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## HOT METAL BURNS ROAD

### frank Edwards HUSHED?!

Although there is no direct information or evidence of confirmation, the recent absence of Frank Edwards from his nightly post as news caster on Mutual Broadcasting System is taken by many as just another victory for the 'hush my mouf, there ain't no saucers! boys of the Pentagon. We have known Edwards to have been an avid saucer fan years before many of us know what the term 'flying saucer' meant.

Because Mr. Edwards has had a record of fastidiously fair reporting, and because we happen to know that the American Federation of Labor, his sponsor, was very well satisfied with his news reporting in the capital and throughout the nation, we are sure that the reason for Mr. Edwards' break with that union was because he refused to be censored regarding news of flying discs. Time will bear out whether or not this theory is correct.

Let's all now extend a hand of congratulations to Mr. Edwards--it takes a lot of intestinal fortitude to put ideals and respect for the

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### IN CALIF!

Burning chunks of metal described as ranging in size from a dime to a half dollar, red-hot and lined with some sort of asbestos material, was discovered over a patch of road 70 by 250 feet long by a resident of Woodside, California.

A woman motorist discovered the road 'ablaze', later resident of the area said he heard a loud explosion at 4:15, but upon running out to investigate, saw nothing unusual. It was shortly after this that the road was discovered ablaze. Immediately after, firemen discovered scores of small pieces of flaming metal in the road, and the road itself bubbling where the metal had imbedded itself. Twenty minutes later, the pieces were still red hot. The date: August 28, 1954.

The exact description of the mysterious metal was given thusly in the San Francisco Call-Bulletin: "They appear to be some kind of cast metal, irregularly shaped, about a quarter of an inch thick and ranging in size from a dime to a half-dollar. The edges of some of the pieces appeared to have been milled or 'worked' by a lathe. Indications are they are created by the explosion of some kind of cylindrical object because the individual pieces are concave. Waste material was clinging to some of the pieces. Volpiano (fire chief) said it was similar to asbestos. He also said the substance had been charred but not destroyed by the flaming metal. The stretch of Pavement where the shrapnel-like fragments were discovered is about 70 by 250 feet long." (Continued on Page Six, Col. Two)

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OSLO, NORWAY, August 25. Two Norwegian women, Mrs. Aasta Solvang and sister Edith Jacobsen claim they saw and talked to dark, long-haired pilot of saucer who attempted to communicate by drawing circles in ground and pointing skyward. They tried four languages, English, French, German and Norwegian, none of which he could understand. The saucer looked like 'two deep saucers sandwiched together', which he shoved then, opened the hatch, climbed in and disappeared at 'incredible speed'. The Oslo evening news said on August 27 that what the sisters really saw was a helicopter and American pilot named Dailly Faurot, who, according to a ground crew mechanic, had talked to two Norse women when he landed in the hills of Norway. On the same day, August 27, Omaha, Nebraska World-Herald said that Faurot denied the whole thing, said all he knew about it was what he read in the papers. Mrs. Faurot added that the description didn't fit her husband anyway, who has a crewcut. We only wonder who started the rumor to cover up this sighting--could it have been our 'silent' playmates in the Pentagon?\*\*\*\*\*

This month's editorial is being written about 4 weeks before issuing of the bulletin, therefore the following notice must be given:

Because of extreme distress as a result of illness in the family, the Director and her family will be moving from the Ceres, California location to another state. The new address, when it is definitely established, will be inserted in the box at the bottom of page nine just before printing time in the month of September.

Some of you will be curious as to the reason for this sudden move and because we know the rumor mill will begin to work overtime unless a full and satisfactory explanation is given, we make the following statement and plea:

Most of you know that the Director is plagued with an arthritic condition and that recently she was stricken with virus pneumonia. Because of the lingering effects of this particular duet, her Doctor has recommended that she take to the clean, clear, dry climate where conditions will be more conducive to a fast recovery. We hope that all members will fully realize that this move, especially at this time, will be a tremendous undertaking and also that keeping up with mailing, filing and issuing the bulletin will be quite a task.

Unless it is absolutely necessary, we again ask that members do not write to the Director and expect an answer. Since the American Magazine article, there have been scores of new members taken into APRO, tripling the already heavy paper work. So----during the next three months, keep your correspondence at an absolute minimum. This streak of bad luck in the Director's family can't last forever. In any event, the APRO Bulletin will be issued somehow so that members will be able to keep abreast of pertinent UFO news.

We do not attempt to shape the thoughts and attitudes of our members but recently have attempted to bring to their attention a gradual falling off the morals of the bulk of the world's population, and in particular that of the United States. Honesty is no longer a common virtue but more or less of a freak of nature. When we speak of falling morals we do not refer to the commonly overworked sins of the flesh theme, but rather to the sins and hypocracies of the mind and soul which have taken hold of mankind. We have become constantly aware of the revisions of the old, good laws which are the core

of all religions, by theologians and politicians alike, solely for expediency in modern living. Along with new progress in the machine and chemical age, has come new progress in the art of hypocrisy, inhumane treatment of men and animals alike. It is regrettable, but research into what, why and the how of flying saucers has also brought a new insight into the decomposition of the moral obligations of the human race. True, there are still a few ethical people, but unfortunately they comprise a sad minority.

It is this romping hypocrisy and utter disregard of truth which will have to be battled before the truth of the flying saucers will ever come out. The Air Force, through its imbecilic bungling in the early years of the saucer mystery, its face-saving contradictions and actually idiotic explaining-away of saucer sightings, will resort to almost anything now in order to prevent the truth getting out. For if it does----they (that certain, silent group) will have to answer, and logically, for the lying and skulduggery perpetrated by them in their idiocy and narrow-mindedness. When their own egos prevented them from seeing the writing on the wall, they threw a smokescreen of 'phenomena' and balloons and such to the public who, because they traditionally look to the experts for their answers, came, saw and believed---the whole stupid mess.

Some have come to believe that the Director and most of the members of APRO are anti-Air Force and border on subversive in activities. This is absolutely untrue. The Director's husband served with the Air Force in World War II and both feel a sort of identification with that branch of the military. It is not the Air Force in general with which APRO disputes, but rather that small group within the Air Force who feel that they should and can, censor the thoughts of the public, the information reaching them and impose themselves more or less benevolent despots. Their latest accomplishments, the censorship of the great American Press through the heads of UP and AP is an infringement upon the rights of the American people, and cannot be justified as related to the security of the United States for they as well as we, know that the saucers are not U. S. products and that if they have any bearing on the security of this country, it would be more in relation to the insecurity than otherwise. We believe (and

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## GRAPEVINE

Rumor has it that the prime concern of Prime Minister Churchill and President Eisenhower during their recent conference in Washington, was the you-know-whats. This isn't particularly surprising for it seemed a little more than odd that Minister for Air from Australia showed up for the talk, inasmuch as two heads of government should have warranted the Prime Minister from down-under, himself.

The following is not really a rumor but so as not to call attention to the source which is a good one and therefore should be protected, we list it as such: Officers from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base have been instructed not to discuss UFOs.

Another one is to the effect that a big battle is being waged in the Pentagon between that contingent which thinks the public has a right to the facts regarding the UFOs and the boys who want to play God. Word has it also that the group which is pitching for a confession on saucers thinks that something big will happen in 1956 and the indoctrination plan should be stepped up toward that goal. This may be, but certainly is not indicative from the falsified reports about the findings of the Mars Committee which are going around.

Terrific explosions in the air around Dayton, Ohio are run-of-the-mill happenings which are generally explained as shock waves as a result of a jet plane breaking the sonic barrier. In late August, the Dayton and Xenia area were rocked by one of the worst---set off fire alarms and caused quite a bit of excitement in general. Wonder if that explanation is the answer? One happened over Modesto, California in August which reverberated over a 6-mile radius. No aircraft around at the time. The Director's home at Ceres was 6½ miles from the supposed center of the blast, which was felt there, and which shook the tile roof a great deal. A fellow at a junk yard came up and said he caused it---seemed he was welding a gas tank which he didn't know wasn't quite empty and it exploded. We just wonder how he accounts for the fact that he didn't get a scratch and wasn't even knocked down while TV sets, refrigerators, other heavy furniture in South Mo-

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desto were slid across rooms, etc. But someone was relieved when he offered his explanation, inasmuch as the admission of no planes in the area would preclude the sonic-shock explanation.

A Mr. Earl Pence of Warren, Ohio claims that a space ship landed on or near his property (he has a green house) and that he and a patrolman and his dog went down to the field back of the house. Pence claims a creature from the spaceship had one large foot, one small. Also--- that a great deal of the dog's hair has fallen out and that they've had two fires at their place since the event. Pence says the creatures are from Venus, don't talk much, mostly grunt, are friendly and about 5 feet tall.

We have very little information on the above, but when we obtain more, will print it. We don't know what to think of it, have listed it as a rumor until we obtain more information. This one is a stumper just as is the recent sighting by two Norwegian women. There have been so many hoaxes that it is difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. We're still betting on the inhuman angle as pertaining to the nature of the saucers' occupants.

A Mrs. Margaret Frost of San Diego, California wrote to TRUE magazine, claiming to be the wife of a spaceman and inviting investigation. Another nut? Jackie, here is a good one for you---looks like just your meat.

So much for rumors and semi-fact for this 8-week period. Rumors are never very thick during saucer seasons and only seen to flourish during the lean period.

CIRVUS---a new method by which to report aircraft (including UFOs) has been initiated among all branches of air travel including military, civilian airlines and civil air patrol. Instead of waiting for landing to make reports, pilots are asked to flash info directly to Air Defense, and are specifically asked not to discuss sightings publicly or to give them to the newspapers. This, if successful, will almost completely close all avenues of information by which the public can learn of UFO sightings. This is the way the Communists would keep information from the people, also. Can't figure out why civil defense is interested in all these hallucinations.

## Saucer Bondwagon

Magazine articles have been rather infrequent in the period between July 15 and the present, so we can now take this opportunity to go into a little more detail regarding outstanding details of what has appeared in print during the past eight weeks.

E. W. Grenfell, in SIR, for September, 1954, gives out with another Scully-type crashed flying saucer. This time, the location is a small island in the North Sea off the German coast which the Germans used as a U-boat base during World War II. The craft itself is described as 91 feet in diameter, the cabin 70 feet in height with all dimensions divisible by seven. Scully's was the 'system of 9's, remember? Push-button control-board, vitamin tablets, heavy water, wall-enclosed bunks and cigarette-pack sized radio with no wires or aerial--- the whole thing smacks of an altered imitation of the original Scully bit. Only radical difference that we could see was the size of the 7 'charred bodies' which were all 5-feet, 8 inches in height. All corpses were burned, but had perfect teeth and ranged in age from 25 to 30 years. Scully's men were from 35 to 40.

Grenfell (whoever he is) claims that a Norwegian scientist (retried), Dr. Hans Larsen Loberg, gave him the story and ties in the saucer with the windshield-pit mystery and also thinks that the saucer was caused to crash by hydrogen explosions in the Pacific.

Little background is given for Loberg except that he was one-time winner of the Hungarian Physics Award, so we have no evidence that the man exists or is capable of the analysis credited to him by Grenfell. Sounds like another sensational magazine article which seems to be the fad in the poorer class men's magazines.

By courtesy of our friend and collaborator, Harold H. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigations of New Zealand, we have a copy of the feature, "Mysteries That Fly Fast In The Night" which appeared in the New Zealand Weekly News for July 7, 1954. It again appears that the press in that part of the world are a great deal more kind to saucer research groups than in the United States. The article is very well written and presented. Wherein most publications would write a bit with an eye to the ridiculous, this particular writer, Mr. Philip Vaughan, admits that he doesn't believe in saucers, but does also admit that Mr. Fulton's case for

their existence is a convincing one.

Our congratulations to both Mr. Fulton and Mr. Vaughan---to Mr. Fulton for putting his ideas and convictions across so well, and to Mr. Vaughan for giving a fair description of CSI's activities.

THE FIGHT FOR OUTER SPACE by Martin Caidin and appearing in the October CAVALIER magazine, describes what Mr. Caidin believes to be the ultimate steps to be taken to attain victory over space, then goes on to conjecture as to who will be first and whether the Russians may not have the jump on the rest of the world already. Unless the saucers are the authors of the 'moon road', and the two satellites, could be possible that someone has made it!

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### LOOKS LIKE THE RACE FOR SPACE IS ON!

Associated Press carried a story from Moscow outlining their plans for an unmanned satellite within 10 years, also 'round the moon expeditions within 30. Four days later United Press carried a story about the United States' own plans for the mastery of space travel. Within two weeks numerous other articles dealing with the United States' plans for space travel were crowding the news wires.

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## Saucer Mag Reviews

Another great issue of the New Zealand Civilian Saucer Investigations paper (for June) has come our way and is as usual jam-packed with information. Briefly, an unnamed Australian scientist's theories regarding saucers and their origin. As with men in other countries who cannot identify themselves this man also believes the discs to be interplanetary in nature. Many Australian and New Zealand sightings, which will be used herein in the future, were listed.

Another issue of NEXUS on our desk---a nice piece of fiction about a man named John Adam-Sky and his meeting with a flying saucer man. Are we dreaming or is that name very similar to that of a well-known but oft-lampooned saucer lecturer and 'writer'? The staff for NEXUS should watch their gossip material---in one paragraph, they wondered if Gray Barker has been hushed---further reading shows Gray Barker listed as a member. We know one good way to find out if he's out of the running---just write and ask him. APRO member Celia Block's letter to the editor was a cute missile and we'd like to say that we bet Mr. A. does have the permanent waving concession on Venus!

CRIFO's Aug. 6 Newsletter arrived and welcomed heartily. This is the sort of outfit APRO appreciates!

# RECENT SIGHTINGS

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**NORTH BAY, ONT., CANADA, Sept. 1,** Royal Navy vet, employed at R. C. A. F. station as orderly said he saw great glowing ball of light over station previous Monday. Object hovered few feet above the telegraph pole shooting out tremendous sparks like knitting needles of lightning. Top part circular, about 6 ft. in diameter, rectangular box about 15 ft. across hanging down underneath. Cone possibly six feet high projected from circle and at tip was a revolving globe emitting flashes of light. Object moved about a mile away, then paused and hovered over a bush.

**CALGARY, ALTA., CANADA, Sept. 7, '54.** Calgarian saw five glowing objects traveling at tremendous speed, very high with no sound.

**NEWARK, MICH., Sept. 3, '54.** Earl Ronning and Arthur Tinkell observed 3 jet planes chase 'large, shining object' speeding westward at great height. Sky clear, object disappeared from view in 30 seconds.

**BAY SHORE, LONG ISLAND, NY, July 18.** Many reliable people see cigar-shaped object with tail, black center and red lite in tail. Watched with strong optics. R.F. pilot with distinguished record in Europe and Asia watched object. No mention in papers.

**MIAMI, FLA., August 26, '54.** Mrs. Alice Nash watched silver, elongated object move slowly from W to E, but not getting smaller as balloon does when rising. Watched for 15 minutes. Object, big as B-36 but with no wings, gleamed constant brilliant blue-white against clear blue sky. Very large, even when it disappeared. Did not dart off or diminish--just disappeared. Several planes flew over or near house while she observed UFO. Prevailing easterly winds. Mrs. Nash former stewardess, husband Bill Nash one of 2 pilots who made startling sighting of 8 red UFOs doing queer maneuvers in 1952.

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF., July 31.** 'meteor' of bright red which split into three parts, changed to a brilliant green, seen by Mrs. K. R. Oswald in the yard of her home at Montebello. She and others watched object for 15 minutes. Griffith Park astronomers labeled it a meteor. (Boys---shame on you! you know 15 minutes is stretching the duration of a meteor's flight by about 14 minutes, 55 seconds!--Ed.)

**YONKERS, NEW YORK, Aug. 1, '54.** Yonkers science teacher, wife and 3 neighbors watched UFO zig-zag over

their heads. Robert R. Fernhoff, teacher, called police shortly after midnight, reported it. He and wife saw it first at 9:40 p. m. while watering lawn. Fernhoff said it looked something like child's gyroscope, yellowish with reddish glow at the edges. Hung still, zoomed away at 90 degree angle and stopped suddenly. No estimate of altitude or distance. All so fascinated by object they neglected to call authorities until after object disappeared at 11:30 p. m.

**BALDWIN, N. D., Aug. 22, '54.** Mrs. Walter Ryberg observed fiery dark-red air-borne objects. Very large.

**NEW ENGLAND, N. D., August 12.** Ground observer sights huge, fiery orange-colored object which gradually faded from skies S of the city.

**SHAVERTON, PA., July, '54.** Resident reported he saw pure white, circular object high in air at 8:20 p. m. Made noise like twin-engine bomber at high altitude.

**WILKES-BARRE, PA., July 24, '54.** Radio WBRE reported that it had received calls every day during week from persons reporting mysterious objects in sky. Some objects were reported in area of U. S. A. F. radar station at Red Rock, Pa. Also, reports of flying saucer in back-mountain area were received in Valley News office. However, CAA at Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport reported it had not been notified of anything unusual in area. (Naturally)

**NEW YORK, July 30.** Master of Dutch ship reported he and 5 of his officers saw UFO resembling saucer. Capt. John Peter Boshoff, master of the Grootebeer and Atlantic skipper of 41 years' experience, said object first sighted when ship 80 miles E of NY. Resembled half-size full moon, gray with bright spots. Watched object for 4 minutes until partially obscured by clouds. (This sounds like the original nine seen by Ken Arnold in 1947---Ed.)

Somewhere in PA., August, '54. Bright object observed moving over area called the 'Heights' for several minutes, then disappearing. Saucers seen frequently during period, according to observer.

**NOXEN, PA.,** Round, brilliant silvery-colored object seen over Red Rock.

**PORT HURON, MICH., July 21, '54.** Egg-shaped object which zig-zagged at slow speed and came to standstill in mid-air reported over Port Huron. Round, hump in middle like egg (Con't next page, Column One)

RECENT SIGHTINGS (Con't) enclosed by flat sides. First-seen going toward lake, then began crazy maneuvers. Observer, Mrs. William Strable, called neighbor, but object had disappeared when they looked again. Not very high, no sound. Winds from north from ground level to 40,000 feet, local wind from NE at 18 miles an hour. Object moving E against wind.

MODESTO, CALIF. Aug. 6 UFO seen by GOC members as it traveled across sky from SE to NW in 1½ minutes. Object made no noise, sky clear, no other aircraft in air at the time.

SEBEC LAKE, MAINE, about July 1. Witnesses see three intense black-looking, cigar-shaped objects. After hovering motionless they suddenly took off at great speed, no sound. \*\*The following sighting was taken from a news broadcast which was tuned in late. We do not have the location or date. Anyone having those details is urged to send them as soon as possible.

Four jet bombers in flight---UFO cut in back of them and followed in vapor trail. All disc-shaped, seen by hundreds of people. Objects were silvery and had done on top.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., Mar. 25, '54. Gleaming white ball with a golden ring around lower 1/3 of it and apparently 2 times size of jet fighter, seen by Capt. Dan C. Holland and two other jet pilots on flight over beach E of Fort Lauderdale. Time: 3:20 p. m. Object first seen, looked like falling star cropping vertically from above. Object stopped 3 or 4,000 feet below jets, then accelerated and disappeared into east at amazing speed in about 15 seconds. Jets going over 400, looked slow in comparison. Several civilians called Holland to say they had seen object also, and former C. A. P. commander described to member Bill Nash object he watched on that day (flat bottom, round top---going above supersonic speed SW to NE).

The above is another of the Saturn-like UFOs, the following an earlier record of similar sighting.

MOAS, UTAH, Sept. 5, 1953. Russ Sald, drapery gang boss for Panoramic Pictures was putting up teepees when he spotted white sphere with band around it travelling estimated 10 miles in as many seconds, passing through notch between the 'Priest' and the 'Muns' in Castle Valley. Object did not appear to be metallic.

ROCKFORD, ILL., March 23, '54. Another Saturn-like object seen by Charles D. Nicholls Jr. at 1:05 a. m. near Rockford. Object made sound like wood-saw, had lighted portion above the ring and round (Con't page Nine, Column One)

METAL BURNS ROAD IN CALIF. (Con't. from Page One, Col. Two) landed is studded with shallow holes where they burned into the blacktop. Residents said plane had been in area but fully 2 hours before fire was discovered.

Two days after the above starting information made Page One headlines in the San Francisco area, a small article containing the following explanation was sent out on the news wire:

A bucket of hot tar had fallen from a truck and ~~shattered~~ battered on the road. No explanation offered as to the material on the metal, how a bucket could shatter when falling from such a small height, nor how the metal managed to stay red hot for 20 minutes. The explanation is far from adequate and the whole thing sounds as though our friends in the Air Force have been at work against. \*\*\*\*\* FRANK EDWARDS FIRED (Con't from Page One, Col. 2) truth before employment these days. We have before us here a small clip from the Morning World-Herald of Omaha, Nebraska, which states that Edwards was fired because of his objection to an AFL directive ordering him to separate his own opinion from the news. Also, the article states, Mr. Edwards said he was fired because he refused to permit Mr. Mean (Prexy, AFL) to impose 'upon me without any agreement a strict censorship of my selection and use of news material'.

The Director and her husband are members of the AFL musicians' union, and Mr. Lorenzen is also a member of the IBEW. Both have been steady listeners to Frank Edwards since he began broadcasting for the AFL. They have noticed that his news programs were always slanted---pro-labor and pro-democrat. They haven't changed. He has always sided with the underdog, always been an ethical and idealistic and honest man. Edwards' news is reliable---he hasn't changed in four years, with one exception---he has become increasingly interested in the saucer situation, inviting his audience to send in their local sightings which would never, otherwise, receive national notice. About two months ago, he asked for a postcard vote as to whether listeners wanted to hear saucer news. About a week later, he told his audience to keep the clippings coming, that here was one party who hadn't been shut up---yet. We believe that those last few weeks have been an indication of what has come to pass. One by one organizations and interested individuals dealing in saucer research are falling by the wayside. We lament losing Mr. Edwards, for we believe that he was the last voice calling in the wilderness of untruth and official contradictions. \*\*\*\*\*

THE EDITORIAL (Continued from Page Two, Col. Two) reports will bear this out) that the occupants of the saucers are not human, and this is the big reason for all the secrecy and cover-up. We reiterate former statements regarding this phase of the saucer subject: How will the Air Force hush-hush fellows manage to keep all this under cover when numerous sightings of saucers and odd-looking but intelligent creatures indicate that something is very much amiss? The Air Force, as in the past, will holler 'hallucinations', hysteria, etc., until the thing reaches such proportions that there is hysteria, and then there will be no going back for them--- they'll have to tell the truth. And the truth will hit an uninformed and unprepared world population like an H-bomb. If the Air Force thinks what they know would cause hysteria, they might try to imagine the real hysteria which will be imminent if they don't start talking sense very soon.\*\*\*\*\*

We would like to urge all members to send 15¢ to E. C., 225 Lafayette St., New York 12, New York, for the beautifully executed comic book entitled: "E. C. (entertainment comics) Challenges the U. S. Air Force with this illustrated, factual FLYING SAUCER REPORT". Some of the most detailed and interesting sightings ever made and by expert observers are documented in this little magazine. Although all are familiar to most of us, we believe all members should obtain it.

## MENZEL rides again!

After several months of little or nothing to say about flying saucers, Dr. Donald Menzel has splashed into print via page 70 of the September Science Digest with his breathtaking news that Venus may be covered with water. This theory has been expounded before, but was usually ridiculed to some extent. Their reasoning (Fred Whipple is in on this, too) is that inasmuch as the outer cloud layers has been shown to have the optical properties of terrestrial clouds (French astronomer Bernard Lyot) that would indicate the presence of water on the surface. However, they leave little room for theorizing---claim it must be completely covered by water, for otherwise the protruding damp rocks would soon absorb practically all the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This has not happened, according to Menzel and Whipple, for spectroscopic observations prove without doubt that carbon dioxide is very abundant there.

Now, good Doctors, what we want to know is---how do you account for (Continued on page Nine, Col. 2)

## Saucer Station Folds

According to an Associated Press report contained in the Sept. 1 St. Louis Dispatch, the Shirley's Bay saucer detection station is being closed. J. R. Baldwin, deputy minister of transport said: "We have decided that nothing so far has come out of the station's operations to merit further expenditures of government time on it."

Wilbur B. Smith, engineer in charge of the broadcast and measurement section of the transport department, said that the station has sighted nothing since it was built last October.

We're wondering if those capable people didn't wonder in the beginning if the plan would be feasible when it was ballyhooed throughout the world by radio. Saucer researchers have known for some time (especially since the maneuvers of the Washington saucers in July and August, 1952) that the saucers obviously monitor our radio broadcasts. If they know the locations of such stations, it's hardly likely that they're going to put on a show there, now, is it?

## New Satellites Proclaimed Natural!

The announcement by Aviation Week magazine, later carried in wire service articles to the effect that the two new satellites being studied by Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and Lincoln La Paz at White Sands and Palomar Observatory caused quite a ruffle among saucer fans.

Let's cogitate a little on the odds against two foreign bodies attaining an orbit around the earth. They would have to come in at a certain speed and at a certain altitude in a certain arc before the balance would be established for an orbit. The odds against it? About 1,000,000,000 to 1, at the least. And the possibility that two should spring up all of a sudden---with that, the odds against go up in the trillions\*\*\*\*\*

## No News On Moon Road

Duluth, Minn., papers carried a brief account of the discovery of the 'moon road' in crater Piccolomini in July. Word has come to APRO regarding this road before, but the Duluth mention was the first printed mention. Curator Frank Halstead of the UMD Darling Observatory at Duluth said that it was actually discovered by his assistant while he was in the lecture room. A 9-inch scope with 60 power lens was used, and a 500 power lens will be utilized during further attempts at better scrutiny.

More interesting than the existing (Continued on Page Eight, Col. Two)

# the MANTELL case

A report to APRO from member Wallace Dawson regarding the Mantell tragedy of 1948 seems to indicate two things: That many facts have been distorted, thus hampering any real conclusive investigation, and also that the distortion of those facts tends to indicate that they were deliberately distorted in order to cover up pertinent details; and that known facts point to a conclusion that Mantell did indeed see and pursue a UFO, although the UFO cannot be directly blamed for the crash.

Although we cannot go into too much detail, the following facts as brought out by Mr. Dawson seem to be most important: The object was first seen at 2:00 p. m., and was moving slowly. At 2:30 when it was brought to the attention of officials at Godman Air Base, it had stopped moving and, according to officers there, did not move for a period of two hours (or until after Mantell was killed) and was shaped like an inverted cone, with a red tip on the large portion. Mantell was a low-altitude flier, therefore might not have been familiar with the feelings of anoxia. Mantell's plane was seen to pull up in a sharp arc just before crashing.

Although some might conclude that the facts given by Donald Keyhoe regarding the Mantell case in his two books were in error, the above report does not indicate this at all. Keyhoe is one of the few saucer investigators who has not assumed that Mantell was 'shot down' by a flying saucer.

Our analysis is the following: (Incidentally, it has not changed perceptibly through the years) Mantell chased a genuine UFO and was probably overcome by anoxia, causing his plane to go out of control and crash. That he did regain consciousness just before the crash, attempting to regain control of his plane, is evidenced by the upward arc of the craft just before crashing. Because of the altitude, azimuth and magnitude of the planet Venus at that time of the year, the object cannot be intelligently construed to be the planet Venus. The first slow movement, then prolonged hovering, plus the shape and definite knowledge that no balloons were in that area at that time positively rules out the possibility that the object was a balloon.

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LICHY---that genius of satire, came up with another cute one in the July 25 issue of Omaha World-Herald. It shows green-tinged Mama on Mars balking at another ride to earth. The caption: "The earth---the earth!---There must be other scenery around instead of driving to the same place very night!"

## MOON ROAD (Con't from Page Seven)

tence of this road is the possibilities of what it is and by whom it was constructed.

Regarding the former, the very fact that it can be seen with low-power telescopes indicates that it is very wide as well as long. A regular road wouldn't have to be a mile or miles broad---therefore, the chances are that it is a launching ramp for large craft from underground installations.

Going into the possibilities of construction and by whom---that is a poser. The saucers---very likely! However---there is always the possibility that some earth nation has attained space flight. We do know that when earthmen finally do reach the moon, underground accommodations would have to be built in order to survive. And---the comparatively little gravity would facilitate any kind of building---whether it be a launching platform or runway or a signal. There is actually so little information with which to build a plausible theory that there are many possibilities.

With this, as well as many bits of information regarding strange goings-on in space, we can only wait and hope for additional details.

## \*\*\*\*\* BRITISH PARSON WARNS FLOCK OF SPACE FOLK

Rev. Ronald Cartmel, writing in his parish magazine, accused authorities of concealing information about space travelers and added: "If a space craft landed here, I would, as rector of Aldridge, Staffordshire, welcome the visitors to our world. They seem friendly enough." The Reverend is a fellow in the Royal Astronomical Society.

## \*\*\*\*\* GERMAN ROCKET EXPERT SAYS SAUCERS ARE SPACE SHIPS

Dr. Herman Oberth, who helped build German's V2 rockets in World War II, said in August that he believes the saucers are space ships, probably manned by 'Vikings from another planetary system.' "I am fully convinced these saucers really do exist," said Dr. Oberth. "We can't produce such saucers yet and we're fairly certain the other 8 planets of our solar system lack civilizations capable of their manufacture."

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The CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER for July 8 carried a fairly intelligent commentary on saucers entitled: "The Little Men with Green Heads Land Again". Using a fair amount of logic, the writer gets across the fact that despite the 'correlation between reports and publicity', etc., the reports of competent observers tends to indicate that 'there is something to them.' (Glad to see someone is waking up...Ed.)\*\*\*\*\*

RECENT SIGHTINGS (Con't from Page 6) lighted portion below, no description as to maneuvers, colors.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF., Aug. 15. Police Sgt. Charles Hughes and reserve officer Robert Ward Watch 'subdued' blue-colored object, traveling at high speed, cross the sky from the north. No exhaust, no sound and object appeared oblong. Observing time only about 1½ seconds. Time: 3 a. m.

rockford, ill., May 25, '54. Object described as 'dumbbell shaped' and making hissing sound is identified as 'balloon' by authorities. Said by some to have passed over and circled city, sighting made during Air Raid siren test, causing much confusion. Airport reported radio device used to transmit data about atmospheric conditions was found 2 miles N of Marengo. (This does not sound like description of a balloon---circling and shape would, to us, rule out balloon theory entirely---Ed.)

MIAMI, FLA., July 22, '54. Colorful orange-gree-white object situated just below Venus seen by observers, tracked by radar, seen by Marines. When fighter craft from Marine base headed toward object, it departed---very fast. Time: 1 p. m.

AZUSA, CALIF. July 15, '54. Large silver object very high above jet, seen by Jacqueline Saunders. Mrs. Saunders watching for jets she had heard, using binoculars, spotted the object which seemed to turn a rosy color as she watched. Time was 8 p. m., but rose-tinge could not be due to sun reflection, as rosy color prominent on east side of object. Several jets in sky at the time. When first seen, object appeared to be stationery or moving very slowly, soon moved into West and disappeared.

LA PLATA, MO., June 23, '54. P. B. Humphrey watched cardinal red ball maneuvering in sky and observed it for about 20 to 30 seconds. Object first looked like ball, then as it turned, appeared long. Time: about 11:00 p. m., approximately.

XENIA, OHIO, July 26, '54. Workman watches disc-shaped object traveling across sky at high speed. No sound, object flying at a slant, disappearing in sky.

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, July 31, '54. Crane Operator on construction job saw huge, reddish-green saucer he estimated to be flying at 2,000 m. p. h. Object also seen by at least 5 others, made no sound.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL., July 31, '54. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kusreanu, Jr. observe gray metallic cigar-shaped object at about 12:45 a. m. Object proceeding West to east and on a course apparently a parallel with the ground (Con't Page Ten, Column One)

MENZEL (Con't from Page 7, Col. 1) spectrographic evidence that there is no water on Venus? Your spectrographic evidence of the abundance of carbon dioxide does not stand up if spectrographic evidence of the lack of water is thrown aside at your whim. Our own opinion? We're sorry that we can't qualify with an impressive number of college degrees, but---on the basis of the evidence offered by Messrs. Whipple and Menzel, it's very possible that there is an abundance of carbon dioxide in the outer layer, but no water---but can your now reliable, then unreliable spectrographic data definitely prove that there is no water on the surface? What could provide an answer for the abundance of carbon dioxide in the face of Menzel's evidence? Why, of course---animal life to utilize the free oxygen and give off the 'abundant carbon dioxide'. But the idea of any life on Venus wouldn't be exactly palatable to you, would it? Doctor?

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MARS IS A LIFELESS WORLD, says Prof. Dean B. McLaughlin, University of Michigan astronomy professor. McLaughlin claims that the dark markings on Mars' red surface are drifts of volcanic ash and not vegetation as has long been conjectured. McLaughlin's (excuse the expression) reasoning is that volcanic ash in the dry, oxygenless atmosphere of Mars would be green rather than brown as is the case on earth. The increase of the 'green ash' in the summer season is due, according to McLaughlin, to strong prevailing winds of that season.

We ask this question, Mr. McLaughlin: "What happens to this green ash in the opposite seas---winter? Does another enigmatic wind come along and blow it back into heat piles and into volcanic drifts too small to be seen by earth's telescopes? Try another, please!"

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RECENT SIGHTINGS (Con't from Page 9, Col. 1) No apparent sound, and the object seen by four adults for about 15-20 seconds.

DENVER, COLO. AUGUST (No exact date) '54. Object described as globular, white and with three other small objects attached seen by many over Denver at 7 a. m. Theory advanced (of course) that it was a weather balloon, however weather officials at Lowry AFB said no balloons launched from there since 2 a. m., and if that one hadn't burst high level winds would have carried it far beyond Denver by 7 a. m. Weather station at Stapleton, Colorado no longer uses balloons for weather information, but announced it may have been balloon from Grand Junction, Colol, or Las Vegas, Nev.

LONG BEACH, CALIF., SEPT. 4, '54. Fireballs leaving short, fiery trails behind, passed over Long Beach and other points in Los Angeles and Orange counties shortly after 8 p. m. Personnel at Long Beach Air Base said objects shot across sky ~~how~~ over Signal Hill flying west to east, definitely not aircraft. Objects various reported as one and two in number, (nothing said about meteors, or have 'officials' given up trying to convince people that meteors travel in groups?---Ed.)

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, Sept. 5. According to magazine 'Sophia', saucers were to make appearance over the capital of Argentina between 10 and 11 a. m. on the 6th. This averred by unnamed Brazilian astronomer in clipping from Venezuela. Joe Martins and Ed Keffel, famous to saucer fans as the only ones to ever obtain really clear snaps of a disc, were on hand for the big event. Nothing happened, but people watched the skies during the morning of the 6th and also throughout the day. Newspapers, reporting on the supposed event, said the prediction was a planned hoax and at the same time reporting that several reports from Villa Ballester and San Andres of sightings came in, but without corroboration of officials at International Airport. (Looks like the screwballs and hoaxers aren't confined to the U. S. after all!---Ed.)

NEWMARKET, ONT., CANADA, July 10, '54. Brilliant orange disc seen in night sky by Newmarket residents John and Marion Hunter, at 11:55 p. m. Object came from north, zigzagged over town and passed into the south. Travelling at high speed with no sound object had deeper glow in rear and an exhaust-like trail.

NORTH BAY, ONT., CANADA, Sept. 5, 2 a. m. Harold Pirie, operator of restaurant 4 miles south of N. Bay said he and wife watched RCAF plane fly circle around a saucer which apparently was at a low alti-

tude and stationary. He said jet came from direction of the air base, it's running lights blinking on and off, and made a complete turn-around the object. Then as aircraft sped back to base, a tremendous red exhaust came from saucer and it took off at great speed in direction almost due south. Before moving off, object had been white and glowing. OTTAWA, ONT., CANADA August 8, '54. Wilbert H. Smith, engineer in charge of Transport Department's flying saucer station at North Bay let out the news that the station's gravimeter was tripped at 3:01 p. m. 'Unexplainable object' is how it is described by newspapers. Smith convinced deflection not caused by an aircraft. He said it had to be something scientists know nothing about or an instrument failure. The gravimeter detects and records Gamma rays, magnetic fluctuations, radio noises and gravity and mass changes in the atmosphere. Smith was on duty when incident occurred---said deflection in line greater and more pronounced than when large aircraft passes over. He ran outside to look at sky, found overcast at 1,000 feet so that whatever was up above was concealed by cloud layer. (We are inclined to believe Smith got a 'live one', that his 'superiors' put out the phony 'closing shop' story on the saucer station just as the United States Air Force lied to the public about their investigations in 1948 and proceeded to go underground.)

In the August 1st issue of MCLEAN'S MAG. (Canada) an article about light-house keeping bears an interesting bit: The assistant keeper at Gannet Rock mentioned odd sights he had seen at the station, labeling them flying saucers. One year ago, he said, at about 3 a. m. he and his wife watched a round greenish glow which hovered over the water, then shot ahead. In fits and starts, it circled the island. When asked if he had reported them, Mr. Tucker snorted eloquently: "What's the use? People'd only say we been living in a lighthouse too long." (So this is what has become of the 'there ain't no such things' policy of the world's authorities on flying discs! We wonder if they're not a little regretful of their attitude?)

This will be the sum and total of sightings at the present, but keep them coming. Those that can't be used now will be used in the future as noted before.

There must be a more concentrated effort on the part of members to obtain material evidence regarding saucers. The recent spewing of hot metal on the road in a California city (page one) may be one of the missing links which APRO badly needs. Those of you nearest Woodside please make every effort to obtain samples of same---somehow!

# DEADLINE DOPE

For months we have been operating under the premise that the most important phase of the saucer mystery is not so much 'from whence they come' but 'what they are' and most important, why they are here. We believe we may have that answer before long and felt that the membership should know that the end of the trail is near. One other outfit got the same answers and was promptly visited by intelligence. We are referring to Edgar Jarrold of Australia. In his last letter, about 6 weeks ago, he was on his way to Melbourne to confer with RAAF Intelligence there, promised to write what he could during his stay in Melbourne. We have had no word from him, and there are two possibilities: Either that he was forbidden to talk about the subject, matter of the conference, or that the letters were intercepted before reaching the Director. We believe that regardless of instructions by his government, he would have at least corresponded--which he has not, to this date. So we believe the latter alternative is the most realistic answer.

From what we have been able to learn, the facts are not pretty, would cause a great deal of consternation, but also believe that the people should be allowed to think for themselves rather than to be treated like so many dumb sheep. **BRITISH SILENT ON SUBJECT OF 'FLYING JELLYFISH'--August 14 (INS)**

A spokesman for the British Air Ministry today said it chose to remain silent on its investigation of the 'flying jellyfish' sighting in the skies off Labrador on July 1. (This sighting described in the July issue of the APRO Bulletin--Ed.)

"This doesn't necessarily mean there's any element of mystery in the matter," the spokesman said. "We simply do not make statements of such enquiries except in very rare cases."

The spokesman went on to say that they 'always investigate such reports, have an academic interest in them although 95 per cent are proved to be due to normal causes. This does not mean any element of mystery attaches to the other 5 per cent. They could have been normal, but with insufficient evidence to prove them so. The Air Ministry never gives an opinion on individual cases of this type except in very rare circumstances---such as the recent one where a saucer over London was identified as a balloon."

Thank you, Mrs. Spokesman---you (Next column, Please).

have made it very clear to us that you are parroting the assinine yammerings of the celebrated 'silent few' in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., U. S. A. We understand why you don't speak up---you don't know what to say as you've been too close-mouthed in the past and you wouldn't know where to start if you were to tell the truth.

OSLO, NORWAY, August 25, '54. Police, after investigating the report of two sisters that they talked to a hairy spaceman (front page, bottom strip) have decided to discount the whole tale. Seems the two girls had been reading a book written by someone in the U. S. about saucers, and the gendarmes are of the opinion that their imagination may have run away with them a little bit. We'll go along to some extent. If they were reading that particular literary tidbit which relates all about the curly-haired cuties from Venus, or the one which deals with a beautiful red-head from some yet undiscovered planet, they could easily have had imaginations---since those two books came out, the number of 'saucer contactors' is increasing day by day.

IN FACT---the latest contactor is rumored to be a Mr. John Otto of Chicago, Illinois. If so, it is bound to be a dilly. The Director and two other members had a long discussion about the flying saucers with Mr. Otto last winter. Mr. Otto is of the opinion that all saucer sightings and contacts are authentic, that there is a great deal of the spiritual all mixed up in the whole business---he spoke of letters between various saucer fanciers which 'mysteriously' changed in content during the process of mailing and delivering, thus causing, in some instances, rather strained relations. Seems some people will go to a great deal of trouble to dream up a very complicated and wholly unrealistic answer to the saucer mystery.

Columnist Robert S. Allen, in his Sept. 2 bit, claims the Air Force will make startling announcements regarding its 'flying saucer secrets' soon. Disclosures will be intriguing but not earth-shaking, he says. Also claims they will debunk a number of UFO reports that made sensational headlines and gave rise to widespread tales about interplanetary visitors. One mis-sile sired by the Air Force, says Allen, was the cause of the 'ball of fire' story. (Which one, sir?--Ed.) (?Continued on next page)

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According to Allen, a touring family camped inside an Air Force testing range by accident and were scared half out of their wits by an object which flew over their heads emitting horrible sound and streamers of flame. "In the forthcoming disclosures, it will be admitted these sightings had substance although greatly exaggerated. However, it will be evident from the information the Air Force makes public, that it was easy for untrained and astonished observers to arrive at their imaginative accounts.

(What's the matter, Pentagon---things getting too hot again? And you, Mr. Allen, did not make one; single, solitary point!---except, possibly, that you are as gullible as the rest of the 'public'.---Ed.)

Seriously, though, we believe that in the light of the assumption by the Air Force that the saucers are not real, anyone who sees them is either a victim of hallucination, or is not capable of making a correct observation, the Air Force should immediately stop their expensive investigation of these normal phenomena, and every pilot, civilian or military, who attempts to report a UFO should be immediately psychoanalyzed, given the lie-detector test, be examined by a competent eye-doctor, and grounded.

Off the saucer track for just a moment to briefly review an article appearing in the Sunday-World Herald of Omaha, Neb., for Sept. 12 1954. Bob McHugh writes of the conviction of a Maryland psychiatrist, Mr. John Walker Powell, that it would take a rare combination of enormous destruction and death to panic the American people---and that they are more likely to turn to 'tremendous reserves of courage, generosity and heroism' than panic. This, boys and girls, is in direct refutation of claims that saucer information is being held back by U. S. Air Force Intelligence because of the possibility of panic. We just wonder if the Air Force is holding the possibility of 'no more economic aid' over the heads of other nations in order to keep them quiet, too? There seems to be a very amicable arrangement on that little question, and on an international basis.

Another NEXUS, put out by SAUCERS of Fort Lee, N. J. just arrived. Easy to read, 'cute', but by no stretch of the imagination a contribution as far as scientific information pertaining to saucers is concerned. Their policy of humorous ridicule of the 'I talked to a saucerman' crowd is laudable with the exception of one thing: The newspapers have been doing the same thing for years, but it hasn't stopped anybody---it's just more

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publicity, and their followers (and they have a following) merely tend to martyr them. Better to pick out the flaws in their stories and their reasoning (if you cancell it that) and show the crowd what their literary ventures are made of---whole cloth. NEXUS president Jim Mosely is raising dues, will soon be calling for the \$3.00 which has been the yearly dues of APRO for the past few months now. Evidently some people are kidding themselves into thinking they can make money in the saucer business---well, some can---but it's more sould-satisfying to stay honest. Before Jim is through he will have poured hundreds of dollars into his little fan magazine. But then, of course, NEXUS is merely a fan magazine, and Saucers And Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (that's their whole monicker) doesn't have any any of the earmarks of a research organization---at least their publication does not indicate such. A saucer fan magazine may draw a fairly large number of curious subscribers with only a passing interest in saucers, and therefore less time and expense would be required for the publication. Wonder what the physicists, chemists, astronomers and engineers of APRO would gain from such a publication? No---we're not trying to belittle another group---we're all for any outfit which does a serious job with saucer investigations.

ROME, ITALY, Sept. 17, 1954. An object shaped like a 'half-cigar' was viewed over Rome by many citizens. Radar operators picked up the object on their instruments. Technicians at Ciampino Air Field outside the city described the object as a half-cigar which appeared at one instant to plummet toward earth for more than 1,000 feet, then rose at tremendous speed and finally vanished. Ciampino officials alerted the air watch at Pratica de Mare near Ostia Beach. The observers there said the object, which they described as silver-colored on one side and red on the other, was traveling in a northwest direction. (No attempted explanations by the 'authorities'.---Ed.)

BUFFALO, N. Y. Sept. 16, 1954. Fifteen-year-old Peter A. Kirisits, told Buffalo Evening News reporter that he watched huge, lighted object, 'big as a house' in pasture near his home. He had stopped to tie his shoelace, heard 'whirring noise' like helicopter, looked up and saw object like inverted cone. It was 9:30 p. m. and dark. Suddenly, he said, the lights on the object went out and he heard a thud. State troopers made a cursory search but found nothing. Peter expressed his intentions to investigate further, and thinks something may still be there.\*\*\*\*\*

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