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* SAUCER SNAPPED IN CALIF *
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PROMINENT PHYSICIAN'S SON PHOTOGRAPHS SAUCER IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA! 

Dr. P. M. Savage had promised his 15-year-old son Michael a camera for his birthday, and on July 19 young Michael stopped at a camera store, picked up the camera of his choice along with the needed film. What happened after he arrived home will probably go down in UFO history as one of the "great" sightings, for the sighting made was not only a good one, but the photograph which was obtained is one of the most detailed we have ever seen.

Michael's own story (the same report given reporters, the original of which is on file at AFRO headquarters) is as follows: "This was the first time I had had a camera. I took a bus home and when I arrived I started to take some pictures of my home at random so as to see if my camera took good pictures or not. I was lying on the grass in my back yard about to take a picture when a movement caught my eye. I turned to see it and saw a disk-shaped object not too far away which was receding rapidly. Immediately on seeing it I turned my camera and took a quick shot at it because of its strange shape. After taking the picture I tried to watch the object and crank my film at the same time. The result was that I over-cranked the film and the next shot turned out to be a blank. The object did not disappear over the horizon, but seemed to shrink or dwindle as it disappeared. It disappeared because of the distance only, not going over the horizon. It was gone within thirty seconds after I spotted it."

Dr. Leonard M. Taylor, anesthesiologist, friend and neighbor of the Savage family, long-time UFO enthusiast and AFRO member says of Michael: "I know Mike Savage personally, having resided next to him or four doors away continuously the past nine years. He, his father and I exchange books on UFOs. We reported to the Air Force at George Air Field and were contacted by personnel from Norton AFB who personally reviewed the site of picture taking. I have personally examined the #127 negative prior to giving it to AF personnel who asked to borrow it and send it to ATIC." Unquote.

A peculiar aspect of this case, in our opinion, is the fact that the picture and/or story were not picked up by the press wires for widespread dissemination. Here is, in our opinion, one of the best pictures ever snapped of a UFO---it is almost a perfect twin of the Rio de Janeiro saucer of 1952 which was printed in the magazine, O Cruzeiro and pronounced as authentic by the United States Air Attache
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to Brazil. The picture shows a disc-shaped object (a little less than one-quarter view of the top) with the cupola and surrounding ring clearly visible.

On the back of the report Michael handed reporters are the following notes, which we quote: "Brownie Holiday Flash 127"-----Very first pictures he took--- Shooting at angle of about 45° up---a couple of lots away at the most....didn't go over horizon---just went out of sight---He doesn't know enough about it to fake."

Dr. Taylor, when interviewed by reporters, stated his regret that the object had apparently been photographed while just over his own house, and he's been hoping to see a saucer for years. Savage's father said: "I don't know what to believe---but I know one thing. My son didn't fake anything. He's just an amateur photographer."

Because of press of work, we have not been able to send out the proper assignments, but would like to ask Dr. Maney to get to work on these figures after his copy of the snapshot arrives: Shooting at 45° angle, object about 2 lots (probably about 200 feet away). The 3 wires in the picture are lead-in wires to the house about 15' high and about 20' from the site of the picture taking, which was about 20" from ground level. The trees to the right are about 120' away.

Michael Savage has given APRO permission to reproduce the picture on our own enlarging and developing equipment for distribution of copies of same to members. Those wishing to have a copy may send 15¢ (fifteen cents) in coin or stamps to headquarters, and as the copies are made all orders will be filled. There will be no profit made, and the small fee is to cover the cost of chemicals used in the process, plus envelopes and stamps for mailing.

On the same subject of pictures, those members who are on the list for the Bossa pictures and who have not received them, will be in receipt of same very soon. We do not like to send our photographic work out of town, hence waited until we could secure our own kit for taking care of our photo needs.

Michael Savage is a very fortunate and alert young man. His experience proves our contention that the reason more good UFO pictures are not taken is that people just don't happen to go around with a camera cocked at the right angle and at the right time.

 * UFO NABBED IN IRELAND *Sept* *
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It happened in Ireland----near Loch Neagh, in fact, where Leprechauns, ghosts and witches have been sighted----but the testimony of the major characters in this adventure plus common sense and a little knowledge of balloons and air currents indicates that the object that Thomas J. Hutchinson grabbed on the 7th of September was none of these, not even a balloon, as the RAF would have us believe.

The object which is the interloper in this case, was a flaming red egg-shaped thing which dropped out of low-flying clouds to the only dry piece of land in the middle of a bog (marshland) about 200 yards from the Hutchinson front door. Hutchinson and his wife slogged across the wet marshland and found the object lying motionless. It was egg-shaped, about 3 feet high and 18 inches in diameter, bright red in color with two dark red marks at the end and three dark red stripes, and rested on a saucer-shaped base. The Hutchinsons watched the gadget for a few moments, then Hutchinson kicked it over. It returned to its original position, and when he got down on his hands and knees to observe it more closely the object started to spin. He then put a hammer lock on the object, but it was pretty powerful. Mr. Hutchinson said, "The police station was the only place for such a wicked looking thing as this and I started to carry it there." But on the way to the village of Loup, Mr. Hutchinson had to get through a thick hedge. "I put the saucer down for

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a moment," he said, "and what do you think? It started spinning again."

Before he had time to throw himself on the queer colored invader it rose quickly and disappeared into the rain-laden clouds. The police at Loup called the Royal Air Force station at near-by Aldergrove. The commander said the object did not belong to the RAF. When the police sergeant asked the Air Force officer for his opinion as to what the gadget might have been, he replied: "I would not even hazard a guess."

The foregoing is an AP report which appeared in the Omaha World Herald (thanks to Josephine Myers) and a slightly different story is told by the Des Moines, Iowa Register (also courtesy Mrs. Myers): When Hutchinson put the saucer down in order to negotiate the hedge, it started to spin and he threw himself on it but couldn't keep his hold. It nearly pulled him off his feet, according to his wife's account. Mrs. Hutchinson, who had been told by her husband to stay home while he took the 'monster' to police, apparently tagged along. When the object flew away for the last time, she ran home and prayed while Mr. Hutchinson continued on to the police station to tell his story.

The first account, appearing in papers on the 8th of September, made no mention (see above) of Air Force opinion. However, the Des Moines Register account of the 9th of September, said that a 'high-ranking RAF officer at nearby Aldergrove said: "These weather balloons are almost identical with the shape of the object that Hutchinson saw: It could have dropped to earth when it encountered some change in the air currents. And it could have gone up again. The police, however, are inclined to believe Mr. Hutchinson's story, and so, incidentally, are we!

Common sense indicates that in order that the balloon could ascend again, there would have to be strong wind currents---and these wind currents would surely have been noticed had they been strong enough to lift the balloon and the man. Mr. Hutchinson emphatically stated that he had difficulty holding it after it started spinning. Also---any air current which made the balloon spin like that, would also be felt very much by the man and his wife. We rest our case!

* MARS NEWS FROM S. A. *

The following are excerpts from a letter from Horacio Gonzales, APRO Representative in Caracas, Venezuela, which are self-explanatory:

"I am now busy tracking the strange "explosive clouds" on the Martian surface. I saw the sudden formation of these clouds on three separate occasions on the night of September 5th. From my last observations, eight brilliant white clouds developed suddenly near the border of the Martian disc North of Syrtis Mayor. One seemed to have a dark ring around it as it formed and shone, as Aristarcus on the moon, for a space of five minutes.

"Rolas (APRO Member Joe Rolas of Caracas--Ed.) had a personal talk with Monsenor Doctor Rafael Arrias Blanco, Archbishop (Catholic) of Caracas and he said that we are on the verge of sensational developments. The Archbishop also said that Catholic doctrine and faith does not in any way deny the possibility of other worlds being inhabited by intelligent beings and if this possibility were proven to be a fact would not in any way affect the Catholic religion.

"On Sept. 7th I (did) article on Martian phenomena which astronomers have not explained satisfactorily---papers followed suit, all dailies filled with talk of Mars, possibility of intelligence life on other planets. To clinch matters, reports began to come in thick and fast from the interior where people were seeing UFOs." (See RECENT SIGHTINGS SECTION--Ed.)

T.W.A. PILOT CHALLENGES RUPPELT

(Editor's Note: The following is a letter to Mr. Ken Purdy of TRUE Magazine, penned by William Brenton Nash, TWA pilot and the observer of the 8 red objects near Newport-News in 1952. Mr. Nash is a responsible and dedicated UFO researcher, meticulous with his facts and respected by all who know him in this connection. Although the letter was never published, we feel its contents will be interesting to all who participate in UFO research.)

To: Editor TRUE

Dear Mr. Purdy:

Regarding Captain Ruppelt's article in the May issue of TRUE, "What Our Air Force Found Out About Flying Saucers", I'm afraid that the good Captain has become so ingrained in the habit of tugging on John Q's ambulatory appendage that he finds it impossible to abandon this addiction now that he is one of us.

As a pilot, he must know that he wrote pure deception when he said of the Mantell case, "The propellor torque would pull it into a slow left turn, into a shallow dive, then an increasingly steeper descent under power. Somewhere during the screaming dive, the plane reached excessive speeds and began to break up in the air."

Any Dilbert knows that as the speed of an airplane increases, its lift increases, and the plane's nose would come up until the speed was lost again and the nose dipped once more to pick up speed and lift, thus creating an oscillation all the way to the ground; not a "screaming dive". The plane could spin or spiral instead of oscillate, but a spin is a stall maneuver, and planes do not come apart in a stall. This oscillation would be especially likely to occur if the airplane had been trimmed to climb, and at the beginning of the same paragraph that contains the above quoted hogwash, Ruppelt says, "The wreckage showed that the plane was trimmed to climb."

He lightly tosses off four night dog-fights with maneuvering lights by our fighter pilots by blaming it on those shaggy old balloons again. One of these "balloons" had no silhouette against the Moon, but the light the pilot saw was bright enough to be seen with the Moon's surface as a background, but yes, sireeee -- that was a bull--oon!

If our fighter pilots are so easily deluded it makes me shudder with insecurity. I also shuddered when I read Captain Ruppelt's description of the length of time it took to get just one protecting fighter over our Capitol when UFO's showed up prominently on Washington radar sets from "...shortly after nine o'clock..." to "...4 a. m..."

He botched his "explanation" of these Washington radar sightings with the words, "...there was a temperature inversion." Why didn't he continue for a few more words and admit that it was a 1 degree Fahrenheit inversion, and that it takes an inversion of between 9 and 18 degrees Fahrenheit to create "ground clutter" which, incidently, is easily recognized

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as such, and nothing else, by experienced radar operators? Also, what "inversion" caused the simultaneous visual sightings? Cap, you wouldn't deceive us, would you?

The Captain went to a psychiatrist.... "People want to believe in saucers," said the man. That's funny. I talked to one who said, "Because of the pace of modern civilization people feel insecure and tend to reject that which they do not understand because it makes them feel even less secure. Hence the success of the saucer "de-bunkers". Guess we know different psychiatrists.

Captain Ruppelt accused the public of originating the dogma that the Air Force will not release saucer data because they fear public panic. Yet in Robert S. Allen's column of September 26, 1952, Mr. Allen reports that the AF was considering releasing a document on saucer findings, the contents of which were, according to an AF spokesman, "fantastic, but true". Chiefly deterring them", reports Mr. Allen, "is the fear that the sensational nature of the findings may cause undue public alarm". Incidentally, Captain, what happened to that document?

In the Scoutmaster D. S. Desvergers case, Captain Ruppelt glossed over the testimony of the three Boy Scouts. They all saw the lights and still say so. Try to get young people to repeat consistently the same story if it is fabricated. One of the boys told a reporter after the experience, "I could see about the top half of his body. Then the beam of his flashlight pointed up and reflected back on him like it had shined on a mirror. Then the reddish white ball of fire like a Roman candle came down toward him from the sky. Then he fell down and disappeared. The flashlight fell too. The ball hit the ground and bounced twice and I saw a reddish mist shaped like a disc floating up above where Sonny fell. There wasn't any sound at all.

Why is this testimony ignored and Desvergers' reputation concentrated on?

What would inspire Mr. Desvergers to originate the "foul odor" part of the description if he were falsifying? It is interesting to note that there have been several cases of the odor experience since Desvergers' sighting, but none before, and a book published two years after his experience cites from the Vatican Library, an ancient Egyptian flying disc incident involving a foul odor.

Captain Ruppelt also wasted much of our time describing his military history and his experiences with crackpots. We'd have preferred more meat to the story, Cap, and less of that manure you said you were examining.

Truly Yours,

(Signed) William B. Nash

(Editor's note: We have nothing to add but would like to call attention to the statement regarding UFO by the eminent Dr. Carl Jung.)

* * * * A N E D I T O R I A L * * * *

We have labeled the following discussion "An Editorial" rather than "The Editorial" or, more simply, "Editorial" for the reason that the solitary word or preceded by the article "The" insinuates that the subject is one of a regular series, which it is not.

Whereas in the past we have carried Editorials as regular features, the policy was discontinued in order to avoid joining into the discussions or arguments on various theories, etc., which seem to dominate a major portion of most UFO periodicals of late. We have noted, also, that some magazines tend to devote too much space to "letters" (usually complimentary), editorials, discussions of anything from astronomy to the benefit of various "health diets", usually authored by an individual more interested in his subject than the UFO. We feel sightings, opinions of qualified, competent observers or scientists, to be relevant to the subject and that they therefore should comprise fully 100% of any UFO Bulletin.

One subject which we feel we should again mention, however briefly, is the current "UFO are radiation wipers" fathered by Mosely of SAUCERS.

The assertion is, I believe, that the saucers are remotely controlled vehicles whose purpose is to "wipe radioactivity from the atmosphere. It sounds very nice, if you don't think about it, but let's do! In the first place, what is radioactivity? Generally speaking, it is the symptom of fission (and in some cases, fusion); in other words it is the result of the presence of certain unstable elements. The way to eliminate radiation is to remove the source (the unstable elements). This would mean either straining the offending matter from the atmosphere or converting it into non-radioactive matter. There is no feasible way of doing this. It would mean processing the entire atmosphere cubic foot by cubic foot. It's sort of fascinating to visualize a giant magnet sweeping through the air drawing radioactive residue to it like iron filings. The only trouble is that most of it is not iron filings and exhibits no magnetic properties.

I might mention in passing that the same story came to us from an unconnected source. It was complete with compromised classified documents and an organization with an "Auntie knows best" attitude. Only the aliases and withheld names were changed to protect the guilty. Bloody careless, these classified couriers.

Speaking of classified information, I would like to reiterate my stand regarding the possibility of anyone getting a chance to read or possess classified material. There are three requisites for possessing or having access to information pertaining to classified information, and they are: 1. Identification 2. Clearance (degree of clearance, i. e., Conf., Secret or Top Secret, depending of what is necessary.) 3. NEED TO KNOW. If you a member of a military organization or a government employee, you could have a Top Secret clearance and yet not be able to read or have access to Confidential or Secret material, unless you needed it in conjunction with specific work or projects. Classified material is signed for, kept in locked safes and has to be accounted for.

Therefore I contend that if Mosely did obtain access to a document containing such classified matter, THE WHOLE THING WAS PLANTED! The penalty for deliberately

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compromising classified material is sufficient to deter anyone from attempting it-- even a knucklehead who might feel it was his "duty".

As a last word on the "radiation wiper" theory, we are anxious to know just what justification can be offered for the billions of dollars being wasted on guided missiles which are fallible and the planes which cannot even closely approximate the speed of the saucers. We assume that these radiation-wiping saucers must be infallible or nearly so, for they have been observed near large centers of population where untold damage and injury could be done if the things were to go awry.

As the readers may have gathered, the theory does not stack up as either logical or reasonable and certainly cannot stand up under the glaring light of scientific facts.

Concerning Censorship*

From time to time, if you follow Ufology, you will find various references direct or otherwise, to U. S. Air Force censorship. We are told that the Air Force is withholding important facts concerning UFO by arbitrarily classifying them. This is a form of censorship. A sensational UFO incident in one particular locality gets into the local papers but is not heard of two counties away. Why not?! The news wires didn't carry it. Did they receive it? Yes. "Why didn't you carry it?" "Is UFO news being censored?" "Of course not." (ha, ha) You must be joking. We still have a free press, you know." (ha, ha, ha)-----HAVE WE?

Here is what we know about a subtle control of public information and entertainment services which is not direct censorship but which is much more effective and insidious:

A married couple, quite active in UFO research was scheduled to appear on a national TV hookup. One of the sponsor's best customers was the Air Force. Air Force liaison men suggested to the sponsor's advertising department that a discussion of saucers on the TV show might be embarrassing to the Air Force and at least would be in bad taste. The message was passed to the producer of the show. Scheduling of said couple was "indefinitely deferred".

In June 1953 1st Lt. Robert Olssen, Air Technical Intelligence Command, then working on the saucer project at Wright-Patterson (Ruppelt's outfit), in the presence of J. Allen Hynek, consulting astro-physicist to the Air Force on the same project, told the Director of APRO in effect --- "We are going to keep these reports (of saucers) out of the papers. We believe most of them are due to mass hysteria and the power of suggestion. If people are allowed to forget this matter they'll quit seeing them." The Director did not inquire as to how this was to be accomplished but Lt. Olssen's attitude suggests that the arrangements had already been made. We do not doubt the Lt.'s sincerity but believe that he was merely parroting the 'party line' that had been passed to him down the chain of command. We feel that he inadvertently gave away the gimmick that was to be used to help insure the cooperation of all major news services. Now---let's back-track for a moment to the incident of the cancelled TV appearance mentioned above. While not relating directly to news-service control, it is very revealing concerning the pressure technique

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employed. Put yourself in that producer's position. Sponsors are not easy to come by. And, Man, you gotta eat - put the kids through college - keep gas in the Cadillac. You just don't take a chance on offending a sponsor. You can't hardly get them anymore. You'd have done the same --- So would I.

Okay---now back to the news-service deal. Suppose you're an influential man in a major news-service organization. You make a routine contact with an Air Force P.I.O. (Public Information Officer). You want to make sure that you get all the dope on such-and-such a missile as soon as it is declassified. You want to make sure you get it as soon as any of your competitors if not sooner. "Why sure," says the P.I.O. "Oh, by the way, we're doing some investigation concerning UFO---you know (ha, ha) --- flying saucers. Well, we want to test out a little theory concerning mass hysteria and the power of suggestion, etc., etc. Your competitors have assured us they'll cooperate and we hope you won't let us down. I hope we can count on you---." He sure can, can't he?

To back up the theorizing above, we would like to add this fact. Certain persons employed directly and indirectly by news wire services also correspond with APRO. We are assured that such a policy is in effect. Flying saucer items are not considered newsworthy --- therefore they are not carried. APRO does not agree with said policy and is accepting reports rejected by newswire services. Some of the reports in this Bulletin are such.

CONCERNING PROPAGANDA

The following incidents, submitted by Mr. William B. Nash, are shining examples of Air Force and other military meddling with public entertainment and news media:

Sunday, January 20th, 1952 - USAF radio program: Out of thin air, completely at odds with the musical program an AF speaker volunteered that saucers seen by a whole flight of Air Force jets were nothing but gas tanks falling which had been released from another flight of jets! Sharp-eyed pilots wouldn't recognize a MIG if it bit them at that rate.

In the movie, ROCKET SHIP X-M, there were signs of Air Force script interference. In the beginning of the picture, just prior to take-off on the 1st attempt to reach the Moon, the crew of the rocket ship was interviewed by reporters. In a short speech, the leader of the crew was addressing the reporters and proceeded to thank them for helping to discourage the public's belief in anything so ridiculous as the flying saucers. This leader was a scientist who had spent 25 years of his life in the construction of this rocket and believed in space travel enough to be risking his life in space. He would be the last person to have made a statement ridiculing space travel. The statement looked very much dubbed in because of its complete incongruity.

Early in 1948, I saw, at a regular movie, a very short U.S. Army film (easily recognized by the seal in the introduction by anyone who has watched Military training films, as definitely an Army film) which pictured an Army officer instructing a group of other officers in a class room. On the blackboard there were complicated-

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looking formuli. The instructor was saying, "Gentlemen, after diligent study and research we have come to the conclusion that flying saucers can be nothing else but this---" ---and he reached under the desk and held up a garbage can lid.

This was pure propaganda imbedded into the middle of public entertainment---an insult to the intelligence, and the military playing God again.

Since I resigned my position with the Air Force at Holloman Air Force Base last spring, I have been in a better situation to meet socially and converse with top civilian technicians and scientists regarding the UFO problem. I have been continually surprised to hear many men who have had no opportunity to study the problem at all, say to this effect, when the subject is broached: "Well, it is surprising how many people refuse to accept the possibility that intelligent life could exist on worlds other than our own. It has been quite evident, for me at least, that the UFO are, in all probability, spacecraft from other worlds." This leads us to wonder which cubby holes and under which rocks the Air Force has been able to find all of their "experts" to misquote the majority of opinion on UFO in the world of science.

Coral E. Lorenzen
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A PERSONAL NOTE: I would like to take this opportunity to thank Josephine Myers personally for the great personal service she has rendered me. After the May Bulletin in which I had outlined the many health setbacks due to rheumatoid arthritis I had endured in the past two years, Mrs. Myers, a Registered Nurse, wrote and suggested that I read a book on Arthritis and give the suggestions contained therein a fair try. I did, and must say I have felt better this past summer than I had been privileged to feel in years. If any individual among the membership is a victim of arthritis, I'd like to suggest that he or she obtain "Arthritis and Common Sense" by Dale Alexander. Give it at least a 4-week try, and I am sure remarkable results will be shown.

"EARTH VERSUS THE FLYING SAUCERS"
A Movie Review

A few weeks ago the Director and Mr. Lorenzen attended a local movie house to view a current UFO show, "The Earth Versus the Flying Saucers". The movie does not deserve a detailed review in that it was technically illogical (including the plot) and it will probably only serve one purpose: To reassure the AF that they are justified in keeping UFO news quiet. The movie theater, which was swamped (very unusual for a midweek performance) was many times hushed at tense moments, especially in the beginning of the picture when the eerily lighted saucers made their first appearances, and later on when the hero removed the helmet of a defunct saucerman to reveal a wrinkled, shrunken head that was in no wise pretty. This sort of a fiasco is better done without, and we are genuinely sorry that the phrase, "Suggested by Donald Keyhoe (or words to that effect)" appeared in the list of credits at the beginning of the picture. It is likely that Mr. Keyhoe was not aware of the precise plot and type of picture which was to be produced when he gave permission for his name to be used. No doubt many UFO enthusiasts like ourselves attended the showings because the name of Keyhoe was like a good recommendation for authenticity.

odds 'n' ends

A group organized specifically for the job of gathering, evaluating and correlating UFO reports has been reported in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Our initial contact with the group has established friendly relationship and to begin with, an exchange of journals will be made.

"In the Bleak Mojave Desert, a Group of Oddballs Opens a Reception Center for Men from Venus" is the heading for an article on the Giant Rock, California 'foundation' headed by George Van Tassel. With all due respects, we 're darn glad they are confined to the Giant Rock area. Article in N. Y. Sunday Mirror, 19 August.

Frank Reid, one of our Chicago contingent submits the following, gleaned from the Chicago Daily Tribune, Tuesday, July 31, 1956: Verona Italy, July 30, The main square here was suddenly showered with small frogs recently. The frogs had been caught up in a whirlwind from Venice and after landing unhurt hopped for the nearest puddles. Comments Mr. Reid: Why ONLY frogs? As Fort noted, the circumstance of ONLY frogs is hard to take. Why no mud, leaves, debris? If frogs, why not tadpoles or other small forms of life? (Editor's note: Couldn't tell you, Frank, but I witnessed a similar phenomena in Southern Illinois on the morning of the 29th of July en route to Wisconsin and vacation. Mr. Lorenzen was sleeping at my side, the children were asleep in the back seat of the station wagon. It was about 2 a. m. and I had driven through the Ozarks and the first leg of the Illinois jaunt in fairly heavy rain. The rain had let up some, but in this particular section, out in the country, I noted small white objects coming down with the rain. Driving at about 30 mph because of poor visibility and slippery roads, I slowed even more and saw that the things were actually coming out of the sky---some of them hit the hood of the automobile and bounced off. The road was a mottled black and white with them and was becoming goeey and slimy where they had been run over by cars. I regretted later that I hadn't stopped and picked up a few for observation later. However, after driving all night, having been beset with severe arthritic pain from the humid atmosphere, even if the thought had occurred to me it is not likely that I would have ventured out into the cold and wet. I did waken Mr. Lorenzen and he saw them just before we drove out of the section in which they were falling. The little fellows were about the size of the end of my thumb and so light in color as to appear almost white and rather transparent.)

No more news on the radio signals received from Venus as reported in the July APRO Bulletin. Dr. John D. Kraus of the Ohio State University, visiting in Houston, Texas, reiterated for reporters his statement regarding the two different types of signals received: An intermittent "crackling sound" much like radio static resulting from thunderstorms and a signal like a radio telegraph signal---"a sustained type of sound which may be related to the other signals but it is not clear at present." Reported in the Houston Post, August 15, and submitted by Member Greenway.

Jackie Saunders, staunch UFO enthusiast of Los Angeles, poses a good one: "I see by the papers that the Air Force hopes to have 600 long-range B-52 jet bombers by 1959---why don't they quit making these old obsolete planes and concentrate on saucers - some of the smart boys who claim U.S. is responsible for saucers should explain that headline to me. Good question, Jackie.

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There seems to be a new fad going around---we have received correspondence from a Mrs. M. E. Holden of 1316 New Hampshire Ave. N. W. #46, Washington 6, D. C., asking us to plug some "interplanetary emblem jewelry". Although we cannot endorse such a thing, we pass along this information. The emblem is a pin 3/4 inches in diameter, inscribed "interplanetary fellowship" and is a reproduction of the globe with flying saucers erupting from it. The price is \$2.50 and we are offered a commission for sending in orders. However---we have enough legitimate saucer work to do without going into the jewelry business, and being cooperative and non-profit, feel that it would be a little out of place. By the way, the physical description of the thing is: "The emblem comes in 2 shades of blue and silver in hard-fired enamel framed in silver, the design copyrighted and registered." Another deterrent as far as joining in this endeavor of labeling saucer researchers by having them wear an identifying pin, is that the saucers on the emblem look like Adamski's products. Enough said.

FLYING SAUCERS ARE FACT - NOT FICTION, a slogan emblazoned on colorful little stickers being sponsored by the Flying Saucer Review of London. The idea is good---the stickers can be mounted on the windshield, on mail or any other appropriate place. They can be ordered from "The Flying Saucer Review", 1 Doughty St., London, W. C. 1, England. You'll probably see them on each envelope bearing APRO mail or containing APRO Bulletins in the future. We recommend them---why don't you?

We also recommend: "The Science Book of Space Travel" by Harold Leland Goodwin which contains a chapter entitled "I Think We're Property", discusses UFO without ridicule. Also---"The Complete Book of Space Travel," authored by Albro Gaul, illustrated by Virgil Finlay (The World Publishing Company, \$.95) where Part III is called "Host to the Alien" and contains a fascinating chapter on the proper procedure for us to follow if we see a saucer land and its occupants emerge---quite serious. The Goodwin book is a Cardinal Edition of Pocket Books, sells for 35¢. Thanks much to Isabel Davis of New York for suggesting Gaul's fine work---enjoyed it very much.

Wonder when the New York Sunday Mirror will do a feature on the oddballs in Chicago who call themselves the "Cosmic Circle of Fellowship". Passing around plastic cups, which they call the Cosmic Carriers, they list on their program "Cosmic Music," etc., and are generally fouling up UFO research for it is a part of the job of such groups as our own to looking into these things, no matter how odd.

In Yakutat, Alaska a "frightening huge carcass" estimated conservatively at more than 100 feet long and 15 feet wide washed ashore 60 miles away. Origin and species a complete mystery and experts say it fits no known description of prehistoric beasts and the reddish-brown hair on its body precludes any relationship to elephants or whales. Further details: hair two inches long, head measured 5 1/2 feet across, eye sockets 7 to 9 inches in diameter and about 42 inches apart. The thing was discovered in May, news of its discovery did not leak out until 24 July when it was found in the Milwaukee Journal by roving member Bob Greenway and also in the Omaha World-Herald by Marilyn Calver. Included here in the interest of the unknown.

Cute cartoon in the Atkinson Graphic, Atkinson, Nebraska for June 29, 1956 shows a couple of little antennae men on Mars watching a huge mushroom-shaped cloud erupt from earth. One little fellow says: "The Americans are demonstrating to the Communists their determination to maintain the Independence of the free world --- and also the UTTER INSANITY OF WAR."

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Everyone and practically every paper, it seems, are aware of the saucer-shaped aircraft lately tested at Edwards AFB. Sorry to be dissenters, but it doesn't even look as if it can fly, but it did. Looks like a saucer riding on top of a conventional plane. The only 'saucer' news the Air Force has allowed to creep through on the Nation's press wires.

On about 11 Aug the barn roof of Mrs. Frank Middleton of Derita, N. C. sailed off her barn, flipped three times and landed in the yard. Weathermen found no signs of a freak tornado and police could discover no signs of an explosion. This one picked up in the Chicago Daily News for 11 Aug by E. Reid.

Amarillo, Texas, 15 July, the canopy and dead pilot of a Navy F7U Cutlass jet which crashed during a severe thunderstorm was found north of this town, but the main part of the plane was still being sought. We have had no further details as to whether the wreckage has been found. Does anyone know?

A letter to the editor of a Honolulu paper (signed: LOCAL BELIEVER) states that the writer believes a reversal in policy and opinion of the Air Force is about to take place, also that there have been over 200 confirmed sightings from the island of Oahu since Jan 1. This "Local Believer" must be someone in the military with access to reports---there have been few if any Hawaiian reports published.

Recent UFO TV spectacular was "Flying Objects at 3 o'clock high" which was featured on Kraft Theater. That and "Night of Terror in New Mexico" are good---the later a "Science Fiction Theater" presentation.

A book which all members will enjoy and from which they will surely benefit is Aime Michel's "The Truth about Flying Saucers". We found it interesting, but as UFO authors are wont to do, they take too much for granted when they title their masterpieces. This particular book is in no wise the "truth" but is getting close. However, the "Plantier Theory" which is lauded in the book is not new, was first submitted by Wilber Smith of Canada and publicized by Major Donald Keyhoe in 1954 in his book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space". Although Michel claims Plantier began work on his theory in 1953, this is the first we've heard of it and therefore feel that until there is more indications, the credit should go to Mr. Smith for the magnetic theory on the propulsion of the saucers.

Mr. Laimon Mitris, Rouyn, Quebec, Canada, in a letter to SAUCERS, admits he is the "Smallwood" referred to in Gray Barker's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" and is somewhat peeved that Barker took it upon himself to write up the story, even with aliases, without first obtaining permission. Laimon, an APRO member, told the Director about the whole fiasco shortly after it happened and asked that she keep the information confidential, which she has, until now. For those who are unfamiliar, Mitris obtained a piece of a supposed saucer, had it analyzed and then was threatened by a man who would not present credentials, identification, etc. We like an occasional scoop in the saucer field, but would never consider endangering anyone by printing material which has been designated as confidential.

We get a little fed up with the know-it-alls of the Press who read a book, then proceed to tear it apart when actually they have no criterion by which to judge the book or the author, as they know nothing of the subject. We are specifically referring, in this instance, to Edith Kermit Roosevelt, reviewing Keyhoe's latest book in the September 1956 issue of the American Mercury.

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August 15, 1956: Young Frederick P. Cranston Jr., specialist in nuclear spectroscopy at Los Alamos, said in a lecture sponsored by the New Mexico Association on Indian Affairs, that the solid core of UFOs which have not been explained, are spaceships, originating from some planet other than our own. Cranston does not believe that all UFOs can be explained away as meteorological or astronomical phenomena or real things from earth which have not been identified. The most interesting part of this piece of news is that the account of Cranston's lecture was printed in Alamogordo, Santa Fe and Albuquerque and as far as we have been able to gather, nowhere else. We are glad to learn, however, that not all scientists in the employe of the United States government are either knuckleheads or scaredy-pants.

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We have not had the pleasure of viewing "UFO" here in Alamogordo, but according to accounts of members, the picture is good and certainly more representative of the UFO situation than any movie on the subject to date. It has been given good press coverage (besides the space devoted to advertisements. A letter from Robert D. Briele, of WFBR in Baltimore, Maryland, includes these comments on the movie: "...it gave a few of the known facts and told the public just what the average UFO follower knows about the subject. However, it is far from being up to date (and) I believe it to be about four years behind in its information....I feel that our friend Donald Keyhoe should have been given credit in the picture. (Editor's Note: Mr. Keyhoe will probably never receive credit for what he has done in relation to the saucer mystery, and certainly not in a picture which was executed with the aid and collaboration of the Air Force. There seems to be an effort underway at present to disqualify Mr. Keyhoe and the Director would like to go on record at this time as saying that as long as she directs AFRO she will never have any derogatory opinions regarding Mr. Keyhoe's efforts on behalf of the UFO problem and also on behalf of UFO enthusiasts and public enlightenment. He has done a commendable job---that's good enough for us. The "Johnnie-Come-Latelies" in the saucer field (some of them only waking up to the existence of UFOs as late as 1952 and 1954) have taken a know-it-all attitude and are ready to pounce upon anyone in an attempt to be 'in on the final scene' when it comes.) Mr. Briele goes on: "...members of the public who saw and heard information about UFO for the first time when they saw the picture obtained a ripened desire for further information. Lou Corbin of WFBR liked the UFO picture but also felt it was not up to date and thought that Donald Keyhoe should not have been overlooked in the picture. Lou and I both feel that Keyhoe has done a great deal in obtaining facts. I also would like to add here that we at WFBR have learned a great deal from your AFRO Bulletin." Unquote.

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Sept 4, 1956, Tokyo, Japan---Dr. Sukeyoshi Morikawa, physics expert at the University of Tokushima, said 2 years of "scientific surveys on the stragglers in the sky" shows that the number of saucers sighted increased every three years and four months. The Doctor, who has interviewed thousands in his study, said he felt most of the saucers actually were dust clouds, or occasionally, meteors. (Editor's note: Please note the Doctor said 'most of the saucers', and we have news for the boy---the period is every two years, not every forty months.)

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On July 4, 5 and 9, planes which the Russians identified as AF medium bombers, and claimed were arranged for by AF Chief of Staff General Nathan Twining (then visiting in Russia) "violated Russian frontiers and flew over Russia for about 2 1/2 hours. Dulles answered the accusations: "No aircraft assigned to the command of the USAF in Europe violated Soviet or satellite territory". Americans also wondered why the alleged interlopers were not fired upon. Medium bombers would be sitting ducks for jets. Unless---they were saucers, too high, too fast for interception, and at the scene to watch Soviet Air Shows for the benefit of Twining.....

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Any members having copies of the following issues of the APRO Bulletin and other listed UFO periodicals are asked to contact Francis Browley at 629 Laurel St., Warrensburg, Missouri. Purpose: Purchas of same. There are as follows: APRO Bulletin, all of Vol. #1, Vol. 2, #1,2,3&4. Australian Flying Saucer Magazine, Any issue after March 1954. "Cosmic News", Volume 1, No. 2. CRIFO Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 1,2&3. "Flying Saucers" New Zealand, Vol. 1, No. 1&2, Vol. 2, No. 1, 2,3&4. "Flying Saucer News", Britain, Issue #7. "Flying Saucer News - Service Research Bulletin" Vol. 1, No. 1,2,3,4,5,6&7. "Flying Saucer Review", Seattle, Washington, All of Vol. #1 and Vol 2, #1. "Little Listening Post" Vol #1, #1&2. "Nexus" Tome 1, Vol. 1,2&3. "Ouranos", England, No. 2. "The Roundhouse" All of Volume 1, Vol 2 # 1,2,3&4. "The Saucer Sentinel", No. 2. "Uranus", Vol. 2, No. 5. "Vimana", Any issue after #1.

Again we'd like to mention the Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, and the fine work it is doing. We hope APRO members in and around New York are giving them the support they deserve by attending the many fine lectures under their sponsorship.

The Honorable Brinsley Le Poer Trench has taken over editorial duties of the British Flying Saucer Review, and after seeing their first issue since he assumed duties, we feel that he is doing an excellent job.

A new UFO research group, the Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence, 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle 18, Washington, puts out a nice little mimeographed paper called the "Flying Saucer Review". We hope they enjoy much success in their selected work and hope to hear from them often.

On January 1, 1957 the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization begins its sixth year in UFO research. We can now boast that we are the oldest saucer research organization in existence. We hope that with the years and each new experience, we have become wiser if not richer. UFO research is not lucrative, and if one benefits it is only with the knowledge that a job is being done.

APRO began its quest for knowledge of the UFO when almost everyone ridiculed the idea of life on other planets. At that time we were a handful of dedicated people with only one great advantage---determination. We felt our way through many a crisis, including those times when Air Force statements convinced almost everyone that saucers were non-existent. We were the original voice in the wilderness crying out against prejudice, ignorance and conceit.

Although it oftines still seems like an uphill battle we can look back and the memories recalled give us added strength for the job in the future. Although we have many facts on our side, we had might as well face up to the fact that our job almost wholly consists of re-educating and indoctrinating the public until that time when the "authorities" realize that they are the only ones who do not recognize the facts for what they really are. This day is fast approaching, and we must do our best to hasten it.

Some readers are receiving their Bulletin for the first time, and without the formality of a membership card. We are processing new memberships as fast as we can, but as this 32-page bulletin indicates, we are swamped with work and of course UFO news always takes precedent over the everyday chore of paperwork. However, your card will be on its way to you as soon as this issue is in the mail. Welcome to APRO, and we hope you will enjoy your association with this Organization.

L E T T E R S

Excerpts from letters which may prove interesting to members:

Mrs. Lorenzen: My own observations over some years have convinced me that weather conditions are sometimes controlled by a force having intelligent guidance and knowledge of happenings on earth. This includes both local and general weather and even small cloud formations. I have not seen any mention of this theory in civilian publications and would like to know your view. In regard to the official Air Force attitude (J.S. and others) about the UFOs, I think it is sure to undergo a big change in favour of making information public within the next five years when rocket flight to the moon becomes a reality. With the keen competition offering in this field, I don't think individual groups or Governments will be likely to put themselves at the disadvantage of being what amounts to non-recognizers.

(Signed) Yours Truly,
Murray Sale
APRO Rep., Australia

This letter, written by an APRO member to Henry R. Luce, Time Magazine, Chicago, Ill. has some fine points and we feel it should be read by the membership, and include the gist of the answer received. We quote:

Dear Mr. Luce:

No doubt you have received many nasty criticisms of the Nov. 7th '55 issue's treatment of flying saucers in the Science section. My first reaction was a revived disgust of Air Force policy---my respect for this branch of the Government hitting a new low. But after rereading the article several times I place the blame mostly on your science editor, for the distasteful manner of his insinuations which create a feeling that people who believe in Flying Saucers as Inter-planetary machines are to be linked up --- however remotely --- with insane asylums. I for one, shall pick up your magazine only occasionally from now on; for you are contributing to a possible swift and sure destruction of America in the coming Atomic War. The utterly foolish and idiotic policy of the AF in times past to ridicule observations of UFOs over the skies of America, makes it certain that many observations of an invading force, by responsible persons, will go unreported in the initial phases of a future air attack. It is impossible to relieve your writer of his ignorance in one short letter. However, please have him read the AF letter printed on the back cover of Donald Keyhoe's 1953 book "Flying Saucers From Outer Space." You might even possibly stimulate his little mind into reading the book, as well as other fine books on the subject. Then you might go to the AF and ask Secretary Quarles if the AF has adopted one of the basic principles of Communism---the practicing of lies and deception in its public reports. If you read Keyhoe's chapter on "Canadian Project" you will see that the present development of saucer-like craft are not "direct-line descendants of conventional aircraft". Even Cal Tech has carried on secret research on the same magnetic Saucer-drive according to rumors; an idea derived basically from studying Saucers already in flight! Now I ask you sincerely, does this sort of thing create any nationalistic pride in a citizen who can think for himself? On the contrary it carries my sympath, my mind and my heart over to the side of the space-ship dwellers themselves who have utterly refused all contact, throughout centuries, with the deceptive, debased, dishonest mind of mankind that nevertheless remains smug and self-righteous in the pride of its gross incredible ignorance.

(Signed) Sincerely Yours,
Basil Hritsco

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And Time's Reply:

Dear Mr. Hritsco: We have noted your comments apropos TIME'S November 7 report on flying saucers. TIME has opinions---it both states and implies them. In the case of the flying saucers, TIME casts its lot editorially with the point of view represented by the Air Force. This is no "apron string" attitude -- the explanations of UFOs put forward repeatedly by the Air Force, we believe, have merit, and we subscribe to them. We do not consider the Air Force a conspiracy to hide the facts, for we fail to see what motive they possibly have in so doing. The Air Force has recently completed an elaborate and expensive study of the whole saucer phenomenon. We agree with the findings of that study -- but we nonetheless appreciated knowing your position on the matter.

(This calls for editorial comment, sentence by sentence: We do not believe the 'apron string' denial---we believe that a certain amount of nose-rubbing has to be done in order to rate news scoops now and then. (See the Editorial, this issue.) If Time believes the AF views have merit, Time's reporters and writers are not only ignorant, but incompetent at the writing slots they are trying to fill. Evidently they did not catch the myriad of discrepancies in the AF Report #11 which show that the whole thing was a put-up job in preparation for this saucer season. Mr. Hritsco did not say the Air Force was a "conspiracy to hide the facts"---as worded in the Time letter---another evidence of incompetency. Also---if Time fails to see what motive could be involved in hiding the facts, we had better put a lot less stock in the contents of their magazine in general. We sincerely doubt that the AF study was either elaborate or expensive. The AF has contended for years that UFO do not exist except in imagination---is Time telling us that the AF put out a large amount of money just to disprove the beliefs of people who belong in the booby hatch in the first place? And lastly---Time is not appreciative of knowing the position of Mr. Hritsco and others on the matter of the UFO---they have made up their minds (?) and that's that!

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* **THOSE "SONIC BOOMS"** *

Upper air concussions, consistently blamed to non-existent jets are still in the news. On Sept. 8, Knoxville, Tenn. felt a jolt which was this time attributed to "earth tremors. No one immediately reported injured, however. (Omaha World-Herald)

At Point Pleasant, New Jersey on August 25, homes were shaken by what residents called a "terrific explosion". Police switchboards were busy shortly after 4 p. m. when a shock wave (believed to be caused by a jet) rolled over a large area. The jet explanation satisfied all but one man who said he was familiar with sonic booms and that this shock was decidedly different. (Newark Sunday News)

John T. Hopf submits a clipping from the Newport Rhode Island Daily regarding the boom felt throughout Southern Rhode Island last February 16. Seismologists said the "mysterious concussion" was not an earthquake, and for lack of a better explanation the cause was assumed to be a jet aircraft breaking the sound barrier. No jets in the sky, many 'apprehensive inquiries' made by startled residents. Shock compared to similar "quake" of last October when a jet was definitely seen in the air in the vicinity of the Castle Hill Lifeboat Station. (Editor's Note: The assumption is being made that the jet was exceeding the speed of sound---this should have been confirmed by now.)

Again on March 3 and 5 Newport, Rhode Island experienced the concussive roll and rock of a supposed sound barrier break-through. A plane was seen overhead right after the incident and again it was not established just what had actually happened.

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What is perplexing to anyone who gives the problem any amount of thought, is the fact that every branch of the military has a regulation prohibiting sound barrier breakthroughs in the vicinity of populated areas; also, the descriptions of the sound and concussion accompanying these occurrences do not fit the characteristics of a sonic boom. John T. Hopf, who forwarded the Rhode Island cases, stated as much to the Editor of the Newport Daily News and the answer printed with his letter was not at all convincing.

Oakland, Nebraska suffered heavy concussion accompanied by broken windows and even a crack in a cement wall on July 12. Submitted by Marilyn Calver, the Blair, Nebraska "Enterprise" clippings contained quite a few contradictory statements: In one issue, "Sonic booms, frequent for the last few weeks as a result of low-flying jet planes, broke out main street windows, cracked a cement block store building wall, shook merchandise on shelves, etc., etc. In a later issue: "The Oakland Chamber of Commerce has issued protests to Lincoln, Sioux City and other fields where jets may be stationed. Officials of the air bases all deny that any jet planes were in the vicinity of Oakland on the dates of the sonic booms."

Of course, it might be assumed that the Air Force is fibbing (it's not impossible, you know!) but it seems likely that even the Air Force would have sense enough to put a stop to the offensive noises or at least justify them.

* CONCERNING MARS *

As Mars plowed through space for her rendezvous with an eagerly waiting Earth on 7 September this year, hundreds of astronomers glued their eyes to their telescopes while thousands of reporters wore their fingers to a frazzle keeping up with the stream of reports issuing from the observatories. Meanwhile, millions of just plain people looked in 10¢-a-peek telescopes, read the accounts, and a good share of John Q. Public began to wonder what the great minds really saw and knew.

Conflicting theories were rampant---McLaughlin of the University of Michigan reiterating his opinion that Mars is still in a formative period, that the green areas of Mars are nothing but drifts of volcanic ash which is spewed to the surface in periodic eruptions. No mention of what happens to that ash in the winter season ---Mr. Public has to assume that it is conveniently swept back into the volcanic fissures by frivolous winds. Winds, that is, on a planet which has little or no atmosphere.

On the other side of the ledger we have Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper of the University of Chicago, who is convinced that Mars is a dying planet. In the middle, somewhere, is Dr. E. C. Slipher who took himself off to Bloemfontain, South Africa in 1954 to observe Mars when it was directly overhead there. Dr. Slipher says he is convinced that the green areas are vegetation, and rumors have it that he also feels that the "canals" (lines in a geometric pattern) exist. A Japanese astronomer, Dr. Michikazu Onishi of Kobe, Japan, insisted he saw the canals which many scientists believe to be optical illusions. One fact which seems not to have come to the attention of any of these learned gentlemen is that the UFO show up in the largest numbers when Mars is near or nearing Earth.

Some of the scientists, among them Dr. Slipher, have stated their opinion that the information gleaned from the current observation of Mars will not be thoroughly correlated or evaluated for about five years---it will take that long to complete a thorough study. Various newspapers reported a considerable number of telephone calls which indicated that most people hope that Mars supports life; seems they want to think they are not all alone in the Universe. As J. Myers, Omaha, comments, this doesn't seem to be an indication that people are afraid to find out that there are other intelligent beings which might conceivably be on the verge of contact.

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Dr. Slipher, after being asked whether there could be life on Mars, commented that the atmosphere was less dense on Mars than at the top of Mount Everest and the oxygen content was smaller. But, he said, man has gained little knowledge of how far animal life can adapt itself to living "on just a trace of air and a trace of oxygen" over millions of years.

Meanwhile, Russian astronomers stated that their observations "once more give evidence of a high order of plant life on Mars. The astronomers noted a darkening of the southern area of the planet as spring there advances into summer. The color of these dark areas is greenish, the color of spring vegetation on earth.

The yellowish dust cloud which obscured details of the surface of Mars during earliest observations this year was described by Dr. Kuiper as an "unusual phenomenon" because of its extraordinary size, reportedly several times larger than Texas. And, my friends, that's big! Relatively small dust clouds are a common occurrence over the planet.

What entrances us about this particular dusty cloud is the fact that it is the same shape (like a W) (or an M) and approximately the same size (250 miles wide and 3,000 miles long) as the cloud phenomenon reported on the surface of Mars in 1954. It developed mysteriously, too, says the Chicago Tribune, emerging out of all-clear weather conditions the day before.

In conclusion we may honestly and reasonably assume (for it is not the policy of this Bulletin to make mountains out of molehills) that unusual and "mysterious" things are taking place on Mars, and do not feel it to be illogical to attempt a tie-up with the increased activity of the UFO. For our supporting facts, see the "Mother-ship" reports in the Recent Sighting column.

FROM THE EDITORS:

We are a bit late, as usual, (this is getting to be a habit, we know) but as usual have a good reason. The new addressograph did not arrive as expected, and beside waiting for it, we felt it might be propitious to hold a couple of days for expected new developments in South America. In the event the reports keep coming in at the rate they have in the past 8 weeks, a special issue containing little more than sightings may be issued. If so, we will not use the envelope for mailing but will resort to the old style of folded, stapled paper. In this way we can at least save a little on the cost of the manila envelopes usually utilized.

We are open for articles on anything pertaining to the UFO problem (i.e., theories, interpretations of various AF policies, interpretations of sightings and reports) by technically qualified personnel, the clergy, astronomers, physicists, engineers, etc. Each and every paper submitted will be seriously considered for printing in the Bulletin, its merits being judged on the basis of readability and general interest to the membership. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Nash and Mr. Maney, the first contributors in this series.

Members have not been too conscientious about dating and labeling their clippings (as to names of contributor) and it would be a tremendous help if the exact date of the reported sighting or occurrence were pencilled in on the margin. This saves the staff a lot of checking with calendars to fix the exact date of reported happenings, and, of course, we like to give credit to contributors.

We welcome to the staff at APRO Headquarters Lesli Jaen Lorenzen, the Director's daughter who hereafter will take care of return addressing, stamping and addressing of bulletins plus sorting of clippings. Ten years old, she is a straight A student at school, likes the work and is very interested in UFO work.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Different sections of the earth seem to have been the recipients of visitations from UFO in the past eight weeks, and so in this column sightings will be briefly described but with pertinent details, according to those sections of the earth which have received the most visitations, the remainder of which will be mentioned briefly at the close of the column.

IN MONTANA, UNITED STATES:

BOZEMAN, ~~5 Sept 56~~ (The Daily Missourian, Missoula) The CAA quoted one woman in Bozeman as saying that through her binoculars the object sighted by many in the area was 'silverish' emitting an orangish light, and a humming sound. Others could not make out the shape, but stated that the object turned around a few times, dipped up and down, and finally vanished to the north.

Meanwhile, citizens still speculated on the object sighted over Pattee Canyon near KALISPELL, MONTANA on the 3rd of September. Described as triangular in shape with a bright yellow glow, it was an important enough sighting for the Helena, Montana Filter Center to summon jet aircraft to investigate. A Sgt. John Dalessio, on vacation from the filter Center observed the object as did T-Sgt. Carl Clark, stationed at Kalispell. One Eddy Geddes, former commander of the Kalispell Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was the first to see the object, which he described as due East of him as he traveled South on a North-South road. It seemed to fade, change direction, but continually moved south and gained altitude. Geddes also said that the object started to climb (he first sighted it at 9:30) and that he and others kept it in sight until 2. a. m. The sky was clear with intermittent haze.

Although Air Force and civilian officials watched the object, it was not picked up on radar. When jets came in at 12:45 a. m., and witnesses observed that as the aircraft closed in, the object faded and as they drew away the light brightened again.

A spokesman for the Montana State University astronomy department later said it was their opinion the object was Mars. We call attention to several points in the above description of the sighting: The object DUE EAST at 9:30 p. m. (Mars has an elevation of at least 60 degrees in the SE at that time. Also, as our member who reported this sighting stated, "The jets rode in to the area with Mars bright and clear above them, but couldn't spot the object sought when they arrived. At 12:45 a. m. Mars would be to the southwest of Zenith, not in the Southeast section of the sky.

COLORADO, UNITED STATES:

DURANGO, COLORADO, (Rocky Mountain News) On August 1 citizens of Durango, Colorado watched a football-shaped object which gave off a bluish-red radiation. Durango weatherman Malcolm Dayton, who watched the object for over an hour with powerful field glasses, said the object changed position several times to the west of Durango, and from Hesperus, nine miles west, the object appeared to be about midway between the two towns. As in the Kalispell and Bozeman cases, Mars could not be blamed for this sighting, but the Air Force picked a unique method of scoffing: "The object was an unusually bright light reflected from Mars," said a Kirtland Air Force Base spokesman. "There's just about the right distance between the Earth and Mars now to produce such a glow," he said, "as far as we can discover, it was an unusually bright light reflected from Mars---only a glow about the size of a grapefruit." However, weatherman Dayton expressed his firm conviction that "whatever it was---it was nothing of any natural phenomena." We are agreed that the most phenomenal thing about the object was the AF explanation of it.

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IN COLORADO:

2 Denver, Colorado, ~~Aug 12~~, 1956. An oval disk, 'blazing with white lights and resembling in shape the object seen over Durango August 1 and earlier in August the object sighted over Pueblo, Colo. According to Mrs. Mary M. McCaffrey of Tacoma, Wash. and her 13-year old son William, the object hovered over downtown Denver for five minutes 'in the early hours of Sunday morning' (Rocky Mountain News Aug 13). Mrs. McCaffrey's statement: "It was bigger than the largest airplane and the edges were very clearly defined. It had blazing white lights and we could see it very plainly. It stopped fairly low in the sky and remained stationary for several minutes. Then it moved west in the same path as it approached. We watched it until it moved out of sight." The two were gazing west from the window of their room on the eighth floor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel when they saw the saucer move East from the mountains.

3 FT. COLLINS, COLO. Aug 26 and 27: For two nights residents watched a round, red object in the sky to the East. Policeman Lawrence Julch, Mrs. Eloise Stryker, Bob Scott, KOOL newsmen were four of the people who watched the object. Mars was plainly in sight on both nights, almost overhead and was in plain view while the observers watched the interloper. Object, described as slightly cigar-shaped and a glowing red that tapered off to a pink. Although many were on hand to watch for the object on the 28th and 29th, it did not show up. Speculation as to its nature began on the 29th, with Capt. George Sanderson a meteorologist at Lowry AFB, saying the object could have been a mirage-like effect (temperature inversion) but then went on to say that special conditions that produce these mirages are rare occurrences, unlikely to be duplicated in three nights out of four. "Recurrence of the Fort Collins object for several nights makes this an unlikely explanation in this case", Capt. Sanderson said. (Credit for Colorado sightings info goes to an anonymous ((upon request)) Air Force Captain and F. W. Brown). We're wondering what Captain Sanderson's new duty is since that obvious faux pas---latrine orderly, perhaps?

ARIZONA, UNITED STATES:

* East of KINGMAN, ARIZONA, 12:30 a. m. July 17, 1956: Gentry Thomason and a group of friends returning to Liberty, Missouri, from San Diego, California were traveling East on Highway 66 out of Kingman when they spotted a bright yellowish light Northeast of them. Object was a very bright yellow, round in shape, and emanated light equal to a 200 watt lamp, was very bright when first seen, dimmed out, then reappeared only to do this several times. Object seemed to be hovering in one position, for thirty minutes and then disappeared completely. No noise.

NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES:

HOLLOMAN AFB, NEW MEXICO, August 1st: Pilot flying mission on WSPG-Holloman AFB Integrated Range called control and asked if any live missiles were in his immediate area, reported something had sped past him at a very high rate of speed. Control verified nothing in the area, 15 minutes later radars picked up an object at between 12,000 and 13,000 feet which had a similar reflection to a balloon. However, only balloon in air at time was at a different sector of the range, could not have been subject which caused "echos" on the radars. Object descended to low altitude, was not seen again. (Anonymity of informant in this case absolutely necessary).

As in the above case, we will have contributions from time to time in which the information is obtained at Air Bases, and of course we cannot name our sources.
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CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES:

ISLETON, CALIF, July 24, 1956: Judge Milo Dye, who has been Isleton Municipal Judge and Judge of the Isleton Judicial District for the past 16 years, telephoned the Sacramento Union that he had seen a "Cornucopia-shaped object" in the sky near his home at Walnut Grove, about 27 miles southwest of Sacramento on the Sacramento River. Judge Dye said the object was traveling from west to east a high speed, but Police in Lodi and nearby airbase towers said they had had no reports of unidentified flying objects. "I got a good look at it," he said, "It was traveling low and fast and in the direction of Lodi." (Ed. note to those Police and Air Base Tower Operators---radar does not pick up low-flying objects.)

ANTIOCH, CALIF, July 28, 1956: The Contra Costa Sheriff's office at Martinez received calls from three rural women near Brentwood, 12 miles east of Antioch, informing them that they had seen a "green flash" going through the sky shortly before 11 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time. Mrs. Dorothy Rawlings, her Mother, Mrs. Ellen Morse and Mrs. Marry Harrington, a neighbor, all living on Minnesota Ave., a rural road, said the flash seemed to come to earth about a mile or less from their homes. Deputy Sheriff Barrett Cox investigated, found several pieces of material that looked like cardboard impregnated with some oily substance. Two of the pieces were large, one perforated and the other pleated. Cox said he had no way of knowing whether they were connected with the flash except they were found in the general area where the women thought the green object had come down. Both Hamilton and Travis Air Force Bases said they knew of no planes in the sky at the time which could have caused the flash. (Modesto, Calif. Bee, Cr: Lois Wright)

EUREKA, CALIF, Aug 2, 1956: Three prominent residents of Eureka who were returning from Trinity Mountains on Highway 299 late tonight saw an "apelike creature" sitting on the white line in the middle of the pavement in a heavily wooded section two miles east of Blue Lake. The creature appeared to be about 3 feet high as it sat unmoving on the white line even as the car passed it. The observers were so startled that they just kept on going. The observers made a report to the California Highway Patrol and the Humboldt County Sheriff's office but refused permission for their names to be made public. Two theories were proffered---by the observers and by the Police: 1. An ape which had escaped from a circus. 2. A bear cub blinded by the headlights and did not move when the car went by. No-one has been able to recall bear cubs sitting on paved roads or which do not take flight when approached by men or machines. A check on circuses in the area showed that the only circus which had been in the area had no wild animals with it. The time: 11 p. m.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., July 23, 1956 (Los Angeles Mirror) Strange-looking ball of fire with light flares shooting down was reported by 8 campers including Ted Donovan, 46, all on a gem-hunting trip 50 miles north of Barstow. They watched the object for two hours. The campers spotted the object while driving over a desolate road near the Naval Ordnance Test Station Range B, and the object went off and on at intervals of 10 seconds. "It had a strange light and it often changed colors," said Donovan. "At first we thought it was a helicopter coming down to warn us to keep away from the range, but it didn't move. The ball looked like it was suspended in air about a mile away from us." The group watched it from 3 a.m. until daybreak "when it suddenly disappeared. The Navy said it was investigating. (Cr: J. Sanders and E. Nyvelt.)

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF, July 20, '56 (Hollywood Citizen-News). Three different parties called Joe Ramirez of this paper, reporting the visit of 6 ft., 8 in. "Venusians" who were wearing long blond hair and tight green suits which looked like leotards. One woman who gave her name but refused permission for it to be made public, said she thought it was a movie publicity stunt, told the 3 men to get off her prop-

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erty. Another reporting citizen, a telephone lineman (also anonymous, refused to give his name) said a "big ball dropped about a foot from the pole on which I was working." Said he was scared, but decided to investigate the thing. "Just then, three guys walked right through the ball and came toward me." They shook hands with him, said they were here to help people (Shades of Adamski!---The Ed.). "These guys said they wanted to help us with their power and that which other planets had developed, whereas the earthlings were still freaks and primitive." The telephone lineman asked the reporter not to call the police "or they'll think I'm nuts and come and get me." The third anonymous caller, calling from Van Nuys as did the others, said he'd been awakened at about 4 a.m. by the barking of his two dogs. He said a huge ball landed in his front yard in a tree, splitting it in half as it settled down. He also said three men walked through it and approached him. They said they were from Venus, and were friends. Apparently the dogs' barking frightened them for they just got in the ball and vanished. A couple of days later, the man said, after he'd convinced himself that he'd just had a dream, he was lying in his yard when he saw the ball again, hovering over his house. All three of the persons who claimed to have met the Venusians said the men looked like humans but that their eyes had the appearance of stone. Reporter Ramirez stated he would check the studios to see what new Space Epic was about to be released---press agents are pretty clever sometimes. (We would ourselves be a little easier convinced if just one of those parties had given Ramirez their name for publishing so they could be reached for interrogation. The fact that they demurred when their identity was asked suggests to us that another "I Went to Venus" club has started, and inasmuch as such things are given a wide berth by the press, even in Los Angeles, that would be one way to get free publicity...the Ed.) (Cr: J. Sanders)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF, July 17, 1956 (LOS ANGELES MIRROR) Inglewood detectives searched area East of International Airport for fragments of an exploding fireball spotted by hundreds of residents on July 16. Calls to the police indicated the object, a slow-moving red-orange fireball, exploded over Crenshaw Boulevard and Imperial Highway. The CAA said it did not show on their radar at the airport. (Cr. J. Sanders)

LOS ANGELES AREA, July 13, 18, 1956 (Los Angeles Mirror- J. Sanders) Sonic blasts. On the 13th, area from Palos Verdes to Redondo Beach felt concussion which left jumble of shattered windows. On 18th, 4 blasts, felt in Culver City, Hollywood, Los Angeles and through to San Fernando Valley. Windows, dishes, etc., broken, Van Nuys watchmaker thrown to floor. First shock at 10:20, others at 11:45 a. m., 1:55 p. m. and 2:05 p. m. An AF spokesman said he had no explanation. (NATCH!)

FRESNO, CALIF. (July 22, 1956 (No source or date on this clipping) Two reports, listed as "flying saucer" reports by authorities were made in the San Joaquin Valley just 5 hours prior to the crash of an Air Force C131 which was at first believed to have been struck by "something" in midair (see article following). Mrs. Ray Brown of Highway City near Fresno reported she saw a southbound egg-shaped object south of her home, which emitted a greenish light from its tail. A Madera County couple, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McMullins, said they saw a similar westbound object above Pixley.

The latest and last word from the Air Force on the crash of the Air Force C-131 transport near Pixley, California on 23 July, is that rivets holding a torque rod to a servo-tab on the plane's tail assembly control surfaces gave way "because of metal fatigue." To date we have received some 50-odd clippings and opinions on the crash,
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(that is, 50 clippings plus opinions) and taking into consideration what the first clippings said, the pictures of the damaged airplane and private opinion, the Air Force seems to be having trouble with something with which it can't cope and is using the old, tired, "metal fatigue" explanation again. Although such "metal fatigue" would make an airplane difficult to control, it certainly doesn't seem that at the time the rivets let go the plane would have seemed to have struck a "brick wall." Some of the quotes of early articles about the crash still strike a discordant note: "Suddenly there was a loud noise, a bang." "Examination later showed that five eighths of the left elevator control surface, part of the tail assembly, was gone or smashed." "It looked like something struck from above," an Air Force spokesman said. "It was as if we struck a brick wall", the pilot, Major Stenvers, said. "Pieces of the craft's elevator was found on the ground near Famosa, 25 miles northwest of Bakerfield." "The mysterious accident brought into prominence a rash of flying saucer sightings from the San Joaquin Valley." "Control towers at Fresno, Tulare and Visalia were ordered to report landings of any damaged aircraft at their airports." "The Kern county sheriff's office said that a report another plane had crashed near here proved untrue." "The Air Force men said they believe they were struck by another aircraft, possible a fast-rising jet." (Remember former quotations which said they were struck from above...Ed.) "All crewmen blacked out during vertical dive." "A Tulare County resident said that he had seen an oval-shaped object emitting greenish light from its rear, crash near Pixley." All in all, it seems there is more than meets the eye concerning the crash of the transport, and although it would be pretty hard to prove, we offer the above as supporting evidence for our theory that the plane was struck in midair and not by another plane. (Newspapers from which information and above quotes taken: Modesto Bee, L. A. Mirror, L. A. Times, Chicago Sun Times, Long Beach Independent Press Telegram, and credits for information go to Lois Wright, E. Nyvelt, Mrs. B. Graff, M. Kott, Leslie H. Johnson, J. Meyers, Joe Ferrie, J. Sanders, V. Machu, Mrs. Fred Hallach, L. M. Taylor; a good job of reporting.)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Aug 14, 1956: A mystery light which some observers said resembled a flare hovered over SW Los Angeles for 10 minutes, causing police and airport tower operators to receive scores of calls. Mrs. Nancy Heath said she watched the light for about 10 minutes near Imperial Blvd and Crenshaw Blvd and that the light moved from west to east. Others said the light appeared to be stationery but flickered or emitted sparks. Eugene Holderman, control tower operator at Los Angeles International Airport said a United Airlines pilot flying south along Western Avenue near Century Blvd at 1500 ft. altitude radioed that a red light appeared to be about 1000 feet above his plane. Holderman also observed a red light east of the control tower. "It seemed to get bright and then fade out again like some sort of pyrotechnic flare," he said. "It was brighter than a highway-type flare. Attempts to sight the object on radarscopes were unsuccessful. The Air Filter Center at Pasadena received several calls reporting an unidentified light in the sky south of downtown Los Angeles. Two days later the light was still unidentified. (Cr. E. Nyvelt and Vivianne Machu - Los Angeles Mirror)

COVINA, CALIF. Aug 21, 1956 (San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune, Cr. J. Sanders) Four Baldwin Park youths at a night swimming party in Covina Knolls area observed a brightly lit "star-colored" ball of light which flew over them twice. When first sighted it was jokingly referred to by Harold Madsen, 15, as a "flying saucer", then it started toward the boys at low altitude, making a "swishing sound". The object passed above them, then took original course, and repeated this maneuver twice. Madsen said the object looked to be 20 feet across. Reports were made to the Police and Civil Defense officials.

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 PADADENA, CALIF. 6 Sept 1956: (Cr. J. Sanders, Los Angeles Times) U.S. Air Force and civilian members of the Ground Observer Corps at Pasadena and Whittier observed a strange light which moved erratically through the night sky over Pasadena for 47 minutes, starting a little after 10 p.m. "Pasadena police had many calls from people who saw it," disclosed 1st Lt. Mark Matlock of the Air Defense Filter Center. "So did we. Our first call was from a Western Air Lines pilot. I hurried to the roof of our building and saw a white light in the sky. It was moving slowly northwest. It kind of paused and jerked in flight and then would snake along. I know it wasn't on a conventional aircraft and thought it must be a helicopter or dirigible. But telephone checks showed that none were aloft." An AF radar station on San Clemente Island kept calling for information. One of the volunteer GOC observers said she saw three lights, two white and one red. All observers agreed the lights were constant. Finally two jets were scrambled from Oxnard AFB, but upon arrival on the scene found nothing. Later newspaper reports hinted that the object was the light on a helicopter or balloon, but none were airborne, and it would take a mighty fast balloon or "chopper" to clear the area before the jets arrived. (Helicopter speed ceiling is about 100 mph, most jets can travel at or above the speed of sound...the Ed.) Member Jacqueline Sanders comments, and we agree: "People are so used to seeing airborne objects over L. A. and environs and I'm sure we all have learned to know a 'copter, a plane and a blimp when we see one---it has to be darned unusual to make us "flood the switchboards." Also, says Jackie---"We have had clear nights this summer with the exception of a few foggy ones. It's odd nobody saw or reported all those weather balloons that were being released every 6 hours, isn't it?" (Odd---very odd...the Ed.)

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 TURLOCK, CALIF. 22 Aug, 1956, 10:15 p.m. Mrs. Lois Wright, while lying in bed looking out the bedroom window, observed an orange-red ("about the color of the heart of an open fire") oval-shaped object drift down toward the ground and disappear from sight behind the garage west of the house. Before she could tell her husband what she had seen, the object was gone and she feels she had it in sight for approximately 30 seconds. She said it took a little while for it to dawn on her what she was seeing. She also stated that the object had a rather "fluttery" motion as it travelled through space. Mrs. Wright is Mr. Lorenzen's sister, and the object is similar in description to what her late Mother saw in the sky in 1952 near Turlock. In this case the object caused the field of grain beneath it to "boil" or become turbulent as it passed over at a low altitude.

IOWA, UNITED STATES:

CRESTON, IOWA, August 12, 1956: The Omaha World-Herald and Sunday World-Herald carried a feature story regarding the 25-50 unidentified flying objects which the Creston Filter Center has logged in the past year. The most outstanding was a football-shaped silvery object sighted last December sixth. The object was following a jet. (Cr. M. Calver & J. Meyers)

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES:

Willsboro, N. Y., Aug. 1956. (Milwaukee Journal) Mark Berman, ass't cashier at local bank is one of score of residents sighting UFO during the current 'season'. Berman described for the press a round, basketball-shaped object which glowed with an orange color, seen on August 15 at about 10 p. m. Berman claimed he had sighted the same object three times, twice prior to the 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lancton, of Yonkers, N. Y., claimed to have seen the "round glow" four times in August, three sightings on consecutive nights. The light cast by the "saucer", Mrs. Lancton reported, was bright enough to form a "golden hued path" on the surface of the lake.

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was requested. One of the women, Mrs. Williams, said the object appeared to be moving slowly, at a very high altitude and no engine noises could be heard. (Cr.: Paul Bates.)

OHIO, UNITED STATES:

Wickliffe, Ohio, ~~Aug. 20~~, 1956. (No newspaper name, clipping contributed by R. Wellington) Reader ~~Frank~~ Hayes, in a letter to the Editor of aforementioned newspaper, describes a very interesting series of sightings made by himself and 15 or 20 other people on several different occasions. Sightings concerned lights which, upon casual observance appear to be ordinary star; however, after prolonged observation, these 'lights' begin to glow a brilliant orange, then shoot off at very high speed. At times they will dim out, just as a plane goes by, and if the plane's path takes it near the location of the light, the light will shoot off at high speed. Precautionary checks have been made by the group to make certain that no one is zeroing in on the planet Mars, and so far no one has.

MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES:

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Greenfield, Mass., ~~August 1~~, 1956. (Personal report given to Rev. Albert Bal-ler of Greenfield) Mr. ~~George~~ Kenrick awoke at 2 a. m., spotted extremely bright orange "star" about the size of half of the full moon about 10 degrees above the horizon almost due NE. He awakened his wife who went outdoors to get an unobstructed view of the object. She remained awake until 4 a. m. to watch the object, and later noticed a "narrow, rope-like beam of light" which emerged from one side of the disc and extended vertically for "considerable distance". After watching this object for a short while she noted another object (not clearly visible at first, due to the brilliance of the orange object) which was a short distance in front of the disc and of a dull silver color. This second object which looked like a "silver peanut" standing on end, showed a rather irregular contour and its edges were not sharply defined as with the disc. After watching this object a while, Mrs. Kendrick was startled to see the orange disc "spit out" tiny white stars which flew in erratic maneuvers "every which way". They were eight in number. When Mrs. K. took a final look at the objects at 4 a. m. the small objects were no longer apparent, and the large object seemed to be "moving with the stars". When she retired at 4 a. m. (she had been watching sporadically) the object had moved from about 10 degrees above the NE horizon to about 25 degrees and appeared to be shifting from NE to E. At 7:30 a. m. Mrs. K. looked again and saw the disc, now at about 80 degrees above the Eastern horizon and appearing as a silver disc. She did not watch to see when or how it disappeared. On the following two mornings Mrs. K. saw the same phenomena in the same place. (This is obviously a "mother-ship" sighting of which there is an abundance at this time, it seems. It would appear that the object was tremendous in size ((the orange disc)) and at a very high altitude, possibly reflecting light from the morning sun, for it showed silver with daybreak. See sightings from South America for almost identical sightings--the Ed.)

NEVADA, UNITED STATES:

Las Vegas, Nevada, 23 Aug. 1956. (The name of contributor is withheld upon request. However, the first sighting was taken from the Las Vegas Review Journal of August 24.) Review-Journal/Sports Editor John Romero and his wife Denece spotted two "shining, hovering objects" which shortly headed south from Las Vegas. Objects over Twin Lakes area. CAA said no one at McCarran had sighted the things, and no

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balloons were aloft at the time. Time: 6:02 p. m.

Las Vegas, Nevada, August 26, 1956: Anonymous observer watched "tadpole-shaped object" with chocolate brown head, silvery tail traveling in a general west-east direction. Observer at a depot, time 7:40 p. m. and object first seen as it flew out from behind the water tower. The tail of the object looked to be at least 5 diameters of the head in length and looked of uneven width. The head held a steady, unwavering course in flight but the tail fluttered freely in the air. Speed estimated at 300-400 mph, object disappeared about 10 degrees above the horizon when it went behind a tree. Checks made as to possibility of the object having been a conventional object, but it remained unidentified.

MISSOURI, UNITED STATES:

St. Louis, Missouri, Aug. 19, 1956. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Cr: A. Vogels) A mysterious white foam descended in O'Fallon Park yesterday, turning the heavy summer greenery briefly into a bubblebath scene. Park Keeper William Jenkins, whose residence is on the grounds, said he had never seen anything like it. "The stuff started coming from out of nowhere," he said. "Some of it was in wads as big as 50-gallon drums and floated through the air. I don't know what it is." (Attempts to obtain further details have been stymied---if anyone has further information, we would be glad to hear from them. This may be related to the celebrated "angel hair phenomena---the Ed.)

ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES:

Lovington, Illinois, July 30, 1956. APRO Member Joseph Morgan watched a searchlight beam, apparently close and sweeping very low at 9:30 p. m. The mysterious thing about this observation is that there are no searchlights, beacons, etc., within a great number of miles.

MAINE, UNITED STATES:

North Windham, Maine, Aug. 15, 1956. The Hartford Times contained the following, which is contributed by P. Magnificent, Jr: Atty. Hyman Jacobson and Dr. William L. MacVane Jr., both of Portland, said they saw a "shining silver saucer" whip through the sky at Little Sebago Lake.

MAINE, UNITED STATES:

Rockland, Maine, Aug. 5, 1956. (Cr: M. Kimball) Another report of strange objects in the skies about Knox County was received by Rockland police late Sunday night (Aug. 5) when a Camden street resident called to notify them that she had sighted a strange object which resembled a star but which contained more light, hovering over the Samoset Hotel area. Approximately a week before several Knox County towns reported sighting strange lighted objects at night.

CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES:

East Hartford, Connecticut, Aug. 9 (Cr: P. Magnificent) Five objects emanating a pink glow seen by resident near the Manchester-Glastonbury line between 9:30 and 10:10 p. m. Objects headed North, Northeast, South and South with fifth object trailing the one heading west with a flashing white light. All appeared round, also seen by others. GOC reported no sightings made from post at West Hartford.

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West Hartford, Conn., Aug. 14. (P. Magnificent Jr., Hartford Times) A West Hartford GOC Post and four residents reported seeing white lights heading west shortly after 9 p. m. Stewart AFB spokesman at Newburgh, N. Y. said they may have been jet afterburners.

West Hartford, Conn., Aug. 9. (Paul Magnificent, Jr.) Retired fireman Allan Lyman reported seeing an aluminum colored oblong object with a "smoky crown" around it and which cleared horizon to horizon in 15-20 seconds. Flying in straight line, he stated, the object passed over his house, heading toward Bradley Field. Officials there said no unusual phenomena spotted that night.

WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES:

An object which looked like a "flying boomerang" and decked with fiery red lights on the leading edge, was seen on September 2, late in the evening, by Winifred Chapin. Object observed at the tip end of Kitsap County, direction of flight from west to East. Although the object had the general configuration of a plane with swept-back wings, no fusilage showed and no running lights showed.

NEBRASKA, UNITED STATES:

Ainsworth, Neb., July 1956. (M. Calver) At approximately 8 p.m. CST Miss Calver spotted a pear-shaped (with sides somewhat more straight) object just above some low thin clouds. Using binoculars she made out the outline. It appeared to move south, and the wind at the time was from the southeast. When first seen object appeared orange, through binoculars was silver and kept a steady course to the south. (This is obviously not a balloon due to factors of wind direction, and uniform shape at all times, and steady course. Also---if a balloon the scrutiny with 7X50 binoculars would have revealed the instrument package---the Ed.)

Ainsworth, Neb., about middle July, 1956. (Cr: M. Calver) Mrs. Otto Bolich spotted silver object in sky which made a three-quarter-circle maneuver, then hung in sky for five minutes. The time was 7:30 or 8:00 p.m., and when the object made the circular maneuver it left a "halo" behind it.

MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES:

Cadillac, Michigan, July 28, 1956 (AP-Detroit News-Omaha World Herald-Chicago American-St. Louis Post Dispatch-Grand Rapids Herald-Detroit Times, etc. etc. Cr: T. Prentice, R. Curtiss, B. Greenway, D. Lansden, F. Reid, M. Calver, E. Nyvelt, R. B. White) City police were prompted by many telephone reports to investigate a "brilliant white light" which was maneuvering in the sky East of Cadillac when first sighted. Descriptions varied from "light bulb with clear glass" to "arc-shaped". Mr. and Mrs. Allen Howe and wife, driving 200 miles south of Cadillac toward their Sterling, Illinois home, said the object in the sky was "round, red, fast and with no apparent form." So many reports were received from the citizenry that a nearby air base was called, only to get the old "nothing shows on radar and there are no balloons airborne". Forty minutes after the last stars disappeared in the morning, the object was still visible but soon faded into the distance. (We would ordinarily say "Mars", but in this case, with the light evidently moving and sometimes in a northerly direction we can hardly accuse all observers of myopia, ---or eyestrain...the Ed.)

Saginaw, Michigan, July 30, 1956: (Detroit Times) An object, about 12 feet in diameter (a calculated guess) and flying red and blue lights was reported to State Police from the Burt GOC Post, Saginaw, Midland and Gratiot counties. Midland

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police said they received one call but could not spot the object. Object was seen over Freeland, Clare, Alma and Breckinridge, all west of Saginaw.

Utica, Michigan, August 9, 1956 (Detroit Times) Selfridge AFB jets scrambled twice seeking UFO spotted by a ground observer in the air over Utica. Air Base spokesmen said nothing could be found, however, and the whole thing was layed at the feet of the "temperature inversion" explanation. (This one has not been used for months; they must be getting desperate...the Ed.)

Rex Curtiss of Lapeer, Michigan has stated in a recent letter that the Perseid meteor shower of August 9-11 brought no reports of flying saucers as was predicted in his area. Read on---

Badaxe, Michigan, July 20, 1956 (Detroit Times) Radio announcer William Gravelin and Deputy Sheriff Fred Dubernuss of Huron County while riding an M-53 between Badaxe and Port Austin in the Thumb area, spotted an orange streak of "fire" which resembled, somewhat, a comet, and which appeared to be traveling at about 500 feet altitude. The object was visible for between 10 and 15 seconds, disappearing out over Lake Huron. Two days later the Flint Journal quoted Dr. Oren Mohler of the McMath Observatory, located near Pontiac, as saying that at this time of the year Mars and meteors will be mistaken for flying saucers but that the objects sighted definitely were not "flying saucers" and were meteors leaving an afterglow, and travelling erratically. In another admonition to the flying saucer-seeing public, William Dickman, Dow Chemical Co. physicist and member of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, stated that the public should be warned not to think of flying saucers. (Seems that natural phenomena are having a great deal of supernatural characteristics attached to them in order to make them fit with the unknown. For example---astronomers will admit that meteors seldom leave an afterglow and then they must be huge ones. Also---4.5 seconds is just about tops for observing any meteor!...the Ed.)

TRIESTE:

On June 27th (France Press, cr: H. Gonzales) numerous persons who were passing near the sea coast saw a luminous object which after remaining at a standstill in sky for about 10 seconds, shot away at considerable speed and disappeared in a NE direction.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA:

On August 19 numerous persons reported a UFO which ended in two spheres of an intense reddish brightness, joined by a sort of Cone which gave off bluish flares and at times green flares. The objects stopped dead sometimes, at others speeded across the sky at quite a fast clip.

CAI, COLOMBIA:

On August 30 a star of "great proportions" caused quite a disturbance. The "star" had a pale pink trail somewhat like a comet, and the light of the object flicked on and off about every two minutes.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA:

A bright red glow, surrounded by a flaming halo hovered over the northern suburbs of Sydney on July 15. Witnesses described it as a brilliant red pinpoint of light surrounded by a red aura. It disappeared in a cloud haze, reappeared five minutes later, then moved out to sea. (New Zealand Herald, Cr: M. Sale)

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SUVA, FIJI

No date given, but the following sighting apparently took place at about the same time as the preceding sighting: Ten part-European men fishing for turtle off Wakaya Island saw a strange glow in the sky. All watched the glow for two hours. It appeared like an aircraft with square portholes through which light shone. (Cr: M. Sale, Australia)

VENEZUELA

Merida, Venezuela, Aug. 20. ("El Universal", Caracas, Cr: Joe Rolas and Horacio Gonzales) Mr. Marco Tulio Hernandez stated that as returning home around midnight he saw flying from West to East, a brilliant round yellow object of huge dimensions. It flew at terrific speed and left a trail of the same colour. He watched the object for about one minute and as it neared the Sierra Nevada, in which direction the moon was visible, he saw clearly TWO SMALLER DISC-LIKE OBJECTS FROM THE SPHERICAL OBJECT. The smaller discs were of a brilliant bluish color and also followed the big object at the same speed. His view was cut off as the objects flew beyond the roof of a house.

Caracas, Venezuela, 20 Aug, 1956 (El Universal, Cr: Horacio Gonzales) Many people report seeing a strange apparatus in the sky at dawn. It seemed to be made of two spheres joined together by some sort of cone. The two spheres were of an intense brilliant red color and shot off sparks of a greenish colour. It would remain still at times then rush around the skies at terrific speed. (NOTE FROM CONTRIBUTOR GONZALES: When such an item makes the front page of the "Universal" I know that it is considered of sufficient importance to be printed there - G)

Palma Sola, Venezuela, 24 July 1956 (El Universal - Cr: H. Gonzales) Two men, a truck driver and his helper reported that when they were driving along the highway near Palma Sola and Tarborda, Aurelio Anese, the driver, was temporarily blinded by the light of an aerial object which descended from the skies at fantastic speed, nearly touched the highway in front of them. The object came head on toward the truck and for a moment a collision seemed imminent, then Anese swung the wheel around and the truck ditched into a bank of earth. The object passed over their heads and was lost to view. The men said that other truckmen in the region have witnessed the same phenomena. One of these truckers who makes his living transporting material in that region and who has seen the object, has refused to accept jobs which would entail him traveling the same route at night time. According to the reporter, the men are still nervous and apparently frightened by their recent experience. (NOTE: Mr. Quarles had better be warned not to send his flying discs over Venezuelan territory to frighten truckmen in the night and thus deprive them of their livelihood, if it is, as he says, that flying discs will be manned by Air Force pilots - Gonzales) (Mr. G. is referring to the statement sometime back when Secretary of the AF Quarles insinuated that the only discs that exist are either AF or imaginary - The Ed.)

Caracas, Venezuela, July 18, 1956 (Personal report to APRO Representative Horacio Gonzales) Mr. Alfonso Trillanes, accompanied by a young friend of his was watching the moon through his 4-inch reflector telescope when they both saw simultaneously a luminous object like a big star which pulsed and glowed above their heads in the skies over South Eastern Caracas. The object then emitted a series of strange sparks or streaks of bluish light, three of which were directed towards Earth, then increased in size, or either gave this impression, then shot away in a horizontal trajectory towards the southwest and was lost to view in a matter of about five or six seconds. The nucleus glowed red with a yellowish ring around it
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while the border was of a bluish-violet color. Mr. Trillanes also said that he could detect some sort of dark protuberance below the star which, as it moved away, seemed to skate away in the sky as though moving along a solid surface. Time 10:50 p. m. (The day after this sighting was reported to me we received news of the Arkansas sighting ((July 15 APRO Bulletin)) and the description given by Mr. Brian Coyne---a comparison of both sightings reveal a striking similarity.

Santa Monica, Venezuela, July 14, 1956. Further corroboration of the above sighting came when Mr. Alfredo Diaz of Santa Monica called "El Universal" and reported that he was awakened at around 3 or 4 a.m. on the 14th of July by a brilliant luminosity in his room. He went to the window to investigate, thinking it was the moon but saw that the light came from an object like a big star only disc-shaped, and which emitted a bluish green light. The phenomenon was also observed by neighbors, one of whom studied the 'star' through a pair of binoculars. The object remained visible for more than half an hour, then disappeared. (Cr: H. Gonzales, Caracas. Mr. Gonzales, incidentally, is well known in UFO research in South American countries, and often reports which are handed to newspapers but not printed, are given to him for use in his studies. He is a technical translator by profession and a capable amateur astronomer. The Ed.)

Coro, Falcon State, Venezuela, 29 July, 1956 (El Universal, Cr. H. Gonzales) Many inhabitants of this region reported seeing in the skies on the 27th, a strange apparatus which was leaving a trail of smoke as it passed. The object would sway or wobble at times, then move off horizontally, then shoot up vertically as a streak of lighting. The object maneuvered in the sky for a few minutes, then disappeared rapidly. The object seemed to float in space at times and its maneuvers were observed by 70% of the population.

Caracas, Venezuela, August 5, 1956. (Letter to El Universal, original handed to H. Gonzales) A Professor, after having witnessed, at 6:15 p. m. Aug. 5, a luminous object which seemed to be falling near Santa Monica said: "I, always incredulous as to the existence of so-called 'flying saucers', have now turned my attention to this matter, and this experience has impressed me so profoundly and WE MEN OF SCIENCE are beginning to take the matter seriously!" The object was also described as extremely brilliant, leaving a trail like smoke, and emitting sparks. It stopped, hovered, then continued its descent until it shot away at high speed.

Punto Fijo, Falcon State, Venezuela, Sept. 9, 1956 (El Universal - Cr. Joe Rolas) Fishermen Manuel Pimentel and Jose Veraztegui y Pedro San Juan reported that during the nighttime while at their fishing chores, they have seen north of the Punta, luminous objects which cruise the sky in a North-South direction. The objects travel in straight lines, usually appear at 1 a.m. and leave a luminous trail behind them. The observers stated that the objects do not descend as meteors do, but travel on a well-maintained, "determined path".

Merida, Venezuela, Sept 3, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Joe Rolas) In Santa Cruz de Mora, many persons stated they sighted a "luminous object" very similar to the one sighted a few nights previously by Marco Tulio Hernandez. Object described as sphere-shaped with an enormous incandescent tail and bright yellow in color.

Merida, Venezuela Sept. 6, 1956 (El Universal - Cr. Joe Rolas) Newspaper correspondent in Merida among observers of glowing, reddish object estimated to be 210 feet in diameter. The reddish light was accompanied by an intense green, they flew at low speeds and at an estimated 2000 ft. altitude. Observers gathered impression the objects were surveying or studying the city. The objects changed formation, then sped out of sight.

Maracaibo, Venezuela, Sept. 2, 1956 (El Universal - Cr. Joe Rolas) At about 10 p. m. the whole neighborhood at Los Tanques, a borough of Sabaneta, was in commotion when a huge ball of fire cruised above the town going from southeast to northwest.

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The object was reportedly huge in size and of an intense bluish color.

Calaboso, Venezuela, Aug 27. (La Calle, Caracas - Cr. Joe Rolas) At 11:30 p.m. a number of citizens watched a "fleet" of flying saucers go over town from east to west. Objects described by Leon Febres, Miguel Talavera and Jesus Prada and Tomas Hernandez as being like "spinning tops" which left behind them a trail of "phosphorescent smoke" which vanished rapidly. Febres, who was going home after attending a game of "bolas criellas", was startled when the ground lit up, and when he looked to the sky, he saw a huge disc. Febres said that his hair stood on end in fright and he watched as the object soared up at fantastic speed, then remained motionless while smaller "saucers" started to come out of it. The smaller ones, in perfect formation, began to fly to the west. Febres said that he had never paid attention to tales of flying saucers but has now changed his mind.

Higuerote, Venezuela, Sept. 3, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Joe Rolas) Citizens of this town, while at the beach, watched disc-shaped objects which appeared as two plates fastened together, luminous, with windows around the edge. They were very brilliant, and one was seen to dive toward the ocean, then soar upwards just as it was about to strike the water. These objects also traveled at high speed leaving luminous trails and making no noise. The time: 10:00 p.m.

Puna Atacame, Venezuela, Aug 8, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Horacio Gonzales) New testimony from the inhabitants of the desolate region of Puna Atacame (approximately 200 kilometers W. of Salta) situated near the Chilean frontier, corroborates information recently come to light concerning the presence of strange beings on the snowy caps of the Mac, a mountain of 6,700 meters in height. The witnesses say they have seen tracks, human-like in characteristic, of giant proportion, not only in the frozen sands of the Macon but also in the snow on the pampas. These tracks appeared one year ago and coincided with a "colossal commotion" on one of the sides of the mountain which made the people think that some aerial object had collided with the mountain. This phenomena was never investigated but people in the area say that a strange cigar-shaped object collided with the side of the mountain. Now, a few weeks after having observed "flying cigars" in Salar de Guisaro, they have again seen strange tracks. Airships of strange appearance have been seen in the area and estimated to be over 300 meters in length. On this occasion the National Gendarmes supplied the newspapers with some photographs showing the passage of the strange craft in the skies over Salta and were similar to those seen in other parts of the world.

Puna Saltena, Venezuela, Aug 13, 1956 (El Universal - Cr: Horacio Gonzales) Informants in this region have reported that on occasions they have clearly heard strange cries resounding during the time of the setting sun and especially at the beginning of the freezing of creeks at nightfall. Also, among the crags where the Condors and Eagles make their nests, they have found quantities of these birds dead and partially destroyed, and their nests ravaged. The witnesses also said that in all cases and near or around the nests they have seen the giant humanlike tracks which cannot be attributed to bears as was first thought. In the past, people who had witnessed these tracks have had little or nothing to say until geologist Spitch had reported seeing the strange tracks also.

Although from 15 July until about 15 September flying saucer reports were in the newspapers in large numbers, there seems to be a lull, and based on the reports in 1954, we expect a larger activity in October, possibly beginning around mid-month. Try to make it a little easier on us here at Headquarters---label your clippings, give the date, name of paper, and your own name. We'll really appreciate it very much. New members are coming in at the rate of 5 or more a week, inquiries at about five a day, and the paperwork is becoming almost insurmountable....The Ed.

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We had fully intended to stop with page 32 and the reverse side of this sheet but feel that the members will agree that the following merited another page:

TOKYO, JAPAN, (INS - The Flint Journal) Japanese astronomer Tsuneo Saheki, well known Mars expert (some 20 years of study devoted to that planet) expressed belief that Mars is "inhabited by living beings". Mr. Saheki is chief of the Mars section of the Toa Astronomical Association, and told newsmen he spotted more than a dozen "canals" in the region between the equator and the tropical zone during recent observations. Saheki added he also saw 10 round spots-"oases"- where these canals crosses, and that on the eastern edge of the planet there were scores of shining spots arranged in a rosary fashion. He said that this was the first time he had seen the "canals" --- a pattern of straight lines --- and added their discovery supports the theory of life on the planet. *Experts*

There may have been more said, and we might have written this in a bit more sensational style, but the essential facts are there---also, we have never tried to influence member thinking by deception.

SAUCERS WILL CONTACT EARTH ON NOVEMBER 7TH SAYS BRITISH "SAUCER EXPERTS"

If the "British saucer experts" mentioned in an AP newswire from London on September 25 are our friends of the British Flying Saucer Review, there may be some meat in the following story, and if not, it may be another hoax on the same line as the Laughhead fiasco of some time ago. We quote for your information and opinions are not only welcome but solicited.

The Empire News in London said on September 25 that British flying saucer experts are claiming flying saucers will come down to 10,000 feet over California on November 7th to send a message to Earth.

The paper said Station KATY in San Luis Obispo has agreed to go off the air that night to listen for the message. The experts said that the report of the impending visit from outer space came from what they called "an unimpeachable source" and which they declined to reveal.

A U-S (we presume this to mean United States) engineer, Kenneth M. Kellar, who was not otherwise identified, at a meeting of the British saucerites Saturday (Saturday, September 22) played tape recordings he said were made directly from a flying saucer hovering over San Francisco, and which took 40 minutes to play back. The tapes reportedly described life on Mars, warned against atomic experiments and gave details of an interplanetary government controlling life in the Universe. No further details were given.

And now, from the Director a few well-chosen bits of advice: We all know that a "flying saucer expert" can be almost anybody, and that British experts have made as many boo-boos (errors) as anyone else in the field. The bit about Station KATY-radios stations are not above a little publicity---even if connected with saucers. Who is Kenneth Kellar, and why didn't the press item contain these few important bit of information: Are the "saucerites" human or otherwise? Was the tape recording in English? It seems to us that the most important information was left out, and probably deliberately so. Our advice? Don't believe it---until a little more proof is forthcoming. This article strengthens our contention that the wire services and newspapers are carrying little but nonsensical items about UFO these days.

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Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico, Sept. 7, 1956 (El Paso Herald-Post) Alfredo Monroy, Manuel Fierro, Cecilio Perez and Carmelo Gonzales of Chihuahua City, while driving on the Chihuahua City-Delicias Highway, sighted a brilliant, speeding circular object about the size of a small plane. The object had a cabin at the top with windows, and made no noise whatsoever. The object was also glimpsed by residents of Chihuahua City and Delicias, and caused much alarm and speculation.

From a member on the East Coast of the United States, the following is related with a request for anonymity: During January, 1950, at Argensia, New Foundland, two saucer reports were turned in by pilots. Only one of these was sent by this particular radio operator and a synopsis of that report follows:

While on a routine flight they were flying approximately 50 miles from the coast when a large circular object was seen hovering over the water. After an approach they were able to get close enough to describe the object as approximately 50 feet in diameter, having a depth of about 4 feet. The object was rotating about a central axis and was a distinct yellow color. There was no forward or backward motion and it was simply hovering over the water. As soon as the plane passed overhead the object took off vertically and passed upward at an extremely fast rate of speed.

This report is one that the author believes to be authentic as far as the report of the actual message is concerned. No stateside investigators went to Argensia and except for the two reports no other sightings were reported.

It has come to our attention in the past and more forcefully in the last few months, that there are quite a number of APRO members who expect to be trusted but have no feeling of obligation as far as being honest with the Director is concerned. We refer specifically to those members who falsified ages and professions on their application blanks. This is a blow to us here, for we have many well-known personages who subscribe to the Bulletin and cooperate fully with only one reservation---that their names be kept confidential. It can never be said that Mrs. Lorenzen betrayed a confidence and it is no less than a shock to find that some people consider themselves so exclusive and vulnerable that they must hide behind the cloak of an alias.

We appreciate the many notes wishing bon voyage and happy return from our recent vacation. We had hoped to see several members in the midwest but alas, we had too many friends and relatives whom we had not seen for so long that we could not gracefully cut short our visits. However---members passing through the southwest and welcome to stop and visit with us here. We enjoyed very much the visit we had with member Bob Greenway in July.

We are on the lookout for authentic photos of UFO and will be grateful to any and all who see fit to forward same to us here at Headquarters. Inasmuch as ours is a mimeographed paper, we cannot reproduce photos herein, but with our new equipment can furnish good quality glossy prints at cost (actually more to be desired for printed reproductions are hardly ever true in detail and shading) to members.

Sightings will be at an all-time high in October and November---send every available sighting so that we can have maximum number with which to run our fall evaluation!