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### *Saucer Band Wagon*

-by Coral Lorenzen

The advent of a special saucer hunt is big enough news to put our regular Saucer Bandwagon on the back page. We'd like to hand a great big handshake to the Canadians who pushed this project, and to scientist W. B. Smith goes our sincerest congratulations for having the intestinal fortitude to voice his convictions regardless of the opinions of others.

Located at Shirley's Bay, the station consists of a small shack literally crammed with equipment which the men in charge believe will be important in gathering scientific data concerning any saucers which may wander near.

Listed by the Toronto Daily Star as the equipment expected to do the trick, are an ionospheric detector which will record gamma radiation, an instrument to measure known and unknown radio noises, a gamma ray detector and a gravimeter. The latter is a device built by the staff of the station with the help of Professor Wilson of the U. of T, and its purpose will be to measure the acceleration and deceleration of gravity.

Mr. Smith was quoted extensively in Donald Keyhoe's new book, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", and will go down in history as one of few scientists to first brave the storm of public ridicule by publicly announcing his convictions regarding the flying saucers.

The project, known as 'Project Magnet' will function purely as a flying saucer detection station and will not serve any other scientific purpose. It is entirely possible and probable that this saucer detection station will bring to light facts that will confirm one of the popular theories currently held by saucer enthusiasts throughout the world.

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The fireball which burst through a metal sign in New Haven Connecticut, August 19 last will probably prove to be the straw that broke several backs that have been aching to be broken for some time now.

The 6-inch object which cut through a 20-gauge sheet of steel is as much a mystery now (though some aspects are considerably more clear) as it was when it first burst upon the scene almost three months ago. Since then the director and headquarters officials plus one very devoted and determined member have been working day and night trying to make sense out of a welter of facts and evidence now at hand. To aid in this revelation we now quote verbatim the account of Joe Barbieri, Research Director of SPACE (Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enquiry) and member of APRO. Before making any decisions as to the actual identification of the fire ball and the motives of each individual involved, please read the whole Bulletin. We believe there is two or three theories, each of which are very applicable, but one of which is the truth about the whole affair. Inasmuch as we have always attempted an objective attitude we do not presume now to have all the answers but leave it to the judgement of our members to decide which theory fits the facts best in their own minds. We now continue with Mr. Barbieri's letter, and other pertinent facts: (Note: some parts will be merely fragmentary notations of facts, such as the beginning, others will be direct quotes in order to conserve space).

The case started At 9 p. m. on August 19, 1953. An object resembling a ball of fire tore a gaping hole in a metal signboard at Middleton Ave., and Front Street in West Haven, Connecticut. A complete - -

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**PREDICTIONS**—We predict that the official conclusions regarding flying saucers or unidentifiable flying objects will soon be released. Our reasons: The indoctrination is being stepped up; next summer will bring more sightings than ever before; the coincidence between Mars' near approaches to Earth and flying saucer influxes has leaked out; Navy Research exploded balloons, inversions as possible answers to the puzzle in American Weekly Nov. 21 issue, and there is no other explanation to blame them on except interdimensional penetration, interplanetary travel or subterranean races. Also, the Air Force has held onto the big secret a long time but their nemesis is looming in the shape of the Canadian project, the AF is not likely to let any other investigative group steal

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The Editorial

We seldom editorialize on what we consider to be the faux pas of other groups but in the case of Albert Bender, August Roberts and the International Flying Saucer Bureau, we will take the time and the effort as so many inquiries concerning the same have come our way.

In actuality, this incident should be included in the Grapevine for what the IFSB carried as it's prime story (front page variety) in it's good-bye issue is by no means corroborated and we will henceforth give our theories as to what actually happened to that merrie circle. We would like to state that we think it unfair that in the event that Bender had (and we don't think he has) found out something which sewed up the saucer mystery, that he kept it to himself, keeping from regular members who had contributed money, time and information, that which was due them. We'd like to go on record right now and state that any approach to this organization through the director to the effect that information be withheld, would be answered with a well-aimed spit in the eye.

The last issue (October) of the IFSB Bulletin, "Space Review" held a front-page story of the New Haven fireball incident which was investigated by August C. Roberts. Again, we'd like to point out that no smoke came from the sign and there was no smell of rotten eggs at the scene as was reported by Mr. Roberts and duly printed by IFSB.

The piece or pieces of metal obtained by Mr. Roberts was sent to Oak Ridge, Tenn., for analysis. We can put that down as mistake #1. No report has been received confirming the outcome of such an analysis, and we do not believe IFSB'S judgement

was very good in the selection of a lab to do the work. The following is the gist of two items headed "Late Bulletin" and "Statement Of Importance" respectively in the last issue of SPACE REVIEW:  
 "The investigation and selection of the flying saucers is approaching final stages, and a source very trusted by IFSB and to whom they had referred data from time to time said that they did not think that Space Review was the proper method and this time the right time to publish the data."

"The flying saucers are no longer a mystery---the source is known, but information being withheld by orders from higher source. Space Review would like to print full story, but because of nature of same, negative advice is offered. Space Review advises those engaged in saucer investigation to be cautious."

Cautious of what? The insinuation is that IFSB is being snut up by something big---like the AF. We have heard rumors that IFSB is backed by a pulp-magazine publisher who drained several hundred of information to glut his own files on saucers. Bender got the metal, but it was sent to the wrong place. Backer got mad, withdrew his backing and the outfit hit the skids.

The first statement is not news---members of APRO have known for some time that the saucer mystery was close to being solved since last spring. Of course Space Review was not the method by which to spill the 'big story'. Not when it's possible to sell such a yarn for a fat fee. The advice to be cautious, was merely to scare other investigators so that they would not happen onto what IFSB failed to get.

Because of our determination to wreck any plans of selling the fireball incident, we submitted the facts plus the preliminary analysis to the United Press in October and it was carried on a nationwide scale. We started the ball rolling and now papers are picking up the cue and carrying on with various saucer sightings, features, and what not.

There have been some goings-on in and around IFSB, but we do not believe them to have much to do with the solution of the saucer mystery. Since that last issue, special investigator Roberts has kept up a continuous barrage of requests for some of the metal from Joe Barbieri. For the convenience of Mr. Roberts and anyone else who wants to force the issue---the Director is the only civilian now in possession of any of the metal and any requests may be referred to her. Not that it will do any good. We feel we are capable of giving saucer enthusiasts a square deal. There has been so much skulduggery (Con't on page 5, Col. 2)

We hesitate to include the following under the masthead of the Grapevine page, but inasmuch as the man involved declined to allow his name to be used, it must be labeled rumor. However, the material was forwarded to us by member Ross Graham whom we consider to be very reliable, and unless he was fed a very pretty line, (which hardly seems likely) we have more evidence for the interplanetary travel theory.

First, we'd like to thank Ross for his long letter and the following information and promise that certainly a letter in answer will go out as soon as this issue of the Bulletin goes into the mails.

We quote: "Through a mutual friend, I met a Burbank man who says he has a civilian job under the Air Force at a large aircraft manufacturing company, observing 8 hours a day with latest radar equipment. He says he is watching discs all the time, has measured them up to 25,000 miles per hour, tells of mother ships often standing motionless 24 hours very high up, how once 8 discs left a mother ship and four went one way and 3 another way and one straight up, and hours later all arrived back at the same time and from the same directions and re-entered the ship. He says they never make round turns but always absolutely sharp-corner turns. He says often a chain of several radar stations, in contact by radio, will follow a disc from maybe San Francisco to San Diego in a minute or so, each station telling the next one where to pick it up. He says the above can be printed in the Bulletin, but his name cannot be used (I suppose this would mean it couldn't be rated as anything more than the equivalent of a rumor, to go in the Grapevine), and is not interested in becoming an APRO member. He said he knew highly secret things about discs that would 'frighten' me or anyone, and started to enlarge on this a little, and then seemed to catch himself and changed the subject. He feels that it is entirely proper that higher-ups should decide that we ordinary people dare not be told the truth, because there would be hysteria, riots, chaos, etc., and mentioned the Orson Welles broadcast as an illustration (not a comparable case, of course). Our mutual friend agrees with him 100% on this." End of quote.

It has been customary in this

line of endeavor (we mean saucer investigation) to expect to run in to people such as this man who claims to know so much. When they know a little, they tend to magnify their own knowledge by inference and then proceed to brag about it. If it would scare Mr. Graham, why doesn't it scare this fellow who pretends to know so much? No, we believe that what he divulged was all he knew, and that his implications that he had access to highly secret information is all his own imagination and tends to offset the fact that he knows so little about his own job.

This is the only rumor we have to offer, so we'll have to close down our Grapevine for this issue. It is encouraging to note that there are fewer rumors and more facts to deal with of late.\*\*\*\*\*

#### SENATOR McCARTHY INVESTIGATES CENSORSHIP OF SAUCER SIGHTING NEWS

In October the Director wrote to Senator McCarthy lamenting the lack of saucer sighting news on the news wires (AP and UP) and asked that the Senator investigate the possibility of an agreement between said wire services and the AF to the effect that sighting reports be confined to local areas and papers and not carried on the news wires. The Director cited the fact that since August there have been numerous sightings which were very important but which did not get to the general public for some odd reason.

Mr. McCarthy answered, stating that he would do as requested, and within a few days a letter was received from him saying that an enclosed letter from Brig. General Joe Kelly of Legislative Liaison of the Air Force would be self-explanatory. It was evident to the Director by the contents of said letter that the Air Force does not mind lying in the least.

What we thought was an opportunity to bring to bear pressure which is supposed to have been so effective in the field of exposure of Communism in the United States Government turned out to be a mockery of investigation.

It will do absolutely no good to write Mr. McCarthy again and request that he pursue the subject farther, so we have given up that angle for now. We will now attempt to give the high points of that letter to Mr. McCarthy. That letter was

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(con't from page 1) investigation was initiated by a group of people who operate under the same "Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Inquiry" (SPACE) and who are almost entirely a local outfit dedicated to the collecting of information regarding flying saucers and also tending to the huge job of seeing that all interested persons can obtain any pertinent information which they might have. The president, Frank Suraci, is a member of APRO as is Joe Barbieri, their Research Director. These men are very honest and sincere in their quest of the big answer, and have been very cooperative. We wish to say at this time that each and every member of APRO owes a debt of gratitude to such a group considering the fact that there is so much hoarding of information by groups and individuals in the saucer business.

On August 22nd, Barbieri and Mr. August Roberts investigated the sign and each lopped off a couple of pieces of the metal which bore bits of yellowish metal imbedded around the gaping hole. (Please keep Mr. Roberts in mind--he enters in later in another phase of this same incident). They found the hole to be roughly one foot in diameter, and the metal had 'burst apart' like the petals of a blooming rose where the object emerged from the sign. The paper on the other side had not been scorched, and a girder which bisected the hole was undamaged, proving that the object had been very small, much smaller than the hole itself. The sign was the property of the United Advertising Co.

One member contacted a close friend, a well-known professor, with analysis of the stuff in mind. He said that he had neither time nor equipment to analyze the metal. Local testing labs quoted prices ranging from \$25 to \$150 depending on unforeseen difficulties. One of these was the Haller Laboratory, and the Yale Laboratory said that no outside work could be accepted. Barbieri decided the prices were out of his range and decided to call the FBI. The local FBI office said it was a case for the local police, even stated the thing might have been a hoax, home-made bomb or war-souvenir. They would not analyze nor recommend a laboratory to do the work.

Mr. Barbieri, on the advice of a friend, asked the United Sign Corporation for the whole sign, which he got. On August 29th, the sign company told him that he could come and pick up the sign. The 'metal' part of the steel containing the metal deposits were gone. Mr. Barbieri then began sending (as was the policy of SPACE) reports and clippings to all similar organizations who might have been interested. This is the point where APRO entered the scene. The Direc-

tor immediately dispatched word that if a metal sample were forwarded to APRO, this organization would have it analyzed, and a copy of the report would be immediately sent on to Barbieri and SPACE. Others who offered assistance were Max Miller of FSI, Elliot Rockmore, Cray Barker, and of all people the man who claims to have all the answers including actual physical contact with flying saucer inhabitants (who, he claims, care human) George Adamski, himself. We still are unable to figure why he would particularly be interested in this phase of saucer research inasmuch as he already is on the 'inside'.

The head of the local high school science department, John Avery, was frankly puzzled when Barbieri showed the metal to him, advised Barbieri to take it to Dr. Dirk Brouwer, head of the Yale observatory. Brouwer, when confronted with the metal admitted frankly that with the available evidence it would be rather difficult to prove that the object had been a meteorite. Dr. Wagge, assistant curator for the Peabody Museum in New Haven, recommended contact with Dr. Harvey H. Nininger of Arizona, who is said to be the world's foremost meteorite expert, and who directs the American Meteorite Museum at Sedona, Arizona.

Mr. Barbieri then remembered the case of Mr. John Ostrum, whose lumber truck had been struck by a brilliant silver object on July 30, 1947 near Tamarack, Idaho. Barbieri immediately wrote to Ostrum for any pertinent details.

On Friday, Sept. 18, Barbieri talked to Capt. McSherry of the New Haven Police department. McSherry stated the case still unsolved, invited Barbieri to investigate to his heart's content. He then visited the precinct which handled the case, read the report made by Donald Melvin, noted: "No wires--- burns, powdermarks---no clues." On September 28 pieces of the metal were sent to Coral Lorenzen, Director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. The next day a letter arrived from Dr. Nininger, head of the American Meteorite Museum of Sedona, Arizona, saying that he would visit the scene of the explosion at the end of the year. On September 30, a letter from John Ostrum arrived and he stated that the metal which was deposited on the cab of his truck had been taken for analysis by the FBI and that one year later they told him it had turned out to be six times harder than steel. However, the FBI did not attempt to enlarge on the origin of the object.

The foregoing is, in brief, the details of the 'New Haven fireball incident as far as the New Haven episode is concerned. The next of this episode takes place at APRO

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headquarters in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

After receiving the metals, the headquarters groups held a conference as to the method of determining the make-up of the strange metal deposits. Needless to say, the deposits were quite small. The Director finally sent the pieces to the Anderson Laboratories, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for chemical analysis. On October, she and her husband drove to Milwaukee and on the 19th visited the laboratories, received the report and talked to the chemist who had executed the analysis. The report was that the inclusions were mainly copper with constituents in too small amounts to be analysed. Judging from the appearance of the sample, Mr. Buchholz, chief chemist, said that he was led to believe that the metal was in a molten form when it struck and could not have been rolled in for the paint was not disturbed--- and by the same token could not have been pounded in. Also, the pits were of all sizes and shapes--- no two alike, and the yellow metal seemed to be evenly distributed throughout the crater-like pits, and there was a definite burr on the edge of the craters where the steel had been pushed up to make room for the hot copper metal.

The Director then went to United Press along with the UP representative who had accompanied her and her husband to Anderson Laboratories, and proceeded to write the final details for a press wire story. The story was sent out Wednesday morning, October 21st.

Upon arriving back in Sturgeon Bay the Director then went about inquiring about a dependable spectrographic lab to which to send the metal for a more thorough and decisive analysis. She picked the Chicago Spectrographic Lab. in Chicago, sent the sample with specific instructions that the piece was 20-gauge galvanized steel, and that the inclusions were mainly copper; that she was interested primarily in learning the identity of the other constituents, if any, in the copper inclusions. The report which came back told her what she already knew and what she had informed them was the case when she submitted the sample. Whether or not she was interfered with is not known at the present time, but she will refuse to pay the cost of the analysis and unless a satisfactory analysis is done, plans to bring suit against the company for negligence. The latest correspondence with Chicago Spectro states that because copper alloying constituents are found in galvanizing zinc, it does not believe it to be possible to identify the other constituents of the copper material.

A simple matter of analyzing the

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sample, of steel, learning all constituents, then doing an analysis of the whole sample, plus a little subtraction and quantitative analysis should do the trick. Because they do not seem to know all that they should know about their own business, we intend to give them a few hints, and then if they do not come through, legal action will be taken. We have it on good advice from a qualified source that the method we recommend would work.

And so we end that particular phase of the case of the New Haven fireball for this time. Other branch-offs of the same incident will be found elsewhere in this issue. \*\*\*\*\*

THE EDITORIAL (Con't from Page 2)

among many of those supposedly idealistic individuals working on the saucer question that we decided that we can now bare our claws and show willingness to do battle. Any takers?

Seriously, though, we believe that APRO has been instrumental in the past and will be so in the future, in helping to break the big story. We now would like to quote various phrases from the latest letter asking for samples of the New Haven metal, from August Roberts to Joe Barbieri, dated October 31, 1953. Roberts states that he wants to trade a 'key' to some mysterious writing contained in the saucer book by Adamski, that it is much more valuable than the metal, and that he wants the metal purely so that he can have some proof 'if someone comes after him' when he writes and finishes the story of the New Haven incident. An interesting quote follows: "This much I can tell you. The part of the sentence that we have broken down doesn't read the way you want it to read. It's not very nice and has a bearing on the A-bomb and -----". Bender has led me to believe that it may have been what he has found out, and is now shut up for." Another: "Just do me a favor and don't tell Bender that I am going to write this story. If he was sick over what he learned about the disks, he is going to be a lot sicker when he reads what I have written." Looks like there might be a little bad blood between our two friends, Bender and Roberts, does it not? We do know this much: Bender did not have anything until the New Haven incident and the indications are that he still doesn't. Bender doesn't want Roberts to write the story but Roberts intends to anyhow. We'll bet that all the yapping about mysterious 'higher sources' is merely camouflage to cover up the fact that they fouled up an important point, and Roberts' attempt to secure more of the metal indicates that he has no proof to back the 'story' he intends to sell. He is now keeping company with one Jim Mosely who is supposed to be (Con't. on Page 6)

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gathering material for a book to hit print in January and dealing with saucers. It is also supposed to be written by a Ken Kreppene. They secured the name and address of the Director and wouldn't be surprised to see them around any day. This should be enjoyable, too.

The whole mystery has not been cleared up to the satisfaction of APRO headquarters workers, but it is fast coming to a conclusion. We do believe that APRO struck a fatal blow when the metal analysis which was proof of the solidity of that particular saucer, was aired via United Press. Since then, a feature on APRO has been used, and now that Canada has announced the initiation of her big saucer-hunting station, anything can happen. We can just sit and gloat, though, for we believe that along with SPACE, we helped start the ball rolling.

An afterthought without which this story would be greatly lacking, is that the supposedly serious information supposedly gathered by Bender cannot be so serious or mystifying inasmuch as the source nebulously named by Bender seems to be intending to divulge it eventually. This is evident in Space Review's statement that the 'source' advised IFSB that this was not the time nor SPACE REVIEW the method by which to divulge this information. This is not a valid objection, for merely printing any saucer news in Space Review would not break the story. Outsiders seldom read saucer investigators' periodicals and would not consider anything printed therein to be the gospel, anyway. Sour grapes?---nehhh---just common sense.\*\*\*\*\*

CANADA'S SAUCER HUNT (Con't from Page One)

Something very noticeable and perhaps pertinent is a few lines inserted by writer Harold Greer in the Star, and we quote: "Project Magnet researchers have found that flying saucer reports have come in flurries about two years apart. It may or may not be significant that they have occurred when the planet Mars has been in opposition to the earth and that reports have been most frequent when Mars reaches it's closest point to the earth." (Editor's note: This theory was expounded in the editorial section of APRO'S September 15 Bulletin, and since then these same facts have been corroborated by a group of amateur astronomers in Phoenix, Arizona, plus the above quoted statement by the Star.)

Mr. Smith (he is the star of this show) stated that he is convinced that man will eventually be able to navigate space, and that he sees no reason to doubt that beings elsewhere have already done so. He feels that the public should know of this possibility and it's cooperation sought in obtaining accurate observations of unusual phenomena. (Edi-

tor's note: We stated in our first Bulletin that we believed the U. S. Skywatch was initiated for that purpose as well as to serve as a warning system in case of war.)

Also included in the Toronto Star article was a possible way to overcome the terrific G's caused by the radical turns and fast acceleration of the saucers should humans be able to build one. Quote: "Researchers believe the cabin of the flying disc could be completely filled with water containing at least 10 per cent oxygen. Human lungs would act as fish gills, and a person could breath such a solution reasonable comfortably." (Editor's note: We hope they experiment with our brothers, the monkey family first, for we believe that inasmuch as man was never intended to breathe a fluid, it would not be possible. However, another way out would be to encase the pilot in an airtight suit, then suspend him in fluid in the cabin. This seems as though it would serve the same purpose.)

Another statement was quite surprising: "Mr. Smith's personal belief that saucer sightings are related to alien vehicles, probably powered by electromagnetic propulsion, and coming from outer space, may at least be argued consistently." Another bit of conjecture included: "There is a 60 per cent probability that the objects are alien vehicles, a 10 per cent probability that they originate on the earth, and a 30 per cent probability that they constitute something of which man knows and can conceive absolutely nothing--for example, some form of life other than protoplasm." (Editor's note again: We brought this up some time ago but referred to the probability as 'interdemensional travel'.)

All in all, it seems that the Canadians at least have the guts to say what they think---U. S. scientists have been hamstrung from the beginning because of a fear (baseless or not) that their professional status would be open to ridicule were they to embrace such 'unconventional' ideas.

The Director would like to apologize for not answering so many letters and cards within the past two months. The fact of the matter is that investigation of the New Haven fireball mystery, the letters involved, etc., have kept her on the go constantly. We know that we promised an on-time Bulletin, but also believe members want as informative a Bulletin as possible so held up printing in order to accomodate all information. Also, the special issue took some time which ordinarily would have been put on the regular issue. From now on until the end we would like the permission of the members to conserve on paper and time by answering only those letters which warrant an immediate answer. We hope everyone is proud of this issue.\*\*\*\*

McCARTHY (Con't from Page 3)

was addressed to Mr. McCarthy but obviously meant for the Director. Evidently McCarthy wrote to the general from whom he received his information and the report and asked him point-blank if this sort of underhanded play had been going on. Forewarned is forearmed, and whether or not this has anything to do with it, the UP called the D. almost immediately and asked for a feature on APRO. Unfortunately for the Air Force, the metal analysis was ready and she handed that over at the same time. It got nationwide coverage and another saucer season was on it's way. Bet by now there are a few Air Force men and stooges including Professor Hynek who wish they had never seen or heard of Coral E. Lorenzen or APRO. The letter Mr. McCarthy received from Brig. General Joe W. Kelly, Director of USAF Legislative Liaison had the following interesting excerpts. Quote:

"The AF has no agreement with the AP or the UP whereby these organizations do not print stories concerning 'flying saucers'. Our investigations of unusual aerial phenomena have produced nothing which (hold your noses and roll up your pant legs, kids---here we go again) we believe cannot be explained and understood as more is learned about occurrences in the upper atmosphere. As far as is known (note that phrase, and carefully read following) there is nothing in the aerial phenomena that is associated with material or vehicles that are directed against the United States from another country or from other planets." We do not necessarily maintain, do we, that these things are 'directed against the U.S.' That phrase inserted conveniently at that place in the sentence makes the whole letter worth absolutely nothing so far as information is concerned.

The report forwarded with the above quoted letter was the same old junk, but a couple of sentences did interest us. They are as follows: "Subsequent to December, 1949 these investigations have been conducted as a normal intelligence function rather than a special project by ATIC. There remained, however, a number of unexplained sightings, and the AF has continued it's investigations inasmuch as it is an AF responsibility to identify and analyze aerial phenomena that could possibly be a menace to the United States. (In other words, they assume in their letter to McCarthy by inference that the things are not a menace to the U.S. but in the report allow for the possibility that they could be.) "To date no pattern has materialized to reveal anything whatsoever which can be in-

terpreted as indicative of purpose or consistency or which he can construed as a menace to the United States.

"Reports of similar phenomena go back to Biblical times. There have been flurries of them in various centuries. The current series of sightings began generally in 1946. (Aha---so they are aware of those old ones, have investigated them, and we'll bet were collecting them in 1946.)

"Although primary significance is attached to reports from qualified observers, there is no intention to discredit untrained observers. (We'll wager again that 90 per cent of civilian sightings are listed with the 80% designated as reflections, calloons, misconceptions and all that tripe.)

"It is fairly well established that some of these images are ground objects reflected from a layer of warm air above the earth. (a temperature inversion)." (Ed.'s note: W. B. Smith stated in the article in the Toronto Star that: 'The geometry of the theory won't hold water and the source of the light of the ground objects being picked up would have to be tremendously powerful---so much so that they could not escape normal observation.' Unquote.

After thoroughly denying any connection between secret projects and the flying saucers the AF report concludes with the assinine, yet cleverly evasive statement which we have quoted in the opposite column, paragraph two, pertaining to 'directed against the U. S.' and so forth. The Director has not as yet answered the letter, but has outlined a rebuttal of every paragraph in the letter and the report. It is doubtful that an answer will be forthcoming, although she will request one, of course.\*\*\*\*\*

#### BOOK REVIEWS

The book review by Fritz Leiber in the Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books is about the same as our own viewpoint of the Leslie-Adamski attempt at saucer literature. Done very cleverly it is as follows: "The book (pardon me while I put on a false beard and phone for police protection) is one of those courageous attempts to hypo old superstitions with the vital fluid of new scientific discovery. Leslie, author of the first part of 'The Flying Saucers Have Landed' is one of those who make a specialty of proving to Americans that the universe is so darned cosmic they never understand it! He ends up by tying in the flying saucers with the Egyptian pyramids and ancient Indian religion. The author of the second part of this book is George Adamski of Palomar. Later on it turns out that he (Con't on page 8, Col. 1)

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lives behind a cafe on the lower slopes of Mount Palomar. He sometimes sees as many as 200 flying saucers a night. Once, one landed and a beautiful girlish man with long hair came out and acted over so friendly. Adamski photographs saucers all the time. They look exactly like old light fixtures, the sort with three globes hanging down from the ceiling. Considering the great importance of space flight as an ideal for humanity, it is disheartening that publishers lend their imprint to such junk." Unquote. Nice job, Mr. Leibor.

We announced in the September Bulletin that we would read and review Adamski's book and asked that members put off buying it until we had run the interference course. We have, and we strongly recommend that any and all refrain from wasting the money---it just simply isn't worth the money.

"The Flying Saucers from Outer Space" is a horse of another color, a shoe of another foot or however it can be adequately put. We recognize Mr. Keyhoe as the outstanding civilian expert on saucers who has the ability to put his ideas, convictions and evidence down in a book in a very interesting, but all the same factual manner. Mr. Keyhoe has the privilege and ability to delve into Air Force reports and come up with the ones which are most descriptive of the quandary the Air Force is in and which best prove the reality and probability of the interplanetary nature of the discs. We disagree with him on only one point. Both religious men whom he consulted concerning the possible religious aspects of an announcement declaring the discs to be 'out of this world' gave what we consider to be the most crackpot answer possible. It is not necessary to go into the question of Christ, the Cross, the Sacrifice, etc.--and certainly not Catholic dogma relating to dispensation of grace, etc. This is only putting the cart before the horse. Why not wait (if possible) until contact is made and learn about their religious beliefs. Maybe they are not aware of a creator, maybe they are not included in this little game which man has been playing for centuries. This may seem very atheistic to some members, but that assumption is not at all true. This writer only acknowledges that there is a God, a Creator---an all-mighty intelligence. Beyond that there is no proof whatsoever other than that a man lived 1953 years ago (approximately) who was a good man and inspired. We've often wondered how the minds of those who believe in all that goes with religion, yet doubt the actuality of

the existence of flying saucers, even when the evidence is at hand, to inspect---we wonder how those minds function. Compartmental thinking, we believe it is called.

The above tirade is primarily to dispute these fear-inspired individuals who would interpret the greatest event in the history of the earth as a chaotic event. We say, "Let us view this situation with open minds and let religion take care of itself when the time comes."

So much for Keyhoe's book although we could go on forever. Do buy it---it is worth every cent. APPRO TO DELVE INTO OTHER MYSTERIES OF THE SKIES

The following is a word for word quote from a letter received from news commentator Frank Edwards of Mutual on November 28, 1953:

Dear Mrs. Lorenzens:

Thank you very much for your kindness in keeping me advised with regard to the New Haven incident and others. Without the continuing help of yourself and others in the field I would have little or no news to report in this category, since the wires are obviously under wraps.

Let me say, however, that I now have two letters from a group of top scientists engaged in secret government work. They tell me that after years of analysis and study of the available evidence, they are convinced that these things are interplanetary.

It is up to us to keep working until we can come up with such incontrovertible evidence that even the Air Force will have to admit what others already suspect and believe.

Remember the strange fall of black skin-like material that covered a twenty-acre field in Washington early this year? I managed to get a few samples before it was systematically plowed under. Would your group like to have them? Sincerely Yours,

Frank Edwards

Of course all of you will suspect that the Director sent for the material poste-haste and an analysis will be attempted. Although this cannot come under the category of flying saucers there is no doubt that it is aerial phenomena and therefore our duty to investigate.

Mr. Edwards also enclosed a photostatic copy of the Arizona Republic for October 21 in which the story of the three amateur astronomers and their findings regarding the coincidence of saucer influxes and Mars-Earth oppositions appeared. An attempt will be made to reproduce the accompanying diagram in the next Bulletin for the convenience of all the members.\*\*\*\*\*

## SAUCER BANDWAGON

By Coral E. Lorenzen

According to all indications and despite Air Force wire service censorship, it looks like saucer fans will be treated to a liberal portion of their favorite fare---saucer sightings and features. The following are the gleanings since last Bulletin and we will try to be brief in order to get all the important sightings into this issue.

ROCKETS, published by the United States Rocket Society listed DOUBT by the Fortean Society, and "Space Review as saucer publications, and APRO was listed along with other organizations cooperating with SPACE of New Haven, Connecticut.

Adamski and Leslie's book got a lot of publicity but we won't go into the facts here as it is listed among the book reviews. However, when Mr. Adamski appeared on the Art Linkletter morning show a few weeks ago, he stated that several other people were with him when he talked with the 'spaceman'. This does not jibe with the photostatic copy of the original news story in the Phoenix, Arizona Gazette. But then Adamski is constantly crossing himself up and contradicting his own statements. His book carries a statement to the effect that he is not and never has been connected with Mount Palomar. About time. The Wright-Patterson investigator and an astronomer were right, then, when they told the Director some time ago that the Air Force had told him to stop using the title of Professor and to start designating his position as far as Mount Palomar was concerned.

The MILWAUKEE SENTINEL kindly printed a letter by the Director in their Oct. 6 issue in which she strongly protested the evident press censorship. She listed several reports which she considers to be important (including the New Haven incident and the bright yellow fireballs of Sequoia Kings Park as examples. The article was well received and she received many letters in reference to it, plus bids for membership.

The Sept. 3 issue of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune carried a special feature which asked: "Where were Discs This Summer?" Perpetrated by the AF itself, the article is the usual bilge. It states that the expected hot-weather influx did not come, that they are not a menace anyway, not from space, but they still don't know what they are. The most idiotic of all of them to date. The percentage of unexplained reports has fallen from 20 to 10 % of the overall total.

Only 250 reports during month of July as compared to 1,700 last year. (We would like to insert a comment here---either Wright-Patterson is inconsistent or their adding machines are faulty---their totals keep fluctuating). In the same breath they said reports of eerie lights and whizzing discs (just another cute way of saying saucers) have dropped 50% this year. (Now we ask---is 250 really 50% of one thousand, seven hundred? Guess we'll get our old physics textbooks out, brush up on our calculus and check on that. After all, they do employ physicists who are master mathematicians, we hear.)

Of course, everyone is familiar with the big spread about Keyhoe's book in LOOK magazine. Outside of the insidious editorial notes it was fine, a good preview of the book. We would, however, like to call attention to the fact that outside of the ballyhoo LOOK magazine paid for in order to sell that issue, the Press carried very little on the book, compared to the reviews and generous lauding of Menzel's masterpiece of distorted fact and underhanded diagnosis of discs.

Although some may not think so, the recent article titled OPERATION UFO and announced as the official truth about FLYING SAUCERS on the front of the AMERICAN WEEKLY magazine for November 22 was a good dissertation for the following reasons: 1. It completely did away with the temperature inversion reflection theory when it stated: "Reflected lights, mirror images and the like, do not send back radar returns. It takes a fairly dense mass to do that." The article had just stated that authorities, direly pressed for an explanation, latched onto the temperature inversion dodge in order to get off the hook. 2. The sentence, "It is a high proportion of the total when nearly a fifth of the Things are officially certified to be---apparently---vari-sized illuminated shapes, evidently solids, that travel at speeds never achieved by human beings but giving every indication of being guided by intelligent minds." The only thing wrong with the sentence is the insert of the word---'apparently'.

CONCLUSION: The Air Force, thru it's partner, Navy Research is going to get into the good graces of the public so that it won't be on the short end when the Canadians start giving a few results. It might create an international situation if the U. S. Air Force intimated that Canadian scientist and researchers are wrong, you know.\*\*\*\*

# RECENT SIGHTINGS

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Sightings are definitely on the increase as is evidenced by the following reports. Nevertheless, please keep them coming--we can use them.

**AUGUST 13 Sydney, Australia.** George Douglas and Max Garland and others saw object trailing blue flame and showing two white lights at 9:15 p.m. Traveling very fast, the object was estimated by Garland and Douglas to be at 15,000 ft. altitude. Mascot Airbase said no planes up, weather bureau also stated no balloons in the area. Garland stated the object circled for a while, then shot away. A couple of minutes later they saw it again. No description beyond that of the lights.

**August, 28, the AZORES.** Various persons saw over one of the Azores Islands, an object of great luminosity which traveled at great speed and travelling from south to north. No noise. (This is rough translation of Portuguese clipping).

**July, GREENFIELD, MASS.** Mr. Daniel Downey and father saw two objects with jet trails while they were shingling house. They looked like small specks, stopped overhead and hovered for 15 minutes before turning at right angles to their original line of flight and departing at high rate of speed.

**August, GREENFIELD MASS.** Vera Jackson and friend watched a small light maneuver over some trees north of Greenfield. She said it was definitely nothing conventional, no plane, balloon, or a 'will-o-the-wisp.'

**October 2, GREENFIELD, MASS.** Several people attending drive-in theater saw object described as looking like a 'badminton bird', or a glowing red cigar streamlined at rear. It suddenly appeared overhead and moved across the sky, disappearing behind the screen.

**Late August, NEW HAVEN, CONN.** Mr. and Mrs. Newton, and a Miss Gill saw white, glowing, whirling object come out of west, circle airport and disappear fast. On the same date (not exact, but on a Sunday evening) another New Haven woman reports seeing white, round, whirling, object outside of her windows. At the same time the window curtains in her room stood straight out in a horizontal position.

During late August, again, and near NEW HAVEN, CONN., farmer said a brilliant disc came over, and it

caused much excitement among his farm animals.

**August 30, 1952 (old sighting)** St. CHARLES SCOTTA LAKE, MAINE. Lt. James J. Anderson, M.D. saw object described as large flying par with rotating handle. Moving slower than conventional aircraft. It appeared in west at 60 degrees elevation, was in sight five minutes at least, disappeared at least at 70 degrees in the Northwest. Large, well-defined mass, no maneuvers, no sound, trails. Clear day, few clouds--object first appeared out of the clouds.

**Sept. 2, PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA** T. C. Drury, Dept. Nat. Director of Civil Aviation snapped photo of what he believed to be a guided missile. No clear description given. Had a camera with telescopic lens. (movie). Taking pictures at home, no clouds in sky. Suddenly he saw a cloud form out of nowhere, then a silver object came out of it. It flashed in the sun, left vapor trails---Drury said it must have been large to be visible from evident great height. Also said, "could only describe it as a flying missile, because nothing else could fit the description."

**MILWAUKEE, WIS. September 3.** At 4 p. m. strange object sighted by Joseph Kamermayer, son Joseph, Mrs. George Bock and 2 children. Traveling slowly, size of small plane, it seemed to be at height of conventional plane, and colorful. Once in a while gang-plank-like affair would appear and disappear only to reappear elsewhere on it. It came out of the west, traveled east in a straight course, in sight about ten minutes. Kamermayer describes the yellow and dark-like about the border and toward center of it.

**Sept. 22, BADAXE, MICHIGAN.** Object flashing red, white, green lights seen over this town of 2600 population by several people. It seemed to land in old, abandoned gravel pit, then rise vertically and disappear. Made noise like humming motor.

**Sept. 28, MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA.** Long, silver, rocket-like object trailing flames zoomed over these states. In sight 20 seconds. It changed course once---astronomers say it couldn't have been a meteor. Further reports indicate it was also seen in Mass., Vermont, R. I., New York and New Jersey. Seen and recorded by the Ground Observers who said it changed color rapidly

RECENT SIGHTINGS (Con't. from page 10) and was flying at low altitude. Yale U. said no one on duty there saw the object but from description, it must have been a meteor. Reports of plane crash came in throughout the state of Vermont and Connecticut. First part of this report from Frank Edwards broadcast, second from the New-Haven Courier. It could be that a saucer and a meteor were in the same vicinity at the same time, or that the meteor story was just another cover-up.

Sept. 28, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Authorities blame 'routine but spectacular jet plane tactic' for the mighty blast accompanied by a bright red flash in the sky that startled hundreds of persons in San Francisco and other bay area cities. Booming sound heard at 7:45 in Richmond, Marina, authorities 'believe' the blast caused when jet pilot 'kicked' in his after-burner to ignite accumulated fuel. (Ed. note: We wonder what happened to the plane and pilot after the terrific crash and the flash were over? This is definitely another explaining-away deal. Experienced jet pilots will laugh themselves sick at this one.)

October 14, WAUKEGAN, ILL. Object showing row of windows glided noiselessly over this town at estimated altitude of 1200 feet.

October 19 Passenger plane proceeding from Maryland to Washington encountered brilliant light which seemed as though about to ram the plane. Pilot put plane into a dive. Object estimated to be 1500 feet away, no form seen behind the light. Passengers shaken up by the maneuver, examined in hospital, but no one was hurt.

Oct. 23, ALBANY, N. Y. Two Albany women saw what they described as a 'shiny oval' or an 'elongated ball' at about 9 or 9:30 a. m., traveling south. Object seemed to be following 4-engine plane, and was 'flying high'---much higher than plane, much smaller, and had no 'projections'. They said plane made no effort to avoid object, although it flew in front, alongside, and to the side of it.

Oct. 24, NEW HAVEN, CONN. Bright silvery object seen by A. Barton Simeon and Robt. McCormack of Cheshire while Simeon's yacht was near Charles Island, Milford. Object large and round and traveling at high speed. First spotted in clear sky, estimated at 15,000 alt., it disappeared behind cloud bank which Simeon estimated to be 10 to 15 miles away from spot where first seen. This took only about 40 seconds.

Reappearing from clouds, object visible for about 10 seconds, then disappeared completely. Men made report to filter center.

Oct. 25, 1953, NEW HAVEN, CONN. A loud, shrill whistle was heard over an estimated 100-square-mile area between 8 and 10 p. m. Confused authorities said it might have come from routine generator starting up. Workmen doing the starting did not hear whistle. Explanation that the units had not been used over the week end and in starting them, steam hissed and rose skyward when unusual atmospheric conditions amplified the sound. Spokesman for United Illuminating Company where generators are located said starting operation of generators or turbines a weekly one and noise never heard before. Said when he heard of it, did not think it was UI's plant until superintendent called to tell him about it. (Looks like he opened his mouth too quick. Audio engineer consulted by national headquarters to explain this said the described amplification by atmospheric conditions impossible to the extent that it could be heard over a large area.)

Oct. 25, PARI, ITALY. (AP) An airplane still cloaked in mystery was reported to have landed Oct. 24 at Brindisi military airbase with four persons aboard. Unofficial reports stated Army Investigators found powerful aerial camera but no documents to identify four crewmen or passengers. Inquiries met with: "Investigation under way by authorities and for security reasons no information can be given."

(About Oct. 28) GAASTRA, MICH. Two boys sight object high in sky at dusk, said it seemed to spin, radiate first red, gold, blue, and green and white light. Object would move near and then ebb into distance. Seen in south, soon it moved swiftly to east and disappeared.

Nov. 2, SAN LEANDRO, CALIF. Scores of city blocks showered with soot which swirled in like snow at 6 a. m., covering autos, drifting through open windows into homes, City Hall, police offices and covering papers and files. 'Black snow' stopped in ten minutes and police figured industrial plant chimney might have caused it all. (Oh, Dear, here we go again with the same old tripe. The least these 'authorities' could do would be to think about it long enough to be able to give it a sensible explanation.)

GREAT BRITAIN, Nov. 3. Sergeant and assistants testing radar set observe (continued next page)

A LETTER to one of APRO's members from a well-known American Scientist (we must out of good faith conceal this man's identity for he was not aware that he would be quoted when he wrote the letter) states, and we quote: "I have been investigating such reports for 30 years and can bring some material that was actually recovered from the observer described as a craft similar to a bomber. That the material came from the 'craft' he saw, there can be no doubt. I'll let you judge as to it's source. I have seen no terrestrial substance like it. \*\*\*\*\*"

RECENT SIGHTINGS (Con't from Page Eleven) intense blip far greater than for conventional planes. According to the set, it was white and circular or spherical in color. Signal persisted for 15 minutes, then object sped off over countryside at 60,000 ft. alt. Two RAF officers flying a jet at 20,000 ft. saw the saucer-shaped object which they said appeared to be a huge spheroid giving off or reflecting fierce light and passed their plane at tremendous speed. Essex woman said she sighted a 'mysterious object' in night sky on the same day and again two days later. Object seen in telescope by one of the soldiers on duty at the radar set. He said it looked like a tennis ball and metallic.

Week of Nov. 15, HAMMOND, OHIO. Earl Pencey, owner of a greenhouse, reported seeing object estimated at 30 feet long, oblong, glowing, move over his greenhouse and land nearby. It had a white light which it shown on the ground prior to landing, and the greenhouse lights dimmed as the object went over. Humming sound heard, also. Apparently landed or nearly so. Seen by several people beside Pencey who did not try to go near it. When state police arrived to investigate the object was gone.

FRANK EDWARDS, who is a source of some of our sighting material, and to whom we submit material for broadcast, announced on November 24 that 'within a few days the Air Force will release some of it's sightings, 30% of which not easily explained, about 50% explained by conventional objects, etc., and 15% of which cannot be explained at all. Many very important sightings will be left out deliberately, he said.

Edwards also quoted paragraphs from letters from two groups of scientists working on the FS mystery for government, who state that Air Force has evidence that same are observation vessels definitely of an extra-terrestrial origin, but that the information is being withheld from the people.

New Air Force release recently out states that 75 diffraction grating cameras have been distributed among military installations in 33 states where saucers have been commonly seen. The cameras, of course, will break up the lights of the saucers into their component parts and register them on film, later to be analyzed. The usual hogwash about the percentage which are general UFO's, etc., is included before the article is terminated. What we would like to know is this: "If the saucers don't exist, why go to all the trouble, and use so much of the taxpayer's hard-earned and begrudgingly paid taxes to buy expensive cameras?"

The Air Force has also stated,

(this came through Paul Harvey, radio commentator) that the saucers are not secret weapons (that is taken for granted,) and that they have no material evidence that the things are interplanetary. They also have said (Frank Edwards source) that the Utah films described in Keyhoe's book were merely seagulls maneuvering high above the ground (at a speed of 400 m. p. h.?). If seagulls are capable of that, I suggest that the Air Force put them under contract and use them instead of guided missiles. The seagulls here in Sturgeon Bay aren't that fast, the potlikkers. But then maybe the Utah variety is more swift.

A letter from Dean Hickman of Ohio Northern University informs us that he will do a spectrographic and chemical analysis for us for free on the New Haven metal, and described the method by which it could successfully be done, which coincided with our instructions to the Chicago Spectro Laboratory which has not answered our last letter. We know for sure now that they were 'reached'.

One of APRO's members has received a nasty letter from one of IFSB's directors which, according to common psychology, indicates that our theory regarding IFSB was correct. Truth hurts, sometimes. That particular member was accused of speculating that IFSB had a backer. He did not---we did. And our information came from a former member of IFSB. So there!

LAST MINUTE SIGHTING: Leonard Kuskubar, former radio operator engineer in Marines, and Jack W. Shafer of Sturgeon Bay saw a brilliant orange round light in sky near Milwaukee at 6:50 p.m. November 29. At 45 degrees from horizon when first sighted, it was visible for 20 seconds as it descended, slowing as it did, then blinked out at about 5 degrees above the horizon. Shape changed from round to oval, then almost flat as it descended. Witnesses driving South, object seen in SWS. Checking for corroboration witnesses---some may be available.

Two jets crashed within 6 hours on Monday, Nov. 22. Based at Truxax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, the first crashed about noon, parachutes and canopy found one mile E of wreckage, parachutes torn, unopened. No bodies. Witnesses saw unidentified object near plane before it crashed. Second jet lost between 6 and 7 p. m. Sent to Soo Locks to track and identify unidentified aircraft, (the following is quoted from one newspaper story which was never, incidentally, repeated) "the jet was tracked on radar until it merged with an unidentified mass on the radar scope." It was not seen again.

We are now firmly convinced that flying saucers are interplanetary---we wait only for official confirmation. This should come soon.\*\*\*\*\*