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RADIO NET COULD TRAP UFO'S

Wayne Green, publisher of "73 Magazine" (Peterborough, N.H.) has kindly given us permission to quote from his articles "Can Amateur Radio Help Solve the UFO Problem?" and "The UFO Net" in the April and May issues.

Mr. Green Writes, "If the UFO's are, as many believe, space craft visiting our planet, can you think of a more important event of our times?" He points out that government investigation of sightings "has been for the purpose of proving them non-existent" and there is a great need for an investigative system wherein trained scientists can be rushed to the area of a sighting with the idea of taking pictures of the UFO's while they are still there and checking for radiation, magnetic variations, electrostatic fields, etc.

"The obvious problem here is to set up a network which will enable scientific teams to know immediately where a UFO has been spotted and where it is headed", Mr. Green continues. "Frankly I can't think of anything other than amateur radio that could fill the bill. You need something that is ubiquitous, reaching into every community*** thousands of amateurs can all listen on one frequency and hear any station transmitting. And any one of the stations can alert all of the others when something is spotted."

"If we were to establish a net frequency on 80, 40 and 20 meters for UFO reporting we could arrange for a single tone to be transmitted when an alert came along which would turn on all of the loudspeakers of participating stations. Thus all of us could have a receiver set up on a net channel all of the time, running silently. Amateurs in every community in the country could ask their local police, CD, etc., to call them immediately if any sightings were reported."

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UFO'S OR HOAX?

Residents of Kitsap County, Washington, and Seattle, 15 miles across Puget Sound from Bremerton had front-row seats for an unscheduled Fourth of July finale which had Seattle law enforcement and airport switchboards jammed by hundreds of calls from persons anxious to know what was happening.

Two Port Orchard (near Bremerton) girls who were sleeping out under the stars watched an unidentified flying object for about 15 minutes. Lisa Leurquin, 15, told THE BREMERTON SUN that she and her friend, Debbie Ingles, 13, saw the object about 11:30 pm. "It was like a really bright star, but bigger," Lisa said. It appeared to be more of a white light than "of any particular shape," she reported. Lisa's Mother, Mrs. Robert R. Leurquin, of 1013 Sequoi St. (P.O.) also watched the object.

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UFO GROUP TO HAVE INFORMAL MEET

John Schuessler, who heads the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and who is one of our best reporters, has invited us to have a potluck dinner to be held on the lawn of the Schuessler home the afternoon and evening of August 25th. "It is for all of our UFOish friends and their families,"

John writes. "Everybody to bring a couple of dishes and we'll put it all together and have a real feed, along with friendly meeting of those we all work with and never see."

John lives at O'Fallon, Mo., at 808 Primrose Court. He sent us a detailed map which space does not permit us to reproduce-- but if you're on the Illinois side of the river, cross at the Chain of Rocks bridge on I-270 and drive west through St. Charles on I-70 to O'Fallon. Check your road map and you can't miss.

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With the Editor

We are pleased to report that editors of
other UFO publications, members of UFO study
groups, etal, have written us to express
agreement with our views re the upcoming Con-
don report.

David Schroth, secretary of the UFO Study
Group of Greater St. Louis, writes "I agree
with your editorial in the May issue regard-
ing the apparent whitewash efforts of Condon
and Low. I presume you have read NICAP's
account of this affair in the current UFO
INVESTIGATOR; particularly revealing was the
portion on Low's memo of August 9, 1966,
that was omitted from Fuller's article in
LOOK, that is, the portion in which Low
states that it is not respectable to give
serious consideration to the possibility that
UFOs are real, and that believers who admit
such a possibility remain outcasts! Such a
statement obviously proves beyond a doubt
that the scientific community is extremely
reluctant to study UFO reports."

Mr. Schroth continues, "In view of the evi-
dently negative report to be released by Con-
don in a few months, let us hope that the
vigorous efforts of Professor McDonald, Hynek,
Zigel, Salisbury and authors, Vallee, Michel,
and Keyhoe, can successfully defeat the mach-

inery of the scientific establishment."

Enclosed with his letter was an editorial
from the Denver POST, of May 2, 1968. Begin-
ning by commenting on the article in LOOK
magazine, Dr. Edward U. Condon, the physi-
cist direct the Colorado project, is quoted
as saying the Look article contains "many
falsehoods and misrepresentations." His
staff has finished the field work, and Con-
don claims his critics are trying to force
him to make a premature release of his
findings.

Quoting from the editorial : "We believe
Dr. Condon's response must be accepted at
face value at this stage of the investiga-
tion * * * we hope the report will be suf-
ficiently thorough and authentic to answer
the charge that the research team had no
intention of making an objective study."

And" "So we assume Dr. Condon is skepti-
cal. But scientific skepticism does not pro-
clude scientific study. It may indeed, add
a desirable dimension. We would not have
wanted the CU study to be made by men who
were certain before they started that green
men from Mars were landing on the nearest
hill * * * yet we are not satisfied with
some of the negative reports made by the
Air Force and other official agencies about
UFOs in the past. We can understand that the
ordinary man or woman who sees a highly un-
usual cloud pattern or a very peculiar light
in the sky might imagine quite as sure it is
a space ship. But we are not quite as sure
about the unexplained sightings made by more
experienced highly trained observers. A
recent Soviet magazine article describes sev-
eral of these 'reliable' observations, in-
cluding one made by three Latvian astron-
omers using binoculars and a telescope;

The editorial concludes, "We do not know
yet whether CU's study of UFOs is a boon-
doggle, a boon or something inbetween. The
project will have to stand or fall on its
accomplishments. We do regret that Dr.
Condon is unable or unwilling now to answer
LOOK's charge in detail. But we suggest
everyone wait for the project report before
passing judgement.

We are waiting.

ENGINEER SAW UFO

Robert T. Hays, of 7431 Hazebrest, Hazelwood, Mo., and two other occupants of a C-118 on a training mission out of Stockton, Calif., saw a UFO the night of April 2nd, this year. Mr. Hays, then the plane Commander and now an engineer at the McDonnell Douglas Corp. in St. Louis, made the report to the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. It was a clear night with a few broken clouds and no moon. The object appeared as a source of bright, white light about 60 miles out of Stockton and was judged to be about 20 miles distant. It appeared to rise and fall twice after complete stops, then disappeared after a rapid descent on a 30 degree angle.

CDR Hayes, LCDR H. O. Engh and L.P. Rudolph ADRC Engineer all observed the object, their attention being drawn to it because of its excessive speed as compared to observed aircraft velocities over years of flying experience.

PUBLIC FEARS OUTER SPACE LIFE

Arthur C. Clarke, author of many books related to space travel says the search for extraterrestrial life "is what the exploration of space is really all about and this is why so many people are afraid of it."

"It may be just as well that there are no contemporary higher civilizations in our immediate vicinity," Clarke states. "The cultural shock of direct contact might be too great for us to survive it." (KANSAS CITY TIMES, June 29).

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The time is from 2 pm, until dusk, and the meal will be at 3 o'clock. Paper plates cups and knives, forks, and spoons will be furnished.

Walt Andrus, of Quincy, Ill., and co-chairman of the Illinois Section, will give an informal talk, including his own personal UFO experience. Others will be invited to tell of a personal viewing.

John says, "It's for the whole family, so come on out and let's have some fun."

He would like some idea of how many to expect, so drop him a line at P.O. Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366.

RADIO NET--CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

"When something is reported anywhere the local amateur station would call in on the net and the net control would send the tone to alert the entire area. Once the area of the contact was established amateurs in the area toward which the UFO was headed could

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alert their police and any others interested. If scientific teams are ever available they would have a warning and might be able to intercept the UFO's."

As Mr. Green points out, "One single amateur, providing leadership at this time, might do more for the human race than a president or a king."

In the May issue of 73 MAGAZINE, Mr. Green reports in his article "The UFO Net" that a great deal of interest has been reported, and he would like to hear from radio operators situated around the middle of the country who have very good signals and who have the interest and time available to help establish nets on the three major bands. He suggests "we get together at 0000GMT and discuss organization and plans."

He reports the UFO net has been discussed with the University of Colorado UFO investigation project of the Air Force and mutual cooperation has been assured. NICAP is also interested in the project and promises cooperation. The net is also tied in with the 24-hour a day reporting system set up by Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H.

Mr. Green is kept busy at 73 but promises to call in from W2NSD/1 as often as possible. You may write him at 73 MAGAZINE.

SKYLOOK would like very much to get further reports on this project and will be glad to cooperate in providing any helpful publicity. We are grateful to John Schuessler of O'Fallon, for calling these articles to our attention.

TULSA GROUP HEARS OF NEW BOOK

The Oklahoma Chapter of APRO met June 12 at the Central Library in Tulsa with about 30 members present.

Robert Loftin was the speaker for the evening and reviewed his new book "Identified Flying Saucers" which, he says, is a complete survey of the flying saucer sightings in the US and abroad that have been recorded since 1860 to the present."

THAI OFFICER SEES STRANGE LIGHT

The ARKANSAS GAZETTE, May 30th, carried a story out of Bangkok, Thailand, Navy Lt. Kriangvud Ratanavarin, back from training cruise in the Gulf of Thailand, reported seeing a strange light in the Gulf. He said in a letter to the Bangkok POST that the light was a quivering, luminous form 20 feet from his vessel and disappeared after five minutes.

UFO MAGAZINE

Rick and Janie Hilberg, of Cleveland, Ohio, edit UFO MAGAZINE, a quarterly publication of UFO sightings editorial comment, and advertising. One of the staff writes an article in the ufology field and the editor's "Around and About the Saucer World" reviews some of the most interesting sightings of the quarter. The price is \$2.00 for the four issues, and you may write to the Hilbergs at P.O. Box 2708 Cleveland, Ohio 44111.

NEWS STAND REVIEW

SEARCH MAGAZINE--July--"Saucers from the Earth" by Ray Palmer. (Interesting concept, but Mr. Palmer hasn't looked at the photographs of our earth which were taken by various spacecraft.--John Schuessler).

SCIENCE & MECHANICS--August--Part II "Ithaca's Terrifying Flying Saucer Epidemic" by Lloyd Mallan.

POLICE GAZETTE--August--"Found: Flying Saucer Base in Outer Space" by Harvey Wilson. (A lot of speculation based on very little fact.--John Schuessler).

THE ALLENDE LETTERS--Award special by Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour, price \$1.00. Articles, pictures and photographs re UFO's by twelve writers.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER--July 14--"Flying Saucer Freezes Pond Near Seattle" More details on story SKYLOOK ran in April issue. July 21--"Pittsburgh Scientists Set Up Saucer Alert."

UFOs OVER AMERICA--Signet paperback by the Lorenzens. Price 75¢.

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ASTRONAUTICS & AERONAUTICS--JULY--"Pass Me another UFO, Please!" letter by S. Fred Singer of the U.S. Dept. of Interior.

SAGA--August--"Saucers Panic Major Airlines" by Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour.

LIFE ON MARS?

Last month we ran a story on the possibility of life on Mars, and here's an interesting note from SAUCER SCOOP (6464 34th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Fla.) "The Russians are predicting that the first man to land on Mars will probably land on a cactus plant!! DA! They compared 'spectrophotometric analysis' of cactus growing the cold areas of earth and

compared it with dark areas of Mars. They concluded that these dark areas are covered with cactus-like vegetation."

CAPRO

The Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization invites all those interested in a serious approach to the UFO phenomenon to join Canada's largest civilian UFO study group. CAPRO is the Canadian affiliate of CAPRO, Tucson, Ariz. and concentrates primarily on Canadian sightings. Membership fee of \$4.00 per annum provides a years subscription to the CAPRO bulletin, our monthly publication. Write - CAPRO, P.O. Box 1316, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

UFO ORGANIZATION AT ITS BEST

Those interested in the study and investigation of unidentified flying objects and wishing to join or organize a group of serious investigators would do well to read "Engineer Involvement in UFO Investigations." in the May issue of AMERICAN ENGINEER.

Space does not permit the reprint of the entire article in SKYLOOK but we are glad to inform our readers that reprints of the article are available from the AMERICAN ENGINEER office, 2029 K. St., N.W. Washington D.C. 20006. Price 50¢.

Raymond E. Fowler, Project Administrative Engineer at the Sylvania Minuteman Program Office, author of the article, is chairman of the NICAP Massachusetts Investigating Committee and just a few of the technical titles or fields represented by other members are: chief lecturer in astronomy; logistics coordinator, Minuteman Ground Electrical System Repair and Recycle Program; Engineering design specialist; aeronautical engineer; training director, missile tracking; project administration, Satellite Communications Program; and others.

Their primary function "is that of data gathering by local investigation unit comprised of people with scientific, technical or special training who are willing to use their time and talents in conducting field investigations of UFO sightings * * * obtaining of firsthand signed reports from witnesses through the use of specially prepared UFO report questionnaires based upon government forms; obtaining character evaluations; checking possible natural or man-made explanations and preliminary evaluation of physical or photographic evidence obtained. After an investigation, a complete typewritten report is prepared and submitted with (Continued on Page Five)

Signed questionnaires, maps, sketches, etc., to NICAP, the USAF, and the government sponsored University of Colorado UFO Project for research purposes."

Details on organization and investigation procedures follow and could serve as a model for any like group.

Results of their work have contributed a great deal in the field of ufology. Their report on the classical Exeter, N.H. UFO sighting was voted into the Congressional Record by the House Armed Services Committee during the first open congressional hearing on UFO's on April 5, 1966. This is just one example.

Mr. Fowler is now conducting a complete statistical analysis of the NICAP subcommittee UFO reports on file from 1964 onwards in a search for consistent characteristics and patterns. An analysis for 1967 recently completed has 84 pages of charts, graphs, maps and overlays which reflect statistics on UFO configurations; behaviors; side effects; sighting locale; weather conditions; sighting proximity to power lines; power stations, and areas of technical interest and report evaluations.

This group has a purpose and a plan and SKYLOOK humbly offers a respectful salute.

"RED HOT POKER" OVER ENGLAND!!!!!!!

Lucius Parish, of Plummerville, Ark., sends an interesting clipping from an English newspaper, "THE EVENING NEWS & CHRONICLE", August 28, 1967.

Wartime anti-aircraft gunner and trained aircraft spotter Mr. Larry Goldstone, age 57, of Wilton Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, never saw or heard an "aircraft" like this one before.

"I heard a sound like an electric train just after 3 am yesterday," he said, "and I looked through the window."

"There was what looked like a fluorescent light six foot long about 800 feet up almost over my home. Part of it was like a red poker. It disappeared after about 10 seconds."

One of a team of people investigating unidentified flying objects in the area said today; "There have been reports of objects like red hot poker from other parts of the country."

SAUCER MAGAZINE

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ECHO I BOWS OUT TO ZOND 4

THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, July 4, 1968.

About 8:45 pm (Kansas City time) March 3 a woman in Indiana looked out a window in time to see a procession of fiery objects fly past in the sky.

"Two or three minutes later," she reported to the United States Air Force the next day, "my cousin, my aunt and my uncle came running into the house and yelling and trying to tell me about the UFO they saw."

"It was about tree-top level and was "seen very, very clearly and was just a few yards away. All of the observers saw a long jet-airplane-looking vehicle without any wings. It was on fire both in front and behind. All observers also saw many windows in the UFO."

A woman reported seeing a craft with square windows and a seemingly riveted metal fuselage. The total absence of sound terrified her because she believed the vehicle to be only 1,000 feet overhead.

What she and other witnesses actually saw appears to have been the re-entry into the atmosphere of the booster rocket or other launching components, of Zond 4, a space probe launched from the Soviet Union the day before. A study of Air Force files in Ohio has shown it to be one of the most thoroughly documented--and revealing--UFO episodes to date. End of Quote.

Editor's comment: At the time these and other sightings were reported during March and April, they were said to be Echo I's reentry. See article "It wasn't Echo I" in June Skylook. With Echo I still in orbit the Air Force has come up with Zond 4. Should further investigation prove Zond 4 to still be in orbit, no doubt the Air Force has another answer ready.

UFO NEAR GREEN BAY

This is an older report, but of unusual interest. Ed Batz of Green Bay, Wisc. gave a good description of a UFO he saw the night of Dec. 21, 1967.

Mr. Batz was outside his home and facing north when he saw the object which he judged to be about 100 ft. above the ground and moving toward the northeast. He described it as being disc-shaped and about 10 or 12 feet in diameter with three solid white tubes or streams out of the top. He judged the tubes to be about 12 inches wide and 8 or 10 feet in length.

It was a clear night with strong winds out of the northwest about 20 miles per hour. The time was 8:40. There was no sound from the object which was yellow or orange in color and remained in view about 25 to 35 seconds.

Mr. Batz telephoned the police and radio stations, and his was the only report made as far as he could determine. Two weeks later he heard of another witness to the sighting--a woman decorating a Christmas tree at her living room window.

The report was made to John Schuessler.

RECTANGULAR UFO

An object seen over Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the evening of April 24th, this year, was described as being rectangular in shape, about 25 to 30 feet long. It appeared over the Hudson's Bay retail store in downtown Winnipeg between 6 and 6:30 pm, was in sight for about one minute, then moved south with the apparent speed of a jet. Credit: CAPRO, Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, P.O. Box 1316, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada.

MYSTERIOUS METAL IN SCHOOL ROOF

Clay Center Kas.--School officials said yesterday they would ask authorities at Forbes Air Force base, Topeka, to identify a mysterious metal object which pierced the roof of Clay County community high school here.

A leaky roof at the school during a recent rainstorm led to the discovery of the piece of metal. It had pierced paper, gravel and concrete in the roof.--KANSAS CITY TIMES, July 19th.

SEEKS WITNESS OF 1913 UFO

Phil Anderson, of 1422 Park Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, wants to hear from anyone who saw a UFO over Lansing during the summer of 1913.

He is seeking information for his friend Lloyd Arnold, a consulting engineer, of Denver, Colo., who is writing a book on UFO's. Arnold and his parents saw the UFO when they were living on N. Pennsylvania Ave. in Lansing. The parents are now deceased.

UFO IN NEW JERSEY

On the night of April 13, this year, Mrs. Marion Burdick and William Keokosky of 31 Lincoln Ave., Highland Park, N.J., went outdoors to watch the eclipse of the moon and saw more than they had expected. Standing outside the apartment house at 11:15 pm, they saw an object glide in a northeastern direction across the sky from the southwest. It looked "like a yellow or orange-ish white base with a superstructure mounted on top of it," Keokosky said.--Credit SAUCERSCOOP.

A NEW EXCUSE

The ARKANSAS GAZETTE, of June 15, this year, reports James Huffman, 25, a barber, contending that he ran a red light and a stop sign at Denver because he was blinded by a flying saucer that hovered over his car, was fined \$30 by a judge who said he didn't believe him.--Contributed by Lou Farish.

ANOTHER HOLE IN THE ICE.

April 5, 1968. Malung Sweden. A mysterious hole appeared in the ice of a lake near Malung. The hole is described as 600 square meters in size and appeared quite suddenly. The ice where the hole occurred was 90 centimeters thick and did not appear to have melted normally. Col. Curt Hermannsson, who investigated the case, told newsmen that it was impossible for an aircraft to have crashed in the lake. The hole is still unexplained. Credit--UFO SKYWATCH and B.U.F.O.C., Bruges, Belgium.