col.

Oliveira), at that time it never occurred to anyone that it might be a question of optical illusions or hoaxes. Nor was it thought that they were secret weapons. Whose, and for whom?—for in those days, let us remark, the world and its inhabitants had not yet been invaded by those ideas of destruction and domination that have rendered humanity miserable and put an end to the peace and tranquillity of all.

“After the strange appearances (proved by irrefutable testimony of reliable military officers in the USA, England, France, Japan, etc.), scientists and technicians alike have fallen into an ill-grounded discussion full of denials and contradictions, which has accomplished nothing except to obscure the seriousness of the problem, and to contribute to the continuing neglect of a matter which ought to be the concern of all governments—according to the Brazilian official.

“The pilot Mantell Was Killed By a Saucer.—This, says Col. Adil Oliveira, ‘...is the most distressing of all known flying saucer cases.’ (Mantell case then recounted—I omit translation—‘ADM’ [NICAP’s translator’s comment])

“‘The death of Mantell produced terror and panic in American public opinion,’ declared Col. Oliveira. ‘It led General Soru (sic) [Sory ?]Smith of the USAF to declare on that occasion: “The Mantell case opened my eyes. I knew Thomas Mantell very well, also Colonel Hix, Commandant of Godman Field. I know that both were intelligent men and very different from the sort of people who like to imagine things.”’

“‘But the USAF maintained the case in a truly cursory treatment. No explanation was produced, then or later, for the strange death of Captain Mantell [One gets the impression Col. Oliveira is receiving his foreign UFO intelligence from popular literature and not through official channels].’

“Colonel Adil Oliveira then said that there was no lack of speculations in which the appearance of the strange craft was attributed to maneuvers or tests by military forces.

“‘Might the flying discs have been from Russia?’

“Col. Oliveira himself gave the answer, asking himself the question, and replying to the select audience:

“‘This belief was impossible. It could not be that remotely-controlled machines would have been exposed for more than half an hour to the curiosity of the aviators at Godman Air Base, rising among other things being shot down, thus losing the secret of the weapon being tested.’

“‘But could it have been American either?,’ he went on to ask. His answer: ‘If it were American, whether Air Force or Navy, how to explain its presence over Godman base? Furthermore, how to explain the order given that these strange aircraft were to be pursued? Who, in this hypotheses would have been the one responsible for the death of Captain Mantell?’

“‘At all events,’ he points out, ‘what remains from it all must at least be the firm conviction that the flying discs are a patent reality.’

“Following the history of the appearances of flying saucers, Col. Oliveira then singled out another interesting aspect, which creates a new problem in national defense: the fact that radar does not work on saucers. Nor is this an illusion. An event took place which furnished demonstrative proof.

“‘In September, 1951, a student—the outstanding one in the class—was conducting a demonstration of the automatic operation of radar. He pointed the radar toward an object flying at a low altitude, about 10 kilometers to the southeast of the control station. But, to the surprise of all, the radar did not succeed in locking on the target. The student,

much disconcerted, declared:

“ ‘The target is flying with too high a velocity to be followed, which shows that it is faster than a jet plane.’

“The Colonel presented testimony before the public officers of the Brazilian Air Force have seen the flying saucers.

“ ‘I was flying a jet plane. The events took place at the Gravati Base, in Rio Grande de Sul...’

“The statement of the Brazilian officers, as presented by Colonel Oliveira, was as follows: ‘Last October 24 (1954), I was the officer of the day—Lt. Hernani Ferras de Almeida, jet pilot, speaking—at the Puerto Alegre air base, when at about 1300 hours I was called by a sergeant, who said to me: ‘Lieutenant, a flying disc is being seen over the base.’

“The Lieutenant smiled at this announcement by his subaltern... ‘I went to the place, and verified the presence of the disc.’

“ ‘I verified the existence,’ he declared, ‘of an object that was hanging over the base, of an unpolished-aluminum colour, similar to the colour of our jet planes. The object reflected a light. It was making circular movements, and was going back and forth, from side to side. What was strange to me was the enormous velocity developed, greater than the 45,000 feet which is normal for jets (Probably means 45,000 feet/minutes, 510 mph.—ADM) I have never observed (he said) an object moving at such a terrific speed. I then summoned other officers to confirm the fact, and at such a terrific speed. I then summoned other officers to confirm the fact, and in the headquarters, after more than ten sergeants and other men had witnessed the case, I submitted a report to Major Joao Magalhaes Mota.

“But does Colonel Adil Oliveira believe in the existence of the saucers? The lecture, given before the highest military officials of Brazil, shows that he does. And more than that, he feels that the problem of the flying saucers cannot continue to receive the great neglect with which it has been treated both in military and scientific circles.

“By the way of climax, Brazil was informed that five flying saucers have been photographed. Colonel Oliveira presented these documents himself. The photographs and negatives were exhibited, taken in La Barra de Tijuca, in 1952, by reporters of *O Cruzeiro*. For them (who?—ADM), these are the most important documents extant on the existence of the flying discs.

“For the rest, he made a formal declaration: The Brazilian Air Force has never been negligent with respect to the mystery of the flying discs. At present there is lacking a serious analysis of the documents and testimony presented, among them the very weighty ones of Dr. Alberto de Melo Flores and high officers of the Brazilian army. Meanwhile, many will be prepared to agree that the question of saucers is now becoming serious. So said the Brazilian military chief, urging that it be taken with equal seriousness.” (xx.)

(xx.) Troconis, Guillermo. “Brazilian Air Force Affirms Existence of Flying Saucers.” (Venezuelan newspaper? [NICAP comment]) 20 December 54. Translator: “AMD.” NICAP files. Photocopy in author’s files.

American UFOlogists react.

For American UFO believers, the contrast between the Brazilian reaction to the UFO mystery and Eisenhower's made the U.S. President appear to be ignorant fool. Well, the Chief Executive could hardly be that, so where's the problem?

20 December. Temuco, Chile. (2:15 p.m.)

"Stood in the middle of the sky."

A press report states:

"Many persons in Villa Imperial near Temuco saw a flying saucer according to a police officer at the jail. The saucer was first sighted at 2:15 p.m. It was observed by hundreds of people who saw it as it stood in the middle of the sky for several seconds [hovered?] and then shot off towards the sea. Described as 'a very highly brilliant object' and it could easily be seen in broad daylight." (xx.) (Also see clipping)

(xx.) "Chile Temuco 54-12-20." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

20 December. Montevideo, Uruguay.

"Stationary for brief moments."

A press report states:

"A flying saucer was sighted over this city, as ascertained by many persons, residents of Bella Vista (a suburb) who state having seen a strange object cruising by in the sky with all the known features common to all of them. The disc-shaped object, after being stationary for brief moments, went out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) "Montevideo, Uruguay 54-12-20." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

20 December. Carrizal, Venezuela. (daytime?)

Strange airships?

A news item from Carrizal tells us:

"The peaceful town of Carrizal in the State of Miranda was surprised again by the passing of two flying saucers. Last Monday, a party of picnickers observed one of these flying machines cruise by. The witness this time is very well known and reliable person, the businessman and importer Frank Pocaterra, owner of Pocaterra and C-Squared car sellers. Mr. Pocaterra sighted two strange airships or flying saucers, maneuvering over

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CAUTIN.—

Disco Volador
Vieron Vecinos
De N. Imperial

Toda la población contempló el objeto en vuelo a enorme velocidad.

TEMUCO.— Toda la población de Nueva Imperial vió ayer, a las 14.15 horas, un objeto que se desplazaba a gran velocidad de oriente a poniente, dejando una estela blanquecina. Se considera que se trataba de un "disco volador". El aparato se perdió en pocos segundos en dirección a Puerto Saavedra, a apreciable altura. — VILLARROEL, Corresponsal.

and near the town of Carrizal, and then observed how they stopped for several seconds over the nearby mountains. After that the objects raced across the sky at great speed towards Los Teques, following the course of the highway leading to the town." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Carrizal 54-12-21." APRO files. Translation: "Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

21 December. Corpus Christi, Texas. (8:25 a.m.)

Formation maneuvers.

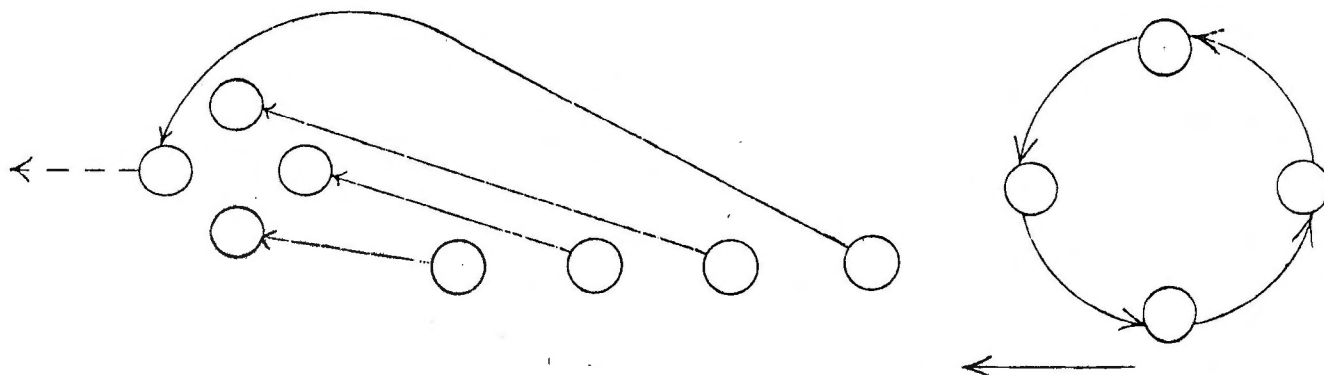
Robert Gribble's *Flying Saucer Review* had this account to relate:

"At 8:25 on the morning of December 21, 1954, a local Corpus Christi, Texas, businessman was driving along the shoreline. As he glanced out over the bay he noticed four dark objects streaking across the sky in a straight line. His curiosity aroused, he pulled over to the curb and got out of the car. The four objects were travelling parallel with the horizon in a perfectly straight line.

"Travelling in a northerly direction, the objects held their formation for a short time. Then, the one in back rose upward and forward assuming a position above and slightly in front of the first object. The third object in line (from the front) rose to a point slightly below and behind the object which had previously maneuvered. The next one then moved upward slightly and to the left. This entire maneuver was executed while the entire group of four was in forward flight.

"As soon as the objects assumed this wheel [square] formation, they began to roll forward (as a wheel). As soon as they had rolled forward for a short distance, they reversed the maneuver which put them in the wheel formation and assumed the original straight line formation. They continued forward for a short distance, then stopped in flight, and hovered. As the witness watched the objects, they disappeared, one by one." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Ed.: Robert Gribble. The Official Publication of Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence, P.O. Box 441, Seattle 11, Washington. February 1956. pp.9-10. (Name of witness omitted by Gribble)



Untranslated news clipping dated: 22 December 54. (Credit: Barry Greenwood) (See this page)

22 December. Chicago "Spared by Reprieve." (See clipping on page 70) (Clipping from the Les Treece-Sinclair collection)

22 December. Managua, Nicaragua. (no time)

All over, the country talks.

A wire story says:

"Flying Saucers and flying cigars have made their apparition in Nicaragua. All over the country talks about the sighting of these objects flying at great altitudes. In Managua, hundreds of persons saw a 'kind of fluorescent tube' which cruised the sky at a great speed. It was said the tube was several feet long [? Arm's length?] in appearance." (xx.)

(xx.) Managua, Dec. 22 (AFP) "Nicaragua Managua 54-12-21." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

23 December. Barinas, Venezuela. (5:30 a.m.)

Many very reliable and serious persons. Barinisian High Society.

A news story said:

"At 5:30 a.m. in the morning a covey of flying saucers cruised the skies over this city. Numerous people, among which are found very respectable and reliable persons, while coming out of early morning pre-Christmas church services, sighted numerous luminous flying objects. Most of the witnesses are mature persons belonging to Barinisian High Society.

"Mr. Victor Leon, on sighting the phenomenon, ran to the house of the District Prefect. Both the Prefect and Mr. Leon observed the objects as they moved put sight toward the distant horizon. Mr. Julio Sanguinetti, a telegraph clerk, as well as a police officer who stands watch at the local branch of the Bank of Venezuela, carefully observed the objects as they flew by. The two men said there was six objects in all. Other witnesses said there was 12 [no explanation was suggested for the different numbers]. The objects were described as "round-shaped with a sort of cap on the upper surface."

"Besides the Barinas witnesses, persons arriving from Barrancas, Guanare, and Acvarigua (distant cities) also claim to seen strange objects in the sky early in the morning." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Barinas. 54-12-23." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe."

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**LINARES
EXTRAÑO CUERPO
LUMINOSO VISTO
SOBRE BULLILEO**

Vecinos presumen que se trata de un "disco volador"

PARRAL. — Luis Morales y Miguel Parada, vecinos residentes en el villorrio situado en las márgenes del tranque del Río Bullileo, informaron a Carabineros que el lunes último, alrededor de las 21 horas, divisaron un objeto que semejaba un "disco volador", que se dirigía a gran altura y velocidad hacia la costa.

Agregaron que el extraño cuerpo luminoso trazó un semicírculo sobre el lugar, para luego desaparecer dejando una estela blanquecina.

El fenómeno, que causó expectación entre los vecinos, fué observado por varias personas que viven en las inmediaciones del embalse. — PARRA, corresponsal.

'OUTER SPACE' FLASH

12-22-1954

Lucky Chicago: No Flood Today

City 'Spared' by Reprieve, Says Oak Park Prophetess

Chicago has escaped the predicted doom of a tidal wave Tuesday.

"The cataclysm has been stayed," said Dr. Charles Laughead, who with Mrs. Dorothy Martin had predicted such a flood.

They told the Daily News that they received word of the reprieve from "outer space" at 4:45 a.m. in Mrs. Martin's Oak Park home.

"We interpret that God has intervened and the forces of good and light have prevailed," declared the physician. He recently was ousted from the staff of Michigan State College for his beliefs.

He said he felt "quite gratified" that the city would be spared.

Tiny Mrs. Martin, wearied by a night of waiting for her latest "message" from a planet she calls "Clarion," indicated she would spend the day resting.

"After all, she pointed out, 'that's an awful lot of power to come through a little 90-pound woman.'"

"The implication of this," Dr. Laughead intoned, "is that now the world must unite for the good of all."

HERE IS part of the message Mrs. Martin says she got from "them" in outer space:

"For this day is it established that there is but one God of earth and He is in thy

midst and from His hand thou hast written these words and mighty is the word of God and by His word have ye been saved for from the mouth of death have ye been delivered."

The only mention of a flood was of a different nature than that expected.

It came in this passage, quoted by Mrs. Martin:

"Not since the beginning of time upon the earth has there been such a force of good and light as now floods this room and that which has been lodged within this room now floods the entire earth."

THE ROOM, to which people from outer space seemed to be referring was the one in which Dr. Laughead, Mrs. Martin and 13 others had gathered in her home at 707 S. Cuyler.

THE GROUP spent Tuesday's early hours there waiting for developments.

"We have been in meditation all night," Mrs. Martin told the Daily News. "We have not touched our heads to the pillows."

"They," the beings of outer space, had told her to release their message instantly, she



MRS. DOROTHY MARTIN

said.

The Oak Park woman had insisted that the Midwest would be engulfed in a great sheet of water, spreading from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico.

THE DARK-HAIRED woman said her phone has been ringing since the Daily News found Dr. Laughead in her home Thursday.

"I had a call Monday from a man who invited me to attend an end-of-the-world cocktail party," she said.

"This is typical of the monomaniac calls I've been getting. But we expect that."



DR. LAUGHEAD

Photocopy in author's files.

24 December. Barranquilla, Columbia. (no time)

"Sometimes upwards and sometimes downward."

An AFP dispatch states:

"The evening newspaper *El Nacional* informs that over the residential suburb of *El Pamdo?* [photocopy not clear] in this city was sighted a flying saucer which moved sometimes upwards and sometimes downwards, and always showing its profile [?]. The newspaper adds that the saucer was like the 'embossed shield off the wheel of an automobile' and that its maneuvers could be observed during several minutes, shooting bright glares [? flashes?]. (xx.)

(xx.) "Columbia Barranquilla. 54-12-23." APRO files. Translation: Probably by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

24 December. Blumenau, Santa Catarina, Brazil. (no time)

Radio hams spread the news.

According to item in Jose Faria's UFO magazine:

"On December 24, 1954, in Blumenau, Santa Catarina, many people were looking at the planet Venus when suddenly, coming from the same direction, an object the size of an auto made a brief appearance at terrific speed. Mr. Luiz Medeiros, who is a radio amateur, at once communicated with several radio-hams and spread the news. He said he also saw something strange in the sky through some binoculars. He sighted a flying body that could not have been an aircraft, balloon or star. The thing was red and sometimes looked like a hat, a cigar and a common saucer [It must have twisted around while in flight]. It was coming from the northeast. What got Mr. Medeiros really impressed was the releasing of a smaller body from the big one. It could be seen by the naked eye. Many people in Blumenau have confirmed the sighting." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Flying Saucer*. Ed.: Jose Escobar Faria. Published by the Flying Disks Research Center (CPDV). Sao Paulo, Brazil. No. 2, October 1956. p.5.

25 December. Puerto Ayavucho, Venezuela. (A little after 12:30 a.m.)

Mass sighting-100 witnesses. Discs big and little.

Excitement in Federal territory:

"Puerto Ayavucho, Delta Amacuro, Federal Territory...a great commotion was produced in this city with the sudden appearance of six luminous objects which more than a hundred people qualified as 'flying saucers.' As reported by Messrs. Rafael Simon

Bolivar, Henrique Conde, all officers of the National Identification Service, and Luis Herrera, Traffic Inspector, it was a little after 12:30 in the night when they sighted a luminous object crossing the sky from north to south, leaving behind a trail which disappeared at intervals due to the black clouds that were in its path. Other persons were called to observe the phenomenon, but it became more astounding when, flying at a low altitude and giving off light, there appeared an object which looked like the full moon, but brighter, and surrounded by another, smaller, similar one.

"At intervals of five minutes, there appeared other objects, four in number, which made a circle over the city and then disappeared towards the north." (xx.)

(xx.) "Puerto Ayavucho, Venezuela 54-12-25." APRO files. Translation by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

25 December. Puerto Ayavucho, Venezuela. (about 1:00 a.m.)

The indian was badly frightened.

The same press report quoted above added this:

"Another report: Mr. Feline Argotte, a secretary employed at the town hall and a skeptic about everything concerning flying saucers, stated that around 1:00 a.m. an indian who lives in his house summoned him. The indian was badly frightened and pointed out a luminous object passing by in the sky. Joined by his wife, Sofia, Mr. Argotte watched several luminous objects fly by, leaving trails of bright light. He declared that 'he now believes in these things, connected perhaps, with Martians.'

(xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Beware of the military police.

After translating the Puerto Ayavucho news clipping, "Joe," APRO's Venezuelan representative, included an extensive commentary:

"Coral, up to now, none of the reports of having seen or being attacked by little men have been denied. Besides, notice that in many of these sightings, members of the National Security have been witnesses to them. Coral, everybody here is afraid of National Security because when they nab a fellow, they do not behave very decently with him. A friend of mine once said to a National Guardsman, fitted with anger, that: 'what kind of a government is this one' and then he was taken to the National Security as 'subversive to the government' and being only a boy 19 years old, he was tortured, and forced to confess that he was acting against the government. He denied it and he was beaten. After being detained for week in jail, by the stress and works of the mother, he was released. You see, they are sort of detectives, and they treat people not very good, especially when it is because of politics. Did you know that they tried to silence the two boys ... [Flores and Gomez who fought the dwarfs], but the boys kept telling the truth in spite of the threats... [made by] National Security.

"So, you see Coral, one can't just make up a false story out of anything here. Coral, please this is very confidential, as you know that here nobody can talk about any of these things openly. It is better to shut up. I don't mean our actual government is bad. No, nothing of the sort, on the other hand, it is, up to now, the most progressive one, not only in Venezuela, but in all South America, but, you see, our people are not like the good, educated, American people. Here, if there were freedom that is found in the U.S., things would be pretty rough and revolutions and riots would take place every day so it is better to curtail and shorten the freedoms here..." (xx.)

(xx.) "Venezuela Puerto Ayavucho 54-12-25." APRO files.
Translation by "Joe." Photocopy in author's files.

26 December. Conclusions reached by H. Turner of the Australian Scientific Liaison Office. (See pages 74-78)

26 December. Cobalt, Canada.

(The actual clipping from the *Daily Nugget* as shown on page 79 replaces the story on pages 75,76 in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*. The clipping has more detail)

26 December. Bisbee, Arizona. (6:00 a.m.)

Came down, rose again, and appeared to hang in space. (See clipping on this page)

Dr. J. Allen Hynek's assistant, William T. Powers, calls our attention to some statistics.

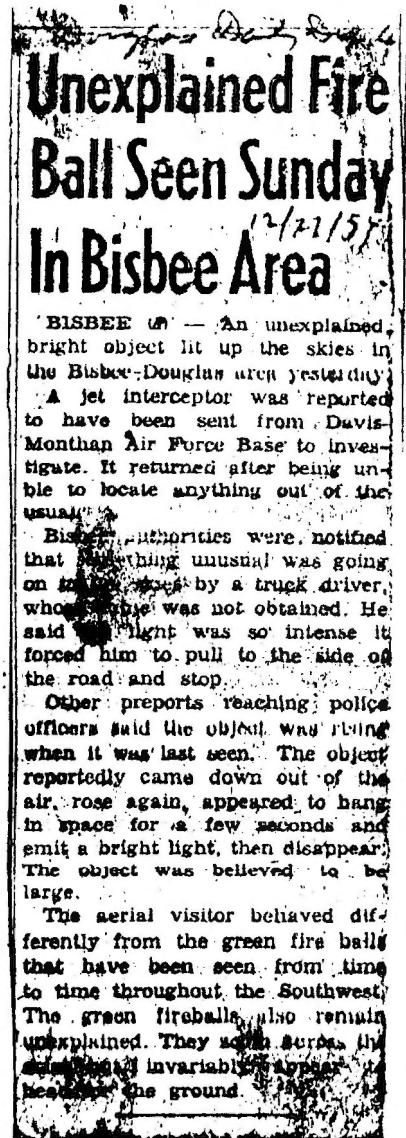
In a letter to the prestigious journal *Science* in 1967, Mr. Powers produced some numbers in regards to "saucer landings." It states:

"Over 200 world-wide landings were reported for the year 1954...many with occupants...Over 100 witnessed by more than one person...In all these sightings at least 624 persons were involved, and only 98 of these people were alone. In 13 sightings, there were more than 10 witnesses for each." (xx.)

(xx.) Powers, William T. "Letters to the Editor." *Science*.
April 7, 1967.

30 December. Between Aufhausen and Piesendorf, Austria. (Between 9:50 and 10:00 p.m.)

Hemispherical object.



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26th. Dec. 1954

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

Under the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Air, the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence arranged for two files of reports dealing with "flying saucers" to be placed at my disposal for analysis. My departure for the United Kingdom in November 1954 curtailed this investigation. The conclusions reached at that stage are given in the attached report.

If there is any desire on the part of the R.A.A.F. to continue this co-operation in any way, I would be only too happy to do so.

Yours faithfully,

(H. Turner)

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REPORT ON "FLYING SAUCERS"

INTRODUCTION

1. In order to assist in assessing two files of reports held by the Director of Air Force Intelligence concerning "flying saucers", a general inquiry into the subject matter was held by the writer. Among the books investigated were the following:-

Keyhoe:	"Flying Saucers From Outer Space"
Menzel:	"Flying Saucers"
Leslie and Adamski:	"Flying Saucers Have Landed"

In addition, numerous periodicals and magazines were found to supply odd reports.

2. The Victorian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee was helpful in supplying further information. The Committee was not aware of any connection with the R.A.A.F.

3. Some local sightings of interest were personally investigated. Such investigations were found to render considerably more information than expected. Finally, discussions were had with various staff members of the Physics Department, University of Melbourne.

4. In this way, it was hoped that a basic understanding of the problem would be achieved.

5. As regards the filed reports, it was the initial intention of the writer to analyse the evidence in an attempt to understand the basic reason causing the then recent wave of saucer reports. However, largely as a result of Keyhoe's book, it would appear that this evidential analysis is no longer necessary. Instead, an attempt has been made to assign each of the various filed reports to some particular category. This is a preliminary move in understanding the methods and motives of these "saucers" rather than determining whether they exist or not.

AMERICAN REPORTS

6. It is worthwhile studying the evidence presented by Keyhoe. This ex-Major of the U.S. Marines purports to publish U.S. Air Technical Intelligence Reports dealing with sightings of "Unidentified Flying Objects". It is almost inconceivable that this is not an official release, as they bear the testimony of Albert M. Chop of the Office of Public Information, Department of Defence, Washington. Direct official confirmation from, say, the U.S. Air Attache or the Australian Liaison Officer in Washington would nevertheless be highly desirable.

7. Some of the cases discussed by Keyhoe are summarised below (in chronological order).

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1. Norfolk, Virginia - July 14th, 1952, 2112 hours

Pan-American Airways' report to A.T.I.C. of six discs seen manoeuvring below the aircraft. Description given of an abrupt change of course, colour changes, high speeds. Diameter to thickness ratio about 7/1. Joined by two more discs before departing.

2. Washington, D.C. - July 20th, 1952, 0040 - 0530 hours

Three radar stations - Air Traffic Control Centre at Washington National Airport, Control Tower at same airport, and Andrews Field, Maryland - all located echoes at approximately the same position, and some of the objects producing the echoes were seen by ground and air observers as coloured lights. The observations continued for five hours during which time the objects were found to be capable of linear acceleration in excess of several 'g'. They could reverse, perform right-angled turns and in one instance exceed several thousand m.p.h. They would outdistance any intercepting plane, although the interceptors could often locate their lights before they went out of sight. Their departure would be observed on the radar screen.

3. Michigan - July 29th, 1952, 2140 hours

G.C.I. radar ordered an F.94 to intercept an unknown object flying at 635 m.p.h. When at 20,000 ft., the interceptor located object on its radar as being four miles distant, same altitude, position marked visually by a light alternately flashing red, green and white. The F.94 chased the object at maximum speed for twenty minutes, during which time the flashing light remained visible in a position corresponding to the aircraft's radar. The attempted intercept was tracked by the G.C.I. station.

4. Bellefontaine, Ohio - August 1st, 1952, 1050 hours

G.C.I. radar picked up an unknown moving at 480 m.p.h. and at great height. Visually detected by ground observers. Two F.86's ordered to intercept. At a ceiling of 40,000 ft., one pilot took camera-gun photographs of a bright, round object. The radar gunsight indicated that the object was 12 - 20,000 ft. above the observer. The attempted intercept was tracked by the G.C.I. radar.

5. Hamilton Air Force Base, California - August 3rd, 1952, 1615 hours

Two discs observed from ground with binoculars. Picked up by G.C.I. radar. Six more discs arrived. Group departed before interceptors could take off.

6. Oneida Air Force Base, Japan - August 5th, 1952, midnight

Round dark object with bright light observed from control tower with binoculars. Approached base slowly, hovered nearby for several minutes, then departed. Tracked by G.C.I. radar. Appeared to split into three units.

7. Gulf of Mexico - December 6th, 1952, 0525 hours

B.29 at 18,000 ft. Four groups each of about five objects were observed at approximately two-minute intervals by three radar-scoops. Each group was travelling in excess of 5,000 m.p.h. Some of the objects were also sighted visually. One group briefly slowed down to aircraft speed, then accelerated to its earlier speed and was seen to merge with a large $\frac{1}{2}$ " blip, the whole then rapidly accelerating to more than 9,000 m.p.h. before going out of range.

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CONCLUSIONS

8. If one assumes these Intelligence Reports are authentic, then the evidence presented is such that it is difficult to assume any interpretation other than that unidentified flying objects are being observed. This applies particularly to those cases where an object is independently observed to be in a certain position at the one time by means of radar, visual and/or photographic methods. Such combined evidence positively eliminates alternative explanations such as 'spots before the eyes', mass illusions, meteorological phenomena (including temperature inversion), etc. In many cases, the measured velocities and accelerations are highly indicative of objects that are intelligently controlled and whose performance is superior to that known by Western science. Indeed, the superiority is such that it is highly improbable that such objects have a terrestrial origin.

9. An extra-terrestrial origin is preferred to that of a Russian origin as, even if the Russian forces were so much in advance of the Western group that they could produce such aircraft, it is highly improbable that they would send their secret devices over enemy territory with the attendant risk of capture or breakdown. In addition, espionage would surely be more profitable if undertaken by fifth column activities rather than by the elusive aerial spotting practised by these U.F.O's.

10. The evidence presented by the reports held by the R.A.A.F. tend to support the above conclusion - namely, that certain strange aircraft have been observed to behave in a manner suggestive of an extra-terrestrial origin. However, as the Australian evidence is inferior to the American evidence from the viewpoint of proving the real existence of 'flying saucers', the writer has contented himself with a modest attempt at sieving the probable U.F.O. sightings from the probable 'natural phenomenon' category. This is done in Appendix I. If one could regard this initial sorting out as being sufficiently reliable, then reports categorising U.F.O. should be re-examined in an effort to understand the methods of propulsion and the motives for the visitations. Reports that are simply visual have strictly limited analysis value. Many new reports involving instrumental plotting are needed. It is possible to list a number of such recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To increase official interest in U.F.O. reports.
2. To have at least one full-time investigator who is encouraged to interview personally any witnesses involved in an interesting report. Such interviews tend to uncover considerable information and can convert a nebulous report into one suitable for analysis.
3. Some measure of publicity to encourage people to submit their reports. A warning should be given to potential hoaxers that action will be taken if the hoax involves public expense.
4. Liaison established with the U.S. Air force Intelligence with a view towards exchanging information and verifying Keyhoe's claim.

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5. Request information from the R.A.F. and the Canadian "Project Magnet".
 6. An attempt could be made to form a Scientific Advisory Panel to assist in the analysis of reports, provided that in the future these reports are more numerous and of greater detail than most earlier accounts. The first three recommendations should enhance these requirements. The U.S.A.F. and R.A.F. may even be willing to permit such a panel to examine their reports.
 7. It is highly recommended that more radar sightings be gained. One radar report is worth many unsupported visual reports. Only radar can supply range, height, speed and true course. Visual aids can add shape and colour and, if synchronised with radar, true size. More radar stations are needed and they should operate for longer periods. Radar operators should be briefed as to the procedure to be adopted when a U.F.O. is suspected. They should be familiar with such things as anomalous propagation and ionised clouds.
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Strange Light Hangs in Northern Sky

Reporter Sees "Saucer"

By JOHN HUNT

COBALT—Last night a flying saucer visited the Cobalt district.

No other explanation seems possible for the series of events witnessed by several persons including this reporter. It wasn't a star, a meteorite, nor an airplane. It didn't behave in any manner recognizable in the light of human experience. Extra-terrestrial phenomena seems to be the only explanation.

It started at about 8.30 p.m. when this reporter was sitting down eating a cold chicken supper. The phone rang and an excited, almost panic-stricken voice gasped "John for God's sake get out here. There's a flying saucer overhead spitting out light all over the place." Who's that I asked. "Willis St. Jean. I'm at the Agaunico mine."

I drove at high speed to the Agaunico, which is some three miles north of Cobalt on the shore of Lake Temiskaming. On arriving at the mine I found Mr. St. Jean excited, almost frightened. "The thing came down low and scared the blazes out of me," he said.

He pointed up to the sky. For a minute I could see nothing. Then suddenly a light. It was a cold, clear light moving from the east to the west. It banked and went out. Then it came on again and hovered motionless. There was no sound except for the noise from the mine's compressor. I stood in the snow covered yard of the Agaunico mine and watched the light for more than one hour. At times it seemed to be quite low and at other times it disappeared into the heavens. Mostly I saw it

come in from the east, hover above the mine and then go out. I got cold and went into the mine dry. St. Jean said he had been walking from the dry to the hoist room shortly after 8 p.m. when suddenly the whole area was illuminated by a light brighter than daylight.

"I looked up," he said, "and there was this giant cone of light shining straight down."

St. Jean was alone at the mine while the miners were on Christmas holidays. The light was emanating from a giant rotating disc of pure light. The light was not just spinning but flying in circles. The cone was suddenly reversed and the disc sent its blinding light straight up into the sky.

Then it flew over Lake Temiskaming, lighting up the ice covered lake before it sped up into

DAILY NUGGET, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Dec. 27, 1954

Over Cobalt Mine

the sky. We stood chatting in the dry. Then we looked out of the back door. The light came back again from the east. It was cold and clear and brilliant. If it had any shape at all it was slightly wedge shaped but it was at immense height. It danced around for a while. We walked back into the yard. I took my flashlight and signalled. I flashed the light on and off then waved in a circle. The mysterious light in the sky flew away and disappeared. Watching it, it seemed as if we could only see the light when it was flying towards us or hovering overhead. When it banked the light disappeared.

I called my wife in Cobalt on the mines phone and asked her to go out into the garden and look for the light. I also called OPP Constable Pat Shannon in

Cobalt and asked him to look for it. Later they both said that they could not see anything. St. Jean said that he could see some lights out on the lake. We climbed a ladder resting against the dry. St. Jean said that he saw half a dozen red tinged lights on the lake. I only saw one for a minute and then it disappeared. While we were standing there a car drove up containing Mrs. St. Jean and some friends. Can you see that flying saucer? I asked. "Don't be crazy," one of them said. Then they saw the light in the sky and fell silent. The group included William Montgomery, 27, of west Cobalt. His brother, Hugh Montgomery, 29, and wife Annette, 27, both of Kitchener, Ont. They all watched the light come and go, dance in the sky,

hover and dart as no airplane nor star nor meteor has ever behaved.

"I would never have believed it if I hadn't seen it," Mrs. Montgomery said. "And I don't suppose anyone will ever believe us anyway," her husband added.

I left the mine at about 10.15 p.m. and drove back to Cobalt. The light was still hovering in the sky. About an hour later, accompanied by Lee Moore, Sudbury insurance agent, I drove back but was told that the light had disappeared shortly after I left.

What it was that this reporter saw last night I do not know. I was stone cold sober and so were the others who witnessed the phenomena. As far as I am concerned a flying saucer ~~came over the mine and I saw it~~

UFO researcher E. Berger wrote:

"Josef Schnoll, 28, a Mittersill businessman and cinema owner, was driving from Zell am See to Mittersill on December 30, 1954, at 2200. Between Aufhausen near Zell am See and Furth-Kaprun near Piesendorf he spotted a hemispherical sky object hovering at mountaintop level over the valley and shining in an orange-red color. First Schnoll thought it was the moon, but then he found the size was incredible for this as the sky object spanned one eighth of the valley width. Just before Piesendorf the sky body appeared to hover only in rooftop level now as the railway station restaurant which lies in a depression of the valley covered part of the body. Driving on towards Walchen, Schnoll noticed the sky body moved northwards, changed into a triangle ten times larger than the morning star and dashed away to the west, shrinking constantly, to disappear in the sky. The phenomenon was seen by Schnoll between 2150 and 2200 on a starry evening. It was reported by him to the gendarmerie at Mittersill at 2220 the same evening, and concerning his observational abilities and reliability one can add that he is a serious businessman far from phantasms." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Phenomenon*. Ed.: R. Farabone. E. Berger. "1954/55 The Austrian Share." Editiecs Publishing House. P.O. 190. Bologna, Italy. Vol. III, No.1. 1978/79. pp.111-112.

31 December. Near Neuchatel, Switzerland. (7:55-8:30 a.m.)

(This account replaces the version from the *Flying Saucer Review* that is on page 78 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 November-December*. Roger Girardet's report on the case has more detail.)

According to our source:

"Mme Vivot of M M. Vivot, son of an industrialist, officer in the army, living at Rue de Corcelles 4, Pereux (Neuenburg) saw on the morning of 31 December 1954 at 7:55 o'clock from her window an oval, dull, steel gray object about 500 yards away. At this distance the object appeared as large as a 15 yard wide roof about 100 yards from her window. On this basis M. Vivot estimated the object's circumference at about 100 to 150 yards. The front portion of the object which remained stationary vibrated like a falling leaf. The object had a powerful searchlight, not unlike strongly phosphorescent neon, on one side and on the other end something like a fire of sparks that gave off a faint crackling noise; or like an emission of steam. As the sparks went out a thick cloud of white smoke became visible.

"Now the thing began to turn for the searchlight and the smoke on the other end began to spin round the object at increasing speed. Slowly the machine began to climb at an angle. Mme Vivot called her tennant, Mme.Jaunin and her maid. These people watched the revolving object also. Over a ten minute period M. Vivot observed through binoculars and corroborated the other witnesses' findings. The weather was quite clear. M. Vivot telephoned the observatory at Neuenburg where his account met with deaf ears and the sentence: 'You don't mean to tell us you saw

a flying saucer?" A weather balloon was mentioned.

"Until now the object had moved very slowly. At a certain point the thing became stationary and M. Vivot saw through his binoculars a puff of smoke issuing both at front and in back. The machine gained speed now, however, [and] was still visible at 8:30. As the distance increased the light became stronger. A tremendous force [?] seemed to issue from this craft which annoyed Mme. Vivot for at least three days. She drove with her husband to the vicinity where she supposed a landing took place near Chantemerle above Corcelles. The search for traces proved unsuccessful. Telling their friends about the sighting provoked laughter. Mme. Vivot wishes to tell about this sighting to all interested persons. Both had never believed in flying saucers and never read works about the subject." (xx.)

(xx.) A personal report by Mme. Vivot to Roger Girardet, member of AMI. From: *Le Courier Interplanetaire*, Lausanne, Switzerland. April 2, 1955. p.2. NICAP Files. Translator not named. Photocopy in author's files.

31 December. Dalmore, New Zealand. (4:00 – 4:20? a.m.)

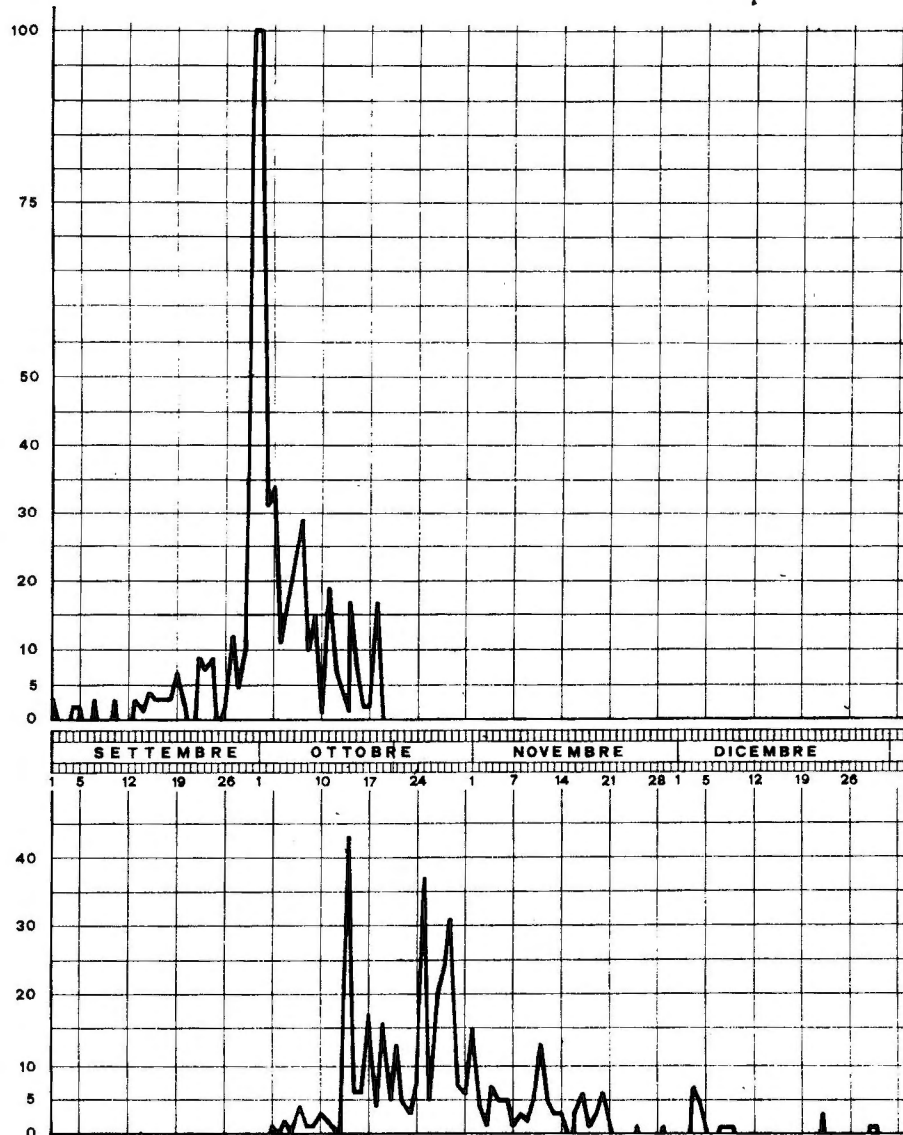
Peculiar white object.

An item in a New Zealand publication says:

"For 20 minutes after 4 a.m. a woman living on Rinchill Road watched a large peculiar white object hovering directly above Opoho. Only when the object suddenly moved off with gathering speed and gained altitude, did she awaken her husband and 18-year-old son, or feel convinced that she was really seeing something real. The three members of the family then watched the object for five minutes until it finally disappeared in the distance. The object passed behind a cloud several times, to be dimmed and shine brightly again as it appeared in the clear spaces. There are no skeptics in the household now!" (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ)*. Vol. II, No.4. Issue #8. March 1955. p.23.

UFO reports: September-December 1954. Italy and France. Note the southern shift over time.



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(xx.) *UFO In Italia l'ondata del 1954.* Ed: Corrado Tedeschi. Vol. II. Published in Firenze, Italy. 1980. p.402.

UFO reports: September-December 1954. Italy. Distribution of reports.



Localizzazione geografica degli avvistamenti italiani del 1954. Ciascun caso è contraddistinto dal numero progressivo dell'indice cronologico generale, accanto al rispettivo simbolo.

Legenda dei simboli:

○ un CASO, ● due CASI, ◐ tre CASI, ◑ quattro CASI, ◒ cinque CASI, * più di cinque CASI.

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(xx.) *UFO In Italia l'ondata del 1954*. Ed: Corrado Tedeschi. Vol. II. Published in Firenze, Italy. 1980. p.406.

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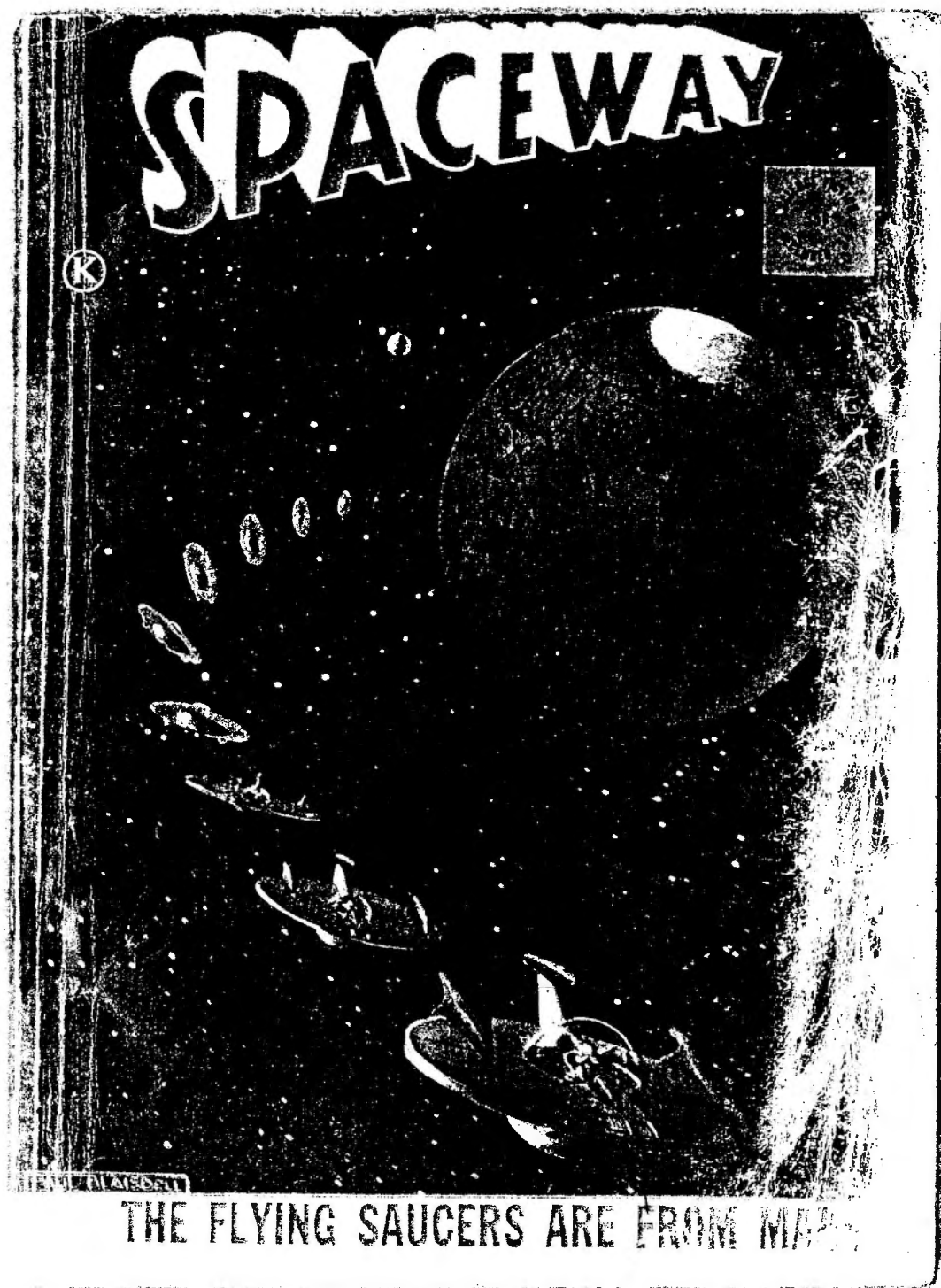
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