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LANDINGS ON INCREASE

Russ Start UFO Probe

One of the "big stories" of December was the press wire story pertaining to the newly announced Soviet report on UFOs and the fact that the Russian government is undertaking a scientific study of the problem. This was no surprise to people at APRO Headquarters for as far back as 1959, the Lorenzens corresponded with certain members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences pertaining to UFOs. For some time the APRO Bulletin was the only source of reliable information concerning the UFO subject available to them. The exchange of correspondence was initiated when Mrs. Lorenzen wrote to Mr. Khruschev and asked if it would be possible to get copies of the photos of the backside of the moon which had just been obtained by Soviet scientists. The letter was answered by a member of the Academy and thereafter correspondence was exchanged in which they asked for copies of the Bulletin.

In November of 1967 Soviet Air Force Major General Profiry Stolyarov announced that an official commission had been established to investigate the UFO. Later, in December, Dr. Feliks Zigel, astronomy professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute released the findings of a team of Soviet scientists of sightings of "luminous orange-colored" "Flying saucers" over Russia. He called for a global investigation of the phenomena and said that it was a "problem of prime importance which can be solved only by a joint effort of all the scientists of the world."

Other remarks by Zigel: "It is safe to claim that the UFO problem has assumed a global character and therefore calls for global research," and, "the main task now is to organize the systematic instrumental study of the UFO from astronomical and meteorological observatories to get good photographs and spectra of these objects." Zigel reported that a large team of Soviet scientists and specialists had studied over 200 sighting reports including observations by astronomers including the objects seen over the Ukraine, Crimea and Caucauses in July, September and October of 1967. He described the most typical object as an orange-colored crescent which flies with the outward curve forward and the horns of the crescent throwing off "jets" and sometimes sparks.

The same UPI story which carried the

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"Snippy" Still Not Dead Issue

The most recent news out of Alamosa, Colorado where "Snippy", the Apaloosa gelding was found dead with the flesh removed from his neck and head on the 9th of September, 1967, is that the veterinarian who got Snippy's remains claims to have found two bullets in the horse's carcass and concludes, therefore, that the horse died of gunshot wounds. Without belaboring the issue any further (see the complete story in the September-October issue) we must point out that there is no indication as to whether the bullets got into the body before it was found or AFTER. Nor is there any explanation for the strange condition of Snippy's fleshless head and neck and other mysterious factors connected with the case.

However, another incident which took place in November 1966 has come to our attention, which, if authenticated, indicates that at least one other animal has been found dead under strange circumstances — in the immediate vicinity of where a UFO had hovered hours before. We are proceeding with an investigation to check out the basic information which will be published if and when it is verified.

E-M Case at Tucson

A Tucson couple experienced what was apparently an electromagnetic affect on their automobile on Christmas Eve about 8:30 P.M., near Gates' Pass in the Tucson Mountains. The couple, who do not want their names used, said that they were heading toward Tucson in their 1960 Dodge, and had just met a car coming from the opposite direction. Mrs. X had also observed what appeared to be a light several times brighter than Venus fall to earth near Gates' Pass, ahead of them. Just as they approached the Pass, a red blob of light bore down on them, passed over the car and disappeared from sight behind them. The whole sighting incident lasted only a few seconds, but the car engine, lights and radio stopped dead. Mr. X immediately applied the brakes, coming to a stop just two feet from the edge of the road which borders a deep canyon. After the object was out of sight, the lights, radio and engine came back on without aid.

Again, details of landing cases will be limited to only those outstanding cases which merit the space required to present them or to those cases which have been fully investigated.

On the 6th of November Karl Barlow of Dawley, Shropshire, England, was driving his lorry (truck) on Highway A338 near Fordingbridge in the New Forest area. At about 2:30 a.m., as he rounded a bend in the road, he became aware of a strange object above some trees on the right hand side of the road. It was approaching and when it was about ¼ mile away the lights and radio of the lorry went dead although the diesel engine continued to function. Barlow brought the truck to a halt as he saw the object descend toward the surface of the road about 15 yards ahead of him. Barlow sat transfixed and watched a porthole or opening in the bottom of the object begin to put out a tube-like attachment which resembled the hose of a vacuum cleaner. At the end of this tube was a box-like affair from which four short tubes protruded. During this maneuver the main object seemed to emit a high-pitched whine. The box was then directed to the side of the road and the four short lengths of hose sucked up grass, gravel and dead leaves from the roadside. The box was then transferred to the other side of the road, where it did the same thing, then the box and the hose were withdrawn into the porthole and the porthole then closed. The UFO hovered for another ½ minute, still making the whining sound, and then took off back in the direction from which it had originally come . . . to the right hand side of the lorry. Barlow described the main object as about 15 feet in width, eggshaped, with an "out of this world green color." A small white saucer-shaped form was visible on its underside during its departure.

During the time that the object hovered over the road another vehicle, a white Jaguar car with one passenger, which was coming from the opposite direction from that of the lorry, pulled up when its engine and lights failed. When it stopped the UFO was between the lorry and the Jaguar, both drivers got a good look at the object.

Upon the departure of the UFO, Barlow went to a phone and dialed the police who came upon the scene shortly thereafter. The Jaguar driver was still there as he could not start his car—the

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Two New Books

The most recent additions to the now long list of 1967 books dealing with UFOs are "Uninvited Visitors" by noted biologist Ivan Sanderson, and "Science, the Public and the UFO" by Arthur Bray. "Uninvited Visitors" is well written and interesting, with a good deal of theorizing and very little boring re-telling of UFO stories, as has been the practice of most UFO authors. One of the most interesting parts of Sanderson's book is his thorough treatment of the Flatwoods, West Virginia incident of 18 September 1952, in Chapter III, entitled "A Thing on the Ground." News reports of the object at the time it happened were sketchy and APRO's own report lacked much of what Sanderson observed as a result of his own investigation. We hesitate to say much more, not wanting to spoil what we think is a great contribution to the subject of UFOs, and urge members to obtain this book, priced at $6.95, published by Cowles Education Corporation.

Bray's book is the first (to our knowledge) Canadian produced book on UFOs, and although it treats the subject in general, from purported censorship to the apparent global coverage, it concentrates on Canadian sightings. Some treatment is also given to the psychological barriers involved in acceptance or non-acceptance of the problem. Published by Bray Book Service, P. O. Box 5051, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Price: $2.90, including postage, for paperback, and $5.75 including postage for the clothbound edition. Both prices are plus bank exchange.

CORRECTION!

On Page 14 of the September-October 1967 Bulletin, the headline on the Hydro Station sighting was in error. It should have read: "UAO Over Hydro Station Near Port Elgin, Ontario."

Menzel to Write New Book

Dr. Donald H. Menzel of the Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who has long been considered as the greatest antagonist of UFO researchers, had the following comment to make concerning Mrs. Lorenzen's first book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" (later revised under the title "Flying Saucers" and published in soft cover by Signet) in a recent letter: "You will doubtless be surprised to receive this letter from me, well-known debunker of UFOs. I want to say that I found your recent book extremely interesting. Of course I disagree with most of its conclusions, but I think you have been much fairer and clearer in presenting your side of the subject than any writer on the subject." He then said that he is about to embark on what he hopes to be his final book on the subject of UFOs.

Although it is generally assumed that Dr. Menzel will write another book debunking the UFO subject, it is always possible that he may have a few surprises for us and we look forward to the day when the book is available.

More On The 'Occupants'

A welcome letter from Aime Michel, author of "Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery" and "The Truth About the Flying Saucers" contained the following: "I just finished reading your book about *Occupants*. It is the best book ever published until now in the UAO field." Mr. Michel also had some kind words to say about Mr. Lorenzen's chapter dealing with censorship, which has come under fire because of its departure from accepted UFO doctrine.

The Lorenzen's new book, "UFOs Over the Americas" will be on the stands in May. Published by Signet, (New American Library) it is a soft cover and will sell for the usual 75c each. Those wishing to purchase it will have to do so through their local book store as this office will not stock the book for sale. The new book contains all new, unpublished cases from the Western Hemisphere.

STOP PRESS!

At this writing, Tucson contact informed this office that a television program was interrupted at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 1968, to announce that Russia had announced that she had logged more sightings in the month of February (10 days) than during the whole year of 1967 and was asking the United States for aid in determining the nature of the objects.

The Mailing Problem

In an effort to streamline the APRO Bulletin mailing, various methods will be tried in the near future. With over 3500 members and subscribers and with that number growing by leaps and bounds, the staff is searching for ways and means of speeding up the mailing process. It should be noted by members that APRO has obtained a bulk mailing permit which is a considerable saving to the organization. However, bulk mail does not get the same attention as first class and therefore considerably more time is required for the Bulletin to get from Tucson to its destination. All servicemen on overseas duty receive their issues via air mail, as do those members in Alaska and Hawaii, in order to cut down the time required for delivery to those distant points. However, we will continue to mail most of the Bulletins via the bulk mail rate and members should take this into consideration before getting too concerned about the delay in receiving them.

Reports continue to come in at a steady rate, and the processing of same as well as follow-up investigations require much of our time. We hope, however, to have our publishing schedule up to date by March.

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battery was dead. So was the battery in the lorry. Barlow, described by police as being in a terrified condition when he reported the incident, duly made his report which was carried in the English press. The Jaguar driver, however, had had a drink or two and did not want to submit to a "breathalizer" test, therefore he did not make a report.

Both of the cars were tested by the Royal Automobile Club official testers and were found to be in good mechanical condition. The lorry's battery had been charged just shortly before the incident took place and there was no reason found for the condition of the batteries in either vehicle.

Further interesting information: When the UAO was about ¼ mile away during its exit flight the lights and radio on the lorry came back on with no help from Barlow.

Some of the direct quotes from Barlow's statements to the press: "Our vehicles were stationary 25 to 30 yards from each other. The object was in between us, hovering just over the road."

"It glowed in the most beautiful green colour I have seen. It was like nothing on earth. I'm convinced I saw a flying saucer or some object from space."

"It hovered quite still for a couple of minutes, then made off at fantastic speed. I could clearly see a whitish-colored dome underneath. I sat in the cab petrified. I don't want ever to experience anything like that again. This was no hallucination."

Constable Roy Nineham who was in the patrol car which investigated, said: "A most startling part of his report is that his lights failed and came on again when the object he saw disappeared."

Another police spokesman made this statement: "There is no explanation for this. We have no reason to suspect the informant's story."

Two Witnesses to Brazilian Landing

A startling incident which took place close to one of the smartest residential sections of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was investigated by Mrs. Irene Granchi who kindly stepped in to take over for Dr. Fontes during his recent illness. Mrs. Granchi did a very thorough job of investigation, and we present the basic facts herewith:

Ugo Battaglia, 39, a radio technician, and his 14-year-old helper, Carlos Alberto do Nascimento, were repairing a record player at an apartment on the eighth floor of the last building in Rua Gomes Carneiro at about 2:30 p.m., on the 24th of November 1967. The apartment building faces the hills which run along the coastline parallel to it and from this apartment a large area between Praca G. Osorio and the spot where the tunnel comes out on to Rua R. Pomepia is visible.

Carlos, who was standing by the window, heard a high-pitched sound which made the glass vibrate, and looking out the window he saw a brilliant metallic disc-shaped object which appeared to be landing just below the skyline among the trees opposite the building.

One tree stood well above the others and as the object passed over it struck the tree and the leaves scattered about and the tree itself appeared to "blow up." Settling close to the ground, the UAO hovered, and out of the bottom of the object came three white-clad men who proceeded to walk around it. Carlos excitedly called Ugo to the window and the two watched the spectacle before their eyes. Both were struck with two strange characteristics of the three forms: They walked about the "saucer" side by side, in a row. Their arms hung down from their sides as though made of lead—they did not swing as do the arms of normal humans.

According to Carlos, the apparel of the three "men" were of the type worn by service station attendants (coveralls) and were white. However, Battaglia said he thought they were yellow—this was the only disagreement between the two. Mrs. Granchi suggests that Ugo, who had been further inside the room, had been focusing his attention on his work and she thought that the sudden bright sunshine when he went to the window may have affected his color perception.

After about five minutes of this "walking," the three "men" went under the disc, which continued to hover. Carlos noticed a spinning cupola with slat "windows" on top, and a red light at both ends of the "saucer" underneath. The day was clear with perfect visibility.

Their business over, at about 2:55 p.m., the two left the building and on their way to the workshop, at the corner of the street, they both looked up to the hill and saw that the UAO was still there. When they reached the last corner near a square, they looked again and the UAO was gone.

After returning to the workshop Ugo and Carlos, both a little pale, told a colleague of their experience and they all decided to visit the spot where they had seen the object land, the next day. Their friend took a new camera.

At the scene of the landing the three found the wild grass trampled or pushed down and the tree which Carlos had seen wrenched apart, had no leaves on it and the bare trunk looked burned and charred. The other trees in the area were perfectly normal. They obtained samples of the tree trunk and bark, some of which is in the possession of APRO and being tested to see what can be determined about the nature of the burning.

Carlos and Ugo's friend noticed that the grass, which grew very high, would have covered him completely had he tried to walk in it. But Carlos and Ugo both testified that the three figures they had seen were walking only knee-deep in it.

Carlos' reaction to the sighting was one of great fright, as he had not previously put much stock in UAOs. For the rest of the day after he watched the landing he suffered from a severe headache. Mr. Battaglia had no bad after effects. He had watched the object only briefly, and had been convinced, until he talked to his colleague at the workshop, that he had seen a helicopter.

Another witness to the landing is being sought at the present time. A radio account heard the day after the landing referred to a resident of the same area who had called police asking for help after having fainted at the sight of the object and its crew. Photos of the area are being forwarded to APRO, and if of sufficient interest and clarity will be presented in a future issue.

Landed UAO Reported In Nebraska

Ashland, Nebraska police patrolman H. L. Schirmer claims that on the morning of December 3, at 2:30 a.m., he was on his regular rounds in his police cruiser and saw a UAO on the highway. His story:

Schirmer had noted that the cattle in the stock yards were exceptionally restless, lowing, kicking and making a general uproar. He was afraid they might break out and cause a problem for the police. He drove southeast out of Ashland on Highway 6 planning a turn onto Highway 63 to the north. As he approached 63 a ridge obstructed his view of the highway, and after he passed the ridge he spotted an object which he at first thought was a truck on the highway. He turned his cruiser so that his lights struck the object and realized that it was no ordinary object such as a truck. It was bright aluminum in color and had lights along the rim of it. It appeared as two saucers fastened together lip-to-lip. Schirmer approached to within 40 feet of the object and could see red lights inside which began flashing as his lights illuminated it. Then the object rose until it was within 50 feet of the ground, an eerie loud "twanging" noise was heard, then it began to emit beeping sounds which became faster, louder and shriller.

A brilliant orange and red beam then shot from the unidentified object toward the ground and in three seconds the craft had vanished upward and out of sight, Schirmer said.

Police Chief Wlaschin of Ashland pronounced Schirmer, a Navy veteran of the Vietnam conflict, a good officer. Some of the further information which came out in the investigation performed by Mrs. Scott and Colonel Stahl included the following: The object appeared to be about 26 feet wide (or long) and 10-15 feet high. Schirmer claimed that his flashlight did not function correctly

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when he tried to use it. The engine of the patrol car died when he drew up to the object. At the center of the bottom of the object was a square protrusion which emitted a continuous orange glow. In a statement signed by Schirmer and Chief Wlaschin, Schirmer said there is a period of 30 minutes during the time of the sighting for which he cannot account. A radiation count taken at the site registered 8 microroentgens as compared to .05 microroentgens normal backround count. Schirmer underwent a lie detector test which he and Wlashchin claim completely exonerated Schirmer of any suspicion of falsification of the report. The chief would not identify the technician who administered the test, however. But he did state that he witnessed the test himself.

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report on the Soviet UFO Commission also described the following types of sighting reports: A flaming disc preceded by a crescent, a crescent preceded and flanked by what look like first magnitude stars which keep at a constant distance from the crescent. Zigel said that studies made by Soviet scientists have indicated that such objects "obviously could not have been made by man and are definitely not artificial earth satellites or space rockets." One specific report related was one made by Latvian astronomers at Ogra on the 26th of July 1965 when observing some silvery clouds. They spotted a unusually bright "star" slowly moving west. They reported: "Viewed through 8 power binoculars the star appeared as a small, flat spot. The telescope revealed . . . a small ball in the center of the lens-shaped disc." The astronomers estimated the diameter of the disc as about 100 meters (328 feet). Around the disc at a distance of twice its diameter were three balls like the one in the center of the disc. They rotated slowly around the disc and the whole group dwindled as it appeared to move away from the earth.

Twenty minutes after the initial sighting the accompanying balls began to depart from the disc in different directions and the ball in the center of the disc also left. At 10 p.m., about 25 minutes after the first sighting all of the balls and the disc which gave off a greenish-pearly glow, faded into the distance.

The above was one of the more detailed of sightings released by the Soviet Press when they announced the initiation of their UFO Commission. Since then, APRO has been approached by a Russian Scientist concerning cooperation and exchange of information. We hope this will be instrumental in obtaining more reports out of Russia and Eastern Europe.

June Sighting of Occupants in Canada

Quite often reports are late reaching this office because the incident involved takes place in a small village where no publication is available to make information known generally, or the principals involved hesitate to talk about an unusual experience until the subject of unconventional aerial objects becomes more popular. The following is an example:

At about 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 1967, Carmen Cuneo, a mine worker at Caledonia, Ontario, Canada, stepped outside briefly and saw something he had never seen before and doubts if he will see anything like it again. In the vicinity of the lower part of the mine dump by a pond he saw two strange looking crafts. One appeared to be about 36 feet long, was cigar-shaped, and had four small evenly spaced windows along the side facing Cuneo. What appeared to be a boom-like aerial protruded from one end of the object. The other object was saucer or disc-shaped and about fifteen feet in diameter. Both objects were suspended in the air about 12 feet above the ground.

The most surprising thing, however, was the presence of three small men wearing hats similar to those worn by miners, who were moving about under the "boom" of the cigar-shaped object. On top of each of the "helmets" were four small amber lights.

Cuneo stood and watched in fascination for about 10 minutes. He had no doubt that he was seeing something solid but felt he should get someone to verify his experience, so he went inside and called his friend, Merv Hannigan who came outside with him. When they returned the "little men" had disappeared into the ship but both Cuneo and Hannigan watched the two objects which continued to hover in the same spot until about 3:05 a.m. The men watched the sight in the company of each other for a total of 20 minutes.

At 3:05 the two objects took off towards the southwest with many colored lights in evidence. They made no noise in taking off and no sound was heard during their presence prior to takeoff.

After dawn came Cuneo went to the area to investigate and found a large gouge in the ground and an oily residue on the burdock leaves. The oil was analyzed but was not found to be of any ordinary type.

September Landing in Conn.

Larry Fawcett of the Connecticut Section of APRO has sent us the final report on a landing near Winsted, Connecticut in September, 1967: On the night of the 20th of September at 10:30 p.m., Mrs. Charles Pasko went to her son's bedroom and as she passed the window on the east side of the bedroom, she noticed a glow in the woods which she thought was a fire. She woke up her son Jack, telling him that there was a fire in the woods. He sat up in bed and looked where his mother was pointing and said, "That's not a fire." The two watched it for a while but nothing happened — the glow stayed in the same place. Mrs. Pasko then returned to the living room to watch TV but was still concerned that the glow was a fire. After a short while she went back to her son's bedroom and looked out the window again. At this time the moon had come up and the glow could not be seen.

Mrs. Pasko described the glow as a peachy-pink color and son Jack agreed. Three days later a forest ranger who was interested in buying the timber in the woods, accompanied Mr. Pasko into the woods to inspect it. While Pasko was showing the ranger the boundary lines of the property, the ranger noticed a depressed area about 35 feet in diameter which was also burned. The area was tear-drop shaped. Curious, the two men carefully examined it and found four triangular imprints — one in the exact middle of the circle and three others arranged around the burned area to form an equilateral triangle, the sides of which each measured 10 feet.

The ranger (whose name is on file but who declines to be identified publicly) told Pasko he thought that a UFO had landed there and after Pasko began to question him about his knowledge of such things he said he and his brother had observed UFOs and investigated landing sites before.

In addition to the ranger, two local school teachers examined the area and testimony from the two of them indicate that an airborne object came in on a slanting trajectory, breaking and burning tree limbs and leaves. Several high trees adjacent to the burned area were broken off near the tops and the trunks were scraped as if a falling object had come into contact with them.

Although no distinct object was seen, the burned depressed area was approximately where the glowing object was seen by Mrs. Pasko on the 20th. There is no mundane explanation for the condition of the trees, the ground, and the presence of the depressed triangular marks on the ground.

Report On European UFO Convention

The "Seventh World Convention of Ufologists" held in Mainz, Germany from November 3rd to November 6th was attended by Kurt Kauffman, Ph.D., APRO's Swiss correspondent. A complete report was submitted to APRO by Dr. Kauffman and the general gist was that considerable weight was given to the Adamski and Dr. Stranges, etc., claims by many of the individuals attending the convention.

An interesting remark was made by Professor Oberth, popularly acclaimed as the "father of space travel," who said that the explanation of extraterrestrial

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space ships is neither proven nor disproven but seems to be a more likely explanation than others. He further commented that our five senses can observe only the realtity of three dimensions and time but that there might exist other realities which could include dematerialization, teletransportation, etc.

Swiss archeologist E. von Daeniken reported that many findings indicate the probability of repeated visits of intelligent beings from other planets to our earth. Engineer H. Ilg of Stuttgart pointed out that purely scientific methods might be necessary, but not adequate to grasp the full significance of UFOs.

A considerable amount of rumor was passed around at the convention, including the old one that UFOs have crashed in the U.S. and that corpses of the occupants are kept at the Pentagon. Kauffman challenged those making the claim to prove the existence of the corpses and offered a sizeable sum to anyone who could. He was told that no one had to prove the existence of same, but that it was up to him, Kauffman, to prove that they did not exist!

The Associated Press carried a story on the Convention under the date of November 6th in which they quoted Kauffman and his challenge. The two leading weeklies in Germany, ZEIT and SPIEGEL, reported on the convention with devastating ridicule, which was to be expected considering some of the claims made by Stranges and others.

For the first time in history a UFO was used on a postal cancellation—members of the Convention obtained the consent of the Postmaster of Mainz for a special cancellation of envelopes mailed from the convention hall where a post office branch is also located. The cancellation showed a UFO, the name and time of the UFO Convention and the date of use.

Another Landing Among Australian UAO Incidents

Mr. Allen Pool, 43, a farm manager at Yericorn, Western Australia has made the claim that a saucer landed in a paddock beside his landrover on the night of the 17th of November. According to his story, Pool said the object was circular, about 15 to 20 feet in diameter and about the same height as his landrover. He said it was so close to him that he barely had room to open the car door. At the same time that the object landed, Pool claimed, his wife noted interference on the TV set inside the house. This all took place at about 6:30 p.m.

Chronologically, the events occurred thusly: Pool was in a paddock about a half a mile from the farmhouse and was driving slowly looking for sheep when he heard a whine like an electric motor at high speed. He said he looked up and saw the object coming straight at him. He figured it was about a half mile away and 400-500 feet altitude when he first spotted it. He got the impression that it was coming in for a landing. He brought his landrover to a halt and the disc stopped right alongside him.

"It was flat on the bottom and dome-shaped on top just like an upturned saucer," Pool told the police when he reported the incident. "It appeared to be made of a metal which was smokey-grey in color, there were no lights on it, but there were portholes like windows around it and there seemed to be a cabin in front."

Pool said he wasn't able to see inside of the object, that the machine did not touch the ground when it stopped but seemed to hover just above it. When Pool stepped out of his vehicle the disc took off "like a rocket."

Two days after the landing at Yericorn, Mrs. Jean Maciejack of Bassendran, eastern Perth (about 90 miles from Yericorn) claimed she saw a strange disc-shaped object which made a screaming, siren sound as it hurtled from south to north above her at about 1,000 feet.

At Kulin, 182 miles southeast of Perth, Mr. Graham Cook, a farmer of Jilaruing and his three children were driving into Kulin when they all saw a mysterious golden-colored light traveling in a northeast direction.

1959 Occupant Case Comes To Light

K. Gosta Rehn, APRO's Swedish Representative, has forwarded the following information about an incident which took place 8 years ago but which has not yet been published:

In a letter to Mr. Rehn, dated September 29th, Mr. Gideon Johansson of Tranas, wrote: "I am soon 67 years of age now and a common, so to say, mortal human being and I have been a foreman in the electrical business. Today, eight years ago, something very strange happened near my home . . . Nobody believes me and those also present think they have gotten nutty in their heads. Tell me if you want the full story but promise to believe what I write or else it is no deal."

Rehn assured the man he could confide in him and the full story duly arrived. On the 7th of October he (Rehn) visited Johansson in his home. Rehn describes him as a pleasant man, tall, very neat and refined. Johansson's story:

"On September 29, 1959 at 18:55 o'clock the electric supply was broken off in the little hamlet of Mariannelund where I then lived, some miles from Tranas. I was an electrician and was in charge of the central switch plant, serving the factory where I was employed. On my way out of my house to do my service job I met my son, 25, who asks: "What's the matter now?" I tell him: "Electric trouble."

" 'Yes,' he says, 'it is jet black everywhere, all over, but not up there in the air.' I looked where he pointed, noticed a white light and cried: 'It is an airplane with motor trouble. It will probably crash right here—tell them in the house to run outside. It might set the house on fire! In the next moment we realized it was not a plane. This thing stood still in the air. Could not be a helicopter, there was no sound from it, and what a strange white light came from it!"

"The object was lowering itself slowly, passing over a nearby building and buzzing the top of a maple tree which later on was found to be damaged. My boy hollered to me: 'Get out of the way quick like hell!' The craft now came slowly down to about 2 meters above the street. On board in what seemed to be a pilot cabin there was an intensive strange white light. The craft glided leisurely along the street. When it came about 5 meters near to me I could plainly see in it two unusual individuals — description later."

"I went along the fence on my lot about 30 meters and out on the street. There at a stop line it stayed for some moments and then—pop, the lights went out and off they went. We could not see where it went, we were staring in the empty darkness—no sounds, nothing, they just were lost to us. We now realized we had seen something from another world. I estimated that the whole observation lasted for two minutes."

"Now I walked to the switch plant as fast as I could. Nothing had happened to it and in a few minutes the power was on again. The power company could not find any cause of the blackout. After a while a man in the factory came to me saying: 'What on earth was happening on your street this evening?' What he told me checked with my own observations. He said: 'However, it must be me who got dizzy in my head in the darkness, maybe I got some gas in me on the job.' He had his hands around his head."

"The next morning another fellow asked me what had happened at my house. He said: 'I am just asking because, you see, I saw such strange things over there, that it cannot be possible. I think it is about time for me to be examined; I may be done for . . .' I told him to take it easy. We agreed not to tell anybody. We would be the butt of ridicule and regarded as cracked. Our engineer asked me about the cause of the blackout. I said: 'I don't know anything about it. But there was a flying object on my street at that time.' 'What the deuce are you talking about,' he sneered. Then there was no more talk about the electrical breakdown."

"When the craft took off, my pants flapped around my legs from the draft and I felt shaky. My wife told me that inside the radio rattled and went dead. Just a few persons saw the craft. Everybody else in the town was busy at the time trying to pick up some sort of illumination in the darkness. It was a

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weird feeling that came over me seeing these creatures. They radiated something that made you feel transparent and kind of negative. Their faces were chalk white. They had very long heads and very high foreheads, entirely bald-headed. Their eyes were big and dark, noses long and narrow like a cigarillo, mouth small and chin pointed. Across the chest they wore black belts. It seemed that some apparatus was sticking out of their ears."

"The size of these white-dressed men were that of a twelve-year-old. They were sitting behind a glass bent backward in a streamline fashion. One of the guys seemed to be very busy with something. The other guy now looked at his companion, now at me. Due to the strong light in this cabin I could not distinguish any other details of the craft. It must have been a small one to get down so far on this 6 meter (about 20 feet) narrow street."

Some comments by Mr. Rehn: "In his letter Johansson swears by his honor and conscience that this story is absolutely true. Living in what I would call the "Bible Belt" of Sweden, I asked him about his views on the occult contact claims. He said he rejected such views. Recently I talked with his son in Stockholm over the phone. He saw this object coming down and was scared stiff. He did not see the little men in the saucer. He ran off to a track-event meeting but was unable to perform there on account of his shakiness. He did not remember everything that happened but attested the reality of the incident. The description by his father certainly gives the impression of rock-bottom honesty — that's all I can say."

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Argentina — 1967

The following is additional information concerning the presence of UFOs over Argentina in the fall of 1967: September included a glowing object over Cordoba on the 4th, an unexplained power failure in the Tucuman area on the 5th and a disc-shaped object over Cordoba at 6:05 a.m. on the 7th.

On the 17th residents of Mar del Plata reported seeing a luminous object traveling in a flat trajectory over the sea. The light from the object was so bright it was difficult to view but observers saw the object suddenly change course and dive into the sea, It was not seen again.

A soundless object sporting yellow and orange lights around the circumference of its disc-shape, was seen over Mar del Plata on October 21st. The flight over the city was fairly slow, taking several minutes, after which it accelerated and disappeared into the northeast.

Policemen were among those who observed a disc-shaped object giving off green rays of light over Empalme de Villa Constitucion on the 1st of November. A few minutes after it was first spotted it ascended straight up into the air and disappeared from sight.

November 3rd found a sighting at San Jeronimo where Carlos Spini and his hired helper saw a luminous object land not far from where they were examining some cows. The object was described as saucer shaped and illuminated with bright blue lights. It took off when the two men approached the area where it rested.

On the 14th of December Cordoba was again visited by a strange aerial object. This time it was a disc with multicolored lights which came in low over Cordoba, hovered for about 5 minutes and afterward zoomed toward the horizon and was soon out of sight. Many people saw the object which coincided with a power failure which blacked out thousands of homes, as well as disruption of communications.

At 3 a.m. one morning in December (no definite date) Mr. Jorge Clerici and family, who were driving home to Catamarca watched a large glowing object over the road which followed their car for a few minutes. No noise could be discerned.

Colombia

Two photos of a flying saucer were taken early on the morning of November 9th as it hovered over a building in Bogota, Colombia. Mr. Juan Fonseca, the photographer, as well as many other persons who saw the object said it gave off intense light and hovered two minutes. It appeared to be huge in size and at an altitude of about 300 feet. It left abruptly at high speed, toward the south. Attempts will be made to obtain copies of the photo.

In addition to the above described sighting and photographs, many residents of Santa Cruz were reporting UFOs during the week of November 10.

Latest on Brazilian Sightings:

Although many of the "flyover" type sightings have been taking place in Brazil, there have been few of the more interesting type including landings. Most recently gathered are the following:

On June 7, 1967 at 1:30 a.m. Geraldo Barqueira was driving his station wagon up the *Serra Da Mantiqueira* when he saw a red light blinking on and off and coming toward him. As the object blinked on and off his engine would cough and die until finally it quit altogether, along with the headlights. By the time the engine stopped the object was between 20 and 30 meters (60-90 feet) from his car, its light turning from red to blue like a neon light. No sound accompanied the phenomena. Hypnosis was used to obtain the following information from Barqueira: The object was round, about 5 meters (16 feet) in diameter and 2½ to 3 meters (8-10 feet) in height. Staring out from windows in the side of the object were five faces which resembled those of cats. After a few seconds the UFO took off with a buzzing sound and disappeared in the same direction from which it had originally came.

Three witnesses described a sighting at *Itajuba* on September 24, 1967. At 11:30 a.m. three spherical shaped opaque objects flying at a moderate speed maneuvered in the area of the weapons factory east of the town. Two of the UFOs hovered, the third approached the witnesses to a point where they could see a cupola on top and an appendage on the bottom which seemed to be drawn up into the main body as it gained altitude.

Britain

Although there has been a proliferation of sightings of UFOs in England during the fall of 1967, a very interesting one which took place in the summer has just come to our attention:

On July 20, at midnight, Mr. Clive Menadue of Beach Road, Pyle, (near Bridgend, Glamorgan) was putting the family cat out for the night when he heard a noise like a distant roar of a jet. He thought it might be a train passing near but there was none in sight. Then he spotted what appeared to be a patch of "sparkling mist" low on the horizon. There are no lights in that direction and only an empty building stands on the site. He called his wife Sylvia to observe the thing, but she thought it was merely a cloud and went inside. Menadue stayed to watch and shortly was rewarded for his vigil when a red light suddenly appeared to the left of the mist. It seemed to join the large mass and began blinking red and white. Menadue called his wife again just as the mist began to glow as if there was a light source inside of it. It seemed to pulse from bright to dull. At the same instant the mist divided into two parts — one smaller than the other—and the two began to spin. Mrs. Menadue ran inside to fetch the binoculars and while she was still gone the smaller section of the spinning mist moved across and settled on top of the other until the two became the shape of an inverted saucer or squashed bowler hat. The red light was no longer visible and the bottom half of the shape began to exhibit a brilliant assortment of red, blue and green lights similar to Christmas tree lights. Just as Mrs. Menadue arrived back outside with the binoculars, (which Menadue said did not help him see the object any better) the lights appeared to crystallize until the "saucer" became a solid, metallic-looking form broken only by a reddish glow at the bottom.

The object seemed to spin for some time, then the jet noise started again

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and the hard outline faded into sparkling mist again, the red light appeared at the lefthand corner where it had previously been situated and blinked red and white a few more times. Then the whole mass disappeared. It did not move off into the distance or into the sky — one second it was there, and the next it was gone.

This sighting is one of many being received at APRO which hints that some of the phenomena referred to as UFOs may be extra-dimensional. Unfortunately although we know that the above described incident took place in Britain it is not clear whether it was England, Scotland or Ireland. If some member in the British Isles can enlighten us on this point, we'd be deeply appreciative.

The 21st of October at Churchdown, England brought the report of a brilliant white "cross" which is reminiscent of one chased by police. The time of the sighting was between 4:15 and 5:00 a.m. The main object was directly east of the observer, and a smaller object was "fairly high up." The large object glowed, then dimmed, then brightened about every 10 minutes. Every time it dimmed it came back much brighter. The larger object was about the size of a saucer at about 30 feet, the smaller about the size of a ping-pong ball at the same distance. There was no sound. At about 4:45 the smaller object moved down and merged with the larger object. At this time the observer went back to bed.

Two days later a police car with two constables chased a light which they described as "a diffused light, star-spangled as though one was looking at a bright light through wet glass." The chase continued at speeds up to 90 miles an hour for 14 miles at which time another similar object joined the original one and then came together for a few seconds and then completely vanished from sight.

RAF Wing Commander Eric Cox drew sketches for the press depicting seven bright lights he and his wife spotted in the sky in *South England* on the night of the 25th of October at 9:45 p.m. Cox said the lights appeared to be controlled, made no noise. The color of the lights were whitish to yellow and they flew in a V-shaped formation. He was not able to ascertain whether or not the lights were separate objects or all a part of one object.

On the 26th of October a young boy claimed that he watched an RAF Lightning jet chase a mushroom-shaped object which disappeared into the clouds over *Winchester, Hants, England* on the 26th of October.

October 26th was also the date of a sighting by Mr. Angus Brooks, 54, former administration officer with the B.O.A.C. Comet fleet who lives near *Weymouth, England.* Brooks said in a written statement that he saw a fire trail high in the sky at 11:25 a.m. The craft descended to level out about a quarter of a mile from him, he said, at an estimated height of 200 to 300 feet. It consisted, he said, of a central circular chamber with a leading fuselage at the front and three separate fuselages together at the rear. As it slowed to a stop, Brooks stated, two of the rear fuselages moved into position at the side and formed four fuselages in the form of a cross around the center chamber. The object remained visible for 22 minutes and from Brooks' position it appeared to be translucent. He also said that it took on the color of the sky and changed with clouds passing over it.

A brilliant white cigar-shaped object was seen by Mr. Ray Pearce of *Bourton, Gloucestershire* at 6:45 a.m. on the 14th of November 1967. He spotted the object in the sky in the direction of Chipping Norton and called a fellow worker to observe it with him. It moved at tremendous speed, they said, then stopped and emitted a shaft of light from above and below before it disappeared into a cloud.

Pilot Dennis Brewin and his wife reported observing a "white object" which they estimated to be 100 feet across and traveling at 350 mph at 12,000 altitude near *Minehead, Somerset, England,* on the night of the 10th of December.

Information Issuing From Eastern Europe

The number of sightings which are being carried by the press and issuing from Bulgaria, Russia, Yugoslavia, etc., indicates that either these countries are extremely concerned about the current UFO activity or that they are having experience with UFO visitations for the first time. We prefer the former explanation in view of the fact that we have received some reports in the past. We will include at this time some representative sightings:

At Sochi, on the Black Sea, Russia, tourists reported seeing a sickle-shaped object in the night sky of October 3, 1967. Strange light phenomena was also observed at an observatory in the Caucasian Mountains west of Sochi which witnesses described as "a strange and dazzling light."

On the night of October 31st, a "huge, luminous unidentified flying object" was reported over Sofia, Bulgaria. Official sources said the object resembled a balloon or parachute and its upper part semed to be a dark disc encircled by a wide bright strip.

November 14 in Russia was a red letter day. On that date a member of a Soviet study panel told reporters that there had been "five authenticated sightings of UFOs" in the Soviet Union "in recent months." The same article which carried this bit of information also said that the commission headed by Major General Porfiry Stolyanov to study UFOs had a staff in Moscow alone of 18 scientists, astronomers and Air Force officers and 200 observers. This number would certainly indicate a far superior group than has been mustered either by the Air Force Project Bluebook in the past or the present, and it far outstrips the Condon Committee which is quite limited in its personnel.

At Ivangrado, Yugoslavia, on the 23rd of November, the saucer scare had reached a fever pitch. The mountainous area had logged several sightings, it seems, but when Mr. Milko Stepanovic, a truck driver, stated that as he drove into town at dusk, two UAOs with glaring lights blinded him and his two passengers, there was considerable consternation. Some of the local citizens were wondering if these objects could have been responsible for several forest fires that week.

Peru — 1967

The capital city of the province of Castilla was frightened by the presence of three UAOs between 7 and 8 p.m. on the 3rd of November, 1967. Many citizens of Aplao saw the objects which were described as silver colored and flying in triangular formation. Multicolored lights occasionally were seen to emanate from the objects, giving the impression that they were signalling each other.

On the 4th of November residents at Arequipa observed a disc-shaped object which was luminous white in color but gave out blue and red sparks from its underside. It hovered for about 3 minutes at between 8 and 8:15 p.m., then took off and disappeared into the east.

Southeast Asia

The international press wires for November 11th carried a story to the effect that the guests at a diplomatic party given by Jan Vichek, Polish member of the International Control Commission in Laos, observed an unidentified flying object which passed across the sky on the night of November 9, 1967. Some of the guests thought it might have been fireworks, others debris from a space vehicle. The most important part of this press release is the fact that diplomatic circles felt strongly enough about an unusual sky object to risk reporting it publicly.

Venezuela — 1967

The Eastern part of Venezuela's capital city, Caracas, is still being visited by UFOs. On the 6th of November a disc-shaped glowing red object caused drivers on the eastern freeway to stop their cars between 8 and 8:30 to watch the object as it passed to the west over the city. Some said it gave off spurts of fire as it passed over Caracas.

On the 13th, Valencia, Venezuela, which has been the location of so many UFO incidents in the past, hosted an object which maneuvered over the area

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for some time, and frightened local inhabitants. The usual soundless disc shape.

A landing took place near Barinas on the night of the 14th of November when Mr. Orlando Gonzales and two friends sighted an oval-shaped object parked in the middle of the highway. It appeared to be about 5 feet high. As they approached it and got to within about 250 feet, the object took off straight up and was out of sight in seconds.

Drivers again stopped their cars on the eastern Freeway to watch an oval-shaped object which gave off orange flashes of light as it flew into the west and out of sight.

A soundless luminous disc was observed by numerous residents of Acarigua, Venezuela on the night of the 24th of November. It left no trail.

UFOs — October — U.S.A.

WASHOE LAKE, NEVADA: On the 4th of October six persons reported seeing a large, brightly lit object hovering near Washoe Lake at dusk. Witnesses described the light as pulsating and one observer said it was brighter than a spotlight.

An orange globular bright object was seen near *Petaluma, Calif.* just before midnight on October 13th. Seen by a couple who reported that it appeared first to be falling, then stopped and hovered for five minutes before leaving the area headed into the northwest. When object was first seen it had an orange color around its edge, and a red light began blinking in the center when it stopped and hovered.

Wolf Lake, Noble County, Indiana was the location of a sighting of a hovering object at 8:55 p.m. on the 19th of October. Witnesses reported three bright white lights arranged horizontally at an undetermined altitude near Indiana Highway 109. Two witnesses in a car stopped to watch, then object began to move, sporting several red lights as well as the bright white ones initially seen.

Several observers reported a "rocket-like" object which shot across the sky trailing fire from a black center, and disappearing into the northwest, at *Fairmount, Minnesota* on the 19th of October. The object, which made a noise "like an airliner" came down out of the sky, an explosion was heard, then it circled Trimont before leaving the vicinity. Seen by several observers from several vantage points.

A noise similar to that made by jet aircraft was heard as three to five bright blue-white lights flew across the sky above *Fort Worth, Texas*. In sight from 3 to 4 seconds, they were first sighted in the east at about 30 degrees elevation, crossed the sky to the west and faded out at about 30 degrees elevation in the west. Time: 5:45 a.m.

A formation of eight objects were sighted by several witnesses at *Bethel Park, Pa.* on the 21st. Principal was using telescope in back yard at 8:37 p.m. when his attention was diverted by the movement of 8 yellowish objects moving in a southwest direction at a high rate of speed. The objects were only seen with the naked eye since they were traveling too fast to be tracked by telescope. Traveling in an echelon formation, they took approximately 20 seconds to travel from the Zenith to the horizon.

About two hours later, (at 10:35 p.m.) the same witness was using the telescope and listening to a transistor radio when the sound transmission was interrupted by a faint whistle which became increasingly louder. He turned from the telescope and was startled to see in the western sky an extremely bright object which appeared to be coming directly at him. There was no sound and as it approached he watched it through a pair of 7X binoculars. The whistling sound of the radio reached its peak as the object was nearly overhead and then became silent with no sound transmission at all. Through the binoculars the object was circular in shape and circled by a ring of lights—five smaller red lights in the front and also five red lights to the rear with one extremely bright yellowish-white light on each side. There was also a small bluish-white light in the center. It passed directly overhead at a low altitude, moving without any sound. The sky was clear, no aircraft visible or audible at the time. As the object moved away the radio began to whistle again, decreasing as the object moved further away and the sound transmission returned to normal.

No sound accompanied a strange object observed at *Springfield, Missouri* at 5:30 p.m. on the 21st of October. Observer described it thusly: "It appeared to be an airplane but had two rows of windows, each having four divisions, making five smaller windows in each group. This was all that was visible until it had come alongside of me and then I could see the exhaust which was yellow and "did not seem to have any thrust behind it." It had the appearance of flames curling lazily out. In view 10 to 12 seconds, light from "windows" was the same as that from any conventional aircraft.

A retired Professor of Psychology, a College Professor and his grown son observed a UAO at *Miami, Oklahoma* on the 21st of October. The four were on a hunting trip 18 miles west of the town and when they reached their destination it was daylight (6:15 a.m.). The men were just getting out of their cars when the sighting occurred. All were "rabid UFO disbelievers" and were stunned by the incident. The object, an elongated oval, appeared to be huge (all felt it was at least "a block long"), at tree-top level and no more than a half mile away from the observers. The object was soundless and gave off a brilliant white or blue-white light as it traveled at very high speed. The Psychology Professor said he had the impression of windows along the side of the object and that he thought he could see vague figures moving behind the windows.

Shortly after 6 a.m. on the 21st of October, at *Beaumont, Texas*, a spectacular fiery object was viewed by many. Most agreed that it was visible for from 15 to 20 seconds, but there was disagreement about the color—some thought that it was orange and others described it as bluish in color. This object, apparently very large, was seen from points in *Louisiana* and *Mississippi* as well. Some claimed to have watched it for as long as 50 seconds and there was some skepticism about speculation that it was a meteor.

UFOs — November — U.S.A.

A pilot with 28 years military experience, and a private pilot for 18 years, observed a formation of three solid-looking, white round objects (or oval) below his plane while flying 40 miles south of *Wells, Nevada* at 10:02 a.m. on November 2nd. All three objects presented an image as large as a grapefruit held at arm's length. The observer estimated their size as about 30 feet in diameter. They were in sight for 12 seconds, and were approximately 5,000 feet below his plane. Witness at first thought objects were an airplane with a white tail and white wing tips (presenting three images) but then they passed under his plane and he saw that there was no fuselage. Objects then passed under his left wing and were lost to sight.

Farmer Eldon W. Arthur claims he and his wife saw an oblong object with several bright lights on its side which passed from north to south at high altitude and high speed at about midmorning on the 3rd of November. Arthur, who was on his farm about 8 miles west of *Canon City, Colorado*, spotted the object after his geese began craning their necks to look at the sky. He then called his wife from the house and she saw the object for just a short time before it disappeared. No sound or vapor trail.

Many observers including police in *Oconto County, Door County* and the Coast Guard at *Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin* reported seeing a ball of flashing lights flying at about 300 feet over the water of Green Bay early in the morning of November 4th.

On the 17th of November at 5:20 p.m. Kenneth Malenke of *Winona, Minnesota*, claimed he observed a gray, metallic-looking, circular object with a large canopy-like projection on top and a smaller one below, which appeared to hover over the old Swift packing plant in Eastern Winona. It first came out of the clouds at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, made a slow swing toward the north and then moved back into the clouds. It made no noise and he estimated that he watched it for a total of 30 seconds.