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THE COMING BATTLE OVER UFOs NICAP Preparing for Crucial Year of 1969

The Pentagon's national publicity campaign to exploit the forthcoming Condon UFO report is certain to set off a heated battle involving hundreds of opposing scientists, members of Congress, and many of the press and public already convinced that the AF-financed Colorado project was a fiasco, its leaders biased from the start.

In an unprecedented debunking plan, the AF is permitting Condon and Colorado University to publish the report in a hard-cover book and in a paperback edition by Bantam Books. It has not been disclosed whether the project and the university are to keep the royalties—in addition to the half-million dollars paid by the AF—or whether the university and the AF will split the money—or if the AF will take the royalties.

The AF publicity campaign will use extracts from the Condon report. A series of news releases, magazine articles and TV and radio programs is being designed to flood the country.

Reports to us from usually well-informed sources indicate Condon's conclusions will be, as expected, completely negative. It is said to evade most of the detailed, verified reports given the project—reports by astronomers and other scientists, veteran military and airline pilots, aerospace engineers, astronauts, missile and satellite trackers, and many hundreds of other competent, reliable observers.

Relatively few of the hundreds of high-quality reports were checked in the field by the project—and none by Dr. Condon. Coordinator Robert J. Low admitted to NICAP, in a Washington conference, that Condon had never interviewed any witnesses—except a few "contactees" claiming to have met spacemen—and that he had no plans for any field investigations or interviews, even with top-rated observers.

SUPER DEBUNKING

In summing up, the Condon report was described as a super-debunking job, accepting typical AF explanations for UFO reports and rejecting even multiple-witness daylight sightings fully confirmed by FAA or military radar. The report is said not only to reject all such capable testimony but to attempt to discredit and ridicule the observers involved and also serious UFO research organizations—especially NICAP (in spite of previous high praise for NICAP evidence and its investigations).

If all this is true—and our long experience with Dr. Condon and Coordinator Low indicates a completely biased report—then an explosive reaction is inevitable.

It is our sober opinion that an AF attempt to pressure the country into acceptance of such a report will backfire disastrously, by bringing some little-known details of the AF-Colorado project into the spotlight.

The criticism most likely to upset the AF-Condon publicity campaign will come from scientists disturbed over the Colorado project. In the last few months, a rapidly increasing number of scientists and engineers have offered us their help and support, agreeing to serve as advisers and on panels to evaluate NICAP evidence with true scientific methods.

One of the first results has been a Joint Statement by Scientists and Engineers calling for a Congressional probe and pledging support for a scientific study. (We lack space here, but the statement and the first group of names appears in "UFOs—A New Look." We shall give some of the details in the next issue.)

THANK YOU

We are very grateful to the members whose response to our financial-emergency message saved us from suspending operations. It was a close call—we hope it will never happen again.

We are sorry that this issue and the "UFOs—A New Look" publication were unavoidably delayed while we waited for sufficient funds.

At first, all the money received had to go into paying overdue taxes and back bills for printing and other vital services, all of which had to be paid quickly if we were to keep on operating.

In regard to "UFOs—A New Look," the printer's first estimate was increased more than 50%, and as previously announced we had to wait for enough orders to cover costs. However, the publication is now at the printer's, and to make up for the unfortunate delay we will pay to have all fourth-class book-rate mailings speeded up by "Special Handling," which the post office states is not much longer than first-class mail. (All those who paid for first-class mailing will of course receive this service.) We sincerely appreciate your patience.

During the wait, other timely "new look" material was added to the manuscript, which we believe will increase readers' interest.

Again, our fervent thanks—for the many encouraging letters urging us to hang on," and for the contributions and orders which made it possible.

The following steps have been taken to mobilize scientific and specialized talent to investigate UFOs: Start has been made on a National Medical Panel, doctors to provide medical examinations for UFO witnesses claiming physiological effects; later to advise on witness-screening techniques. Includes psychologists and hypnotists (Colorado Project made only one hypnotic test of a witness.) National network of engineers and physicists to suggest improved methods for investigation of E-M (Electromagnetic) interference reports, also general instrumentation plans. New NICAP-D.C. Subcommittee includes an astronomer, psychologist, other scientists, and engineers. Because of nearness to NICAP headquarters, they will serve as special Headquarters advisers.

Early next year, we expect to have over 400 such advisers—since hundreds already have offered their aid and the establishment of new panels is underway. Subjects to be studied are: reports of UFO radiation; possible methods of propulsion; questions of possible communication; E-M "blackout" reports; and others to be announced. An overall search for overlooked clues, aspects, is being planned, with attention to possible patterns or cycles.

Many, if not all, of these scientific-technical advisers will be asked to evaluate the Condon Report. We shall report their reactions—individually if they wish, or in an approved joint statement—as soon as they have had time to study the long report.

Even if the AF all-out debunking campaign leads to a violent controversy, we intend to concentrate on provable facts and documented records in any necessary corrections of Condon report statements.

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A panel of Special Advisors, experts in fields of science, engineering, aviation, and other technical and specialized disciplines, assists with evaluations of UFO reports.

Please help us publicize NICAP's name and address. Often persons interested in joining NICAP are delayed in doing so because they do not know our address.

We are grateful to those members who send us newspaper clips of sightings or other interesting developments pertaining to UFOs. Frequently we fail to learn promptly of sightings reported only in local papers, or on local newscasts.

In sending us such information, please note the name of the newspaper(s) and also the dates. The same applies to broadcasting station reports, and in addition a postcard or brief note with the names of witnesses, sighting location, and key points of the sighting will be greatly appreciated.

Please inform us promptly of any change of address, so you will not miss the next issue.

ASTRONAUT REPORTS SEEING UFOs

Col. James A. McDivitt, command pilot for the forthcoming Apollo 9 lunar test mission, has recently confirmed sighting three UFOs while in space.

"They're there without a doubt," the astronaut stated at a press conference in Dallas, Oct. 5. "But what they are is anybody's guess."

The three UFOs were spotted during McDivitt's orbital flight on June 5, 1965.

"The first was simply a dot of light . . . that moved on a parallel course," McDivitt said. "The second was a white tubular device with a long pole sticking out of the end, and the third defied description."

During the second sighting, as the Gemini spacecraft was making its 20th orbit over Hawaii, Col. McDivitt photographed the unknown object. After the first public NASA report of the sighting, the AF said the object was an orbiting Pegasus satellite. This explanation was widely rejected because the distances between the Pegasus satellite and the Gemini spacecraft were too great.

In NASA's annual publication, "Astronautics and Aeronautics," the agency stated that the witness "was unable to identify . . ." the object, and other NASA statements have confirmed that it remained unidentified.



UFO photographed by Astronaut McDivitt

TRANSFERS IN SPACE

The Apollo 9 mission is scheduled for launching in February, 1969. The flight will be the first test of a lunar landing module linked to an Apollo spacecraft. The Apollo 9 is scheduled to be boosted by a Saturn V rocket into an orbit 270 miles above the earth. The astronauts will spend nearly 11 days conducting maneuvers and engineering projects, and testing the lunar landing module.

The first main operation will be to separate the Apollo 9 from the rocket's third stage and the module, after three orbits of the earth.

"We will dock the Apollo with the lunar module and release it from the third stage of the rocket," McDivitt explained. "The two vehicles lock together in orbit."

While orbiting at 18,000 m.p.h., McDivitt and his astronaut crew will experiment in transferring from the Apollo 9 to the module. This will be achieved in two ways, through the outer escape hatches and also through a connecting transfer tunnel in the nose of the spacecraft. The astronauts have been training for two years to accomplish this mission.

The Dallas Times Herald science writer, Bill Case, paraphrases a question put to Col. McDivitt: What comes after Apollo 9—which obviously is the final dress rehearsal of both men and equipment for an attempted moon landing?

"The possibilities are fantastic," McDivitt answered. "We're learning more from every mission—and the results from Apollo 9 could open doors we've never dreamed of."

RECENT SIGHTINGS REPORTED

Sightings by automobile executive Henry Ford II and a helicopter pilot in Vietnam highlight UFO reports of the past several months, which occurred in at least six states and four foreign countries. Characteristics include plane and vehicle pacings, light beams, an alleged photograph, and an object seen as a "fiery wheel."

A sighting by a group of Ford Motor Company executives reportedly took place on a recent flight from the Hemisfair in San Antonio, Texas, to Detroit, Michigan. Among the witnesses was Henry Ford II, grandson of the automotive genius most responsible for the development of the automobile.

"We saw something round and white," Mr. Ford stated, as reported by Bob Irvin of The Detroit News. "I don't know what it was, but it definitely wasn't a plane."

The Ford Company's Jetstar was cruising at 40,000 feet when a dish-like object was seen pacing the plane. Ford instructed the pilot to contact the Air Force to send up an interceptor, but "he [the pilot] didn't want to because he was afraid they would think he was a kook." Mr. Ford estimated that the UFO paced the plane more than 30 minutes.

Military personnel in every major U.S. conflict since the First World War have reported UFOs. The Vietnam war is no exception.

According to Beverly Deepe, Special Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor, an unidentified helicopter pilot and co-pilot kept a fast-moving UFO in view for 20 minutes over the U.S. Marine base at Dong Ha, Vietnam.

"It stopped and hovered over Dong Ha," the pilot stated, "and then it started flying backward, and finally it elevated like a rocket and zoomed away. All we could see was a white misty object with two green lights on it. My gunners were scared to death and radioed let's get out of here . . . I never believed in these UFO stores before, but I do now."

LIGHT BEAMS

UFOs that emitted light beams were seen in three states and an Iron Curtain country.

An international news service in Bucharest reported that, recently, "a group of excursionists" in Cluj, Rumania, saw over a forest a round object "that rapidly changed its position and direction." It also "emitted a powerful white light."

During the several minutes that the UFO was in view, pictures reportedly were obtained. The photographs were said to resemble those taken by Rex Heflin in Santa Ana, California, on August 3, 1965. The Cluj Astronomic Observatory stated that it had received UFO reports from other witnesses in the vicinity.

At 6:30 a.m., June 10, Miss Mavis Strickland saw four objects moving over Surfside Beach, Freeport, Texas. The first UFO, she said, flew at a "terrific rate of speed . . . , stopped, then zig-zagged . . . , stopped again, then disappeared over the horizon."

The second object was the "brightest and closest." It was zig-zagging south. Then it "straightened," zig-zagged again and stopped for about 15 minutes. During this time it emitted a red beam of light, then moved away.

The third and fourth UFOs also followed approximately the same zig-zagging pattern.

On the night of Aug. 16, Green Briar Lake, between Somerville and Collinsville, Ohio, was the scene of an object that emitted light beams from its underside. The witnesses were Deputy Sheriff E. V. Asher, his son, two daughters and his mother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGhehey; Tucker Barnhardt; Jim and Elsa Stephenson; and Craig Stephenson, a member of the Green Berets special forces stationed in Vietnam.

The white, oval object, with a black spot at one end, was first seen coming from the southwest toward the lake. As it reached the dam at the southern end of the lake, it stopped, "flipped over," and showed "five brilliant white beams of light emanating. . . " from beneath. The beams, which appeared to merge at the bottom "into one large beam," began

"sweeping the area," reflecting off the surface of the lake. Then the UFO righted itself and disappeared.

A pilot and his four passengers also saw an object that emitted light beams between midnight and 2 a.m., September 30.

Dodge Stockmar reported to NICAP that he was piloting his Piper Aztec over Louisville, Kentucky, on a flight from Columbus, Ohio, to Nashville, Tennessee, when he and his passengers saw a UFO with a beam shining downward. The unknown object dropped to the plane's level and began pacing the aircraft. Exhibiting a pulsating light, it descended to a restricted area near Louisville and then disappeared as a delta-wing jet approached the area. The witnesses reported that the UFO sent two or three beams toward the ground.

On the evening of Aug. 19, three observers saw the same or similar object at two different times, from a housing development about two miles east of Phelps Corner, Maryland (southeast of Washington, D.C.).

At approximately 8:20 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harper, Jr., were sitting at their dining-room table watching a lightning display following a thunderstorm.

"I saw a moving light upon the horizon," Harper told a NICAP investigator. "[It was] over the trees and . . . when it got to about the vicinity of Rosecroft Racetrack, it started to hover . . . We went to the balcony and watched it . . ."

According to the witnesses, the object was oval with a center band that had four or five red and white flashing lights.

Through binoculars, Harper said, lightning flashes seemed to be "playing around" the object.

"Long fingers of lightning . . . seemed to be . . . actually striking all around it," Harper reported, "illuminating [it] for quite a while . . ."

He said he watched through the binoculars as the UFO ascended on an angle and disappeared into a cloud cover.

Three hours later, a neighbor, Mrs. Gwen E. Donovan, saw a UFO from the same apartment complex. She first noticed helicopter activity in the area and counted seven of the aircraft.

"It struck me as kind of funny," she said, "because I had never seen so many in the sky at one time. . . Also, I noticed an object . . . I don't know what it was . . . I couldn't believe it . . ."

She stated the UFO had "flashing, circular lights." It remained stationary in the sky, then disappeared.

FIERY WHEEL

The following is a recent case, as reported to NICAP.

At about 6:35 a.m., August 15, Leonard B. Bartlett stepped outside his home in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, to retrieve the morning paper, when he heard a "humming noise" and looked up. He saw a huge "fiery wheel" UFO, with the outside revolving around a "deep blue center." Bartlett estimated the object to be between 125 and 150 feet in diameter.

As the witness called to his son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Blanck, "the UFO apparently flipped over and went straight up, leaving a vapor ring . . ."

"Then it hung in the sky for a few minutes . . . and simply appeared to 'fuzz out,'" Mrs. Blanck said in her report to NICAP, "the outline getting more and more indistinct until it was no longer there."

Reports of fiery-wheel objects date back to antiquity. The Japanese Kamakura scroll (12th-15th Century) depicts a wheel with eight spokes centered within a fiery ball. Objects with wheels were seen during the great airship mystery of 1896-7 and well into this century.

A sharply defined disc paced a busload of tourists between Terracina and Naples, Italy, during the latter part of the summer, according to the wife of a U.S. Air Force member stationed in Ramstein, Germany.

"We were about two hours from Terracina at 12:25 p.m., on August 22," stated Mrs. Kenneth W. Collins. "It [the disc] was flying parallel to our bus, over a field. It was metallic gray and had a dome top. It was moving in a slow, straight line. The underside had square windows . . . all around it and a small, round darker [spot] in the middle."

European Airlines Network

An impressive network of English and European airlines for reporting UFO sightings to NICAP is now in operation. Called EURONET, the network's founder and director is Julian J. A. Hennessey, member of NICAP's European Subcommittee. About 20 airlines thus far have agreed to participate in the NICAP project.

Among the participants are: British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), British European Airways, Lufthansa, KLM—Royal Dutch Airlines, British United Airways Limited, Invicta Airways Limited, Caledonian Airways, Alitalia, Irish International Airlines, British Eagle International Airlines Limited, Icelandair and Iberian Air Lines.

Over 700 aircraft crews are participating in the project. The air route area covered is over half a million miles.

SIGHTINGS (Cont. from page 3)

Search For Hidden Sightings

We are aware that many good sighting reports—some of them cases with new, possibly significant angles—are not being publicized. Some reports by military pilots and personnel are withheld as a matter of official policy. Some sightings and UFO encounters by airline pilots often are kept quiet because airline executives usually are uneasy about possible passenger reactions.

There are still many business executives, scientists, lawyers, and other citizens in various fields who keep quiet because they fear that ridicule may hurt them, their business or their standing in their communities.

Though the number who speak out is increasing, there are undoubtedly hundreds—more likely thousands—of reputable, competent UFO witnesses who are waiting for a drastic change, a wide and serious acceptance of UFO reality, and an end to the ridicule.

Encouraging such reluctant observers to report UFO sightings publicly is one of the most important services NICAP members can perform to help speed a breakthrough. If you know of such witnesses, ask if they will agree to join with a group of reputable UFO observers in a joint statement and details of their sightings. If they still are reluctant, ask if they will give NICAP their reports on condition that their names are kept confidential. Often, confidential reports have filled in gaps in cases, or have enabled us to search for other witnesses, once we know of the hidden facts.

We know of several powerful cases which, if combined in a joint public statement, would jolt the skeptics and also official debunkers. We shall keep on trying to persuade such witnesses to speak out. Meantime, we urge that all NICAP members join in this search for hidden reports.

BRAZIL GROUP CONCLUDES UFOs ARE SPACE DEVICES

A semi-confidential Brazilian Colloquium on UFOs, reportedly attended by official military and intelligence personnel, has promulgated a resolution that declares UFOs to be of extraterrestrial origin.

Led by the president of the Brazilian Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences, the Colloquium resolved that "a critical, scientific study over a period of nearly twenty years... allows us to come to the conclusion that flying saucers exist... (and) are extraterrestrial objects."

Noting that the UFO phenomenon is global in nature and inexplicable by current scientific standards, the Brazilian group recommended that the scientific community and the public give it increased attention. Government representatives at the Colloquium said there will be a constant exchange of information between private researchers and official agencies.

NEW PROGRAM FOR PLANETARY OBSERVATION

A strong recommendation in favor of increased planetary observation and exploration has been made by the Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences, in a report titled "Planetary Exploration 1968-1975," issued in July 1968.

In spite of budgetary problems, the Space Science Board panel stressed that more ground-based opportunities for the study of the planets are necessary if the spacecraft exploration program is continued.

The panel concluded that the application of new technologies now devoted to the study of the stars be "beefed up and turned toward the planets." It singled out the availability of newer and more sophisticated high-resolution radar and high-powered computers as two means of focusing more attention on planetary questions. The panel specifically recommended that:

- NASA initiate now a program of Pioneer/IMP-class spinning spacecraft to orbit Venus and Mars at every opportunity and for exploratory missions to other targets.

- NASA planetary program planning should be closely coordinated with Earth-orbital telescopes being designated for the 1970s and with infrared aircraft telescopes now under construction.

- Larger missions to Mars should include a Mariner orbiter mission in 1971, and a Mariner-type orbiter and lander mission, based on a Titan-Centaur, in 1973.

- Priorities be accorded to Mariner-Class Venus-Mercury fly-bys in 1973 or 1975, a multiple drop-sonde mission to Venus in 1975, and a major lander-type mission on Mars in 1975.

- Steps should be taken to facilitate analysis of data secured by the photographic planetary patrol.

- The NASA program of ground-based optical astronomy should continue to receive strong support, and opportunities for planetary observation be implemented by: construction of an intermediate-sized telescope in the Southern Hemisphere and construction of an infrared telescope with a very large collecting area at a dry site in the Northern Hemisphere.

THE CORRESPONDENCE BACKLOG

We should like to answer personally every letter we receive, but this has been impossible for several years. We dislike form letters as much as you undoubtedly dislike to receive them, but using them is unavoidable because of the flood of mail and our small staff.

The amount of NICAP mail varies considerably. During one peak period, we received over 2200 letters the first day, about 1800 the next, and on down to some 600 a day at the end of a week. It took another week just to process this mail (not answer it)—while more came in—and even the most urgent letters were snowed under by this huge backlog.

As a result, the director, assistant director and two of the staff have letters absolutely requiring detailed answers which have been delayed so long that the writers have naturally become annoyed at what seemed simple neglect.

Several times, we have put most of the staff to work on answering mail, in turn causing important projects to be delayed.

The only practical answer is, of course, a large enough staff to keep up with all the mail. We always hope this will come about, and if our application for tax-exempt status is granted we should have a sizable increase in income, enough for a moderate staff increase.

Meantime, starting with the next issue, we are trying out a question-and-answer column. We shall reply to as many questions as space permits, selecting those which we think will have the widest interest and appeal.

We shall continue to work on the backlog; meanwhile, we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding.

Panel to Study Occupant Reports

"UFOs: A New Look"

As a new approach to the problem of UFO "occupant" claims, NICAP has organized a panel of scientists to evaluate such reports. Cases submitted to the panel, or being prepared for evaluation, are mostly reports of sighting or briefly encountering alien beings, with no claims of communication.

However, to cover a wide range, the scientists have also been given some of the more fantastic reports, the type rejected by most people as ridiculous hoaxes or delusions.

The panel has been asked to give all these stories a fair examination. Even if they finally reject the more bizarre claims, their evaluations will be of value, especially for the psychologists on the panel. It should be possible to work up guides for the recognition of ordinary errors, delusions and deliberate fabrications.

A complete section in "UFOs—A New Look," covers typical occupant reports, some in full detail, which the panel is evaluating. They include: A 1968 report of two supposed alien beings seen inside the dome of a low-hovering disc-shaped device; two New Zealand reports of similar beings, one a low-altitude sighting by a missionary, Father W. B. Gill, and members of his mission; a close-range report from a reputable New England witness, describing two strange figures moving inside a hovering UFO... other simple encounter reports, and a few detailed, bizarre claims in a separate group.

Almost from the beginning of NICAP, we have been faced with the question of whether alien beings from a more advanced civilization have actually been seen by people on earth.

THE TWO GROUPS

Our general policy on this subject was stated in "The UFO Evidence" as follows: "As long as it is considered a reasonable hypothesis that some UFOs are space ships, it is logical to suppose that some form of contact with extraterrestrial beings is possible. . . . Our policy has been to quietly investigate the controversial cases to the best of our ability . . . We readily concede that cases of claimed contact with, or close observation of, beings in landed [or hovering] vehicles demand the closest scrutiny These cases should not be . . . used to imply either that NICAP accepts them at face value, or that we are gullible . . . We do not uncritically accept all reports . . . rather, when reports come from seemingly reputable people and are made with reasonable objectivity, we believe only that they deserve serious attention and far more thorough investigation."

Occupant reports can be divided roughly into two groups:

(1) The typical "contactee" story, usually claiming meetings with space beings and conversations or telepathic communications. Often the discussions are alleged to have a salvationist theme—the "visitors" being concerned over our problems on earth and hoping to save us from destruction.

(2) The non-contactee occupant reports, often made by persons known in their localities as intelligent and reliable. Frequently, these supposed observers avoid publicity—whereas the typical "contactee" seeks it via newspapers, lectures and TV and radio programs.

CASES FOR EVALUATION

In earlier years, even a hint of evaluating occupant reports seriously was likely to bring ridicule, because the press and the public often lumped even a simple encounter report with the wildest "contactee" claims.

In spite of this, NICAP has regularly examined both types of reports, some in full detail such as the George Adamski stories (although Adamski refused to let NICAP photographic advisers examine the negatives of his

As explained on page 1, NICAP's latest publication—"UFOs—A New Look"—is now at the printer's. As soon as it is off the press, copies will be mailed by expedited "special handling"—or first-class, if so ordered. For our newest members, who did not receive the previous issue, and for others who may now wish to order copies, here is the table of contents, by sections.

I. The UFO Revolution. II. Extraterrestrials—Suggested Motives and Origins. III. Vehicle Facings and Encounters. IV. Close-Range Sightings; Structural Details. V. Scientific Support; Congressional Hearings. VI. Landings; Physical Traces. VII. Are There UFO Occupants? VIII. The Colorado Project.

"UFOs—A New Look" includes recent important developments and trends; scientists' discussions of possible origins and motives; an examination of selected "occupant reports" by reputedly reliable observers with no claims of contact, and a few more bizarre claims being evaluated along with the others by a NICAP panel of scientists; selected close-range and close-approach cases with sketches by witnesses; U.S. and foreign reports of "machine-like" devices, E-M interference effects and physiological aspects; interesting parts of the 1968 Congressional UFO hearings; and a discussion of the Colorado University UFO project, NICAP-submitted evidence, and the expected negative report by Dr. E.U. Condon.

FASTER MAILING

For members desiring copies of this publication, an order form is enclosed with this issue. Originally, the publication was announced at introductory prices of \$2.00 (Fourth class to U.S. and Canada), \$2.50 (First class to U.S. and Canada), and \$3.00 (First class to other countries). These prices were based on the printer's first estimate, which has since been increased by about 50%; the addition of other material in the report has also added to the production cost.

Accordingly, we are regretfully forced to increase the prices as follows: U.S., \$3.00; Canada and Mexico, \$3.50; other countries \$4.00.

With the use of the enclosed form the increased prices apply. A change in the postage rates used by NICAP will also take effect now. We will use first-class mail only for orders shipped to foreign countries other than Canada and Mexico. All other orders will be mailed Fourth Class Book Rate, *Special Handling*. This will simplify the clerical work at NICAP of sending out publications, and we are informed by the post office that Special Handling ensures much quicker delivery than Book Rate alone. The Special Handling fee will be absorbed by NICAP.

Of course if you have already ordered the New Look at the original price and under the previous postage arrangements, your order is being processed according to those arrangements.

alleged "spaceship," and also refused to explain discrepancies in his claims of meeting space beings and flying with them.)

As a result of our steadily accumulating occupant reports, and investigating wherever possible, we have acquired enough data for review by the new scientific panel. The members include psychologists, anthropologists, aerospace authorities, astronomers, physicists, and other scientists. The panel's evaluations will be confidential, and we have promised not to name members or quote them individually without their approval. We expect, however, that many of them will agree to be quoted, at least jointly, in reporting the panel's conclusions.

The new scientific panel may not be able to prove that certain reports are valid—nor to disprove completely other reports. But we believe it will be able to decide the probabilities and guide us in our future investigations of the steadily increasing occupant reports.

RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY MESSAGE

As of Nov. 15, about nine percent of the membership has responded to the emergency message in the last issue, sending contributions, orders for the special NICAP publications, advance renewals or new memberships. Two-thirds of the funds received in the first three weeks were donations.

Most of the money received in this three-week period went to pay off the back debts listed in the previous issue, including taxes; printing and mailing of the AF Project Reports and the balance due on the last Investigator issue; lease of the Xerox machine and stamp-meter. (A printing error listed the last item as \$4,326 instead of \$43.26. The total, however, was printed correctly and anyone who noticed the \$4,326 figure must have spotted the error, since no one wrote about it.) The other back bills, Sumart Company, miscellaneous printing; supplies and services; telephone service and mailing-list changes, brought the total to \$7,697.61.

After these bills were paid, the incoming funds were used to pay October and November rent, advance payment on printing this issue and the enclosed order-forms, postage for the issue and correspondence, October phone bill, office supplies, advance payment (two-thirds) for printing of the "UFOs—A New Look" publication, part of staff salaries (some pay deferred earlier is still held up), one month's lease of the Xerox and postage-meter, printing of envelopes, etc.

WHERE WE STAND NOW

As was to be expected, our income gradually decreased after the first two weeks, and more rapidly since then, but we hope that receipt of this issue—showing that NICAP has survived—will bring enough increased, steady income to avert any financial problems and let us carry out our extremely important 1969 program on schedule.

We received promises from a number of members to help us keep on if we managed to survive the crisis. If we receive this support, it will enable us to pay in advance for the printing and mailing the November-December issue.

Since this issue was unavoidably delayed it will not reach most members until the end of November or first of December. Although we have part of the material ready for the next issue, it could not be mailed until Dec. 15 and would certainly be caught in the holiday jam. Also, few members would have time or the inclination to think of anything but buying presents and enjoying the holidays. We have therefore scheduled the November-December issue to be set up by the compositor between Christmas and New Year's and printed and mailed a few days after January 1, 1969.

The January-February issue is scheduled to be prepared in January, ready for mailing before mid-February. However, if the Condon report is released in January, the Investigator will be rushed into print with detailed coverage of the report and mailed immediately.

CAUSE OF THE CRISIS?

Since the emergency message, we have received letters from many members frankly blaming our financial problem, or most of it, on failure to raise NICAP membership fees since 1957.

"I have been a member for ten years," one member wrote, in sending a contribution, "and in that time my business expenses—and many others—have almost doubled. Why in Heaven's name didn't you raise your fee long ago? For the solid information you put out I'd certainly pay more—even if issues are sometimes late.

"Also, it's only right that all the members should help carry the burden. Instead, a lot of them get the Investigator for \$5.00 only because some others donate to keep NICAP going."

Most members writing in suggested the fee be increased to at least \$10, and some voluntarily sent \$15 as a year's membership fee. A few suggested a minimum fee of \$7.50 or \$8.00.

NEW BOOK WILL BLAST COLORADO PROJECT

A forthcoming book filled with scathing criticism of the Colorado University-Air Force UFO investigation is certain to add new fire to an already heated controversy. The half-million dollar project was called a fiasco last May, in an article published by Look Magazine. As a result, the question of a possible "whitewash" was raised by at least one Congressman, and during the recent House Space Committee UFO hearings another legislator suggested a Congressional investigation.

Entitled "UFOs? Yes!", the book was written by Dr. David Saunders, formerly the project's chief psychologist and head of its UFO computer studies, and Roger Harkins, a newsman previously on the Boulder, Colo., *Camera*.

Last February, Dr. Saunders and another project scientist, Dr. Norman Levine, were summarily fired by the project head, Dr. E. U. Condon. This followed their taking steps to publicize dissension in the project, based on the question of a biased, negative approach which could result in failure to make a thorough, open-minded, scientific investigation, as described in the Air Force contract.

Details of this situation were given in the Look article by journalist John Fuller, based on interviews at Boulder and documented information from NICAP and Dr. J. E. McDonald, Univ. of Arizona scientist well-known for careful, factual UFO investigations. (See *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 6, for details.)

Although NICAP has been given a set of galley proofs we are abiding by the unwritten rule that detailed reviews should not be released before book-publication date. (Probably in December or early January.)

It is certainly no coincidence that this book is being brought out close to the time set by the AF for release of the Condon report.

In the Fall of '67, Project Coordinator Robert Low, answering some blunt questions in a conference with NICAP's director and assistant director, frankly admitted that "if Condon were to write the report today, it would be negative."

We have recently been informed, by sources in a position to know, that the final report ignores or belittles all the thousands of UFO reports, including sightings—many at close range—by veteran military and airline pilots, scientists, tower operators, and hundreds of other competent, reliable observers. We are informed that Condon is rejecting confirmed simultaneous visual-and-radar cases, and all other hard-core competent evidence that UFOs are intelligently-controlled devices. His explanations are said to be debunking answers typical of the Air Force.

It is of course possible that we have been misinformed. But we consider it unlikely because of our own intimate knowledge of the project's deterioration during our months of working with the staff, trying for a truly scientific, unbiased investigation.

However, even if the AF anti-UFO publicity drive is launched as expected, we believe that Dr. Saunders' revelations in this new book will bring quick repercussions. Many of the nation's press have stopped accepting the official debunking, and they will ask some searching questions of Dr. Condon. Also, enough members of Congress have criticized the Colorado Project to make an investigation probable, if they are given all the facts—including NICAP's massive evidence.

A review of the book is being prepared. It will appear in the next issue if the book is released by that time.

EMERGENCY MESSAGE (Cont. from column 1)

Many times we have considered raising the fee, but each time, because of publishing delays due to money problems, we felt it was not right. We still would like to keep the fee at \$5.00, but not by begging for donations in another crisis. If enough members order our special publications, and/or get us new members, we may be able to avoid an increase.

The income following this issue should tell the story. Regardless, we will not raise the fee until after the November-December issue is out—completing six 1968 issues.

Meantime, once again, our deep gratitude to all those who helped to bring us through the worst crisis we have ever known.

NICAP'S STAND ON REPORTED UFO PHOTOS

We have been reliably informed that the Condon report will attack and label as worthless a number of photographs claimed to show UFOs—and that Condon will state NICAP has unconditionally accepted all these photos as genuine.

If such a claim is made it will be false.

The Colorado Project scientists were repeatedly told by NICAP that our investigations and evaluations were not completed and that no final conclusions had been made.

These statements were made in numerous conferences between NICAP officials and the project members, including Coordinator Robert J. Low, during our months of cooperation before an increasingly negative project approach forced us to break off relations.

During this cooperation period, Coordinator Low informed NICAP's director, former assistant director Richard Hall, and the present assistant director, Gordon Lore, that this information had been given to Dr. Condon.

Dr. Condon, Coordinator Low and project scientists also were carefully informed of NICAP's policy regarding alleged UFO photos, as detailed in "The UFO Evidence," copies of which were studied by the project members. Here are pertinent sections of this published NICAP policy statement:

NICAP PHOTO POLICY

"If the witness is a reputable person and all pertinent data are provided, his photograph deserves careful analysis. Where character information . . . is lacking, the photograph is of less value and it is necessary to suspend judgment about it . . .

"In addition to the question of witness reliability, analysis of photographic evidence for UFOs is complicated by other factors. Many of the potentially significant pictures were taken before NICAP was formed . . . attempts to obtain all the necessary data . . . have proved extremely difficult . . . because of the confusion surrounding the UFO subject and reports of tampering with or confiscation of films, [some] witnesses have refused to give up their films for analysis.

"Because of these problems, we . . . merely list photographic evidence [i.e., without final conclusions] . . . (but) also have attempted to rate each case according to its probable significance as evidence."

None of the NICAP ratings indicates acceptance as genuine. The highest rating reads: "Considered strongest evidence of UFOs." Only two reported UFO films have received this rating:

(1) The famous Tremonton, Utah, movie film taken by Navy Warrant Officer D.C. Newhouse, a naval aviation photographic specialist. This film was secretly listed as "unidentified" by AF and Navy photographic laboratory experts, after months of tests. Later, despite this conclusion, the AF publicly explained the UFOs as "seagulls."

(2) The movie film of two UFOs, taken at Great Falls, Montana, by Nick Mariana—also secretly evaluated by the AF as "unidentified"—then publicly explained as reflections from aircraft. (In 1967, Dr. Saunders of the Colorado Project told NICAP's director he and another project scientist had made extensive tests and were convinced this film was genuine.)

The other NICAP listed photo ratings are: Potentially strong evidence, worth priority analysis; Worth analysis, possibly with other data; Dubious, or negative evaluation; Incomplete, no rating possible.

Of the films Condon reportedly will attack, one has been widely publicized:

The photo taken near Santa Ana, Calif. by Rex Heflin, highway safety investigator, reportedly showing a UFO at close range. Long investigations have been made by LANS (Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee) assisted by engineers and scientists who said they found no evidence of a hoax. Heflin has been vouched for as reliable by his employer and close acquaintances. However, because of AF public rejection of the film [even prior to any real evaluation] NICAP is continuing its investigation, and no final conclusion has been reached.

The Colorado Project has been fully informed of this.

If the Condon report makes any contrary statement it will be a deliberate untruth.

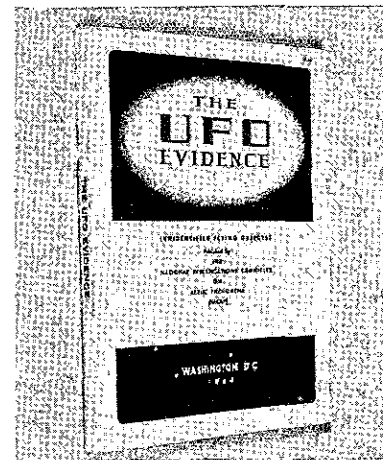
REPRINT OF "THE UFO EVIDENCE"

In response to constant requests and cash orders (which had to be returned), we have reprinted "The UFO Evidence," NICAP's 200,000 word illustrated and documented UFO report.

"The UFO Evidence" contains about 750 UFO reports, many in extensive detail. The eight report sections cover sightings and encounters by: U.S. military pilots, crews and tower and radar observers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps; airline, commercial and private pilots; airport personnel; scientists and engineers; Federal, State and local officials; a cross-section of citizens' reports, and global reports generally confirming those in the U.S.

In addition, there are special sections on: Patterns . . . The Problems and the Dangers . . . The Air Force Investigation . . . and other aspects, including a UFO chronology dating from 1860 to 1964.

Often described as a factual, valuable reference work, "The UFO Evidence" also maintains high interest through its many first-hand reports, often with fascinating details of encounters by pilots and other specially qualified observers. The important data this book contains have influenced many scientists, Members of Congress, the press and the general public. Some typical comments follow:



Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., N.J.: "The UFO Evidence report is indeed an impressive document and should be given the most careful consideration."

Walter Harmon, Aviation Editor for the Springfield (Mass.) Republican: "In our estimation, NICAP has proved its point. The Air Force should lift its veil of secrecy, make public its investigations and stop trying to kid the people."

Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona scientist: "... one of the most valuable of all references on UFO reports and must be read by all persons attempting serious study of the problem."

Miami Herald: "The report is a rather remarkable document. If you are under the illusion that only nuts and kooks have seen flying saucers, give up the notion. Airline and military pilots, policemen, scientists and engineers are among those cited by name as having seen a UFO."

Congressman Louis C. Wyman, N.H.: "I strongly favor a public hearing on UFOs and am most interested in 'The UFO Evidence.'"

Harv Morgan, KYW, Cleveland: "A monumental study . . . extremely well-documented."

Charles H. Ball, Aviation Editor, Boston Traveler: "... certainly must be the most comprehensive study yet on the subject . . . a provocative presentation . . . an impressive selection (of cases) . . ."

In addition, the "Evidence" is in frequent use at scores of Government libraries such as NASA, the AF Academy, the Naval Academy . . . libraries of leading aerospace industries, individual space scientists and engineers, and in many city and university libraries in the U.S. as well as abroad. This is the sixth reprinting.

By a special arrangement, part of the reprint cost has been deferred, to be paid at monthly intervals by income from orders. Although the

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST REPORT

NICAP's summer campaign to enlarge its membership proved to be ineffective. With only one per cent of the membership entering the prize contest, less than a hundred new members were recruited.

Entries averaged a scant three a day, including renewals, which were also eligible. Speculation on the cause centered on the distractions of an election year, which tend to take much of the time and interest an individual might otherwise give to nonpolitical activities.

Five kinds of prizes were offered, but some went begging. No contestant, except two of the top prize winners, was able to secure ten entries, the requirement for one of the fourth prizes. Only three contestants were able to get the five entries required for the other fourth prize.

The one positive note was that all winners were affiliated with NICAP, either as members or investigators or some other kind of representative. The membership drive was open to all persons except paid staff members but very few outside NICAP chose to enter. Here are the winners:

First Prize: S. J. Larsen, Chicago, Ill.; Second Prize: R. S. Carr, Clearwater, Fla.; Third Prize: H. M. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; Fourth Prize: P. J. Rozich, Alliance, Ohio; R. P. Toczek, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. E. R. Zott, Montvale, N.J.

Winners have been notified by NICAP, and prizes are being prepared for shipment. The first prize winner will receive an original color painting of the UFO sighting of his choice, a ten-year NICAP membership and three autographed NICAP publications.

Even though the contest did not produce the hoped-for results, NICAP wishes to thank those of you who took the trouble of entering. We sincerely appreciate your interest and support.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In the last Investigator, we announced we would enclose new membership cards with this issue. The purpose was to send cards to members who had renewed but still had their old cards. We had tried to send new cards to renewing members, but the loss of part of the staff, causing an overload on the rest, made it impossible to keep it up.

The fact that memberships expire throughout the year has created a difficult problem. The plan to send new cards to everyone, with this issue, was a stopgap step, but it meant also sending new cards to the majority of members who do not now need them. The added printing and mailing (matching each card with the right envelope) meant an additional charge at a time when we have to hold down expenses.

We are attempting to find an early solution. We may possibly get some volunteer help—until we can afford to add to the staff—who can check each renewer's record and put new individual code symbols on each renewal membership card. It may be we can devise a new type of card which will eliminate the renewal problem. In case no perfect solution can be found, we probably will have to send newly coded cards to everyone, which entails an expensive mass processing job besides matching the name and address on each card with the corresponding addressed envelope.

We apologize for not sending renewal cards at this time. Please bear with us and we shall try to find a satisfactory solution before the following issue.

REPRINT (Cont. from page 7)

charge for reprint editions has gone up, as well as postage, the price for members in the United States will remain \$5.00. This includes the charge for special expedited fourth-class handling, which NICAP will absorb to cut down long delays in delivery. The price for members in Canada and Mexico, including the special handling, will be \$5.50; for foreign members, \$7.00, for first-class mailings, since other mailings often take months. ALL OTHER FIRST-CLASS MAILINGS—IN THE U.S., CANADA, AND MEXICO, HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED.

An order form is enclosed with this issue, for members unable to secure copies while the "Evidence" was out of print. We also suggest that a copy would make a good Christmas present for an interested relative or friend.

AF PROJECT REPORTS

The NICAP disclosure of long-hidden AF UFO reports, in our recent publication, "U.S. Air Force Projects Grudge and Blue Book reports," continues to have a powerful impact, convincing numerous skeptics who formerly rejected charges of AF-UFO secrecy.

Favorable mention of this NICAP publication during the recent Congressional UFO hearings brought it to the attention of legislators, scientists, members of the press and others present who learned of it for the first time.

Beside numerous AF-recorded cases, still bearing the original "Secret" or "Confidential" stamps, the publication pictures the puzzling and often contradictory situation before the new "dark age" of official debunking, which began early in 1953.

The contradictory views held by some of the AF project members are seen in salty comments on Dr. Menzel's views—disparaging the astronomer's attempted explanations of UFOs—and also in some unusual official comments on the effects of ridicule.

CONCEALED CASES

The once-secret AF project cases include reports by highly-rated observers whose sightings never were explained, such as an incident at Odessa, Washington, where an F-94 pilot had visual and radar contact with a rapidly maneuvering UFO—larger than any known aircraft—which for 15 minutes eluded the jet pilot's attempts to close in. . . . A UFO reported by a military and a civilian observer at Colorado Springs. Seen in midday, the UFO was described as a fast, round metallic-looking object, shaped "like two soup bowls put together." The unknown object, only 10 to 15 feet above the ground, was so close that the witnesses—listed by the AF as "reliable observers"—could see lighted ports or openings.

For over six years, NICAP tried to obtain the hidden AF Project reports. Since there was definitely one AF project report—Special Blue Book Report 14—we knew there must be earlier ones, though the AF constantly denied this. Finally, with the aid of the Moss Committee, we were able to get the reports. (They had been technically "declassified" in 1960—but not made available until the Moss Committee forced their release.)

The NICAP publication contains photocopies of the official reports, still bearing their classifications of "Secret" or "Confidential."

NICAP PRAISED

In the July 29 Congressional hearings, Dr. J. E. McDonald, one of the panel scientists, called this publication "One of the most significant and certainly one of the most fascinating of the recent additions to the UFO literature," adding that it confirmed the authenticity of the case material upon which NICAP's director and Capt. E. J. Ruppelt (former Blue Book chief) had drawn for their discussions.

Just after the hearings were adjourned, Congressman J. Edward Roush, the presiding officer, told the director that he fully agreed with Dr. McDonald as to the value of the publication.

We are enclosing an order form for this 240-page book, which is printed in the same format as "The UFO Evidence," with a blue cover.

The price is \$5.00 for U.S. members, and delivery will be expedited by "book rate special handling," for which NICAP will absorb the extra charge. This quicker delivery will do away with most of the previous fourth-class mail delays. Therefore the previous first-class rate of \$6.00 is discontinued.

Prices for members in Canada and Mexico will be \$5.50 (including special handling), and for members in other foreign countries, \$7.00 (first-class mail, to avoid long delays.)

Sufficient copies are on hand and a new mailing service company is prepared to mail out copies promptly, on receipt of orders.