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Sorry--no Message from Your Director or this month. We don't know if it was lost in the mail, or if some unforeseen circumstances prevented Mr. Andrus from writing it. We held up completing SKYLOOK two days past the deadline, hoping it would come in (and we wouldn't do that for anyone else, Walt!) so now we have to complete this page and get on the "assembly" job. We are sure we'll have the Message next month.

UFOs Topic on TV Program

On June 1, 1971, KHQA TV in Hannibal-Quincy will feature UFOs in their special "Face the Tri-States" at 9:00 PM (Channel 7). Walter H. Andrus, MUFON Director, will introduce three speakers who have had outstanding UFO observations, and they will be questioned by a Station official and a newspaper editor.

Guillermo Aldunati, Director of AOA International, in Rosario, Argentina,

will attend the MUFON Conference in St. Louis, June 12. He is interested in bookings for lectures. If interested, contact him.

Come to the Conference

As our readers know, the second annual Midwest UFO Conference will be held in St. Louis Saturday, June 12. As the full program was given last month and it is doubtful this issue will reach the majority of our readers before that date (although it should!) we will not repeat the program. For the benefit of new subscribers, we'll mention that Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear scientist and noted UFO speaker, is the featured speaker.

The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn (North) 4545 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, and will begin at 8:00 AM and continue through 10:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased for morning, afternoon, evening or all sessions and including the evening dinner, if desired.

A book containing photos of the speakers and their speeches and other material will be available at the Conference and on sale there for \$2.75. If you are unable to attend the Conference and want the book, send a check for \$3.00 to UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366. This book is a "must" for your UFO library--130 pages you will read and read again.

Tell your friends that you read it in SKYLOOK.

The witness, Miss Mary Smith (not her real name), a 25-year old high school teacher in Florida, and her mother were visiting in Georgia when the sighting took place, the night of December 27, 1969. It was about 0200 EST, and this case unpublished until this issue of SKYLOOK, is from a tape recorded interview, as follows:

"We had driven to near Atlanta to visit my aunt and couldn't find her house as she had moved since the last time we were up there. We stopped at a roadside coffee shop and after leaving the coffee shop, we sat out front. Across the street from the coffee shop there is a plaza with several small stores setting back on the lot away from the street. Up toward the front of the lot is a Dairy Castle (ice cream shop). It sets several yards back from the road although it's nowhere close to as far as the shopping centers stores from the street. The street was the main one through town, a highway and it is well illuminated by street lights. The lights did not extend far back into the lot (parking lot), the shopping center had individual lights in the stores but none in between the street lights and the stores.

"I was sitting there talking to my mother, discussing what we were going to do next and she looked up and I was looking at her because she had such a strange reaction--her face was pale and her eyes got big and her mouth just dropped. She was staring up in the sky and I kept asking her what it was and finally she pointed up and said, 'Look!' I did not see what she had seen originally. She had described it--later to me--a black saucer-shaped object, and she did describe it as very, very dark, she would say black. It had a flat bottom to it and the bottom of the saucer opened up slowly, it was hovering. This part I didn't see--what I saw was when this thing, it looked like a plastic bubble, dropped from the object. It rolled out through this door, and at this point I saw it as it began falling. At the time when I saw it, I would say it was no more than four stories in the air. I watched it as it drifted; it drifted in a fairly regular pattern, but the bubble itself was illuminated from the inside by a white core of heat. Now I say heat because there were no visible flames coming from it. I knew it was hot; it had this white hot core; on the edges you could see the color that comes into a fire, it appeared cooler. The bubble was shimmering, it seemed to become irregular in shape, the shape of the actual bubble was constantly shifting. As it got closer to the ground, I was concentrating on the light within the bubble. I'm not sure, I cannot describe exactly what happened to the casing to this heat core but it was like it had just melted off. As it fell, the core itself, in this bubble, divided into three parts, and they were arrows, they were prongs. And at first they were gathered like they were almost touching at the base away from the point end. As they traveled down, they separated and, like I say, this was just across the street. The lot couldn't have been more than 15 or 20 yards from where we were sitting and the arrows went into the ground just beyond the paved part of the parking lot. They were in the flame as they reached the ground; the glow had gone from them and they were just in a flame. You could discern the shape of the arrows; they had that white heat to them. As they went into the ground and it was normal to assume that they did go into the ground, you could see the fire and the heat disappear from the bottom up as they went out of sight. We had a clear view into this area where they fell. Now all this time that this happened, my mother and I talked back and forth to

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each other, verifying that we were seeing the same things; because it was very late at night and this was such a strange thing to see that we kept checking with each other to make sure that we were both okay.

"We sat there for a few moments; some boys came out--I believe they were local, they were watching us. They had entered their car and they had seen us watching something; they came up and asked us if we had car trouble or something. We told them no and they drove away, but in a few moments they came back and just sat there.

"In a very little while, I was looking over in the parking lot and I saw a dark figure up close to the Dairy Queen building. I asked my mother if she saw it also and she said that she did. This thing was about 5 feet, 7 inches to 5 feet, 10 inches; it was large, had large shoulders, husky in build. It tapered down into a very narrow waist with extremely thin hips, long straight legs. The head was extremely small for the body and came up into a point. The arms were shorter than normal and it appeared to be all black, we couldn't see any features. As we watched, it seemed from out of nowhere there were two other figures, the same--same build and shape. One of them was extremely larger than the other two, but they all had the same build. We did not see a craft land; we did not see them get out of a craft. They had rake-like objects in their hands although they were not rakes--they were long handled, like a broom handle, and the bottom was a triangle, a solid triangle. They were sweeping furiously an area of about 9 feet in diameter. It was as if they were beating something back--they had a basket of some sort with them that was setting in the center. And as they swept these things up onto a satisfactory pile, they would reach down and put them into the basket. At one point, the guys who had been sitting in the other car near us followed our gaze and evidently saw the figures. They started their car and tore out to the spot in the parking lot. As they went through, this was the most terrifying part about it, I think, because of the fact that I was watching one of the figures and I didn't see him run and he didn't go up in a cloud of smoke, but he just CEASED TO BE VISIBLE TO ME!

"My mother didn't see him either. When the boys got up to the spot where the figures had been, they weren't there any more. They went through the back side of the parking lot and they did not come back. I feel sure that whatever we were seeing they saw also.

"At one point while the figures were sweeping the area, whatever it was they were chasing seemed to run out to the edge of the street and the large thing followed it out with this triangular-shaped rake. It was trying to beat it back into the group, and couldn't get it. It reached down, and when it reached down it had in its hand something that glowed. As it raised this thing up, the light in it just disappeared, and it ran back and put this thing in the basket. The figures' movements were in some sort of syncopated rhythm; when I say rhythm, it was like they were actually marking time with each movement of their body, it was very jerky. But it was syncopated. Does this suggest a robot?

"We didn't report any of this because we were afraid of being ostracized for reporting it. Now I can guarantee that I was in a sober state at the time, my mother being a complete, absolute Baptist non-drinker, with a sober reputation. I can guarantee that we were not inebriated when we saw this. The weather was very crisp and cold, and the sky was clear."

Some interesting photos have recently been brought to my attention and I wish to share the details with SKYLOOK readers. They were taken by Ronald Hemingway, a brother of my neighbor, Robert Hemingway. Robert knew of my interest in UFOs and other sky phenomena, so he brought Ronald by to see if I would know what he had photographed. Initially I thought it to be a barium cloud, but it has some different twists.

Ronald was on vacation in California in November of 1970. On Nov. 5, he and his wife were camped at Carlsbad State Beach which is about 20 miles north of San Diego. About 6:30 PM local time, Ronald noticed through the partial overcast a blueish light about the size of the moon which was in the west about 75 degrees over the ocean. At first glance he believed the blue area to be the moon, but quickly realized it was in the east.

Following a discussion with his wife and some neighboring campers concerning the light, he decided to take photographs. Using Ektachrome (64) in his 35mm Minolta (55 mm, f-1.7 lens) he made three exposures. The first and second are similar in that they show a round blueish haze just above a low bank of clouds. The first exposure was approximately 15 seconds at f 1.7. The second exposure was about 30 seconds. It more clearly shows a cloud bank and redish area low in the picture supposedly where the sun had set.

After several minutes the blue changed to a brighter white and he took a third and, to me, most interesting photo. His slide shows a very bright, white, round but irregular, diffuse area noticeably larger than the blue. At the lower right edge of this larger bright spot and about one twelfth the size is an irregular light area with sharp edges. His smaller area appears that it could be a solid object. Neither Ronald nor his wife remember seeing this small bright spot.

Hemingway listened to the radio the next day but heard nothing to explain the phenomenon. I have no doubt of his honesty. He has no idea what he photographed and is very anxious, as I am, to know more about what he saw. Hopefully, one of our California SKYLOOK readers may have an explanation. We would appreciate hearing from them.

Editor's Note: Mr. Smulling, a professional photographer, is Illinois State Director for MUFON. You may write him at 8th & Broadway, Hamilton, Ill., 62341.

"Like a Boomerang"

Raymond Watts, of E. Peoria, Ill., writes of an unusual sighting about 7:45 the night of April 12, 1971. It was a clear night, with little wind, and Mr. Watts and a neighbor saw a strange object about a mile distant and an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet. Mr. Watts said if you threw a boomerang into the air and it came spiraling down, and "lit up", this would best describe the object they saw. It didn't appear to be a free fall, but under directional power. It was observed about three or four seconds and was about 20 degrees above the western horizon when it "went out."

We'd like to hear from anyone else in the area who may have seen this unusual object.

Want to know what scientists think about UFOs? Then don't miss the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 12th. Nuclear scientist Stanton T. Friedman, well known lecturer, is the main speaker.

Illinois Man Follows Sky Object

Herb Williams, age 36, an Illinois Revenue Officer, followed a round white light for about ten minutes April 30, 1971, then lost sight of it while trying to contact a witness.

Williams was filling a truck with diesel fuel at the Ready-Mix Plant at 2090 Washington, on the west side of Carlyle, when he saw the object approximately 100 feet above the ground. The night was clear, and the bright object was easily seen. The sighting occurred at 11:50 PM and there was no sound. It moved in a westerly direction at about 10 miles per hour and Williams said he could have kept up with it by running, but decided to get into his car and follow it.

First seen over the Carlyle fairgrounds, it moved at a mild left angle toward Beckemeyer. On reaching the town, Williams decided to call a friend in the law enforcement agency as he wanted a witness to his observation; but after making the call, the object had disappeared from view.

Its course would have carried it over a railroad crew operating a Speno Bassast machine working between Carlyle and Beckemeyer, and the railroad crew reported, on being questioned, that no one had observed the object. This is understandable as they would have been watching the operation of the machinery, and a large cloud of dust surrounded the machine.

Williams said he felt the object was operated by remote control as it seemed to be too small to carry a pilot. Its slow motion resembled that of a balloon, he said, but he thought the intense white light would eliminate that possibility. Rather than drifting aimlessly, it appeared to be following the railroad track.
Credit: Rosetta Holmes.

Retired Farmer Reports 1968 Sighting

"What it looked like was a full moon, only about 3 times larger and orange color," said Mr. Ira Prah, age 66, a retired farmer of Route 1, Odin, Ill.

Mr. Odin doesn't recall the exact month or day, but it was four years ago and about five o'clock in the morning, as Mr. Odin was preparing to go to work at the Warren G. Murray Children Center. He was to be there two hours earlier that morning, so he remembers the hour.

It was still dark when he went out to the garage to get into his car and then he saw the object approaching from the southwest. He watched it for about three minutes, he said, then went back into the house to get his wife. When they came outside, the object had disappeared. It was about 1,500 feet high when he first saw it, three times the size of a full moon, and orange in color. There was no sound.

He mentioned the sighting to several people where he was employed, and they told him he was just "seeing things," he said. So he said no more about it to anyone at that time, as he didn't want to be laughed at.

"I have no idea as to what it was," he wrote in his report.
Credit: Walt Andrus.

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Editor's Note: Allen Benz is a graduate student at the School of Library and Information Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, and is assistant editor of UFO COMMENTARY. His home is at Tipton, Mo.

At approximately 12:20 PM on May 20, 1968, Mrs. Linda Stine and Mrs. Patricia Petersen, both housewives, were walking along Kettner Blvd. in downtown San Diego, California. They were on their way to pick up Mrs. Stine's car at a garage. They stopped in front of Dryer's, a large furniture store, to watch a large jet land at San Diego International Airport, two blocks distant.

A minute or two later, they heard a strange noise directly overhead. Looking up, they saw "a strange looking cloud." It was described as being white, shaped like a cigar, about the size of a commercial jet liner in length and appeared to be three and one half feet high. Mrs. Stine said the noise sounded like a ribbon flapping in the breeze, while Mrs. Petersen compared the sound to one made by shaking a stick through the air rapidly.

The object came out of the west and headed east. The women viewed it for a very brief time--two to four seconds. Both agreed that it was traveling "much faster than a jet." Both were puzzled by the sighting and asked each other, "What was it?" They talked about it as they continued walking.

Later, after she arrived home, Mrs. Petersen called the police and the "San Diego Union." Both said no one had reported anything.

When Fred Stine, an aircraft structural mechanic at General Dynamics, came home from work, his wife told him of the incident. He too was at a loss to explain it.

Both witnesses agreed on the following points: the object was not sharply defined, but rather "fuzzy." It did not give off smoke or leave any visible trail. Neither did it drop anything nor change shape, brightness or color. And it disappeared by climbing out of sight. They stated that the object was probably 250-300 feet above them.

Comment: The object reported by the witnesses seems to fit Vallee's definition of a Type IIA sighting i. e. a cloud cigar; but one that does not generate other objects. In Type II sightings the object is moving at a slow speed, is usually quite high, and the sighting lasts for several minutes. However, the present object, as reported, was moving quite rapidly at a low altitude and was seen for a very short length of time.

The object did not fly smoothly across the sky. Rather, it skipped across the sky. This is similar to Arnold's sighting and the Rev. Brown-ing (Tasmania) sighting of October 1960.

Checks with the local news media and police (city, county and state) yielded no additional information. The FAA Radar Air Traffic Control Center did not pick up anything on radar and the FAA controllers on duty at the airport did not see anything.

I checked at the airport to determine what airline landed between 12:20 and 12:30 PM on the day in question. The only airline landing during this time period was National Airlines. The counter agent for National at the airport said that neither the crew nor the passengers had said anything. He further stated that anytime an unidentified object is spotted near an airliner, it is always reported. Continuing, he said that the crew of that particular flight would not be available for questioning since they had already returned to Miami.

In my judgment it is quite probable that neither the crew nor the passengers saw the object. The reasons for this are as follows:

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- The crew of the airliner would be concentrating on the task of landing the jet and would probably not see the object unless it came quite close to the plane.
- The passengers are generally "restless," excited, and preparing for the landing. They are not looking out the windows as much as at other times.
- The witnesses stated that the object's speed was "much faster than a jet." If we take the speed of a jet as 600MPH and "much faster" as being 50% faster or 900 MPH, we have a speed of 900 MPH. A speed of 900 MPH equals 15 miles per minute. The witnesses stated that the object appeared one or two minutes after the jet passed overhead. This would place the object 15 to 30 miles out to sea. According to the Weather Bureau, the visibility was $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The possibility of a hoax has been ruled out for two reasons. First, they did not attempt to exploit the incident. In fact, they did not tell anyone except their immediate families and the writer. And, second, I knew both witnesses personally, since they were neighbors of mine in San Diego. Neither witness is the type to concoct a hoax or indulge in practical jokes.

Natural phenomena has also been ruled out because of 1) the speed of the object, 2) the sound coming from the object, and 3) the motion of the object i.e. the "skipping" effect.

What was the unusual flying object seen by Linda Stine and Patricia Petersen? I do not know. As Mrs. Petersen said, "whatever it was, it sure was strange."

Editor's Note: We consider this an excellent example of thorough investigation and good reporting.

A "Box" in the Sky

Ted Phillips received this report through a friend in California, Mo., who urged the witness to write Mr. Phillips. A follow-up on this will be presented later when Mr. Phillips can interview the observer. The report, as sent to him, is as follows:

"It was January 31, 1967. We lived on highway 87, eleven miles south of California. The time was about 7 o'clock in the evening. We had 100 acres across the road from us and there was a clear view for miles. There were a number of lights above the horizon, but this one thing stood out very definitely against the sky. It appeared to be a big box with changing lights. Some Army men interviewed my husband a few days later. We both felt that it was something that didn't belong in the sky. It was hanging there. This was such a clear night, and there could be no way to know the distance. We both felt that it was at least a mile. My husband passed away in 1968, but he definitely felt that it would be an unidentified foreign object."

Was It a UFO?

Larry Yoder and family, of Moberly, Mo., observed bright yellow and white lights, with three red lights, one blinking, pass directly overhead at 9:04 PM. April 21, 1971. The lights came out of the east, moving slowly at a very high altitude, passing overhead in a westerly course. Because of the spacing and arrangement of the lights, the object must have been very large, but did not resemble any conventional aircraft. There was a sound, as of a motor, he reported.

Dr. Allen J. Hynek Addresses St. Louis Aero Club

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of Astronomy at Northwestern University and Scientific advisor to the USAF for 20 years, was the guest speaker of the St. Louis Aero Club, April 27, 1971. Eighty-two were present at a dinner meeting held at the Officers' Club at the old Navy Base at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo.

The subject of Dr. Hynek's lecture was "Do UFOs Exist?" with evidence and conclusions being emphatically in the affirmative. Dr. Hynek has written a book on UFOs [See May SKYLOOK] with the publication date now set at early next year, and he is currently teaching a credit course on UFOs at Northwestern with 70 applicants at its opening.

Dr. Hynek used about 50 slides to illustrate his lecture during which he was critical of the Condon Report, saying it would seem the Committee assumed from the beginning that there is nothing to UFOs, and then wrote from that premise. He specifically criticized the concentration on trivial misidentifications rather than truly puzzling cases.

Ted Phillips, SKYLOOK staff reporter, was introduced by Dr. Hynek and spoke briefly on "Landing Traces" which will be Mr. Phillips' subject when he addresses the MUFON Conference in St. Louis, June 12.

A question and answer session followed and proved to be of great interest as questions were asked which showed the audience (many of them pilots) had long been interested in the fascinating phenomena of unidentified flying objects.

When asked about the current location of all the old Blue Book data, he replied that all of it is in Montgomery, Alabama, unclassified, and therefore, theoretically open to anyone who wants to see it, but, "If you try to see it, you will get a letter from the Pentagon saying that while all the data are unclassified, they happen to be housed in a classified area, and consequently it would be necessary for you to obtain clearance."

A member of the audience queried him about the Hills and he replied as follows: "... Dr. Simon invited me and Fuller to have dinner with the Hills at his home, and he hypnotized Betty and Barney for me and allowed me to interrogate them while they were under hypnosis. And it was a strange experience. . . for an hour and a half I talked to them while they were under hypnosis. . . and when Barney got to the . . . where he was being physically drawn--pulled aboard, there was a terror in his voice, and he just got off the chair and got down on his knees and yelled and screamed, and it was a horrible thing to go through. I was shaken by it, and he would have had to have been a consummate actor. It seems to me, to have done that, and yet I can't say that it really happened."

Art Epstein, staff reporter, and David Schroth, a member of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, attended the lecture, and we are grateful to them for their notes and comments from which this account was written. Mr. Schroth taped the lecture and gave us the direct quotes.

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In 1967 Mrs. R. B. witnessed the landing of a glowing, domed disc in a field behind her home, just south of Eldon, Missouri.

She noted a bright glow through her living room window while watching television and went to investigate. As she stood at her back door, she saw the object approaching the field; it slowed, paused for a brief time just above ground level, then proceeded to land.

The UFO was illuminated by a bright blue-white light which seemed to cover the entire object. After touching ground, the upper section became dark and moonlight reflected from what appeared to be a metallic surface. The object remained on the ground only a short time, then ascended at a low angle and disappeared into the distance. The next morning the observer's husband and a relative went to the field where the object had landed and found eight oval areas where the vegetation was dry and dead. The marks were in pairs, 3 feet apart, each oval about 8 inches in diameter. The plants were also damaged for some distance along the flight path of the object.

Also in 1967, a farmer living near Barnett, Missouri, observed a large disc as it landed near his home. The object was on the ground for several minutes. After it left, the witness and his grandson went to the landing site and found a circular area where the plants had been scorched.

It is interesting to note that the two cases just given took place at towns only six miles apart. Unfortunately the witnesses could not give the exact dates of their sightings, only that they occurred in the summer of 1967.

These reports are of special interest to me as I have been specializing in landing trace cases for the past 18 months. Of the 291 landing trace reports, 5 were in Missouri.

Editor's Note: Mr. Phillips would like to hear from you if you can add to his file. Write him at P. O. Box 615, Sedalia, Mo.

"Silver Needles" Fall from UFO

Mention of UFOs is apt to pop anywhere these days. In the February issue of "Industry Week," this appeared in an article on hobbies:

Chester Cain has a story: "There was this circular patch, a burned out area in a Michigan farmer's field which had been discovered two days after the owner had sighted a strange object in the sky over his house. The patch was filled with silvery colored needles looking some thing like a silver mat. Nobody could identify them. Eventually, I got hold of some of the stuff and had Argonne National Laboratories, Chicago, analyze it. It turned out to be aluminum with a high lead content. None of the aluminum companies had ever heard of anything like it. A cross section under a microscope showed that the 5/8 in. long needles were made like microscopic sized angles. The farmer also reported later that he harvested a bumper crop of soybeans that grew on the 'burned area.'"

Mr. Cain, vice president and director of product development for Bloomer Fiske Inc., Chicago, is also a director of NICAP, and finds investigating UFOs an exciting hobby.

We'd like more details on this one. Anyone who can help us?
Credit: Art Epstein

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"I simply cannot agree with those self-styled psychologists who explain away unusual observations as illusions born of personal insecurity when they haven't even bothered to check the basis for the reports," Dr. Utke states.

He has talked to many (whole families in some cases) who have claimed to see UFOs and some accounts involved objects seen up close, on or near the ground. Dr. Utke says he is convinced that the vast majority of these apparently intelligent, stable people were not lying, over-exaggerating, insecure, or seeing "spots" in front of their eyes. They gave an honest account of an unusual experience and in some cases, he was able to explain what they had seen. He feels that if more scientists would interview UFO observers themselves, their perspective would change.

Dr. Utke says he also does not agree with scientists who admit UFOs "may exist" but do not warrant looking into. "Can science afford to overlook a global phenomenon, that has been seen by thousands of people and seems to be increasing in scope?" he asks. "If UFOs exist, they are important no matter what they turn out to be. Suppose they were some sort of new natural phenomena. They'd almost have to be electrical in nature. Finding out how an electrified object with no visible source of energy can move through the atmosphere for sustained periods of time could be extremely valuable. Suppose UFOs were extra-terrestrial, this would be the greatest discovery of all time. Or suppose UFOs really are only psychological in origin and do only exist in the mind. The phenomenon is still well worth studying, especially those cases involving simultaneous and yet independent witnesses. Proving that thought transfer or ESP exists might almost be as spectacular as proving that UFOs exist."

A few scientists have claimed that the UFO phenomenon would simply be too hard to study. You can't find these objects, they say, because they are so unpredictable, if they do exist, and there are no patterns in the sightings. Dr. Utke points out no one can say there are no patterns since all the sightings have not been gathered together in one spot for analysis.

Some scientists claim that studying UFOs would require too much money and too much valuable time that would be better spent on more worthy projects. Dr. Utke answers this by saying, "This argument is relative and depends upon the definitions of 'too much money,' 'too much time,' and 'more worthy projects.' Admittedly, it might be quite costly and time consuming to actually determine what UFOs are. But that's one step ahead in the argument. We should first of all actually prove that they exist. Localized teams of scientists, equipped with inexpensive, portable cameras, magnetometers, spectroscopes, and radiation detection devices, and only working part time, could probably conclusively determine whether UFOs actually exist or not in two or three years. And even if a computerized central study headquarters was added, staffed by full-time scientists, to study the data obtained, the cost of the whole project shouldn't exceed two or three million dollars a year. There are probably enough scientists interested in UFOs right now to staff such a project. Can we afford the money involved?"

Dr. Utke thinks we can. He points out that billions of dollars are wasted by the government on duplication and useless research; millions are spent on military weapons which are obsolete before they are built and gives other examples. If the answer is still no, then he suggests that a few thousand dollars a year appropriated by the National Science Foundation to establish prizes to be awarded each year to the best essay or research paper on UFOs (pro or con) could stimulate

Dr. Utke - continued
further research.

"How do we get off the UFO merry-go-round?" Dr. Utke asks. Only two ways seem possible. Number one--the sightings would have to cease. But UFOs seem to be rather stubborn, he reminds us, and they haven't disappeared just because some scientists don't believe in them. So that leaves the second possibility--a scientific "change of heart." The scientific community will have to change a few of its attitudes, roll up its sleeves, and go to work on the problem.

"In order to solve the UFO problem," Dr. Utke says, "scientists are going to have to help try to find the 'scientific proof' of the existence of UFOs. Proving conclusively, one way or the other, whether UFOs exist should be worth the effort.

"Isn't it our duty as scientists to find this out?"

Dr. Utke believes it is.

The End

BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

No. 15 in a series of pre-1947 UFO reports.

In a letter to the now-defunct publication of Civilian Saucer Investigation of New Zealand, FLYING SAUCERS* a reader signing himself only "M.F.," told the following story:

"It occurred in September, 1939, the eve of World War II. I was living on a farm, two miles outside the small town of Skerries N. Z. on the East Coast. It was a calm evening, visibility was unlimited. I remember my father calling me outside and exclaiming: 'What on earth is that?' Looking out to sea, and some half-mile to one side of the islands I could see this circular, orange-coloured globe hovering and then moving slowly southwards. It travelled in a sort of slow, bouncing fashion, just like a ball in slow motion, then it would come back to its original position. I would say, and this is only an approx. measurement, that its size was about 150 feet in diameter. There were many adult witnesses to this sighting, all of whom were baffled by the startling appearance of the object; at the least, one would say it was weird both in appearance and behaviour. We watched for over half an hour, then grew tired, as it kept patrolling up and down a five-mile stretch most of the time. Before we went to sleep that night, we went outside to see if it were there, but it had gone. Next day war was declared between Britain and Germany. It was not until Flying Saucers made news again in 1947 that I began to compare sightings with mine of 1939 and found many 'orange-coloured globes' or 'saucers' that seemed very similar."

* Issue of July-Sept. 1957.

The SENTINEL is a monthly ufozine that never misses a publication date. It covers the UFO, aerospace and astronomy newsfronts and brings you Space news you don't find in other UFO magazines. F. M. Castor's editorials are always interesting and leaves you "thinking." A sample copy is 50¢; a year subscription (12 issues) \$4.50. Make check payable to AERIAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS, P. O. Box 715, Banning, Calif. 92220

Say you read it in SKYLOOK - it's good advertising for us.

Editor's Note: We make no attempt to relate this article to UFOs, but believe every reader will find it interesting--and we are aware there are many who firmly believe ESP has its place in attempted communication (now or in the future) between man and "beings" from other worlds. As an author of books and magazine articles, Brad Steiger needs no introduction. We are publishing his article in two parts.

Since details of astronaut Edgar Mitchell's Apollo 14 outer space ESP experiment with psychic Olof Jonsson were released in LIFE magazine and in newspapers and news broadcasts around the world, thousands of people interested in psychical research have been asking: "Who is Olof Jonsson?"

As Olof Jonsson's biographer (THE PSYCHIC FEATS OF OLOF JONSSON, Prentice-Hall, October 1971, release), I thought that you might appreciate the following thumbnail sketch of this most remarkable man.

Olof Jonsson is the psychic who has been widely tested by academic institutions and parapsychologists on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. J. B. Rhine has said that he has found Jonsson to be one of the truest sensitives that he has ever tested.

Jonsson is the incredible controller of psychokinesis who, under laboratory conditions, surrounded by scientists and medical doctors, has suspended in mid-air tables, chairs, and even living humans--solely by means of his "mind-power."

Jonsson is the astonishingly accurate clairvoyant, who aids the police in locating missing persons and in terminating guilty parties in crime cases.

Jonsson is the telepath who can read thoughts, cards, and objects with an accuracy that has astounded scientists and lay investigators around the world. Even with Jonsson in Chicago and parapsychologist Dr. O. Holberg in Stockholm, Sweden, Olof has read 23 out of 25 ESP cards correctly.

Jonsson is the prototype of the hearty Norseman. He has a youthful face, blonde hair, and appears several years younger than his actual mid-fifties. He is of medium height and build, the type of person you like immediately. He is now an American citizen who holds a responsible position as a drafting engineer. Jonsson is a man of mathematics and drawing boards, not fortune tellers' booths or seance parlors.

At the age of seven, it was discovered that Olof could will a bottle to move back and forth across a kitchen table without physically touching it. As he grew older, his powers of ESP increased. From 1946 to 1953 he was tested by some of the foremost European experts in the field of parapsychology. He was brought to wide public attention when he was called in to solve a series of bizarre murders in a small Swedish village. Because of Jonsson's psychic talents, the villagers were spared further maniacal savagery, but to Jonsson, a sick man had been needlessly destroyed, and he vowed never again to become involved in solving crimes of violence.

In 1953, Dr. J. B. Rhine issued an invitation to Jonsson to come to the U. S. The experiments of Dr. Rhine and his colleagues, conducted quietly and without publication, continued for more than fifteen years.

(The Mitchell Experiment, and conclusion, next month).

Excerpts from Ivan T. Sanderson's new book, INVISIBLE RESIDENTS, may be found in the June issue of SAGA (continued in the July issue). The book's basic theme deals with possible underwater civilizations, UFOs in connection with bodies of water etc. We hope to have a complete review of the book in next month's column.

The June issue of FATE contains an article entitled "UFO Ballet in the Sky" by R. F. Sibol. The author details his 1970 sightings of three UFOs. Though primarily a "lights-in-the-sky" report, the article is of interest.

The NATIONAL TATTLER is still running its UFO series and will continue to do so through at least the May 23rd issue; perhaps longer. Even if most of the material is familiar to SKYLOOK readers, it is good to see a nationally-distributed weekly publication devoting this amount of space to the UFO subject. And their presentation of UFO material has been fairly "straight" thus far.

Want a few good laughs? If you do, see the May 31st issue of another weekly tabloid, NATIONAL CLOSE-UP. UFOs are living creatures who breed in our pollution-choked atmosphere, according to this bit of drivel. Not that we are totally averse to the "UFOs as living creatures" idea--at least not in a small minority of cases. But the CLOSE-UP report is a good example of the type of sensationalistic nonsense which crops up far too often.

In last month's issue of SKYLOOK, we reported that Dr. J. Allen Hynek's UFO book would be published in August of this year. We have now learned that the publication date has been set forward into early 1972. Any later details will be presented in future columns.

A new paperback dealing with the contactee phenomenon is THE AQUARIAN REVELATIONS, edited by Brad Steiger (Dell Books, 75¢). Although dealing primarily with the experiences of a Canadian contactee (contactee?), the book also presents other material in a similar vein from other sources. Steiger declines to accept the claimed "outer space" origin for the contactee messages, but he does not doubt that messages are being received from some "outside" source. While the contactee field definitely has its con-men and glory-seekers, it also consists of honest, sincere people who believe wholeheartedly in the reality of all-wise and benevolent "space people." Whether or not that belief is justified is the \$64,000 question. If you wish to go "inside" the contact stories, THE AQUARIAN REVELATIONS is definitely recommended.

WANTED: I need some copies of the 1955-56-57 and 58 issues of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. Write first, giving price and month and year of issue. Lucius Farish, Route 1, Plumerville, Ark., 72127.

BULLETIN. Attention, St. Louis-area! Just received word from John Schuessler that KSD-TV, Channel 5, NBC (St. Louis, Mo.) is starting a new program June 7, 1971. It will star Dick Ford and be called "The Afternoon Show" (from 4 to 5 PM), Monday through Friday. The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis has been promised a spot on the Friday, June 11th hour, and there will be an interview with Mr. Schuessler on the noon news, that same day. This will be wonderful publicity for the MUFON Conference to be held on Saturday, June 12th--don't miss it.

No. 11 of the Series "The 1897 Mysterious Airship"
Research by Walter H. Andrus

Quincy Daily Herald, April 15, 1897

THE AIR SHIP IS FOUND

Went from Quincy to Springfield Early This Afternoon

Springfield, Ill., April 15-- Adolph Winkle and John Hull, two well-known 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 are repairing their electric apparatus and search light machinery. They said they came here from Quincy in thirty minutes, and will make report to the government when Cuba is declared free. The ship and occupants left for the south at 1 p.m. Winkle's description answers to the descriptions heretofore given. (Continued Next Month)

That Mysterious Airship of 1897 Was Seen in Texas Too!

Clippings from the 1897 "Houston Daily Post"

Childress, Texas, April 17--The much talked-of airship was seen here last night about 1:16 o'clock. The Rev. J. W. Smith was the first to discover the curious aerial monster.

He thought at first that it was a star shooting, but after watching it a moment or two, saw that it was not. It soon disappeared, traveling in a westerly direction. The Rev. Smith thinks that it must have been 2,000 feet high and traveling very fast.

Longview, Tex., April 20--Last night about 9:30, the Post correspondent and family, on returning from church, saw the so-called airship. A bright light, seemingly about the size of Venus, moved swiftly to the northwest, disappearing beneath the horizon.

In a few minutes, it reappeared. The light emitted a series of intermittent flashes of a steel color. No car (cabin) was seen.

Atlanta, Tex., April 19--There was considerable excitement here today, caused by a visitation last night by the mysterious airship.

It was first seen by Jim Nelson, a farmer. His attention was attracted by a peculiar noise and, looking up, he discovered the mysterious aerial traveler.

It seemed to be descending straight to the earth with great rapidity and Mr. Nelson's hair stood out with fright.

But within two or three hundred feet of the earth, it paused for an

That Mysterious Airship, Continued

The anchor is now on exhibition at the blacksmith shop of Elliott & Miller and is attracting the attention of hundreds of people.

April 19, 1897 "Dallas Morning News": Aurora, Wise County, April 17--About 6 o'clock this morning the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which has been sailing throughout the country. . It sailed directly over the public square, and when it reached the north part of town, collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the judge's flower garden.

The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one aboard, and while his remains are badly disfigured, enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world.

Mr. T. J. Weems, the U. S. Signal Service officer at this place and an authority on astronomy, gives it as his opinion that he (the pilot) was a native of the Planet Mars.

Papers found. . are written in some unknown hieroglyphics. . This ship was too badly wrecked to form any conclusion as to its construction or motive power.

The town is full of people today who are viewing the wreck and gathering specimens of a strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place at noon tomorrow.

"Houston Daily Post", April 28. Merkel, Tex., April 26 --Some parties returning from church last night noticed a heavy object dragging along with a rope attached.

They followed it until in crossing the railroad it caught on a rail. On looking up they saw what they supposed was the airship. It was not near enough to get an idea of the dimensions.

Editor's Note: John Schuessler sent these interesting clippings given in an AP report out of Houston. We don't have the name of the publication reproducing the clippings, but have given credit to all newspapers quoted therein.

Corrections

Lou Farish informs us the name of the author of "One Hundred Thousand Years of Man's Unknown History" is Robert Charroux, not Cherroux, as reported in the May issue of SKYLOOK. From California, Mike Jaffe writes to tell us he made two errors in his "Personal Observation" in the same issue. "I stated that the plane leveled at about 3000 meters altitude. This should be 300 meters (roughly 1000 ft.)" and he mentioned a helium-neon laser. "This should read: I have had occasion to work with a helium and a neon laser. (Helium produces a blue light. Neon produces a red light.)"

ORGANIZATION NOTES Clarence O. Dargie, USAF Ret., of O'Fallon, Ill. Around the Network will be a guest on the WILY radio "Hot Line" program, Centralia, Ill., on Thursday, June 3, from 10:45 to 11:00 AM. Recently appointed as a State-Section Director for MUFON for the East St. Louis and Belleville, Ill., area, will speak on the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 12. WILY is 1210 Kil. on the radio dial.

Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, Quincy, Ill., will be on the "Hot Line" program on July 26, from 10:45 to 11:00 AM (not April 26 as stated in error in the last issue of SKYLOOK). His subject will deal with UFOs. The program is hosted by Dan Parker and Ann Kramer, who have several times invited guests to speak on UFOs, doing much to promote interest in the phenomenon.

Ronald M. Anderson, Communications Director, advises all the ham operators who check into the MUFON Radio Net that the time will be 1900CDT. The following dates will be the net for the rest of the year: July 4-20, Aug. 13-29, Sept. 14-30, Oct. 8-24, Nov. 9-25, and Dec. 12. All stations are welcome to check into the net.

Ted Phillips, SKYLOOK staff member, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Georgetown Community Center, Sedalia, Mo., April 27, with 75 present. He spoke on "UFO Activity Through the Years" and answered questions pertaining to UFOs following his address. He also spoke briefly in St. Louis recently, being introduced by Dr. Hynek. See report of meeting elsewhere in this issue.

On Sunday, July 25, the third annual UFO picnic will be held at the Boulder Access to Carlyle Lake (Ill.) starting at 10:00 AM and with a "pitch in" dinner at noon. Featured speakers will be Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON and John Schuessler, Missouri State Director of MUFON and Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. There will also be other speakers and more details will be given in the next issue of SKYLOOK. All attending the first two picnics remember the good food, the good fellowship and the fine program and look forward to the third get together. It will be preceded by the usual Skywatch the night before. This event is open to the public.

Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, MUFON State Section representative and SKYLOOK staff member, Carlyle, Ill., has had great success in obtaining radio and press coverage of UFO sightings and group meetings in her area, and writes: "I sincerely hope that State Section Representatives will make an effort to obtain school and college-sponsored lectures. It is really surprising the interest that is evident when one starts talking. May I suggest that you call the local newspapers of your area as well as radio stations and ask that they inform the public that speakers are available in the area to speak on UFOs. This is the approach I used and it met with almost instant response. (If no speakers are available in your area, then brush up on your information and make yourself available for speaking engagements.) You will be surprised at the interest shown. Various clubs and other organizations will be interested in sponsoring UFO lectures."

"Any State Section Representative interested in a project of this type, please write me if you desire further information on how to introduce a program of this type. I will be happy to assist you." Editor's Note: Her address is Mrs. R. E. Holmes, 1690 Hill Drive, Carlyle, Ill. 62231. "Rosie" practices what she preaches. She arranged for several lectures in her area and when one speaker was unable to attend, she took his place. As our readers know, she and husband "Dick" hosted the first Carlyle picnic with such success it has now become an annual event. We receive many letters singing her praises and welcome this opportunity to add another "Well done."

THE ASTRONOMY CORNER: The June Sky

All time--Central Standard. Venus may be seen in the eastern sky as it rises about 3:40 a.m. on June 1st. It rises at 3:50 a.m. July 1st. Mars appears in the June sky as a bright, reddish-orange light source rising at 11:40 p.m. June 1st in the low southeast. It rises at 10:20 p.m. on July 1st. Jupiter is well placed for observation during June. It sets 4:20 a.m. and at 2:20 a.m. by July 1st. It will be seen throughout most of the evening in the high southern sky. Saturn rises as a morning object at 4:10 a.m. June 1st and at 2:10 a.m. July 1st. (Credit: Ted Phillips)

The Constellations. No. 7: Bootes

The word Bootes in Greek means a "Herdsman." Bootes is one of the oldest constellations and is mentioned in the Odyssey. Bootes is generally represented by the figure of a man holding a spear in one hand. In his other hand is a leash to which are fastened two dogs, that figure in a neighboring constellation, Canes Venatici, "The Hunting Dogs." In Bootes, as in many constellations, the shape outlined by the brighter stars is that of a kite. Arcturus is the brightest star in this constellation and is ranked fourth brightest of all the stars. Arcturus is a normal giant with a diameter of 30 times the diameter of the Sun. It is 37 light years distant. With modern infra red recording devices, the heat received from the star Arcturus can be measured and is found to be equal the heat of a single candle at a distance of 5 miles. Arcturus is often called the "Star of Job" because it is mentioned in the book of Job. The four stars Mu, Delta, Gamma and Beta form a slightly cockeyed rectangle that the Arabs used to call "The She Wolves."

At 9 p.m. on June 15 the Constellation Bootes is high in the heavens and near the zenith. (Credit: Mark Herbstritt, now a staff member)

Mars Has Big Core--More Like Earth

New evidence indicates that the planet Mars has a large core--perhaps 1,000 miles in diameter--and is therefore more like the earth than previously believed, a California Institute of Technology scientist reported at a recent meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

The matter is of great interest because it could help determine how the Solar System was formed. If it is conceded the planet, like the earth has a core, the next question is whether it contains sulfur or silicon. If it is sulfur, it would indicate the planet--and by inference the Solar System--formed slowly and that Mars was initially a cold body. But if it is silicon, it would mean the temperatures attending Mars' birth were extremely high and that the planet solidified quite rapidly.

Until now it has been widely believed that Mars was too small for a molten core to have formed as the planet solidified from a cloud of swirling gas at the dawn of the Solar System.

Scientists hope to get answers to some of these questions in 1975 when a Viking spacecraft lands a package of seismic instruments on the Martian surface.

Source: "Arkansas Democrat," April 19, 1971. Credit; Lou Farish

If there is a red X by your name on the address label, your subscription to SKYLOOK expires with this issue, and a renewal blank is enclosed.

A Letter to the Editor

In regard to the article in your September issue of SKYLOOK about a mysterious green flash in the sky, over Hawaii, sent in by David J. Gras, of Buffalo, New York. I would like to submit my sighting which is almost identical to this story.

It was on the evening of June 5, 1969, at 5:55 pm. A green light was observed flashing across the sky from east to west about 30 degrees up from the southern horizon. It was in view for about eight to ten seconds until it disappeared into the west like a bright star. It was a perfectly clear day; the temperature was near 80 degrees, and it traveled a perfect horizontal line. As it passed this area (Peoria, Ill.), four smaller objects shot out from it. One was a little larger than the other three and they were white, shaped like a long teardrop, and they paced the large green light for maybe four or five seconds, then just disappeared. SKYLOOK carried a story given by a man as far west as Denver, Colorado. This coincides with my sighting.

The time of his sighting was about two or three minutes later than mine, the altitude was about the same, 30 degrees, green in color and traveling east to west. After speaking to Walt Andrus about the topic, I learned that some people in Quincy had seen it also. The explanation of this also said to be "probably a meteor." To me it was a UFO, because of the green color of the object. In the 35 years I've been observing the skies, I have seen a number of meteors. But none of them have ever looked like the object previously mentioned.

I have three witnesses who wish to withhold their names.

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Watts

Comment: We have been told the green flash associated with near-sunset is not too uncommon; however, 5:55 pm in June (and doubtless daylight saving time) is nowhere near sunset. Also, the four white objects associated with this green light is another phenomenon. Does anyone have an explanation?

Dear Mrs. Short: You're doing an excellent job--you cover the waterfront and hopefully sooner or later the clues in your journal and other publications will come into focus and we'll have a break through.

Dr. B. E. Schwarz, Montclair, N. J.

Comment: SKYLOOK is proud to have you as a reader, Dr. Schwarz, and we'll try to deserve those kind words.

Edward G. Storen, of Chicago, Ill. writes: "I like your Astronomy Corner, also book review, and UFO reports. I think you have a fine publication."

James E. Schildgen, of Evanston, Ill.: "I especially enjoy the historical flaps and special reports since they are so well written and thoroughly researched."

R. Yves Breton, of Verdun, Canada, wants more letters from the readers and advertisements re other UFO groups all in one section.

Comment: Always glad to hear from the readers and to know what you like --Mr. Breton's suggestion as to ads is a good one. We scatter them to catch the eye of those who automatically skip a page of ads, and to fill a given space where a few lines or a paragraph or so are needed.

A Catalog of Missouri UFO Cases: 1857 - 1970 Ted Phillips

Continuing the list started in the October 1970 issue of SKYLOOK.
Inquiry should refer to the file number, when writing Mr. Phillips.

#	File #	Date	Location	Time	Description	Rating
			1968			
130	74	1-11-68	Springfield	1930	3 police officers & 4 hunters wit.	B
131	75	1-16-68	St. Louis	1900	4 objects, formation	B
132	76	1-19-68	St. Louis	-	night, sev. wit. disc.	B
133	77	1-19-68	St. Louis	1900	lights, good report	B
134	78	2-?-68	Sedalia	-	night, yellow light	C
135	79	2-9-68	Gower	0200	animal reaction, excel.	A
136	151	6-15-68	St. Louis	-	night, landing	B
137	181	8-4-68	Webb City	-	-	D1
138	80	8-8-68	St. Louis	0100	disc	B
139	179	8-21-68	Independence	-	-	D1
140	81	9-?-68	Salem	2230	red-orange disc, close range	D1
141	82	9-?-68	Salem	-	night	D1
142	83	9-9-68	Kansas City	-	night, white light	D1
143	204	-	Stover	1930	meteor-like, W to E, red	C
144	210	-	Canton	-	night, 3 wit. slow	B
145	84	11-7-68	Fair Grove	1945	2 wit, close, near ground	B
146	180	11-11-68	Lake Ozarks	-	-	D1
147	85	11-21-68	Hannibal	0540	blue-white light	D
148	86	12-9-68	Kansas City	2100	many wit, disc with lights	B

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