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UAOs CAPTURE NEW SPECIMENS

Variety Of Objects In Colorado

"Flat, glowing objects" described as being quite close together and moving very slowly, were seen at 6:15 a.m. on 26 October 1962, in the southern part of the San Luis Valley in Colorado. Mrs. Alvie Frank, residing 11 miles south of Monte Vista reported the objects which were seen just as the sun was rising.

On the same morning, at 7:16 a.m., Mrs. Bessie Rogers of Fort Collins spotted a large black parachute-shaped object weaving back and forth over the mountains somewhere between the south end of Horsetooth Reservoir and Masonville. She said it flew around for about 10 minutes, disappeared and then returned. At 7:44 a.m., she called the police to report it again. Police and Sheriff's officers search the area but found nothing.

On the 29th, Mrs. Vera Rogers reported sighting a round, shiny object which was flying low over Fort Collins. The object, heading south, made a soft, whirring sound followed by a "popping" noise.

Further reports indicated a glowing low-flying object was seen in the sky late on the nights of the 26th and 27th, over or near Fort Collins, but no details were given in newspaper articles.

Following are some of the sightings which included scanty details:

At 12:20 p.m. on 24 October, two "parachutes" were seen descending on the north side of Grand Mesa, in the vicinity of Cedaredge, Western Colorado. Mrs. Rex Allen of Cedaredge said she saw the two objects coming down on the northwestern edge of the mesa. A Fish and Game Department plane searched the area but found nothing. The FAA said it had no reports of missing aircraft.

Three hours later, at 3:20, an object was seen descending in the same general area by Mrs. Sydney Shoup and Mr. and Mrs. Gib Williams of Eckert, Colorado. None of the witnesses were

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Ball of Fire Demolishes Entire Block

Spokane, Washington, 17 March, 1962. The Sarnia Observer for Monday, 19 March 1962, had no explanation for the mystery blast which leveled an entire block of the business section of North Spokane. Some of the details:

The blast was heard for 20 miles. Houses trembled, windows were broken and plaster cracked for blocks around. Display windows miles away were shattered. At least 31 people required hospital treatment. The explosion leveled a cafe, a used furniture store, a pizza parlor and an empty building.

Fire Chief W. A. Dunham said on the 19th that investigation hadn't been able to pinpoint the center of the blast.

At a fire station a block away the blast blew open the big double doors and firemen rushed out to see sparks and debris floating down from the sky.

Mrs. Mary Keating, a waitress in the pizza parlor in the center of the block said she heard no explosion—just a "loud, sucking noise and then the windows popped out."

Fire Captain ack Wallter reported seeing a huge ball of fire, then a deep, dull "wha-boom."

Compare these last two descriptions to those in back issues of the APRO Bulletin which reported strange balls of fire and blasts in Australia and New Zealand.

Missile, Contrail or UFO?

From Weatherville, and Eureka, California, from Burns, Oregon and Reno, Nevada came reports on 6 December 1961, of the observation of a westerly moving craft with a "tail" twice as long as itself. The object was officially explained as (1) a Thor missile launched from Vandenburg and (2) a vapor trail from a high altitude, high performance craft known to be flying in the area. Take your pick.

By Olavo T. Fontes, M.D.

In my studies of UAO sightings over a fifteen-year period, I have found a pattern indicating very careful and detailed plans being followed methodically, step by step, year after year. First, geographical surveys, then general military reconnaissance, then landings with surface sampling of botanical and geological specimens, then a very detailed examination of our terrestrial and aerial defensees with testing of at least two kinds of weapons against airplanes, automobiles, power stations and military installations, and with close watch over our satellite experiments and rocket developments. I have also found (together with many other fact) that the general curve of sightings follows a periodicity of about 26 months; but also that such a periodicity appears to be covered by another one of about five years. This last cycle makes the definitive periodicity of UAO sightings more complex than first belieeved, but would explain well the small variations observed by experience. My first suspicion of this five-year cycle was born with the unexpected 1957 "flap", which started in June-July and didn't fit into the pattern of 26-month periods. The preceding cycle, according to this hypothesis, would be started with the 1952 "flap", which could have passed unsuspected because it fitted into the 26-month cycle. However, the next one would be started in June-July, 1962, in a time that also didn't fall into the 26-month periodicity. Therefore, the prediction of a new wave of UAO sightings for 1962, if confirmed, would be a good way to test the possible reality of such a five-year cycle. Such a prediction was discussed last May, in Paris, with Aime Michel, the prominent French UAO researcher, and we agreed it was a fascinating possibility—at least from a theoretical point of view. In my opinion, however, this five-year periodicity is far more interesting than the 26-month periods—because there appears to exist a change in the general behavior of UAOs with each neew cycle, or at least the addition of a new kind of procedure or operation not present in the preceding

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Detailed Sighting Of Objects Over Dublin

Mr. Austin Byrne of Dublin reports the following sighting which he personally investigated: "The man, Mr. Patrick Stafford, a C.I.E. bus driver of Dublin said, 'I was just getting up into the cab of my bus when I noticed this bright object coming from the Northeast.' He went on to say, 'It approached at about 300 mph—about the speed of a Viscount (commercial airplane usede by Irish airlines), and 'it was at approximately 500 feet altitude.' The object was immediately unusual to him since it gave off no sound. He said, 'it was like an aeroplane with its engines stopped.' He thought it was going to crash but what struck him was that it was not dropping, but in horizontal flight.

"On describing the object itself, Mr. Stafford said, "It was like the big spinning tops you sometimes see children playing with and it had portholes around the outside of it.' It was not spinning, he said, 'because if it was, you would see only a blur of light around the thing, not just light coming out through each individual porthole.'

"Now, about this light he said was coming from inside of the thing through the portholes, he described it as being 'a fierce white, could have been somewhat bluish," light. He said it gave him the impression that the light was centered inside the thing and 'you could see it coming from the center through the portholes.' but he emphasized it was a 'fierce' light. He said the object was as big as a bus. I asked him later, to elaborate on this by giving me some measurement and then he was somewhat unsure as he first said it was about 15 feet in breadth, and when I asked him the approximate height of the object by quickly guessing how many times the height would go into the breadth, he said, 'about three times.' I then said that would probably make the height about five feet, and he quickly said, 'Oh no, it was much bigger than that,' he said, stretching out his hands 'about 10 feet—and the width about twice that (about 20 feet)'. He emphasized the size and detail he could see by pointing out to me the size a Viscount airplane would be at a height of 500 feet.

"He then went on to describe a curious sort of light as he said, 'misty light' he saw come from the thing for about a hundred yards it was 'slightly tapered,' he said. It then went back into the thing and the flying saucer suddenly vanished. 'It just wasn't there anymore,' he said.

"All this took place in about ten seconds at about 6:28 a.m. as he had checked his watch to the 'Voice of America' time check on the radio that morning before going out.

"Stafford said 'it was a wonderful thing to see,' and he would 'love to see it again.' One of the bus cleaners at the bus depot observed the object also, as well as a conductor, Mr. Kevin Lynch. Lynch was near the same spot where Mr. Stafford made his observation, and could only add that the object's flight path was from northeast to southwest."

"Mystery Satellite" Sighted

Hong Kong, 9 July 1962. Local resident R. I. Hobson reported that he had seen an object which gave off a brightt white light, twice in two hours on the evening of 8 July. The "Bangkok World' from which this information is taken, reported that Hobson said the object traveled from south to north over the colony and took about 15 minutes to cross the sky. (Russian and American satellites take roughly 20 plus minutes for transit).

A member of a university scientific society (neither the person nor the society was named in the Bangkok World) reported having observed a satellite over Hong Kong on the night of July 4. He described it as being visible only for seven minutes and distinguishable from the stars by its relative motion and brightness. At the time the report was printed, the Royal Observatory had not been able to identify the object, according to government spokesmen. (This is only one of many reports of south-to-north satellite-like objects, which cannot be explained in a conventional manner. —The Editor).

Flying Egg In Massachusetts

Charles F. Kirk, 20, of Woburn, Mass., reported to the Woburn Times, Woburn, Mass., that on the 1st of November, 1962, he had sighted a "streamlined egg-shaped" object that hovered over Woburn for several minutes between 2 and 2:10 p.m. He said it looked like a streamlined (elongated) egg cut through the middle, and estimated its altitude at less than 2,00 feet. Kirk, who is a machinist and carpenter for the Wells Machine Company, was working on tope of the company's new building on Salem Street when he sighted the strange object. He said he thought the object was about 40 feet long, 30 feet wide and about 15 feet in height, but could have been much larger. He was obviously upset by his encounter and he described his "eerie feeling" of being watched. (See article about Barney Hill sighting). He said he didn't want to see one of the things again.

The object was golden orange in color, flat on the bottom, with a black band near the lower edge and a projection or periscope hanging about ten feet from the bottom. This strange device (the periscope) kept clicking at about 15 second intervals. Except for the clicking sound, the object was silent, and it "produced a band of light around the building on which he was working." According to the Woburn Times, L. C. Anstey of the Woburn Civilian Defense found a slight increase in background radiation at the site of the incident.

Cone Shape Oxer Hamilton, New Zealand

Mrs. W. J. Crompton of Fow Street, Hamilton, reported to the Waikato Times that she had seen a "cone-shaped" object which looked like a rocket in the southwestern sky, apparently over the Waikato Hospital at 5 p.m. After a few moments the object disappeared over the southern horizon.

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ones. For instance, in the first cycle (June 47 to June 52) the pattern only indicates geographical surveys and general reconnaissance by remote-controlled objects never close to the ground; in the second cycle (June 52 to June 57), that pattern changed into a very close and detailed examination of aerial and terrestrial defenses, plus landings and collection of botanical and geological specimens by humanoid creatures; in the third cycle (June 7 to June 62) the pattern changed again, with testing of weapons against airplanes, ground vehicles and military installations — and few landings, no collection of specimens.

The fourth cycle appears to have started two weeks before the expected time. The new wave of UAO sightings was first located over Argentina, then spread to Brazil, and now is going to Peru and other countries. But the amazing thing is the new change in the general behavior of UAOs: many landings since the beginning, everywhere, and attempts to collect specimens of terrestrial fauna —including man himself.

Flying Discs Over Barcelos, Amazonas

CHICKENS, PIGS AND COWS DISAPPEAR

On September 18, 1962, the Rio de Janeiro daily, A NOITE, carried a weird sequel to the events of the preceding month (i.e., the kidnapping of a diamond prospector, Raimundo Mafra da Silva, by two ball-shaped UAOs). This time it was the population of Barcelos which was worried by rumors related with the sighting of a flying disc over the area. According to the reports of three workers from a rubbeer tree plantation, a strong light was sighted over the river. They approached the place and saw, clearly outlineed against the dark sky, a huge, silvery disc-shaped object giving off sparks of fire. It hovered over the river for a long time, then suddenly took off vertically with a tremendous noise.

The town's Mayor was alerted by the witnesses. He decided to put them in jail because "they were spreading rumors to prejudice his administration." However, the corporal of the police squadron in the town was not convinced and decided to make his own investigation. He came to the conclusion that a flying object shaped like a disc was being really sighted around the town. He also concluded that its crew was low in supplies, or needing food, because 17 chicken, 6 pigs and 2 cows had disappeared from Barcelos — since the night the craft was first sighted. The Mayor, however, declared the three workers will stay in jail just to learn their lesson, because "men with beards on their faces (grown men) cannot suffer hallucinations."

The reader might take this report as a humorous story, as an amusing tale produced by a good joker. But he may, perhaps, change his opinion after reading the next report, about an incident that took place in the same region a few days after the preceding one.

At Vila Conceicao: Soccer Referee Kidnapped By Flying Discs

On September 18, 1962, an unusual story hit the headlines in the newspapers of Manaus, capital of the State of Amazonas. Here is a summary of the news as reported in Rio's newspapers:

"MANAUS, 18 — After the news related with the appearance of a flying disc over the town of Barcelos, in the interior of the State, a radio message was received at this capital, from Vila Conceicao, reporting the appearance of a flying disc also at that small village in the vicinity of the Padauri river. It seems to be the same one involved with the disappearance of chickens, pigs and cows from that first town. This flying disc came to Vila Conceicao last Sunday, September 16, after sunset.

"There was a soccer game at the village that afternoon, in a field behind the small town's church. It was a match between the team of Vila Conceicao and another one from a nearby village. The referee, Mr. Telemaco Xavier, had come with the visiting delegation. His decisions during the match showed he was not a good judge. He made several mistakes against the local team. He had the courage to invalidate two goals and to ignore four penalties against the visiting team. Such errors created an atmosphere of revolt and, at the end of the match, the angry local fans were decided to take their vengeance on the unjust referee. An incident was avoided only by the energic intervention of the local priest, who calmed down the more excited and convinced them to behave like good sportsmen.

"During the night, however — when everything appeared to be forgotten and both teams, together with the local population and the over visitors, fraternized with each other — suddenly the absence of Mr. Telemaco Xavier was noticed. A search was started to find him. Nothing was found. After a whole night and a day of frantic search, it was concluded that the referee had mysteriously disappeared. The only thing found was his whistle, used during the match, which was dropped close to a clearing in the middle of the forest that surrounds Vila Conceicao.

"It was only on the following day that the report from a rubber tree plantation worker was received by the searchers. That man had seen, in the night of Sunday, a glowing, round-shaped object giving off sparks of fire and coming down rapidly over the clearing. That object landed, three men jumped out from it and kidnapped a person who was walking alone, at that moment, between the trees at the margin of the clearing. Protected behind the bushes, the witness watched the fight between the crew from the flying object and that person, who was finally grasped and carried by the attackers to the inside of their craft. The object then took off vertically at high speed and was gone. Investigation by the authorities revealed signs of the struggle where the worker said the fight had taken place. It seems evident, beyond any doubt, that Mr. Telemaco Xavier was kidnapped by a flying disc." Unquote.

I have the feeling that no more news will be heard about this incident. First, because of the location of the place where it took place — Vila Conceicao is a small village lost in the Amazon jungle, far to the northwest of Manaus, almost at the frontier of Venezuela. Second, because its communication lines with the civilized world are represented by a small radio transmitter only — and radio messages are under government control. Censorship is very easy to effect in this case, and justified by the explosive implications of the incident. If explored by the press, this case might cause widespread panic and hysteria all over the country. Because here we have an incident where the kidnapping of a human being by the humanoid crew of a UAO was not only suggested—but witnessed; The second case, within an interval of 26 days, where vanishing people and UAOs are definitely connected by direct evidence.

A soccer game can be watched from space. To the observers, if they don't know anything about the game and its rules, the referee would seem to be a very important person in the community. In fact, he has the power to stop the game, to make the decisions, to force the players to follow the rules, etc. etc. If such was the reason for his kidnapping—then we can take his case as a very good interplanetary joke. Poor referee.

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sure of what they saw—but Mrs. Shoup said the parachute-like object came from an airplane. No one was able to identify the aircraft as to type, etc. Mrs. Shoup said the object appeared to be disc-shaped.

Lester Sandler, an employee of the Colorado and Southern Railroad at Fort Collins, reported on the 24th that he had seen a round, gray-white object at about noon. He said it appeared to fall to the ground west of the city. Sheriff Ray Scheerer sent deputies to investigate and shortly another report came in to the office pertaining to an object which appeared to land at the base of Dixon Canyon Dam on Horsetooth Reservoir. However, the caller said the object was orange and huge in size, conflicting with the description given by Sandler. Airplanes sent up to search found nothing.

For two hours and 17 minutes on the night of Thursday, 25 October, the Colorado State Patrol dispatcher at Delta, a state patrolman, the Cedaredge city marshall and a number of other persons, watched two objects cavorting in the sky. The dispatcher, Mrs. Helen Mitchell said she spotted the object at 7:15 p.m. and watched them for about a half an hour. She said they were glowing white like a fluorescent light, then turning a deep red, dimming and turning white again. They appeared to be stationary in the sky between Delta and Cedaredge for a time before they began to ascend. Cedaredge Marshal Ed Marsh and State Patrolman Richard Kuta observed the same objects through binoculars for some time, and reported that the objects were, at various times, blue-white nd orange in color and shaped like inverted umbrellas with a number of bright, tail-like appendages. They disappeared from view at Delta about 7:50 p.m. and appeared over Glenwood Springs about 8:05 p.m. At 8:15 they were back over the Grand Mesa area.

Joe McDonald, civil defense coordinator at Delta, Colorado, said he had received several calls from area residents pertaining to unidentified or strange sky objects. Mrs. Mitchell estimated altitude of objects at 1,500 feet, but others felt they were probably at around 5,000 feet altitude. She said the objects were at least twice the size of the brightest astronomical objects—stars. They disappeared from view at about 9:32 p.m., traveling in a southeasterly direction.

Thus ends the summation of information pertaining ot the 1962 "flap" for Colorado. We hope to feature an article dealing with the high incidence of sightings of UAO in the vicinity of water bodies in the near future, and the above mentioned sightings strengthens our theory that water is of more than a passing interest to the UAO.

Silver Ball Seen In Ontario

At 10 a.m., on Monday, October 1, 1962, a silver ball-shaped object was spotted by various residents of Thamesville, Ontario, Canada. It was still there at midnight and no explanations were forthcoming from responsibel authorities although a flippant newspaperman at the London Free Press informed one inquirer that "it would probably go away after the observer had some sleep." During the evening, jet contrails in the vicinity of the object were seen by observers. The reporter for the Thamesville Herald concluded his rather humorous article: "So, after analyzing all the answers, we swear never to look at another object in the sky. Even if we see it. We'll ignore it." This seems to be good advice, inasmuch as so few people take UFO seriously.

Minister Observes Yellow Object

The Reverend W. S. Mowery of Tipp City, Ohio, reports the following: On August 17 at 9:30 p.m., he was traveling north on County Road 61 just north and east of the Dayton (Ohio) Municipal Airport when a large and bright yellow light crossed the highway directly ahead of his car. It was at about 45 degrees elevation and appeared in about same flight altitude as a plane coming in for a landing at the field, but the speed and direction of flight made the Reverend question whether or not the craft could land. The light was a bright yellow and no other light was visible; it seemed to be about six inches in diameter and as it crossed the highway the Reverend could see the light reflecting upward on the bottom of the object but could not see its shape or size. It appeared to be just a flat, dark object just above and to the rear of the light.

The light was traveling in a northwest direction on a perfectly flat course. It was traveling so fast that Rev. Mowery; could easily observe the light growing smaller as it proceeded away from him and within a matter of 10 seconds it disappeared in the distance. The car window was down so he checked for sound and there was none. Rev. Mowery asserts that he is familiar with jets and other planes, but could find no explanation for this object.

"Low Glow" In California

Various residents in and around Corcoran, Calif., reported a strange glow which manifesteed itself in the early morning hous of 3 July, just before down. First reported to the Corcoran Journal by F. M. Montijo, the object was seen and reported by others later. Ray Thompson, a member of the Corcoran Forestry Division fire station, said that he was driving northwest of Corcoran when he first noticed the fiery luminous light near the horizon. He first thought it might be part of a missile experiment at Vandenburg AFB, but when it slowed down and hovered in the sky he stopped his pickup and listened for sounds, hearing none. The object remained on or near the ground for five minutes or more, then rose vertically and zoomed into the sky, leaving a blue and orange trail similar to that of a "shooting star."

Mrs. Jean Miller, driving a tractor in the ranch hayfield, also saw the brilliant orange glow which appeared to be almost on the ground at a neighboring farm. She stopped her tractor and watched and listened but heard nothing. Shortly, she said, the object rose from the ground and suddenly streaked off like a rocket, leaving a blue and orange trail in the sky.

Disc Illuminates Area

William Stock of Lodi, N. J., was making a routine check of the grounds at Sam Braen's Quarry, 662 Gofffle Road, on Thursday, 20 September, when he sighted a round, disc-shaped object suspended in the air, which lighted up the entire area. When he beamed the lights of his jeep at the object, it bobbed up and down and from side to side and then turned around. "As it turned around, I could see what appeared to be headlights. It then disappeared very fast," Stock said. No further details, but this is one more of many sightings of objects near water deposits.

Twin Fire Balls In Michigan

At 9:15 p.m. on April 27, 1962, Mrs. Fred Harris of Burt, Michigan, observed a brilliant green and speedy fireball with a tail which appeared half as large as the full moon. It was followed by another green ball of fire, slightly smaller, also with a tail. Both objects appeared to skim just above the tops of the trees which separated two lots. The witness said they were traveling "much faster than a plane."

Monitoring And Scanning Discs

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By C. W. Fitch

Another incident, similar in many ways to the Gorman case, took place nearly five years later on the night of August 12, 1953, over Rapid City, South Dakota. Two F-84 jet pilots and a bright, fast-moving evasive light were involved in it with the F-84 pilots coming out second best after both had been badly scared by the tactics of the UFO. Ruppelt in his excellent work "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," pages 302-306 gives a detailed account of this case and closes it with the comment "This was an unknown—the best." Yet even so, somewhere strings were pulled which prevented it from reaching the press and the general public.

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THE AMARILLO (TEXAS) SUNDAY NEWS-GLOBE of April 9, 1950 carried a headline: "SO YOU SAW A FLYING DISC?—This Boy TOUCHED One!" By Gordon Tompkins, Jr.

"Two young boys from River Road went fishing late yesterday morning, but instead of a string of perch, they came home with a flying saucer story.

This flying saucer landed. One of the boys touched it.

The pair are David Lightfoot, 12 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lightfoot of Bluebonnet Drive and Charles Lightfoot, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Lightfoot of River Drive. The boys attend River Road School. David in the sixth grade, and Charles in thethird. They are cousins.

The two excitedly babbled out their eye-witness of the saucer to newsmen and radiomen yesterday afternoon. The accounts, except for minor differences in measurement estimates, were alike.

In substance, this is a composite of what David and Charles said happened to them yesterday morning: The boys went fishing shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning on a creek near the southern boundary of the Convalescent Home northeast of the city.

Before they had pulled in even a little one, they sighted what they thought at first was a balloon. It was about 20 degrees above the horizon, they indicated by arm motions. The object was traveling from the south.

As it came nearer, the object decreased in speed, and it became apparent that it wasn't a balloon.

The disk passed by only a few feet over the boys, and David shouted to Charles, "I'll bet that's one of those flying saucers, Charles, I'm going after it."

Charles did not follow. David said the disk circled slowly and disappeared over a small hill to the north.

Before David could top the rise, the saucer had landed.

"It was about as big around as a regular automobile tire," the youth remarked and about as high as my knee — maybe a foot and a half. I could see it good."

According to David's account, the object was rounded on the bottom and had a top part which resembled a flat plate. The top, he said, was separate from the bottom by a space perhaps one-half inch in depth, and was held to the bottom section by "some sort of screw or something in the middle."

"When I first saw it good," David explained, "the bottom was still, but the top was spinning around real fast, and on the top of the part that was spinning around there was a little peak that had a kind of spindle sticking out of it. The spindle was still, too. It must have been connected to the bottom part."

The object was blue-gray in color, and had no openings of any sort other than the space between the top and bottom section, according to the boys' story.

"When I came over that hill, the thing was only a little ways from me, and I ran a ways and dived at it." David related.

"My fingers just barely touched it and it felt slick, sorta like I guess a snake would. It was hot, too."

The youngster went on to relate that before he could "get ahold of the thing the top began revolving faster, and it made a sort of whistling noise and took off without warming up or anything." It disappeared in a straight line into the northeast in a matter of 5 to 10 seconds, he estimated.

In the process of taking off, though, the object emitted some sort of gas or spray that turned the youngster's arms a bright red and caused small welts on his arms and face. That part of the story was borne out by the lad's father.

"When he left the house this morning, his arms were just as white as could me," the father expained. "There wasn't hardly any sunshine this morning, and when the boys came running home talking about this flying saucer one of the first things I noticed was that his arms and face were red, and there were welts on them."

David explained that after his father had applied a type of skin balm to his arms and face the welts gradually disappeared, but the red remained.

The object was on the ground not more than a minute, according to Charles, who said he got no closer than 100 yards to it before it took off. "Boy, it took off just like it was on a string or something. It didn't wobble or anything."

David estimated the object to have been on the ground for about half a minute.

Both before it landed and after it took off, David explained, he could notice that the small area between the top and bottom sections of the object was "real red, like it was on fire in there or something."

Both David and Charles were sincere in telling the story.

And just for the record, neither of the boys believe the alleged flying saucers are from some other planet.

"I think it's something the United States is doing, don't you?" he asked.

Do you?" Unquote.

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In July and August, 1952, there occurred the most important episode in the series of events involving small UFOs. These sightings took place over and around Washington, D. C. In the space of 33 days commencing on the night of July 14 and ending the night of August 15 scores of UFOs were observed over the Washington area. On three of these occasions the UFOs performed gyrations for hours at a time.

Prof. Charles A. Maney comments that "Nothing like this series of occurrences has happened before or since in the skies over the United States of America." On page 209 of his book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects." (Ruppelt) has this to say: "Although the Air Force said that the incident had been fully investigated, the Civil Aeronautics Authority wrote a formal report on the sightings, and numerous magazine writers studied them, the complete story has never fully been told. The pros have been left out of the con accounts, and the cons were neatly overlooked by the pro writers."

On several of these occasions when the unidentified targets were picked up by radar at the Washington ARTC Center and the Washington National Airport Traffic Control Tower, jets from neighboring fields were dispatched to investigate and, if possible, intercept the unknown objects. They were unsuccessful in their quest, save in one instance!

While the newspapers carried such captions as: INTERCEPTORS CHASE FLYING SAUCERS OVER WASHINGTON, D. C. — JETS ALERTED FOR SAUCERS — INTERCEPTORS CHASE

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LIGHTS IN D. C. SKIES — FIERY OBJECTS OUTRUN JETS OVER CAPITAL — INVESTIGATION VEILED IN SECRECY FOLLOWING VAIN CHASE — AIR FORCE DEBUNKS SAUCERS AS JUST NATURAL PHENOMENA — (temperature inversions), — MORE OBJECTS SEEN OVER CAPITAL, POKING ALONG AT 90 MPH — AIR FORCE DISCOUNTS SAUCERS, CALLS 'EM COLD AIR LAYERS — The Miami Herald," Wed., July 30, 1952, from news released to them by Air Force spokesmen said, no explanation was given of the reported moving lights which the jets had pursued. Presumably they were the reflections of searchlights on the cold air layers." Nor was it revealed to the press and the public that one of the jets had succeeded in intercepting one of the moving lights, and that the pilot had got a lock-on and opened fire on the object.

His bullets knocked a small fragment from the rim of the so-called "temperature inversion" (actually a 2'-3' diameter disc-shaped object) which was seen to fall earthward, glowing as it fell. It dropped into a farmer's field and was recovered by a ground search crew. This segment, which weighed less than a pound, was later cut into three pieces and distributed for analysis.

According to Mr. Wilbur B. Smith of Ottawa, Canada, who was afforded an opportunity to examine one of the pieces a qualitative analysis disclosed its one identifiable component to be magnesium orthosilicate and having thousands of 15 micron-diameter spheres scattered through its matrix. The specimen had a 4.5 mc resonance. (See APRO Bulletin March 1960, "Physical Evidence").

Later in a talk given to the Illuminating Engineering Society, Canadian Regional Conference, at a luncheon on January 11, 1959, in Ottawa; Mr. Wilbur B. Smith, B.A. Sc., M.A. Sc., P. Eng., Supt., Radio Regulations Engineering, Department of Transport, Ottawa, said in part: "Various items of 'hardware' are known to exist, but are usually promptly clapped into security and are not available to the general public."

Without doubt, the above mentioned fragment was one such piece of 'hardware' to which he referred.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe on Page 272 of his book THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY refers to a report given to him by Lt. Commander Frank Thomas of a peculiar object which fell near Washington during the mass saucer sightings in 1952. Major Keyhoe states that the object was retrieved by a naval officer and later analyzed by the Bureau of Standards.

The comment is made that one side of it was flat with odd markings, as if if had been milled, also that an analysis had failed to determine whether it was an artificially constructed object or a fragment of some unknown type of meteorite and that it was later sent to W. B. Smith of Ottawa for further analysis by Project Magnet engineers.

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Children Frightened By "Sky Ghost"

A strange elliptical-shaped object which hovers stationary in the air above the Fleetwood Elementary School at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, has caused a stir. APRO's W. K. Allan of Calgary, interview Mike Williams and Miles White of Lethbridge and forwarded the following information to headquarters:

The object, which appeared about 6 feet in diameter, first appeared in 1959 and was seen "six nights in a row," by school children and at least one adult. It was seen again on November 23, 1962 at 10:30 p.m. After hearing about it, White's mother and her son and the Williams boy went to the school on Friday, November 30, 1962. The object was sighted again. It was shining with a bluish light and appeared to be over the school's bell tower.

On Saturday, December 1, the boy and his mother returned at 9 p.m., and saw it hovering over the school yard about 20 feet off the ground. It appeared to be almost transparent. They threw stones at it and after about twice the time expected for the stones to fall to the ground they were heard falling on the roof of the one-story school annex behind their backs in the opposite direction to which they were thrown.

After the Saturday sighting, Miles White and Mike Williams went to a movie, during which Miles' speech became blurred, didn't make sense and he fell asleep. He complained first of a "buzzing in the head."

The story was published in the papers, and the boys as well as Mrs. White were reluctant to talk of their experiences, fearing ridicule.

Tailor Talks To Saucer Man

A young Toscan, Italy tailor has claimed that he not only saw a "flying saucer," but talked to the occupants who told him that "humanity will soon receive a message." The gist of it is this: After spending the evening with a friend Mario Zuccula, 27, from Cerbaia, near Florence, went to his home, skirting the cemetery. Suddenly he felt a current of air behind him and looked around. He was nearly pararlyzed with fear when he saw an object, about 30 feet in diameter, appearing to be of whitish metal suspended in the air a few feet from the ground. Zuccula said a sort of metalic sylinder detached itself from the object and came to the ground. From a door through which an intense light radiated, came two small men "about 4½ feet tall." The date: 11 April 1962. The small "men" approached Zuccula, and he noted their heads were covered with a sort of hood. They lifted the man bodily off the ground and took him into the saucer where, with a serious tone, which seemed to come from an amplifier, one of them told him that "at the end of the fourth moon, about one hour from morning, we will return to give a message to humanity."

Without recalling the rest of the adventure, Mr. Zuccula found himself before his house. His wife opened the door for him, reproaching him for being so fightened, then stated that she hadn't opened the door. Because of the strange nature of his tale and his obvious emotional upset, Mrs. Zuccula and her father advised Mario to go to the authorities and tell the story in confidence. This is the end of the information contained in the newspaper. It should be noted here that the "amplifier" is a new touch in a contact story, as is the "cylinder" gadget which apparently brought the little men to the ground. In evaluating this, it is necessary to recognize the existence of two factors: The cemetery and the "cold gust of air," both of which are frequently connected with paranormal happenings. We do not attempt to disqualify the story as to authenticity but feel that all possibilities should be considered.

UFO In Gravel Pit

A mystery object landed in 40 feet of water and mud near the Midway gravel pit just off the Seattle-Tacoma Freeway on 19 December 1962. Welder John Liedtke, who reported the incident to the State Highway Patrol, said he saw a lot of sparks flying, thought it was a car in trouble. Then the object exploded into a big ball of fire and smoke filled the rea. State Patrol Headquarters said there was a perfectly round hole, 15 feet across in the mud where the object landed. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which carried the story, did not elucidate on physical description of the object before it exploded, nor whether or not there was a search for debris in the pit.