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"The possibility that the Earth might be under surveillance by some high civilization in command of a technology far beyond ours must not be overlooked in weighing the UFO problem. I am one of those who lean strongly towards the extraterrestrial hypothesis. . . I am convinced that the recurrent observations by reliable citizens here and abroad over the past twenty years cannot be brushed aside as nonsense, but rather need to be taken extremely seriously as evidence that some phenomenon is going on which we simply do not understand . . . greatly expanded scientific and public attention to the UFO problem is urgently needed."--Statement by the late James E. McDonald at the Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects in hearings before the Committee on Science and Astronautics, U. S. House of Representatives, July 29, 1968.

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## A Message from Your Director

As a direct result of the second Annual Midwest UFO Conference held in St. Louis, Mo. on June 12, 1971, a substantial number of interested people have volunteered to participate in MUFON in various capacities. It would not be practical to list all of the fine people who have joined MUFON ranks during the past month due to the limited space in SKYLOOK. However, their names will be forwarded to Mrs. Norma E. Short so that each will receive a complimentary copy of SKYLOOK, and each State Director will be brought up-to-date by an appropriate list. As in the past, we will continue to announce organizational structure expansion as a communications aid to State-Section Directors in recruiting and training Field Investigators in their immediate area.

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Thomas H. Nicholl as the State-Section Director for Eastern KANSAS. He resides at 9935 High Drive, Leawood, Kansas, 66206; Telephones: (H) AC913 642-9320 and

(B) AC816 753-7343. Tom has made several UFO lectures in Kansas City, Mo. in an effort to motivate further interest in resolving the UFO enigma.

MUFON welcomes a new State-Section Director for Northwest OHIO, Nils H. Paquette, 3930 Martha, Toledo, Ohio, 43612; Telephone: AC419 475-5691. Nils has attended both of our Midwest UFO Conferences. He will be applying his engineering talents to the study of UFO propulsion systems and communications technology.

Mrs. Thomas M. (Alice) Hearle, Route 1, Cisne, Illinois 62823; Telephone: AC618 835-2658 has accepted the position of State-Section Director for Wayne County, ILLINOIS, and brings to MUFON a tailor-made investigative team composed of Field Investigators, Radio Amateur operators and Astronomers.

One of the major goals of MUFON is to obtain complete coverage of every county in each State within which we operate. MISSOURI has improved its position in this respect by the selection of Edward F. O'Herin (Lawyer), 914 Davis, New Madrid, Mo. 63869; Telephones: (H) AC314 748-5924 and (B) AC314 276-2261, as State-Section Director for the counties of New Madrid, Mississippi, Pemiscot, and Dunklin. Ed started organizing his Field Investigator team at an "All-Day UFO Conference" in Benton, Mo. on Saturday, July 24, 1971, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Mildred) Higgins at their farm home. Speakers in addition to Mr. O'Herin were Lou Farish, MUFON State Director for Arkansas, Mildred Higgins and several volunteers. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are to be commended for continuing this annual affair, which originated a number of years ago when they lived in Fayetteville, Ark.

Central MISSOURI now has outstanding coverage with the appointment  
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of John F. Poepsel, 614 Norris Drive, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101, Telephones: (H) AC314 636-8914 and (B) AC314 635-2732 as State-Section Director for Cole and Osage counties. John's volunteer talent contributions to MUFON are quite extensive. He will not only provide radio communications as Amateur Radio W0NL, but is also an amateur astronomer with his own telescopes. As a "Ham operator" for 39 years, he has one of the coveted "two-letter calls," joining Bill Armstrong, State Radio Amateur Director for Missouri, who was assigned the Letters W0NC by the F.C.C. With only 32 years as a Ham operator (W9KRC), your MUFON Director has the highest respect for the accomplishments of John and Bill.

All MUFON members are encouraged to return their latest "Membership Application Forms" so as to up-date our file and to complete the mailing of our new membership cards. State Directors, State-Section Directors, Staff, and Consultants have received or will receive an envelope containing samples of UFO Sighting Report Forms #1 and #2, an explanation for their use, a small supply of MUFON stationery, and a brochure explaining the goals and objectives of MUFON. A fresh supply of UFO Sighting Reports is available upon request.

The entire membership of the Midwest UFO Network gratefully acknowledges and expresses its appreciation to the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis for their volunteer monetary contribution to the administrative costs of operating MUFON. This is indicative of the dedication so prevalent within our organization to help provide the tools to resolve the UFO phenomena. Your Director wishes to convey his personal thanks to John Schuessler and the terrific St. Louis team, for this expression of confidence.

Signed: Walt Andrus

Walter H. Andrus, Jr.

Director, MUFON

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The time: 1900 CDT. Dates: July 4-20; Aug. 13-29; Sept. 14-30; Oct. 8-24, Nov. 9-25, and Dec. 12.

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Ronald M. Anderson, MUFON Communications Director

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UFO Meetings

The UFO meeting to be held at Benton, Mo., Saturday, July 24 and the Midwest UFO Picnic to be held at Carlyle Lake, Ill., Sunday, July 25 (and a skywatch the night before) will be reported in the next issue of SKYLOOK. As our deadline for copy for the "next" issue is always the 20th of "this" month, our readers will understand why ALL of July news cannot appear in the August issue. We keep repeating this for the benefit of new readers and contributors. Just remember that for publication purposes, any month ends on the 20th--not the 30th or 31st. SKYLOOK is always in the mail by the 27th and should reach you by the first of the month, date of issue. Due to slow delivery of third class mail, some of you do not receive your copy until twenty days or more. This is just as frustrating to Ye Ed as to you, but there doesn't seem to be a thing we can do about it. This month we are using our own date stamp to show you the date SKYLOOK will leave Stover (the day we take it to the postoffice) and we'll appreciate it if you will let us know when this copy reaches you. Send a postcard. We KNOW when SKYLOOK leaves Stover--the hang up is somewhere else along the line.

Copy for the September issue must reach Stover by August 20th.

## Car and Occupants Move "Backward" in Time and Space

Editor's Note: This is one of the most remarkable reports to come to our attention and we are absolutely convinced that Mrs. Alice Hearle is telling the truth. We have a personal letter from her and she was interviewed by Rosetta Holmes, of our staff, and Mrs. Holmes too is convinced that this all happened just as Mrs. Hearle tells it. Mrs. Hearle, a college graduate, a housewife and music teacher, of Cisne, Ill., is an educated and intelligent woman. Her husband is employed as a chemical engineer in St. Louis, and they have three sons--Bart, 17; Brad, 13, and Bruce 7. Mrs. Hearle is also an amateur astronomer and, with her family, studies the sky with their telescope.

Her story follows, exactly as she told it (the time was just after noon, on June 28, 1971. The sun was shining in a clear sky):--

Bruce and I had driven to Fairfield for some supplies and were on our return trip home. At the east edge of Cisne, about a half mile out of town there is a curve, followed by a bridge. We proceeded around the curve, over the bridge and passed a brick house with a windmill on my right.

Then, about half way between the house and Cisne, I met a truck with a load of wheat headed for the mill. Immediately after meeting the truck, I noticed on my left a farmer on a tractor on the horizon, working in a field. Next a Fertilizer Company building, a service station that had a black car at the pump, four persons standing around it and the attendant working near the car. Then we approached the Cisne high school and I noticed a white car in the drive. (Our superintendent drives a white car and I looked to the second floor to determine if he was in his office.) At that moment I realized I was driving about 60 mph in a 35-mile zone and removed my foot from the accelerator in order to slow down. I watched the speedometer lower in speed, then glanced over at Bruce, who was cleaning his fingers with a tissue after eating an ice-cream cone.

In that instant, Bruce yelled, "Mombray, what did you do that for?" (Mombray is a pet name in place of "Mommy"--and my 13 and 17 year old sons also call me that.)

At the same moment Bruce yelled, I noticed it too. WE WERE BACK A HALF MILE OUT OF TOWN AT THE BRICK HOUSE AND WERE DRIVING INTO CISNE FOR THE SECOND TIME!

I do not know what happened. It occurred in just an instant. I had my foot off the gas and eyes off the road. I felt nothing--not even a bump, or not more than I might have thought was a crack in the highway which is concrete sections. (Highway 45). I was not aware that anything had happened. I saw nothing either above, behind or around the car, a 1969 Volkswagon.

The only thing Bruce says is that "I saw the trees" and cannot tell me how high up on the trees--only saw the trees and leaves. We were both startled.

Having heard Rosetta Holmes, Carlyle, Ill., on WILY Centralia radio. I phoned her about the incident. On Tuesday night about 8 PM we arrived at Rosetta's home to meet with her and to tape record this occurrence which she wanted for John Schuessler--which we did.

At Rosetta's suggestion, we contacted (Wednesday) Mr. Ira DeZouche, Director of Civil Defense of Wayne County, who came over with his geiger counter and went over my car inside and out--including the trunk. We could get no reading whatever. However, we then took my son's Boy Scout Compass, settled it down to its regular north polarity reading

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and then walked toward the car. It went crazy! It twirled in complete circles, swung back and forth and then just spun on its pivot. This occurred over the upper two thirds of the car. The reading of the compass was normal from the bottom of the chassis to about a foot up on the door. I still don't know what to think, but have come to the conclusion that there must have been some kind of magnetic force involved in our "happening."

I talked with the service station attendant we had passed and he said he noticed nothing. Of course, in the short time lapse, someone would have to have been looking directly at our car.

Rosetta gave us the plans for a UFO Detector, which Bert built immediately and placed on our kitchen cabinet. I put my metal glasses case, which was in my purse during the "happening" on the counter near the detector, not even thinking it might be magnetized and the detector went off! The nearer we moved my case, the louder the detector sounded. Also, my wrist watch, which normally kept good time, has been acting up, losing 10 minutes and when reset, it gains 5 minutes.

As I said, I have no idea what caused all this and Monday seems like a bad dream at this moment. I'm not upset, but have had a loss of sleep just in wondering about everything.

Editor's Comment: In her letter to us, Mrs. Hearle said everytime she mentions this to anyone, they "look like they believe I belong in a strait-jacket and ought to be committed to the State Hospital." We commend her courage in reporting this event and we wanted to send her a copy of our May 1971 issue of SKYLOOK with the story "Unknown Force Lifts Vehicle" as reported by Walter H. Andrus, but we are completely out of that issue. Will some kind reader with a copy to spare mail one to Mrs. Hearle? The address is Route 1, Cisne, Ill. 62823. Our readers will recall that no UFO was seen in this report either, but "something" lifted a 400 pound camper from a truck bed to the level of power lines, 28 feet high.

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### Staff Member Has Article in SKY AND TELESCOPE

Mark Herbstritt, a staff member of SKYLOOK, has an article (with photos) in the July 1971 issue of SKY AND TELESCOPE. Title is "Putting Together a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Telescope." Our amateur astronomers will find this informative article very interesting. If you have questions, Mark's address is 967 Theresia St., St. Marys, Pa. 15857.

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Would you like to read about the UFO our Director, Walter H. Andrus, saw in 1948 while vacationing in Phoenix Arizona? The complete report is given in the book "Complete Conference Proceedings of the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference"--plus pictures of all the speakers at the Conference and their lectures--and more. Order your copy today. Send \$3.00 (\$3.75 outside U. S. and Canada) either by check or money order, payable to: UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Missouri, 63366. Don't send order to SKYLOOK, as this will delay delivery as we would forward order to St. Louis. This fine book with blue covers should be in your permanent library. Your SKYLOOK editor recommends it highly --and so will you when you have read it. That's telling it as it is.

## "Camera" on Boom Extends from UFO

"There were two other people that I know of who saw this UFO who, when I said I would report this, told me they would deny seeing it. They seemed to think no one would believe us anyway and didn't want to be bothered with questions."

These words were written to John F. Schussler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, after he appeared on a St. Louis TV program on June 11, plugging the MUFON Conference held in that city on Saturday, June 12.

Joel J. Hassler's unusual story is taken from his letter and subsequent report and with his permission to use his name. Hassler, 41, is employed as a "billboard poster" by the Overland Outdoor Advertising Co. and lives at 406 Walnut St. in Washington, Mo.

On the night of April 15, 1971 (he isn't sure of the exact day), Hassler was driving a Chevrolet van on Hiway 100, three miles east of Boeuff Creek. It was about ten o'clock; the sky was clear with the moon shining and there was no wind. He noticed a saucer-shaped object traveling from south east to northwest and pulled off the road to watch the object which then slowed to a hovering position just north of, or over, the Missouri river running parallel to the highway.

"I watched the saucer about 10 or 15 minutes, and it started moving to the south across Hiway 100. It seemed to be following Boeuff Creek to a point  $3/4$  mile south of the highway. It made three more trips back north and then south. At the end of the last trip, it hovered 1,000 feet (I estimate) above the ground."

Then, Hassler said, a section of the saucer opened "and a machine, shaped like a camera, on a boom was extended." At the same time, there was a very bright, blue light from the opening in the saucer.

"I wasn't able to look very long because of the brightness of the light," Hassler stated and added that while the "machine" was out of the saucer, he became very thirsty.

The blue light was steady and did not flash or pulsate. No other lights were seen. While a portion of the interior of the saucer could be seen, in the blue light, only the boom with its "square box with a lens extending from it" could be seen. The boom extended about ten or 15 feet from the saucer and remained motionless for about 15 minutes, then was retracted into the saucer.

The saucer then "went straight up until it looked like another star. It then went at a high rate of speed towards the northwest, leaving a bright tail behind it."

Asked to compare the object in size to a dime, half dollar, etc. held at arms length, Mr. Hassler rejected the items commonly given in report forms for "larger than a bushel basket."

He drew a sketch of the object, much like that of the conventional dome-shaped "saucer", but added the object did not look exactly like any pictures of UFOs he had seen.

"One other thing I noticed was that although the moon was out, there wasn't any shadow on the off side of the saucer. It seemed to reflect light from all sides."

The object appeared to hover about 3 miles east of New Haven, Mo., at the time the boom was extended. No sound was heard during the observation.

Reports from the other witnesses would add a great deal to the value of this account and we hope Mr. Hassler will attempt to induce them to reconsider. Will you give it a try, Mr. H?



## J. E. McDonald Found Dead - Ufology Loses One of its Best

"The Arizona Daily Star," Tucson, Arizona, June 15, 1971:--Sheriff's deputies yesterday reported the finding of the body of Dr. James E. McDonald, 51, noted University of Arizona atmospheric physicist.

Sheriff Waldon V. Burr said McDonald's body was discovered about 11 a.m. Sunday by Frank Flores, of 127 E. Lee St., who told detectives he and his children were hiking when they discovered the body near the bridge at Canyon Del Oro, next to Ina Road on Interstate 10.

The deputies said McDonald apparently had committed suicide. They found a .38-caliber revolver next to the body along with a note. "He apparently killed himself for personal reasons," detectives said.

They said the body had been lying there "eight to ten hours" before it was discovered. He said investigators learned he left the Veterans Administration Hospital Sunday by taxi.

Tucson police records indicated McDonald was blinded when he shot himself in the head April 9 at his home at 3461 E. 2nd St. He was being treated at the hospital for visual problems. Police records said he also left a note at the time of the first shooting.

McDonald came to the UA in 1954 as the associate director of the school's Institute of Atmospheric Physics. UA President Richard A. Harvill said of McDonald: "He had been very productive in the amount and quality of research, and he became well-known throughout the United States as a brilliant scholar. He was an exceptionally able teacher and he was well-liked by students."

McDonald was known worldwide for his theories on unidentified flying objects and also on the health effects of the proposed supersonic transport jet planes.

McDonald testified March 3, 1971, before a House transportation subcommittee in Washington, D. C., about possible environmental hazards of flying a large fleet of SSTs.

The altitude the planes would be flying, he said, would place them in the stratosphere, which he noted is about 100 times more sensitive to technological contamination than the lower regions where current aircraft cruise.

He said the supersonic aircraft could result in the reduction of ozone, which screens out the sun's ultraviolet radiation. This could, he said, increase the U. S. incidence of skin cancer by about 10,000 new cases a year.

He also was highly critical of the U. S. Air Force's "Condon Report," which linked the majority of UFO sightings to satellites, balloons, birds and other objects.

He told the House subcommittee that "the problem of UFO's is a very serious scientific problem." He also said "the correlation between UFO sightings and power failures is disturbing."

McDonald, in the early 1960's, formed the Committee Against Ringing Tucson with Titans. The group protested the selection of Titan intercontinental missile sites around Tucson.

McDonald received his doctorate from Iowa State and served with the U. S. Navy during World War II as an aerologist.

He was the author of "Physics of Cloud Modification" and served as a contributing editor of "The Glossary of Meteorology."

He is survived by his widow, Betsy; four daughters, Ronlyn, Nancy, Gail and Jan, and two sons, Kirk and Lee.

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A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Arizona Mortuary East, 4601 E. 1st St.

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Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, had talked to McDonald by telephone in January of this year and invited him to be a speaker at the Midwest UFO Conference in St. Louis. He declined the invitation, stating he was no longer accepting invitations to speak to the general public because he wasn't accomplishing his ultimate purpose--to get the scientific community further interested in the study of UFOs.

"Walt, I am simply talked out," he said. Discouragement was evident in his voice, but he indicated he was not giving up his study of UFOs but was going "to try another approach."

Mr. Andrus was in Tucson a week after McDonald's funeral and called his widow to offer condolence as a friend. Her response to his words of sympathy was so warm and friendly, they continued to converse for approximately 30 minutes. She spoke freely of her loss and the events leading up to the sad event.

McDonald was a dedicated scientist who drove himself in his work in spite of the pleas of his wife and children (ages 18 to 25) to slow down, to spend more time with his family, to take a rest for his own sake as well as theirs. There was too much to accomplish, and apparently he could find no stopping place until he reached the point where he could no longer cope with the stresses that would not let him rest.

Following an earlier suicide attempt, McDonald lost the sight of both eyes and became very despondent. His family attempted to give him the will to live in every way they knew how--they said they would read to him, help him with the Braille system so he could read himself, and assist him in the writing of two books on ufology for which he had been gathering information the past two years.

Many are already asking what is to become of McDonald's extensive files on UFOs, and Mr. Andrus can answer that question. Mrs. McDonald told him she is retaining his entire UFO file and will utilize the den of their home as a UFO Research Library. Used as his office when alive, it will now be available to scientists for research.

His scientific material on atmospheric physics is being turned over to his colleagues at the University.

Dr. James E. McDonald underestimated his work in ufology. Discouraged because he did not get the response he hoped for in the scientific community, he did not realize that his name is known and honored by every serious UFO investigator throughout the world and by many in the "scientific community" he thought he had failed to reach. His courage in pioneering in this field is an inspiration to others and a lasting contribution to ufology. He will not be forgotten. We have lost one of our best.

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In recent years a number of amateur radio operators have reported a rare and puzzling phenomenon; they have heard echoes of radio messages. The operator may hear his own voice repeating the last few words of his transmission, or a complete transmission may be repeated after the contact has been completed. The echo occurs after a delay of from three seconds to several minutes, hence the term "long-delayed echo."

There is nothing in the known physical principles of radio transmission to account for these echoes. Radio waves travel at the speed of light; it takes only one-seventh of a second for a signal to travel all the way around the earth, two seconds to go to the moon and back. There simply is no known basis in nature for the storage and "play back" of radio signals.

O. G. Villard, of the Radioscience Laboratory of Stanford University, has written a series of articles for the amateur radio magazine QST in which he describes the LDEs, the state of our knowledge about them, and the feelings of some of the people who have heard them. It is a startling experience; the almost universal reaction to hearing a clear LDE is "total astonishment."

The phenomenon first was observed in 1927. Experiments designed to study it were unsuccessful because the LDEs are so extremely rare and ephemeral. It is estimated that an active operator who is on the air for two hours every day may expect to hear one LDE per year, on the average. Professional scientists were understandably skeptical about these unconventional signals, and little formal research has been done on them.

In May, 1969, Villard and two colleagues published the first article in QST describing the LDEs and the various theories about them that have been tried and discarded, and asking for reports of LDE observations from radio amateurs. In two subsequent articles, in February 1970 and May 1971, the authors tabulate and discuss the 90 "good" reports they have received (that is, reports in which time, date, frequency etc were recorded).

To those familiar with UFO research this all has a most familiar ring! There are many respects in which the study of LDEs parallels that of UFOs:

1. LDEs are a fleeting, infrequent phenomenon, difficult to record.
2. Conventional science is reluctant to admit the reality of LDEs, and has tended to ascribe them to imagination or illusion.
3. The study of LDEs has been complicated by hoaxes.
4. There is no satisfactory theory of LDEs to guide research.
5. Finally, the study of LDEs has been given its only real impetus through the reports from amateurs.

Villard has received enough reliable reports to begin statistical studies, and is quite convinced of the reality of the LDEs. He has discussed them with four different psychologists, none of whom thinks that the LDEs are likely to be the result of imagination or illusion. One report was shown to be a hoax; the rest appear, by all reasonable criteria, to be from reliable, serious, well-balanced people.

Several times in his articles Villard refers to UFO study, and admits that LDEs are in the same category. In fact, his first article is entitled "Long-Delayed Echoes... Radio's Flying Saucer Effect." The latest article (May 1971) discusses the "Cosmic Repeater Hypothesis,"

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which is that, lacking a better explanation, we must consider the possibility that LDEs are signals from spacecraft, probes that might have been sent out from a distant planet

"... to be put into orbit around likely stars or preferably planets, to await some sign of civilized activity. Having found some in the form of Hertzian waves, the probe would presumably report that fact back to its senders, while at the same time attempting to alert the discoverers to its presence. The probe, it may be assumed, will not know in advance exactly what form of electromagnetic communications to expect. Therefore, what more effective way to perform the alerting function, than to repeat back to whomever might be listening, some fraction of a transmission that had just been sent?"

Concludes Villard,

"Frankly, the chances seem very good that the eventual explanation for LDEs will prove quite unspectacular. But at the moment it must be admitted that the cosmic probe hypothesis, although it has some drawbacks, is about as good an explanation for the really long-delayed echoes... as anything else which has been postulated. Perhaps all this says is that we haven't been very ingenious thus far."

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WANTED: the original, hard-bound, American editions of (1) "The Truth About Flying Saucers" (Criterion, 1956); and (2) "Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery" (Criterion, 1958), both by Aime Michel. Please write: David A. Schroth, 4517 Pennsylvania Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

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### Free Sketch of Magnetic Detection Instrument

William H. Hunkins, a MUFON State-Section Director in Iowa, offers a free sketch of a magnetic detection instrument to all who will send him a stamped, self-addressed long envelope for mailing.

Mr. Hunkins spoke on "Geomagnetism and UFO-Induced Disturbances - An Aid to Detection" at the MUFON Conference held in St. Louis on June 12, and his lecture is given in full in Conference Proceedings book now on sale (see address elsewhere). Since the Conference, SKYLOOK has had several inquiries re the detector and Mr. Hunkins has graciously agreed to supply sketches to those interested.

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A Visitor From Space? From "The Greenville Advocate", Greenville, Ill., June 14, 1971--For awhile, Armintha Raypole must have thought the sky was falling at her farm home two miles north of Ill. Rt. 143 on the Millersburg road. A smouldering object was found in her yard around 4 p.m. Thursday and about a half hour later more pieces of unidentified material fell from the sky striking her car and landing in a nearby cornfield.

Just what the material was no one seems to know but it is thought that it might be "space junk," unwanted materials jettisoned by man during space exploration.

Whatever it was, it had a definite form after it came to rest in the Raypole yard but it fell apart and began to smoke and pop "like a fire cracker" when it was turned over.

Enough of it remains to tell that it did have some definite shape and consisted in part of metal. The bulk of what remains is mostly light weight, porous, grey rock-like material.

A portion of the material was taken to Greenville College where it is currently being examined to determine its make up but as of this morning it is only known that the object did not pick up an appreciable amount of radiation if indeed it did fall through the earth's atmosphere.

To add to the mystery, it was reported Saturday morning that the material began smoking and sizzling again following a rainstorm.

Credit: David Schroth. Editor's note: We expect a follow-up report.

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#### Alton, Illinois Man Claims Contact with Humanoids

The "Alton Evening Telegraph," Alton, Ill., June 16, 1971: Tony Wilkins, of 1009 W. 9th St., told Alton police shortly before 9 p.m. that a 50-foot-diameter "velvety silver" UFO, complete with radiating green lights, hovered at the top level of Wilkins' back porch Tuesday night while two humanoids made contact with him. He said contact was accomplished through mental telepathy and he was given a formula that would provide him "the universe at his fingertips"--the formula is stapled to the police report.

Wilkins also said he was invited to make a flight in the space ship, but refused. "They" promised to return to Alton on August 3rd.

Editor's Note: We publish this, sent in by several staff members and SKYLOOK readers, as a matter of interest. We suggest that a MUFON investigator interview Mr. Wilkins. We want to know something about him and his background while we preserve this one in salt. It would be interesting to read the "formula" too.

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To Our Readers : Some of our regular feature articles are omitted in this issue in order to give space to the large number of UFO reports coming in since the Conference held in St. Louis June 12th. Several good reports are being held over until the next issue. We have one from the Carlyle Lake area, witnessed by our own Rosetta Holmes and Terry Turner; a good sighting made near Kansas City, Mo., by a Naval Reserve Pilot; a report made by an 11-year old boy to Leonard Sturm, of Decatur, Ill.; a report of a UFO seen near Sweet Springs, Mo. and others. Read these and others in the next issue of SKYLOOK

## THE ASTRONOMY CORNER

The August Sky The brilliant planet Venus moves from the early morning sky to the evening sky in August; watch those evening UFO reports as it may appear to be an unusual sky object to the average individual as it suddenly starts to appear in the evening. By the end of August it may be seen in the west just after sunset, setting at 6:45 CST Sept. 1st.

The really spectacular celestial object during August will be Mars, a most brilliant reddish object in the southern sky as it reaches its nearest point to the Earth since 1924 on August 11th. August 1st it rises at 8:20 in the south-southeast. By September 1st it sets about 3:00 a.m.

Jupiter is visible during much of the evening in the high southern sky, setting at 12:00 August 1st and at 10:00 p.m. Sept. 1st. Saturn is seen in the morning sky throughout the month rising at 12:30 a.m. Aug. 1st and 10:30 p.m. by Sept. 1st. All time given is Central Standard. (Credit: Ted Phillips)

The Constellations. No. 9. Sagittarius (The Archer) Sagittarius is one of the old constellations. The sun is now located in this constellation at the time of the winter solstice. In Greek mythology, Sagittarius represents the great Centaur, Chiron, the tutor and trainer of most of the heroes of Greek lore. Chiron is supposed to be shooting his arrow across the entire width of the sky at Taurus, the Bull, whose stars are setting in the west as Sagittarius rises in the east. The Arabs called this constellation the bow. In Egypt and Babylonia the figure of a bowman is carved to represent Sagittarius among the other constellations.

Sagittarius crosses the meridian at 9 PM on August 21st. It is in the southern sky low above the horizon. The constellation has an asterism known as the milk dipper. This dipper is a figure of four stars that looks something like the bowl of the Big Dipper. The Milky Way pours down through Sagittarius. The point in space at which Harlow Shapley and other astronomers have placed the center of our galaxy lies in the direction of Sagittarius.

The constellation contains many beautiful galactic clusters and diffuse nebulae. In 1898 and 1936 novae flared up in this constellation. In this region of the sky the Milky Way seems almost to move. It does not require too much imagination to feel the tremendous great circling of our galaxy.

I have observed some of these wonderful nebulae such as the Omega and Triad Nebulae through my 6 inch Rich Field Reflector and rate them among the best in the sky. (Credit, Mark Herbstritt)

NASA Studying Phobos/Deimos Missions The Space Agency has taken preliminary steps looking toward a possible unmanned mission to collect samples from Phobos and Deimos, the two natural satellites of Mars.

NASA said the satellites are of "major scientific interest" since they were either formed at the same time as Mars from planetary materials, or they are captured asteroids. The shape, mass, composition, temperature, surface characteristics and rotation of Phobos and Deimos are virtually unknown. Some additional information may be gained by observations from the Mariner 1971 and the Viking 1975 orbiters planned by the U.S., or by Soviet missions. The NASA action calls for designs for lander/lander orbiter, and sample return missions for the period 1977-1981. (Source: "Bioastronautics Report", Credit, John Schuessler)

U. F. O. Cone-Shaped Object Hovers Near Coal Mine Mrs. X (name R E P O R T S in our files), of Breese, Ill., and a companion were driving south on a country road about 1 mile east of Breese, near Beaver Creek Bridge, at 7:45 PM, May 20, 1971, when they saw a cone-shaped object hovering at tree top height near a coal mine. The object was compared in size to a ball bat. The object remained in a stationary position on the south side of US Hiway 50 and was observed four minutes, then was lost to view behind the trees as the observers went on their way. The night was clear, and there was no sound from the object. (Credit: Terry Turner)

Moving Bright Light Observed On April 13, 1971 a Beckemeyer, Ill. housewife (name on file) and five other witnesses observed an object "about as bright as a full moon" with blurred edges over the east side of Beckemeyer. It was a calm night and the object, the size of a dime held at arm's length, at first stationary, moved rapidly out of sight. It was sighted at 8 o'clock and was seen for possibly one minute. (Credit: Staff Member)

Slow Moving Object Changes Colors After hearing John F. Schuessler speak on a St. Louis, Mo., TV program June 11, 1971, Mrs. Samuel Prichard, Jr., 502 N. 1st St., Pacific, Mo., sent him a written report of an object seen recently (exact date not given). Mrs. Prichard and her children observed an object flying north of their home. It was moving slowly and could not have been a plane. It alternated from bright to dim in a "peculiar greenish glow" and then turned to a "very brilliant reddish white" and suddenly disappeared "as if some one had turned out a light." It was near one of the regular plane flight patterns.

Cone-Shaped Object in Missouri Dr. J. W. Mueller, D.C., Martin Thoele and Theodore Thoele, of St. Charles, Mo., observed a "cage-like object 10' x 10' occupied by one person, made no noise and moved very rapidly" at 9:50 AM on a clear day, Feb. 18, 1971. A sketch made by Dr. Mueller showed a cone-shaped object at a tipped angle 400' above the street. A string of lights (or portholes?) extended down on what would correspond to three wires of the "cage" to a half-way point from tip of cone to flat base of object. (Credit: Staff Member) Editor's Comment: Seen at this time of day and 400 feet above street level, it would seem this object was not a plane or a helicopter. Seems it would be worth while for one of our investigators in the St. Charles area to set up a personal interview with Dr. Mueller at 118 College Drive. We'd like more details on this one.

Cigar-Shaped Object Seen Near Alton, Ill. On the night of July 2nd or 3rd, 1956, Mrs. Horace Ash, 1921 Washington Ave., Alton, Ill., was in a car heading south toward Alton at a point about half way between Jerseyville and Alton when a cigar-shaped object was seen traveling from north to south, following the course of the Mississippi river. The night was clear with no wind, the time 10 o'clock. The object was described as being cigar-shaped, a dark indigo-blue color, and moving slowly at a low altitude. It then changed to a "tear drop shape" and to a chartreuse color and appeared to be surrounded by a halo. After the apparent change in shape and color, the object made a right turn and disappeared "at extremely high speed" to the southwest. No sound was heard and there was no vapor trail. The object was "as large as a freight car," Mrs. Ash said. (Credit: Staff Member)

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Moving Object Over Wheat Field Mrs. G. C. Henry, of St. Charles, Mo., recently reported a sighting made when she and Mr. Henry were deer hunting around mid-November of 1965. They were in Lincoln County, north of Troy, and Mrs. Henry was sitting near a point of trees at the edge of a wheat field and her husband was in a small ravine on the other side of the field. It was 4 a.m. and just as the sky was turning light in the east "I saw this object in the northern sky, traveling east," Mrs. Henry wrote. "Since it went behind the woods on the north side of the wheat field, I saw it perhaps for only 6 to 8 seconds." She described the object as having a bluish-green pointed prow with an orange ball behind, then tailing out in a fan of bluish green. The object was on a straight course. Mr. Henry did not see it, but from her description of the object, stated he didn't think it was a meteor. (Credit: Staff)

Bright Object Moves West About 7 PM on March 13, 1971, a Beckemeyer, Ill. couple (names on file) were driving in their car near Hoffman when they saw an object about 40 degrees above the horizon traveling in a westerly direction. Described as the size of a half dollar held at arm's length, the object was brighter than any star in the sky and dimmed and brightened in a pulsating fashion while alternately hovering and moving rapidly in erratic fashion. The couple watched it for about ten minutes. (Credit: Terry Turner)

Sky Phenomenon Ronald G. Pearson, an electrical engineer of Hazel Crest, Ill., and his son Douglas, age 18, observed an unusual sky phenomenon on Jan. 26, 1971, from 5:50 PM until 6:05 PM. In Mr. Pearson's words: "The sky was totally clear of cloud and haze. What appeared to be an orange, circular object slightly larger in size than the moon was seen in the southern sky, approximately 170 degrees from true north. It was about 20 degrees above the horizon. While the object was circular in shape when first sighted, its edges were indistinct rather than sharply defined. There was no noticeable movement either vertically or horizontally. A house chimney was directly in line of the observation and acted as a reference point. At 6:03 PM the object began to change shape from circular to elliptical until it became three times as high as it was wide. It retained its hazy orange color but its apparent brightness diminished and appeared only half as bright as before. The best description of its original brightness would be about 1/10th as bright as a full moon. At 6:04 the shape has changed from elliptical to an elongated cylindrical shape rounded both top and bottom, very similar to a hot dog. It became difficult to detect against the black sky because of further reduced brightness. At 6:05 it could not be seen. No estimate of its distance can be given." (Credit: Shirley Marlowe)

From Tasmania, Australia Kym Anthony Knight, a civil engineer, of Rosny, Tasmania, writes: "I was looking toward Stone Bay which leads to the southern Ocean and noticed a white ball just above the horizon. I knew there wasn't any land of any type in the area. I believe that the object was about 20 miles off shore. It then started to get larger and when doing so, it changed color from white to red and back to white when it stopped. It now appeared to be about 10 miles off shore. It suddenly made a right angle turn and disappeared over the horizon in about 3-5 seconds." This occurred at 11:30 (PM?) in February of 1964. The object was the size of a pencil eraser at arms length. (Credit: Ronald M. Anderson)

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Mother, Daughter and Grandchild See Domed Object with Light Beam

The little boy pointed and said, "See the light!" His mother thought her two-year old son meant the street light, but when she glanced up, she was astonished to see a domed object hovering overhead about 30 feet above the street.

Mrs. James Weertz was driving her car on Spring Street in Quincy, Ill., about seven o'clock the night of January 18, 1971. The sky was clear with stars overhead. She was at the 12th street intersection when she sighted the object and she continued at about 20 miles per hour, keeping one eye on the object which kept pace with her car, then (the object) came to a complete stop in the middle of the block between 14th and 15th streets as Mrs. Weertz made a U turn on 15th and then parked the car at her mother's home on Spring.

Before leaving her car, Mrs. Weertz counted 14 windows "very dark in color" like black glass on the object and added she assumed there were also windows on the other side of the dome. There was a light at the middle window, she said, and it appeared to attempt to follow her as she ran from the car to the front door of her mother's home where she pounded on the door and window to quickly attract her mother's attention.

Mrs. Weertz compared the beam of light from the window of the object to one from a slide projector, having the ability to decrease and enlarge in focusing on the point desired. The object hovered over 1411 Spring, three houses from her mother's home, a residence with brown brick siding and three trees in front. The light seemed to move downward in "steps or pulses" until it reached the sidewalk, Mrs. Weertz said. On leaving the window it was yellow in color, but when it hit the brick wall, it cast an orange glow over the bricks. Mrs. Weertz also noticed a "peculiar sweet smell like an unusual flower, resembling a lily." There was no smoke or sound from the hovering object. In spite of the fact the windows were described as being very distinct and sharply outlined, Mrs. Weertz said the object seemed to be in the form of some light, airy substance and "it seemed as though, if I had the chance, I could walk right through."

Her mother, Mrs. Ruth Sheffler, of 1419 Spring Street, quickly joined her daughter and said, "I was certainly petrified and just plain scared" on seeing the object. However, as the object hovered and "didn't seem to mean any harm," her fear abated as she watched. She too reported detecting a strange odor which she could not identify but which she compared to "burned flowers."

The two saw several reddish lights which turned to blue (three) and white (one) as the object suddenly "shot straight up" and tipped slightly as it headed west and was out of sight in seconds. However, the three blue lights could be seen after the object itself was no longer discernible. While the object had been in the hovering position, only the beam of light from the window was seen, and this beam retracted in the same "step or pulse" fashion to the window from which it had emerged.

Mrs. Weertz, who is employed at the Motorola plant in Quincy, was interviewed by Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON. She drew detailed plans of the object seen and was explicit in her description. Her mother, Mrs. Sheffler, was also interviewed by Mr. Andrus, and this report is written from their separate accounts of the sighting.

Mrs. Sheffler said the object was "huge"--the "size of a 4-room bungalow."

The women reported that as the object moved away, it turned to a bluish-white, in a pulsating manner, but never extinguishing itself.

Older Sighting from California, Mo. Editor's Note: California, Mo. is a small town about 30 miles west of Jefferson City, Mo. This report was given to Ted Phillips (no names to be used), and we quote: "In early March, 1967 I left California at approximately 9:00 pm, going east on Highway 50. About three miles east of California, as I was approaching Route K, I slowed my car from the usual speed of 60-70 MPH in order to make the turn. As I started to turn to the right on Route K, I was aware of an unusual bright light approaching from the northeast, more from the north, northeast, across the railroad tracks. The light appeared to be barely over the tree tops. I think this is what drew my attention to it.

"After completing the turn, I continued to drive slowly, glancing over at the object which now had crossed the highway. It was somewhat trapezoid shaped, with windows from which a light similar to that produced by mercury vapor lamps came out. It appeared, more or less circular in shape with the top diameter being smaller than the bottom diameter. At the rear, approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the height and above, was a red flashing light. Near the front, on the bottom, was a green or blue light. The windows were square, appearing to be about one-half to two-thirds the height of the object, or vehicle, or whatever it might be.

"I rolled the window of the car down and not hearing any sound, I stopped the car and turned off the engine. Still I could hear no sound. I started the car and speeding, regained a paralleled east and west line with the object and I maintained an approximate speed. At that time my speed was a little over 65 miles per hour. In the meantime as we progressed on the straight stretch, the object approached Route K somewhat more closely as it was veering to the south, southwest. I had to slow to make a sharp corner and the vehicle crossed Route K at approximately where the dip in the road is located just beyond where the gravel road that goes west before you get to the Salem Evangelical Church. I was on top of the hill starting down and the object appeared to rise slightly in order to get over the wires and continue across country. My first thought in watching it was that it was going over the direction of the Lake of the Ozarks.

"I have mentioned this story to a number of friends at different times. When asked why I did not make an official reporting, my answer was that I did not care about being called a 'kook,' as one of the teachers in the high school, Mrs. "X" and her husband, who had sighted one earlier in the year. As I recall, they reported their sighting and said their object was cigar shaped.

"I recall that I was bothered by and questioned the lack of sound and thought perhaps this might be some secret Air Force or government project. I also considered the possibility of an unidentified object from another country or another universe. I had been rather skeptical of UFOs up this point, but from this time on I am convinced that there might be some truth in the theory."

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Notice of Delay: Sorry we don't have the article "The Anatomy of a Hoax" by Ted Phillips for this issue, as promised on the cover of the July SKYLOOK. Ted and "Ginger" moved to another residence in Sedalia last month and Ted hasn't been able to locate some of his UFO material as yet much to his dismay and regret. Having moved from coast to coast several times during our "Navy years" we can well understand how things like this happen and trust you will also.

UFOs Fly in Formation Leo. F. Wicklinski, a professional photographer, with special training in military aircraft observation, residing at 1455 Forest View Drive, St. Louis, Mo., recently sent John F. Schuessler a very interesting report of UFOs sighted in 1954.

As he left his place of business at Benton & Ballwin Streets in St. Louis, at 3:45 the afternoon of June 14th, Mr. Wicklinski glanced at the sky from force of habit. The sky was clear with a light wind of 10-15 miles per hour from the northwest. As he faced north, with the sun to his left, he saw four unidentified objects in diamond formation, heading northwest at "extreme speed velocity." The objects were round and disk-shaped, about eight diameters apart and held their formation until they disappeared from sight beyond the buildings.

The objects were of a "silvery, metallic appearance," reflecting the sun's rays. There was no smoke or contrails visible, and there was no apparent sound. Judged to be at an altitude of about 60,000 feet, they were at a 90 degree angle when first sighted, and at 45 degrees when disappearing from view. The objects were slightly larger than a pin head held at arms length. The whole observation lasted about 40 seconds.

Four others leaving the building at the same time also witnessed the objects. No other aircraft could be seen in the sky.

While this is an older sighting, Mr. Wicklinski hopes someone reading this may also have seen the objects and will get in touch with him to compare notes.

Another Deer Hunter Sights UFO Leonard Rifkin, age 25, a technical illustrator at McDonnell Aircraft, St. Louis, recently reported a sighting made while deer hunting in November of 1969. Rifkin, whose home is at Hanley Hills, Mo., was in a field off Hiway 70, near Warrenton, Mo. about 5:30 AM when he saw an object appear over the western horizon and move to about a 60 degree angle. It was a bright light which Rifkin thought to be a satellite until it was almost overhead. It then made almost a 90 degree turn and headed north after which it made three more turns of 90 degrees or less and then disappeared to the south as the woods cut off the line of vision. There was no sound or vapor trail. (Credit: Staff Member)

Ball of Fire Reported by Hundreds "Chicago Today," June 18, 1971. A mysterious white object flashing across the southeastern sky prompted hundred of phone calls to police, the Coast Guard and aviation authorities.

The hurtling ball of fire, thought to be a meteor, crossed the sky at about 11 p.m. yesterday. The Federal Aviation Administration said the phenomenon was reported by several pilots.

Reports of a "fireball" in Lake Michigan sent Coast Guard rescue boats searching the shoreline of 56th Street. A check of airport control towers showed no aircraft missing. (Credit: Thomas E. Miller, Joe Brill) "Chicago Tribune," June 18-- Jerry Stokes, an astronomy graduate in the University of Chicago saw the meteor from Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wis. and called it the brightest he had ever seen. "The Lebanon Reporter" (Indiana) June 18--The large, bright object attracted attention throughout Indiana and Illinois. State Police at Indianapolis said they had received a number of reports, and one officer said it looked like a helicopter with a light burning. . . . one Indianapolis radio station even reported that the object, possibly a meteorite, dropped and exploded in Boone County. (Credit: Staff)

### Ball of Fire (Continued)

Joe Brill, of Chicago, talked to Jerry Stokes and taped their conversation. Mr. Stokes said: "Well, I was on the upper staircase of the Observatory at the time and I saw it coming from the north of the southeast dome of the Observatory. I noticed the meteor falling from the east southeast. It was very bright. It was many times brighter than Jupiter which was the brightest object in the sky at the time, and the meteor seemed to be moving from the Observatory toward the general direction of Chicago. I heard later that it was seen over Lake Michigan. And then, when it was about ten degrees above the horizon, it became very red and seemed to burn up in the atmosphere. That was the last I saw of it. There wasn't any trace in the sky after that."

Mr. Stokes stated he was positive it was a meteor. Daniel McGrath, also at the observatory, saw the meteor after Stokes called his attention to it after it had passed the dome of the observatory. The time it was seen was somewhere between five to ten seconds, which, according to McGrath, is a relatively long time to observe this type of phenomena. He also told Mr. Brill he was positive it was a meteor.

Man Sees Wiener-Shaped UFO Walter Davis, 27, of Ewing, Mo., who is employed in Quincy, spotted his "flying saucer" on his way from work to his home at Ewing March 19. Timed at 5:30 to 6 p.m. Davis said he was driving west on County Road Z, about six and a half miles off U.S. 61 in Lewis County, when he spotted a strange object in the sky to his left. He could describe it only as "looking like a largewiener with a shallow bowl bottom."

He said the vehicle appeared a dull gray with bright orange-yellow light coming from four distinct, long, narrow slots in the wiener portion. As the highway turned north, Davis said the craft banked, revealing a shell-like appearance and moving away to the southwest. The Quincy weather report at that time indicated the sun had just set, that there was overcast at 2,000 feet with four-mile visibility.

Davis told Andrus the object appeared large, "so big that the palm of my hand at arm's length just covered it." Editor's Note: This from the April 24, 1971 edition of "The Herald-Whig" of Quincy, Ill. Other UFO reports in a long article featuring an interview with Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, have been given in more detail in this or other issues of SKYLOOK as reported to us by Mr. Andrus.

Carlyle Men Observe Light Herb and Gene Alexander, of Carlyle, were driving east on Route 77, near the Covington River bottoms when they noticed a bright light to the left moving from the southeast to the northwest in a descending angle. They pulled their Deisel truck off to the side of the road to watch the light, but left the engine running, and no other sound was heard. It was about 8:30; the night was clear with a full moon rising. Date--May 4, 1971.

The bright light, about the size of a dime held at arms length, stopped when the truck stopped, hovered for two minutes, then shot off at a high rate of speed to a position about 3/4 mile north of the observers, leaving a reddish streak or tail behind as it did so. It then remained stationary and appeared "as a street light glow"--the men entered the truck and drove on 12 miles. The light remained at the same position for possibly a half hour, then disappeared from view.

No other aircraft was observed in the sky during this period. The two witnesses had feelings of nausea after watching the object, but felt this could be due to their intense concentration. (Credit: Staff)

It is something of a rarity for TIME magazine to mention UFOs, but they did so in the June 28 issue. Most of the article was based on a WALL STREET JOURNAL item of June 14, amplified with some comments on Dr. Hynek's desire to obtain UFO reports from qualified observers.

George W. Earley has an interesting article in the August issue of FATE, discussing the recent poll by INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH magazine which indicated that a sizable percentage of the IR poll respondents were convinced of UFO reality.

The August issue of SAGA contains an article by John Keel on the deaths of both American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts. In view of the recent cosmonauts' deaths, the article is certainly an uncanny bit of timing. Keel suggests that UFOs may have been involved, in some way, with the space tragedies.

A brief reminder that the PROCEEDINGS of the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference contains all the talks presented at the Conference, as well as biographical material on the participants, etc. The book is well worth your money and can be ordered from the address given elsewhere in SKYLOOK.

A Fourth Edition of PROJECT BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT #14 has recently been published by Gray Barker. The REPORT has been recommended as essential reading material by ufologists such as Stanton T. Friedman and John Keel, despite their own divergent views on the UFO subject. Dr. Leon Davidson has edited this new edition, as well as all previous editions, and deserves considerable credit for making the REPORT available to UFO researchers. Priced at \$5.00, the book may be ordered from Saucerian Books, Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301.

Erich von Daniken did much to publicize the possibility of space visitors in ancient times with his first book, CHARIOTS OF THE GODS?. Now, he has written a second book, GODS FROM OUTER SPACE, which is even better than the first one. Von Daniken tells of his own visits to areas of the world where archeological mysteries baffle both amateurs and professionals. It is his contention that extraterrestrials played a large role in Earth's past. As with CHARIOTS. . ., this new book does not deal with UFOs, per se, but certainly it will be of considerable interest to those who enjoy reading historical accounts of UFOs. I feel certain that a thorough study of UFO literature would give von Daniken an entirely new perspective on his basic theme. Let us hope he will undertake such a study before his promised third book is published. GODS FROM OUTER SPACE is available from G. P. Putnam's Sons, 200 Madison Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10016 for \$5.95.

SKYLOOK readers may recall an article in a 1969 issue of ARGOSY which stated that UFOs are actually super-aircraft built in Canada by Canadian British scientists. The author of this bit of inanity, Renato Vesco, has expanded his arguments considerably and his book has recently been published by Grove Press, Inc., 53 East 11th St., N. Y., N.Y. 10023. Vesco discourses at length on developments by German technicians during World War 2, the possibility of British officials recovering technical data which enabled them to build "saucers" etc. His knowledge of the UFO evidence appears to be virtually nil, although he does present some interesting and apparently hitherto-unpublicized UFO reports. INTERCEPT--BUT DON'T SHOOT is the title and if you have \$8.50 to spend wantonly, go ahead--but I warned you.!

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### HERE'S RAPID TRANSIT

From Quincy to Springfield in  
Thirty Minutes by Airship

Springfield, Ill., April 15. --Adolph Winkle and John Hull, farm hands, made affidavit that the airship landed two miles north of here at noon today. They visited the ship and conversed with the inmates, two men and one woman. They were repairing the electric apparatus and search light machinery. They said they came here from Quincy in thirty minutes, and will make a report to the government when Cuba is declared free. The ship and occupants left for the south at 1 P.M. The farmers' description is similar to descriptions heretofore given.

(More Next Month)

For convenience, DATA-NET headquarters has been transferred to the Ben Lomond address, and all correspondence and inquiries should be directed to DATA-NET, 7900 Harvard Drive, Ben Lomond, Calif. 95005. This is the address of Mrs. Josephine Clark, Editor and Publisher of DATA-NET REPORT, the official publication of DATA-NET, the UFO amateur radio network. Membership is now \$5.00 per year. Control-Director is Michel M. Jaffe.

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