

# The A.P.R.O. Bulletin

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## Pixley C-131 Hit By UFO

Included with clippings and other information relayed to headquarters pertaining to the crash landing of the C-131 transport at Pixley, California, on July 23 was an unconfirmed report that an unidentified flying object had been sighted by the crew of that plane just prior to their mid-air collision with an unknown object. At the time the report was received, it was filed as unconfirmed and almost forgotten. However, a recent report from a reliable but confidential source indicates that part of the statement made by Major Stenvers upon landing, was deliberately omitted from press releases later. Major Stenvers saw an unidentified object headed toward his plane just seconds before the collision. Our informant is in the military and was in a position to observe the investigation which followed and to be on the receiving end of pertinent information.

In our September issue we commented that the facts did not add up and that statements made by the press and Major Stenvers himself indicated that there was more than met the eye. Our final decision in the matter is that Major Stenvers saw the small, probably remote-controlled disc which dived on his plane from above and caused control malfunction when it accidentally struck the tail assembly. A remote-controlled object would have a director craft in the vicinity. If this disc is the "burning object" reported falling in the vicinity of Pixley at the time of the crash, it is not improbable that the director craft either directly or by remote control destroyed the now crippled object so that when a search was instigated for the reported object, it was not found.

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Excerpt from

## PAUL HARVEY NEWS

November 15, 1956

The Pentagon . . . has been censoring flying saucer information. Magazine articles submitted for clearance—articles that apparently had nothing to do with military secrets—have nonetheless been blue penciled by Pentagon security officials.

Why?

The House investigators want to know. One report on flying saucers was released . . .

Then it was stamped secret . . .

Then it was unclassified again.

A former Intelligence officer wrote a book.

All of the information had been previously published.

All of it.

But the Army refused to allow publication of that book.

## Mystery Air Crashes

Wilmington, Delaware, Nov. 20, 1956—

At 7:30 a. m. a violent explosion rocked the Harrington-Dover area and was heard as far off as Bridgeton, N. J. Eyewitnesses said they saw a plane trailing smoke heading for a crash in the area a few seconds before the explosion was heard. Air Force and CAP planes and choppers ('copters) cruised the area for four hours but found nothing. No aircraft missing. Buildings fifteen miles from the scene of the "explosion" rocked violently. One woman actually saw the aircraft, described it as the largest aircraft she had ever seen, said she could have gotten number and name if she had thought of it. A radar station reported it had lost contact with a plane in the vicinity of Harrington. (Wilmington Journal-Evening, no name credit)

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London, England, 1 Oct., 1956—A huge delta-shaped A-bomb carrier landing at London Airport, home from trip to New Zealand, exploded on Runway 7. Ejector seats fortunately saved the lives of Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst and Squadron Leader D. R. Howard, captain of the airship, but four others died in the crash. A spokesman for A. V. Roe Co. stated that the canopy mysteriously came off the plane as it swept in for a landing. He also stated: "It seems that the bomber hit something, possibly an obstruction. He (the pilot) immediately turned his engines on to full power in an attempt to climb away but at this point, although he gained some height and went back into cloud, he recognized that the aircraft was out of control and within seconds gave orders to abandon ship." (If an interview with the pilot were possible, we might find that he saw what Major Stenvers saw (page 1). (Omaha Evening World-Herald, Cr. J. Myers)

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In the event we should receive further confirmation of the spotting of a UFO prior to the crash of the C118 in the Eastern Atlantic on 10 October, instead of filing our present information as unconfirmed, we will list it herewith as an unconfirmed report which carries considerable weight. Fifty-nine men were lost in that crash, and the circumstances which accompanied the search were all but ordinary. Unidentified signals which were depended upon to guide the searchers to the area, were of no use, and it may be conjectured that these signals may have been deliberately sent out from a location far from the actual scene of disaster.

Seasoned pilots, military and civilian, are becoming exceedingly apprehensive about flights which take them far from shipping lanes in overseas flying, and across barren stretches of land on over-

## Sensational Report Reveals AF Duplicity

We have in our hands a UFO report so sensational and in such detail that we are unable to print it since the peculiar circumstances involved would point directly at the reporters whose silent co-operation was solicited under threat of courts-martial.

Proved conclusively during the course of this incident are the following data.

1. Saucer occupants monitor our radio frequencies, and can understand the English language.
2. They are capable of blocking radio transmission and reception.
3. They seem familiar with the operation of fire-control radar and can to some extent inhibit its operation.
4. If Captain Edward Ruppelt was in possession of all the facts concerning UFO up until his separation from the Air Force in 1953 as he stated in his book, "A Report on UFO", he grossly misrepresented those facts in said book.

The case against the Air Force is slowly growing into a formidable thing — for them. We can now prove that while saucer charlatans and crackpots operate freely with plenty of publicity and no interference from authorities, serious saucer researchers with facts to present to the public are hampered in their work by deliberate official attempts to curtail their efforts.

Until the present time the Air Force "silence group" has had quite a few factors in their favor; among which are the easy availability of "experts" to act as disclaimers regarding saucer reality plus their easy conquest of the Press. The age of Air Force domination in the field is swiftly drawing to a close—we are obtaining our own experts to whom the Press will be obliged to listen.

Scientific and technical personnel in the employ of the federal government of the United States are awakening to the truth and are casting about for information to corroborate their own feelings and findings. They are finding these facts through private research groups and APRO, and soon their number and the weight of their facts will be so great that official opinion will be forced to bow to scientific facts and the "cat" will be out of the bag.

land flights. Considering the many safety factors incorporated into aircraft of today, plus improved communications networks and better maintenance, the large number of technically sound aircraft which are being lost day by day is quite a mystery. The Air Force knows—and knows why, but is afraid to admit that they can't do anything about the situation.

**RECENT SIGHTINGS**

(Continued from Page 5)

—Five workmen of a drilling squad in the Santa Rosa sector (Mene Grande Oil Co.) reported seeing two circular crafts during the early morning. The objects cruised in a southerly direction at a great speed, leaving a yellow trail. (Cr: J. Rolas)

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**Barquisimeto, 13 Sept., 1956 (Venezuela)** — In Aguada Grande, travelling salesman Rigoberto Reyna of Caracas observed two circular crafts which left an orange trail. The objects were traveling north of Aguada Grande, and he watched them until they disappeared in the distance. They flew together for a period, then each took a different route and disappeared. Large in size. (Caracas paper unnamed, Cr: J. Rolas)

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**Auckland, New Zealand, 4 Sept., 1956** — Squadron Leader K. B. Smith of the New Zealand transport corps observed a UFO while flying to Hastings at 6:42 p. m. "I was at about 500 feet when I saw it," said Smith, "and I kept it in sight until I touched down." Smith said the object, which was glowing with a white nose, was travelling on a horizontal plane and at a "fantastic speed".

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**Mr. L. C. Dassler, of Oropi, Tauranga** (a former flight sergeant navigator with 1500 flying hours in the R. N. Z. A. F.) reported seeing a pinkish purplish flame with indistinct shape of a hull about 1000 feet over Te Poi near Matamata. It was traveling faster than any jet he had ever seen.

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**A Reporoa farmer, Mr. E. J. Aiken,** said he saw a "pink and white pear-shaped object" travelling very fast across the western sky.

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**Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas and daughter, Francis** observed a brilliant light over Rangitoto Beacon which moved from east to west toward Milford through an arc of about 70 or 80 degrees, gradually climbing in the sky. The object covered the arc in 6 or 7 seconds. (New Zealand Herald, Cr: M. Sale)

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**Gisborne, New Zealand, 20 Sept. 1956** — What they described as four balls of intense white light, flying in formation no more than 500 feet above the ground, were seen at 10:39 by the crew of a north-bound freight train near Muriwai, 10 miles south of Gisborne. The engineer said that both he and his fireman had a clear view for several seconds before the lights suddenly shot skyward. (The Auckland Star, Cr: M. Sale)

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**Te-Hi-Hi, New Zealand, 19 Sept., 1956** — Miss A. C. Hastie observed large, round white light accompanied by five smaller lights at 4:35 p. m. Objects above cloud bank, seen for only few seconds before descending in to cloud bank. Small lights evenly arranged on one side of large light, even the small lights were brighter than airplane lights. Small lights had appearance of coming from

portholes. (Private report, Cr: M. Sale)

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**Borneo, 23 Sept., 1956** — A small press cutting informs us that mysterious bright objects have been crashing to earth in Southern Borneo causing panic among the population. Indonesian authorities have so far failed to trace the objects. (No other details. Omaha World-Herald, Cr: J. Myers)

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**Ortonville, Minn., Nov. 13, 1956** — Marlen Hewitt of Redfield, S. D., a dairy truck driver, told of being terrified when he sighted a huge object that changed color and moved with tremendous speed as he drove from Pelican Rapids, Minn. to his home. Hewitt said the "thing" dropped down to about 1,000 feet about a half mile from him. It was round, he said, an dof a grey color, apparently made of metal. He said it looked to be about a block square, about 12 feet thick and with an opening at the base about 1/10th the size of the object from which a brilliant light was shining. The light flashed blue-white to orange to a bright cherry red, Hewitt said. Three Minnesota newsmen in a hunting party also reported seeing the objects at Ortonville. These men were among five people Hewitt called from a cafe at Ortonville to see the object. During the period that the object followed Hewitt, it turned cherry red and sped away near Graceville, Minn., but returned and followed him to Ortonville. Time 1:30 to 5:15 a. m. (St. Paul Pioneer Press, Chicago Daily News, Omaha World Herald, St. Paul Dispatch, Cr: J. Myers, Mrs. C. Brunes, E. O. Dahl, H. J. Muenchen)

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**Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 29, 1956** — Rev. Robert Damon, Baptist minister of Ord, Nebraska, observed a "brilliant and piercing" light in the sky as he was returning from Grand Island to Ord early on the morning of the 29th. Damon said he first thought it was lightning, but the brilliance was far too steady, and it gleamed brighter than stars and resembled a July 4 pyrotechnic. The light was seen in the northwest about 10 miles north of Grand Island, and was observed for several minutes.

**On Friday night, (Oct. 26) Miss Ethel Nelson and friends were coming home from Grand Island and saw what appeared from different vantage points, a disc-bank of lights.**

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**Alamogordo, New Mexico, 29 Nov., 1956** — Miss Maurine Charles, Forest Dougherty, Myra Driseck and Judy West, all members of one car pool, observed, from difefrent vantage points, a disc-shaped "moon-colored" object in the vicinity of or over Holloman Air Force Base. All were waiting outside at their respective places of residence, for the automobile in which they all ride to their jobs at Holloman.

The time was 0635, the object was seen at first near ground level, then started ascending. It ascended, leveled off, then climbed again, levelled off, repeated this pattern several times. Miss Charles, who observed the object for the longest period of time, said that the object appeared to be at least 6 times the size of Venus,

which was visible in the morning sky, and caught her eye because of its size and unusual appearance. Miss Charles estimated the time of observation as being approximately 3 minutes.

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**St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 13, 14, 1956** — Mr. and Mrs. William O'Keefe, while sitting in their home at about 10 p. m. saw a big, round ball of light approaching from the south. Too slow for a plane, Mrs. O'Keefe said she at first thought it was a dirigible but a check with the airport revealed none in the area. The bright object, with a "trailing spot of red" moved off to the west when it got near the O'Keefe residence.

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**Mrs. Milo J. Vail** said she saw the object shortly before 10 p. m. and described it as "more the shape of a cigar than anything else, and bright and shiny." "It seemed very close," she said, "and the bright object seemed to have a projection on it that made me think of a painter's Scaffold." (St. Paul Dispatch, Cr: E. O. Dahl)

**Between Sheridan, Wyoming, and Billings, Montana, 31 Aug., 1956** — J. Gordon Campbell and his family of four were flying between the two aforementioned cities on August 31 when they made a unique sighting of a UFO. The time was about 8 p. m. the Campbells were flying at about 8,000, 45 miles from Billings. Suddenly 10-year-old Scotty said, "What's that?" Mr. Campbell looked, thought they were overtaking a plane. The thing came toward the plane at what Campbell described as "a terrific rate of speed." It was huge. Campbell called the Biling control tower, but they couldn't get it on radar. Then it went away. Campbell said it looked like a big, black dog bone. For size comparison purposes, Campbell stated that when it appeared to be about 1/4 mile away away it looked to be 150 feet long. "During the time it seemed to hover close to us, we had a true air speed of close to 180 miles per hour and it stayed with us," Campbell said. When the object left Campbell's vicinity it covered approximately 55 miles in three seconds (approximately 1,000 mph). After that object disappeared, four more came toward the Campbells' plane and hovered. Campbell called the control tower again, they couldn't get them on the radar scope and the objects left. Campbell landed his plane at Billings and while telling people what happened, one of the objects came over the air field. Campbell did some inquiring, found that these objects were being sighted by other people in that area.

Campbell recalls another incident about two years ago when an object approached his plane near Evansville, Indiana, and was in sight about 30 seconds. He thinks perhaps that one might have been a meteor or an illusion but can't explain the one seen in September. (This object resembles very much the description of the objects seen by the crew of a large airliner off the east coast of Newfoundland in 1954, although at that time the object was described as having somewhat the configuration of a telephone receiver. (Minneapolis Star, Cr: Mrs. C. Brunes)

# Recent Sightings

Anaheim, Calif., 8 Nov., 1956—Norman Todd and Doug de Haven reported that at 11:15 p. m. they observed red lights hovering over Yorba Linda, travelling south to Fullerton and Anaheim and heading toward Buena Park. Shortly after these men called police, Walter G. Mortenson of Buena Park informed police in Anaheim that the lights were over Buena Park and heading south in an east-west movement. Fullerton police officers reported seeing a bright object southeast of the city which changed colors and unfamiliar yellow objects were reported earlier in the evening from La Habra. The Fullerton objects were reported as four times brighter than brightest star, shimmering but stationary, and a County Radio Monitoring station operator said the thing was greenish-blue, changing to red and zig-zagging across the sky. Marine jet aircraft from El Toro were scrambled but found nothing (they said). (Anaheim Bulletin — no name attached)

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Tucson, Ariz, Sept. 23, 1956—Members of the GOC post at Tucson observed a "bunch" of lights streaking across the sky at a high rate of speed. No sound noted. The Benson, Arizona, newspaper then called the post filter center to ask what had just gone over that town. The lights were described as going over in a "diamond-shaped" formation, twelve in all. One man who saw the Benson lights said they went faster than the jets from Davis-Monthan AFB, added they were the . . . things he had ever seen (Cr: Fred Liddle). (Mr. Liddle asked us to plug GOC in the Bulletin which we're happy to do. The Director was supervisor of a post at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, for two years, and really believes in the work . . . the Ed.)

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Twin Falls, Idaho, Sept. 1956—Seems a steer was kidnapped by a flying saucer, as reported in "Assignment, U. S. A.", by Inez Robb. E. L. Rayburn, rancher, and his hired hands, Joe and Dick Parker said the steer was visible just before a "flying saucer" settled in its vicinity for a few seconds. The "saucer" was described as about 200" in diameter. (Indianapolis Times, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Cr: D. Lansden, B. Greenway.)

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana, late July, 1956—Michael E. Gaydos observed a round object about the size of a dime held at arm's length, white in color. Seen over the southeastern section of Baton Rouge, it had no discernable features, no trail and was silent, but emitted a steady

glow. Observed at 45 degrees above the horizon, flight path straight with no maneuvers. Origin not noted, but disappearance was merely to go beyond visibility. In sight for 5-8 seconds at 3:30 a. m. (Cr: James E. Turner)

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Vicksburg, Mississippi, Oct. 31—Mrs. Marion Love reported seeing a "big silver object dazzling brilliance," her second sighting of a UFO in one week. Mrs. Love and her hunting companion, Mrs. Jewel Hawthorne, said they were frightened by the object during a squirrel hunting trip into the woods east of Vicksburg. She saw a similar one last Thursday and the same day another Vicksburger saw a large metallic-looking disc dive toward a commercial airliner. (No other details available at this time, but the latter report seems to indicate this rash of aircraft crashes (4 on 27 Nov.), may be explainable by quite unconventional means . . . the Ed.) (The New Orleans Times-Picayune and Baton Rouge Morning-Advocate, Cr: James E. Turner)

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Norway, 22 Sept., 1956—Several disc-shaped objects, moving at a constant speed, have been observed by inhabitants of the extreme North of Norway. An amateur photographer, Mr. W. Gaasland, has succeeded in filming the scene in color with satisfying results. In the enlargement one can plainly perceive the form of the objects, resembling a saucer with a dark stripe in the center and a protrusion in the form of a cupola. The president of the Norwegian UFO Section, Mr. G. Weie, has declared that if the film is genuine, this incident may have worldwide importance. (Cr: G. Zwicky)

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Fricktal, Liestal, Switzerland, 1 Oct., 1956—Observers in Liestal, when looking toward Fricktal at about 4:30 p. m. saw a silvery "celestial vehicle" approaching, at great height while rotating around its axis. It had elliptic form and dark, hazy contours. Every 30 seconds bright rays shot out from its interior. The object made no sound, was lost to sight after crossing the Ergolz-Valley in the direction of Gempenplateau. (Cr: G. Zwicky — from the Basellandschaftlich Zeitung Liestal)

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Niederschontal, Switzerland, 1 Oct., 1956—A strange object appeared in the sky, and was moving at great height over the Ergolz Valley in a Westerly direction. The object was neither a balloon nor a normal airplane, and there was no noise. It had the shape of an irregular ellipse

A 28 pound chunk of ice fell into a park near a U. S. A. F. Base near Ruislip, England. Not a hailstone, said authorities, probably ice from an airplane headed to or from London. (If they can't explain them away, they would be better off to forget them . . . The Ed.) Date: 4 Oct., 1956 (Detroit Free Press, Cr: R. L. Humphreys.)

surrounded by a smokey dark brim. At times the elipse was illuminated brightly by lights from the interior. Several witnesses observed the phenomenon. (Der Baseltbieter, Liestal, Cr: G. Zwicky)

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Copenhagen, Denmark, 4 Sept., 1956—Mysterious looking craft flew over Copenhagen during the early morning hours. Dozens of persons saw the objects which had the forms of "fireballs" or "flying saucers". Radar bases registered the passage of the UFOs and jet planes were sent up in pursuit, but were not able to catch them. Radar indicated a height of 5,000 meters and a speed of 3000 km/h (1800 miles per hour). (Feuille D'avis De Lausanne, Cr: G. Zwicky)

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Yverdon, Switzerland, 13 Sept., 1956—During the night of the 12th, two strange lights were observed to move slowly over this town in western Switzerland. One of the objects, bluish in color, was moving towards Estavayer, the other, almost white, hovered motionless over the center of Yverdon. Both lights were visible from 11 p. m. to 4 a. m., then disappeared (La Suisse, Cr: G. Zwicky)

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Albuquerque, N. M., 11 Oct., 1956 — Mrs. Norma Maurus spotted a large, glowing, white object at 9:45 p. m. in the western sky. It moved from north to south and was in sight several minutes. Mrs. Maurus said the thing looked like a "glowing plate" and was much brighter than the moon. (Albuquerque Journal, no name credit)

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Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, Dec., 1955 —A round, black object moved slowly and silently through the sky and 19-year-old George Clark photographed it. As he and his family watched, the object traveled from south to north against the wind, made a right-angle turn to the east and disappeared. The negative showed only an oval-shaped ring with a light-colored center. Even before the film was developed all witnesses agreed on size, direction, color and shape. (Toronto Telegram, Cr: R. Kochals)

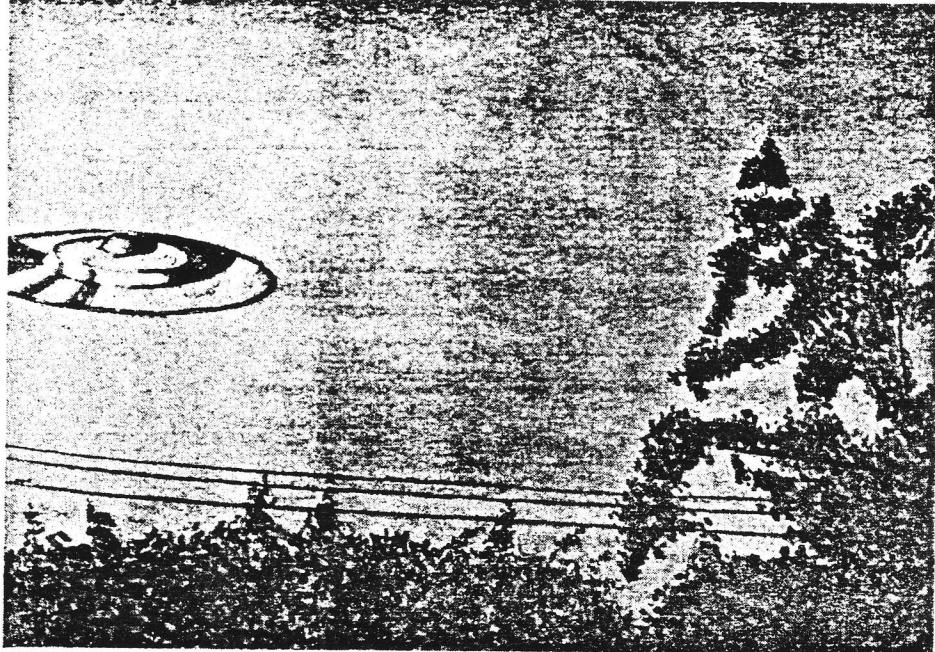
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Singapore, China, 24 July, 1956—J. J. Bennett, S. A. T. A. chest physician, observed two mysterious lights over Singapore at 8:20 p. m. The powder-blue lights seemed to spin as he watched them for 10 minutes in the northern sky. Said Dr. Bennett: "The lights moved exactly like a fish in a tank, they darted and then hovered. At first they looked like searchlights, but there were no beams. When they moved they went faster than anything I have ever seen, then suddenly they would come together, hover like two helicopters, and then separate at tremendous speed." The objects were silent, left no trails, and were elliptical in shape. Their light did not vary. Dr. Bennett got his camera, took several shots, one of which was published in the Singapore paper. It shows two blotches of light, no detail. (Clipping did not include name of paper. Cr: J. Myers)

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Santa Rosa, Venezuela, 12 Sept., 1956

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The "Savage" picture is reproduced here for comparison purposes. Here, in this series, we present three pictures—one taken in 1952 in Brazil by qualified press photographers, one in 1955 by a professional photographer and one in July 1956 by a young amateur photographer.

The first two were obtained by men of good reputation in their fields, and the third by a young man whose family's and his own reputation are beyond dispute. We believe the proportions and configuration are so similar as to indicate

they are all one model of a prototype.

Mr. Booth has suggested engineering illustrations to make more detailed comparison possible. If sufficient reader interest is shown, this will be presented in future issues.

In this study we have deliberately selected three authentic photographs which demonstrate that a remarkable degree of conformity exists between sightings sources widely separated geologically and chronologically. This, we feel, throws the lie in the teeth of Special Report No. 14 which attempts to show that there is no UFO prototype.

"spiritual" aspect of the saucer situation, spoke of the contents of letters between himself and Max Miller of Flying Saucers International having been changed without being opened.

Despite the fact that radio stations in the general Los Angeles area were on the alert and even Paul Coates had an eye and an ear open for the possibilities which might develop, nothing untoward happened.

We received a denial that the whole thing had anything to do with Flying-Saucer Review of Britain, as was implied in the original press release. Brinsley Le Poer Trench was quite disturbed as one might well imagine, for it was one of his members who helped add credibility to the whole blooper. Gray Barker of "The Saucerian" started speculating, insinuated that the Flying Saucer Review representative, Michael Trench, mentioned in the release, was Brinsley le Poer Trench himself.

We at APRO Headquarters can't even admit to a little excitement for we were positive it was another of "those things". Our original correspondence with le Poer Trench, after learning of the scheduled contact, was merely a formality for a speedy denial, which we expected and got.

We're the original skeptics in the saucer business—from the beginning we have been the first to seek, the last to

## The Mon-Ka Business In Los Angeles

Just before the APRO Bulletin went to press in September the press wires were loaded with another saucer "contact" story fostered by the Los Angeles contingent of saucer charlatans and perpetuated by what may logically be termed a facetious press. At the time we stated our doubt that anything would come of the whole fiasco and again we were right.

However, it might be noted that some interesting sidelights were brought to the attention of UFO enthusiasts. One of these was the fact that John Otto, flying saucer enthusiast and so-called researcher got quite a hunk of publicity when he revealed he had once been taken in by Dick Miller, perpetrator of the tape recording, a few years back in Michigan. Seems that Miller used a radio transmitter in an old truck to "cut in" on the car radio.

Not having heard much about Otto in the past few years, this incident recalled to mind the conversation the Director, Mr. Lorenzen and another APRO member had with Mr. Otto in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin in the winter of 1952-53. A very avid fan at the time and bubbling over with enthusiasm, Mr. Otto disappointed his audience by mentioning the

## Keyhoe—On 'Earth Versus The Flying Saucers'

In a letter in which he debunked James Moseley's report that he appeared at Giant Rock Airport last summer, Major Donald E. Keyhoe also had a few things to say about the controversial UFO movie, "Earth vs the Flying Saucers".

In our September issue we stated that we did not feel that the plot of the aforementioned movie fit the known facts about UFO, and stated our regret that Major Keyhoe's name was connected with it. We present here his own statement:

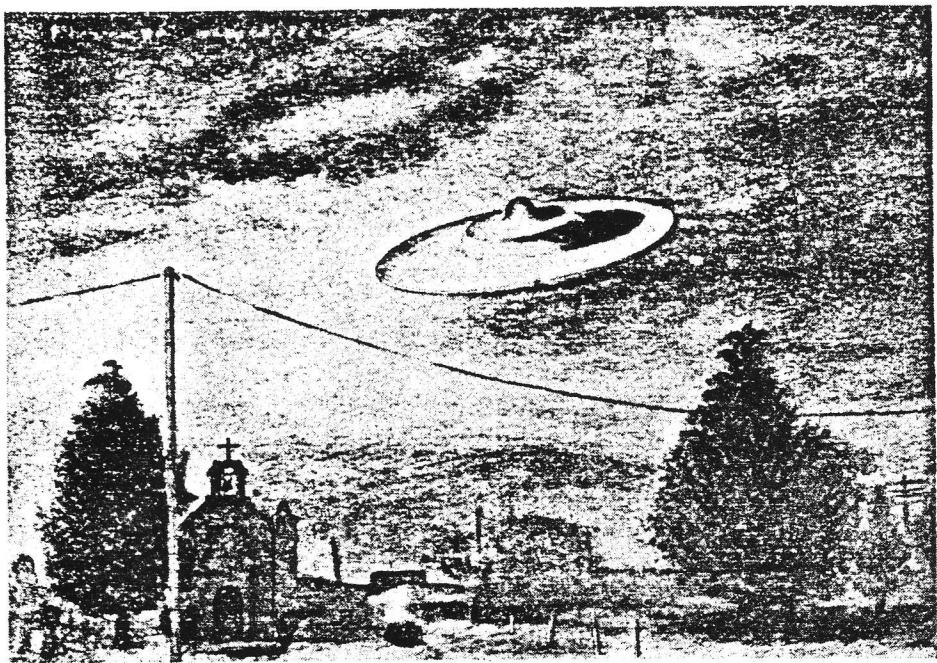
First, I very much resent being misled into thinking this was to be a documentary picture. Second, I refused to make personal appearances with the film. My publishers, Henry Holt and Company, sold the film rights to "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" to Clover Productions, which I understand is a subsidiary of Columbia Pictures. An official of Clover Productions, and the Hollywood agent who handled the matter, both assured me it would be a documentary film—dramatized, but fully documentary as far as the saucer items were concerned. They had no title then—and I never heard the title until the picture was finished. I did not serve as technical director, as some FS magazines have stated. I did not go to Hollywood, never talked with the producer, director or anyone else out there, after Holt signed the contract. I did agree to make personal appearances if the film was, as I was told, documentary—a dramatized version of the "search for the truth." I have not seen the film and from what I've heard about it I don't intend to."

## An Apology or Two

First to William Brenton Nash, a pilot with Pan American Air Lines who was mistakenly referred to as a TWA (Trans-World Airlines) pilot in the September issue of the Bulletin. Our only excuse is that we were doing some thinking about a sighting involving a TWA man, and let it slip through. So sorry, Bill — promise never to pull a Boo-boo like that again.

. . . and to Max Miller of SAUCERS (organ of the Flying Saucers International group of Los Angeles) for the inferred relation to Jim Moseley's publication. In our September issue the stencil cutter omitted the periods in S. A. U. C. E.R.S. (Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society) and thus Max feels that some may entertain the idea that there may be a tie-up between the two groups or that they are one and the same. Miller's SAUCERS is a copyrighted publication, preceded the Moseley publication (formerly NEXUS) by at least a year or two.

accept. In this field of endeavor this attitude is not only laudible but necessary.



Labelled as prime evidence of the existence of "flying saucers", the original photo from which the above water color reproduction was taken was published in the January 1956 issue of "Revista Nacional de Aeronautica", (National Review of Aeronautics), official organ of the Argentine Air Force.

The photograph was snapped by press photographer Pedro Francisco Navarro on August 30, 1955, while on another assignment near Dudignac, Argentina. The

object projected above was speeding through low-hanging clouds and in the published picture was not too clear. Therefore we will not reproduce the picture for distribution among members.

The above painting, executed by Mr. Booth, is an excellent job and is technically superior, in our opinion.

The negative was submitted to Brazilian officials who pronounced it untouched and unexplained.

## The Mark of Saucer Charlatan

Certain individuals have been instrumental in focusing the most undesirable attention on the subject of UFO research. The shadow of their self-seeking (in the guise of truth-seeking) efforts tends to obscure the honest efforts of sincere researchers. They, without exception, can be identified with the following common denominators:

1. They claim to have been "selected" for "contact" by space-travelers because of certain special personal qualities (i. e. more understanding, more advanced, more peaceful, less inhibited, more brother-loving, etc.) and generally display a Messianic attitude.
2. They offer phony photos or bogus artifacts in lieu of proof when any Venusian wanting to prove his reality could easily furnish a contactor with indisputable evidence.
3. They generally try to hide or disguise their own past history and generally for good reasons.
4. Through the sale of books and photos and/or the staging of lectures they display an energetic eagerness to achieve riches or fame or both, belying the qualities claimed under item No. 1 above.

These individuals are aided in their nefarious schemes by a silent partner—the United States Air Force, which reaps dividends in the form of public ridicule of the whole subject. Not wishing to do-

## Book Reviews

"Strangest of All" is authored by news commentator Frank Edwards whose recent "My First 10,000,000 Sponsors" was a big hit. The new book is aptly described by the legend on its jacket which reads . . . "A storehouse of the incredible. Fantastic but true stories involving vanishing ships and people, noted historical figures, religious and scientific miracles, talking animals and flying saucers, treasure hunts and a host of other intriguing themes by Frank Edwards, famous radio and TV commentator."

Published by Citadel Press at 222 Fourth Ave., New York 3, New York, in case your local bookseller doesn't carry it. We enjoyed the writing very much (Frank is a wizard at making words work for him) and must admit we enjoyed each and every chapter as well as the one on saucers.

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"There Is Life on Mars" is a book which will be much talked about in scientific as well as lay circles. Written by a member of British nobility, its author is also a fellow in the British Astronomical Association. It's a must for every member.

nate any undue publicity, we do not name names, but the feet that the shoe fits are aromatically obvious.

## Who's Throwing Monkeys At The Earth?

That's what Mrs. Faye Swanson would like to know! She is a housewife at Broadmoor, California and was quite startled when, stepping out into her back yard October 26th, she found a small, furry body that had obviously fallen out of the sky during the night.

The little thing had struck her clothes line with such force that a solid 4-by-4-inch post was splintered. Mrs. Swanson suggested to police that maybe the body was that of a small monkey that fell or jumped or was pushed out of one of the airplanes that pass over her house after taking off from San Francisco International Airport.

A spokesman for the Airport said that no regular airliner had been transporting monkeys during the night. A lid of secrecy was immediately clamped on the incident—police referred reporters to the SPCA, SPCA referred them to the CAA and CAA officials refused point blank to issue any public statements on the case—mainly, they said, because they didn't know anything about it.

The SPCA denied reports the little furry animal had been cremated immediately. Anthropologists who were questioned hadn't heard of the case. The FBI denied it was investigating. The extent of the secrecy was evident from the fact that not one official involved ever once mentioned "Martian", or "flying saucers".

The only one who would say anything at all was Mrs. Swanson who said, simply, "I want a new clothesline." (San Francisco Chronicle, Cr: M. C. Hix)

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## NOTICE:

It has become obvious that certain items of mail received at this office have been tampered with and/or opened. The most recent case involved a packet of information sent by registered mail, which is supposedly invulnerable. How or by whom we are not prepared to say. Your guess is as good as (and probably identical with) ours.

We strongly urge all members to obtain sealing wax, use as instructed in the directions, utilizing a personal object which cannot be easily duplicated to effect the seal.

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## Meet Our Illustrator

The man whose name appears on the illustrations in this issue is Mr. Clifford Booth, who has been a member of APRO for some time and it was not until the third photo in this feature series was obtained that we decided to accept his kind offer to assist us with illustrative work. The Director already has one water color painting (artist's conception of a UFO) and a colored pencil drawing of a night sighting which she treasures.)

Mr. Booth is a technical illustrator employed by a corporation under contract to a branch of the U. S. military. His work speaks for itself and we feel privileged to have his talented cooperation.