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Dr. J. Allen Hynek Speaks in St. Louis

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

On January 22, 1970, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., arrived in St. Louis, Mo., for a speaking engagement at the McDonnell Planetarium at Forest Park.

Dr. Hynek was interviewed by St. Louis newsmen on arrival at the airport and was greeted by friends in the ufology field who had come to meet him and to attend the lecture.

More than 500 people were at the Planetarium, many seated in a room below the lecture hall to hear the lecture over loud speakers as the hall was filled to capacity. The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" stated it was the largest crowd gathered to hear a speaker since the visit of Edward Teller, atomic scientist who helped develop the atom bomb. Many from out of the state, who had bought tickets to the lecture, were unable to reach St. Louis because of hazardous road conditions.

The ex-Air Force Consultant held the attention of his audience as he pointed out flaws in the Condon report. "They investigated the sightings on an individual basis," Dr. Hynek said and added that a more scientific approach would have been to also "search for commonalities involved." This report for the Air Force analyzed 12,600 UFO sightings and recommended that Air Force investigation of UFOs be dropped.

Hynek showed slides of reported UFO pictures and outlined the history of UFO sightings. The slides included the Calgary, Canada, photographs, showing a disk-shaped object taken in daylight by three Canadian prospectors. Also included were several cartoons, some based on the "swamp gas" episode which occurred during the famous Michigan sightings of 1966.

Some who report seeing UFO's are "obviously batty," Hynek commented but others are credible witnesses. "The only thing we know for sure is that we don't know," he stated. "Some of the witnesses are not liars and are not deluded. Project Blue Book did not settle the UFO problem."

UFOs may not be synonymous with extraterrestrial intelligence, he says and suggests that they might be something as natural as the Northern Lights "which were not understood at first."

Hynek mentioned that many sightings of unidentified flying objects are not reported as witnesses fear ridicule. A number of hands were raised when Hynek asked how many present had seen a UFO or knew of someone who had. When asked how many had reported the sighting, only a few hands were raised.

Dr. Hynek, who says he has never seen a UFO himself, still believes there should be an independent scientific institute established to continue investigation of unidentified flying objects.

"If there is something unknown, you should make an attempt to find out what it is," he said. "An attempt to understand the unknown is the
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credo of the scientist."

A question and answer period followed the lecture and questions asked showed that interest in unidentified flying objects is far from fading out.

Lawrence Willett, of Flippin, Ark., was among those present and brought an 8x10 copy of the Flippin airport UFO (see story on another page in SKYLOOK) for Dr. Hynek's scrutiny. Mr. Willett was contacted by Lou Farish, of Plumerville, Ark., at the suggestion of the writer.

Editor's Note: SKYLOOK has heard from many in the St. Louis area who attended the lecture and were impressed by Dr. Hynek's views, and we are most grateful to all who sent in news clippings from the St. Louis press covering the event. Mr. Phillips braved the ice and snow to drive to St. Louis from Sedalia, and we have this fine report as a result.

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More on January Meteor

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The February issue of SKYLOOK carried a story of the meteor that was seen over Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and since then we have received many newspaper clippings from our staff and readers. Instead of listing all names, we thank all, and have a little more to add to the report.

As stated before, Gunther Schwartz, project manager of the prairie network of photographic observatories headquartered in Lincoln, Neb., found the first piece of the meteor on a snow-covered rural road near Lost City, Okla., Jan. 9th.

The Fort Smith, Ark. "Southwest Times Record" reported on Jan. 23rd that Phillip Halpain found another piece of the meteorite in a pasture north of his house, northeast of the site of the original find, and it too was sent to the Smithsonian Institution for analysis.

Search for further fragments was continued by a five-man team from Urbana, Ill, headquarters of another observatory network.

Scientists concerned with how the solar system and its planets came into being are eager to get hold of meteorites as soon as possible after they land. This is because radioactivity induced in these fragments of space debris by millions of years of exposure to cosmic rays, which may be clues to how the universe was created, quickly fades after a meteorite plunges through the protective blanket of the Earth's atmosphere.

The Springfield, Mo. "Daily News" of Jan. 13, quotes Smithsonian Institute in saying the meteorite may have been from Mars' orbit.

"The Tulsa World" devoted several columns to the Meteor story, and told of the bright flash and thundering tremor that rattled windows and shook furniture. At Vinita (Okla.) dispatcher Lee Jordan reported he was outside the OHP office when there was a sudden bright light so strong that he thought someone was shining a spotlight on him. He then saw the fireball in the sky, and it seemed to burst into flames south of Vinita.

Area residents close to the point of descent said they heard a series of sonic booms--from two to four--very close together. The first boom was the loudest, altho there were two very distinct booms. The fact that there were several booms indicates there were several large pieces, or groups of small pieces, said R. E. McCrosky, of Cambridge, Mass, heading a team of searchers.

Meteors are the property of those who find them, McCrosky said. A common meteorite will sell for \$1 to \$100 per pound. "It has no commercial value," he said. "There's not a thing in it anyone would want, except a scientist who investigates meteorites."

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UFO's With Pink Lights Reported, St. Louis, Mo.

Date: Jan. 29, 1970. Place: St. Louis County, Mo. Time: 9:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Weather: Very cold, sky clear with bright stars, no clouds,

At 9:30 p.m. I received a call from Officer B. of the Ladue Police Department of St. Louis County, reporting that five people had called into his office in the past fifteen minutes, all reporting a strange light in the sky. None wanted their names used.

The general description of the light was that it was very bright and large with pink lights around it. One woman caller said it was so bright it obscured her vision while driving--this was in the area of the intersection of Price and Ladue Roads.

I called back an hour later to see if any more calls had come in, and the officer reported two more had been received--in all, one teenager and six adults had called in. At this point I would like to refer to the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch" article of Nov. 13, 1969 with a report from the same area of Price and Ladue Roads--two teenagers were frightened by a thirty-foot long object "buzzing" the car they were riding in. The words "pink lights" appeared in their report also.

Officer B reported that a cruising patrol car in the area mentioned had no report of seeing lights, however Officer C. did find one witness who estimated the strange light made ten passes over the neighborhood.

On January 31st, 30 hours later, a man living in South St. Louis was looking out of his bedroom window between 3 and 4 a.m. and reported watching a stationary light in the northwest. Seen through binoculars, the object had a red and green light on each side. A report was made to John Priesack, Assistant Director at the McDonnell Planetarium.

Credit: Arthur J. Epstein, A. P. R. O. Field Investigator.

Unusual Incident Reported in Illinois (5 miles south of Carlyle)

On the night of January 8, 1970, Miss Carol Johnson, age 25, was driving home on Route 127 and was less than a mile from her destination when she spotted a red ball-like object in the sky over her parents' home. It seemed to move through the large trees around the house and she thought it must be a plane in trouble.

On arriving home she asked if anyone had seen or heard the "plane" and no one had. A short time later, the five people watching TV in the room heard a shrill whistle which startled them. Miss Johnson went to the windows to close the blinds and all heard a sound which Mrs. Johnson and her daughter described as "a weird laugh." Mr. Johnson (Amos) went out on the porch, but saw and heard nothing unusual.

Mrs. R. E. Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill., interviewed the Johnsons and said they gave permission to use their names in spite of the fact they have already been ridiculed. Mrs. Johnson says, "I knew what I heard."

Credit: Mrs. R. E. Holmes

Former Navy Man Reports 1952 Sighting

Mr. James Kuenzle, now residing at 9821 East Concord, St. Louis, Mo., recently reported a saucer-shaped flying object, seen in March 1952. Mr. Kuenzle, then serving in the U. S. Navy, was reporting for watch at the Naval Air Station at Barber's Point, Oahu, Hawaii, sometime between three and four o'clock in the morning when suddenly he saw a very bright object hovering over the air strip, 150 feet up.

The object was circular with a flat bottom, tapered sides and a dome on top. The entire object glowed with a blue-white light, but in spite of the bright light, Kuenzle was able to observe the solid mass of the object as it hovered motionless for about three minutes, then moved out to sea at a fantastic rate of speed. No noise was heard during the sighting. He judged the object's diameter as 50 - 60 feet.

Other seamen on watch, also reported seeing the object, but were ordered to say nothing about it. Kuenzle too remained silent at that time. The interview with the above report was obtained by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Preisack. Mr. Preisack is Assistant Director at the McDonnell Planetarium at St. Louis and is a member of the UFO Study Group of St. Louis.

Since becoming a member of the St. Louis group, SKYLOOK has received several UFO reports from Mr. Preisack and his cooperation is greatly appreciated. He also sends his reports to APRO at Tucson.

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More on St. Louis Lights

As mentioned in Art Epstein's report of lights seen in St. Louis County, a call was also made to John Preisack at the McDonnell Planetarium, and the observer was interviewed by Mr. and Mrs. Preisack a few days later. The following report was obtained:---

Mr. Earl Gruenenfelder, 5619 Neosho, St. Louis, Mo., was awake at three o'clock the morning of January 31st, and unable to go back to sleep, looked out his bedroom window where he saw four or five bright lights in a row parallel to the horizon. The lights appeared to be strung out about six inches in length. They glistened and seemed to change color in alternating greens and reds. There appeared to be an illumination under the lights. They were 15° above the horizon.

Gruenenfelder observed the lights through 7x35 binoculars, but was unable to distinguish any detail. After observing the lights for a few minutes, he marked their location by his window pane and a utility pole and went back to bed. Later, at 5 a.m. he looked out the window again and saw the same lights except they had moved about six inches from his window marking.

The following night, Mr. Gruenenfelder was again awake at three o'clock and glanced out the bedroom window to see if the lights were to be seen. Nothing unusual was observed.

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DO mention SKYLOOK when you write others (including other ufozines) about something read in this magazine. It is good advertising for us and we appreciate your cooperation.

If the Richmond (Va.) area ever is invaded from outer space, it'll be in for a bad time, because apparently there's no one to report such a disaster to.

This possibly unsettling finding results from UFO sightings early yesterday by three Richmond policemen and a reporter's subsequent effort to relay their reports to some national defense authority.

Traffic Patrolman W. W. Tanner was at Boulevard and Grove Avenue, W. E. Shannon was at Forest Hill Avenue and Westover Hills Boulevard, D. S. Swank was at Belvidere and Grace Streets.

About 5:45 a.m., all saw unfamiliar lights in the sky. One light moved slowly across the sky. Another moved twice as fast as the first, the officers reported to headquarters.

"It wasn't any star," said Tanner, who said the first object moved "very, very slowly from southeast to northwest. It looked like a star, but it moved and stopped. It wasn't red. It wasn't blue--just white."

While Tanner was talking to a reporter on the phone Shannon broke in excitedly to report: "It's now going south. It's really moving."

The Federal Aviation Administration at Byrd Field said it could pick up nothing on its radar. But, the FAA said, its apparatus was geared to pick up low-flying objects, rather than the high-flying UFOs.

The FAA suggested that the reports--or inquiries for information--be referred to telephone number 649-3611. That turned out to be the number of the Federal Building in downtown Richmond. An operator at the Federal Building was a bit taken aback, when asked about UFO reporting procedures. She referred the call to military intelligence.

"It wouldn't be us," said military intelligence. "The only office I can see listed here is the Air Force Office."

A call went back to the FAA, asking which office to contact. "The number on the board is our reference," the FAA answered.

So the Air Force was called.

"No, it's not our office you want," the Air Force said. "We are strictly in the recruiting business and have nothing to do with that. You might try the Washington Air Defense Sector at Byrd Field. The number is 737-0148."

Washington Air Defense Sector couldn't help, but suggested that a Lt. Jones in the information office at Ft. Lee might be the party to talk with.

Lt. Jones said he wasn't the man and referred the caller to Langley Air Force Base.

A call to Langley and a request to speak to the UFO investigating officer met with a "Stand by, sir." Then the call was put into a phone

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which registered a busy signal.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. operator obligingly redialed the call, and the base operator, after some hesitation, connected the caller with what appeared to be the 4500th Air Base Group Command Post.

"Is it a new report?" the caller was asked.

"Heck, I don't know. Maybe someone reported these before," was the answer.

The caller was then referred to a Capt. Mitchell, chief of the office of information.

For two hours, a caller got nothing but a busy signal when he dialed the number given.

In the meantime, the FAA Force's office of special investigation in the Federal Building was empowered to take such reports.

A call asking if they had heard anything about the sightings brought the reply, "Only what I read in the newspapers."

A spokesman from the office said his unit was not directly concerned with the sightings. Later, he called to say that the senior director at Ft. Lee Air Force station was the man to contact.

Early last night, efforts to reach Capt. Mitchell's office were fruitful.

"Capt. Mitchell has gone and I'm just about to leave," the caller was told.

"Is this where one would normally get information about UFOs?"

The answer was: "I haven't been asked that before. If something came up, we'd probably have some information on it."

Source: Richmond, Va. "Times-Dispatch," Dec. 6, 1969. Credit: Lou Farish

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Editor's Comment: This modest little ad was sent in by Editor Jo Clark and we are adding that SKYLOOK recommends this excellent publication highly. It is filled with interesting sightings and ufo-related articles and we know of no other magazine in the field to match DATA-NET in its search for the truth and its caustic exposure of the fraud, the hoax and the gimmick writer. Added to this is a sly wit that is a constant challenge to the reader--if you're not alert, you'll miss some of Mike's finest! If you think this is Too Much, just send 35¢ for a sample copy and decide for yourself.

Keep up the good work, Mike and Jo.

Flippin, Arkansas, Photo May Be UFO

Last July Miss Vivian Kocher, of Oakland, Calif., took a picture of a small jet plane that had landed at the Marion County Airport near Flippin, Ark.

When the color prints were returned by Kodak to Miss Kocher, she noticed an unusual blur in the upper right-hand portion of the picture. She sent the print to her brother-in-law, Lawrence Willett, manager of the Flippin airport, with the joking comment that maybe she had inadvertently snapped a photograph of a UFO.

Willett had been interested in UFO's for many years and, in spite of fearing he might be called a "nut," he sent an 8-by-10 inch copy of the color print to APRO in Tucson.

Kodak, upon request from Miss Kocher, had already confirmed that there were no flaws in the film. She took the photograph with a Roliflex camera, using Kodacolor film.

Richard Greenwell, assistant director of APRO, wrote Willett on Jan. 8 that the picture had been examined and that their preliminary finding was that "you have actually photographed an unidentifiable object in the sky." Greenwell wrote that the object was probably between a half and 2 miles from the plane.

"The object is therefore quite large, ruling out the possibility of hoax (i.e. a model 'flying saucer' thrown into the air)."

He said the object appeared to be between 80 and 320 feet across.

The picture is being studied further by the organization with the assistance of Dr. Ray Frieden, an associate professor of optical sciences at the University of Arizona at Tucson and by Cdr. William K. Hartmann of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory of the University of Arizona.

Hartmann did research for the recent University of Colorado UFO Project (the Condon committee), which was funded by the Air Force until last year. Frieden is the scientist who gained fame during the Condon Committee project by attributing what some persons thought to be a UFO to "swamp gas."

The photo appeared in the "Arkansas Democrat" Jan. 25, 1970, and also in the September-October issue of "The A.P.R.O. Bulletin" which stated Miss Kocher sent them the original color negative which is now being analyzed. Miss Kocher wrote them: "... I was not looking at the sky, so cannot confirm what type of object might have been there. I can only say that the marking which appears on the film was not repeated in any of the other pictures on the roll, nor have I ever seen anything similar to it in any other picture I have ever taken."

Lou Farish, who sent us the clipping from the Arkansas newspaper, added that he had visited the airport and talked to Lawrence Willett, but could add no more to the story than given in the newspaper report. He commented that the color print was more impressive than the black and white newspaper photo.

Saddle River--Patrolmen Jerry Rosalia and Lester Osborn responded to a call from Edward M. Judd of 81 E. Saddle River (N. J.) Friday night, December 19, 1969, about 11 p.m. concerning unidentified flying objects hovering near his house.

Ptl. Rosalia reported that he himself saw objects traveling slowly above in a straight line from west to east.

Judd said he and his wife had been observing the objects for an hour or so before calling the police. The yellow-orange colored objects were traveling in pairs a couple of minutes apart, according to Judd. He said he couldn't determine the height of the objects due to the darkness, but said that a jet traveling out of the east was substantially higher.

Through binoculars, Judd said, he could see nine individual lights on each object in the shape of an X. The lights were rotating in a clockwise fashion but he couldn't determine the shape of the objects or hear any sound.

The police reported that a man on West Saddle River Road had seen youngsters setting off rockets that evening.

Source: Ridgewood, N. J. "Herald News." Credit: Lou Farish.

Editor's Comment: The description of the objects and duration of sighting would seem to eliminate the possibility of their being rockets.

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What Goes in Iowa?

Because of a blur in the printing, we can't make out the name of the newspaper, other than "Prairie. . ." of Dec. 10, 1969, from which the following is taken:

The Monona and Elkader (Iowa) areas are continuing to have a series of sightings of unidentified flying objects. The strange lights were witnessed again this past week by Dr. Donald Hurlbut and his wife.

They sighted the strange lights while looking at the Christmas decorations from the air. They attempted to follow with their small plane and had it speed away after a cross country pursuit. The light was from some type of guided craft and the object didn't display the required flashing lights and clearance lights.

The sighting lasted about 10 minutes. There weren't any reports of this strange light being seen from the ground. On other occasions the lights have been seen by people on the ground. There haven't been any confirmed sightings in other parts of the area. Elkader, Monona and Guttenberg seem to be on this flight pattern of strangeness.

Credit: Lou Farish. Editor's Comment: See October issue of SKYLOOK for more Iowa reports.

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White Lights Over Birdsboro, Pa., Explained

From the Reading, Pa., TIMES, Dec. 23, 1969.--Now most people down in the Birdsboro area Monday night weren't saying they were seeing flying saucers. Just lights--bright ones--up in the sky.

"Better check it out," the editor said to the reporter who likes to read H. G. Wells.

The reporter called the airport tower at Spaatz Field.

"I can see planes out there," the air controller said assuringly. "They're probably just sightseeing, looking at Christmas lights."

"They're just airplanes--looking at Christmas lights," the reporter said over the telephone to Clark Painter, owner of Painter's Luncheonette, Birdsboro.

"I saw a plane," Painter replied. "The lights don't look like they're from a plane. I saw three lights. Some people said they saw 10."

"There's something up there besides airplanes looking at Christmas lights," the reporter relayed to the air controller.

"They're still out there. Two or three planes. It's a rare night tonight. We have what is called 'unlimited visibility.' Up in the air, you can see 50 miles. It doesn't happen very often these days. People could be seeing distant planes," the tower spokesman answered.

Painter said a good number of people had been out looking at the lights. "I saw four them just a few minutes ago," he added.

Thomas Adams, borough manager of Birdsboro, got on the telephone.

"They're just weird looking things," he said. "I saw four. All white lights."

The helpful air controller called the reporter.

"You had me wondering about the thing," he said. "I have your answer. Philadelphia International Airport is stacked up because of bad runway conditions," he explained. "Some planes are holding up about 10 miles north of Downingtown, between 5,000 and 14,000 feet. Commercial planes have strobe lights."

"Are they bright white lights?" the reporter asked.

"Yes," the spokesman said. "On a night like this you might be able to see them for 40 miles. That's what the people probably are seeing."

"Well, there's usually an explanation for everything," Painter said, after getting the explanation.

Credit: Orestes Wilson, Reading, Pa.

MOVING? Be sure to send your change of address to SKYLOOK.

The December issue of SKYLOOK carried a story of the Cliff Wiggins home near Horsehead Lake, Ark., being destroyed by fire Oct. 2nd. Several people in the area reported seeing a "flaming object" fall near the lake. We now have a news clipping from the "Johnson County Graphic" of Clarksville, Ark., sent in by Lou Farish, which is of interest.

Was it a meteorite or was it a fragment of a satellite that caused the fire destroying the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wiggins near Horsehead Lake?

The latter theory is favored by Dr. T. L. Smith, Dean Emeritus at The College of the Ozarks.

Mrs. Doris Richardson who lives next to the Wiggins property told Dr. I. T. Beach and Dr. Smith they had been "watching over the place" since the Wiggins have been away from home because of an illness in the family. The Richardsons observed a "flash" in the sky which looked like it landed near the Wiggins place. Thinking it perhaps would start a grass fire they went to look and found a corner bedroom of the house on fire.

Other persons in the area later reported also seeing a flaming object fall to earth.

Since the chance of a meteorite striking the earth is so unusual, Dr. Smith, geologist, and Dr. Beach, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Cofo, went to the scene to investigate. Dr. Beach reported they found a hole in a bedspring with the edges fused as though an extremely hot object had passed through. However, a search among the rubble **beneath the bed revealed nothing unusual. Hence Dr. Smith's opinion** that the fiery object could have been a piece of satellite that completely disintegrated in the resulting fire.

Mrs. Richardson told the men Wiggins had cut off the electricity in the house before leaving for their extended visit.

Editor's Comment: No investigation had been made at the time of the earlier report, and we are pleased to have this follow-up of the incident.

Mysterious Flare Lights California Sky

A mystery light sighted over Hayward about 9 p.m. Jan. 10th, was reported by a number of residents in the area. Highway Patrol officers described it as "a yellow fireball southbound near Hayward" and the Hayward Airport Control Tower operators said they saw what they speculated might be a red flare hanging from a balloon. It dropped toward the ground, they reported, and it was followed by a large yellow flash and the concussion of an explosion.

A security officer at the State College reported hearing an explosion while inside the building. When he went outside to investigate, he could find nothing amiss.

Source: Oakland, Calif. "Tribune": Credit: Lou Farish

UFO Sighted Over Mobile, Alabama

More than two dozen persons called radio and TV stations in Mobile, Ala., on Oct. 28, 1969, to report a UFO. Included were Cedric Sutherland, 18, and Gerry Talbert, also 18, freshmen at Mobile College, a small coed Baptist college.

"It was 10:15 p.m. and Gerry and I were driving along Haines Drive near campus," Sutherland said. "We saw bright, white lights in the sky, which I first thought was a low-flying airplane. Then I noticed it was traveling at a tremendous speed. Then red lights began to flash. Then the object slowed down very quickly, settling or hovering over a spot and it seemed to be flattening the high grass and bending small trees."

"I saw it plain as day," he continued. "It dropped at a 45-degree angle. It made no noise, spurted no exhaust fire or fumes. It settled easily. The object was dark gray, with luminous white panels circling the exterior and it had two rings of red, flashing lights. It was 35 to 50 feet in diameter and about 15 feet high. It scared me out of my wits."

Talbert took up the account. "We stopped the car shortly after we saw it. We watched as the circular object was hovering, lowering itself onto a field, about 75 to 100 feet away from the road. There were flashing lights, then it seemed to settle and disappear behind some trees."

Max Goodman, a newsman for station WKRQ-TV said, "Reports of the UFO kept our switchboard hot that night and the next day. Other radio stations in Mobile also reported calls."

After Sutherland and Talbert called the police to report what they had seen, Patrolman G. L. Presnall was sent to investigate.

Presnall said, "I met the boys and we went to where they said they had seen the UFO hovering. I used my searchlight to scan the field and then rode around the area a couple of times, but I saw no object. I did see a spot where the grass was mashed flat and the trees were bent and broken."

Mrs. Marie Bergin, public relations director for the college said, "They were two frightened boys and they both wish they had never seen what they did. I'm convinced they saw a UFO. They are not hoaxing anyone. They are real down-to-earth boys, good boys. I've talked to them at great length and I believe their story."

The boys have received so many calls and letters from newsmen, radio stations, magazines etc, the college has taken over all requests for information on the UFO.

"Mobile is in what the government calls a coastal defense area and Air Force officials were here looking over the site the day after the sighting," Mrs. Bergin said.

Source: "National Enquirer." Credit: Walt Andrus.

Send in YOUR reports of UFO sightings. SKYLOOK wants them!

Echo 2 Is Buzzed by UFO--Translation from French Publication

Editor's Note. The following very interesting report was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Christian, of St. Louis. The following translation was made by their daughter, Mrs. Edwin Meyer.

April Bulletin of the Society of Popular Astronomy of Toulouse, France. Observation from San Miquel, Argentina, S. A., on Nov. 14, 1964. This sighting, remarkable in its characteristics, is connected with astronomy and the study of space from our earthly environment:

With astronomy, on the one hand, because a telescope with a higher power than 100 times has been used; with the study of space because it is concerned in fact with the double involvement of Echo II and a UFO moving in close proximity to it.

Principal observers: Father Benita Reyna, professor of mathematical physics at the University of Salvador in Buenos Aires. He is an astronomer and a biologist, a doctor of sciences and a doctor of letters. He directs, moreover these science departments and three observatories (one at Santa Fe and two at San Miguel). Among these last two, one is an observatory of cosmic physics and the second is strictly astronomical, and it is from this one that the sighting took place. (Geographical Coordinates: 34 deg. 33' 20" South and 58 deg. 42', 40"W)

Secondary Observers: The technical personnel of the observatory, whose value and good faith are worthy of praise.

The sighting:

Father Reyna was following with the telescope (mag. 100x) Echo II, which began to emerge from the northern horizon at 20 H r. 37 Min., almost on the same meridian as the observatory. At 20 hr. 45 min. there appeared near Pegasus (a constellation), a UFO whose rectilinear path was heading for an encounter with the satellite.

Having drawn near it, the object then described a perfect semi-circle around the sphere and continued its route along its original path to disappear at the horizon in the vicinity of Orion (a constellation). The whole journey was completed in 3 minutes; it was 20 hr. 48 min.

At 20 hr. 52 min., there was a reappearance of the object at the zenith, in the constellation Centaur. The new trajectory brought about a new encounter with the satellite, then it turned away by means of a half circle of the same size, then along a different route; it disappeared at the horizon near the constellation Andromeda.

At 21 hr. there was a new and final appearance of the UFO near Altair (a star in Aquilla). However, its routine had changed; it returned only to the course of its "rising" trajectory.

There was another approach toward the satellite, another half-circle and disappearance near Canopus, a constellation.

Some Data: Speaking of the UFO, the witness stated precisely: "We observed with absolute clarity its upper band, which was a green color similar to that in the light of mercury. Its center circle was yellow" (continued on next page)

and its rims were blue. Sometimes, it took up the whole view of the telescope and appeared larger than the full moon. This hugeness, estimated at three times that of Echo II by the learned Argentine, was not the only surprising characteristic; also, there was its swiftness, deduced from the journey completed in 3 minutes at the altitude of the satellite to have approached 100,000 kilometers per hour, an inconceivable speed, even at today's capabilities.

Finally, the observatory at San Miguel confirms the possibility of using a telescope, in certain cases, a matter strongly debated up till now when it concerned UFO's. In fact, the UFO, in spite of its relative speed at 1000 km. of altitude distance, described at 28 km/sec. and angular movement equal to 1 deg. 36 min. in one second as seen from the sun.

Rene Fuere, the secretary of the G. E. P. A., introduced in his article on this event a remarkable hypothesis in Phenomena of Space from which the following passages are taken:

"Suppose that the UFO deviated its own path in order to avoid influencing the orbital journey of the satellite. . . a finely delineated intention? If this delineation is too much, you at least admit an intention. Even in this last case, the elements of judgement make mistakes. It remains no less true that this is concerned with scientific facts and this, for Science, must be the main principle of work, to make these facts clear. . ."

The "Bulletin of the G. E. P. A." published in Paris in its June 1966 edition even reproduced a photograph of the moon with a shadow cast by a UFO.

Editor's Comment: It seems to us the integrity of the observers is beyond question, and this one sighting alone is enough to prove the existence of spacecraft operated by a technology superior to ours. We are VERY happy to receive reports of this type.

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UFO Seen Over Moberly, Mo., in 1948

Virgil Humphrey, 900 W. Rollins St., Moberly, Mo., saw a UFO in 1948 and made a full report to the Air Force--which, to date, never got around to reply.

Mr. Humphrey was in his back yard about 11 p.m. when he first noted the object in the northwest moving very rapidly toward the southeast. It was dull blue, in color, and he judged it to be about 100 ft. long, 25 feet wide and ten feet high. He could see two large portholes near a light at one end. There was no sound or vapor trail. "It just sailed across the sky," he told Larry Yoder, of Moberly, who sent in the report.

While this is an old report, with no day, or month, given, it is still vividly recollected by the observer, and it is interesting to know unidentified flying objects were seen in this area more than 21 years ago.

A Look at the Sky

The planet, Mercury, is not visible during March as it is near the position of the sun. Venus, soon to be visible as the evening star, is also near the sun, setting only one hour after sunset. Mars is in the constellation, Aries, setting some three and a half hours after the sun; it is visible in the southwest. Jupiter appears as a bright object in the southeastern sky, rising at about 9:30 p.m. at mid-month. The ringed planet, Saturn, is in Aries, setting 3 hours after sunset.

Solar Eclipse

A partial eclipse of the sun will be visible to observers in the United States on March 7th. The eclipse will be total in an area across Florida and Virginia. The eclipse will be partial in the mid-state area, beginning at about 11:05 a.m., C.S.T. and ending at 1:35 p.m.

Bright Comet May be Visible

A comet discovered on December 28, 1969 may be visible during the latter part of March. When discovered, the comet was about 8.5 magnitude (the limits of naked eye visibility is generally 6th magnitude). The comet may be visible as a 2nd magnitude object by the end of March and should be easily seen in the Northern Hemisphere. We should be able to give the exact location in the next issue of SKYLOOK.

Correction re Tungusky Meteorite

Several of our sharp-eyed readers caught the error in the February SKYLOOK quote from the "San Jose Mercury News" re the Tungusky meteorite of "1947." The date should have been 1908.

To review this incident, we draw from a clipping sent us by John Schuessler, some months ago. The historic event of June 30, 1908, was a tremendous explosion near latitude 61 degrees north, longitude 102 degrees east, in a highly inaccessible region that was not visited by scientists until 1927, according to an article written by Kirill P. Florensky, of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. Over an area 30 kilometers in radius, every tree had been blown down, pointing outward from the center of the area. The "visitor from space" had exploded over the taiga forest, leaving no traces except for those toppled and burned trees.

The area was investigated by expeditions in 1958, 1961 and 1962. On July 2, 1908, the Irkutsk newspaper, Sibir, reported: "The peasants saw a body shining very brightly with a bluish-white light in the northwest quite high above the horizon. The body was in the form of a pipe, that is, cylindrical. When the body approached the ground it seemed to become pulverized. A huge cloud of black smoke was formed and a loud crash heard. And at the same time a forked tongue of flame broke through the cloud." A man named S. B. Semonov, who saw it from the Vanavara trading station reported: "The whole northern part of the sky appeared to be covered with fire. At that moment, I felt great heat as if my shirt had caught fire. . a hot wind as from a cannon, blew past the huts from the north."

NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST of the U. S. A.

Occupant Report in Duncan, B. C., Canada. . . . By Brian C. Cannon

The Cowichan Valley has been the scene of half a dozen sightings of unidentified flying objects within the last six weeks, the most remarkable of which was reported Sunday .

Mrs. Doreen Kendall, RN, of Nanaimo, reported she saw a bright, circular object about 50 feet in diameter containing two human-like occupants and which hovered only 40 feet away from the Cowichan District Hospital where she works as a nurse.

Mrs. Kendall, a woman in her 50's, who has commuted daily the last nine years to Duncan to work, said the two male-type figures were inside a brightly lit dome on the saucer-shaped craft. She described her experience to John Magor, of Maple Bay, who edits and publishes the CANADIAN UFO REPORT, a journal of aerial phenomena, who later verified a description of the craft by five other witnesses in the hospital.

Only Mrs. Kendall saw the occupants.

She said she had gone into the extended-care wing on the second story of the hospital to examine an elderly patient around 5 a.m. on New Years Day. Concerned that the sleeping patient might be too warm, Mrs. Kendall pulled back a curtain by the bed and found herself looking at the glowing cockpit of an object, stationary in the air opposite the childrens' ward, one story above her. It was slightly tipped downwards towards her, 40 feet away, and 60 feet off the ground.

At first she could only see the upper halves of the figures inside, but, later when the craft tilted more, she said she got an even better look. She said the vehicle was silvery, metallic and had a "necklace of lights" around the middle. The two figures inside the dome had "strikingly good-looking physiques" and were clothed in tight-fitting uniforms of a soft-looking material.

One stood before a glowing, chrome colored instrument panel while the other, either shorter or standing in a recessed spot, stood behind him. Both had stools to sit on, she said. The craft gave off no sound and she soon realized that her first impression that it was a helicopter was incorrect.

After a few moments, the second man, apparently sensing he was being watched, turned to look directly at her, Mrs. Kendall said. She said he was wearing a darkish fabric, similar to his uniform and headgear, which obscured his facial features. He touched the pilot with his ungloved hand which was flesh toned and human-like. The pilot pulled back, forward and then back again on a control lever "like the joy stick of an old aircraft" and the craft tilted sideways affording Mrs. Kendall an excellent view of the interior.

The dome appeared to be lit from below rather than above. She said she felt no fear, but called out when it appeared that the object was

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North, South, East and West of the U. S. A. (continued)

about to leave. Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Duncan, another nurse, arrived a step ahead of five other hospital employees, who watched the object circle slowly and finally disappear into the north. Although she made no secret of her experience, it was only when a family friend of the Magor's--also a hospital employee--tipped him off to the story, that the report reached the press.

Mrs. Kendall said Sunday the craft seemed to almost touch the patio outside the hospital and in size spanned about five hospital windows. It was pitch black outside, she said.

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German Swears He Saw UFO and Occupants

Ex-Mayor Oskar Linke, 48, swore before a judge that he and his step-daughter saw two metal-clad figures and a 50-foot saucer with a 10-foot conning tower take off from a forest clearing four miles inside the Russian zone.

Linke and the 11-year old girl were riding home on his motorcycle near the village of Hasselbach (in East Germany) when a tire blew out. While they were pushing the machine toward the village, Gabriele pointed to "something" about 150 yards away. Linke made a cautious approach and said, "The thing I had noticed was two apparently human figures, now about 50 yards from me. They appeared clothed in a kind of shimmering, metallic substance, and were bending down studying something on the ground."

Worming his way to within 30 feet of the strangers, he peered over a small bridge where he saw a large object which he judged to be about 40 to 50 feet across. He said it looked like a "huge oval warming pan." It had two rows of "holes" along the sides, about a foot in diameter. Each row was roughly a foot and a half from the next.

At this point, the girl called out and the two figures apparently heard, for they rushed back to the object, climbed rapidly up the side of the conning tower and disappeared inside.

"The outer edge of the warming pan, in which the holes were sunk, started to glow," Linke said. "At first the color seemed green, then it changed to red. I heard a slight hum." As the glow increased, the conning tower was retracting into the center of the object which then rose slowly from the ground. It seemed to be spinning like a top, Linke reported. It rose in a horizontal position, swerved away towards a nearby village and disappeared towards Stockheim.

Linke said he thought it was a new Russian war machine. "I was terrified, for the Soviets do not like one to know about their goings on, and people are shut up for years for knowing too much."

The date of the sighting is not given but it appeared in an English newspaper, the "Graphic" in August of 1952 and was written by the paper's Berlin correspondent, Antony Terry. And--as Terry commented, "Whether it's fact or fiction is anybody's guess. It would be pretty difficult to check the report."

Credit: John Schuessler.

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The APPGI met on Monday, Jan. 12th at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 7030 N. Rt. 88, in Peoria, Ill., and the topic "UFO's B. C." was discussed with Michael Morey as leader. Possible sightings in Bible days were mentioned and earlier civilizations were spoken of.

Carry and Robert Kreeger were visitors.

APCCI meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending about 9:30. All are held at the church named above. Visitors are welcome.

Ray Watts will lead the discussion of "Physical Injuries" at the March 9th meeting. Many of the animal injury cases re UFO's will be covered. (Michael Morey, Reporter)

To The Editors of Exchange Magazines: The APSCO and the editor of SKYLOOK will appreciate mention of the June 13th UFO conference in your publications. Many of you will be contacted by letter but as some of you publish quarterly, bi-monthly or on an unscheduled date, it is possible a letter will reach you too late. We hope you can find room to give this mention before your June issue. It is hoped you and your readers will plan to attend. If you wish further information before the next issue of SKYLOOK, write the Publicity Chairman, Michael Morey, 634 Park Ave., Peoria, Ill., 61603.

John Schuessler, head of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, APRO consultant and staff member of SKYLOCK, appeared on Radio Station KFUE (Concordia Seminary, Clayton, Mo.,) Feb. 11, 12th and 13th. He spoke on UFO's.

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To Our Reporters: Do remember the 20th of the month is the deadline for copy! Thank you. Ye Ed.

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met at the Buder Library Feb. 9, and eight new members were added to the group.

A panel program was led by Arthur Epstein, John Preisack and Dr. Willard Armstrong. Discussion ranged widely over various UFO books and authors, organizations, viewpoints and theories in the ufology field. An interesting observation was made by Robert Hertell: "Never, in any of its publications, has the Air Force stated that UFO's do not exist. Nor does the Condon Report say that they don't exist." (Newspaper headlines have often been misleading on this point.)

Two publications were mentioned which may be of interest:--the N ICAP special report "Strange Effects from UFO's" has been received by those ordering it, and the "Scientific American" (February issue) has an article entitled "Particles that go faster than light." Some physicists have reason to believe such particles may exist. Dr. Armstrong suggested that such basic research in physics may eventually help to throw more light on the UFO problem.

Despite rumors that NICAP is folding, the latest information is that it will continue, but on a reduced program.

Art Epstein and John Preisack reported on some of the recent sightings in the St. Louis area, and some of the new members reported older sightings.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Clyde Baker and Mrs. Edna Schneider. Mrs. Doris Schneider, who was unable to be present, had provided a beautifully decorated cake, cookies and coffee which all enjoyed.

The next meeting will be held at the St. Louis Main Library, 1301 Olive St., March 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Reported by Mrs. Willard Armstrong

UFO CHRONOLOG is a bi-monthly publication edited by Joseph M. Erhardt at 43 Richland Drive, Newport News, Va., 23602. It has UFO reports from the Tidewater area and elsewhere, but is unique in using an index system to report and analyze UFO's. Even if you are not using this system yourself, you'll find plenty to hold your interest in the other pages of this neat, mimeographed ufozine. A year's subscription (six issues) is \$2.50--or send \$1.25 for the next three issues. A sample copy is 45¢.

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Erich von Daniken's book CHARIOTS OF THE GODS?, is now available in this country. The publishers are G.P. Putnam's Sons; the price is \$5.95. In the strictest sense of the word, this is not a UFO book, although it deals with the question of space visitors in ancient times. UFOs are mentioned in only one chapter. Many of the "evidences" of past extraterrestrial visitations will be familiar to Ufologists, as they have been discussed by such authors as Trench, Thomas, Vallee, Downing and others. The Piri Reis map, the Nasca lines on the Peruvian desert, myths and legends of strange beings from the skies--they are all here. The book is an interesting one, but it could have been far more interesting and important with more documentation. There are also a few inexcusable errors in the text. Summation: Good, but not outstanding.

John Keel and Gene Duplantier combine forces in the March issue of MALE, presenting an article which details various Canadian UFO sightings of recent years. The authors spotlight close approaches, power failures, burned circles on the ground and other activity which will be familiar to most readers. An interesting summary of Canadian reports

The "Devil's Triangle" is the subject of Otto Binder's article in the March issue of SAGA. This is a roughly-triangular area in the Pacific Ocean which apparently is as anomalous as its Atlantic counterpart, the Bermuda Triangle. Binder recounts instances of planes and ships vanishing in the area with no traces being found of them. He also cites numerous instances of UFOs being seen in and around this section of the Pacific and speculates as to their possible connections with the disappearances.

Emile C. Schurmacher discusses the two enigmatic moons of Mars in an article for the 1970 SAGA ANNUAL. Are the moons actually artificial satellites housing the remnants of an advanced Martian civilization? This is one of the more dramatic theories which has been advanced to account for the peculiarities of the moons. It is a fact that the Martian satellites display characteristics and movements which can most easily be explained by the hypothesis that they are artificial constructions. Schurmacher points out some interesting facts concerning the Mariner photographic probes of Mars and the information they have sent back to Earth. Selected UFO reports are "tacked on" at the end of the article.

Some UFO publications (including SKYDOCK) have carried material on a UFO landing report from Mobile, Alabama, on October 28, 1969 (brief report in January issue and ENQUIRER story in this issue). This particular incident is discussed in some detail in a half-page article in the February 22nd issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER. As always, the information is interesting and well-done. It is a distinct pleasure to see the ENQUIRER continue to report factual UFO occurrences while some of the rival tabloids resort to concocting wild tales of alien bases discovered by our Moon-walking astronauts.

The latest NICAP publication, STRANGE EFFECTS FROM UFO'S, is now available and contains some intriguing examples of E-M effects, occupant reports and other material of this nature. Well printed and with some excellent illustrations, it is well worth reading.

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In Others' Words (Continued)

John Michell's book, THE FLYING SAUCER VISION, is now available in a paperback edition from Ace books. Originally published in England, the Michell book deals with UFOs in history and legends and presents some thought-provoking material. For those interested in the vast background of the subject, this is particularly recommended.

Why do publishers insist on putting new issues of magazines on the newsstands before those same issues reach the subscribers? For this reason, I can only report to you that Ivan Sanderson has an article "UFOs Under Sea?" in the March issue of ARGOSY. Like you, I know very little about the article at this writing, but if the "Snailback Express" will get my copy to me, perhaps I can comment at greater length in next month's column!

Short Shorts--We had to leave a lot out this month, due to lack of space and will try to get some of it in the next issue--sorry to learn the UFO INFORMER will cease publication in June and that CAPRI NEWS has folded. Will Phineas Q. Quattlebaum, who sent clipping and postcard, please send name and address so we can reply? Watch for YOUR report next month--and "keep those cards and letters coming in, folks." Ye Ed.

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