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MINISTER ORDERS FULL INQUIRY INTO SIGHTING OF STRANGE OBJECT

N.A.C. Pilot May Be Interrogated By Air Force Security Officers

(Special to "The Times.")

WELLINGTON, Nov. 3. "The fullest and immediate" investigation has been ordered by the Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr. T. P. Shand, into the sighting of a mysterious lighted object by a National Airways Corporation Plane crew last Monday night.

The acting-Minister of Defence, Mr. E. H. Halsstead, this morning asked the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice-Marshal Meron, for the fullest co-operation of the Air Force in the inquiry. It is understood that the National Airways Corporation is to ask the pilot of the plane, Captain W. T. Rainbow, to come to Wellington to make a report on the sighting of the mystery object, and it is reliably reported that he will be interrogated by Air Force security officers.

Among those in the plane who saw the object was the Inspector-General of the R.N.Z.A.F., Air Commodore R. K. Owen. The plane was on Flight 108, a last flight on Monday night between Wellington and Auckland. "I have called for an immediate full report," said Mr Shand this morning. This is the most circumstantial and partially reliable report on such an object we have yet had and I am peculiarly interested because of the character of the witnesses whose reputation cannot be questioned. There have been other previous reports of similar objects in New Zealand skies that they have been dismissed as fireballs or other natural phenomena. On the evidence available it appears that the object does not come into that category." Interviewed by telephone this afternoon, Air Commodore Owen, who is absent visiting Hobsonville, Air Station, said he thought the object sighted from the plane was a planet low down on the horizon. "I cannot identify it, but have ordered the navigation people here to investigate. They are checking on it now," he said. "The object did appear to move."

TITANO AND NEW ZEALAND Farmer Sees Flying Light In Evening Sky

Mr. J. McKenzie, a Wairarapa farmer, saw an object similar to a flying saucer on Monday evening. He considers that the object is a flying saucer of a size of a saucer, and that it was flying very low over the hills. Mr. McKenzie on Monday night was returning about 9.15 p.m. from a visit to his farm. On the hillside he saw a small, round, glowing object, which he described as a saucer and which he saw on the hills. He switched on the lights.

JETS HIGH IN SKY CAUSE SPECULATION

Air Force Vampire jets, flying at 30,000ft, passed over the West Coast early yesterday afternoon and left in their wake reports of "strange objects" even in the sky.

Not only West Coast residents to whom high-flying jets here are not common sights, were deceived by the visitors for the passage of the six planes on a cross-country exercise from Otago set off a wave of "flying saucer" reports from some parts of Canterbury, including the city of Christchurch, yesterday.

In already Vampire took part in the exercise, following separate routes down the West Coast, and crossing the Alps to Canterbury about one o'clock. They then flew up the east coast, then return to Otago, the Manawatu airport close to Blenheim. They passed over Christchurch about 1.30 p.m.

As the aircraft moved on, they left behind puzzled groups. Reports of "white cylindrical objects" flashing through the sky followed. Some reports mentioned long, thin vapour trails and others saw a "glow" from the "luminous" object. All agreed that there was a roar like a jet engine which, indeed, was precisely what it was.

The jets left long white vapour trails formed by condensation from the wing tips. These caused most of the speculation on the West Coast, but only a few of the observers reported that they were "strange objects" which they were.

EVERYONE POST IN 8 NOV 1955
Venus Back In Running As Mystery Light

TIMES ELIMINATE ONE THEORY

Strange Light In Air Definitely Not Venus

THE best part of a day's discussion at Air Headquarters yesterday did not find the explanation of the fast-moving lighted object sighted by the captain, co-pilot, and passengers of an N.A.C. airliner flying north from New Plymouth on Monday night.

There is, in all great probability, a simple enough explanation—when someone finds it. Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, who was a passenger, has expressed the opinion that Venus is the answer. This was a first point for discussion yesterday, and the conclusion was that it could not have been Venus, for she had already retired for the night, at 8.6pm, for the height at which the plane was flying, over the line of the horizon had the horizon been perfectly clear, but in fact would have been hidden earlier than that by low-lying stratus cloud.

Venus, in short, is declared officially out as the explanation, and, so far, nothing has been put in her place. A "Post" reporter had a talk with Captain W. T. Rainbow and his co-pilot, First Officer S. G. Tronace. They do not suggest "flying saucers," nor wish their observations to be given any flying saucer flavour or twist.

Captain Rainbow is quite definite about seeing a light which fluctuated "from a bright light, to a brilliant glow" off to the west of the air line at a distance which appeared to be 10-15 miles.

First Sighting

It was first seen at 8.5pm to the rear of the aircraft, which was flying at about 8000 feet between Ohura and Raglan, two regular reporting and control points. It was so reported by radio telephone to Flying Control, Wellington, and there recorded in tape form.

All reports, routine, or otherwise, are recorded. The replaying of this record was, of course, a part of yesterday's discussions. The conversations fixed the times beyond question to a dot. Venus had gone to bed for

Mystery Light To Be Investigated

NEW PLYMOUTH, Nov. 3 (P.A.).—A full investigation has been ordered by the Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation (Mr. Shand) into the sighting of a mysterious lighted object by a National Airways Corporation plane crew on Monday night.

The acting Minister of Defence (Mr. Halstead) this morning asked the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Merton, for the fullest cooperation of the R.N.Z.A.F. in the inquiry.

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WELLINGTON DAILY TELEGRAPH

'Flying Light' No Illusion, Says Captain

Also seen by aircraft passengers.

The "flying light" object that he saw on Sunday night while flying from New Plymouth to Auckland was not an illusion, said Captain W. T. Rainbow, when he arrived at New Plymouth yesterday.

Several other people in the aircraft also saw it, he added.

Captain Rainbow was piloting a National Airways Corporation DC-3 aircraft over the Waikato when he first sighted the object.

"It was travelling at the same altitude—8000 feet—and was clearly visible," he said. "It looked like a marine beacon and kept revolving, so that we could see some kind of porthole in it. The object also changed colour slightly."

There was a full moon and visibility was good, said Captain Rainbow. He judged the object's

Thinks Strange Light Was Planet Venus

Auckland, Today (P.A.)—

The Royal New Zealand Air Force can call its Inspector-General, Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, as a star witness in the top-level Services inquiry ordered into the flying light mystery.

The probe follows an NAC crew claim that a fast-moving light followed their main trunk airliner over

the airliner north-west. Planets, said Captain Rainbow, do not do that. There was no question of the aircraft swinging to give that effect, he said, for he was flying on the automatic pilot.

Another passenger, who could not be communicated with yesterday as he was on leave, was Mr. A. R. Luckett, Air Traffic Officer at Hobartville and a very experienced pilot. He, too, had watched the light, or lighted object, or whatever it was, and had first expressed the opinion of Mr. Troughton that it was a planet, but later decided that that could not be so.

WARTIME EXPERIENCE

A wartime experience similar to that of the NAC crew was described today by Mr. B. C. Lumsden, of Lower Hut, who was flying a Hurricane on intruder operations over France in December, 1942, when he sighted two lights which followed him for about 15 minutes.

Mr. Lumsden took off from England at 7 o'clock at night and landed about an hour and a half later. He flew to the French coast and pinpointed himself over the mouth of the Somme.

He was flying at 7000 feet when he saw two dim amber or orange coloured lights climbing steadily side by side, with one slightly above the other. At first he thought it was tracer, but stopped thinking that because of the slowness with which the lights climbed. He did a full turn and still saw the lights astern and to port but larger and brighter than before.

The lights were then level with him at 7000ft and no longer climbing. Mr. Lumsden recalled. He again made complete turn and found the lights were staying behind him on the turn.

Venus—not an erratic outer space visitor.

"This is his evidence: 'I was asleep when the pilot, Captain Rainbow, shook me awake. He told me he had seen something strange.' That was the thing Captain Rainbow describes as 'like a marine beacon revolving with some kind of a porthole in it and changing colour, flying seven times faster than we were.'"

"I looked out," Air Commodore Cohen says, "I told him it was a planet—and promptly went back to sleep." That was the stage Captain Rainbow decided not to tell women passengers because the news might alarm them, and it was then, too, that his co-pilot, First Officer Troughton, agreed it was not a planet, but something flying alongside them.

The Air Commodore slept on. When he landed, he checked with references, and decided positively that what he saw was Venus, low down on the horizon. He is still sure.

In the meantime, the Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation (Mr. Shand) has ordered an inquiry, and the acting Minister of Defence (Mr. Halstead) has instructed that the Air Force co-operate.

Discussions Held

Captain Rainbow and First Officer Troughton were in Wellington today and held discussions with the Director of Civil Aviation (Mr. E. A. Gibson) and senior officers of the Civil Air Administration. The log of the flight and the tape records of radio-telephone communications between plane and ground control were discussed at length with the officers of Flight Com-

to cover the 10 miles between Albatross Point and what we call Hamilton West, the object covered 70 miles."

Climbed
It was in sight for fully five minutes and when the aircraft climbed to 9000 feet to clear some cloud, the object climbed with it.

Among the passengers were Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, inspector-general of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and an airline pilot.

"The pilot had seen the object when I spoke to him about it," commented Captain Rainbow, "and I woke up Air Commodore Cohen and pointed it out to him. We did not tell the women passengers in case it caused some alarm." His co-pilot, First Officer S. G. Troughton, also saw it.

"It was definitely not an illusion," he added. "I know what a planet looks like and it was nothing like that. On the ground it is easy to get confused about these things, but when you're in the air and an object flies alongside of you, you cannot mistake that."

"FLYING 'PENGILIS'"

ONLY JETS —

AT 30,000 FEET!

The "flying pencils" seen over the West Coast on Friday were not flying saucers — not by any stretch of the imagination! Nor were they in any other form of extra-terrestrial life.

No, they were nothing more than Air Force Vampire jets flying at 30,000 feet. The planes, six in number, were taking part in an exercise, following separate routes down the West coast.

The jets came from Ohakea, near Bulls, in the Manawatu, crossed over the Southern Alps about 1 p.m. and returned up the east coast.

Long, white vapour trails formed by condensation from the wing-tips gave rise to the humour that they were "flying pencils".

When several people said they roared like planes, they probably didn't know how close they were to the truth!

'Saucer' Report 7 Miles From Hastings

HASTINGS, Today (PA).—A glimpse of a "flying saucer" over the Havelock North Hills is claimed to have been obtained by Mr. Ian Johnston of Hastings shortly after 8.45 on Friday night. He reports that he was standing in a street in Hastings when his attention was attracted by a green light moving in the sky over the hills to the east.

The object appeared to be cigar-shaped and moved swiftly in a north-south direction.

Further Mysterious Objects Seen In Sky

5 NOV 1955

The appearance of further unusual objects in the sky following on that seen recently over North Taranaki and Waikato are reported from Auckland and the West Coast.

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"TIMARU HERALD"

Oamaru Man Sees Strange Light in Sky

A lighted object in the sky on Wednesday night was clearly seen just before 8.30 p.m. by a well-known Oamaru businessman, Mr. Ewert McDiarmid, who served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force during World War II.

"I was coming in from the garden when I first noticed the light," Mr. McDiarmid said. "It was travelling at about the altitude at which one sees the N.A.C. planes and on a horizontal course.

"The object appeared to be spinning and alternately showed as a white, green and red light," he said.

"The light was far too brilliant to have come from a plane and it was hardly likely to have been a meteor as it maintained a course parallel with the horizon until it disappeared," from sight after a few seconds.

Reports of strange objects flying in the sky over Hamilton on Wednesday night have been received from two sources, reports of the Press Association message, Mr. S. L. Vale, of Hillcrest, says his son first noticed a bright light in the south-western sky when in their car coming down the Hillcrest hill at 7.47 p.m. They halted the light for some distance and as they neared a store pulled up and the customers in the store and the

A lighted object, flying silently at great speed, was seen by Mr. D. W. Paul, Hendon Avenue, Avondale, early this morning. With him at the time was an Auckland taxi-driver, says an Auckland Press Association message.

"The taxi-driver saw the object first," said Mr. Paul. "We were going down Hendon Avenue at 1 a.m. and the object was flying parallel with us and to the south.

"At first there was a 'swishing noise' rather like a jet. It appeared to be a long object with three or four lighted windows, but the windows were much bigger than usual on aircraft.

"It passed us in unannounced silence. The most remarkable fact was the absence of any noise. It was visible to us for about four minutes, before vanishing into a cloud.

Mr. Paul said he stayed on the side for some time in the hope of catching another glimpse of the object. A little while later, an aircraft (later identified as a Royal New Zealand Air Force Sunderland) flew at right angles to the object's course with its landing lights blinking. "It was completely different," said Mr. Paul, "from the other object."

Roared Across Sky

A cylindrical luminous object flashed across the West Coast skies with a roar about one o'clock this afternoon, according to reports from Kumara and Greymouth residents.

It is reported to have moved at great speed from the southwest across Kumara, glowing in the clear sky before disappearing behind a cloud bank screening the Southern Alps. Observers

GREYMOUTH EXPRESS

Strange Object Seen In West Coast Sky Today

A cylindrical, luminous object flashed across the West Coast skies with a roar about one o'clock this afternoon, according to reports from Kumara and Greymouth residents.

It is reported to have moved at great speed from the south-west, across Kumara, glowing in the clear, sunny sky before disappearing behind a cloud bank screening the Southern Alps.

Observers claimed that the object disappeared above Rotomanu, where, last February, an apparently similar object went out of view after following a similar course. The February visitation was accompanied by an explosion, which seemed to shake the earth, being felt over a considerable distance.

Today's object was reported to have sped across the sky accompanied by a loud roar, like that of an aeroplane engine.

Though some Greymouth residents have reported sighting the object, it apparently was seen particularly clearly at Kumara where, according to reports, a big proportion of the townspeople saw it. "One resident was able to look at it through field glasses, though it moved too quickly for any long, clear view to be obtained.

One report said that the object was cylindrical in shape—as the February mid-afternoon visitation was reported to be—was luminous and left a long vapour trail.

Another Kumara resident said that if it had made its appearance at night, the "long glowing cylinder" would have lit up the whole sky. He could not judge the height of the object. All were impressed with the

Air Force officer is also understood to have seen it.

strange objects said he had no idea what they were but they definitely looked solid, something like an inverted saucer and they travelled fast and smoothly. There was only one object at the start and as it was nearing the northern horizon it was joined by the second object seen by Mr Hawke and customers in the store.

Mr Hawke, a wartime pilot, said yesterday that he definitely saw with the other people two strange lights which were moving. They could be likened to pin points of searchlights on the clouds. He was not prepared to offer any opinion as to what they actually were.

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eral Runanga residents about the same time. In this case, however, the object was reported to be moving slowly downwards, almost hovering in the sky, before disappearing behind the south-east hills after some 10 minutes.

It was first sighted about 12.45 by a young woman whose attention was attracted by a noise she took to be that of an aeroplane. She said later that she then saw a white streak above the cloud over Mt Davey. She considered the noise was coming from this object, which seemed to be coming slowly down towards the hills. It bore the appearance, she said, of a jet plane, with a quite thin trail of white smoke. It moved slowly, but regularly downwards, before disappearing behind the range.

This observer had time to draw the attention of a man standing nearby, to the object, and it was also reported to have been seen by residents in other parts of Runanga.

(Report of inquiry into sighting of another "strange object," Page 3).

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AIR FORCE BELIEVES VENUS WAS SOURCE OF "FLYING LIGHT"

"Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are," runs an old nursery rhyme which is almost applicable to the investigations made by the Royal New Zealand Air Force to find the origin of a strange light seen by the crew of a N.A.C. air-liner between Ohura and Raglan a week ago.

Now the Air Force is satisfied that the light could have been from the inner Venus, but it cannot explain how the planet apparently moved away from its normal orbit.

Although it cannot establish definitely that the light was from Venus, it thinks that this was so.

These latest conclusions were raised by the acting Minister of Defence, Mr. Halstead, last night after a weekend inquiry by the Air Force. He said that various published reports did not come from official sources.

The report released by Mr. Halstead also makes brief mention of vapour trails seen in the sky on the same evening. These, he says, were caused by Vampire aircraft from Ohakea trying out high-level cross-country exercises.

The strange light was seen low in the western sky between 8.06 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. on Monday, October 31. The Air Force has reported to the Minister that after a careful examination concludes that Venus could have been observed in the approximate position of this light when it was first sighted from an aircraft flying 8000 feet between Wanganui and Auckland.

Effect Of Cloud

"Since the captain of the aircraft Captain W. T. Rainbow states that the direction of flight of the aircraft was not altered during the time the light was in sight, the R.N.Z.A.F. cannot explain the apparent movement of the light or establish definitely that it was Venus," says the Air Force report.

LIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN VENUS, BUT...

8 NOV 1955

WELLINGTON Staff Reporter
No "firm and simple" solution has yet been offered to the mystery of the strange light seen in the sky by the crew of a National Airways Corporation alighter between Ohura and Raglan a week ago.

But the Air Force now thinks the strange light may have been the planet Venus, although earlier reports maintain that calculations had ruled out this possibility.

The Air Force is not sure. It proves that the light could have been Venus, but it cannot establish this fact definitely.

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The report that Mr. Halstead released yesterday also mentions vapour trails seen in the sky on the same evening. These, he says, were caused by Vampire jet aircraft from Ohakea carrying out high-level, cross-country exercises.

(Similar vapour trails were also seen

over the West Coast later last week and at that time they were described as "mysterious flying pencils.")

"The light was reported by the commander of the N.A.C. alighter, Captain W. T. Rainbow, between 8.06 p.m. and 8.11 p.m. In its arguments for the planet Venus, the Air Force says that after a careful examination it concludes that Venus could have been observed in the approximate position of this light when it was first sighted from an aircraft flying at 8000 feet between approximately Wanganui and Auckland.

"Since the captain of the aircraft states that the direction of the flight of the aircraft was not altered during the time the light was in sight," says the Air Force report, "the apparent movement of the light cannot be explained, nor can it be established definitely that it was Venus."

The occulting or apparent flashing of the light could be caused by the presence of cloud between the light and the moving aircraft. It is common for planets low in the sky to scintillate.

At 8000 feet in position 38 degrees south, 175 degrees east (the rough position of the aircraft when the light was last seen), the setting time for Venus on October 31 was 8.19 p.m.

MOVING "LIGHTS" IN SKY

WAIKATO TIMES

WHEN THE Crown are informed that a strange "flying light" object has been observed for five minutes from a passenger aircraft, and by a witness of the calibre of the Inspector-General of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, Air-Commodore R. J. Cohen, and other experienced airmen, it is necessary that official notice should be taken. Accordingly, the Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr. Shand, and the acting-Minister of Defence, Mr. Halstead, have called for detailed reports on the whole matter from the heads of their departments. It would be interesting if New Zealand should produce the first explanation of phenomena which have been reported from many countries.

It is futile simply to inform such reliable witnesses that they are dealing with nothing more than a figment of the imagination. There can be no doubt that it is in the interests even if it is only an optical illusion, and it is in the interests

"It is common for planets low in the sky to scintillate. At 8000 feet, position 38 degrees south 175 degrees east (the approximate position of the aircraft when the light was seen) the setting time for Venus on October 31 was 8:19 p.m."

Venus was suspected from the moment one of the passengers in the aircraft, Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, Inspector-General of the R.N.Z.A.F., is awakened by the pilot. A flying light was pointed out by the pilot. "A planet," the officer pronounced, and promptly went back to sleep. When he landed Air Commodore Cohen consulted the stars and finally decided it was Venus.

stantially. The latest one is remarkable in that a number of responsible people aboard the aircraft flying over the Waikato declare they watched the object for five minutes—a much longer time than is usually associated with "sightings."

Five minutes is an exceedingly long time for an optical illusion to persist, especially from a swiftly moving aircraft. Extravagant claims will no doubt be made, especially among those who were not witnesses, but from the statements of the experts aboard the aircraft it might be possible to make some progress toward an explanation of the frequent sightings of strange moving lights in the skies. The explanation may be simple, if it can be established—a trick of reflected light, an electrical manifestation? Those making the inquiry can be assured of an interested following.

'FLYING LIGHTS' A STRANGE AND UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENON

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PHENOMENON

By Cedric R. Mentiplay 4 NOV 1955

THE passengers and crew of an Auckland-bound National Airways Corporation Dakota from Wellington who on Monday night saw mysterious "flying lights" travelling at high speed alongside their aircraft are only the most recent witnesses to a strange and unexplained phenomenon which for at least thirteen years has been baffling scientists.

The lights were similar in all respects to those reported in December, 1942, by a New Zealand Hurricane pilot. But on that occasion they appeared in enemy skies in France, over the mouth of the River Somme.

The name of the pilot was Flight-Sergeant B. C. Lumsden, who finished the war as a Flight-Lieutenant, and who is now secretary of the New Zealand Timber Merchants' Federation. At the time of the encounter he was a member of No. 3 Squadron, Royal Air Force, and was flying a coal-black Hurricane fighter with long-range tanks on an intruder mission. From his note of the incident which can be read in his log-book, was made an intelligence report which was circulated throughout the Allied forces. It was the first mention of these strange visitors, which were christened by R.A.F. intelligence officers as "Lumsden's Lights."

At 7000ft

Here is part of that summary: "December 9, 1942—climbed to 7000ft while flying along French coast until he found himself at mouth of Somme. Deciding to get a little further south before setting course, so as to miss Abbeville, he turned sharply right.

"Just as he straightened up on a northward course he

heard an unusual and almost insupportable degree." When asked what were the first reactions of those who heard his story, Mr Lumsden grinned. "The usual—the sort of reactions they give to people who say they spotted a flying saucer," he said. "The implication is—give up drinking, old man, it isn't doing you any good."

Many Sequels

But there was a sequel, the first of many.

A dour and doubting character in the same squadron took off next night to cover the same area, determined to lay "Lumsden's Lights." He returned shaken and thoughtful.

His report was promptly dubbed "Lumsden's Lights Mk II." His story was that he had been followed closely by a green light which kept squarely behind him no matter what he did. Finally, in cloud, he managed to get away from it. He spent no further time in searching.

"That is why the expert-

one slightly above the other. "Thinking at first that these were tracer flak, he was at once struck by the slowness with which they climbed. He turned a full circle to starboard, and again saw the lights to the north-east, behind him on his left, but rather larger and brighter. They were now on a level with him at 7000ft, and no longer climbing.

Kept Behind

"He turned sharply to port and made a complete orbit—and found that the lights were keeping behind him on the turn. He jettisoned his long-range tanks to obtain more manoeuvrability and turned tightly to port, only to find that the lights still stayed behind.

"He then did diving turns out to sea and flattened out at 4000ft, heading north-north-east. The lights followed his general direction, always astern, and descended to about 1000ft below him, soon climbing again when he remained on a level course.

"The Hurricane continued to fly on a course of 320deg at an indicated speed of 260 m.p.h. and gradually drew away from the lights, which appeared to continue to follow. When about five to ten minutes from the English coast, which he recrossed at Hastings, he lost sight of them.

"The lights had been visible altogether for 15min. They appeared to remain at an even distance from one another, except for on brief period when they drew closer together. They varied slightly in relative height from time to time, but the starboard one was always slightly lower than the other. Had they been wingtip lights, the aircraft carrying them would have been flying starboard wing down to

so familiar to me—and somehow so reassuring," said Mr Lumsden.

"According to this week's report, the New Zealand light was well-behaved. The French ones, on the other hand, seemed to be piloted by mischievous types and darned good fliers. Anything that could dive, turn, and keep station with a Hurricane in those days certainly knew its way about in the air."

There was no war-time explanation of the mysterious lights, and there has not been a completely feasible one since.

Reputation

According to some authorities, that part of France and the Channel gained quite a reputation for such visitations.

But the lights seem to have emigrated to New Zealand now—or rather to have extended their influence all round the world. Experiences similar to that of last Monday night have been reported from Europe, America, and Australia.

LIGHT IN SKY

AGAIN SEEN

FROM NAPIER

"DLY. TELEGRAPH, NAPIER
A bright cigar-shaped light

last night hovered high in the sky, then flashed above the Poraité hills and hovered again, lower and farther inland, a Napier man and his daughter claimed to see it on Nov 1955.

It is the second night in succession that a bright light has been reported above the Poraité hills.

The man, Mr. D. M. MacDonald, of Wellesley road, gave this description of the light: "It was sausage-shaped, changed colour, and it was big—too big to be mistaken for a star or a planet."

His daughter, Miss M. MacDonald, said: "It was cigar-shaped. It changed colour from red to blue, pink, green and orange. It appeared to be spinning as it moved slightly from side to side."

STOPPED OTHER CARS

They were travelling by car along the Westshore embankment road when they first saw the light at about 8.45 p.m.—within minutes of the time a light was seen by Messrs A. E. Ingram and M. Ganaway the night before. They stopped seven or eight other cars. "Several other people in the cars saw the light," Miss MacDonald said.

They first noticed the light high above the hills behind Bay View. It hovered there for about five minutes, rapidly spinning and changing colour, they claimed. Suddenly it vanished. Three minutes later it reappeared, this time lower and nearer Taradale. Five minutes later it vanished again.

Miss MacDonald said: "To get to its second position it must have travelled thousands of miles at a terrific speed. It was

H. B. HERALD TRIBUNE

Strange Sight In Napier Sky On Two Nights

For the second night in succession a bright light has been observed in the sky over the Poraité hills, a few miles west of Napier.

It was observed on Tuesday night by Messrs A. E. Ingram and M. Ganaway, Napier. Last night it appeared again about 8.45 p.m. and was seen by several motorists near Westshore.

Mr. D. M. MacDonald, Wellesley Road, said he was travelling with his wife and daughter when they first saw a large lighted object travelling through the sky. It was revolving rapidly and changing colour from bright red to green. It was about a mile or so high at a guess.

Mr. McDonald stopped his car and several other vehicles pulled up behind to watch the strange light. It was in view for about 10 minutes. Travelling in a circle it disappeared at one stage beyond the Poraité hills, but came into view again immediately afterwards.

Mr. McDonald's daughter, Miss M. McDonald, said the light was more or less cigar-shaped. When she first saw it, the light was fairly stationary in the sky but was apparently revolving.

After about five minutes it faded rapidly as though it was travelling far into the distance. It appeared again further along the hills to the south. Its colours



Wednesday night's report of a strange light over the Poraité hills created interest from the Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) organisation in Auckland. To-day the following telegram was received by The Daily Telegraph from the president of the organisation:

"Consider report an excellent example of 'unidentified flying objects' which defies 'natural phenomena' explanation. Believe if brief details received are correct, observers witnessed transit of vehicle controlled by extra-terrestrial agency. Currently many reports being received at our headquarters. Experts reports to reach peak volume over Christmas. Napier report may well prove most outstanding New Zealand observation."

The telegram is signed: "Harold H. Gibson, Dominion President, Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) P.O. Box 1914, Auckland."

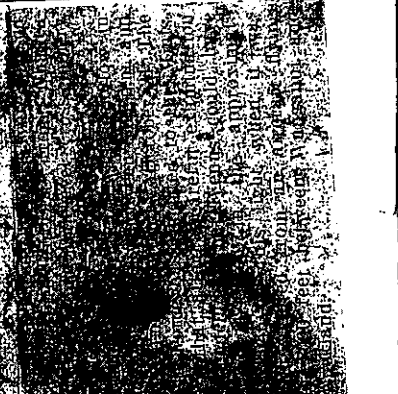
(Footnote.—The planet Venus would be setting in the west about the same time as the lights in the sky above the Poraité hills is reported to have been seen. To-night it will set shortly before 9 o'clock though with hills to the west it will go below the crest of the hills a little before that time.)

AS "MATERIAL" SUBSISTENCE can "take it or leave it as they wish."—Ed., D.T.

THE PHOTOGRAPH, mentioned in the letter (at left) of "an object taken at 11:00

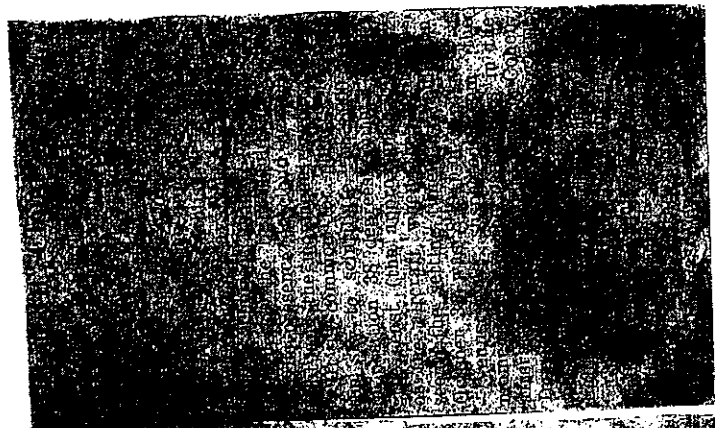
AIR FORCE BELIEVES WAS SOURCE OF FLYING LIGHT

Now I wonder why almost applicants for New Zealand Air Force pilot's licenses at the start of 1941.



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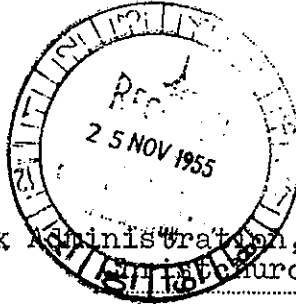
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AIR DEPARTMENT,
CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION,
Christchurch Airport,
CHRISTCHURCH, N.W.4.

23rd November, 1955.

The Director of Civil Aviation,
Civil Aviation Administration,
Air Department,
Private Bag,
WELLINGTON.

Attached is copy of letter received from
concerning a flying object seen by him on 9th November, 1955.

This letter is forwarded for your information and any
recording action which is being undertaken following recent
published reports of similar sightings of unidentified flying
objects.

(L.E. Duke)

REGIONAL AIRWAYS OFFICER.
for REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Director of Intelligence

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Gebbies Pass,
No. 2 R.D.,
CHRISTCHURCH.

The Regional Superintendent,
Civil Aviation Administration,
CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT.

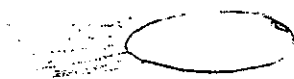
Dear Sir,

The following report is made as possibly being of interest to your department, although it is not known to the writer, if any official attention is given to such matters.

On Wednesday, the 9th November, at 8.18 p.m., I was sitting in my car at this station when I noticed a brightly lit object travelling across the sky. It was approximately south east of the station, and appeared to be travelling from north east to south west. I was able to watch it for four to five seconds, before it was hidden by an adjacent building. During this time, the distance travelled would subtend an angle of about thirty degrees from my point of view, or about six degrees per second. The actual speed would of course depend on the distance between myself and the object. The length of it would be comparable with say six inches at a hundred feet. The angle of altitude would be about fifteen degrees from the horizontal.

Although I have been rather sceptical about such reports, and have attributed them to meteors, etc., I was convinced that this did not line up with anything I have ever seen in the sky in N.Z., or anywhere else. The main reason for not confusing it with meteors, was that it had a clearly defined outlined shape, rather than a mere source of light. I have sketched this below. It was no normal aircraft, as it was entirely illuminated, with a bluish white light, and trailed a streamer of light of the same hue. As far as could be judged, the travel path was straight and level, parallel with the ground. I heard no noise from it, but as the car windows were closed, there could have been some without my hearing it.

I should not blame you if you thought that perhaps the writer was rather an imaginative type, and I should state, for what it is worth, that this is not the case. If such reports as these go to Wellington, you could, if interested, have Mr. Andrews or Mr. Dippy comment on the possibility of excess imagination in the writer.



Yours faithfully,

SENIOR TECHNICIAN.

FTY:HJC

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23 November 1955

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Dear

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of 17 November concerning the mysterious lights which you saw in November 1954.

We have had a number of reports from various parts of New Zealand on apparently inexplicable lights and objects seen, generally, at night and these are carefully examined by a central authority to whom any information passed to this Administration, is referred.

I have taken the liberty of handing your letter to this authority who will communicate with you further should this be necessary.

Yours faithfully,

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..... Initials. <u>23/11/1955</u>

Director of Civil Aviation

Director of Intelligences

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A.O. (Tech)

23 November 1955

TE. AWAMUTU.

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Yours faithfully,

Director of Civil Aviation

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To. Awarakus.
Thurs. 17th Nov. 1958.

The Director,
Civil Aviation Dept.
Wellington

Dear Sir

Re mysterious light seen in Nov. 1952.
Early one Friday morning, at 12.50, as
I stood by the bedroom window I saw a
searchlight, not a very powerful one,
flashing on the Paterangi hill, about
a mile distant. First it kept pointing
to the south, then changed to the east.

We are less than 100 yards from the
station, which is below a bank, and
can just see the tops of the pods shed
from our windows, facing west.

Suddenly a large light appeared
it was a luminous golden colour,
with three reddish-orange lights, like
a three pointed light. This light lasted
for about 10 seconds, and then went
out. I did not think anything more

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about it, but wondered why a light should have been flashed on at the station for the space of seconds, when there was no train due, to my knowledge.

Then the searchlight stopped working & the time was then 1.10 A.M.

By the way I was recovering from an attack of flu, and was very weak that night.

When I again looked out of the window, about 3.40, I noticed that the station lights were on, & they were about one-third of the size of the previous light, and were a pale yellow colour. The 3.50 train was then due.

Later in the day I asked the parcels delivery man, who handles the mail at the station, if there was a big light at the station with these lights. He assured me there was not.

The following day I mentioned the matter, in course of conversation, to a

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member

" of the staff of the power board, & he said that the troublemen used searchlights when working on the power lines at night time, but he did not know whether they had been out that night.

I am firmly convinced that what I saw must have been a flying saucer.

It must have been flying very low when I thought it was one of the station lights; & there was absolutely no sound.

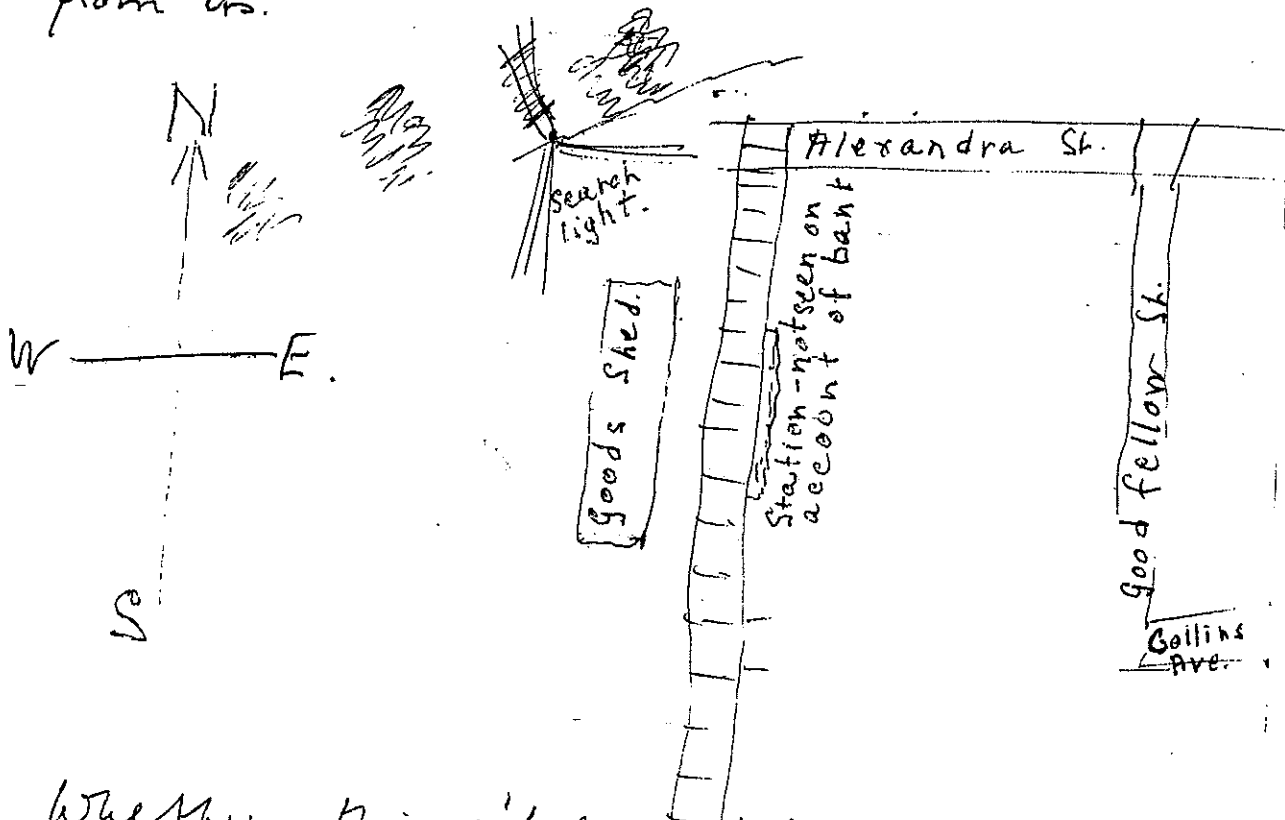
I have often thought I should report this matter.

With so many foreigners coming into the country it makes one wonder if there was something sinister about the searchlight being used that night.

The Power Board will probably have a record of all the night work done by its employees.

The following is a plan of our house, the railway station, and

about 1 mile away
from us.



Whether this information will be of any
use to you. I do not know, but after reading
about all the mysterious lights lately
I feel I should put this on record.

My husband, aged 77, is a retired
farmer. & has lived in this district

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for the last forty years, and his father was manager of Sir William Jett's sheep station at Marlton over 70 years ago.

My grandfather was the late J. R. I. B. A., Surveyor & civil engineer. He designed the Shapins, many years ago.

My father, the late was on the staff of the Sh. Z. Hoan & Mercantile Co. for many years, and we lived in Shapins for many years.

Yours faithfully

P.S. As I have been writing this letter I have just remembered that several years ago the B. A. Awamukw Power Board employed some of the Dutch immigrants, but on the other hand that searchlight may have been used by the troublemen in the normal course of their work.

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New Plymouth, N. Z.

18th. November, 1955.

The Hon. T.P. Shand,
Minister of Civil Aviation,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Mr. Shand,

On my return to New Plymouth this morning, I received your letters of the 10th. and 15th. instant enclosing report from the Director of the Carter Observatory which I have found most interesting. The phenomenon observed by us on the 5th. instant seemed to me to be similar to what had been observed by Captain Rainbow, hence I took care to note the precise time and record what had been seen.

Naturally one abstains from giving these matters publicity, but I felt that in fairness to Captain Rainbow the matter should be referred to you.

Yours, sincerely.

*The Air Dept
Referred.*

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16 Catherine Street,
HENDERSON,
17th November, 1955.

Squadron Leader Golding,
Director of Intelligence,
Air Department,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

On the night of the 1st November 1955 I was Co-Pilot on Flight 108C proceeding from Paraparaumu to Whenuapai. We departed from Paraparaumu in clear weather and the flight progressed normally until just after Ohura R.P. where upon my attention was drawn to the appearance of an unusual light in the south west sky in the vicinity of New Plymouth. My subsequent actions and impressions are enumerated as follows:

1. At Approximately 2005 hours Captain Rainbow drew my attention to the light. It was situated a beam of the aircraft's tail unit and appeared as a red light, similar to a planet but a little larger. I commented that I thought it was a planet and suggested to Captain Rainbow that he open his window to eliminate any refraction. This he did and the light was still visible appearing to be moving in a northerly direction. At this stage I suggested that an independent observer's opinion would be advisable. At this time the aircraft was proceeding on a constant course of 330 C.
2. I proceeded to the cabin to discuss the sighting with a Mr. Tuckett, a Civil Aviation officer, who was already viewing the light and he remarked that it was a most unusual sight and did not appear to be a planet.
3. I returned to the Cockpit and informed Captain Rainbow that Mr. Tuckett had seen the light where upon he suggested I waken Air Commodore Cohen to obtain his views of the sighting. By the time I returned to the cabin Mr. Tuckett had already woken the Air Commodore who after briefly examining the light stated that he thought it was a planet.
4. I returned to the cockpit ^{and} observed the light to be directly a beam of the port wing tip at a distance of perhaps 8 miles. The light now appeared to be much larger than previously and during the few seconds I was able to view it, my description of it is as follows:-

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- 4 (a) Circular - about $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the sun when viewed through dark glasses.
- (b) Red in colour - deep red near the periphery and light red at the centre.
- (c) Appeared to be moving parallel to the aircraft ~~and~~ until it disappeared from sight.

My description of the light is very brief due to the fact that I only observed it for brief periods of time. I emphasise that the aircraft was on a steady course and the light appeared to move from the south west sector to the north. ~~Being~~

.....*Thompson*.....

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NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL AIRWAYS CORPORATION

PASSENGER LIST WELLINGTON/AUCKLAND - FLIGHT 108 - 31/10/1955

DUNEDIN/AUCKLAND:

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0182/50652
90/12165
17/16399

Name

Contact

CHRISTCHURCH/AUCKLAND:

67/39485 CA
90/34627 CA

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19/80924 WA
19/991447
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Air/Cmdr C/o Air Force

Tuckett

Mr



Unusual Light observed on 31.10.55

Transcript of Area Control Centre Log:

2006 National 108 inquired if any traffic west of New Plymouth. Aircraft was advised no traffic in that area. Aircraft then stated that there is a moving bright light in that area and it does not look like a star or planet.

Action: Checked with Ohakea Tower who advised no aircraft from there known to be in that area.

2008 National 135 advises that the light is approximately 10 miles to port of him and is changing colour from red to gold to yellow.

Action: Ohakea Tower requested to keep lookout for this object.

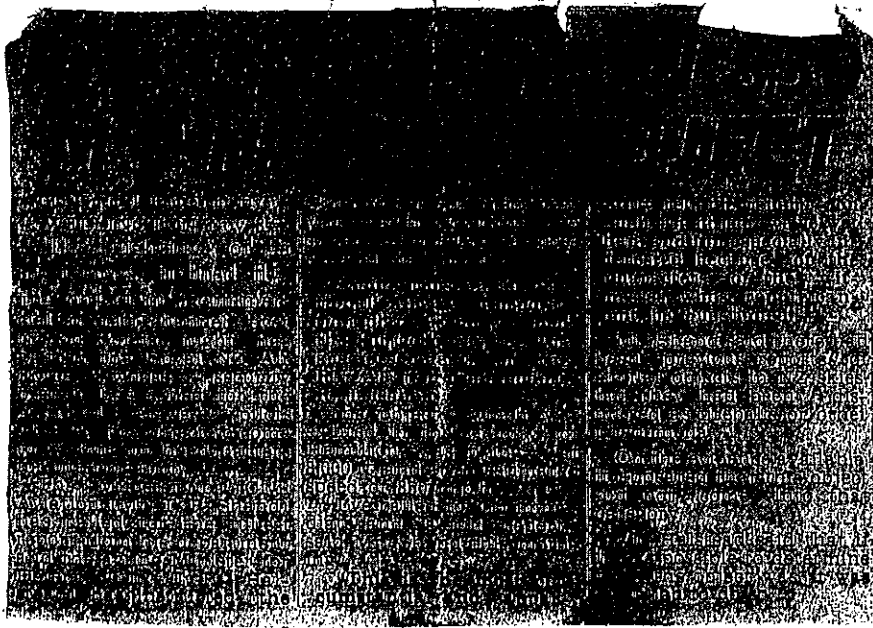
Comment: The reason why the controller requested Ohakea to keep a lookout for the object was that National 135 was carrying out a diversion from Wanganui NDB via Ohakea NDB to Paraparaumu at the time.

However ~~xxx~~ both of the crew of National 135 have since denied making any such report

A check of the recording taken over this period would seem to indicate that the report attributed to National 135 was in fact ~~mx~~ a second report made by National 108 using the callsign '135'. There is a marked similarity in the voice giving both reports.

At the time National 108 is in a position almost abreast of Albatross Point

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Churches still overlook it,

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15 November 1955.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear

I attach a report from the Director of the Carter Observatory on the facts set out in your letter to me about your experience on November 5th.

You will notice that in dropping two degrees toward the horizon the planet moves two degrees to the South. If there was a substantial degree of refraction and you continued to see the planet after it had dipped below the horizon the apparent movement would be even more marked.

Your report is of considerable value in that it confirms that Venus presented a spectacular sight at the time and in the position of the object reported by Captain Rainbow.

It seems remarkable to say the least if the object he observed was not Venus as well, especially in the later stages of his observation when the objects would have been well separated. The conclusion seems inescapable that he allowed his aircraft to veer off course thus giving the effect of relative movement of the planet.

Thank you very much for your letter and your careful observations.

Yours sincerely,

(T. P. SHAND)

CARTER OBSERVATORY

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WELLINGTON. W.I.
NEW ZEALAND.

1955 November 11

The Private Secretary,
The Minister of Civil Aviation,
Parliament Buildings,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I return herewith letter and report from
New Plymouth together with
my report on an object observed by him on 1955 November
5th.

There is no doubt that he observed the
planet Venus, which is becoming more prominent in the
evening sky at the present time.

I would like to add that there is now no
doubt in my own mind, that the object observed by the
N.A.C. aircraft was similarly the planet Venus. A re-
port was forwarded to the Director of Intelligence,
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Yours faithfully,

J. L. Stromsen

DIRECTOR

Encls.

REPORT ON LIGHT OBSERVED BY
NEW PLYMOUTH, ON 1955 NOVEMBER 5

Calculated Data for Venus.

Mouth of Moku River: Lat. $38^{\circ} 42' S$
Long. $174^{\circ} 39' E$

Venus: Declination $20^{\circ} 07' S$
L.H.A. $101^{\circ} 37' .5 W$ at 0800 G.M.T.
 $105^{\circ} 22' .3 W$ at 0815 G.M.T.

Time Zone: 12 hours E of Greenwich

<u>N.Z. Time</u>	<u>Altitude of Venus</u>	<u>True Bearing</u>
p.m.		
08 00	$3^{\circ} 51' .8$	$247^{\circ} 11' .7$
08 15	$1 11 .2$	$244 58 .6$

The altitude is true, uncorrected for refraction or dip.

REMARKS:

1. From the above data, Venus would set for an observer at sea level, at 8.25 p.m. assuming a refraction of $34'$. Abnormalities of refraction together with the height of eye could make this a few minutes later, agreeing very well in general with the observation.
2. The general direction given by the observer agrees so closely with the calculated bearing as to leave little doubt.
3. The diurnal motion would give the exact effects noted by the observer, viz., dropping to the horizon and moving to the south.
4. The colour and colour changes are in accordance with what is to be expected with a setting object. As an example there is the redness of the Sun when on the horizon. This is due to the absorption of shorter wavelengths of light by the horizon atmosphere.
5. The circling movement noted at the beginning of the second paragraph could be due to a not uncommon phenomenon of refraction effects causing stars to appear to move irregularly in the sky, together with the fact that the observer could not be fully assured of a steady line of sight without instruments.

CONCLUSION:

All the evidence points very definitely to an observation of the setting of the planet Venus.

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The observer made such good observations without the aid of instruments, that the full agreement of calculations and known phenomena with his reports leave no uncertainty.

I. L. Thomsen

I.L. Thomsen

DIRECTOR

CARTER OBSERVATORY

11th November 1955

10 November 1955.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear

I was very interested to read your letter.

Venus was observed to be particularly bright and was in the approximate position you describe at the time, but the fact that you and a number of other witnesses are certain that it moved substantially, and incidentally in a direction different from that in which it was observed by Captain Rainbow to move, is most interesting.

I had a brief discussion with the Director of Meteorological Services and he is unaware of any previous reported optical phenomenon of this type and magnitude.

I have passed your letter with the information it contained to the Department for investigation, and I expect that in due course someone will be asking you for further details.

Yours sincerely,

(T.P. SHAND)

The Air Secretary,
Referred.

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New Plymouth, N. Z.

7th. November, 1955.

The Honqurable,
The Minister of Civil Aviation,
WELLINGTON.

Dear **Mr.** Shand

Although I note from to-day's Press that the lighted object sighted by Captain W.T. Rainbow and his co-pilot off the Taranaki Coast has not been explained, I think I should pass on the enclosed memorandum which I wrote down on Saturday evening after observing the matters referred to from Mokau.

Since my return to New Plymouth last evening, I have checked the shipping movements of vessels to and from the Port of New Plymouth and these would not account for any lights in the position seen at 8.15 on Saturday 5th. inst.

Yours faithfully,

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New Plymouth, N.Z.

5th. November, 1955.

Memorandum:

My daughter and I went in my car to the mouth of the Mokau River at about 8p.m. where a number of residents and visitors had a bonfire for children. It was then quite dark and was not raining. At 8.15p.m. there being a cold westerly wind, we turned from the bonfire to return to our car and my daughter pointed to what she described as a "very bright star" just under the cloud bank which was in army parlance, two fingers above the horizon. No other "stars" were visible anywhere, the sky being clouded except on the western horizon. This "star" was of a yellowish colour and well above the horizon near the rim of the cloud bank. A local resident who was standing beside us said "that's the evening star" - I thought it was the planet Venus. The "star" then moved rapidly south dropping lower as it moved in the direction of the lights of New Plymouth. I observed its movement by taking a line on a log in front of us.

It again became stationary at a lower level and appeared to circle several times at about sea level, changing colour from yellow to red. We watched its movements from 8.15 to 8.30p.m. when it disappeared on the horizon at sea level. As the red colour was brighter than but similar to the port light of fishing trawlers which at times pass down the coast off Mokau, we drove up to my sea-side bach which is quite close but some 80 feet higher than beach level to check whether the red light was from a vessel. No light or "planet" was visible from the higher elevation, although a watch was kept until 10p.m. Although I was certain that the light was not from a vessel as it was at too great a distance and its elevation was well up above the horizon, I wanted to rule out any possibility of light refraction or optical illusion. It is clear that the object seen, first yellowish and turning to bright red, was the one object, as it changed colour and position. It was about south of a line running west from the mouth of the Mokau River and was, I estimate, 20 miles north of the lights of New Plymouth.

It was watched by those on the beach, among them
of Mokau who would know the names of the other Mokau
residents there at the time if it was desired to corroborate what we
observed.

On the night of November 5th a party on the beach in the vicinity from which Captain Rainbow made his observation, reported a similar phenomenon. In this case the party being on the ground was able to report fairly accurately the direction of movement of the brilliant object. This conformed with the calculated movement of Venus which appears to move sharply from North to South as it approaches the horizon.

This would seem to substantiate that the atmospheric conditions were such that Venus appeared spectacular at the time and in the general direction in which the Pilot made his observation. If the object he saw were not Venus then it is difficult to understand how he could have failed to observe that planet at the same time. The only explanation offered for the apparent movement observed by him is that sufficient of his passengers moved to the port side of the aircraft to observe the phenomenon to cause the aircraft to yaw in that direction.

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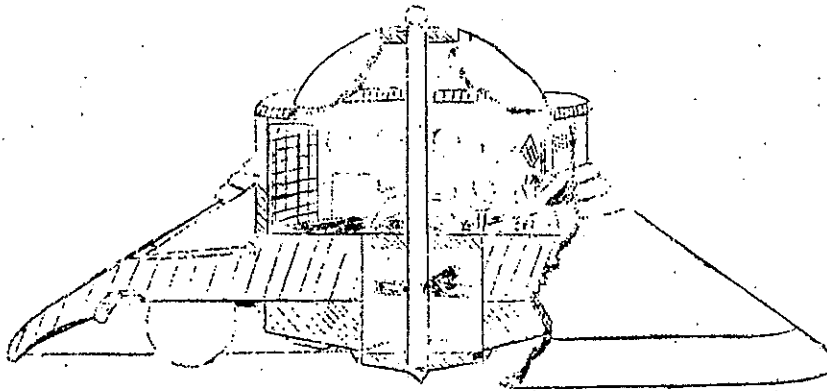
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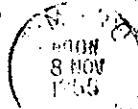
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The following is a copy of a tape recording received from America of answers given by Mr. George Adamski on 16th of June, 1955. This is in answer to the many questions sent him by F.W.G. Dickeson and D.R. Weeber of the above group. We trust this will enlighten many of you people who are searching for the truth on the mysteries of Flying Saucers. Our aim is to give you this truth as we know it.

"This is June 16th, 1955, and George Adamski speaking. I have a list of questions that have been sent to me and I will answer these so as to make clear some of the things that are puzzling the public, and Lucy McGuinness, my secretary, will be asking the questions and I will answer them.

Q. Are the flying saucers solid?

A. Yes they are solid, just as solid as anything in this world is, just as solid as our planes are.

Q. Have you ever been in one?

A. Yes, I have been in them.

Q. What are they made of?

A. They are made of material just like material of our own; most of the analysis that has come through shows much aluminium and so forth. There are other minerals I have been informed, that are not found on this earth, but that does not mean they are not here.

Q. What do they use for power?

A. Well, for power, it is commonly known to all men of the world as static electricity, the same thing that produces our lightning, this is harnessed up and put into propulsive states later known as a magnetic kind of force or magnetic propulsion.

Q. Are all of these saucers humanly controlled?

A. All above twelve feet yes, twelve feet in diameter they are humanly controlled, anything below the twelve feet is not.

Q. What is the purpose of those under the twelve feet?

A. Those under twelve feet are instrument type of saucers, they are sent out to measure atmospheric conditions, the chemical conditions within space, and so on and so forth and if they are finally lost or

them their remote control is lost then they sometimes disintegrate in space and sometimes they blow up here and there, and people report explosions. Some have been found to come to earth in a jelly-like form already disintegrating and by the time you pick up the jelly there is nothing but a bad odour left - the jelly is gone.

Q. Are there different types and styles of these saucers?

A. Yes, there are different types and styles, so to speak, and different sizes. They vary in various designs - there are seven different designs so far that have been detected.

Q. Does that indicate the planet they are from or the purpose they are used for?

A. No that does not indicate the planet they are from nor the purpose either. There just happen to be different designs the same as we have many different designs in things.

Q. What kind of instruments do they have?

A. Well, all types of instruments. Every type of instrument that could be imagined, for the work they almost have to have it since they are travelling in space. There is so much more to be encountered and expected than we do in our own atmosphere.

Q. Are they like ours in our planes?

A. What do you mean like ours?

Q. Well are there needles and compasses and such like?

A. No, there are no needles or compasses like that, everything is a colour chart or colour graphs.

Q. Sometimes these saucers or space ships are seen in different lights and sometimes they even seem to change colours as they are being observed, why is this?

A. That is because of these different coloured graphs. As they go into operation they change colour, each colour means something, and the domes or canopies being transparent naturally reflect the colour to the outside from those graphs, and as the graphs change colour so does the outside change colour with them, as a reflection.

- Q. Have you ever flown in a flying saucer?
A. Yes.
- Q. How can they move with such speed and make those sharp turns?
A. That is very simple. We are moving at a terrific speed on earth, say on one phase of it there is $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles, nearly 19 miles per second which is a 24 hour basis. And on the orbit side of the situation is 600,000,000 miles per year, and of course we know nothing about any speed of any kind that this earth is moving at all. And they have learned that law and have complied with nature and harnessed the same powers that motivates the planets and so they are able to create their own atmosphere, their own gravity and as a result of it they don't know anything about movement any more than we do on earth.
- Q. How did you feel when you were travelling in one?
A. Not any more than I do on earth right now, or anybody else. We are sitting on this earth moving at this terrific speed and do not know anything about it.
- Q. How far out did you go in the saucer?
A. Well, quite a way. I went over the moon, the other side of the moon and quite a distance.
- Q. In the saucer?
A. Not in the saucer but in the mother ship. The saucer only picked me up on the ground and took me to the mother ship, some 20,000 feet up or so.
- Q. Can a saucer travel into planetary?
A. No they cannot. They are carried by the mother ships or as they are known cigar-shaped types. Cigar-shaped types are a virtual power plant you might say.
- Q. Do they recharge the saucers sometimes?
A. They do, yes.
- Q. How large would you say the mother ships are?
A. Well the mother ships vary from 500 feet up to seven miles in length. They have been reported even larger than that, while the saucers again that are piloted are anything from 12 feet on to 1200 feet in diameter.
- Q. Are they made of the same materials as the saucers?
A. Yes they are. They are made of very much the same material, except the mother ships are, of course, heavier material than the saucers, much heavier because they are bigger structure, bigger ships and call for greater strength.
- Q. Are the instruments inside them the same as in the saucers?
A. No, in the mother ship there are many more instrumentals for many more purposes than what the saucers have. The saucer is nothing but a scout.
- Q. Do the big ships ever come to earth or do they ever land on any planet?
A. Well they have been reported but nobody has been able to verify where they have landed, someplace, but I have never been able to track it down, but as far as I know they have not landed.
- Q. Do they use the same type of power as the saucers?
A. Yes they are the major accumulator of this power it might be said, or condensers of this major power.
- Q. They use motors, and transformers and aeriels and such as that?
A. Yes, not aeriels, well, they do in their way, for communications sometimes, but mostly it is generators and condensers and some motors, however those motors are very silent, but I wouldn't know whether they are really motors or not.
- Q. Why are they coming our way now?
A. Well, it is not because we are bad or indifferent; it is mostly because the earth itself is shifting and the evidence of standing for Admiral Bird, when at Little America prior to the war, and he reported that there was nothing but ice and snow there, yet in 1946 when he went there he reported that ice and snow are thawing and lakes are forming which proves beyond a shadow of doubt that the earth has taken a shift and is still shifting according to some scientists, and they are observing that as a relationship to the planet naturally. We are able to detect earthquakes at a great distance by seismographs, and they have instruments to be able to detect the shift like that of this earth and know the relationship between two planets on the magnetic line of force will change somewhat, and they are observing that and will watch it and are mapping it.

- Q. Then their major purpose is for their own scientific knowledge?
A. That's true.
- Q. Are they all friendly?
A. Yes, very friendly, more so than any people on earth. People on earth pretend to be friendly but they are not really friendly to each other as these people are, even to so-called strangers.
- Q. What planets are they coming from?
A. Well the ones that I have contacted are from Mars, Venus and Saturn, although I have reports here from Neptune and Uranus as well. That means five planets of our system.
- Q. Have you had any reports from planets from other systems?
A. No, I have not, but that does not mean they are not coming, because lodestar 359 has been checked for years now for its code system which is supposed to be coming from there, whether it has been deciphered or not or what. Ever has been learned about it has not been released, and the United States Navy has a big instrument on its building in Washington for that purpose and has had it for years.
- Q. Are the people from the different planets different from each other?
A. No, they are not, no more than the people are different from each other among the nations in our own world.
- Q. There have been several reports in the last few years of personal contacts. When was the last time that the people in planets contacted the earth like they are now?
A. According to some records it is round 2,000 years ago, when they made contact with people on earth by landing, and since then they have been observing the earth steadily but not landing until recently, and according to the information I have received from them they said we have not developed very much, because we were killing men then and we are still killing men.
- Q. Well is this the fulfilling of prophecies would you say?
A. I would say it is because in the Bible it tells you that Angel men the Son of God, or something of that nature would be coming forth from heaven to earth in due time and the proper time, and this would seem to be the situation.
- Q. Well, since their purpose for coming is scientific, they are definitely not coming to save us, but can they help us in any way?
A. They are not coming to save anybody, no one can save anyone, each one must save himself if there be any saving, but they are here and will help us if we desire that help. That is no different than if a man is hungry you set the table then he must do the eating if he is going to fulfil his hunger, and the same thing they can do, they can give us information and we can take them or leave them, and if we take them we can better our conditions.
- Q. There have been reports of crashes between earth planes and some of these air planetary craft. Was this deliberate on the part of the space people?
A. It was not. Never deliberate on their part, but our aggression and our own so called egotism caused these accidents, which could be called accidents and nothing more, besides we are very poorly alerted, or you might say very poorly informed in reference to what kind of power they use in all, and we sometimes come a little bit close or too close to the so called force field that is always round their ships and once that happens we have the accidents.
- Q. If their ships crash on the earth or if they are shot at as has been reported, do they have any way of protecting themselves?
A. No they do not, although they could. Although it is possible that they could harness this magnetic ray and shoot it out towards us and stop us in our tracks. But this is something they won't do. They claim that they have no right, I asked them about that, and they said they have no right to take revenge for a lack of understanding or ignorance.
- Q. Do they have any television or things like that in their ships?
A. Yes they do have something like television, not exactly like the television we have, but similar to that, that registers any and every condition of vibration or frequency that they want to detect on earth, including my speaking right now could be picked up by them, as well as their learning languages if they do not happen to know, a language, they learn it that way. For an example: If I asked you to bring forward a chair I must have a picture of that chair in my mind then say the word commanding you, and then you proceed to act, and they get all of that and keep repeating till they know what it means.

- Q. Have you ever met any women on any of these ships?
- A. Yes there are women on all the ships, that is, the big ships especially. I have heard of a ship landing, the saucer type, a very large one, where there were five men and two beautiful brunette women all averaging 5' to 6'1". The women were around 5'6" to 5'8" while the men were round 6' to 6'1".
- Q. Have you ever been taken to another planet?
- A. No, I have not.
- Q. Has anyone that you know of ever been taken to another planet?
- A. I have heard of cases where men have been taken to other planets. Just recently there was a man giving a lecture (Nelson) in Chicago saying that he was taken to two planets, Mars and Venus, as well as the moon, and I have some of his letters that he wrote to me prior to his lecture. At that time he did not go out, but since then he did and of course, I believe his case, only on these grounds, that while my book "Inside a Space Ship" is not yet out, but will be out in a few days, no one read the script and yet he had the same information which I have written about in the book, meaning then that he has contacted another group of Venusians different from mine, and must have got his information from that group, on these grounds I base the case as being true, as far as I know.
- Q. How far out have you been taken?
- A. Well I was taken pretty close to one other planet like that of Venus but never landed on it.
- Q. Is space sunny or is it black dark?
- A. It is darkness. The further out in space you get, the darker it gets, although if any object was moving through space it seems to be a little darker than space itself so you can still detect it even with your own eyes.
- Q. Is there life on the moon?
- A. Yes there are plenty of inhabitants on the moon, in fact the space people have bases on the moon and quite a number of them.
- Q. Do you know what the bridge on the moon is which has recently been discovered by astronomers. Does it cross a deep canyon or water or what?
- A. Well it seems to be crossing a canyon, what it is, (and it is probably not built by man,) that is hard to say until you land on it and investigate it. It could be made by nature just that way, for even made by nature is a feat in itself, for it is 250 ft in length it has been reported. I have that report from the "Sky and Telescope" magazine, which is published by Harvard a couple of years ago, this was given out.
- Q. Do they have weather on the moon like we have, changing storms and such as that, or do they have extremes of hot and cold?
- A. Well, they have the extreme hot and cold, the same as we have it - we have it on earth as well, and astronomy will never prove facts to the exact state that's one sure think. It takes many other forms of science to conform this thing since none of the scientists that talk about this have ever gone there themselves to prove it. They are only speculating or theorising.
- Q. There have been reports throughout the years of mysterious light on the moon. Sometimes these things last a long time and sometimes they are only flashes now and then. Can you explain those?
- A. Well surely they would not be there unless somebody would operate them or produce them. There has to be some sort of intelligence to bring forth these odd manifestations as we call them. As I stated before, our instruments that we have, as good as they are they are not good enough yet to give us an exact answer to all these questions.
- Q. Are there oceans on the moon?
- A. There is water on the moon, or there is moisture on the moon - there is bound to be because chemistry will tell you that if it is 240°F. on one side and 240° below zero on the other side that these two extremities are going to meet, and anybody who studies chemistry knows that once they meet they produce moisture themselves automatically, also produce a temperate zone at the very spot they meet, they have got to blend some place.
- Q. Well, about those extreme temperatures, Halley says there are some to the rising of 240 degrees

- A. No they are not exactly right because as I stated before we haven't got proper instruments yet, which that will give us the exact truth and common sense tells us that if the rays of the sun coming our way will heat by opposing what they call pressure which is caused by friction that these rays do heat, it is common sense that we too, going out from here, may strike in this way a certain amount of heat. This... is going to be created through friction opposing the atmosphere and we have no way of knowing just what that percentage would be, how would we know exact temperature then anywhere else?
- Q. Do the people of the other planets worship the same God as we do on earth?
- A. Well they don't call it God as we do any more than they call the planets Venus, Mars and so forth as we do. They name their planets by orbits, only, which is the logical thing to do because that would be universal, and so it is true with their word for the name of God, instead of using the word God they say Supreme Being of the Universe or Supreme Intelligence of the Universe which is even broader than the word God.
- Q. Do they have a Sabbath day that they observe?
- A. A Sabbath day to them is every day because every day is a holy day of the Supreme Being and perpetuated by the Supreme Intelligence of the Universe. And that being holy they consider all things holy.
- Q. Do they have everlasting life or are they born and do they die?
- A. They have everlasting life when it comes to life, but forms must change and therefore in speaking of forms dying they do not actually die but there is transformation of going back to the true essence from which they came while the intelligence that occupied that form goes on to the next person and takes on another form, which in this world we call death they only call it transmutation.
- Q. What is the average span of life there on the other planets?
- A. The average span of life on planet Venus for example is a thousand years or so, although that should not be a mystery because the bible tells you that when the firmament was over the earth that there was a thousand years life here as well and that Methusala had lived to 999 years.
- Q. What is their mode of living, do they have cities and country life and rural districts like we have?
- A. The mode of living is not much different from our own. They are human beings like we are. Once we get that into our heads the mystery will begin to vanish, but they are human being like ourselves, and they have very much the problems in some things that we have. For instance they have the problem of having to wash their faces and keeping their bodies clean, and things like that, except that they have solved the economic problem far better than we have, where the worries and tensions that we have to go through are no longer prevailing.
- Q. Do they work for a living?
- A. Well they have been one time, but they have harnessed all the powers that we are harnessing, they harnessed it for construction to produce or do their work for them, and so as a result of it they do very little work about 2 hours out of every 24 hours of our time.
- Q. But they have a home life like we do?
- A. Absolutely, in every respect.
- Q. Do they have an educational system?
- A. Yes, on a universal basis, in other words every child is given equal education according to his talent, what he is adapted for. Full support to the development of that talent as it realizes that it renders a service to the whole that the whole could not operate without it either.
- Q. Well does that educational system cease after so many years?
- A. No it doesn't. They keep on learning, that is the way they move on from planet to planet as we would from class-room to class-room, for graduation which is never attained because eternity is eternity.
- Q. Do they have churches and school houses and such as that?
- A. They do not have them in the same sense that we have, but their churches or school houses are one and the same thing. Put it that way because they learn the universal laws which are also of their Creator and that of man as a unit combination, no division.
- Q. Have they birds and animals and fish and flowers?

- A. No different than our own for we must admit our earth is born of space, for if it is born of space it has got its chemicals of which it is composed, out of space. The other planets born of the same space, and especially our own system, should not have reproduced anything different than this planet has, chemically speaking.
- Q. What do the people there eat?
- A. They are mostly vegetarians, although if they come to your home and you have nothing but meat they will eat it, and they will also eat it on the planet if that should be a necessity.
- Q. Do they raise stock there for food purposes like we do?
- A. No, they do not.
- Q. Would it be possible for people from other planets to come to earth land in a flying saucer and to get a job or work in some way here, live among us as our neighbours and friends without being recognised?
- A. Yes it is very possible, in fact they could marry and no one would know the difference.
- Q. Can they read our thoughts?
- A. Yes they can read our thoughts very well, although we are not well developed in that field but most of our salesmen and people dealing with people read other people, and knowing beforehand just what the reaction of individual will be, with whom they are dealing, and that is a part of that mental reading and they have developed it to a far greater extent than we do, therefore they are able to read us much easier.
- Q. Then if we met any of them we would have no difficulty in talking with them.
- A. Not at all.
- Q. Could we entertain them in our homes as friends, and feed them and such as that, and be comfortable with them?
- A. No different than we do our own friends now, in fact a lot more comfortable.
- Q. How can we get to meet them?
- A. Well that is a big question, I have been asked that a thousand times, and it seems that they choose their people somehow. And why I wouldn't know but they have picked up and made contacts with people from the lowest so called talent base of earth man to the highest, already. They seem to be picking up in all fields of endeavour and no one can ever tell who might be the next although you do not need such a great education for such a contact, but it is better if you have a broader view of life, as they could use you a lot better, in other words they could use you as a servant to spread the good news; but they do contact all phases. Their greatest and important part, that I might say, is necessary for an individual to be in, for the contact to be made is alert, to be alert; you don't have to concentrate, meditate or anything like that, but be alert. Let me illustrate this little bit this way. For instance two men walk into a place for a drink, they both get the same drink, and they have the drink, then they walk out of the place, and one man says (we will say this is Jim talking to Dick) "Say Jim, did you see that beautiful picture on the bar or did you see that beautiful mantelpiece hanging over in that one corner?" and Dick said "Heck! I haven't seen anything like that. When did you see it? I was in the same place and saw nothing". Proving that one man was alert, and saw everything that was in that room, while the other fellow was not. That is what I mean by alertness.
- Q. Would it be wise to use a flashlight in trying to attract their attention or signal them?
- A. It is dangerous, because after all they are not superhuman beings as some people try to make them out to be, they are too, wondering sometimes what we are going to do, and in cases like that you throw a beam of light against them and that beam could be something dangerous, so not knowing what might be in that beam they will throw a ray at you which will knock you down, which has been known to do and not to hurt you in anyway, but it does frighten you a little bit. For instance this case down here in what you call the Scout master you probably have heard about, when he started hatching the waves at their ship with a matchet. Well supposing that matchet had stuck into the crown of the ship, he would have completed the circuit in this electrical machine and he would have been electrocuted, and it was lucky for him that each time he struck at the ship with the matchet a portion of it broke off and that made no contact

so seeing that they shot a ray at him and knocked him down, and of course this was not hot, but you know a rope is not hot but you can burn your hand. Well that is about the way this happened and he got burnt a little bit, but it saved his life by frightening him that way and getting him away from the ship, so you see that is a dangerous thing to do to focus the light on them. It is better if you are going to signal, signal the light on the ground, towards the ground, they'll see it if that's what they need.

Q. Have they decreased in number these space people?

A. No they have not. They are increasing rather than decreasing. Last year there were many more of them than ever before, and there were 82 personal contacts made throughout the world, yet the papers only carry two contacts out of the 82.

Q. Is the sun hot?

A. The sun is not as near as we can tell now because the closer we go towards the sun in our own planes the colder it gets. It looks like the radiation that comes from the sun, once it hits our atmosphere, it is there that it begins to heat, and especially when it hits our earth, as well as the light that is produced by the same method.

Q. How can these ships sail through space without being hit by meteors?

A. Well they have a force-field, their own gravity, their own atmosphere, as I have stated before, which is known as a forcefield, and is a negative forcefield radiating from the body of the ship, and anything flying through space and any space debris is also negative, but space is positive, therefore, it will repel anything that might be coming towards the ship.

Q. Is space hot or cold, does it have any layers of different temperatures?

A. Well, it has hot layers, warm layers and very cold layers of atmosphere and conditions in space, but travelling at the speed you do and carrying your own atmosphere and your own gravity you do not come in contact with it directly as you would without this protection.

Q. Your new book "Inside the Space Ships" gives many of these answers doesn't it?

A. Yes it does. It gives quite a number of things in reference to life and many other things.

Q. And more information about their thoughts?

A. Yes, about the way they live, and how they think, their entertainment and quite a number of things.

Q. And they do have a lot of entertainment on these planets as well as work and play?

A. Yes they do, they have beautiful music far greater than we have attained so far and all their entertainment is more or less kind of class work, because they learn from their entertainment the gracefulness of their body, like dancing gives gracefulness of the body, everything is done with the purpose of learning - always learning, that is their whole desire and the idea behind it is that the more they learn about the laws of nature and comply with them, the more they render their service unto their Creator, and the more they please their Creator. That's their major point of living, to please their Creator, the Supreme Intelligence of the Universe, not like we, we are out to please ourselves and seldom think of our Creator except when we get into trouble, but they are constantly in thought of the Creator and do everything with that thought and to please their Creator to the best of their ability, and the best of their knowledge. They look upon each other as a divine creation and therefore they do not harm each other as we do here on earth.

Q. Then it is all done with joy?

A. Yes, all done with joy out and what we call universal love and so forth. In other words they see themselves in the other fellow and they wouldn't want to be hurt so they won't hurt the other fellow, and I believe it is time for religious groups all over the world to take this particular lesson and it is the only hope to save civilisation from total destruction, by the religious groups taking up this method and practising by preaching it, and not only preaching it but practising it - PUT IT TO WORK.

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15 November 1955.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear

Mr. Shand has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of November 7th which he read with a lot of interest.

Yours faithfully,

R.E. Kemp
Ministerial Secretary.

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Ray to you
in person.

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"Mr. Chand"

Department of Civil Engineering

Kalmar College of Arts
1955

I have been amused about these sights
in the 'Times'. Well if anyone had
read the 'Bible' these questions would
not puzzle them. There can be two
heresies. Will the Bible say strange
would be seen in the 'Times' and
there would be talk of life demand
from the 'Heavens' sign of our
Lord's coming. I went to school
when I was 14 years past to the
6th Standard. when I was 10 years
went out to work for for 3/6 week.
I lost my husband World War I had
a son 'Disonor' 14 years, a son
killed as 17 years in an accident.
if you could see how my home
has been ruined by a neighbour

beca use he did not get my home to
paint. He and his only son stay
home I smile for my self when I see
the outside snow for snowed on
It is all filled they dont notice
what they freak come and see for
yourself. My J. K. was like
a father to me but now these
dear wild miners are young the work
is taking there place it can be seen
every day. The first Han. J. Holland
I respect him "Honourably" a respect
and a true "Christian" and not wanted
to say a true Christian I mean
I dont going to the Church now
to many false people there I have
proved it I can find Christ better
in my own home. Comforting the
sick and aged in my home. I would
like you can call and see how
a very people next to me

I think you had better bring
 some of the old "Polish" kind
 of a business being around it
 is only since this Council
 been for he got his wife told
 people just that you the "Mason"
 for protection they can take
 him to court it would be wrong
 for a mason to ~~not~~ condemn him
 they are the men who stayed
 home and let our men rot on
 the battle field while they filled
 their purses to the belly when
 fullfilled "Hon" and respect show
 "Widows do they no strange
 shall be seen in the street, false
 witness on the Church children will
 controll these parents, what is
 seen for clay I can see is fullfilled
 every clay, I told my son he would
 have to go to world war II

He said he would not go to work
 at some of these things at home yet
 he told me he would "end" for some time
 I had helped to get on a "god road" farm at
 Cambridge it was swamp land. I told him
 that he would have to go as the bible
 says, "thy" socks will walk in their father
 foot (step) they shall be taken prisoner
 the walls will open and they will
 be set free well that happened he was
 4 years prisoner and "The Bible" has
 never been wrong yet I went up
 to milk his cows his wife could not
 do much. I understood farming I could
 tell you a long and sad story and people
 get jealous of me because I can
 live a honorable and respectable
 the people dont want Christ these and
 they dont want it for help respectable
 person like me I have been an Red Cross
 got in Prisoner and School Committee I dont
 like being idle but I have T.B. in my arm
 and a collapsed Lung yet I can be
 happy with Christ but on my own
 name

(You are invited to a meeting -)

I would be gratefully happy if
you called on me. The Pier & Barton
he was here when Mr Hubbard was
away, and he seen what I have
to put up with this neighbor. He
said I had the Inner Christ I
will win you Christ is coming
to honor and help us. Nations
from these scoffers and false witness
will I could tell you a lot
on this great book it has never been
wrong yet I gave my husband my son
read my three children respectable
because I live with Christ and
is not wanted with the scoffers
I will tell you more about these
strange things. I will be ready
he will protect me I have
felt his presence when I have had
trouble or I am in a close I have a
phone or you will get a surprise
when you meet me what I can tell you

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TPS

10 November 1955

ROTORUA.

Dear

I have heard only one other first hand description of the sighting of unexplained lights performing peculiar antics and that was from His experience was somewhat similar to yours. There is no doubt there are many phenomena for which we have not yet found an explanation.

Yours sincerely,

(T.P. SHAND)
Minister in Charge of
Civil Aviation.

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10 November 1955

ROTORNA.

Dear

I have heard only one other first hand description of the sighting of unexplained lights performing peculiar antics and that was from Mr E. Lundén. His experience was somewhat similar to yours. There is no doubt there are many phenomena for which we have not yet found an explanation.

Yours sincerely,

(T.P. SHAND)
Minister in Charge of
Civil Aviation.

Rotorua

Nov 4th 1955

The Minister,
Civil Aviation,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

In the news papers I read with very keen interest the reports of the flying lights seen by Capt. W.A. Rainbow while flying a D.C.3 at night over Wairarapa recently.

Since you are holding an investigation into this phenomenon, I would like to pass on to you, for what value it may be, an experience which I myself had during the second world war which may or may not bear some relationship to your investigation.

My name is _____ and service number was _____ I was discharged from the RNZAF _____ holding the rank of Flight Lieutenant at that time. I am now a school teacher.

During the war I flew single engine fighters both on day and night

operations in the middle East and Europe. The experience I am about to relate occurred while I was, flying with 73 RAF Squadron in Hurricane night fighters, in the middle East.

The period was March or April 1943 during the advance of the 8th Army and I think the incidents took place over the Monastir area.

Previous to my own experience several pilots on our Squadron had reported being followed by lights.

As I remember it, I had set off at night from my base for enemy territory. I crossed the battle line and observed well ahead of me and to my port a faint glow of light similar to that given off by flares for which at first I mistook it. The course I was flying should have taken me very much to the starboard of the light, but contrary to expectations the distance between the light and myself was rapidly decreasing with an increasing

intensity of light³. Finally the light drew along side my port wing, and at a distance of about 50 to 100 yards took up a course and speed identical to my own.

I found that on altering course height or speed the light did likewise, though if the change were sudden there would be a short time lag before it caught up.

By turning suddenly and steeply I was able to chase the light around in a circle until I could aim my ^{four} 20mm cannons at it.

This I did several times until my ammunition was exhausted, but each time I observed, no apparent change in the behaviour of the light.

In due time I set course for base without completing my original mission, and the light continued to move with me. As I neared the battle front I noted that the light began to lag behind and become dimmer. Having crossed the battle line I again turned back into enemy territory and noted that the light

was in the position, and condition that I'd originally observed it.

The behaviour of the light repeated the same pattern as previously as I continued into enemy territory.

The light burned a strong steady orange red glow and when alongside the aircraft illuminated quite brightly the whole plane. I could observe nothing to which the light was attached nor could I determine what created it.

During the time the light was with me I received no attention from anti aircraft guns. One other New Zealander was with 73 Squadron at this time and could verify these remarks. He is

and was in the Wairarapa Province when I last heard of him. As several 73 Squadron pilots at this period experienced this, and all handed in reports to intelligence, it is possible there may have been an official explanation. Perhaps R.A.F. Air Ministry may have information that might be relevant in aiding your investigation, the result of which may solve my own experience.

yours sincerely

TPS

39/3/3

10 November 1955

DUNEDIN.

Dear

We do have radar in New Zealand but we don't maintain a radar search of our whole coast line all the time; that would be extremely expensive and there are considerable limitations on the capacity of radar to observe over mountainous country. No radar screen was directed at the time upon the area in which this phenomenon was observed.

Yours faithfully,

(T.P. SHAND)
Minister in Charge of
Civil Aviation.

Dunedin. S.W. 2.

5th Nov. 1955.

To The Hon. Mr. Shand, Minister for Civil Aviation.

Dear Sir:

By last week's press I see where you ordered an inquiry into the sighting of an object in the sky in the North Island. One hears of similar sightings from time to time, I like to know if we have radar in this country if their presence can not be detected. Also could our armed forces take armed action?

Also when such sightings are seen in a certain area, the local radio station broadcast immediately their presence so that the maximum number of people can see such objects?

Yours faithfully

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10 November 1955.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear

I was very interested to read your letter.

Venus was observed to be particularly bright and was in the approximate position you describe at the time, but the fact that you and a number of other witnesses are certain that it moved substantially, and incidentally in a direction different from that in which it was observed by Captain Rainbow to move, is most interesting.

I had a brief discussion with the Director of Meteorological Services and he is unaware of any previous reported optical phenomenon of this type and magnitude.

I have passed your letter with the information it contained to the Department for investigation, and I expect that in due course someone will be asking you for further details.

Yours sincerely,

Centre Observatory

G.P. Shand

(T.P. SHAND)

The Air Secretary,
Referred.

J.P.S.
10.11.55.

(By Elsie K. Morton)

FLYING SAUCERS—ARE THEY HOKUM?

If somebody doesn't do something pretty quickly about this flying saucer business, some of us will find ourselves gibbering every time a plane leaves vapour trails streaming across the heavens, or a shooting star streaks through the sky! Next day there will be eye-witnesses' accounts of new flying saucer manifestations in every newspaper in the country.

Only yesterday, just before dawn, I had to exercise considerable self-control to prevent myself from rushing outside and peering skyward as an unearthly rumbling drew nearer and nearer. From my bedroom window I saw strange lights playing on the trees down our road. . . . Back to bed, poor toon. It is only an early milk-van!

It all comes from reading every flying saucer report published in the newspapers, just to find out what people are saying is going on out there in realms of space. I never read who-dunnits, and I shun thrillers like poison; I suppose I have to get my mental excitement somehow, and this flying saucer business has to supply it.

In June last year, F.S. investigators predicted a major rush of saucers. It was believed they came from Mars, and in the peak period of the rush, the saucer-scientists said, Mars and the earth would only be forty-three million miles distant from the sun, so anything was due to happen. Sure enough, strange lights that changed colour in a remarkable way were seen over Heliers Bay in Auckland a few months later, but that didn't really get us anywhere.

Little Men In Helmets

In August, however, things really hotted up a bit. Somebody in the United States saw a batch of flying pencils; others reported a covey of ash-trays and inverted wash-basins sailing through the sky.

In Northern France, police investigated a report that two little men wearing enormous helmets and overalls had landed in a citizen's garden by night in a saucer. They were touchy little souls, and when the owner of the garden turned his torch on them, they flashed a blinding green light in his eyes, hopped back smartly into their saucer and took off into space vertically in a cloud of hissing black smoke!

Another personal encounter with a space-man provided the most sensational story of all, about a week later. Two innocent young Norwegian girls were picking blueberries on a hillside when they suddenly came across a saucer parked in a little grassy dell! A dark stranger, wearing a khaki uniform without buttons, but happily with a belt, approached the girls and addressed them very civilly, but in a language they could not understand. They politely offered him a tinful of blueberries, but he would not accept them. Leaping into his saucer, which rose straight up into the air, he whizzed off into space. The police questioned the sisters closely, but although they said the girls could not possibly be lying, they could find no sign that the spot indicated

homey things like saucers and pencils, but armies of men engaged in aerial battle, horrible visions of the dying and the dead, of fire and smoke and showers of blood! One of these spine-chilling encounters is described in gory detail in an ancient book that is one of my most gruesome, but most highly prized possessions.

On the last Sunday of the year 1646, according to a narrator with a vivid eye for detail, "there did appear in the sight of the inhabitants of Dublin City a prodigious armament in the firmament. There suddenly filled the sky a great host of armed men on horses and on foot, also a train of artillery with great ordnance and field pieces, as for a battle, which was also presented, to the amazement of the beholders the gunners giving fire in such dire and hideous manner that the flames struck the beholders dumb with terror.

The Game Of Death

Still more terrible was a "great wonder" seen in the heavens shortly after the Battle of Edgehill, the following year, in which 5000 men were slain.

On the Saturday before Christmas Day, about midday, the roll of drums was heard afar off, and the noise of soldiers giving out their last dying groans. Then, suddenly appeared in the air a great company of the slain. With ensigns displayed, drums beating, horses neighing, muskets firing and canons discharging, the first act in this dreadful game of death struck up, and so to it they went pell-mell, until two or three in the morning. On Christmas night, the same scene was again enacted, and the spectators much terrified, withdrew to their houses, beseeching God to defend them from those prodigious enemies."

Reading these weird old stories was like walking dream-eyed into a nightmare. They were based, of course, on superstition, ignorance, and utter credulity beyond present-day belief.

Yet one cannot help wondering what the verdict on flying saucers will be in fifty years' time.

Hokum? I'm not sure.

Farmer Sees Flying Light In Evening Sky

Mr. Ian McKenzie, a Waltham Downs farmer, saw an object similar to a flying saucer on Monday evening.

He considers that the object, a brilliant light the size of a saucer, could not have been a star nor a planet as it was a long way below their level.

Mr. McKenzie on Monday night was ploughing about 9.12 o'clock by artificial light from his tractor. On reaching the brow of a hill he saw a brightly lit object coming toward him from the west. He stopped his tractor and switched off the lights.

He was not able to hear any noise, but saw the light execute a circle.

The light maintained an even altitude, and disappeared to the north-east after about four minutes of level flight.

Mr. McKenzie said that when he reached the brow of the hill he saw a bright light similar to a motor-cycle headlamp approaching him. It was roughly the size of a saucer, and when it executed its circular movement he noticed from the side view that a beam of light was emitted from a following object.

Mr. McKenzie is definite that what he saw was not a star, planet, or meteor, but something travelling much lower than these which he cannot explain. He estimated the speed of the object at 400 miles an hour.



"Strange" Objects Seen In Hamilton Sky

Reports of strange objects flying in the sky over Hamilton on Wednesday night have been received from two sources. Mr. S. L. Vale, of Hillcrest, and his son first noticed a bright light in the south-western sky when in their car coming down the Hillcrest hill at 7.47 p.m.

They watched the light for some distance and, as they neared a store, pulled up and the customers in the store and the owner of the store, Mr. D. Hawke, were called out and they confirm seeing two lights in the sky.

Mr. John Vale, in describing the strange objects, said he had no idea what they were but they definitely looked solid, something like an inverted saucer, and they traveled fast and smoothly. There was only one object at the start and as it was nearing the northern horizon it was joined by the second object seen by Mr. Hawke and himself at the store.

Mr. Hawke, a wartime pilot, said this morning that he definitely saw, with the other people two strange lights, which were moving. They could be likened to pin-points of searchlights on clouds. He was not prepared to offer any opinion as to what they actually were.

11 NOV 1955

MESSAGE FROM : AIR TRAFFIC CENTRE , 24/1/56.

Report from Auckland sighting a flying saucer.

Mt Roskill, Auckland, Phone

at 23.45 on Saturday 21st January states that he and two friends sighted a large blue round light shaped like an orange but flat on top. It was stationary and left no trail. They saw it for about 10 seconds and then it disappeared, and they said they were looking east from Mt. Roskill at the time."

TPS

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10 November 1955

Via Te AWAMUTU.

Dear

I have referred your information to the Civil Aviation Department who, of course, have a complete record of all aircraft flying in New Zealand. It could easily be an airforce aircraft which you saw. The time, of course, was some hour and fifteen minutes after the phenomenon observed by Captain Rainbow.

Yours sincerely,

↓
Director of Intelligence

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[Signature]
10/11/55

(T.P. SHAND)
Minister in Charge of
Civil Aviation.



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The Air Secretary: *[Signature]*

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via Te Anau.
St. No. 55.

Minister of Civil Aviation,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

Re "Flying Light".

On the night of Monday Oct 31st,
a few minutes after 10 p.m., I
heard two planes coming up
from the south. The first one
disappeared north before the
second one, a Dakota, was overhead.
I did not see them, but a neighbour
who thought it was a plane with an
engine fault, looked, and saw the
"flying light". I hope that
the knowledge that the "light"
had an engine will help you.
Yours faithfully,

REPORT

To: The Director of Intelligence,
Royal New Zealand Air Force,
Headquarters, Wellington.

From: The Director, Carter Observatory,
Wellington.

Subject: Flying lights observed by N.A.C. Aircraft
on the night of 1955 October 31.

Date: 1955 November 7



1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

The following details were supplied by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff, the Director of Intelligence and other officers at R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters.

On the evening of 1955 October 31 an aircraft (N.A.C.) was flying from Wanganui to Auckland, at an altitude of 8,000 feet, when, between the control points of Ohura and Raglan on a course of 350 (true) an unexplained light was observed on the port side, showing apparent movement, changes in colour, and fluctuations in light intensity. The times of observation were from 2006 to 2011, New Zealand Standard Time (0806 to 0811 G.M.T. 31st October).

Reference to some of these features will be made under the heading "Comments", below.

This report is prepared on the request of the Director of Intelligence.

2. POSSIBLE CELESTIAL PHENOMENA:

The duration of 5 minutes, during which the object was observed, eliminates entirely any suggestion of a meteor. Such objects are visible mostly only for a fraction of a second, or a few seconds at the most, and have characteristics of flight entirely different to the description given.

There were no exceptional astronomical phenomena at the time, such as a nova or comet.

The Moon was at "Full" phase on October 31 at 0604 G.M.T., and would have been on the starboard side at an altitude in the sky such as to eliminate any confusion with that body.

The only other objects that can be considered are the planets Venus and Saturn, and the star Antares. The results of calculations for these objects are given below.

3. ALTAZIMUTH COORDINATES OF VENUS:

Assumed position: Latitude 39°S
Longitude 174°10'E
No allowance for dip or refraction.

<u>G.M.T.</u>	<u>Zenith Distance</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>True Bearing.</u>
0800	87° 47'.5		247° 55'
0805	88 41 .3	53'.8	247 08
0810	89 34 .9	53 .6	246 21
0815	90 28 .0	53 .1	245 34
0820	91 21 .0	53 .0	244 46
0825	92 13 .5	52 .5	243 58

The time of setting for Venus may be interpolated or extrapolated by the above table for the following factors:-

- (a) At sea level with no refraction, Z.D. = 90° 00'
- (b) At sea level for refraction of 34', Z.D. = 90° 34'
- (c) At 8,000 feet and no refraction, Z.D. = 91° 28'
(A.N.T. tables give dip for 8,000 feet as 88')
- (d) At 8,000 feet and refraction of 40', Z.D. = 92° 08'

The allowance for refraction at 8,000 feet is generous, in that a table in the Air Almanac gives a refraction of about 1° 40' for altitude 8,000 feet, and would make the time of setting much later, since a Z.D. of 93° 08' is then required.

4. POSITION LINES FOR SETTING TIMES OF VENUS:

While the accuracy of data in Section (3), has been verified by various partial checks, it may be argued that since they apply to only one point, the results may be different for other points. To cover this contingency the following lines for equal times of setting (or position lines for given zenith distances at given times) have been calculated. They have been calculated for a height of 8,000 feet (dip 88') but no allowance for refraction. Variations in the times of these position lines for various factors can be allowed for in conjunction with the table in Section (3).

<u>G.M.T./Lat.</u>	<u>35°S</u>	<u>36°S</u>	<u>37°S</u>	<u>38°S</u>	<u>39°S</u>	<u>40°S</u>
0800	176°58'	177°35'	178°09'	178°44'	179°20'	179°57'
0805	175 43	176 20	176 54	177 29	178 05	178 42
0810	174 28	175 05	175 39	176 14	176 50	177 27
0815	173 14	173 50	174 24	174 59	175 35	176 12
0820	171 59	172 35	173 09	173 44	174 20	174 57
0825	170 44	171 21	171 54	172 29	173 05	173 42
0830	169 29	170 06	170 39	171 14	171 50	172 27

For arguments of G.M.T. in the left hand vertical column, and latitude in the top horizontal row, the body of the table gives longitudes east of Greenwich.

Plotting these values on a chart exhibits quite clearly that Venus would be visible from the aircraft during the whole flight, except for any cloud that might be present.

5. ALTAZIMUTH CORRDINATES FOR SATURN:

Assumed position: Latitude 39°S
Longitude 174° 11' E.

No allowance for dip or refraction.

The assumed position of 1' further east was an accidental error

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which will make no difference in the final argument. The results are for the exact position as given in this Section.

<u>G.M.T.</u>	<u>Zenith Distance</u>	<u>True Bearing</u>
08 05	90° 26'.8	248° 24'
0810	91 21 .0	247 37
0815	92 14 .9	246 48

From these results it can be seen by inspection that Saturn was lower in the sky than Venus, and since it was much fainter (Venus, magnitude -3.3; Saturn, magnitude +0.7), Venus would be more obvious and Saturn either invisible or automatically neglected.

6. ALTAZIMUTH COORDINATES OF ANTARES:

Assumed Position: Latitude 39°S
Longitude 174° 10'E

No allowance for dip or refraction

<u>G.M.T.</u>	<u>Zenith Distance</u>	<u>True Bearing</u>
0800	71° 07'.2	250° 57'
0805	72 02 .4	250 16
0810	72 57 .3	249 35
0815	73 51 .9	248 54

Since Antares was so much higher in the sky it would seem unlikely that attention could have altered from Venus to this star. Also the still fainter brightness of this star compared with Saturn is an important factor tending to dismiss the star as a suspect.

7. COMMENTS:

- 7.1 Astronomical phenomena which may immediately be dismissed from consideration are, meteors, novae, comets and the Moon.
- 7.2 Meteorological observation balloons may be immediately dismissed, and this has been confirmed by enquiries from the Director of Meteorological Services.
- 7.3 There can be no question of other aircraft giving this effect, otherwise it would have been stated either by Civil Aviation or the R.N.Z.A.F. Further more it could only have been a craft on a similar course, when the green starboard light would have been an obvious identification.
- 7.4 Vapour trails observed in Wellington on the same evening have been confirmed by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff as having been produced by jet aircraft at 30,000 feet, and therefore have no connection with the phenomena under consideration.
- 7.5 The only astronomical objects which can be considered are Venus, Saturn and Antares. Of these, for the reasons noted in Sections 5 and 6, only Venus can be considered.



- 7.6 Venus was in the general direction as reported by all concerned on the first sighting.
- 7.6.1 The light fluctuation, or twinkling is a common occurrence for planets at low altitude, contrary to the generalisation of text-books that planets shine with a steady light. The prismatic effect of the atmosphere at such altitudes also causes changes of colour, and it is understood that the object was reddish with occasional flashes of green or blue. This is to be expected.
- 7.6.2 Some of the reports indicate a fairly large object. This may be either psychological after attention has been actively directed to an object for an interval of time, or could be due to a halo effect in the atmosphere producing an apparent enlargement.
- The well known illusion of the apparent enlargement of objects near the horizon (e.g. the rising moon) must also be considered. This could well compensate any diminution of brightness due to atmospheric extinction.
- 7.6.3 Some confusion was at first caused by the impression of the captain of the aircraft that the object moved relatively from abaft to before the beam. With the aircraft on course 350 True, and assuming the object to be Venus at bearing 245 True, the relative bearing would be Red 105 or only 015 abaft the beam. Unless expert airmanship evidence can state otherwise I consider it would not require undue yawing to bring such an object abeam on the wing tip or ahead. I understand that one witness considers the object remained on a steady relative bearing abeam. Such being the case, the evidence for Venus is increased, and it is difficult to say whether the observer would clearly distinguish from eye alone, relative bearings anywhere between Red 090 and Red 110. So far as I can ascertain no accurate bearing or relative bearing observations are available.
- 7.6.4 At the times of sighting the altitude of Venus was such that it would have been approaching or in the horizon plane of the aircraft. This can be seen from the data in Section 3.
- 7.6.5 Air Commodore Cohen, and several of the other witnesses ascribed the appearance to a planet on the first sighting.
- 7.6.6 At the first sighting, Venus in relation to Mount Egmont, would have an apparent motion due to the motion of the aircraft.

8. GENERAL CONCLUSION:

From all the above considerations it is suggested that the planet Venus was the object responsible for the reports, unless new evidence is produced to completely eliminate such a possibility.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

In the next few weeks, aircraft on the same flight might watch out to confirm this appearance. Venus is rapidly becoming



a prominent evening star, and after a few weeks the confusion will cease to exist because of its higher altitude at this time of evening.

10. DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT:

Director of Intelligence, R.N.Z.A.F.	2 copies
Director of Meteorological Service	1 copy
Chairman, Carter Observatory Board	1 "
Carter Observatory (records)	2 copies
Total	<u>6</u> copies

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DIRECTOR
CARTER OBSERVATORY



116 St. Johns Road,
Remuera,
AUCKLAND.

11th November, 1955.

Squadron Leader Golding,
Air Department,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

Since our last conversation I have read in the newspapers a statement from the R.N.Z.A.F. Authorities, that they consider the bright light may be the planet Venus, but that they cannot understand its change of position because I stated that we did not alter course.

To me, this appears to be now, that my ability as a pilot, and also my reputation, is being questioned. I did not wish to be involved in this inquiry; I saw a bright object; it passed my aircraft and I notified A.T. Control, and as far as I was concerned that was the end of the matter. After watching this object, and after having read reports from overseas, the answer appeared quite simple. As you are no doubt well aware, there are hundreds, and I do not think that is an exaggeration, of similar reports by airline, military and private pilots, and as I see it this is just another report of a sighting.

I have been an airline pilot for ten years, eight of which are as captain, and have over 7,000 hours to my credit, and if the R.N.Z.A.F. authorities can believe that I could in moonlight conditions, in full contact with the ground, allow an aircraft on the auto-pilot to turn towards the West by 60° - 70° to enable Venus to alter its position in relation to our course, then having realised this, and therefore alter back 60° - 70° to regain my track, and still report the incident to A.T.C. upon arrival, then obviously I am a most incompetent pilot, plus a prize idiot for my behaviour.

Points that I wish to confirm, and as far as I am concerned are accurate, are :

We maintained a steady course on the auto-pilot of 330
That the object passed our aircraft, at the same altitude as
ourselves.



The object was in itself radiating a light, and it was no reflection from any cloud effects, because when sighted it was clear of any cloud.

It is difficult to believe that the authorities can believe that two airline pilots cannot tell the difference between an object passing between 5 - 15 miles from the aircraft, (that is allowing for F/O Trounce's belief that it was more like 5 miles than my 15 mile estimation), and a planet on the horizon.

After observing the planet Venus six nights after sighting this object, I kept a continuous watch on the planet for 65 minutes under similar conditions, and at no time was there any comparison, especially in regards to the distance and the size of the object. When the object was at its minimum brilliance it was far smaller than Venus, but at its maximum brilliance, it gave an impression of being far brighter and larger.

A point that I would like you to investigate is, at the time I received my clearance to descend to 4,000 ft., the object was still in full sight, slightly ahead and below, and above 8/8th cloud. Now the time of obtaining this clearance was not given, therefore could you please check and see if it was after the planet had set, when this clearance was obtained. This is apart from the facts that at that time it was close in, above 8/8th cloud, ahead of us, and below, and appeared to be west of Waikato River mouth.

Mr. Gibson stated that we would receive the fullest consideration if any pilots reported any further of these objects, but personally after all the newspaper reports, phone calls, R.N.Z.A.F. statements plus personal embarrassment, I would have to have the little men waving to me before I made any further reports of this nature.

Please do not consider this at all personal; I do not refer to you when I mention authorities, but I wonder what other excuse they would make up if the planet Venus was not in this area at the same time. Please include this in my personal report.

Enclosed you will find a typical letter, one of the many received.



Yours faithfully,

A. S. Rambow

Wm. S. Parker
with
MS. 1/2

Auckland
Captain W. J. Rainbow

Dear Sir

May I reply to your
Account in the "Herald" today
In Luke 21st - 9th & 28th there
is the last account. 11th verse
Great Signs from Heaven
25th verse signs in Sun Moon -
& stars 26th verse Men's hearts
failing 28th verse and when
ye see these things begin to come
to pass Lift up your heads for your
Redemption draweth nigh
I've read this account for 60 years
& many of ~~us~~ us have. We rejoice
because ~~the~~ Christ is coming
to take us Home, Believe it Brothers
& peace will fill your heart.

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Squadron Leader Golding,
Director of Intelligence,
Wellington

31-10-55

Dear Sir,

On the night of the 1st of November, 1955, I was Captain of Flight 108 proceeding from Wellington to Auckland. We departed from Paraparaumu in excellent weather, and conditions remained so until we ran into a warm front which was lying across our track at Raglan Reporting and extended out to the west where it lay in a N.E.-S.W. direction. 87.

After sunset, visibility was excellent, due to a full moon and little cloud over the air route. At 2006 hrs. as I was looking towards the south-west direction, a very brilliant light caught the corner of my eye. This light was positioned above 8/8ths cloud, the tops of which appeared to be about 6000ft. and also below scattered middle cloud.

My first impression was that it was a meteor, or a planet setting in the Southern declination, but after closer investigation I could see that it was moving by about 2000 ft above the cloud tops, and it was changing its light intensity from a bright hard light to a brilliant light in a cycle of approximately 3 secs and changing colour from white-yellow-orange to red.

It appeared to be to the west of Waitara and at the same altitude to us. I then asked the co-pilot F/O S. Trounce, to have a look towards our tail and to tell me what he thought the light could be. At first his impressions were the same as mine, but he could not understand the change of brilliance in the light, its colour, or the fact that it was overtaking us at the same altitude. He also suggested that I open the window to eliminate any refraction error, but it made no difference to the object.

I then asked him to go to the cabin and ask a Mr. Tuckett who is an Civil Aviation Officer and an experienced pilot, to watch the light and to ask if he thought it was a planet. During the co-pilot's absence I called Wellington Control and asked if there were any known aircraft to the west of New Plymouth, and their answer was negative. I next called them and told them there was a bright light to the west of New Plymouth and to ask Flight 135 if he could see it; the last part of my message was jammed by Wellington Control who were at that same time just doing that. I next called up and said that this bright light was changing colour, and passing to the West of us at a distance, of , if I remember rightly, of 10-15 mls, and at the same time giving them incorrect call sight flight 135.



F/O Trounce then returned to the cockpit, when at this time the object was just west of our wingtip and still at the same altitude as ourselves. Our Auto-pilot was engaged on the same course of 330 degrees compass as it had been for the last 10 mins since Ohura check point, and this I checked to ensure that I was not turning towards the west and so explain the object's changed position in relation to our course. I could also see the object flying in and out of a few tops as the cloud^{which} was now building up as we approached the front. After a further close look and discussion with the co-pilot, I then told him to go back to the cabin and waken Air Commadore Cohen and to get him to have a look at this object and so confirm what we were seeing. As the co-pilot was in the cabin, we entered the front, and knowing that there were no aircraft on the air-route I climbed up to the 9000 where-upon the object was easily picked up below us and ahead. After several more mins observation I obtained our clearance down the 4000 ft and so lost contact upon entering cloud again.

During the descent the co-pilot returned to the cockpit and informed me that the Air Commodore stated that it was a planet and took no further interest and went back to sleep. I then went back to the cabin and spoke to Mr. Tuckett and asked if he thought it was a planet, and to this he said no, and that he had not seen anything like that before. He also noticed the object overtaking us and changing its position in relation to us. A Mr. Hume in the seat ahead of him also confirmed all that Tuckett, Trounce and myself had seen. I then approached the Air Commodore and asked his opinion, to which he remarked that it was a planet low down on the horizon, but he made no further comment when I said that it had definitely passed us at 8000 ft.

Upon arrival at Whenuapai, I notified the officer on duty at Whenuapai, and as far as I was concerned there the matter rested.

Points of interest concerning the object:

It was a small bright light then increasing to brilliant in a cycle of 3 seconds, but this change of intensity did not appear to be constant during the whole observation.

It changed colour from white-yellow-orange(gold) to red.

It did not appear to have any tail or trail behind it.

It did not appear as a soft reflected light.

It travelled from west of Waitara to a position approx west of Waikato river mouth during the same time as we travelled from approx 3 mls south of Albatross point to just North of Raglan reporting point.

It maintained a steady altitude and overtaking speed.

The light appeared to be revolving such as a beacon on the top of the Whenuapai Control Tower, at a distance of 10 miles.

Points of interest concerning the object (continued)

If it was there during the previous 30 - 45 minutes we would have seen it ahead of us approaching Ohura due the excellent visibility in that area, in other words it just appeared in our view from the south.

A planet does not overtake at a steady altitude from the S.S.W. and disappear to the N.N.West.

At 2006 hrs. we called Wellington concerning this light, and the planet Venus was below the horizon at 2010 hrs. therefore for the previous hour and its 15 degree travel the planet was below and behind the Cold Front lying out to the west, and it would account for us not seeing this planet during the night. This would ~~be~~ also apply to flight 135, southbound. We still had this object in sight after the time that the Planet Venus was below the horizon.

A similar object was later seen in the same area 2 hrs. later by two men.

This object was in view for approx 5 - 10 minutes and was seen clearly by 3 pilots and one civilian and then seen briefly by Air Commodore Cohen.

A planet's light could change its intensity due to the proximity of cloud, but this object was well clear of any cloud at first and still it did not appear as a steady light.

ON FLT 135 VENUS WAS VISIBLE FROM 0730 - 0835 IN THE SAME APPROX POSITION BUT AT A FAR GREATER ARC.

THE OBJECT WHEN AT MINIMUM INTENSITY WAS FAR SMALLER THAN VENUS VENUS AT NO TIME APPEARED AS CLOSE TO OUR AIRCRAFT LAST NIGHT, AS ON THE NIGHT OF 1ST NOV WHEN THIS OBJECT WAS SEEN TO PALT.

...C. H. J. Kimber

File for "flying saucers" 1/37/3/3

Thinks Strange Light Was Planet Venus

AUCKLAND, Today (PA).—
The Royal New Zealand Air
Force can call its Inspector-
General, Air Commodore R. J.
Cohen, as a star witness in the
top-level Services inquiry ordered
into the flying light-mystery.

An independent investigating committee is now satisfied beyond all doubt that the mysterious light was in fact the "Space Ship Venus" which, on the day the mysterious light was reported, arrived at Kirkcaldie and Stains.

There can be no possible justification for the confusion of thought which has been publicly expressed for, as so long ago as last July, Kirkcaldie's announced the opening of an "Interplanetary Travel Bureau," and have already carried many juvenile passengers on the inaugural flights of the "Interplanetary Space Ship Venus."

The "Space Ship Venus" can actually be seen at Kirkcaldie's and flights are being booked continually throughout each day, although in view of the confusion recently caused, and in order to spare the authorities further embarrassment, night flights, with the exception of those on Friday evenings, have been suspended.

It should be noted, however, that the flashing lights of the "Space Ship Venus" are seen quite clearly during the daylight hours.

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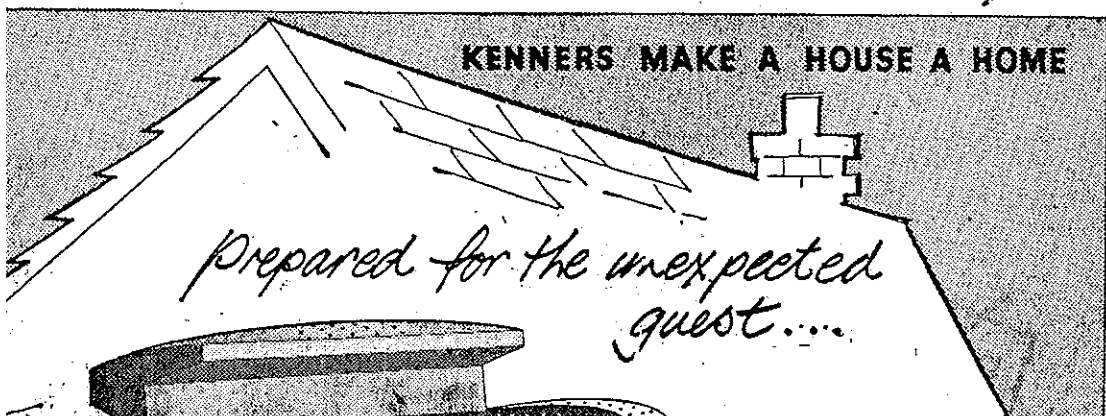
MR. & MRS. P. BARKER, who were married recently at the Sacred Heart Church, Petone. The bride was formerly Miss Ri McNeill, of the well-known sporting family.



MR. RICHARD LAFFERTY and his bride, who was formerly Pamela, daughter of Mrs. T. C. Beck and the late Mr. Beck, of Lower Hutt. Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty were married recently at the

KENNERS MAKE A HOUSE A HOME

*Prepared for the unexpected
guest....*



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Initials. 10/11/1955

9th November, 1955.

TIMARU.

Dear

I have to thank you for your letter of 7th November which has been passed to RNZAF Intelligence for further action. No doubt that organisation will contact you further if it desires additional information.

In passing I would add that this Administration is concerned at the statement made in the final sentences of page 1 of your letter. The flying saucer observed by your nephew and yourself may have been carrying passengers for hire and reward, which would be contrary to the Civil Aviation Regulations as the licence for this aerodrome does not include flying saucers in the categories of aircraft licensed for use. In the event that you witness any further unauthorised operations of this nature it would be appreciated if you could be more prompt in advising this Administration and if possible observe the registration markings of the aircraft so that this Administration may have the opportunity of pursuing enquiries with the operator concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Civil Aviation

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Director of Intelligence
Referred
Booth

TIMARU

SEADOWN, 9th. November 1955.

Mr. E. A. Gibson,
Director of Civil Aviation,
Air Department,
WELLINGTON C.I.

Dear Sir,

I hereby sincerely desire to pass on information to you and your department, about Flying Saucers if it is acceptable to you.

The idea in writing to you occurred to me after reading about the experience of Capt. W.T. Rainbow pilot of the D.C.3 Aircraft who reported sighting the strange light following the aircraft last Monday evening; and the Investigation ordered by Hon. T.P. Shand into the incident.

I have been interested in Flying Saucers for the past eight years, and have sighted many of these Visitors from Outer Space round these parts of Seadown and Levels areas.

I have for the past twelve months been associated with Mr. [redacted] on lecturing and research on Flying Saucers, Mother Ships and their origin. We have formed the "Adamski Flying Saucer Group" here in Timaru and have had two, two hour tape recordings sent from Mr. Geo Adamski on this subject. We have supplied copies of these tapes to the N.Z. C.S.I. Committee in Auckland, and Nelson; and one also to the Australian C.S.I. Committee. We have information that the Questions and Answers tape will be played over to the public in Auckland tomorrow night. We now have a typed copy of this particular tape and will send you a copy which you will receive in a few days time, and trust you will find the TRUE answers from this to many of your questions. Adamski's new book "Inside The Space Ships" has been out in the United States (Congress Library No. 5510556 U.S.A.) for the past few months and is now on the presses in England, and should be out here in March or April of 1956. We both have a copy of the American edition sent to us by Adamski.

I and my Nephew actually witnessed a Flying Saucer taking off from Levels Airport on the evening of 23rd of August 1953.

"BEHIND THE SPACESHIPS"

PAGE 2

6th. Nov 1955.

SEADOWN,

Also on the 4th of March 1955 at 2a.m. a Mr.C.Westaby and I saw a Flying Saucer very close to my home here in Seadown.

We have records of many sightings in these parts by reliable witnesses over the past 15 months. We have given the local newspapers many sightings and valuable information, BUT they do not consider it of enough importance to print. You will probably wonder why you have not heard of these things, but it is not because the newspapers have not been told of these matters. You will also find that the people who witness these sightings and have reported them to the papers, and the papers not taking any action in printing the stories, the people now are reluctant to report any new ones which they may witness.

Trusting you will be interested in this information in view of the pending enquiry.

With kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

Encl. Two photostat copies of letters from Geo Adamski.

Received 14/12/54

PALOMAR TERRACES
STAR ROUTE
VALLEY CENTER, CALIFORNIA

December 6, 1954

Mr. F. W. G. Dickeson
Dickeson Studios
Timaru, New Zealand

Dear Mr. Dickeson:

Please forgive my long delay in answering your most welcome and interesting letter of July 30th. It has been impossible for me to keep up with even the important letters, such as yours, let alone the hundreds of others that have piled up during this year.

I am most interested in your suggestion of window displays and a model plaster-of-Paris Saucer. This should prove of much interest to the citizens of both your city and your nation, if others followed your lead. I do have small 4x5 inch glossy prints of the photographs I have taken, but I believe you could secure large display photos from the publisher. Do you know whether the book is being published in Australia or are copies being shipped from England? I understand it is the former.

Reports from your part of the world indicate that there have been numerous sightings there this year and a great deal of controversy as to the reality and purpose of space visitors. I can assure you they are very real and in time all who are willing to believe will have proof presented to their own eyes.

Since my first meeting as told in FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED I have had a number of other meetings with both men and women of other planets. Those I have met come only as friends and with a desire to help us on Earth, if we are willing to be helped. But they will not force their way of life upon us. I have been in their ships and have been taken through space out as far as our space. Our scientists have much to learn about space itself, as I saw it while traveling through it.

All this and much of the wisdom which they have shared with me regarding life and its purpose, along with a knowledge of the way of life on other planets, has been written into manuscript form and is now in the hands of the publishers to be released next spring. The title: INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS.

In the meantime, for continued interest in this subject, two new books have just been published both in England and here in the States. They are: FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS by Cedric Allingham, by Frederick Muller, Ltd. SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER by Leonard G. Cramp, M.S.I.A., published by T. Werner Laurie, Ltd. Both publishers are in London, England.

Regarding the tapes of lectures I have made, I do have such tapes for my personal files but have never had copies made. I can see the value in your suggestion and will give it a good deal of thought, now that the ms. for the next book is off my hands. Similar requests are coming to me from a number of others and you are quite right in saying that this way will reach a far greater number of people than I could ever hope to reach personally. However, I have not yet worked out a financial solution. Tapes cost a good deal of money and it would require at least two recorders to make duplicates of a lecture. So far I do not have that kind of money. But perhaps in time this will all work out. I am sure it will if this is the way the people should be given the Truth of the friendliness of our Brothers and Sisters whose homes are on other planets, sisters in space to our own world. I sincerely appreciate the offer of your time and efforts in this respect and shall keep you ever in mind so that I will notify you immediately when I have any such tapes that I can send you. Incidentally, what would be the custom on such things if I am able to send one or more to you?

My best wishes to you for a happy holiday season.

Most sincerely,

George Adamski
George Adamski

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January 3, 1950

Dear Mr. Dicke

It was indeed a pleasure receiving your letter of December 20 with its interesting contents. The newspaper report is good. It is also good to know that there are papers whose policies and personnel are big enough to carry such information, that their readers may be alerted to the reality of events taking place today. The more people who know of these facts, thereby overcoming their natural fear of that which they do not know or understand, the quicker close relationship can be established between Earth inhabitants and the people of other worlds, for the benefit of all.

You did an excellent job on making a replica of the Scout and it will serve well in the display window. Although INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS, my next book, will not be published until early spring, you might find a couple of other new books already published in England of interest in keeping the people informed on this subject between now and then. These are FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS, by Cedric Allingham, published by Frederick Muller, London. This is a personal contact between a Britisher and a Man from Mars in Scotland, Feb. 1950. The other SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER, by Leonard Cramp, a British scientist, published by T. Werner Laurie, Ltd. London.

I note with interest your comment about the "staunch Church men who don't believe in these Space Ships" and feel that such information is not suitable for their paper. This very act proves also that they don't believe in God. It is only the egotism of a little mind who for one moment thinks that the Earth is the only inhabited and most intelligence expressing planet of the endless numbers existing in the vastness of the Father's infinite kingdom. I wonder what their interpretation is of Jesus' words, "In my Father's House are many mansions". And even the most egotistical on Earth would not be so bold as to declare that life as we know it on Earth is being lived in its highest expressions. For Jesus himself came to teach us of brotherhood among men and the Fatherhood of God -- a lesson which we have not yet learned, though almost 2,000 years have passed since he gave that lesson to mankind on Earth, and in which we could have learned it. This same Law is known and lived by those of other planets. That is why they are able to do many things which we cannot.

Now regarding the tapes. I like your plan and will do my best to make recordings of the most prevalent questions and answers on the subject, as well as other information of interest and return them to you without too great a delay. My machine is a Webcor; double track; speeds, 7 1/2 and 3 3/4; and takes 1200 ft. reel. Our power is 60 cycle.

I shall enjoy hearing from you personally via the tape, and in this respect I understand that the customs on 'used' articles is much less than on new. Perhaps group conversations filling up all three of the tapes might put them in that category. I am not sure, but it may be a thought. I have been instructed to send lecture tapes to other countries marked "Used: Adamski lecture". So far I have sent none, but am getting prepared to do so by securing a second recorder so that I can make duplicates of tapes instead of repeating the same thing on a number of different tapes for several places. On the other hand, there might not be so much delay at the Customs office if the tapes are sent without too much on them, i.e. conversation on one, and the others blank and still sealed. You might inquire into this aspect.

My best wishes to you and all my friends in New Zealand. May 1950 be a good and happy year for all.

Sincerely,

George Adamski
George Adamski

8th November, 1955

WELLINGTON. No.1.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter describing the unusual object you saw in the sky on 30th October, 1955. However, there is at present no evidence to connect your sighting with the one over the Waikato, which you mention.

Yours faithfully,



(R. E. GOLDING) Sqn.Ldr.
for Wing Commander,
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE.

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The Director,
Civil Aviation Administration,
Bunny Street,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

On Sunday 30/10/55 a friend & myself observed the following from the top of Teitoku Hill:-

at 3:32 pm. shortly after a flying boat had landed in Taranaki Bay we saw a Black circular object in the sky approaching from the South i.e. over Brooklyn; the object proceeded at great height & phenomenal speed finally to disappear in a westerly direction over Mt. Matthews. It had been in sight for approx. 25 seconds.

My friend who first sighted the object said that it appeared to alternate between elliptical & circular shapes as though it were wobbling on an axis from front to rear. When I saw it it retained a stable elliptical shape & was receding at a remarkable speed with no noise.

We were extremely fascinated by what we had seen & it was the topic of conversation that evening. People who we told of our experience were sceptical & unconvinced until an article appeared in the Saturday Dominion recounting phenomena seen in the waitaha. It was this article that has prompted me to write in the hope that we may be able to shed some light on the subject.

Director of Intelligence

Yours Sincerely,

Referred

J. Horrocks
for DCA

AIR DEPARTMENT

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IN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE
THIS NUMBER:
MET.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO:
"THE DIRECTOR,
METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
BOX 722,
WELLINGTON."



CABLE AND TELEGRAPHIC
ADDRESS:
"WEATHER,
WELLINGTON."

METEOROLOGICAL BRANCH
WELLINGTON

8 November 1955.

The Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation
and Meteorological Services.

As arranged in our telephone discussion I attach for your
information my copy of the report, by the Director of the Carter
Observatory, on the lights observed from an NAC aircraft on the
evening of 31 October.

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Minister

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[Signature]
M.A.F. Barnett
(M.A.F. Barnett)
DIRECTOR.

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R.N.Z.A.F. Station,
Hobsonville.

7th November, 1955

Director of Intelligence,
R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters,
Departmental Buildings,
Stout Street,
WELLINGTON

REPORT ON STRANGE PHENOMENA

1. As requested, following is a report on the strange phenomena seen as a lighted object on the night of the 24th November, 1955.

2. I was a passenger on an N.A.C. aircraft, flight number 108 bound Wellington to Auckland and occupied the rearmost passenger seat, port side. At approx. 2000 hours I was approached by the co-pilot who asked me what I thought of the light visible out my window.

3. On looking out, I observed a round orange red light abeam of the aircraft. We were flying between two layers of cloud but the background was clear. No stars were showing.

4. I awoke Air Commodore COHEN who was sleeping across the aisle from me and asked his opinion of the light and he stated that it was a planet. A discussion then began between Air Commodore Cohen and the co-pilot and I continued to observe the light. The light appeared to keep the same bearing on our port side and changed colour from orange red to steely blue and back to orange red. It then receded and disappeared suddenly.

5. The nearest approach to a likeness I can give is a traffic control light observed during daylight from across the street. It did not diffuse rays of light.

6. According to the last written position report given the passengers by the pilot, stated we were at 8,000 feet and the light was level with us, but not knowing its size, I could not say how far away. Its bearing from the aircraft did not appear to change.

7. Answers to Questionnaire:

- (a) My attention to the object was directed by the co-pilot.
- (b) Length of observation would be approx. 2 - 3 minutes.
- (c) Time of Sighting approximately 2000 hours.
- (d) Angle of object above horizon unknown as aircraft flying just above layer of cloud at 8,000 feet and no horizon visible, but object at same level.
- (e) Shape was perfectly round, not as a ball but flat disc with plane at right angles to line of sight.

4th October

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- (f) Colour was orange red changing suddenly to steely blue and back to orange red.
- (g) No peculiarities except that I have never observed its like before.
- (h) Solid in appearance insofar as a light could be, but definitely not a reflected light.
- (i) Only conversation with crew was their statement of the movements of the light on a parallel course to the aircraft at apparently high speed.
- (j) I can not form any opinion concerning the nature or origin of the light, and, while trying to accept Air Commodore Cohen's opinion that it was a planet, I can only say, I have never observed a planet so definitely round in shape or so large.

A.R. Tuckett
(A.R. Tuckett)
Senior Air Traffic Controller
R.N.Z.A.F. Station, HOBSONVILLE.

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TIMES ELIMINATE ONE THEORY

Strange Light In Air Definitely Not Venus

THE best part of a day's discussion at Air Headquarters yesterday did not find the explanation of the fast-moving lighted object sighted by the captain, co-pilot, and passengers of an N.A.C. airliner flying north from New Plymouth on Monday night.

There is, in all great probability, a simple enough explanation—when someone finds it. Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, who was a passenger, has expressed the opinion that Venus is the answer. This was a first point for discussion yesterday, and the conclusion was that it could not have been Venus, for she had already retired for the night, at 8.6pm, for the height at which the plane was flying, over the line of the horizon had the horizon been perfectly clear, but in fact would have been hidden earlier than that by low-lying stratus cloud.

Venus, in short, is declared officially out as the explanation, and, so far, nothing has been put in her place.

A "Post" reporter had a talk with Captain W. T. Rainbow and his co-pilot, First Officer S. G. Trounce. They do not suggest "flying saucers" nor wish their observations to be given any flying saucer flavour or twist.

Captain Rainbow is quite definite about seeing a light which fluctuated "from a brilliant light to a brilliant glow" off to the west of the air line at a distance which appeared to be 10-15 miles.

First Sighting
It was first seen at 8.30pm, on the rear of the aircraft, which was about 8000 feet between Ohangai and Raglan, two regular radioing and control points. It was reported by radio telephone to Flying Control, Wellington, and there recorded in tape form.

All reports, routine, or otherwise, are recorded. The replaying of this record was, of course, a part of yesterday's discussions. The conversations fixed the times beyond question to a dot. Venus had gone to bed for the night.

Whatever it was, it overhauled and passed the airliner; that is, it was first seen in the south-west and as the airliner neared Raglan, moved ahead to the north-west. Planets, said Captain Rainbow, do not do that. There was no question of the aircraft swinging to give that effect, he said, for he was flying on the automatic pilot.

Another passenger, who could not be communicated with yesterday, as he was on leave, was Mr. A. R. Tuckett, Air Traffic Officer at Hobsonville and a very experienced pilot. He, too, had watched the light, or lighted object, or whatever it was, and had first expressed the opinion to Mr. Trounce that it was a planet, but later decided that that could not be so.

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"FLYING LIGHT" INVESTIGATION BY R.N.Z.A.F.

Investigations into the sighting of a "flying light" over the Waikato on Sunday night by two pilots of a National Airways Corporation DC3 aircraft have begun.

The deputy Chief of Air Staff, Group Captain T. F. Gill, said last night that intelligence officers of the Air Department in Wellington had taken statements from the two pilots, Captain W. T. Rainbow and First Officer S. G. Trounce, and these were being studied closely.

Captain Rainbow was the first to sight the object, which he claimed was travelling at the same height as the aircraft—8000 feet—and was clearly visible. He judged the object's speed to be seven times greater than his own aircraft. It contained some kind of porthole. It also changed colour slightly.

The Inspector-General of the R.N.Z.A.F., Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, a passenger on the aircraft, told an inquiry, that he was awakened by one of the pilots who reported the strange object. "I looked out and told him it was a planet and promptly went back to sleep." When he landed, he checked with references and decided positively that what he saw was the planet Venus, low down on the horizon.

The director of the Carter Observatory, Mr. I. L. Thomsen, said that from the information presented to him the possibility of Venus being the "flying light" could not be excluded. However, he was not prepared to give a definite opinion till informed of the aircraft's height, course and the time of the sighting.



REPORT

To: The Director of Intelligence,
Royal New Zealand Air Force,
Headquarters, Wellington.

From: The Director, Carter Observatory,
Wellington.

Subject: Flying lights observed by N.A.C. Aircraft
on the night of 1955 October 31.

Date: 1955 November 7

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conclusion in
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

The following details were supplied by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff, the Director of Intelligence and other officers at R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters.

On the evening of 1955 October 31 an aircraft (N.A.C.) was flying from Wanganui to Auckland, at an altitude of 8,000 feet, when, between the control points of Ohura and Raglan on a course of 350 (true) an unexplained light was observed on the port side, showing apparent movement, changes in colour, and fluctuations in light intensity. The times of observation were from 2006 to 2011, New Zealand Standard Time (0806 to 0811 G.M.T. 31st October).

Reference to some of these features will be made under the heading "Comments", below.

This report is prepared on the request of the Director of Intelligence.

2. POSSIBLE CELESTIAL PHENOMENA:

The duration of 5 minutes, during which the object was observed, eliminates entirely any suggestion of a meteor. Such objects are visible mostly only for a fraction of a second, or a few seconds at the most, and have characteristics of flight entirely different to the description given.

There were no exceptional astronomical phenomena at the time, such as a nova or comet.

The Moon was at "Full" phase on October 31 at 0604 G.M.T., and would have been on the starboard side at an altitude in the sky such as to eliminate any confusion with that body.

The only other objects that can be considered are the planets Venus and Saturn, and the star Antares. The results of calculations for these objects are given below.

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ATTENTION DUTY CONTROLLER

FOLLOWING FLYING SAUCER REPORT RECEIVED FROM HAMILTON TOWER
LAST MONDAY NIGHT AT 2300M (31st OCT 1955)

WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR
HAMILTON (AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY
AT WERE OUT ON RAUPEKE BEACH FISHING. THEY
SAW LIGHT WELL OUT TO SEA. AT FIRST IT APPEARED LIKE A STAR
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DID NOT SAY ANYTHING TO HIS COMPANION AT THIS STAGE. HE THEN
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A CLOUD. DID NOT MAKE HIS REPORT EARLIER FOR FEAR OF
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REPORT

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Headquarters, Wellington.

From: The Director, Carter Observatory,
Wellington.

Subject: Flying lights observed by N.A.C. Aircraft
on the night of 1955 October 31.

Date: 1955 November 7

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The following details were supplied by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff, the Director of Intelligence and other officers at R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters.

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Reference to some of these features will be made under the heading "Comments", below.

This report is prepared on the request of the Director of Intelligence.

2. POSSIBLE CELESTIAL PHENOMENA:

The duration of 5 minutes, during which the object was observed, eliminates entirely any suggestion of a meteor. Such objects are visible mostly only for a fraction of a second, or a few seconds at the most, and have characteristics of flight entirely different to the description given.

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Translation of letter in the French language.

Maurice LEBRUN,
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Paris VIIe.

7th November, 1955.

The Minister of Civil Aviation,
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Re: Saucer Enquiry.

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Under this heading the "Daily Mail" of Saturday the 5th November informed its readers that you had started an enquiry into the subject of a flying saucer stated to have been seen and travelling at a speed of 800 m.p.h.

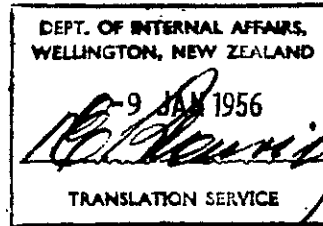
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Yours faithfully,

/sgd/ M. Lebrun.

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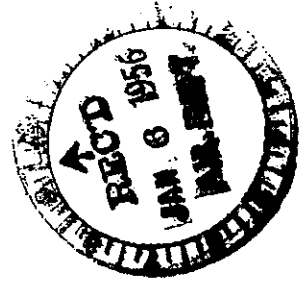
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Messieurs,

Saucer's Inquiry.

Sous ce titre, le Daily Mail du Samedi 5 Novembre informe ses lecteurs que vous auriez ordonné une enquête au sujet d'une soucoupe volante qui aurait été vue, se déplaçant à une vitesse de 800 m.p.h.

Je me suis occupé de cette question. L'Aviation anglaise a déclaré mes hypothèses intéressantes. Elles ont fait l'objet d'une communication que j'ai présentée, il y a quelques mois à mes confrères de l'Académie de Marine à Paris. Je vous en fais parvenir un exemplaire. Je souhaite que sa lecture vous intéresse.

Je vous présente, Messieurs, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

M. Leeb
acknowledged
19/4/56

NEW ZEALAND'S CIVIL AVIATION
Minister
AUCKLAND
(Nouvelle Zélande)

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LES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES.

Depuis la fin de la guerre, on a beaucoup parlé d'engins inconnus, venus, disait-on, d'autres planètes. On leur a donné le nom de "Soucoupes Volantes".

Les Anglo-Saxons semblent avoir été particulièrement frappés par ces apparitions. Aux U.S.A. l'observation de 85 pour cent d'entre elles a cependant été expliquée de la façon la plus naturelle. En Angleterre, cette proportion est tombée à 5 pour cent.

Les U.F.O.s - Unidentified Flying Objects - comme les appellent les Anglais, ont fait, chez eux, l'objet de rapports quasi secrets.

Mais l'Angleterre est le pays d'élection du surnaturel. Pas de vieux château qui ne soit hanté. Pas de lac d'Ecosse dont les eaux ne cachent quelque mystère. Les malheurs du "GREAT EASTERN" victime, pendant un demi-siècle, d'une invraisemblable malchance, ont été attribués à un fantôme.

Les soucoupes ont éclipsé aujourd'hui les revenants. Elles ont même fait oublier le monstre du Lockness.

Une pointe de superstition convient très bien à une vieille civilisation nourrie des souvenirs de la Grèce, où les Dieux, qui s'ennuyaient dans l'Olympe, se mêlaient facilement des affaires des hommes. Seuls les demi-Dieux sont restés. La chrétienté les a adoptés. Elle les a canonisés. Ils continuent à entretenir une croyance indécise dans des puissances inconnues. On les trouve encore dans les bois et autour des fontaines dont les eaux deviennent, grâce à eux, bienfaisantes. La lune, en s'y reflétant, peut donner à des imaginations fertiles, l'illusion d'une soucoupe volante.

N'a-t-on pas découvert tout récemment, à Londres, dans Cannon Street, en creusant les fondations d'un building de 14 étages, les ruines d'un temple romain construit il y a 1700 ans en l'honneur de Mithra, Dieu de la lumière. On a enlevé les pierres. On a gardé la tête du Dieu. Il aura pardonné

ce sacrilège en voyant se dessiner dans la nuit, sous les projecteurs, la silhouette de Westminster, cet autre temple qui a remplacé tous les autres.

Les Américains, malgré leur civilisation mécanisée, ont hérité de la crédulité des Anglais, mais leur culture, un peu trop spécialisée leur a fait perdre le sens de la mesure dans le domaine d'un au-delà aux contours mal définis et ceci explique le nombre élevé d'objets volants non identifiés aux U.S.A.

Les ecclésiastiques anglo-saxons ont été, eux aussi, victimes de ces hallucinations collectives.

Un révérend père allemand déclarait, récemment, au cours d'une réunion de théologiens, que les chrétiens devaient penser à leur attitude envers ces visiteurs venus d'une autre planète et qui observaient la nôtre depuis huit ans. Un clergymen britannique se posait la même question.

L'un et l'autre auraient pu savoir qu'un savant latiniste de la Curie Romaine, Monseigneur Antonio Bacci, avait découvert dans la Naturalis Historia de Pline l'Ancien, qui ne comprend pas moins de 37 volumes, que celui-ci avait déjà mentionné sous le nom de "clipei volantes" d'étranges apparitions. Pline était mort en 79, à la suite de l'éruption de l'Etna. Il commandait alors la flotte de Misène. Avait-il observé lui-même ce fait mystérieux en cherchant dans le Ciel la Petite Ourse qui servait alors de guide aux navigateurs ? Il est probable qu'on le lui avait simplement narré et qu'il l'avait noté avec son habituelle

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crédulité. Car Pline est sujet à caution. Et cette crédulité, que rapportent ses biographes, nous a été confirmée par un de nos bons amis, le Docteur Henri Leclerc, latiniste et botaniste distingué qui avait longtemps pratiqué, en étudiant les vertus des plantes, ce copieux historien des sciences et des légendes d'il y a vingt siècles.

A cette époque lointaine, le langage avait gardé une certaine noblesse, tout au moins dans l'élite. On ne parlait pas de "soucoupes" mais de "boucliers volants". Ils étaient de forme allongée. Un bouclier pouvait évoquer une menace. Qu'aurait-on craint d'une soucoupe ? Depuis lors, Bacchus a supplanté Mars. Les visions guerrières se sont transformées en visions dionysiaques et ceci explique sans doute les imprécisions de ceux qui les ont décrites.

Il fallut attendre un peu plus de douze siècles pour noter, dans la mémoire des hommes, une autre arrivée d'engins inconnus.

Des documents anglais rapportent qu'en 1290, un objet rond et plat, paraissant être de l'argent, survola l'Abbaye de Byland dans le Comté d'York causant une très grande terreur parmi les moines.

C'est seulement en 1947 que les soucoupes volantes excitèrent un grand intérêt, quand dix d'entre elles furent aperçues se déplaçant à la vitesse de 1000 miles à l'heure, au-dessus du Mont Rainier, à Washington. Sur quels repères avait-on mesuré cette vitesse fantastique ?

Les imaginations s'échauffèrent à tel point que, bientôt, on en signala des milliers sans jamais apporter la moindre preuve de leur existence.

Notons simplement, parmi les récits étranges qu'on colporta, celui d'un certain Georges Adamski assurant qu'il avait vu

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atterrir un être vivant venu d'une autre planète et qu'il avait eu, avec lui, un entretien par télépathie ! Bien entendu rien n'appuyait cette histoire sauf un dessin maquillé en photographie qui fut reproduit par des zélateurs peut-être plus industriels que naïfs.

N'allons pas plus loin dans l'énumération de ce qu'on a dit ou publié sur un sujet qui a réveillé bien des névroses. Notre propos, comme on peut le soupçonner par ce préambule, est simplement de soulever un coin du voile qui recouvre l'origine des soucoupes volantes et de rassurer les honnêtes gens. Ils n'ont rien à craindre d'autres planètes

Nous avons bâti une hypothèse. Nous l'avons soumise au Ministère de l'Air à Londres par le truchement de M.B. SPRAY, attaché de l'Air à l'Ambassade de Grande-Bretagne à Paris qui nous a écrit ce qui suit le 24 Mai dernier.

" Je suis chargé par l'Air Ministry de Londres, de vous
" exprimer ses vifs remerciements pour la documentation
" que vous avez bien voulu lui fournir concernant vos
" études sur le problème des soucoupes volantes.
" Les différents documents que vous nous avez communiqués
" ont été étudiés par les autorités compétentes à Londres.
" Bien entendu, ces autorités ne peuvent pas se prononcer
" définitivement sur la validité des thèses que vous avez
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" leur en avoir fait part".

Et voici maintenant notre hypothèse :

Les soucoupes volantes peuvent prendre naissance lorsque certaines météorites pénètrent dans notre atmosphère. Elles s'échauffent parfois jusqu'à l'ignition à cause du frottement de l'air à des vitesses prodigieuses. Certaines d'entre elles se consomment entièrement. La formation des soucoupes est intimement liée à la composition des météorites et à la morphologie de leurs constituants qui se

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présentent soit sous la forme d'alliages, soit sous la forme d'agrégats, soit encore comme un mélange d'alliages et d'agrégats. Elles sont presque toujours enrobées par une matière rocheuse ou calcaire.

Sous l'influence de la chaleur, des constituants peuvent atteindre leur point de fusion et même de volatilisation, provoquant une fissure de l'enveloppe. Ils se répandent alors dans l'air raréfié et glacé des hautes altitudes. Un nuage se forme, se condense, une soucoupe apparaît qui flotte pendant quelque temps au gré des vents et se dissipe enfin sans laisser de traces.

On a observé la chute des météorites depuis les temps les plus reculés. Ce sont les Egyptiens qui, les premiers, en ont fait mention. On en trouve dans des hiéroglyphes de la 5ème à la 7ème dynastie, c'est-à-dire de 2750 à 2450 ans avant J.C. Ils les appelaient "Typhon", Dieu du mal et des ténèbres parce que leur chute amenait parfois des catastrophes.

Les Chinois avaient tiré l'aiguille aimantée de ce fer d'origine céleste, il y a environ 46 siècles.

Les siècles s'ajoutaient aux siècles, les météorites gardaient toujours le secret de leur origine.

Le 26 Avril 1803, il en tomba deux mille de petite dimension dans un espace de 50 km. carrés, près de Laigle, en Normandie. Un membre de l'Institut, BIOT, fut chargé d'une enquête qui confirma l'origine extra-terrestre de ces fragments. C'étaient des pierres contenant dix pour cent d'un alliage de fer et de nickel.

Le poids des météorites varie dans de très larges proportions. En 1869, il en tomba une au Mexique qui se sépara en 99 morceaux

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pesant de 3 grammes à $\frac{3}{4}$ de livre.

En 1849, au Groënland, les Esquimaux tiraient le fer dont ils avaient besoin, de trois météorites pesant respectivement 30 tonnes, 30 tonnes $\frac{1}{2}$ et 966 livres. Elles avaient toutes les trois la même composition : 91,47 de fer - 7,78 de nickel - 6,52 de cobalt - 0,016 de cuivre et 0,118 de phosphore.

Dans l'ensemble de celles qui peuplent les musées et dont on évalue le poids à environ 300 tonnes, l'analyse chimique et l'examen spectrographique ont montré la présence de tous les corps de la série de Mendeleieff.

C'est la preuve de l'unité de la création mais cette unité peut n'être que qualitative. Or, la proportion des composants réunis dans ces alliages peut faire varier leurs points de fusion et contribuer ainsi à la dispersion des apparitions de soucoupes volantes. Prenons l'exemple d'un composé d'argent, qui fond à 960° et de cuivre qui fond à 1084° . Il se trouve que lorsque cet alliage contient 28 % de cuivre, son point de fusion s'abaisse à 750° . Un alliage d'aluminium qui fond à 657° et de calcium qui fond à 805° trouve son point de fusion à 700° entre 20 et 45 % de calcium et à 550° pour 73 % de calcium.

Notre hypothèse pourrait évidemment être vérifiée par des essais de laboratoire. Nous ne pouvons que les suggérer. En tous cas elle explique, raisonnablement, des phénomènes accidentels qui ne sont pas des prodiges.

Ne voit-on pas aujourd'hui, les avions à réaction laisser dans le ciel un sillage permanent. Ce sillage pourrait tout aussi bien présenter des solutions de continuité, avec un mauvais fonctionnement
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du moteur. Ce serait une vérification facile à faire.

Le Commandant d'un B O A C stratocruiser, le capitain James HOWARD nous en a fourni une autre et nous lui en sommes particulièrement obligés.

A fin Juin dernier, il survolait à 19 000 pieds Goose Bay, dans le Labrador lorsqu'il aperçut des objets ayant l'allure de "gelée de poisson" dont il a tracé le dessin. Ils suivaient ou précédaient tout à tour son appareil. Ils changeaient constamment de forme. Un radar alerté ne pu les déceler sur son écran. Ils disparurent au bout d'environ 25 minutes.

Le Captain HOWARD déclara en rentrant en Angleterre qu'il n'avait fait que décrire ce que lui, son équipage et ses passagers avaient vu et qu'il se refusait à envisager l'idée d'engins propulsés.

Il ajouta qu'il avait 7 500 heures de vol et qu'il ne pouvait s'agir d'un mirage ou de leurs réfléchies dans les nuages.

Ce que nous avons proposé comme solution d'un problème qui a fait couler beaucoup d'encre explique tout ce qu'a rapporté James HOWARD.

Nous avons parfois l'impression, en rédigeant ces notes, que des ombres légères se penchaient sur nous. C'étaient sans doute celles des Dieux que nous avons évoqués.

Elles ne sont pas toutes enfermées dans ces linceuls de pourpre où dorment les grands morts.

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Etait-ce toi, Minerve aux yeux clairs dont le bouclier éblouissant de soleil aurait pu ressembler à quelque machine menaçante ?

Etait-ce toi Apollon qui connaissait tous les secrets du Ciel ?

Peut-être saviez-vous que nous avions conservé pour vous quelque tendresse.

Telle cette jeune grecque apportant chaque jour des fleurs à une chapelle placée sous la dédicace d'une sainte. Un archéologue lui demanda la raison particulière de sa dévotion. Je n'en ai pas répondu-elle. J'apporte mon hommage à tous les Dieux.

Fassent les Immortels, conducteurs de notre plume, qu'animés du même esprit que cette jeune fille, nous n'ayons rien écrit qui puisse être repris et que cette diversion nous fasse pardonner la singularité d'une hypothèse qui n'a pour elle que d'être plausible.

Il était peut-être temps qu'on la formulât. Une sorte d'hallucination avait pris naissance aux U.S.A. à propos des soucoupes volantes. Elle avait franchi les mers. Elle avait atteint l'Angleterre avant de prendre chez nous de telles proportions que l'Académie de Médecine a dû se préoccuper de sa forme collective.

Des journalistes en mal de copie ont aggravé le mal.

Si d'aventure ils croyaient que nous ayons passé la mesure ^{dans} ~~de~~ cette communication nous leur rappellerions un vieux quatrain qui résume notre philosophie.

" Vous parlez beaucoup trop disait-on à Clitandre
" Je le sais, mais dit-il, les bêtises d'autrui
" M'ont toujours causé tant d'ennui
" Que j'aime mieux risquer d'en dire qu'en entendre".

Maurice LEBRUN
de l'Académie de Marine.

Dominion 9/11/55

Speedy Object In Sky

Sir,—It was very interesting to read the opinion that the object observed by the pilot of a N.A.C. aircraft recently was the planet Venus. I had no idea that Venus travelled at such speed, but now that I do know, it explains something that I and four others saw at Palliser Bay.

One Sunday afternoon at about 4.30 our attention was drawn to a round very bright object approaching at a great height and at very great speed. It had no wings and could not be heard. It was travelling in a north-easterly direction and after it had passed right overhead it came round in a half-circle and disappeared toward the west. We thought that it must have been a meteorological balloon gone mad. Now, of course, the answer is obvious; it was Venus.

NOT A FLYING SAUCER.

Upper Hutt.

Evening Post 8/11/55

Venus Back In Running As Mystery Light

After careful investigation the Royal New Zealand Air Force concludes that the strange light seen from a National Airways Corporation aircraft could have been Venus, but cannot explain the apparent movement of the light, according to a report released last night by the Acting Minister of Defence (Mr. Halstead).

The report said that the strange light was seen low in the western sky between 8.06pm and 8.11pm on Monday, Oct. 31. Venus could have been observed in the approximate position of the light when it was first sighted from the aircraft flying at 8000 feet between Wanganui and Auckland.

"Since the captain of the aircraft (Captain W. T. Rainbow) states that the direction of flight of the aircraft was not altered during the time the light was in sight, the R.N.Z.A.F. cannot explain the apparent movement of the light or establish definitely that it was Venus," says the report. "The occulting or apparent flashing of the light could be caused by the presence of cloud between the light and the moving aircraft."

"It is common for planets low in the sky to scintillate. At 8000 feet, in position 38 degrees south 175 degrees east (the approximate position of the aircraft when the light was seen) the setting time for Venus on October 31 was 8.19pm."

The report also makes brief mention of vapour trails seen in the sky on the same evening. They were caused by Vampire aircraft from Ohakea carrying out high-level night cross-country exercises.



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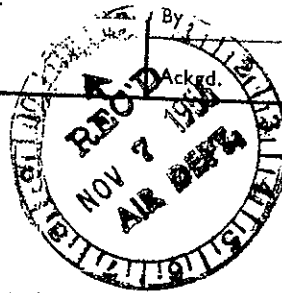
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Further Mysterious Objects Seen In Sky

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MOVING "LIGHTS" IN SKY

The appearance of further unusual objects in the sky following on that seen recently over North Taranaki and Waikato, are reported from Auckland and the West Coast.

WAIKATO TIMES.

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When Ministers of the Crown were informed that a strange "flying light" object has been observed for five minutes from a passenger aircraft, and by a witness of the calibre of the Inspector-General of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, Air-Commodore R. J. Cohen, and other experienced airmen, it is necessary that official notice should be taken. Accordingly, the Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr Shand, and the acting-Minister of Defence, Mr Halstead, have called for detailed reports on the whole matter from the heads of their departments. It would be interesting if New Zealand should produce the first explanation of phenomena which have been reported from many countries.

It is futile simply to inform such reliable witnesses that they are dealing with nothing more than a figment of the imagination. There can be no doubt that they see something, even if it is only an optical illusion, and it is in the interests of science and for the purposes of general information that an explanation is being sought. Similar reports have been received over a period of years, though the "objects" seen differ substantially. The latest one is remarkable in that a number of responsible people aboard the aircraft flying over the Waikato declare they watched the object for five minutes—a much longer time than is usually associated with "sightings."

Five minutes is an exceedingly long time for an optical illusion to persist, especially from a swiftly moving aircraft. Extravagant claims will no doubt be made, especially among those who were not witnesses, but from the statements of the experts aboard the aircraft it might be possible to make some progress toward an explanation of the frequent sightings of strange moving lights in the skies. The explanation may be simple, if it can be established—a trick of reflected light, an electrical manifestation? Those making the inquiry can be assured of an interested following.

Was It a Plane or a Planet?

"DUBIEDH EVSSTAR" of "R R R", when an American airplane satellite? Just when people were settling down comfortably a chain of "saucer-like things

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A lighted object flying silently at great speed, was seen by Mr. D. W. Paul, Hendon Avenue, Avondale, early this morning. With him at the time was an Auckland taxi-driver, says an Auckland Press Association message.

"The taxi-driver saw the object first," said Mr. Paul. "We were going down Hendon Avenue at 1 a.m. and the object was flying parallel with us and to the south."

"At first there was a 'swish-ing noise' rather like a jet. It appeared to be a long object with three or four lighted windows; but the windows were much bigger than usual on aircraft."

"It passed us in uncanny silence. The most remarkable fact was the absence of any noise. It was visible to us for about four minutes before vanishing into a cloud bank."

Mr. Paul said he stayed outside for some time in the hope of catching another glimpse of the object. A little while later, an aircraft later identified as a Royal New Zealand Air Force Sunderland) flew at right angles to the object's course with its landing lights blinking. "It was completely different," said Mr. Paul, "from the other object."

Roared Across Sky

A cylindrical luminous object flashed across the West Coast skies with a roar about one o'clock this afternoon, according to reports from Kumara and Greymouth residents, says a Greymouth message.

It is reported to have moved at great speed from the southwest across Kumara, glowing in the clear sky before disappearing behind a cloud bank screening the Southern Alps. Observers claimed that the object disappeared above

UNION SAUCERS AIR FORCE'S VIEW
that there is no such thing
as a flying saucer the pilot and
some of the passengers in a
National Airways DC3 bound
from Wellington to Auckland
on Monday night report hav-
ing seen for about five minutes
a bright "flying light" travel-
ling alongside the aircraft. On
the same night the strange
light was also seen near the
plane by two men fishing on
the upper reaches of Raglan
Harbour. They were con-
vinced that it was neither part
of the DC3 nor a reflection.
As a result of the phenomenon
a full investigation has been
ordered by the Minister of
Civil Aviation, Mr Shand, while
the acting Minister of Defence,
Mr Halstead, has asked the
Chief of the Air Staff, Air
Vice-Marshal W. H. Merton, for
the full co-operation of the Air
Force in the inquiry.

Thus has New Zealand been
brought a step nearer to a
serious study by air experts of
queer objects in the sky. The
news will no doubt be wel-
comed by all lovers of a
mystery—more particularly
the kind of mystery which, so
some people think, may have
its origin in sources beyond
our own planet. But before
any attempt is made to reach
a conclusion it would be as well
to consider the outcome of the
eight-year investigation under-
taken by the United States
Air Force. The inquiry began

hour. It has not been
tioned that this launcher of the
flying saucer saga saw some-
thing. Later, however, the Air
Force authorities said it was
significant that such stories
came into circulation just when
a new plastic balloon, with a
diameter of 100ft when fully
inflated, was sent up freighted
with automatic instruments to
record cosmic rays.

When the Air Material Com-
mand at Dayton, Ohio, pub-
lished its report on "Project
Saucer" in 1949 some experts
regarded it as final and rele-
gated saucers to the limbo
where the Loch Ness monster
reposes. But down through
the years the authorities con-
tinued their watching brief on
sightings of unusual shapes up
aloft. The latest report, pub-
lished on October 27 last, said
there was no such thing as a
flying saucer but warned the
public to expect radical new
planes soon that could give the
illusion of being saucers. In
consequence of this, it is likely
that the New Zealand inquiry
will not overlook a probe into
the possibility that some new
long-range aircraft, belonging
to this world, has been testing
its powers far from base. If
this theory is regarded as too
tall it is certain that there are
other explanations which
should take pride of place be-
fore the idea that visitors from
other planets are keeping an
eye on us.

view after following a similar
course.
The February visitation was
accompanied by an explosion
which seemed to shake the earth,
being felt over a considerable
distance. Today's object was re-
ported to have spread across the
sky accompanied by a loud roar
like an aeroplane engine.

Though some Greymouth
residents have reported sighting
the object, it was apparently
seen particularly clearly at Ku-
mara where, according to re-
ports, a big proportion of the
townspeople saw it. One resi-
dent was able to view it through
field glasses, though it moved
too quickly for any long clear
view to be obtained.

One report said that the ob-
ject was cylindrical in shape, as
the February mid-afternoon
visitation was reported to be,
and left a long vapour trail.

Another Kumara resident said
that if the object had made its
appearance at night, it would
have lit up the whole sky. He
could not judge the height of
the object. All were impressed
with the roaring noise made by
it.

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What Was That Light?

Of the several approaches made to the puzzle of what it was that pilots and passengers of an NAC airliner saw, brightly lit and apparently moving at high speed, in the western sky of North Taranaki on Monday evening none has produced a solution satisfactory to every one concerned.

It was stated on Saturday that Venus had been declared officially out as the explanation, as the planet would have disappeared over the horizon at 8.6 pm. The information given in 'The Post' in that regard was incorrect. Calculations made by the Director of the Carter Observatory (Mr. I. L. Thomson) for the R.N.Z.A.F. show that for a given position along the line of flight and for the height at which the plane was flying the approximate time of disappearance over the horizon was approximately 8.19 pm. Venus might therefore have been seen from the airliner.

The conviction of Captain Rainbow, pilot of the airliner, that the object, whatever it was, moved rapidly, is one main point which has not been cleared up.

Before leaving Wellington at the weekend, the Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation (Mr. Shand) said that he would now ask the Meteorological Service to give its suggestions in the hope that a firm and simple answer might be supplied.

"Lighted Object" In Auckland Sky

A lighted object in the sky, flying silently at great speed, was seen by Mr. D. W. Paul, of Hendon Avenue,

THE LIGHT WAS VENUS, SAYS STAR WITNESS

The Royal New Zealand Air Force can call its Inspector General, Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, as a star witness in the top-level services inquiry ordered into the "flying light" mystery.

MYSTERY LIGHT SEEN NEAR WELLINGTON

What appeared to be a very large star low down over the Wellington hills drew the attention of a prominent Auckland business man as he left Wellington in the inter-island steamer Maori last night.

"It aroused my attention because of its size and the fact that it seemed to be pulsating," said the passenger.

The attention of a fellow traveller was drawn to it and soon five or six people were watching the object closely.

One of the watchers suggested that it may be a light on a radio mast and this was accepted until after the boat had left Wellington Heads and the light was observed to be moving parallel with the coast.

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The probe follows an N.A.C. crew claim that a fast-moving light followed their main trunk airliner over the North Island on Monday night. The air commodore was on that plane. And he believes the light was Venus—not an errant outer-space visitor.

He slept

This is his evidence: "I was asleep when the pilot Captain Rainbow, shook me awake. He told me he had seen something strange." That was the thing Captain Rainbow describes as "like a marine beacon revolving, with some kind of a porthole in it, and changing colour—and flying seven times faster than we were."

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"I looked out," Air Commodore Cohen says. "I told him it was a planet—and promptly went back to sleep. That was the stage at which Captain Rainbow decided not to tell women passengers because the news might alarm them. And it was their too, that his co-pilot, First Officer Trounce, agreed it was not a planet, but something flying alongside

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well south. It eventually dis-
 appeared behind the land mass
 of the South Island.
 "The light was quite bright
 and pulsating. It gradually
 changed colour from orange
 through to yellow to a sort of
 bluish-white," the passenger
 said.

The light: No it was not Venus

Air Force Intelligence offi-
 cers have ruled out Venus
 as the source of the mys-
 tery light National Air-
 ways crew members say
 tailed their airliner on
 Monday night.

They have discarded this theory
 held by the Inspector-General
 of the R.N.Z.A.F., Air Commo-
 dore R. J. Cohen, a passenger
 on the plane.
 But all-day investigations, includ-
 ing questioning of the two
 N.A.C. pilots involved, have
 produced no alternative sug-
 gestion.

Tape recordings of the emer-
 gency flash message the crew
 sent on first sighting it have
 been replayed in the search for
 a clue.

More evidence is likely from
 Captain W. T. Rainbow and
 First Officer S. G. Frounce, the
 man who saw the light first.
 A pilot with 2500 hours in his
 flying log, dating back to 1940,
 Mr A. R. Tuckett, may also be
 called.

Now air traffic control officer at
 Hobsonville, he was on the
 plane, too, observing the
 mystery object for several
 minutes.
 Like the N.A.C. pilots, he hesi-
 tates to label it a "saucer," but
 has no clues on its origin or
 form.

Orange-red at first, it turned steel
 blue as he watched and seemed
 to move away quickly and dis-
 appear in a moment.
 "In all my flying I've never seen
 anything like it," he said
 today.

The air commodore slept on.
 When he landed, he checked
 with references and decided
 positively that what he saw
 was Venus, low down on the
 horizon. He is still sure.
 In the meantime the Minister
 in charge of Civil Aviation,
 Mr Shand, has ordered an in-
 quiry. The acting-minister of
 Defence, Mr Halstead, has in-
 structed that the Air Force
 co-operate.
 And Air Force Sergeant H. H.
 Fulton, at Whenuapai, has
 promised the support of
 Civilian Saucer Investigators,
 the saucer study group which
 he leads.

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Top-level Talks On "Flying Light" Mystery

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Special to the Daily Times

WELLINGTON, Nov. 4.

The pilot and co-pilot of the National Airways Corporation Dakota which reported sighting a mystery "flying light" on Monday night last were temporarily relieved of their duties today to attend top-level talks in Wellington.

Both the commander of the aircraft, Captain W. T. Rainbow, and First Officer S. G. Trounce, who remain unshaken in their belief that the light was not a planet, comet, meteor or other natural phenomenon, held discussions with the director of civil aviation, Mr E. A. Gibson and senior officers of Civil Aviation Administration.

The log of the flight and tape records of radio-telephone communi-

cations between the plane and ground control station were discussed for some time with officers of flight control.

It is not expected that a report on the matter will reach the Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr Shand, who initiated the inquiry, until early next week.

The R.N.Z.A.F. can call its inspector general, Air Commodore R. Cohen as a star witness in the inquiry, says a Press Association message.

The air commodore was a passenger on the plane which reported the object, and he believes it was Venus—not an errant outer space visitor.

This is his evidence: "I was asleep, and when Captain Rainbow shook me awake he told me he had seen something strange."

"That was the thing Captain Rainbow describes as 'like a marine beacon revolving with some kind of a porthole in it and changing colour, flying seven times faster than we were.'"

"I looked out," Air Commodore Cohen says.

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"FLYING LIGHT" INVESTIGATION BY R.N.Z.A.F.

DOMINION

5 NOV 1955

Investigations into the sighting of a "flying light" over the Waikato on Sunday night by two pilots of a National Airways Corporation DC3 aircraft have begun.

The deputy Chief of Air Staff, Group Captain T. F. Gill, said last night that intelligence officers of the Air Department in Wellington had taken statements from the two pilots, Captain W. T. Rainbow and First Officer S. G. Trounce, and these were being studied closely.

Captain Rainbow was the first to sight the object, which he claimed was travelling at the same height as the aircraft—8000 feet—and was clearly visible. He judged the object's speed to be seven times greater than his own aircraft. It contained some kind of pulsation. It also changed colour slightly.

The Inspector-General of the R.N.Z.A.F., Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, a passenger on the aircraft, told an inquiry, that he was wakened by one of the pilots who reported the strange object. "I looked out and told him it was a planet and promptly went back to sleep." When he landed, he checked with references and decided positively that what he saw was the planet Venus, low down on the horizon.

The director of the Carter Observatory, Mr. I. L. Thomsen, said that from the information presented to him the possibility of Venus being the "flying light" could not be excluded. However, he was not prepared to give a definite opinion till informed of the aircraft's height, course and the time of the sighting.



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"Flying Light" Not An Illusion, Says Observer

NEW PLYMOUTH, November 2 (P.A.).—The "flying light" object that he saw on Sunday night was not an illusion, said Captain W. T. Rainbow, when he arrived at New Plymouth today. Several other people in the aircraft also saw it.

Captain Rainbow was piloting a National Airways Corporation DC8 aircraft over the Waikato when he first sighted the object. "It was travelling at the same altitude — 8000 feet — and was clearly visible.

"It looked like a marine beacon kept revolving, so that we saw there was some kind of port hole in it. The object also changed colour slightly."

There was a full moon and visibility was good. Captain Rainbow judged the object's speed to be about seven times greater than that of his aircraft "because in the time it took us to cover the 10 miles between Albatross Point and what we call Hamilton West, the object covered 70 miles."

It was in sight for fully five minutes and, when the aircraft climbed to 9000 feet to clear some cloud, the object climbed with it.

Among the passengers were Air Commodore R. J. Cohen, Inspector General of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and an airline pilot.

"The pilot had seen the object when I spoke to him about it," said Captain Rainbow, "and I woke up Air Commodore Cohen and pointed it out to him. We did not tell the women passengers in case it caused some alarm."

His co-pilot, First Officer S. G. Trounce, also saw it.

"It was definitely not an illusion," Captain Rainbow added. "I know

what a planet looks like and it was nothing like that. On the ground it is easy to get confused about these things. But when you're in the air and an object flies alongside of you, you cannot mistake that."

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INVESTIGATION OF MYSTERIOUS LIGHTED OBJECT

NEW PLYMOUTH, November 8 (P.A.).—A full investigation has been ordered by the Minister in charge of Civil Aviation, Mr. Shand, into the sighting of a mysterious lighted object by a National Airways Corporation plane crew on Monday night.

The acting Minister of Defence, Mr. Halstead, this morning asked the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Merton, for the fullest co-operation of the R.N.Z.A.F. in the inquiry.

They Investigate . . .



A NEW ZEALAND organisation with headquarters at Onehunga for nearly three years has been engaged on a bizarre investigation that would have warmed the heart of Jules Verne. The question it seeks to answer is: Do "flying saucers" visit us from distant worlds?

Since October, 1952, Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) has collected, collated and disseminated reports from all parts of the world on unidentified flying objects in the sky.

Having made itself familiar with the many theories advanced to explain the "saucers," and having made research

For 10 seconds they kept pace behind it; then they pulled off to one side.

At the same moment the captain saw a huge half-inch blip on the scope. Still moving at more than 5000 m.p.h., the smaller object merged with the large "machine." Instantly the huge blip moved across the scope, quickly

of a mile distant at an estimated height of 300 to 400 feet.

The outside pan were wobbling like a top losing spin from the moment when first sighted, he said. Suddenly they stood on their edges and literally streaked upwards with terrific speed, and disappeared. Peters' farm.

The remaining centre disc now brightened up considerably and Mr Gibbons managed to get the best and most distinct photograph. It also turned on its edge and disappeared at great speed.

It was later discovered that another man, Mr Alex Ingram, also saw them. He lived five miles away.



Blue Globe

CIVILIAN Saucer Investigation has an account of this on record. The organisation, also investigated the claims of a Dunedin woman who said she saw a blue globe-shaped object in the sky six days after the Nelson sighting.

At 8.35 p.m. she saw a blue, globe-shaped object overhead. It was some time, she said, before she realised it was not a star or anything else she had ever seen. But she was, nevertheless, able to study it for about 20 seconds before it moved southward at great speed, eventually disappearing behind the St. Clair cliffs.

For years, reports have been received from all parts of the globe about strange sky sightings. Some indeed take a bit of swallowing. This one, for instance, is from France—

A metal worker, Mavris Dew who lived in a cottage near the

phenomena explanation can account for or satisfactorily explain away the hundreds of well authenticated reports by qualified witnesses, supported by radar, theodolite, telescope, camera (still and movie, taken in broad daylight) and other mechanical aids to aerial material detection.

FOR this reason, the organisation believes there is on record to-day sufficient powerful evidence to support the existence of real strange-shaped craft frequenting earth's skies with flight characteristics and capabilities far beyond our most advanced designs and comprehensions.

The organisation sees significance in the fact that Government-sponsored investigating agencies, in the United States and Canada particularly, after five years' research by their leading scientific brains, aided by all modern mechanical instruments, have failed to find a natural phenomena explanation that can match the reported facts and so explain them away.

To most laymen, the idea of "flying saucers" being space ships from other worlds is nothing much more than a fascinating subject for contemplation. But to some people—Civilian Saucer Investigation members are among them—"saucers" are something more than mere fantasy. To them, the strange objects reported in our skies from time to time are something that has got to be explained away.

However sceptical we may be of these things, it is a fact—admitted by scientific experts—that their explanation lies in no known natural phenomena. But that, of course, is not by any means another way of saying they are controlled vehicles from outer space.

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Amazing Reports
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THERE is scope for intriguing contemplation in reports on "flying saucers," or whatever we like to call these objects people have seen in the sky. It is on re-

Photographed!

DO "flying saucers" really exist? ... New Zealander K. M. Gibbons, of Blenheim, claims actually to have taken a photograph of one, sighted by him at Nelson early in the morning of September 9, 1954.

At the time, he reported that at 2.20 a.m. he saw unusual lights in the sky. Quickly getting his 35-millimetre camera, and fitting a telephoto lens, he snapped a photograph of three disc-like objects, hovering in close line formation about a quarter

He ran outside and saw two men between the railway line. He thought they might be burglars on dynamiters, and he ran forward, shining his torch.

He was dumfounded to see that the "men" were only two feet high with their heads encased in a transparent turret. And they had no arms! A bigger surprise was a "flying saucer" sitting on the rails only 50 yards away.

The little robot men ran towards the "saucer". As Dewilde gabbered his courage to run after them, a ra from the "saucer" struck him in the face, temporarily paralysing him. The men entered the "saucer" through a trap-door and the "saucer" disappeared in the darkness.



THE PRESIDENT OF CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION, Mr. H. H. Fulton, points out the flight path of mysterious blue objects reported to have flown the length of the South Island on the night of December 6, 1952. On the same night, similar objects were reported in the sky over the North Island.

(some have actually chased them); meteorologists have sighted them—and haven't been able to explain them.

A noted "flying saucer" enthusiast, George Adamski, has stated in his book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed," that he saw a space ship land in the Arizona Desert. He claims that he approached it, and a figure alighted from it and spoke to him. Adamski published what he asserted were photographs of the "flying saucer."

On February 15 of this year two schoolboys were reported to have

experience, have reported "flying saucers."

★ ★ Seen On Radar

AT 5.25 a.m. on December 6, 1952, according to a report, an American Air Force lieutenant was watching the main radarscope of his B29. The bomber, of which he was radar officer, was over the Gulf of Mexico. Suddenly, the blip of an unknown object, followed by two other blips, appeared on his screen.

The unknown's speed was 5240 miles an hour!

The navigator had blips on his scope, too, and by the time the lieutenant had finished recalibrating his set, the pilot also had four unknown objects dead ahead on his scope. As a blip approached on the right a master-sergeant in the crew peered into the night—and saw a blue-lit object streak from front to rear of the bomber.

A second group of blips appeared on all three scopes, followed by a third group. Bending over his screen, the radar officer saw two unidentified flying objects rocketing by on the right. He alerted the crew's staff-sergeant, who saw two machines streak by, mere blurs of blue-white light.

Up in the cockpit, the bomber's captain saw five of the "saucers" racing 40 miles behind, cutting across the aircraft's course.

Suddenly they swerved and headed straight for the B29. At their terrific speed, they would close the gap in three seconds. Then, incredibly, the abruptly onrushing objects suddenly slowed to the bomber's speed.

Large Blue Light Seen Over

Mount Maunganui

14 JUN 1955

Reports of flying saucers and mysterious lights are few and far between in Tauranga but another report has been received—this time very close to home.

A resident of Lever's Road, Otumoetai, Mrs R. R. Booth, has reported seeing something "like a big blue star" hovering above Mount Maunganui at 11.30 on Sunday night. Mrs Booth, who with her husband and children watched the light for the best part of two hours, said that the light moved back and forth over the Mount and at one stage moved straight up. At no time did it move very fast and did not climb high. The light seemed to move out toward Mayor Island and back again, circling the Mount each time. When the light turned at end of its "run" it would momentarily disappear.

At about 1 o'clock yesterday morning the light, which all this time had been a brilliant blue, moved off up the coast toward Caromandel turning a dark pink as it went, said Mrs Booth.

An officer of the Civil Aviation Administration Department, at the Tauranga aerodrome, said there were certainly no Tauranga aeroplanes up at that time on Sunday, although there may have been an R.N.Z.A.F. plane on manoeuvres. This too, was unlikely, he said, as the department had not been asked to leave the beacon on Mount Maunganui burning. The observer had apparently heard no aeroplane motors.

Flying Saucers in The Air Again

EVENING STAR (Dn.)

Are flying saucers on the move again? It is some time since they were reported in or near Dunedin, but last night they made a re-appearance, claims one citizen.

It was at 11.15 p.m., he reported to the 'Star,' while he was on his way home, that he happened to glance towards Mount Cargill. There, suspended in the sky, he saw two brilliant objects which he at first took to be stars. But one, on the left, was bigger and brighter than an ordinary star; the other looked about the same size as a star.

He had been watching them for for only a few seconds when the left object dipped slightly, then soared higher in the sky. Both then disappeared slowly behind the outline of the hill.

20 JUN 1955

FLYING SAUCERS? 'MANAWATU LEV. STANDARD'

TWO SEEN YESTERDAY.

6 OCT 1955

LOCAL RESIDENT'S CLAIM.

The sight of a solitary flying saucer by one person stretches the credibility of the average person, but the experiences of three Palmerston North residents yesterday afternoon precludes any chance of a confidence trick.

While lying on the lawn in Park Road at 2 o'clock the attention of a well-known businessman, his wife, and a companion was drawn to a white and silver sphere-shaped object in the sky. Although not clearly outlined, it cast a dark shadow. Five minutes later they saw a black, boomerang-shaped object travelling in the same direction.

The husband immediately telephoned Ohakea Aerodrome and was informed that a meteorological balloon had been released in the morning. However, he discounted the possibility of the objects being mistaken for either aeroplanes or balloons because of their speed and their movement against the wind.

Both objects were seen for six or seven seconds during which they crossed about three-fifths of the horizon. The resident considered, estimating the height of the object at 30,000 feet, that they would be travelling about seven or eight times faster than the average aeroplane.



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Personal and confidential report to Civilian Saucer Investigations from person or Persons sighting strange or unidentified flying object or objects.

Date of sighting.....What hour.....Visibility.....

Locality of witness.....

Objects first sighted to NORTH/SOUTH/EAST/WEST (Delete as applicable)

Direction of Flight.....

Sweep or length of Flight.....

Characteristics of Flight(dived, zigzagged, hovered etc),.....

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How long observed.....Angle above horizon.....

No. of objects.....Shape of Flight Formation.....

Approx. height.....Speed.....Shape.....

Colour.....Colour or light peculiarities.....

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Sound.....Trail(Vapour or exhaust).....

Did it appear solid, well-defined etc.....

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Wind direction.....Weather conditions at time.....

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Nature of area (flat, hilly, etc).....

Briefly explain how attention drawn to Flying Object.....

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No. of Observers.....Sex.....Age.....

Witnesses' Names.....

Occupation.....Special qualifications.....

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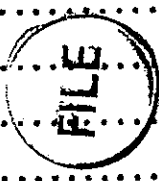
Service experience (Army, Navy, Airforce etc.).....

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General remarks.....

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Is permission granted to the Civilian Saucer Investigation to publish names of witnesses in connection with this sighting in the Society's Bulletin "Quarterly Review" YES/NOSignature.

Sketch if possible

Any further comments

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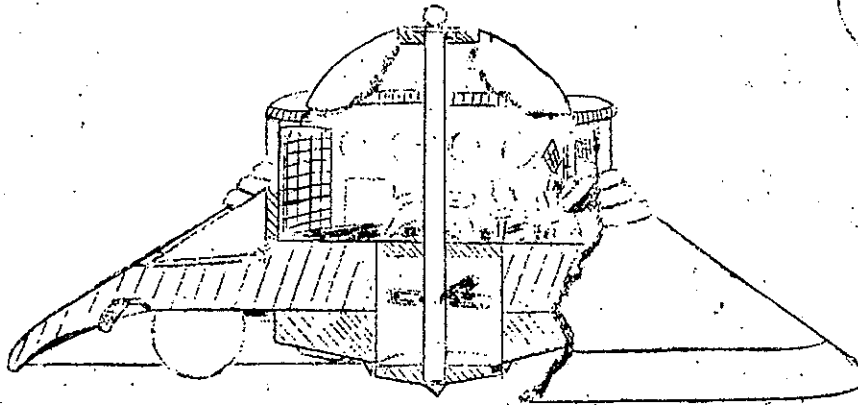
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AND
ANSWERS

ASKED GEO. ADAMSKI
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The following is a copy of a tape recording received from America of answers given by Mr. George Adamski on 16th of June, 1955. This is in answer to the many questions sent him by F.W.G. Dickeson and D.R. Weeber of the above group. We trust this will enlighten many of you people who are searching for the truth on the mysteries of Flying Saucers. Our aim is to give you this truth as we know it.

"This is June 16th, 1955, and George Adamski speaking. I have a list of questions that have been sent to me and I will answer these so as to make clear some of the things that are puzzling the public, and Lucy McGuinness, my secretary, will be asking the questions and I will answer them.

Q. Are the flying saucers solid?

A. Yes they are solid, just as solid as anything in this world is, just as solid as our planes are.

Q. Have you ever been in one?

A. Yes, I have been in them.

Q. What are they made of?

A. They are made of material just like material of our own; most of the analysis that has come through shows much aluminium and so forth. There are other minerals I have been informed, that are not found on this earth, but that does not mean they are not here.

Q. What do they use for power?

A. Well, for power, it is commonly known to all men of the world as static electricity, the same thing that produces our lightning, this is harnessed up and put into propulsive states later known as a magnetic kind of force or magnetic propulsion.

Q. Are all of these saucers humanly controlled?

A. All above twelve feet yes, twelve feet in diameter they are humanly controlled, anything below the twelve feet is not.

Q. What is the purpose of those under the twelve feet?

A. Those under twelve feet are instrument type of saucers, they are sent out to measure atmospheric conditions, the chemical conditions within space, and so on and so forth and if they are finally lost or their remote control is lost then they sometimes disintegrate them in space and sometimes they blow up here and there, and people report explosions. Some have been found to come to earth in a jelly-like form already disintegrating and by the time you pick up the jelly there is nothing but a bad odour left - the jelly is gone.

Q. Are there different types and styles of these saucers?

A. Yes, there are different types and styles, so to speak, and different sizes. They vary in various designs - there are seven different designs so far that have been detected.

Q. Does that indicate the planet they are from or the purpose they are used for?

A. No that does not indicate the planet they are from nor the purpose either. There just happen to be different designs the same as we have many different designs in things.

Q. What kind of instruments do they have?

A. Well, all types of instruments. Every type of instrument that could be imagined, for the work they almost have to have it since they are travelling in space. There is so much more to be encountered and expected than we do in our own atmosphere.

Q. Are they like ours in our planes?

A. What do you mean like ours?

Q. Well are there needles and compasses and such like?

A. No, there are no needles or compasses like that, everything is a colour chart or colour graphs.

Q. Sometimes these saucers or space ships are seen in different lights and sometimes they even seem to change colours as they are being observed, why is this?

A. That is because of these different coloured graphs. As they go into operation they change colour, each colour means something, and the domes or canopies being transparent naturally reflect the colour to the outside from those graphs, and as the graphs change colour so does the outside change colour with them, as a reflection.

- Q. Have you ever flown in a flying saucer?
A. Yes.
- Q. How can they move with such speed and make those sharp turns?
A. That is very simple. We are moving at a terrific speed on earth, say on one phase of it there is 18½ miles, nearly 19 miles per second which is a 24 hour basis. And on the orbit side of the situation is 600,000,000 miles per year, and of course we know nothing about any speed of any kind that this earth is moving at all. And they have learned that law and have complied with nature and harnessed the same powers that motivates the planets and so they are able to create their own atmosphere, their own gravity and as a result of it they don't know anything about movement any more than we do on earth.
- Q. How did you feel when you were travelling in one?
A. Not any more than I do on earth right now, or anybody else. We are sitting on this earth moving at this terrific speed and do not know anything about it.
- Q. How far out did you go in the saucer?
A. Well, quite a way. I went over the moon, the other side of the moon and quite a distance.
- Q. In the saucer?
A. Not in the saucer but in the mother ship. The saucer only picked me up on the ground and took me to the mother ship, some 20,000 feet up or so.
- Q. Can a saucer travel into planetary?
A. No they cannot. They are carried by the mother ships or as they are known cigar-shaped types. Cigar-shaped types are a virtual power plant you might say.
- Q. Do they recharge the saucers sometimes?
A. They do, yes.
- Q. How large would you say the mother ships are?
A. Well the mother ships vary from 500 feet up to seven miles in length. They have been reported even larger than that, while the saucers again that are piloted are anything from 12 feet on to 1200 feet in diameter.
- Q. Are they made of the same materials as the saucers?
A. Yes they are. They are made of very much the same material, except the mother ships are, of course, heavier material than the saucers, much heavier because they are bigger structure, bigger ships and call for greater strength.
- Q. Are the instruments inside them the same as in the saucers?
A. No, in the mother ship there are many more instrumentals for many more purposes than what the saucers have. The saucer is nothing but a scout.
- Q. Do the big ships ever come to earth or do they ever land on any planet?
A. Well they have been reported but nobody has been able to verify where they have landed someplace, but I have never been able to track it down, but as far as I know they have not landed.
- Q. Do they use the same type of power as the saucers?
A. Yes they are the major accumulator of this power it might be said, or condensers of this major power.
- Q. They use motors, and transformers and aeriels and such as that?
A. Yes, not aeriels, well, they do in their way, for communications sometimes, but mostly it is generators and condensers and some motors, however those motors are very silent, but I wouldn't know whether they are really motors or not.
- Q. Why are they coming our way now?
A. Well, it is not because we are bad or indifferent; it is mostly because the earth itself is shifting and the evidence of standing for Admiral Bird, when at Little America prior to the war, and he reported that there was nothing but ice and snow there, yet in 1946 when he went there he reported that ice and snow are thawing and lakes are forming which proves beyond a shadow of doubt that the earth has taken a shift and is still shifting according to some scientists, and they are observing that as a relationship to the planet naturally. We are able to detect earthquakes at a great distance by seismographs, and they have instruments to be able to detect the shift like that of this earth and know the relationship between two planets on the magnetic line of force will change somewhat, and they are observing that and will watch it and are mapping it.

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- Q. Then their major purpose is for their own scientific knowledge?
- A. That's true.
- Q. Are they all friendly?
- A. Yes, very friendly, moreso than any people on earth. People on earth pretend to be friendly but they are not really friendly to each other as these people are, even to so-called strangers.
- Q. What planets are they coming from?
- A. Well the ones that I have contacted are from Mars, Venus and Saturn, although I have reports here from Neptune and Uranus as well. That means five planets of our system.
- Q. Have you had any reports from planets from other systems?
- A. No, I have not, but that does not mean they are not coming, because lodestar 359 has been checked for years now for its code system which is supposed to be coming from there, whether it has been deciphered or not or what. Ever has been learned about it has not been released, and the United States Navy has a big instrument on its building in Washington for that purpose and has had it for years.
- Q. Are the people from the different planets different from each other?
- A. No, they are not, no more than the people are different from each other among the nations in our own world.
- Q. There have been several reports in the last few years of personal contacts. When was the last time that the people in planets contacted the earth like they are now?
- A. According to some records it is round 2,000 years ago, when they made contact with people on earth by landing, and since then they have been observing the earth steadily but not landing until recently, and according to the information I have received from them they said we have not developed very much, because we were killing men then and we are still killing men.
- Q. Well is this the fulfilling of Prophecies would you say?
- A. I would say it is because in the Bible it tells you that Angel men the Son of God, or something of that nature would be coming forth from heaven to earth in due time and the proper time, and this would seem to be the situation.
- Q. Well, since their purpose for coming is scientific, they are definitely not coming to save us, but can they help us in any way?
- A. They are not coming to save anybody, no one can save anyone, each one must save himself if there be any saving, but they are here and will help us if we desire that help. That is no different than if a man is hungry you set the table then he must do the eating if he is going to fulfil his hunger, and the same thing they can do, they can give us information and we can take them or leave them, and if we take them we can better our conditions.
- Q. There have been reports of crashes between earth planes and some of these air planetary craft. Was this deliberate on the part of the space people?
- A. It was not. Never deliberate on their part, but our aggression and our own so called egotism caused these accidents, which could be called accidents and nothing more, besides we are very poorly alerted, or you might say very poorly informed in reference to what kind of power they use in all, and we sometimes come a little bit close or too close to the so called force field that is always round their ships and once that happens we have the accidents.
- Q. If their ships crash on the earth or if they are shot at as has been reported, do they have any way of protecting themselves?
- A. No they do not, although they could. Although it is possible that they could harness this magnetic ray and shoot it out towards us and stop us in our tracks. But this is something they won't do. They claim that they have no right, I asked them about that, and they said they have no right to take revenge for a lack of understanding or ignorance.
- Q. Do they have any television or things like that in their ships?
- A. Yes they do have something like television, not exactly like the television we have, but similar to that, that registers any and every condition of vibration or frequency that they want to detect on earth, including my speaking right now could be picked up by them, as well as their learning languages if they do not happen to know a language, they learn it that way. For an example: If I asked you to bring forward a chair I must have a picture of that chair in my mind then say the word commanding you, and then you proceed to act, and they get all of that and keep repeating till they know what it means.

- Q. Have you ever met any women on any of these ships?
- A. Yes there are women on all the ships, that is, the big ships especially. I have heard of a ship landing, the saucer type, a very large one, where there were five men and two beautiful brunette women all averaging 5' to 6'1". The women were around 5'6" to 5'8" while the men were round 6' to 6'1".
- Q. Have you ever been taken to another planet?
- A. No, I have not.
- Q. Has anyone that you know of ever been taken to another planet?
- A. I have heard of cases where men have been taken to other planets. Just recently there was a man giving a lecture (Nelson) in Chicago saying that he was taken to two planets, Mars and Venus, as well as the moon, and I have some of his letters that he wrote to me prior to his lecture. At that time he did not go out, but since then he did and of course, I believe his case, only on these grounds, that while my book "Inside a Space Ship" is not yet out, but will be out in a few days, no one read the script and yet he had the same information which I have written about in the book, meaning then that he has contacted another group of Venusians different from mine, and must have got his information from that group, on these grounds I base the case as being true, as far as I know.
- Q. How far out have you been taken?
- A. Well I was taken pretty close to one other planet like that of Venus but never landed on it.
- Q. Is space sunny or is it black dark?
- A. It is darkness. The further out in space you get, the darker it gets, although if any object was moving through space it seems to be a little darker than space itself so you can still detect it even with your own eyes.
- Q. Is there life on the moon?
- A. Yes there are plenty of inhabitants on the moon, in fact the space people have bases on the moon and quite a number of them.
- Q. Do you know what the bridge on the moon is which has recently been discovered by astronomers. Does it cross a deep canyon or water or what?
- A. Well it seems to be crossing a canyon, what it is, (and it is probably not built by man,) that is hard to say until you land on it and investigate it. It could be made by nature just that way, for even made by nature is a feat in itself, for it is 250 ft in length it has been reported. I have that report from the "Sky and Telescope" magazine, which is published by Harvard a couple of years ago, this was given out.
- Q. Do they have weather on the moon like we have, changing storms and such as that, or do they have extremes of hot and cold?
- A. Well, they have the extreme hot and cold, the same as we have it - we have it on earth as well, and astronomy will never prove facts to the exact state that's one sure think. It takes many other forms of science to conform this thing since none of the scientists that talk about this have ever gone there themselves to prove it. They are only speculating or theorising.
- Q. There have been reports throughout the years of mysterious light on the moon. Sometimes these things last a long time and sometimes they are only flashes now and then. Can you explain those?
- A. Well surely they would not be there unless somebody would operate them or produce them. There has to be some sort of intelligence to bring forth these odd manifestations as we call them. As I stated before, our instruments that we have, as good as they are they are not good enough yet to give us an exact answer to all these questions.
- Q. Are there oceans on the moon?
- A. There is water on the moon, or there is moisture on the moon - there is bound to be because chemistry will tell you that if it is 240° F. on one side and 240° below zero on the other side that these two extremities are going to meet, and anybody who studies chemistry knows that once they meet they produce moisture themselves automatically, also produce a temperate zone at the very spot they meet, they have got to blend some place.
- Q. Well, about those extreme temperatures, Halley says there are some to the rising of 240 degrees.

- A. No they are not exactly right because as I stated before we haven't got proper instruments yet, which that will give us the exact truth and common sense tells us that if the rays of the sun coming our way will heat by opposing what they call pressure which is caused by friction that these rays do heat, it is common sense that we too, going out from here, may strike in this way a certain amount of heat. This is going to be created through friction opposing the atmosphere and we have no way of knowing just what that percentage would be, how would we know exact temperature then, anywhere else?
- Q. Do the people of the other planets worship the same God as we do on earth?
- A. Well they don't call it God as we do any more than they call the planets Venus, Mars and so forth as we do. They name their planets by orbits, only, which is the logical thing to do because that would be universal, and so it is true with their word for the name of God, instead of using the word God they say Supreme Being of the Universe or Supreme Intelligence of the Universe which is even broader than the word God.
- Q. Do they have a Sabbath day that they observe?
- A. A Sabbath day to them is every day because every day is a holy day of the Supreme Being and perpetuated by the Supreme Intelligence of the Universe. And that being holy they consider all things holy.
- Q. Do they have everlasting life or are they born and do they die?
- A. They have everlasting life when it comes to life, but forms must change and therefore in speaking of forms dying they do not actually die but there is transformation of going back to the true essence from which they came while the intelligence that occupied that form goes on to the next person and takes on another form, which in this world we call death they only call it transmutation.
- Q. What is the average span of life there on the other planets?
- A. The average span of life on planet Venus for example is a thousand years or so, although that should not be a mystery because the bible tells you that when the firmament was over the earth that there was a thousand years life here as well and that Methusala had lived to 999 years.
- Q. What is their mode of living, do they have cities and country life and rural districts like we have?
- A. The mode of living is not much different from our own. They are human beings like we are. Once we get that into our heads the mystery will begin to vanish, but they are human being like ourselves, and they have very much the problems in some things that we have. For instance they have the problem of having to wash their faces and keeping their bodies clean, and things like that, except that they have solved the economic problem far better than we have, where the worries and tensions that we have to go through are no longer prevailing.
- Q. Do they work for a living?
- A. Well they have been one time, but they have harnessed all the powers that we are harnessing, they harnessed it for construction to produce or do their work for them, and so as a result of it they do very little work about 2 hours out of every 24 hours of our time.
- Q. But they have a home life like we do?
- A. Absolutely, in every respect.
- Q. Do they have an educational system?
- A. Yes, on a universal basis, in other words every child is given equal education according to his talent, what he is adapted for. Full support to the development of that talent as it realises that it renders a service to the whole that the whole could not operate without it either.
- Q. Well does that educational system cease after so many years?
- A. No it doesn't. They keep on learning, that is the way they move on from planet to planet as we would from class-room to class-room, for graduation which is never attained because eternity is eternity.
- Q. Do they have churches and school houses and such as that?
- A. They do not have them in the same sense that we have, but their churches or school houses are one and the same thing. Put it that way because they learn the universal laws which are also of their Creator and that of man as a unit combination, no division.
- Q. Have they birds and animals and fish and flowers?

- A. No different than our own for we must admit our earth is born of space, for if it is born of space it has got its chemicals of which it is composed out of space. The other planets born of the same space, and especially our own system, should not have reproduced anything different than this planet has, chemically speaking.
- Q. What do the people there eat?
- A. They are mostly vegetarians, although if they come to your home and you have nothing but meat they will eat it, and they will also eat it on the planet if that should be a necessity.
- Q. Do they raise stock there for food purposes like we do?
- A. No, they do not.
- Q. Would it be possible for people from other planets to come to earth land in a flying saucer and to get a job or work in some way here, live among us as our neighbours and friends without being recognised?
- A. Yes it is very possible, in fact they could marry and no one would know the difference.
- Q. Can they read our thoughts?
- A. Yes they can read our thoughts very well, although we are not well developed in that field but most of our salesmen and people dealing with people read other people, and knowing beforehand just what the reaction of individual will be, with whom they are dealing, and that is a part of that mental reading and they have developed it to a far greater extent than we do, therefore they are able to read us much easier.
- Q. Then if we met any of them we would have no difficulty in talking with them.
- A. Not at all.
- Q. Could we entertain them in our homes as friends, and feed them and such as that, and be comfortable with them?
- A. No different than we do our own friends now, in fact a lot more comfortable.
- Q. How can we get to meet them?
- A. Well that is a big question, I have been asked that a thousand times, and it seems that they choose their people somehow, and why I wouldn't know but they have picked up and made contacts with people from the lowest so called talent base of earth man to the highest, already. They seem to be picking up in all fields of endeavour and no one can ever tell who might be the next although you do not need such a great education for such a contact, but it is better if you have a broader view of life, as they could use you a lot better, in other words they could use you as a servant to spread the good news; but they do contact all phases. Their greatest and important part, that I might say, is necessary for an individual to be in, for the contact to be made is alert, to be alert; you don't have to concentrate, meditate or anything like that, but be alert. Let me illustrate this little bit this way. For instance two men walk into a place for a drink, they both get the same drink, and they have the drink, then they walk out of the place, and one man says (we will say this is Jim talking to Dick) "Say Jim, did you see that beautiful picture on the bar or did you see that beautiful mantlepiece hanging over in that one corner?" and Dick said "Heck! I haven't seen anything like that. When did you see it? I was in the same place and saw nothing". Proving that one man was alert, and saw everything that was in that room, while the other fellow was not. That is what I mean by alertness.
- Q. Would it be wise to use a flashlight in trying to attract their attention or signal them?
- A. It is dangerous, because after all they are not superhuman beings as some people try to make them out to be, they are too, wondering sometimes what we are going to do, and in cases like that you throw a beam of light against them and that beam could be something dangerous, so not knowing what might be in that beam they will throw a ray at you which will knock you down, which has been known to do and not to hurt you in anyway, but it does frighten you a little bit. For instance this case down here in what you call the Scout master you probably have heard about, when he started hatching the waves at their ship with a matchet Well supposing that matchet had stuck into the crown of the ship, he would have completed the circuit in this electrical machine and he would have been electrocuted, and it was lucky for him that each time he struck at the ship with the matchet a portion of it broke off and that made no contact

so seeing that they shot a ray at him and knocked him down, and of course this was not hot, but you know a rope is not hot but you can burn your hand. Well that is about the way this happened and he got burnt a little bit, but it saved his life by frightening him that way and getting him away from the ship, so you see that is a dangerous thing to do to focus the light on them. It is better if you are going to signal, signal the light on the ground, towards the ground, they'll see it if that's what they need.

Q. Have they decreased in number these space people?

A. No they have not. They are increasing rather than decreasing. Last year there were many more of them than ever before, and there were 82 personal contacts made throughout the world, yet the papers only carry two contacts out of the 82.

Q. Is the sun hot?

A. The sun is not as near as we can tell now because the closer we go towards the sun in our own planes the colder it gets. It looks like the radiation that comes from the sun, once it hits our atmosphere, it is there that it begins to heat, and especially when it hits our earth, as well as the light that is produced by the same method.

Q. How can these ships sail through space without being hit by meteors?

A. Well they have a force-field, their own gravity, their own atmosphere, as I have stated before, which is known as a forcefield, and is a negative forcefield radiating from the body of the ship, and anything flying through space and any space debris is also negative, but space is positive, therefore, it will repel anything that might be coming towards the ship.

Q. Is space hot or cold, does it have any layers of different temperatures?

A. Well, it has hot layers, warm layers and very cold layers of atmosphere and conditions in space, but travelling at the speed you do and carrying your own atmosphere and your own gravity you do not come in contact with it directly as you would without this protection.

Q. Your new book "Inside the Space Ships" gives many of these answers. doesn't it?

A. Yes it does. It gives quite a number of things in reference to life and many other things.

Q. And more information about their thoughts?

A. Yes, about the way they live, and how they think, their entertainment and quite a number of things.

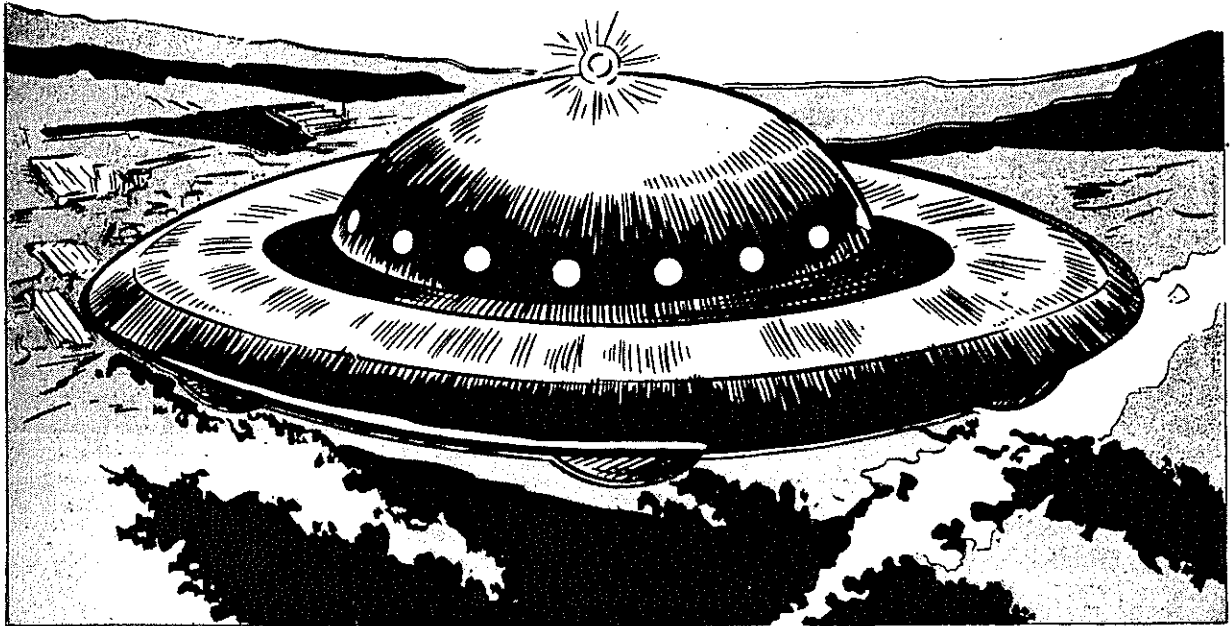
Q. And they do have a lot of entertainment on these planets as well as work and play?

A. Yes they do, they have beautiful music far greater than we have attained so far and all their entertainment is more or less kind of class work, because they learn from their entertainment the gracefulness of their body, like dancing gives gracefulness of the body, everything is done with the purpose of learning - always learning, that is their whole desire and the idea behind it is that the more they learn about the laws of nature and comply with them, the more they render their service unto their Creator, and the more they please their Creator. That's their major point of living, to please their Creator, the Supreme Intelligence of the Universe, not like we, we are out to please ourselves and seldom think of our Creator except when we get into trouble, but they are constantly in thought of the Creator and do everything with that thought and to please their Creator to the best of their ability, and the best of their knowledge. They look upon each other as a divine creation and therefore they do not harm each other as we do here on earth.

Q. Then it is all done with joy?

A. Yes, all done with joy out and what we call universal love and so forth. In other words they see themselves in the other fellow and they wouldn't want to be hurt so they won't hurt the other fellow, and I believe it is time for religious groups all over the world to take this particular lesson and it is the only hope to save civilisation from total destruction, by the religious groups taking up this method and practising by preaching it, and not only preaching it but practising it - PUT IT TO WORK.

"flying saucers"



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CHANGE OF POLICY AND BROADENING OF AIMS AND OBJECTS AS APPROVED IN COMMITTEE, 6th MAY, 1954, AT C.S.I. HEADQUARTERS, 1 NISSAN PLACE, ONEHUNGA, S.E.5, AUCKLAND.

Because of the rapidly developing picture more than strongly favouring the presence of real "Unidentified Flying Objects" in our skies, C.S.I. believed that best purpose would now be served by opening the organisation to the public at large wishing to join. This would permit the promulgation or broadcast of information on a far wider scale.

C.S.I.'s Aims & Objects when established on the 12th October, 1952, were:

(1) To file all reports of "Unidentified Flying Objects", these reports would receive sincere and unbiased investigation and would be kept confidential if requested by informant.

(2) To correspond and affiliate with kindred bodies abroad so that information could be exchanged and greater knowledge obtained.

(3) To try and establish the true nature of the mystery objects, their purpose and composition. If the objects were found to be intelligently guided and/or piloted craft, efforts would be made to effect contact.

With effect 6th May, 1954, Our Aims & Objects were so broadened to include:

(4) To pass on via lectures, published papers, magazines and all means at our disposal, information recorded about these mysterious objects frequenting earth skies.

(5) Information would be authenticated as far as possible and classified as to reliability. Every effort would be made to present the subject on a sensible level so as not to promote fear, alarm or revulsion.

(6) To keep ourselves well informed of the development of all modern aids to visual material detection and improved techniques in rocket flight, preparations for interplanetary exploration and astronomical data complimentary to the above.

Currently C.S.I. has 350 financial associates, an appreciable number of whom are active representatives throughout New Zealand and overseas countries. C.S.I. is a non-profit organisation, has no political affiliations, and all duties are performed on a voluntary basis.

Address all inquiries re membership, or subscription to magazine only, to C.S.I. Headquarters, 1 Nissan Place, Onehunga, S.E.5. Fees: Full member £1 per annum. Magazine only: 10/- per four issues New Zealand, 11/- overseas.

WHO ARE YOU KIDDING MR. QUARLES. COLOURFUL "FLYING LIGHT" CAUSES STIR. N.Z.'S. FIRST OFFICIAL INQUIRY.

Towards the end of September, and increasingly with the progress of October, we noted from press cuttings and correspondence that "Unidentified Flying Objects" were once again showing promise of giving more than average attention to Australasian Territories. This followed the greater activity being experienced in Great Britain and the U.S.A. The N.Z. reports were only mentioned by the press local to the event, so the public were completely unaware of this new appearance.

On the 20th October, however, Flying Saucers hit the headlines throughout the world's press. Donald E. Quarles, Secretary of Air, U.S. Airforce, made a dramatic announcement. "There are no Flying Saucers. The Airforce is winding up its 8-year investigation - BUT shortly you'll start seeing real Flying Saucers, we are making them," stated Mr. Quarles.

Never in the history of our subject have I read such a disgustingly deceptive official statement. Press Association wires were good enough to carry a mild version of my reactions. I pointed out that this was the third time since 1947 that the U.S. Airforce had officially wound up its Saucer probing. They had in this time changed the code name for Saucer Investigating teams five times. (Project Saucer, Twinkle, Sign, Grudge, and lastly, Bluebook.)

Civilian investigators will wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Quarles' assertion that shortly "revolutionary Saucerlike American aircraft will take the sky and give the illusion of Saucers". BUT, Mr. Quarles, we predicted three years ago that future 'explain away experts' would pounce on this very tangible explanation of UFO sightings as soon as such terrestrial unorthodox aircraft showed promise of taking the air. We know, too, that the numerous UFO sightings expected to follow the close approach of Earth to Mars next September may well be further explained as Balloons, Rockets, artificial Satellites experiments and tests, etc., let loose by many scientists practising for the International Geophysical Year July '57 - December '58.

No sooner had the diminishing ranks of sceptics cupped their hands in thanks-giving following Secretary Quarles' statement than an extremely local UFO incident captured prominent press mention throughout New Zealand, and rocked them back on their heels. Sure, it was only a "flying light", but any "light" capable of behaving in the manner of this one must have been attached to some "thing" more agile and local than a planet winking on the horizon.

The National Airways Corp. crew report was quickly followed by the first (publicly announced) official enquiry in New Zealand. Mr. Shand, Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation, on learning the details of the report stated "I have called for a full immediate report, this is the first circumstantial and apparently reliable report on such an object we have yet had, and I am especially interested because of the character of the witnesses, whose reputations cannot be questioned."

Mr. Halstead, the Acting Minister of Defence, called on the Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice Marshall W.H. Merton, for the fullest co-operation in the inquiry.

Now let Capt. W.T. Rainbow, pilot of the aircraft, tell you of his, his crew's, and his passenger's experience. This is a copy of Capt. Rainbow's official report to the Director of Air Intelligence, Wellington:-

"On the night of the 31st October, 1955, I was Captain of Flight 108 proceeding from Wellington to Auckland. We departed from Paraparaumu in excellent weather, and conditions remained so until we ran into a warm front which was lying across our track at Raglan Reporting Point and extended out to the west where it lay in a N.E. - S.W. direction.

At sunset visibility was excellent, due to a full moon and little cloud over the air route. At 2006 hrs. as I was looking towards the southwest direction, a very brilliant light caught the corner of my eye. This light was positioned above 8/8ths cloud, the tops of which appeared to be about 6000 ft. and also below scattered middle cloud.

My first impression was that it was a meteor, or a planet setting in the Southern declination, but after closer investigation I could see that it was moving by about 2000 ft. above the cloud tops, and it was changing its light intensity from a bright hard light to a brilliant light in a cycle of approximately 3 seconds and changing colour from white-yellow-orange to red.

It appeared to be to the west of Waitara and at the same altitude as us. I then asked the co-pilot, F/O S. Trounce, to have a look towards our tail and to tell me what he thought the light could be. At first his impressions were the same as mine, but he could not understand the change of brilliance in the light, its colour, or the fact that it was overtaking us at the same altitude. He also suggested that I open the window to eliminate any refraction error, but it made no difference to the object.

I then asked him to go to the cabin and ask a Mr. Tuckett who is a Civilian Aviation Officer and an experienced pilot, to watch the light and to ask if he thought it was a planet. During the co-pilot's absence I called Wellington Control and asked if there were any known aircraft to the west of New Plymouth, and their answer was negative. I next called them and told them there was a bright light to the west of New Plymouth and to ask Flight 135 if he could see it: the last part of my message was jammed by Wellington Control who were at that time doing just that. I next called up and said that this bright light was changing colour, and passing to the West of us at a distance of, if I remember rightly, 10-15 miles, and at the same time giving them incorrect call sign Flight 135.

F/O Trounce then returned to the cockpit, when at this time the object was just west of our wingtip and still at the same altitude as ourselves. Our Auto-pilot was engaged on the same course of 330 degrees compass as it had been for the last 10 minutes since Ohura check point, and this I checked to ensure that I was not turning towards the west and so explain the object's changed position in relation to our course. I could also see the object flying in and out of a few tops of the cloud which was now building up as we approached the front.

After a further close look and discussion with the co-pilot, I then told him to go back to the cabin and waken Air Commodore Cohen and to get him to have a look at this object and so confirm what we were seeing. As the co-pilot was in the cabin, we entered the front, and knowing that there was no aircraft on the air route, I climbed up to 9000 ft., whereupon the object was easily picked up below us and ahead. After several more minutes observation, I obtained our clearance to come down

to 4000 ft in preparation for landing at Auckland, and so lost contact upon entering cloud again.

During the descent the co-pilot returned to the cockpit and informed me that the Air Commodore stated that it was a planet and took no further interest and went back to sleep. Then I went back to the cabin and spoke to Mr. Tuckett and asked if he thought it was a planet, and to this he said no, and that he had not seen anything like that before. He also noticed the object overtaking us and changing its position in relation to us. A Mr. Hume in the seat ahead of him also confirmed all that Mr. Tuckett, Trounce, and myself had seen. I then approached the Air Commodore and asked his opinion, to which he remarked that it was a planet low down on the horizon, but he made no further comment when I said that it had definitely passed us at 8000 ft.

Upon arrival at Whenuapai, I notified the officer on duty at Whenuapai and as far as I was concerned there the matter rested.

POINTS OF INTEREST CONCERNING THE OBJECT:

It was a small bright light then increasing to brilliant in a cycle of 3 seconds, but its change of intensity did not appear to be constant during the whole observation.

It changed colour from white-yellow-orange (gold) to red.

It did not appear to have any tail or trail behind it.

It did not appear as a soft reflected light/

It travelled from west of Waitara to a position approx. west of Waikato river mouth during the same time as we travelled from approx. 3 miles south of Albatross Point to just north of Raglan reporting point.

It maintained a steady altitude and overtaking speed.

The light appeared to be revolving such as a beacon on the top of Whenuapai Control Tower, at a distance of 10 miles.

If it was there during the previous 30-45 minutes we would have seen it ahead of us approaching Ohura due to excellent visibility in that area, in other words, it just appeared in our view from the south.

A planet does not overtake at a steady altitude from S.S.W. and disappear to the N.N. West.

At 2006 hrs. we called Wellington concerning this light, and the planet Venus was below the horizon at 2010 hrs., therefore, for the previous hour and its 15 degree travel the planet was below and behind the Cold Front lying out to the West, and it would account for us not seeing the planet during the night. This would also apply to Flight 135, southbound. We still had this object in sight after the time that the planet Venus was below the horizon. A similar object was seen in the area 2 hrs. later by two men.

This object was in view for approximately 5-10 minutes, and was seen clearly by 3 pilots and one civilian, and then seen briefly by Air Commodore Cohen.

A planet's light could change its intensity due to the proximity of cloud, but this object was well clear of any cloud at first and still it did not appear as a steady light. "

Signed Captain W.T. Rainbow

Immediately following the press report of the N.A.C.'s crew's observation, I contacted Capt. Rainbow, and a little later Mr. Tuckett, and F/O Trounce, by phone. The three pilots confirmed the press reports of their experience, cleared up some slight inaccuracies, and gave me added details of the incident. I have subsequently interviewed Capt. Rainbow a number of times privately, and once on stage at our

November public meeting.

I regret to report that the official investigation of this incident has apparently climaxed just the way we expected, and even predicted on stage at our public meeting. The N.A.C. crew were called to Wellington (N.Z. Capital and seat of Government) and interviewed by the Director of Air Force Intelligence. At the close of a day-long study of the incident, and a thorough checking of the Planet Venus's position in the Western sky, and its setting time, the playing back of the tape recorded radioed conversations between Air Control and the crew during the observation, and eliminating the possibility of other aircraft being in the area, Intelligence Officers could not identify the source or find a natural phenomena explanation of the "Flying Light".

The press obtained and published a statement to this effect on the 5th November, inclusive of the statement that Air Dept. investigators completely ruled out Venus as the source or cause of the report. They had, reported the press, made allowance for the Planet's later setting time as for an aircraft flying at 8,000 ft. Following this stage in the probe, Mr. Halstead stated that he was now calling in the Meteorological Dept. in order to find a simple solution for the N.A.C. crew's report.

Close on this announcement, the press reported on Nov. 8th "that on new reckonings and fixings of the Planet Venus's position and setting time, provided to the investigators by Mr. I.L. Thomson, Director of Carter Observatory, Wellington, Mr. Halstead stated that the Air Force Investigators now agreed that the Planet Venus could have been the cause of the "Flying Light" observation, however, the speed and movement of the light reported by Capt. Rainbow remained unexplained. Mr. Halstead, Deputy Minister of Defence, concluded by stating "that all other press releases made during the investigation were not from official sources."

As Editor of this Journal and Dominion President of the Organisation, this Journal represents, I consider, as I'm sure the majority of our 380 financial associates will, that the last part of Mr. Halstead's statement constitutes a rather nasty rebuke to the Air Force Intelligence people, who were responsible for the investigation and released to the press their day-to-day progress, and objective search for the truthful answer to the mystery.

Up until the time Mr. Halstead made this last statement, the investigation had been showing real promise. There has been no further press mention of the affair. To C.S.I. this was the stage when the official probe "blew cold" as expected.

What happened at this juncture to cause the Minister to step in and white-wash the incident away and insist that earlier official statements made by equally responsible people were now to be considered unofficial. Did a U.S. Air Force Pentagonian Officer of the distinguished "Silence Group" flash out to N.Z. via a Super Jet (could explain the sudden appearance of high contrails or vapour trails sighted in many places) and whisper in the Minister's ear, or did our official investigators (top directive) get cold feet and fear to make a finding contrary to the mighty U.S. Air Force. Remember the 26th October U.S. Air Force statement by Mr. Quarles, it was bound to have a far greater intimidating effect on other official investigators of the "UFO" problem than on the now well seasoned and hardened members of the civilian research. When the official investigation was first ordered

by Mr. Shand, Minister of Civil Aviation, I, on behalf of C.S.I., telegraphed our glad tidings and offered our assistance. True, our assistance was not called for, nor did we expect to be summoned to give voice at the inquiry. By virtue of my long and serious study of numerous, thoroughly authenticated "UFO" observations plus the assimilation of a wealth of extremely helpful investigatory data published by other serious fact finding civilian researchers, I feel I can speak with real

authority on these matters. Civilian researchers around the globe, whose by-word has been integrity and honesty, have made a unanimous finding. We have established via accepted scientific standards that "Saucers" do most positively exist, and the only answer that fits all the facts is to accept that they are of extraterrestrial origin.

The claims of the increasing number of personal "contactors" with Venusians, Martians, Clarions, etc., plays no part whatsoever in our above appreciation. Only time and future developments will prove or disprove the "contactors" and our assertions. For our part, we have great confidence in the future. The chief conspirators of the great American Air Force untruth "There are no Saucers", have been recently thoroughly dissected and exposed by Major Donald E. Keyhoe in his new book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" published by Henry Holt of New York on November 28th and released on December 5th, 1955, (\$3.50.)

Mr. Keyhoe is our "Star" civilian researcher of this great probe, and we have no hesitation in predicting that world demand for copy of his latest work will greatly exceed all previous works on this subject.

In conclusion of this Editorial, I would like to add our appreciation of the "Flying Light" incident. Firstly, having accepted the integrity and reliability of Capt. Rainbow's observation, so nobly endorsed by Mr. Shand, Minister of Aviation, we make the following observation.

We are positive that the Planet Venus played no part in the incident, nor any other natural phenomena of our experience. We point out that the incident has numerous other equals in the annals of the Air Force and civil Aviation dosiers around the world. Many of these cases have occurred in broad daylight. Strange craft, clearly outlined against the blue sky, have paced or raced past our aircraft at extremely close proximity. Even in daylight the eerie radiance or surrounding glow has been visible to the observers. Many have reported the changing colour pattern and regular pulsation of light intensity which accompanies these objects in flight.

We have not room in this issue to list the many other ground observations received from N.Z. press and private sources since the beginning of October, but we must mention that at least six other sightings, some witnessed the same evening as the N.A.C. report, and others a little later, bear remarkable resemblances to Capt. Rainbow's observation.

We are extremely grateful to Capt. Rainbow and the other officer's co-operation and assistance given us in our study of their 31st October, 1955, experience. We share their disgust at the official whitewashing of the incident and hope they will pass on to us the details of any other observations which they may have in the future. At least one of these officers has avowed to us that he will not be reporting any future occurrence which may befall him, to Government sources.

When highly skilled and experienced observers are forced to adopt this attitude to protect themselves against belittlement and ridicule (has also many equals) the unpleasant smell of an unequalled high level conspiracy radiates freely in all directions; even a dodo could detect it.

To the local astronomer antagonist of much debunking fame, we offer our sympathy. On Tuesday November 8th, he distinguished himself by ably demonstrating in his weekly press column how little he knows of our subject, and how befuddled can become the unreasonably sceptical mind. There are two extremes in gullibility, this gentleman appears to have swallowed the official viewpoint in toto.

Although at least two press reporters attended our public meeting on November 7th in official capacity, and one was noted to be writing continuously during the three hour programme, not a mention of the meeting was publicised.
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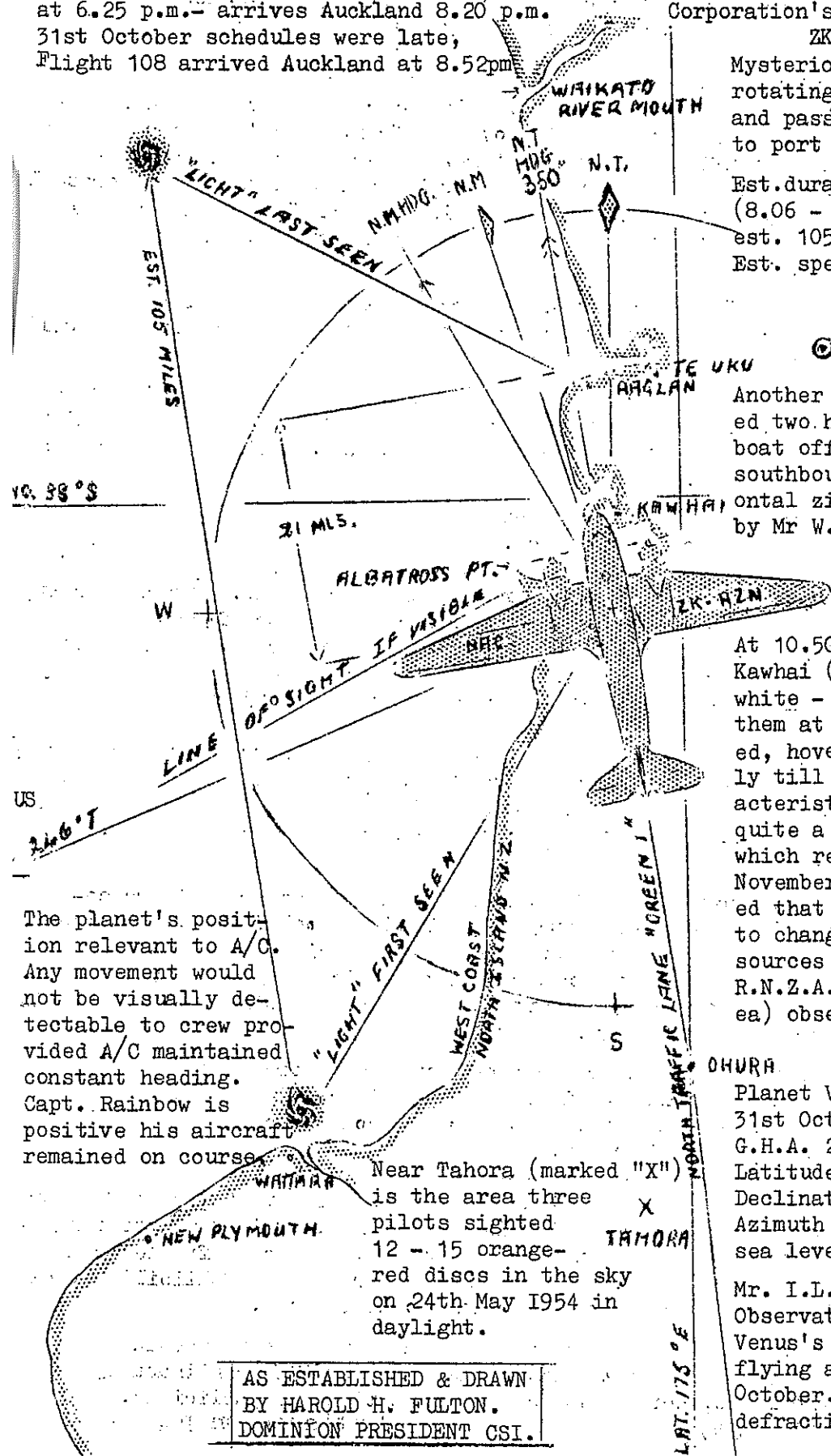
CHARTED PLOT OF CAPTAIN W.T. RAINBOW'S AND CREW'S 31ST OCTOBER 1955 OBSERVATION

Flight 108 normally departs Paraparumu at 6.25 p.m. - arrives Auckland 8.20 p.m. 31st October schedules were late, Flight 108 arrived Auckland at 8.52pm

The aircraft was a National Airways Corporation's Douglas DC3, Reg. No. ZK-AZN

Mysterious "Flying Light", "like rotating Marine Beacon" overtook and passed flight 108c 10-15 mls to port (later corrected to 5 mls.)

Est. duration of sighting 5-10 mins. (8.06 - 8.16p.m.) "UFL" travelled est. 105 miles in 7½ mins. (average). Est. speed therefore 840 M.P.H.



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Another or same "Flying Light" sighted two hours later by two men in boat off Te Uku. "Light" was tailing southbound T.E.A.L. DC6 with a horizontal zig-zag flight motion. Reported by Mr W. Dryland & Mr. R. Moon of Te-Uku.

At 10.50 pm. Mr. & Mrs. Daysh of Kawhai (same night) sighted brilliant white - orange "light" approaching them at speed. "light" suddenly stopped, hovered and then climbed vertically till out of sight. This flight characteristic reported by observers of quite a number of other "Flying Lights" which reached CSI Headquarters during November. An appreciable number reported that the "Lighted Objects" appeared to change colour and rotate. Excellent sources recently informed CSI that R.N.Z.A.F. Vampire pilot (based at Ohakea) observed "Flying Light" same evening.

OHURA

Planet Venus - Azimuth & Altitude 31st October 1955, 8.10 pm.
 G.H.A. 290.55. L.H.A. 175.05 E.
 Latitude 38°S Longitude 175° E.
 Declination S18.26.
 Azimuth 246°T, Altitude -0.39 at sea level.

Mr. I.L. Thomsen, Director of Carter Observatory Wellington calculated that Venus's setting time as for aircraft flying at 8,000ft was 8.19 pm on 31st October. (presumably allowing for 6' defraction effect.)

The planet's position relevant to A/C. Any movement would not be visually detectable to crew provided A/C maintained constant heading. Capt. Rainbow is positive his aircraft remained on course.

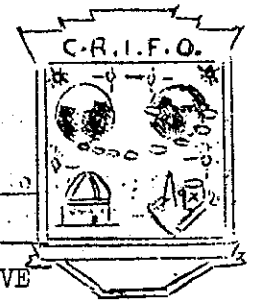
Near Tahora (marked "X") is the area three pilots sighted 12 - 15 orange-red discs in the sky on 24th May 1954 in daylight.

AS ESTABLISHED & DRAWN BY HAROLD H. FULTON. DOMINION PRESIDENT CSI.

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IS "SAUCER" SHOWDOWN NEAR? UNPRECEDENTED PEACE TALKS MAY HAVE
EXTRATERRESTRIAL COERCION.

C.R.I.F.O DOES NOT OPERATE A RUMOURMONGERY: IT PREFERS THE FACT-ROOTED STORY. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE THE LINE SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION ARE TENUOUS. - SUCH IS THE STORY WE HAVE FROM GENEVA. OUR FIRST IMPULSE WAS TO REJECT THE ITEM, in toto, BUT WE RECONSIDERED OUR APPRAISAL UPON THE RECEIPT OF AN ADDITIONAL CLIPPING (1) WHICH NAMED THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION AS PROF. ALFRED NAHON OF LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND.

Having no knowledge of Nahon's irresponsible reporting in the past, we felt reasonably safe in assuming that his details were in order, and, at once began connecting with it other pertinent evidence we had on file, all of which lends still more credence to the professor's assertions. On these premises, we feel duty-bound to relate the evidence on hand for your own evaluation. We quote, first, from the A.P. release, datelined Geneva, July 16th, 1955:

"THE WORLD INTERPLANETARY ASSOCIATION disclosed today the secret reason the heads of government of the world's four major powers decided to have a meeting here next week. This is it: To discuss how to deal with beings from another planet, or planets, who have delivered a final warning to the world by destroying atomic plants in Britain (3) and Russia. The Association made this disclosure in a memorandum to the Big Four, signed by its President, Prof. Alfred Nahon of Lausanne. The Association's congress unanimously approved it last week, he said.

The utilization of atomic energy - even for peaceful purposes - was about to cause the disintegration of the universe, the memo declared. The inhabitants of other planets realised the danger, and the only way to prevent the attacks from outer space was to abandon the atom. The memo called on the Big Four to tell the world the truth about aircraft from outer space, 'observed in all countries since 1945' in order to avoid 'stupid panic' when the facts finally became known."

- (1) Credit, Sam Feldman, Chicago ILL, H.G. Rovner, Philad. Pa.
- (2) Editor, LE COURRIER INTERPLANETAIRE.
- (3) We know of several mysterious explosions over England which demand explanation; (1) British Mag., FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, May/June issue, reports one over Hampstead Heath area, March 16, 1955. (2) See C.F.I.R.O. case 73. Harold T. Wilkins informs us, incident involved four blast bolts coming from four directions, one swinging in tight circle, after entering the Isles from Land's End from Atlantic. It then exploded violently on the coast of Eire, causing landslide. (3) C.S.I. (N.Z.) sends us clip on mysterious London explosions, July 6, quoting in part; "The explosion - a double bang - awakened people over 50-mile radius, rattling windows, setting off burglar alarms and alerting police and fire departments. "It made a rolling, thundery noise", said a Ministry spokesman, "which is not at all like a supersonic bang."
- (4) At press time, we received a letter, via Airmail from Prof. Nahon. In our hasty translation from the French, we learn that Nahon's information on the explosions and destruction of atomic centres in Russia and England, and the blackout of this news by the press, comes from a "good source". He says, "the one of which we are dealing mostly (for information) is an Italian diplomat of Rome ... (Ed.) We have the diplomat's name, but prefer withholding it) Nahon adds "... I have never said that the Big Four gathered to discuss the question of the UFO ... they gathered BECAUSE OF THE ACTION following these UFO's."

NEEDLESS FOR CRIFO to offer its interpretation of the proceedings at Geneva, for at this writing the trend is nebulous, premature and deplete of the facts. However, the real trend appears to have been established before Geneva. Looking back into the potpourri of events in recent months, we have noted the build-up of a new East-West relationship, one in which not only the DEEDS OF PEACEFUL INTENTIONS are manifest, but with the ungrudging handshake and wooing smile of visiting dignitaries. It is in these gestures that we find our DOUBLE ENTENDRE, and, our suspicions for the fear-state which may have coerced the heads of government into a new and more cordial behaviour.

THE CONTAGION OF FEAR.

Then came the Geneva Conference, seeming almost too precipitant. Sparked by the Nahon report, we felt even more convinced that a CONTAGION OF FEAR, spreading steadily behind the scenes, did have the precipitant influence, or not to be discounted in the light of recent developments, that some new incident occurred forcing the whole issue into a state of crisis!

Even disregarding the "state of crisis" hypothesis, we still find credulity in the belief that the meeting of the Big Four may have served more than one good purpose, and we cite, (1) closed-door discussion of UFO problems, which at any time may precipitate into a world crisis. (2) concurrent and open discussion of East-West differences, which if effected, would mean a world of peaceful co-existence, and the necessary unified front in meeting any new crisis.

All in all, we must account in some way for the sudden warmth of diplomacy and the savior faire of the dignitary, while still fresh in the mind are the yesterdays of sabre-rattling and the blood-bath of Korea. The real issues at Geneva are not yet known, and may never be, but we are certain that away from the podium, panels were held in secrecy.

One sundry note, touching on the theme of secrecy, comes from Eddy Gilmore of A.P. (5). In his report of July 21, he played up the "black snow" which swirled down over a wide area around the headquarters of the U.S. delegation. He assures us, however, that the snow has nothing more than ashes of secret papers being burned by security men ...

(5) Credit H.G. Rovner, Philadelphia, Pa.

In the July issue of ORBIT, we emphasised the world concern over the UFO. This factor alone, should be sufficient reason to behoove nations to a unified course of action, but we have on hand OTHER information, dating back, which shows evidence of a HIGH LEVEL CONCERN, and we believe that such, although significant in itself, may also have had some bearing on Geneva. Possibly because of tight security in diplomatic circles, little in the way of newsbits seep out publicly, but some of the evidence we know has already made the circuit and needs only review.

For instance, Dorothy Kilgallen, on February 15th, 1954, gave bold-face type to this report: "Flying Saucers are regarded as of such vital importance that they will be the subject of a special hush-hush meeting of world Military heads next summer."

When the summer of 1954 arrived, we heard nothing more of this meeting, but we learned that the real purpose of Winston Churchill's visit to the U.S. that summer went BEYOND the announced discussion of Asian affairs. This mission, we are told, was on the UFO! Although we cannot supply proof of this assertion, we might recall, for what it's worth, that Churchill was one of the strong proponents for a meeting at the "summit". Perhaps, at that long-ago date, the astute Churchill knew that an East-West reconciliation was mandatory before ever coping with the still greater issue of the UFO. Now, reflectively, we can only wonder what occurred in or over Russia since the summer of 1954, and, why now, the growling Bear has turned to

smiles, licking his honey. Russia, the enigma in the world of politics, is no less enigmatic in the role of the UFO. All attempts by C.R.I.F.O. to burrow under the Iron Curtain for information have been futile. However, we do have one informative report, that removes any notion that the Russians are treating the subject with the apathy they pretend. We quote from the item, datelined Berlin, NANA November 3rd, 1952.

"A GERMAN SCIENTIST'S DAUGHTER who lived in the Russian Zone and was conscripted for work in a Moscow laboratory, escaped to the Western Zone recently. This girl of 24 told the High Commissioner's office that the Russians had come to the conclusion that Flying Saucers are not figments of imagination, but are something real. The Russians, she said, are resolved to find out what they are. Her father had worked under the Nazis at Peenemunds during World War II. Un the beginning, she said, the Russians dismissed the heavenly objects as propoganda released by the Western world as a scare in the hope of convincing timid persons of the great scientific might of the West. Later, however, they began to take a more serious view of the matter when RELIABLE STORIES of Flying Saucers were reported over Turkey and Southern Russia "

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Septem- THE QUESTION OF INTERPLANETARY WAR - LANDINGS & LITTLE MEN.
ber 2nd. CINCINNATI IS SCENE OF UFO CONCENTRATION.....
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CINCINNATI, SWELTERING UNDER ONE OF ITS HOTTEST SUMMERS, HAD FORGOTTEN FLYING SAUCERS. Even the local newspapers, in their seasonably "canned" Editorials, had neglected to remind the readers that Saucers and the heat were deplorably synonymous.

While the press faithfully recoiled, leaving the unsuspecting public aloft in their ivory towers, only a handful of Cincinnatians knew the real issues. Among these few were certain Civil Defence officials, who were, in the main, under security, and C.R.I.F.O., who had learned vital information the hard way. In essence the truth presented a sobering picture. Drawing from recent information and correlating it with the past, we concluded, (1) UFO'S have turned from surveillance to aggressive action. (2) such action constitutes, IPSO FACTO, a state of interplanetary war. (3) the war is entering a critical period or turning point and the world's military forces are uniting, defensively. (4) regional concentrations and landings of UFO's are in effect. (5) until the UFO's ultimate objective is determined, the fate of the world, as a result of landings, singly or en masse, is unknown (1).

Like other key points, Cincinnati and environs were in the direct path of the gathering storm. Whether or not the local press knew the grim facts, they were keeping silent, but the thunderhead had already showed its tentacling menace. Just north of the city, in the town of Loveland, members of the GOC were reporting a heavy concentration of UFO's to the Columbus Air Filter Centre. Strange brilliant objects were frequently sighted hovering low over the residential section, and on one occasion, a lone metallic disc was seen during daylight hours hovering not far from the GOC observation tower.

On July 29th, Cincinnati proper was swooped on by a neon-brightball. Making a weird penetrating shrill sound, the object performed aerially in zig-zags and square turns before disappearing to the north. The incident occurred about 1 a.m. in Madison Place, and according to reports, the object was also seen over Loveland by GOC members. However, it was not until August 5th that the public's eyes were opened and the press broke its silence.

Case 97, Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati, Columbus, Lancaster, Ohio, August 5th, 1955 - At 8.40 p.m. a large brilliant tear-drop shaped object, flying south to north, crossed the city's skies. It moved swiftly and soundlessly in a straight horizontal path without visual arc. Witnessed by thousands, including the writer, who's view was excellent, the object appeared as large as a dime held at arm's length.

A notable feature was the sharply etched roundness of the device which gleamed in a uniform brilliant white luminescence. Tapering abruptly behind this white mass was a short fiery tail of bluish-green - much like the tonguing flame of a rocket. Its speed, although constant, was too fast for any known aircraft, yet too slow for a normal meteor.

During the next few days I interviewed over fifty other witnesses. Most all confirmed the description which I had phoned to the Columbus Air Filter Centre and the newspapers. Some described the object as "cone-shaped", like a "pear" or, as my daughter told me, "a light bulb with a little blue tail". Reports poured in from every section of the city, mostly in the eastern half or from high ground in the West. One report from Cold Springs, Kentucky, claimed that the object was exceedingly low and appeared to have "windows".

While all three Cincinnati papers lengthily reported the incident under banner headlines - blaming it on the heat or hallucination (2) - other accounts of the object's flight began filtering in from remote areas in central and north-eastern Ohio.

From Columbus came reports that residents there also saw a ball of fire streaking over the city. It was described as a bright yellow coloured light with a red and green fringe or halation. The object silently disappeared in a cloud bank about 5,000 ft. up. Over Lancaster, about thirty miles southeast of Columbus, a similar object was reported by many residents. C.M. Smith of that city writes "... My family and I were sitting out on our terrace when we saw a giant fireball travelling very rapidly from south to north. It appeared as a pear-shaped object glowing white with a red and orange fiery tail."

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Ed: Several reports from northwestern Cincinnati described the object as suddenly and silently exploding just north of that city. One witness said he thought he saw it hit the earth and burst into verticle streamers like a bomb. Curiously, the object was not seen in adjacent areas northeast of the city, which gives rise to the theory that two objects were seen over Cincinnati almost at the same time.

Lending weight to this theory is the fact that the majority of witnesses represented two extreme ends of the city, and from two extreme ends of Kentucky from which the objects were seen to originate. By this deduction, we can, therefore, account for the ONE OBJECT exploding in northwestern Cincinnati and the other, perhaps, changing course and flying ENE toward Lancaster, where the description of the object tallies with the object witnessed by myself.

If the later case were not true, as we have earlier suggested, on the assumption that no one reported a UFO in the outlying areas of northeastern Cincinnati, then we may believe that THREE and POSSIBLY FOUR SEPARATE objects traversed the skies over Ohio.

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(1) The itemized hypotheses are CRIFO's and do not refer to or reflect upon official information, but, in fair warning, many loose ends of the formidable UFO puzzle now are fitting, and such is our interpretation.

(2) In the light of recent developments, and for the sake of national sanity and security we feel that our responsible press has exceeded its bounds, when in debunking "Saucers", it must also belittle the sighters.

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Case 98, Northern Cincinnati, 1.00 a.m., August 6th, 1955 -

The witness, E.F., prefers anonymity for good reason (public ridicule) and, according to CRICO policy, we shall protect his name. E.F. was first awakened by his dog barking outside; investigating, he was greeted by a blinding white ovoidal object, about 15 ft. wide; resting on the ground at the end of his driveway.

About 90 ft. away E.F. could determine its size by comparing it with the known width of the drive which was 20 ft. He watched the object for about five seconds in this position, noting a distinct pulsating which, according to E.F., severely irritated his eyes. Suddenly, like a flash, the object ascended soundlessly and streaked away with incredible speed toward the Fernald atomic plant in the northwest. E.F. added that during the excitement, he noticed a car had stopped just ahead of the idling object on the road which crossed in front of the driveway. The next day, E.F. said his eyes were extremely sore and he had to consult a doctor.

A little more than a week had passed before the next incident - an incident which seemed to be the spark to the powder keg. Not having space to cover each incident fully, we will attempt to brief them chronologically.

Case 99, Cincinnati, Columbus, Ohio, August 14th, 1955 -

A bright kelly green fireball, streaking silently north to south lighted Cincinnati skies about 9.40 p.m., surprising residents in several sections of the city. Walter Todd, and assistant, C.A.A. officials on duty at Lunken Airport, saw the fireball. Todd said, "It appeared about 15 degrees above the horizon, was shaped like a drop of water, and was flying through the air horizontally."

Over Columbus, residents watched a "ball of fire" with a greenish tinge shoot swiftly from east to west about the same time. Sighters agreed, the object had a long tail and made no sound. Spokesmen for Lockbourne Air Force Base said they knew of no planes that would cause such a phenomenon. (3)

Ed: The appearance of kelly green fireballs over Cincinnati is extremely rare. Until we know more about these phenomena, we shall withhold comment.

OHIO'S AERIAL TEMPEST.

Following the appearance of the green fireball, Cincinnati's night skies virtually became a "battlefield". Strange lighted objects swarmed in, playing fitfully over a wide area. Alerts were sounded, jet interceptors took chase, and in the confusion we hardly could determine who had become the hunter and the hunted. On Aug. 17th, strange orange coloured globes were witnessed over Reading and later, the same evening over Mt. Washington. The Forestville GOC post, later, reported to the Filter Centre, an object moving in pendulum fashion before finally disappearing in horizontal flight. (4)

On August 18th, the writers wife, Dell, while adjusting the venetian blinds in the children's room, was amazed to see through the window a large, brilliant ball of light hovering in the sky. In that the writer was away at the time, she awoke Mrs. Mildred Stringfield, (the writer's mother) who agreed that each had seen their first "Saucer". The writer, checking all details of the incident can vouch for the authenticity of the UFO. On Aug. 21st (same date as Hopkinsville landing and little green men) the writer received an excited 'phone call from Anderson's Ferry, the voice breathlessly describing a brilliant object "landing in the back yard". Another voice with urgency cut in, shouting - "something's coming out of the bottom - hurry!"

There was a promise to phone back, but none came. The writer's phone, unfortunately, remained busy the remainder of the evening, but we cannot help but wonder what had happened.

Case 99, Cincinnati, Akron, Ohio and General Michigan, Aug. 22nd, 1955 -

At 10.10 p.m. John Klumper and other Woodlawn residents witnessed a brilliantly lit object in the sky - "definitely not a star". In view for 45 minutes, occasionally pulsating, Klumper described three distinct lights within the object - red at 1 o'clock, green at five and white at nine. Looking through 8 x 30 binoculars, he said the object appeared as large as a "golf ball".

The stars, he said, through binoculars, looked like pinpoints, as they should. On one occasion the object's brilliance suddenly blinked out, then reappeared. Finally, it blinked and vanished. Same night over Akron, Ohio, George Popowitch and members of the GOC witnessed a bright, soundless orange ball flying from north to south reporting it to the Air Filter Centre as a UFO.

Also, that evening, a flashing, luminous object was sighted in the sky over central and western Michigan by GOC and many residents in these areas. A report was sent to the Air Filter Centre, Grand Rapids, and Air Force planes went up to investigate. The object seen over Culterville was described by Sgt. Earl Kirkpatrick as red and green, moving in a counter-clockwise arc, blinking with a bobbing motion. GOC in Saginaw said the object had a bluish tinge. From Roseville, GOC members, Frank Gallagher and Dominic Sody reported a strange light following a jet preparing to land at Selfridge Field. The light was "round and pure white", according to Gallagher. Calling the Filter Centre, they had their sighting confirmed, and learned that other GOC posts had reported similar objects.

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S.A.C. JETS "DOGFIGHT" THREE UFO'S OVER
CINCINNATI.

CSI Central commit-
tee wishes you all
a most joyous Xmas
and properous New
Year. We hope you
all enjoy this issue

Case 100, Cincinnati, August 23rd, 1955 -

About midnight, residents throughout the city were jarred by the roar of jets. From S.A.C., Lockbourne Air Force Base, south of Columbus, the air National Guard jets were alerted, scrambled and were over Cincinnati in 12 minutes - A REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE. The alert began when three UFO's were sighted and confirmed by radar somewhere between Columbus and Cincinnati. In the meanwhile, Walter Paner, Supt. of Hamilton County GOC, on duty at the Mt. Healthy Post, phoned the writer of the existent alert and relayed the word that jet interceptors were due over the area.

He said the UFO's had been active over Mt. Healthy and could be seen clearly by observers from the tower. In short time, the jets, at approximately 20,000 ft., roared over Cincinnati East, but poor visibility prevented the writer from seeing the UFO's which had deployed over a wide area. According to radar, the interlopers had extended 37 miles south, 24 miles north of the city, and as far as 10 miles east of Mt. Healthy. A later call from Paner disclosed that a UFO was seen hovering in pendulum-like motions directly over the tower.

About 12.10 a.m., the interceptors made contact, and swooping in, at about 20,000 ft. chased the UFO - which disappeared at incredible speed. In the meanwhile, the Forestville and Loveland GOC Posts reported the erratic flights of UFO's, to the Air Filter Centre, describing them as round, brilliant white spheres and discs. The writer remained on watch from Madison Place with binoculars, but heavy clouds prevailed, obscuring the activity. However, overhead, the continuous din of low flying jets gave the writer a familiar choking chill, one that he had known during the Pacific campaigns while waiting for the inevitable attack. Incongruously, the public, asleep or perhaps

wondering about the noisy jets, DID NOT SUSPECT THE TRUTH.

The following morning, jet aircraft were still aloft over greater Cincinnati, UFO again were spotted by GOC AT Forestville. Herb Clark, Ralph Bardoff and Fred Pfeffer, on duty, described the object as brilliant white and making no sound to the Filter Centre. Confirming reports of UFO actively came from GOC in Loveland and as far west as Vevey, Indiana.

Case 101, Northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio, August 25th, 1955 -

A huge object described as "bright, round and tannish in colour" was witnessed by scores of people near the Fernald atomic plant north of Cincinnati. Two county policemen in separate cruisers, (5) Sgt. Ralph Weber and Patrolman Ernest Neher, radiod dispatcher Thomas McGuinn at approximately the same time - 10:40 p.m. - that they were watching the object. Sgt. Weber estimated the altitude at 5,000 ft. directly above the plant. The same night, four teenagers, in the vicinity, were terrified by a "little green man".

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THE CONTROVERSIAL LITTLE GREEN MEN AND THE
TINGLING FACTS.

Like their craft, the Flying Saucer, the little green men recently have come in for a public showdown. However, amid the sneers and chuckles, are a few shocking facts. Studying these, we advise our readers to stop laughing.

First, we have received numerous reports of "Saucer" LANDINGS AND LITTLE MEN from points of UFO concentration. Among these and not to be dismissed are the incidents occurring in Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina, and from new evidence, those occurring in France and Italy in the late summer of 1954. Although the newswires have hushed stories emanating from the U.S.A., we know of several incidents where the facts corroborate each other.

In all known incidents and witnesses, unfortunately, have been dubbed as lunatics - a subjective reason why more stories have never been related, especially so, where PROMINENT PEOPLE are involved!

The Cincinnati Story is this month's feature not because of dearth of material. Nor is it featured because of the UFO concentrations, which alone is interesting. Our purpose is one of greater importance, for the facts show that the fringe areas of Cincinnati have been a repeated SITE FOR LANDINGS AND THE APPEARANCE OF LITTLE GREEN MEN. The officials are aware of this new menace, and we know that more than a handful of Cincinnatians have become more than passively alarmed.

Before the Hopkinsville "little green men" story broke over the nation (6), CRIFO had silently gathered some unpublishable facts concerning such orgish encounters near Cincinnati. As it is our policy not to publish names in connection with many of these events, we should like to cite a case involving a prominent business man, living in Loveland. Occurring several weeks ago, this person who is a non-drinker and a church-goer (we must add these virtues, it seems, for credibility) saw four "strange" little men about three feet tall, under a certain bridge. He reported the bizarre affair to the police and we understand that an armed guard was placed there. A similar event supposedly had taken place near Batavia east of Cincinnati.

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- (5) Later learned three policemen, in separate cruisers, witnessed the object.
- (6) CRIFO received dozens of clippings of the U.P. release from all major U.S. cities. The incident is too well known to report,

The Hopkinsville incident broke AFTER THESE EVENTS AND NO TWO PARTIES KNEW EACH OTHER. But, if the Hopkinsville case is not sufficient evidence of VERDI SAPIENS EXTRATERRESTRIALIS being now amongst us on earth, we have still another case that erases any doubt in our mind. We cannot even hint as to the identity of these people, but we can say that it involved three persons holding crucial positions in the city. The incident occurred near Indianapolis, July, 1954. The encounter was enough to terrify these people and break up their planned vacation!

But, we have more recent evidence and each story lends credence to the other for we have checked each person involved and got their personal account. On a case occurring near Stockton, Ga, on July 2nd, 1955, terrified Mrs. Margaret Symmonds who at the time was driving to Florida.

The hour was 3.30 a.m. and in the back seat of the car her husband lay asleep. Suddenly Mrs. Symmonds jerked the car away to the side of the road, almost careening. She screamed, awakening her husband and drove away as fast as she could. To CRIFO, Mrs. Symmonds explains that she saw four little men glowing green. She said their eyes were huge and peircing, their faces dark. They wore some strange-looking garments like a "cape" and were carrying a rod that looked metallic in the reflection of the car's lights. "The did not move at first", she said, "but as the car approached, one moved one step backwards." They looked hideous, said Mrs. Symmonds. Her doubting husband wantner her to return to the scene, but Mrs. Symmonds said she was "too petrified". Mr. Symmonds admits that his wife was terrified by something and was awakened by the car spinning to the side of the road.

The most recent "little men" episode occurred near Greenhills, August 25th, the same evening when the huge object was seen hovering over Fernald atomic plant. Four teenagers, interviewed by CRIFO told of their harrowing experience with a little green man, standing by some bushes. All were "certain2 as to what they had seen, explaining that the car's lights shown directly on the creature. They all agreed that the little man, about three or four feet tall, had large, bright "yellow" eyes, a dark face behind, and a sort of "shimmering greenish body".

The creature wore an odd garment and they saw a "claw-like hand". One witness said that the biped took "three steps forward toward the car", but no one waited to see what would happen. The driver of the car, Bill Wallace, 18 years of age, drove away in a state of terror. Without hesitation they informed the police department of their encounter and the area was later investigated, but nothing in the way of evidence was found. Wallace's mother, whom we later interviewed, claimed that her son had never been so frightened. He was shaking when he came home and "locked all the doors". One of the girls of the group became hysterical.

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THE FANTASY OF FACTS IN A FOG OF UFOBIA.

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The Cincinnati Scene -
Still UFO-Infested.

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excerpts.

Greater Cincinnati, like other cities in the midwest, continued to be a point of UFO concentration. August 29th, at 3.15 p.m., a metallic disc, reflecting sunlight, was seen hovering over the Ohio River. It shot away on the approach of an airliner heading toward Boone County Airport. In the days following, the city's perimeter areas were frequently visited, centring mainly in the western section at Cleves, Bridgetown and Hooven. Adrian Connelly, who knows this section well, has repeatedly called the writer, reporting strange lights appearing and discs and spheres sometimes hovering, making square turns, swinging like pendulums or bouncing like the popular "song-fest ball".

Landings have also been reported in these areas - NOT MANY MILES AWAY FROM THE FERNALD ATOMIC PLANT! Concerned, the Air Force, we are told, investigated. On Sept, 20th, Connelly reported a bright red and green object flying low and soundlessly over his home. An hour later, reports of UFO's came in from tormented Mt. Healthy. Charles Deininger, member of GOC, phoned the writer, describing two large brilliant red objects to the northwest. A later call singled out one red object, which the observers agreed bounced like a ball. A final report told of an aircraft appearing on the scene and the object changing from red to white, and shooting soundlessly to the southwest.

On September 23rd the suburb of Mt. Washington had a similar experience. Mr. Kenneth Martin, disturbed by two large bright red lights in the sky, called her neighbours, Mrs. & Mrs. George Robertson and daughter. Together they watched the glowing objects maneuver in toward a hilltop plateau about a quarter of a mile from their homes. At this point the objects stopped suddenly, and Mrs. Martin said they looked as large as 'traffic lights.' Once in this position all observers agreed that the objects began to move independently, jumping up and down. Mr. Robertson said that one object continually moved away at a 45 degree angle, and returned to its original position. Moving soundlessly, the objects then dropped down behind a flank of trees and disappeared. Frightened, Mrs. Martin phoned the Sheriff and the GOC who promptly investigated. All witnesses agreed that a large dog chained to a trailer in the area where the objects oscillated, barked furiously.

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METALLIC BALL LANDS IN YARD - DEPARTS ON SOUND OF VOICE.

Case 104, Cincinnati, 9.15 p.m. Sept. 3, 1955. -

Driving slowly over dark Boomer Road, west of the city, Frank Flaig and his wife were startled to see through the windscreen, a round airborne object, appearing metallic grey, descending slowly before them. Awe-struck, Flaig stopped his car for a better look. Reflecting the moonlight, the spheroid had no protruding lights or parts. It's downward verticle course, although slow, was constant and free of flutter, swerve, or suspension. Flaig desperately tried to follow the object, but it dropped out of sight behind an unlighted house, about 125 ft. away.

Leaving his car, Flaig then went to the side of the house to investigate, and to his surprise, found the object SUSPENDED ABOUT A FOOT ABOVE THE GROUND. About this time, his wife, alone and frightened, called out. At that very instant, according to Flaig, the spheroid began to rise, and making no sound, continued its

upward flight at a 45 degree angle. The object, Flaig estimated, was about four ft. in diameter. The Flaigs told the writer that they thought the object was at first a balloon, but the absence of attachments and its singular behaviour ruled out that explanation.

MYSTERIOUS HELMET-LIKE OBJECT DISCOVERED IN OFFICIAL
H-BOMB FILM.

Case 105, Place and date unknown. - At this writing we will not permit ourselves to be carried away, nor will we make a committal statement. Nonetheless, the photograph and negative before us loom convincing! Sent to CRIFO by Jesse J. Leaf of Brooklyn, the print and negative each show a clear-cut object so often described as a true flying saucer. In fact, the photographs are unusually clear and un-muddled considering that Leaf trained his camera on a TV newsreel film which was showing the recent H-Bomb tests.

While watching the TV film, Leaf claims that he was unable to detect the object. He was surprised, when his roll of developed film came back, and in one of the prints and negative was the UFO. The print in question shows a rolling mass of black smoke rising diagonally above the curvature of the earth. Next to the cloud, almost touching, is the object. It is distinctly clear and shows an outline much like a helmet - almost pyramidal. Perhaps it is not too far removed from the objects depicted in the famous farmer Trent photos taken in McMinnville, Oregon, or perhaps, like the Adamski "light fixture" photos.

We can understand why the object may have been missed by the official censors. Remembering that the original film was a movie, we must also remember that the MOTION of the swirling clouds in juxtaposition to the MOTIONARY object may have tricked the viewer - just like the magician whose hand is quicker than the eye! Perhaps, too, the object, upon departure, may have escaped the censor's eye by flying IN A DIRECTION AWAY FROM THE CAMERA IN OPPOSITION TO THE SMOKE CLOUD.

The object's underbelly is dark, the same tone value as the darkest portion of clouds visible. The camber or outer rim is bright and reflective of the sun while the dome is of neutral tone. Consulting several photographers the writer finds encouragement. All agree, to wit, that "something" besides the H-cloud appears in the picture. The writer is not surprised, for if the object proves to be a UFO in the final analysis, the event certainly is in keeping with other information which suggests that space craft are watching the world's nuclear developments.

Also reported direct to CSI by Mr. Crockett who is our Far East Rep.
PILOT OF ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE DESCRIBES ENCOUNTER WITH
UFO OVER KORAT.

Case 106, Korat, Thailand, May 1954 - CRIFO's Asian correspondent J.N. Crockett, of Korat, Thailand, sends us this excellent report, written by Capt. Uthai Lunayatjata.

"In May, 1954, I was an instructor in the Royal Thai Air Force in Korat. That month the advanced training course was instruction in night flying. The T6's went up with students one night, the night was clear with no moon or clouds.

About midnight my student and I took off and climbed to 3,000 ft. After levelling off we set a course to the west ... later making a 180 degree left-turn to the east and flew direct toward the town of Korat. When we had almost reached the town I saw something strange in the sky. It appeared to be an orange fireball about six feet in diameter. I first saw it about 1,500 ft. ahead and approaching our plane on a parallel course to our right, and at the same altitude.

The fireball seemed to move at a very great speed and when it passed over our plane I calculated its speed at about 800 to 1,000 M.P.H. Thinking that it may have been another kind of plane, I phoned control tower and was told no other planes were in the area. To make sure I had seen something, I asked my student if he saw the fireball, and he replied that he had.

In order to keep the fireball in sight I began making a 180 degree right-hand turn, and it was then that I noticed a smaller fireball, blue in colour, which appeared to be attached to the right side of the large orange ball. Both appeared to move together. Before we had completed our turn the fireball made a fast half-circle and appeared about 600 ft. off our tail. It reduced speed and accompanied us for a short distance. Our normal speed was about 140 to 160 M.P.H., and it seemed very strange that this ball of fire could travel at such tremendous speed and THEN REDUCE TO A SLOW SPEED.

At such close range we were able to see that the centre of the orange fireball was quite dark, as though nothing were there, whereas the blue coloured light appeared to be round the rim of whatever was in the centre. The glow was too bright to determine any shape or substance. After 20 seconds it increased its speed and flew ahead and made a right-hand climbing turn. I followed with full throttle and gave chase up to 5,000 ft. but could not get near it. I had to turn back because I had no oxygen mask. The object continued to climb and it appeared to gain speed until it became invisible to the eye. "

ED: Shades of Lt. George Gorman and his classical dogfight with a "thinking light" over Fargo, N. Dakota. According to Crockett, UFO activity is increasing over Thailand. He writes; "All reports to date reveal that "saucers" appear interested in the southern part of Thailand, a rich mining area."

This review of George Adamski's new book "Inside The Space Ships" was first published in the "Tonawanda News", near Buffalo, New York and was sent to CSI by Dr. B.D. Benincasa who is an associate of our organization.

"INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS"

AREA AUTHORITY ON SPACE SHIPS REVIEWS NEW BOOK
BY ADAMSKI.

Editor's Note: Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa, author of the following review of a new book by George Adamski, is well acquainted with the "Flying Saucer". A resident of Buffalo (27 Montcalm Ave.,) He is a graduate of Canisus College and holds a Ph. D. from University of Ottawa. During World War II he was on the Executive staff of the Airplane Division of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, in Kenmore. Currently, he is engaged in special surveys for private companies.

Dr. Benincasa has written several saucer articles and recently appeared in a panel discussion of saucers with Weatherman Barney Wiggin and Dr. Walter Dornberger, of Bell Aircraft.

He corresponds with leading saucer authorities in this country, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Recently, he completed a book-length manuscript on saucers and life on other planets which is expected to be published this winter.

George Adamski will be remembered by Tonawandas residents for his recent talk on flying saucers at an Exchange Club meeting.

Abelard-Schuman, Inc., New York Publishers, have just released George Adamski's latest Saucer aircraft work, "Inside The Space Ships". (\$3.50.)

Saucer fans will welcome this new Adamski book as the container of further evidence of the existence of Flying Saucers and aerial cigars, of additional proof that these craft are not of this earth, and of incontrovertible facts pointing to human beings as operators of flying discs and airborne cylinders.

Adamski critics, equally clamorous in their remarks, will again attempt to discredit the Saucer author, labelling him as a "charlatan" and "fabricator" of incredible tales.

The ultra-conservative elements will continue to remain comparatively quiet, preferring to caution their friends that "it is better to wait and see."

TALKS WITH AUTHOR:

The last time this reviewer met and conversed with Mr. Adamski, who lives hard by Mt. Palomar's 200-inch telescope (the "Big Eye") the latter said that he had no fewer than a dozen separate contacts with men and women from Venus, Mars and Saturn - "all beautiful creatures and possessors of superior minds."

"Inside The Space Ships" is a simple book to read. Direct quotes appear on nearly every page. But these do not cause loss of reader interest. On the contrary, the reader is prompted to continue his reading of the exciting messages. According to the author, he flies in both small and large space ships. He identifies his principal hosts and hostesses aboard these craft as: Orthon the Venusian, Firkon the Martian and Ramu the Saturnian - all male pilots. Ilmuth, a Martian co-pilot, and Kalna, a Venusian co-pilot (all large space ships have women as co-pilots), as the "Great Master", an elderly Venusian sage.

It is the "Great Master", writes author Adamski, who briefs him on the whence, why, and wherefore of spacemen's visits to Planet Earth. "Space visitors come not to conquer us, but to help us, in a rather indirect way, to establish peace on our chaotic orb." "Nowhere," says the Californian, "did I see anything that even faintly resembled a weapon of destruction," for space creatures "would allow themselves to be destroyed rather than to slay a fellow being."

12 PLANETS:

It is Mr. Adamski's contention that ours is the least developed scientifically and spiritually, of the 12 planets (not the traditional nine planets) which revolve around our sun. The author has held that our earth has two, and possibly three, moons. "Our visible moon," says Adamski, is inhabited by earth-resembling human beings and is used by both Martians and Venusians as a last take-off base for our world.

The Californian author claims that our extra-terrestrial neighbours who are believed to be ideal lovers of God and man, are far ahead of us, socially speaking. They have no wars. They share as a co-operative universal family the expense, man-hour construction and actual operation of their peace-bearing spaceships.

MAN-MADE CRAFT:

The author contends that the Scout vehicles (the circular 23 foot - diameter ships) and also the huge mother-craft are, in truth, artificial 'planets' which utilize natural electricity as a propulsive medium. He offers an analogy. Our earth is a natural spherical "craft" which speeds through space and around the sun at about 19 miles a second. It follows a prescribed path set for it by the laws of nature. The Saucer, on the other hand, is a man-made spherical craft which goes through space at terrific speeds. It follows arbitrary paths and is guided by human intelligence. No ill effects are suffered by us as we Earthians, practically

standing still on planet, making our speedy way about the sun. So, too, with space navigators seated in their craft. They complain of no discomfort. Mr. Adamski reports that our jet planes are like horse-driven carriages in comparison to outer space aircraft.

"Inside The Space Ships" has a foreward by Desmond Leslie, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed", and a biographical sketch of the author by Charlotte Blodget. There are 16 illustrations. A diagram of a Venusian mother-ship indicates that smaller space-ships are discharged from below, and are allowed to enter at the top of the bigger ships. (The English publishers of Adamski's new book is Neville Spearman Ltd & ARCO, 10 Fitzroy St., London W.1. and is to be published early in the near year (1956) Price expected 10/- to 12/-.

STEPPED INSIDE A FLYING SAUCER

MAN ENTERS GROUNDED
DISC.

Excerpt from APRO Bulletin, August, 1955.

The Caracas, Venezuela, Daily Newspaper "El Universal", carried an almost weird sequel to the events of last fall when on May 7, 1955, the story of an engineer's encounter with a Saucer and its defunct occupants in 1950, was aired for the first time within its pages. Our Caracas informant, Horacio Gonzales, forwarded to APRO along with one picture taken on the spot, the following story:-

"Doctor B. was driving along the highway about 75 miles from his hotel in an isolated region called Bahia Blanca, in Argentina, when he saw the metallic discoid object resting on the ground to his left off the highway. He stopped the car to investigate and immediately decided it must be one of the much-discussed "Flying Saucers".

He watched it for a few moments to see what it would do, but as nothing took place, he approached it and saw an opening or door in its side. He looked inside and it appeared to be empty. There was a red light pulsating in the dome at intervals of one second. Curious, he went inside and was surprised to see a sort of curved divan in three seats, two of which were occupied by small beings covered from head to foot (except for an opening for the face) in a kind of tight-fitting overall of a brown colour. He estimated the height of the beings to be about four feet. Their faces seemed charred or burnt, with holes where the eyes should have been. Another of the little creatures was sprawled in a seat situated in approximately the centre of the enclosure.

In front of them was a screen with rays playing on it, and on top of the screen was a globe of glass or other transparent material which was rotating. An ungovernable impulse urged Dr. B. to touch one of the creatures, and it felt stiff and rigid. It was then, he said, that some inner voice told him to get out as soon as possible as he was in the presence of "strange life" and he rushed to his car and sped off at high speed, non-stopping until he reached his hotel. He related his story to a few intimate friends and armed with a camera, they decided to return. But as night had already fallen, and due to the isolation of the region, they refrained from going that very night but returned to the place the next day. On reaching the spot, all that was found where the disc rested was a heap of ashes.

Dr. B. took two pictures of the ash heap and each of the three men of the group actually felt it with his hands which turned a purplish colour.

Dr. B. and his friends were wandering around the site looking for additional clues, when upon looking upwards, they saw three objects. One of the objects was cigar-shaped and situated at a very high altitude, and the other objects were discoid and smaller. One of the discs was hovering above them at an estimated height of about 600 meters, and Dr. B. estimated its diameter to be about 10 meters. He began to take pictures hurriedly. In all he snapped 5 or 6 pictures, only two of which show the objects with any degree of clarity.

The group felt that they were observed during their search and picture taking for the two discs shot up, MERGED with the cigar-shaped object which, after travelling horizontally for a short distance, turned blood red, made a 90 degree turn and disappeared into space a few seconds later, ascending vertically. The Dr. estimated the speed to be about 12,000 kilometers per hour.

Dr. B. told Mr. Gonzales during a personal interview, that although the object which he had entered had a metallic appearance, it felt sort of resilient like rubber, and that there were some holes or vents in the floor. For weeks afterward he said, he suffered from a fever or high blood temperature and his skin was covered with blisters.

Although he consulted several doctors, none were able to diagnose his illness nor relieve him and it went away after a time. Dr. B. had been wearing green-tinted sunglasses when he entered the disc, and the outline of the glasses was impinged in red around both eyes. One doctor tested him with a geiger counter but could find no trace of radioactivity. However, greenish spots were visible on his skin, which disappeared with the application of Listerine.

Mr. Gonzales, when he forwarded one negative and two prints of one of the exposures made, also made a few comments about the social standing and character of Dr. B. Incidentally, Dr. B. is an aeronautical engineer with a doctor's degree. He is about 40 years of age, Italian nationality, and speaks Spanish and English. He is an ex-war pilot. The whole incident took place in 1950 in Argentina. In 1953 Dr. B. moved to Venezuela and did not even contemplate telling of his experience until after events in and around Caracas in the fall of 1954.

Dr. B. contacted a reporter with the El Universal and told his story, stipulating that his name be kept clear of the whole thing. This has been done and is the reason that he had been referred to as Dr. B. in this paper. We have carefully examined the negative and prints furnished to us by Mr. Gonzales, and have decided that if ANY pictures purported to be of a UFO are genuine, these certainly are! We are awaiting further detailed information regarding the interior of the disc, which will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

At this writing, efforts are being made to reproduce two sketches of the interior and exterior of the disc plus the picture of the disc hovering above Dr. B. and his friends, with ozalid facilities. If this is accomplished, one copy of each will be attached to this Bulletin, and all members who wish glossy photo prints of same by writing to the Director may obtain them. We hope to have the cost of same in sufficient time so that an announcement may be included in the last page of the Bulletin - look for it. We would like to stress that the reproductions will be furnished to members at cost - if airmail delivery is wished, sufficient postage should be included with requests for the pictures.

Mr. Gonzales, in whom we have implicit trust, has this to say of Dr. B. and the whole affair; "Due to the character of the man, his seriousness and professional and social standing, it is difficult to imagine trickery or a hoax. I told him I thought the Saucer, as it looked in the photograph, resembled Adamski's purported photographs of the discs. Dr. B. stated that he does not believe Adamski's story and that the beings he saw were far from being tall, handsome blonds.

He is convinced of the extra-terrestrial nature of the UFOs and is now concerned about the intentions of the occupants."

As for our own evaluation of the incident we can say this; Even with the scanty details furnished so far, including the photograph, we can find no basis for disbelief - the man has apparently had a remarkable experience to say the least. We feel that further details will tend to strengthen the whole story and may prove to some extent that Mr. Frank Scully is not the complete scoundrel that certain contingents would have us believe. Dr. B.'s story reaffirms our stand on the Scully issue, and that is that Scully had a good foundation of basic information when he wrote his book "Behind The Flying Saucers", and no matter how many amateur reporters may attempt to discredit him, his basic contentions remain unchallenged.

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WASTE OR EXHAUST RESIDUE ??

This further report of "Angel's Hair" and "Threads From the Sky" is quoted from "FATE" Magazine, September, 1955. Since the advent of the UFO or Saucer Saga of the last nine years, this mysterious material of short life has been reported from numerous places around our globe. On many of the occasions witnesses have seen this strange substance jettisoned from UFOs.

The most spectacular case was reported from Florence, Italy, on the 28th October, 1954, when a flight of Saucers passing overhead stopped an international football match. The opposing teams and their 15,000 spectators gaped in wonder at the sky spectre, for about 30 minutes. A large amount of this substance was seen to fall in the vicinity.

This substance was also reported from Onga Onga, near Hastings in New Zealand in 1953. It was also seen by Palmerston North and Christchurch residents in N.Z. about that time. UFO researchers are convinced the material is cast off by the "Flying Saucers" and at least provide short lived physical proof of these unworldly craft. Now read latest report to come to our notice.

COBWEBS FROM THE SKY.

THE STRANGE RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE COVERED SEVERAL CITY BLOCKS. WAS IT COTTON FIBER, POWDERED MILK - OR SOMETHING ELSE?

The night of February 20th, 1955, was still, cold and quiet in the village of Horseheads, in southern New York state. The wind was from the south and of low velocity. Yet, during the hours of darkness a mystery developed that put the quiet little village in the world news.

Mr. Charles L. Shull, president of the Shull Electronic Corporation, reported a strange "cobwebby" substance spread over his plant property early in the morning of February 21st. At the same time, shortly after sunrise, other residents and workers in the area discovered more of the strange material covering trees, lawns and buildings for an area of several blocks.

A news photographer from the Elmira, New York, STAR GAZETTE photographed the 'Web' and collected a specimen which was examined by Dr. Francis A Richmond, Professor Emeritus at Elmira College.

Dr. Richmond's preliminary inspection indicated that the "web" consisted of a short, weak fiber that looked like cotton or wool. The specimen was passed on to the professor of chemistry at the local college, Dr. Charles B. Rutenber. No immediate explanation or conjecture was forthcoming as to the source of the strange material.

On Tuesday, February 22nd, Dr. Rutenber issued a statement that his findings, based on chemical analysis, showed the mystery substance was cotton, either waste or fibers, that "had been in an explosion and were heavily damaged."

Tests with the college geiger counter showed the material to be radioactive. The doctor's findings on the composition were supported both by Dr. Richmond and Mrs. Hans Bernt, assistant professor of art, who, as an expert in textiles, examined the specimen. Again, no explanation was offered as to the source of the material.

Other reports referred to a similar mysterious deposit found in London and in other major cities last year. It was generally agreed that the substance could have been carried great distances in the upper air and that the cobweb might have knit itself and fallen in a small area pulled down by its own weight. By February 23rd, the local mystery had attracted interest of the Atomic Energy Commission which asked Dr. Rutenber for information on the results of his tests. The Associated Press carried the story on its wire services and the New York correspondent of the London Times expressed an interest because of the similarity to the "web" found last year in London.

Meantime, Mr. Shell who first reported it said the web was rapidly disintegrating and disappearing. While the scientists continued their tests at the college, a new avenue of conjecture was presented by Mr. Lawrence Peer, Plant Manager of the local dairy. Mr. Peer, supported by Mr. John Stelmak, a chemical engineer of the Westinghouse Electronic Tube Division plant at Horseheads, suggested the possibility that powdered milk, not cotton fibers, was the basis of the substance.

Mr. Peer claimed it was possible that some powdered milk could have passed through a vent pipe and been converted to stringy casein fibers by the 300 degree temperature of the machine. He admitted, however, that a large quantity of milk powder would have been required to cover the half-mile area with the fibers.

Too, the milk theory did not explain the radioactivity, the amount of which prompted the Westinghouse plant to conduct another investigation to discover why the "web" produced a higher count on the testing machines than matter usually taken from the local air. Spokesmen from the plant stated that a metallic content would be more likely to pick up radioactivity than organic matter.

February 24th brought even more confusing and muddled reports. Dr. Rutenber who had held to the "cotton fibers heavily damaged in an explosion" theory, suddenly reversed his decision. He announced that he now was convinced the material was a protein product created by the escape of a hot milk product at the local plant.

The Manager of the chemistry section of the local Westinghouse plant, Mr. John B. Diffenderfer, also held to the milk theory. However, the Westinghouse tests showed the contents of the "web" to be only 30% carbon, with quantities of calcium, silica, aluminium, iron and about ten other traceable elements. In the interval the radioactivity had dropped to almost nothing.

Directly opposing the milk theory were the findings at the milk plant where the milk theory first originated. Louis R. Hermann and Robert L. Mix, chemical technicians at the plant, reported, after conducting their own tests, that the material consisted of cotton and wool fibers with peices of fine copper wire mixed in. "It looked like it might have come out of a carpet sweeper bag," they said.

In the midst of this confusion all the investigators expressed complete satisfaction with their own findings. The tests were discontinued. Was it powdered milk? If so, why the variance of radioactivity compared with that usually found locally? If it was powdered milk where did the metal elements, the aluminium and iron come from? What about the vast quantity of powdered milk needed to make enough casein fibers, to cover a half-mile area?

On the other hand, if the material was cotton fibers why did it settle only in one solid area and not in scattered areas? Why the high radioactivity? Where was the explosion that "heavily damaged" the fibers?

Can either of the two theories explain the "webs" found in London, Philadelphia, and other parts of the world?

Perhaps some time during the night of February 20th, 1955, a strange aerial object hovered over the village of Horseheads. Reports from other "web" sites say this was true before the appearance of other materials in their localities. As things now stand the mystery "cobwebs" have disappeared and the explanation of the phenomenon of Horseheads, N.Y., may never be known.

THE SWEDISH GHOST ROCKETS

by S.H. JONES

— This extremely interesting feature article is reproduced from the Spring 1955 issue of "FLYING SAUCER NEWS". FSN is produced quarterly for the B.F.S.B. & F.S.C., Bristol, England. —

IN THE RAPIDLY GROWING LITERATURE ON "SAUCERS", no analysis has yet been made in the light of recent knowledge and events, of the many UFO's seen over Scandinavia in the summer of 1946. This article is an attempt to remedy the deficiency. At the time, the name "Flying Saucer" had not been coined and for want of a better explanation, they were then generally assumed to be Russian guided missiles launched from Peenemuende and other Baltic bases.

Following is a summary of Press reports (1-11), with reference numbers in brackets:-

- PERIOD OF SIGHTINGS:** May to September, inclusive.
- NUMBER:** Official total given as over 1,000 in Defence Staff report, with unofficial estimate ranging up to 2,000.
- COURSE:** No fixed courses were followed and locations of sightings were censored by three Scandinavian Governments. The first sightings in May were in the far north of Sweden. The majority seem to have flown from the Baltic North and northwest over Sweden and sometimes Finland, leaving in an easterly direction. They were also reported flying east and west over Norway, southwest over Denmark, and south over Greece.
- AVERAGE DESCRIPTION:** Rocket or cigar-shaped; no estimates of size reported; no wings; orange or green flame and/or smoke at rear; flame or light in the nose; the only available photo is said to show the object inside the flame track instead of in front of it.
- SOUND:** Generally soundless, or having a whistling, swishing noise when low.
- TRAJECTORY:** Horizontal; one unconfirmed report mentions complex aerobatic motions.

SPEED: Generally subsonic, in the region of 400 mph. Maximum estimate reported was 1,000 mph.

ALTITUDE: Varied 1,000 - 3,000 feet. Maximum estimate 12,000 ft.

RANGE: Over 600 miles plotted. Maximum estimate over 900 miles.

SPECIAL PHENOMENA: A few doubtful reports told of explosions in mid-air, with an intense white light; no fragments were found.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE: All reports stressed the lack of tangible remains. In one case, fragments reported to have fallen from a "rocket" were found, but analysis showed them to be ordinary coke slag.

RADAR TRACKING: The only definite report was that the radar station at Vaxholm, near Stockholm, using rather out-of-date equipment, tracked objects from the general direction of Peenemuende.

SWEDISH PREMIER'S STATEMENT: Mr. Hansson, in the Riksdag, August 15th, 1946, emphasised the lack of information both of the nature and source of the "rockets".

SWEDISH DEFENCE STAFF STATEMENTS: Two statements were issued, August 6th and October 11th. The majority of the sightings - about 80% - were dismissed as ordinary celestial and meteorological phenomena, or were too vague to be identified. It was admitted that reliable evidence showed that some rocket-like objects of unknown nature were being directed across Sweden from an unknown source.

DISCUSSION OF EVIDENCE.

GERMAN POSSIBILITIES: It is well known that in 1945 Germany was absolutely supreme in the guided missile field. Details of all these German missiles, both built and planned, have been published, and even allowing for subsequent improvements, they had nothing remotely resembling the objects reported in 1946. In fairness, it should be said that some newspaper reporters realised that the "rockets" were something far in advance of any German missile.

RUSSIAN POSSIBILITIES: The case here is even more improbable than the German one. In 1945 Russia had no guided missiles or jet aircraft. To put matters into perspective - in August 1946 the first Russian jet, the YAK-15, made its first public flight. It was a hasty post-war design, combining an earlier YAK-9 fuselage with a copy of a German JUMBO 004 B jet-engine. By 1946/47 Soviet copies of the V.1., V.2. and smaller German missiles were being built in quantity. Improved versions of these with longer ranges were reported in 1953 - but they still do not correspond to the UFO's with which we are concerned.

For this progress Russia relied heavily upon second-grade German rocket technicians who were being recruited or forced into service as late as December 1946 and during 1947. The leading experts in the field had been recruited by the U.S.A. For what it is worth, the Soviet journal NEW TIMES of September 3rd, strongly refuted the allegations that the missiles were of Russian origin.

No nation - Russia least of all - would imperil the secrets of an advanced new weapon by flying it in large numbers over foreign territory in peacetime.

GENERAL REMARKS: The combination of what was apparently reaction propulsion, lack of wings, lack of noise, comparatively low speed, low altitude, flat trajectory and long range, was an impossible one for 1946 technological level. As one reporter put it, "...it is aerodynamically impossible ... it apparently defies several scientific laws." Even today, 1955, nothing is known which fits the case. Long-range machines such as the A.4b, the A.9/A.10, the Martin

MATADOR B.61, the Northrop SHARK B.62, the Saenger Project, the Dornberger Project, the I.B.M., etc - do not fit the observed details!

The Swedish Staff statement that about 80% of the total reports were unreliable implies that the remaining 20% WERE reliable; these amount to either 200 or 400 - depending on whether the total is taken as 1,000 or 2,000. This statement attempting to explain away the sightings as natural phenomena et cetera, anticipated the similar line taken more recently by the United States Airforce.

The entire episode of the UFO's bore a strong resemblance to the American position just a year later.

PEENEMUENDE:

This main German centre for rocket development was partly wrecked by the R.A.F. in 1943. Russian activity there from the spring of 1945 onwards is uncertain; rumours told of the resumption of rocket work. However, in May, 1947, British newspaper reporters toured the site and found that the Russians had completed the R.A.F. destruction by extensive demolitions. In the words of one reporter, "... I can report that Peenemuende has ceased to exist as a military or research centre."

SAUCER COMPARISONS:

In contrast to the above negative findings, there is a very close similarity between the Swedish "Ghost Rockets" and one of the less-frequent "Saucer" varieties. This is what is known as the "smaller rocket type" - or Keyhoe's TYPE THREE, which has been seen occasionally in the U.S.A. and elsewhere from 1947 onwards.

One well authenticated case was the Chiles-Whitted sighting at Montgomery, Alabama, 24th July, 1948. Following is a summary of the observed points of this machine:-

(1) Cigar-shaped. (2) No wings. (3) A flame about 50 ft. long at the rear, orange-coloured merging into yellow. (4) Brilliant white light in nose. (5) Trajectory horizontal most of the time. (6) Speed subsonic - 500/700 mph. with estimated maximum of 1500 mph. (7) Altitude "fairly low" - the same as the airliner, a few thousand feet. (8) Size about 100 ft. long - twice the diameter of a B.29. (9) Sound not reported. (10) Range not reported. (11) Other points: Intense blue glow along the sides. Colour metallic silver. Two rows of "windows". By April 1949, Project Saucer had found no answer to the problem of the UFO identity.

Comparison of these details with the Swedish UFOs shows excellent agreement, for points 1-7. The remainder cannot be cross-checked, but they do not weaken the agreement, which is much closer than with any guided missile.

CONCLUSION:

All the available evidence indicates that the Swedish UFOs were not guided missiles, Russian or otherwise. If they had appeared in 1947 or later they would undoubtedly have been put in the "Saucer" category, and that is where they must go now. They add several hundreds sightings to the Great Saucer Mystery, they put back the start of large-scale sightings by a year, and they offer valuable confirmation of an infrequently seen type of UFO.

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A VETERAN SEA CAPTAIN REPORTS

"I SIGHTED A FLYING SAUCER" - OR "HOW CAPT. JAN PIETER BOSHOFF DEBUNKED THE FACT THAT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WERE NOT SEEN BY SEAMEN".

It all started on the eve of Wednesday, the 28th July, 1954. The third mate Kooy was on watch. "The Great Bear" quietly ploughed the waves of the Atlantic Ocean on its way from Halifax to New York; she was as obedient on the rudder as a circus-bear on a chain. "Yet something queer was in the air", the third mate explained later. "I can't put it into words, but I had that odd feeling."

"That's why it did not surprise me at all when suddenly I noticed a queer object, suspended in the sky. I got hold of my binoculars, observed thoroughly and was right off to the Captain's cabin." "There my report exploded like a bomb, interrupting a conversation between the Captain, first mate, doctor and purser."

"Captain, would you mind coming to the bridge, a Flying Saucer has just been sighted." The Captain did not even move in his chair. "A Flying Saucer," he said, "that's mighty interesting," and then in a voice in which annoyance was noticeable: "Say, Mate, how many beer-tickets have you seen before you sighted that thing through your binoculars."

It didn't take the mate long to prove that he was perfectly sober, for a minute later Captain Boshoff was on the bridge looking upwards to that peculiarly circular-shaped object. Not only Captain Boshoff, but also Dr. Weyschede, first mate Maazon, purser Kikkert, fifteen members of the crew and a little group of passengers watched the object for ten minutes while it was suspended in mid-air. It looked like a perfectly round disc, which clearly stood out like a wheel against the slightly clouded sky. It resembled a smaller copy of the moon with spots that radiated a bright golden light.

The presence of the unidentified object caused feverish activity on the bridge. Captain Boshoff, not at all anticipating the thought of being ridiculed as the announcer of a "good yarn" was quick and decisive in giving orders. Speed and position of the "Great Bear" were accurately appointed. Wind-velocity, temperature and humidity of the air were measured from minute to minute.

In the meantime the first mate kept track of the radiating disc by means of the big ship's compass, while at the same time the mate measured the altitude by way of a sextant. During the ten minutes everyone tried, with the aid of the available instruments, to collect as much data as possible of "the hovering riddle".

Then all of a sudden it disappeared behind a rising cloud bank of low-hanging clouds. As far as the observations are concerned, an extensive report was entered in the meteorological log for the benefit of the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute in DeBilt (Meteorological Station in Holland.)

As for the readers of "REVUE", the Capt. reported the following:-
"Sailing from the S.S. "Great Bear" from Halifax to New York, on Wednesday the 28th July, 1954, 20.10 hours, when it was still daylight, the third mate reported in my cabin to report the sighting of a strange object in the sky. Accidentally, the first mate, purser, and doctor were in my cabin, and together we went to the bridge.

At that time the ship was 50 sea-miles east of Ambrose lightship, the spot where usually the pilot for New York is taken aboard. The weather was fine with a slightly clouded sky and when we arrived at the bridge we actually sighted an object in the south-west, standing approximately 59 degrees above the horizon. The third mate measured the altitude with the sextant, while at the same time a compass-gauging of the object was taken.

It appeared that the object did not move in a horizontal travel (east-west), but ascended in a vertical direction with a speed of approximately half a degree (55 km.) per two minutes. (Note the translator: approximately 1,000 M.P.H.)

The object was to be compared to a full moon, but measuring only half the diameter of that celestial body. It showed, just like the moon, bright and dark spots. After approximately 10 minutes, the object disappeared behind a rising bank of low-hanging clouds and wasn't seen after. All the time the object could easily be watched with the naked eye and naturally with our binoculars.

I have seen photos of so-called flying saucers and do admit the resemblance. On the basis of the cloudiness the distance was estimated at 4,000 meters (4,400 yds.)"

Signed: J.P. Boshoff, Captain.

When on arrival in New York the news of the sighted Flying Saucer became known, the ship was crowded by reporters and press photographers. That very night Capt. Boshoff was taken to the Television Studio, where he related his experience of that evening. His comment was that from the reactions in America, he was convinced that at least 80% of the American population do believe in the existence of Flying Saucers.

Translated by CSI
committee member
Mr. Henk J. Hinfelaar,

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This report was taken from the Dutch Magazine "REVUE".

IRISH 'PICTORIAL' 19th September, 1955.

On the 29th August, 1955, Mr. Costello, Prime Minister of Ireland, officially opened the Ninth General Assembly International Astronomical Union Congress, in the Ambassador Cinema, Dublin. Mr. Costello stated "that the meeting of 600 astronomers from 41 countries was the biggest Astronomical Congress ever held, and certainly was the biggest congress or any sort ever held in Ireland."

FOOTNOTE: This congress was held in private, no reporters were allowed. We can only conjecture at what transpired at the Conference, but we feel that the UFO was one, if not the primary, topic.

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SPACEMAN LANDS IN NORWAY?

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DID A FLYING SAUCER LAND IN NORWAY LAST YEAR? TWO SISTERS, 24-YEAR-OLD EDITH JACOBSEN AND 32-YEAR-OLD ASTA SOLVANG, CLAIM THEY MET THE OCCUPANT. FEW PEOPLE BELIEVE THEIR STORY. BUT THEY CANNOT BE CONVINCED THAT THE MAN THEY MET WAS AN AMERICAN PILOT AND THAT HIS MACHINE WAS A HELICOPTER. BOTH SCOFF AT THE IDEA THAT THEY WOULD NOT KNOW A HELICOPTER WHEN THEY SAW ONE. THEY HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS PICTURES OF SUCH AIRCRAFT, AND AS FOR OTHER TYPES OF PLANE, THEY ARE FREQUENT AND FAMILIAR SIGHTS IN THE SKY AROUND THEIR HOME TOWN, MOSJOEN. THERE WAS AN AMERICAN PILOT WITH A HELICOPTER IN THE VICINITY AT THE TIME THE CONTACT WAS MADE. HE WAS ON LOAN, WITH HIS MACHINE, TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT. BUT, WHEN INTERVIEWED AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE AMERICAN FORCES IN GERMANY, HE DENIED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE HAD MET TWO WOMEN IN A FOREST CLEARING ANYWHERE IN NORWAY, OR THAT HE HAD LANDED IN A FOREST. ALTHOUGH THE STORY WAS WIDELY REPORTED, IT WAS NEVER PUBLISHED IN FULL OUTSIDE SCANDINAVIA. NOW Flying Saucer Review BRINGS YOU EXTRACTS FROM EDITH JACOBSEN'S PERSONAL STORY BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE NORWEGIAN MAGAZINE NA (NOW).

It was on Friday, August 20th, last year, that my sister and I went berry picking with our uncle, Halvdan Jacobsen, and made the contact. We picked blueberries and cloudberries. It was a bright, sunny day, and early in the afternoon our uncle wandered off on his own. How far? It is impossible to say.

"Asta and I went out on a fen where we thought there would be some nice berries to pick, when suddenly we saw a man in the distance. At first we thought he was another berry picker, but when he came nearer we saw he was not carrying anything. We walked towards him and wondered who he was."

"As we got near to him he smiled and stretched out his hand. I, too, smiled and held out my hand but he only brushed my palm with his. Then he began to talk but we didn't understand a word. It didn't resemble any language I had heard, and I have studied English and German, and I am now studying Spanish. I have heard French and Russian on the radio.

The stranger's language was very soft and melodious. It seemed to have few consonants and no gutturals at all. When we gathered that the man must be a foreigner from some distant country we took a closer look at him. He was of medium height, had pleasant, regular features and long hair with a natural wave. He was rather dark. We didn't notice the colour of his eyes, but I believe they were slightly oblique.

His hands were beautiful and expressive, with fine long fingers, rather like the hands I imagined a fine pianist would have. He wore no rings. He was clothed in a kind of overall, but as he wore a broad belt it could have been trousers and a blouse. The blouse fitted closely at the neck, but was otherwise loose. I could not see any buttons, zippers or fastenings. We didn't notice how he was shod.

The thing that impressed us above all was the genuine friendliness he emanated. It gave us a feeling of goodness and security so that we did not feel in the least alarmed at the encounter. His smile convinced us that he did not contemplate anything evil. When it became clear that we did not understand him, and he did not understand us, he produced something with which to write. We took it for granted that it was pencil and paper, so we took not particular notice.

He drew some circles, pointed out over the moor and then at us, and then pointed to himself and another circle. I had at once the impression that he wanted to tell us something about a solar system, but perhaps I was mistaken. The man then made a sign for us to follow him. He turned and walked out along the fen. We followed, and not far away we saw a curious contraption. It was grey-blue and looked like two giant pot lids placed together. It was about ten feet in diameter, and about four and a half feet in height,

THE THING:

Because the man was still so calm and convincingly friendly, we were still not afraid, though we thought this a very curious thing to find in the wilds. We approached the thing, but he made a sign that we were not to come too close. He then opened a kind of hatch on the top of the "rim" which encircled the thing, crawled in and shut himself in.

Presently we heard a faint humming, like the droning of a large bumble bee, and the curious vessel rose slowly while rotating on its own axis. Then, and only then, did all I had read about Flying Saucers come to my mind. When the saucer reached about a hundred feet it hovered for a moment and then started rotating very fast. Finally it rose at tremendous speed and disappeared.

Asta and I agreed not to tell anyone about the incident. The visitor had gone, and we had nothing with which to prove our story. And without proof the story would sound so fantastic that we were afraid of being ridiculed.

It was Asta who first told the story. She couldn't hide it from her husband, That's why it spread around Mosjoen. A reporter from the local paper got hold of it and approached the police to get their confirmation. They asked us to make statements and later to take them to the locality of the landing. There were no signs to be found, but that wasn't surprising as six days had gone by since our meeting. After that we couldn't venture out without being stopped in the street to tell the story anew.

Many people laugh at us, and many are angry because they believe we are pulling their legs. But we have only told a story of something that definitely happened to us. We saw it simultaneously, and we reacted in the same way. But the questioning we went through was so intense that at times I thought I would lose my reason. The whole thing is so fantastic that I can readily understand why people who have known me all my life refuse to believe me.

People have a right to their own opinions, but I earnestly wish that some responsible person like a police official or a parson had had this experience. At least they would have been believed.

Finn Nortstom, who interviewed the sisters separately, said there were no discrepancies in their accounts. He added that Edith was mischievous enough to enjoy playing a great joke on people, but that it seemed highly improbable that she should stretch the joke so far and to adhere so firmly to a fabricated story.

Asta is a very calm and well-balanced person, he said, even if she feels somewhat troubled because of the uproar the affair had caused. Nobody who meets her would take her for anything else but an ordinary housewife. She is quiet, level headed and views all world problems with indifference if the porridge is in danger of burning.

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OPINIONS: Spaceman Lands In Norway continued

The girls' uncle, Halvdam Jacobsen, who accompanied them on their berry-picking expedition, was troubled by the situation. I hesitate to accuse the girls of lying, but one fact is certain. No craft rose from the forest that day. I was never more than three or four minutes walk from the girls, and I reckon I ought to have seen or heard something. No, Flying Saucers exist only in people's heads. We hear about them from every part of the world. They are weapons of the 'cold war' causing unrest and fear of war."

The girls' mother believes them, however, "That a man from another planet should land here seems too incredible to me," she said, "but I have no knowledge of such things. I would only have pooh-poohed the whole affair if I didn't know my daughters."

Commented Arvid Oyen and Jan Brechan, of the local road construction service. "We believe the story. People shouldn't be afraid to believe something unusual. We know the ladies, they are grown up and trustworthy. We have no opinion to offer as to the place the man came from, but isn't it reasonable to suppose that inhabitants of other planets have progressed as far or farther than us?"

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YES, THERE IS LIFE ON MARS.

MARS IS NOT A DEAD WORLD. PROOF HAS BEEN CAPTURED IN PICTURES TAKEN BY AN AMERICAN-ORGANISED EXPEDITION TO SOUTH AFRICA.

A huge blue-green area, believed to be living vegetation, has been discovered from the photographs. The vegetation covers 200,000 twice the area of Britain (88,000 square miles of Mars, more than square miles.)

The surprise of the Expedition in making its discovery is disclosed today by the National Geographical Society, which, with the Lowell Observatory, organised and paid for the South African trip.

DESERT CHANGE:

The Society said that the discovery meant the greatest change in the geography of Mars since it was first mapped 125 years ago. It was "totally unexpected".

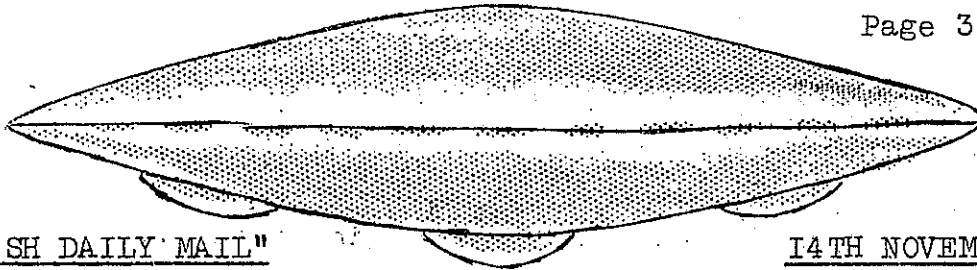
"Never before has such a new dark splotch appeared except an increase of an existing dark area. The remarkable transformation indicates that the division between the Martian (orange-red) desert and dark areas is not necessarily fixed or permanent. One may change to the other at any time.

It helps to support the conclusion that Mars is not a dead world, that the darkening is due to the growth of plant life. Biologists suggest that this life may be akin to lichens that grow on the earth's barren rocks and mountain tops. "

And the Society said that to learn more about it such plants may soon be grown in a laboratory under physical and chemical conditions thought to exist on Mars.

"FLYING SAUCERS UNCENSORED"

This Harold T. Wilkin's second book was published recently by Citadel Press, New York 3, New York, U.S.A. This book was to be titled "WILL THE SPACESHIPS LAND", but was changed by the publishers.



"SCOTISH DAILY MAIL"

14TH NOVEMBER 1955

"I WAS TERRIFIED AS IT WENT PAST," HE SAYS.

CLOSE-UP OF THE GREAT GALLOWAY HILLS MYSTERY - WHAT CAN THIS THING BE ?

This is reported to have happened on approximately the 29th October, 1955, one of many English reports.

IN THE LITTLE KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE VILLAGE OF BALMACLELLAN THEY DON'T JOKE ANY MORE ABOUT "THE THING" WHICH VILLAGER MAURICE BRAZIER (32) SAW ONE NIGHT AS HE DROVE HOME, ALONG ONE OF THE LONLIEST ROADS IN SCOTLAND.

For since he told the police of the "Flying Saucer" he saw that night there have been other stories of mysterious objects being seen in the bleak, desolate hills of Galloway.

"At first the villagers scoffed and joked", said Mr. Brazier, a mobile mechanic with the Forestry Commission. "They don't now." "The story sounds so fantastic that I only told the police and a few intimate friends.

TEETOTALLER:

"It is so hard to believe that even they were at first sceptical, but I finally convinced them that I was in my sober senses - I am a teetotaler - and that with my war-time experience in the R.A.F., I knew what I was talking about."

"It was about 7.30 p.m. and Mr. Brazier was motoring from Newton-Stewart along the deserted hill road to New Galloway. "I was hurrying home," he said, "because I had heard my little boy was in an accident. I saw a light reflection on the hillside which I took to be the lights of an approaching car, and I expected to meet it at the corner ahead."

"There then appeared in front of me a large illuminated object, and my first thought was that it was a helicopter with a mountain rescue unit, and I said to myself that they were taking a risk in flying so low over such hilly country. But the object came on and assumed a very large illiptical shape, fully 60 ft. in length."

"It was flying not more than 40 ft. up, with bluish lights along its side. As it came nearer I was badly scared and, stopping the van, I jumped out. Mr. Brazier continued, "It was then that I saw that the shape was that of a huge double saucer with lights all along the outer rim, and it appeared to revolve clockwise, the inner drum being of a dull metallic colour which reflected the lights. If I have ever had a fright it was that night," added Brazier. "Twenty minutes later when I arrived home my wife was alarmed at my agitation and white face." Other people in the district have been having strange experiences.

NO HELICOPTER:

A forestry worker at Dalnacallum reported seeing a weird looking object rising from the hills one morning. Mr. H. McWilliam, a garage proprietor in New Galloway, remembered the red orb which flashed across the sky while he was travelling through the hills some months ago. continued over page

The "SCOTISH DAILY MAIL" 24th Nov. further reports that a Mr. James Jardine, a Dunfries Ironmonger, saw a very similar object which came to within 30 ft of him during a bright sunny day as he was eating a roadside picnic lunch. (both incidents appear to have happened on the same day

The Rev. William Peebles, of Balmaclellan, said yesterday that he had heard of a watch being maintained for such things. "And Mr. Brazier is the last man in the world to be imagining things like this," he added.

Yesterday the police said that helicopters had been operating from time to time in the area, but they never heard of them flying at night.

"What I saw was not a helicopter," said Mr. Brazier firmly.

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B U F F A L O N I A N C L A I M S ' S A U C E R S '
A R E R E A L .

By: DR. BENJAMIN D. BENINCASA.

(Dr. Benincasa is a graduate of Canisius College. He holds a Ph.D. from University of Ottawa, and he resides with his family at 27 Montcalm Avenue, Buffalo.)

Flying disk and aerial cigar information has been reaching my office periodically from reliable sources in the Eastern and Western Hemisphere. Letters written to me on the subject of saucercraft number in the hundreds. Saucership articles in my possession occupy a dozen large file boxes.

After re-inspecting saucer data on my desk, which emanate from the four corners of the earth, I am obliged to reiterate my position of some time ago, namely, that Flying Saucers are real, solid, navigable and maneuverable aerial bodies. I have likewise been strengthened in my conviction - which I share with Prof. Hermann Oberth who is recognised as the father of European rocketry and who just arrived in America to help us set up our basketball satellite project - that Flying Saucers are genuine airborne vehicles from outer space.

WELL-FOUNDED SUSPICION:

I have also come to the conclusion that the establishment of the original American Satellite Project, which was initially recommended by the late Secretary James Forrestall in 1948, was directly prompted by a well-founded suspicion that the nine tremendous, peculiarly-shaped aircraft spotted by Pilot Kenneth Arnold over the State of Washington June 24th, 1947, had come from an extraterrestrial land of scientifically superior human beings.

Slowly but surely terrestrial human beings are beginning to believe that we are not alone in this incredibly great universe of ours. In our solar system alone there are inhabited planets many times bigger than our dwarfish rotating sphere. In the cosmos there are stars which make our sun look like a household electric light bulb.

INEVITABLE CONCLUSION:

Astronomers who once were reluctant to believe in the existence of a Venusian atmosphere, have begun one by one to bow to the inevitable conclusion - that our planet is not by any means a unique inhabited planetary sphere which must differ in every respect from her sister planets. Even some of the most distinguished telescopists have come out openly for the saucercraft-reality thesis.

They are: C.W. Tombaugh, discoverer of Planet Pluto; M.K. Jessup, author of "The Case for the UFO"; S.L. Hess, Harvard Observatory, Astronomer at Flagstaff, Arizona; and W.L. Moore, professor of astronomy at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

Nor has the United States Airforce ever denied the possibility that Flying Saucers have an extraterrestrial basis. In fact, it was a high-ranking officer from the Pentagon who told saucer-viewer D.S. DesVergers at Palm Beach International Airport on Aug. 22, 1952, that he (DesVergers) was "the only one in the world who has come within reaching distance of a saucer."

CRAFT NOT HOSTILE:

During the eight years in which saucer-like objects have been frequently observed in our skies, not one person has ever been able to prove that our disk visitants have been hostile to Earthmen. On the other hand, reports which I have before me indicate that "crashed" saucerships have been examined by American, British, and Mexican government authorities. Had anti-aircraft guns gone into action before the alleged saucercraft "crashes"? Only Mexico's, America's and Britain's top-level government agents can furnish us with the true answers.

One fact is obvious: major world governments are anxious to thrust into the upper air regions fast-moving, man-constructed satellites. Have feverish investigations of extraterrestrial Flying Saucers taught Earth's scientists how to employ space electricity for craft-propulsion purposes? I am inclined to reply in the negative.

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Efforts made by myself to ascertain a reason for this, or obtain the press's impressions of our meeting only met with stone-wall, but polite, refusals to comment in any way. (Herald)

Investigators are at a loss to explain the lack of press challenge and probe into this mystery. Although they have published in brief our views from time to time, they appear to be only too willing and ready to give prominent mention and space to any new debunking champion and his fantastically new or rehashed weather-worn theories. There are a few exceptions, of course, to the e we are truly thankful. When the day of reckoning arrives we will not forget them.

"THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" (\$ 3.50.)

Highly recommended -- Highly recommended -- Highly recommended

A copy of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's new book "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" arrived at CSI Hdqrs. a few days ago from Henry Holt & Company Inc. 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. via first class mail. This third book by Keyhoe is a masterpiece of exposure of the U.S. Airforce's rigidly enforced censorship, explain away policy & determined high-level refusal to release the astonishing true analysis of their extensive, serious & global UFO research. The contents of this book will shake even the believers in interplanetary "saucers", like the documentary authenticated facts in his earlier works Keyhoe's latest revelations will shake the very foundations of the "die-hard orthodox thinkers" and their "limited horizons".

The chapter titles are - (1) Blackout, (2) The First Clue, (3) The Silence Group Strikes, (4) Unknown Worlds, (5) Enigma On The Moon, (6) The Hidden Orders, (7) Cover-up At Quantico, (8) Satellite Search, (9) Mystery On Mars, (10) Ground All Planes, (11) Breaks In The Blackout, (12) Shadowed From Space, (13) The Wilmington Expose, (14) The Burning Road, (15) The Invisible Saucers, (16) Angels Hair, (17) Oberth & G. Field, (18) Redell Explains A Riddle, (19) The Vanishing Planes.

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22nd, November 1955

Headquarters

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The Editor

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a complimentary copy of our programme as presented at our public meeting on November 7th. On the rear of the programme sheet is a brief news summary re CSI(NZ) which we hope you will find of interest. Our PUBLIC MEETING proved most successful, the hall which seats 300 being filled to capacity. A charge of 2/6 for admission was made. As we are a non-profit organization, proceeds are destined to aid further research. Our organization continues to increase in membership; public interest is becoming increasingly broader and keener, despite the shamefully misleading, confusing and deliberately untruthful statement recently released by Mr. Donald A Quarles, Secretary For Air, U.S. Air Force. (NZ press 26th October)&(repeated 21/11/55.

Leading civilian investigators agree with Major Donald E Keyhoe, author of two outstanding books on "Unidentified Flying Objects", that this Air Force release was deliberately timed to try and discourage extraordinary demand for his new book to be released shortly, by Henry Holt & Co., New York. Keyhoe's previous works "FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL" 1950 & "FLYING SAUCER FROM OUTER SPACE" Oct. 1953, revealed to the public for the first time numerous extraordinary thoroughly factual and authenticated startling UFO incidents previously kept "TOP SECRET" by the US Air Force. On the 31st October, Major Keyhoe (retired) stated to Leonard H. Stringfield (leading US "UFO" investigator and publisher of "ORBIT") (monthly UFO news bulletin), "My new book "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" is coming out on December 5th., in it is proof that the recent Air Force statement is a complete cover-up concealing vital facts from the public. The U.S. Air Force remains seriously concerned with the UFOs".

It has also been recently revealed (C.R.I.F.O. "ORBIT" Nov. 1955) by Robert C. Gardner (another leading investigator) that in February 1953 Gardner was granted an interview with General Benjamin Chidlaw, then in charge of the US continental air defences at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado. The General, having now retired, Gardner feels free to release previously withheld information. In the course of the Feb., 1953 interview, General Chidlaw stated "WE HAVE STACKS OF REPORTS ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, WE TAKE THEM VERY SERIOUSLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER WE HAVE LOST MANY MEN AND PLANES TRYING TO INTERCEPT THEM".

Further supporting civilian investigators beliefs are the timely and sobering words voiced by General Douglas McArthur to visiting Mayor of Naples, Achille Lauro on October 7th, 1955 at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. The Mayor revealed the General's statements to the New York Times as follows " ---- He thinks that another war would be double suicide and that there is enough sense on both sides of the Iron Curtain to avoid it ---- He believes that because of the developments of science all countries on earth will have to unite to survive and TO MAKE A COMMON FRONT AGAINST ATTACK BY PEOPLE FROM OTHER PLANETS----- " The Mayor added that in the General's opinion the politics of the future will be cosmic or interplanetary...

Trusting you find the above interesting and helpful, Yours Faithfully
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C.S.I. President's summary of his committee's findings following their 20-months investigation of "Un-identified Flying Objects".

Numerous conspicuous events that have happened since that date add tenfold confirmation to this May 1954 statement.

Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) was established on the 12th October, 1952, and had, in accordance with rules laid down at inauguration, remained until the 6th May, 1954, a small compact body with a maximum strength of eight committee members. Representatives and honorary observers had been appointed throughout New Zealand and overseas countries, from keen correspondents and officers of kindred organisations willing to give us every assistance.

One year and eight months had elapsed since the organisation was formed, during which time the aims and objectives of our investigations had been carried out with much vigour and determination; resulting in some noteworthy success. (This does not imply that we had solved the mystery.) In this period a great amount of activity on the part of the U.F.O.'s had been noted, and our log books of New Zealand and overseas reports house a vast amount of information from private and press reported sources.

The committee, having made itself familiar with the many theories advanced to explain the Saucers, having also made research into, and acquainted themselves with all known forms of atmospheric, meteoric, celestial and extra terrestrial; natural phenomena . . .

Findings: that to date no natural phenomena explanation can

It is most significant that all the major world powers and the majority of the minor ones, have established departments, laboratories, etc., giving continuous and top priority studies to this astonishing problem of ever-growing concern. General Twining, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, has stated that at least one thousand top U.S. scientists are engaged in U.F.O. research and investigation.

This committee, because of its acute awareness of the situation on a world basis, is near certain that the American official investigating authorities have to a greater extent solved the mystery, but to date have refused to release their truthful analysis.

account for, or satisfactorily explain away, the hundreds of exceptionally well-authenticated reports submitted with minute details by the most reliable and qualified witnesses, supported by radar, theodolite, telescope, camera (still and movie taken in broad daylight)—and other mechanical aids to aerial material detection.

Therefore: It is the feeling of this committee that there is on record today powerful evidence to support the existence of real strange-shaped craft frequenting earth's skies with flight characteristics and capabilities far beyond our most advanced designs and comprehensions.

Concurrently: The very evidence that so strongly supports the actual existence of these strange ships equally well supports the near conviction of all investigating authorities (most are completely convinced), that they are indeed from distant worlds.

It is also of paramount significance to this committee that those government-sponsored investigating agencies in the U.S.A., and Canada in particular, after five years' research by their leading scientific brains, aided by all modern mechanical instruments, have failed to find a natural phenomena explanation that can match the reported facts and so explain them away. These authorities admit that up to 15 per cent are inexplicable.

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Seatown Wellington

Dear Flt/Lt Golding,

Is some time since I wrote you and so I am not at all certain whether you are still associated with intelligence work or living at the same address in Wellington. I see by a photograph that you were up here on the "Operation Safeguard" exercise. (briefing aircrews) so it seems reasonably certain you are still active in this field. Hope you received your copy of our March Mag, you may not have as much confidence in those "Little men" claims as I have, however I ask you to treat them with some respect, really they are far from nonsense. Not that I assume you write them off as of no value. Overseas comments and statements from official investigating agencies have been few and disappointing to date. You may be aware of a recent Sunday Dispatch (England) article quoting a statement by the Air Ministry. "An Air Ministry spokesman said that the results of the R.A.F.'s investigations of the UFOs (five years probe) was recently laid before the Air Marshalls. The Air Marshalls considered the findings unsuitable for publication and ordered they be kept top secret and locked away". The Dispatch article went on to say that the Air Marshalls feared that the report would cause national scepticism and controversy. A little earlier Australian papers quoted a press Assoc cable from South Africa, the cable message said that South African Air Chiefs had ordered the UFO information gathered in that country to be kept top secret and no statement would be made. I do not wish to belittle authority nor do I underestimate their problem, but I feel these statements are a little better than some of the US Pentagon howlers and will cause more suspicious & perhaps misleading fat to be cast on the fire.

Sightings are showing signs of increasing again as forecast (no crystal balls) and as I stated in the mag, I am expecting a minor flurry in the countries of the Southern Hemisphere to occur during the following months. 1955 is the expected showdown. Recently a member of CSI (Wellington Rep) ex Army Major last war) about my age, married with family at Tawa Flat, wrote and asked me if there was a chance of his meeting you and having a chat on this subject, I have given him your address, so please expect a letter in a day or two. (13 Oxford Street Tawa Flat, Mr Geoff Bonallack.)

Have been exceedingly busy all my off duty periods, recently lost the services of our Secretary (of 4 months) and Treasurer of less because they could not cope with the work, I have located another to assist in secretarial functions but very restricted for a while.

From the recent comments on the UFO question made by the Astronomer Royal, I can only assume he is now obviously following instructions and dams the saucers according to orders. This is being far kinder than accusing him of being a pig-headed fool making most libelous utterings, it is hard to control the urge to choose the later explanation for his infamous performance.

I recommend you subscribe to the new English magazine "Flying Saucer Review", I received a copy from (complimentary) one of my earlier correspondents who is now one of the Directors of Flying Saucer Service Ltd. The Magazine is a little less than quarto-size, is printed on glossy paper, future issues (second published 12th May) will have 30 reading pages, and the sub of £1.1 per year brings you 6 issues (every 2 months). My correspondent, the Hon Brimsley Le Peer Trench tells me the magazine is receiving great demand and Lord Mountbatten is one of the subscribers. (First Sea Lord).

No news for a long time from the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau seems Mr Jarrold may of closed shop, due to overwhelming mail responsibilities etc. I should be ready for the cage myself when this is all over.

May I convey my best tidings to you and may I ask of a little information on official opinions and workings in the UFO problem not of top secret or like classifications.

In the meantime

Yours Sincerely

Harold H Fulton

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Brilliant Object Seen In Whangarei Sky

4 MAY 1955

EARLY this morning Whangarei was brilliantly and briefly illuminated.

The light came from an object which flashed across the sky from west to east at such terrific speed that it seemed to vanish almost as quickly as it was sighted.

The phenomenon was reported by Mr J. Coutts and Mr T. Fields, of Morningside Road, who were on their way home from their work at Portland.

They had just crossed the bridge in Porowini Avenue when they heard a swishing noise accompanied by a brilliant light.

Instinctively they ducked, so close did the noise appear.

As they straightened again they saw an object, which Mr Coutts this morning described as being like a rugby football.

The whole of the object was aglow and had a tail which emitted sparks.

So terrific was the speed that its appearance and disappearance over Mt Parahaki were practically simultaneous.

If they had been walking in the opposite direction, Mr Coutts said, they might have had a better or longer view.

Because of its speed, the object was over and past them without warning.

They were conscious only of the light, noise and speed and the glimpse of the object itself.

Mr Coutts was unable to estimate the height or size of the object.

He could not say whether or not it might be a meteor as he had never seen one, but Mr Fields, who had seen a meteor, did not consider there was any resemblance.

Mr Coutts said that, in his opinion, it would have been impossible for life, as known to the human race, to exist in such a glare and at such speed.

He said he would not attempt to identify it, and had only reported it at the insistence of Mrs. Coutts, who considered that other people would be interested in the experience.

Mr Coutts had a final comment: "No Russian was in it," he said.

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The Saucers

Flying Saucers and Commonsense, by Walter Gilman (Frederick Muller, through Oswald Sealy, 10/6). Mr. Gilman, who has been closely associated with the literature of the flying saucer, examines the sceptic's case against this inter-planetary phenomenon, and decides that it is compounded of "prejudice, ignorance and faulty reasoning." He certainly keeps the flying saucer argument alive, and succeeds in bringing governments into the picture. There are illustrations of various "saucers."

Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer, by Leonard G. Cramp (Werner Laurie, 10/6).

BRIGHT OBJECT IN SKY PROBABLY LARGE METEOR

A bright object seen in the sky by a Johnsonville resident early on Sunday morning was probably a big meteor or fireball, Mr. L. L. Thomsen, director of the Carter Observatory, said yesterday.

Writing to "The Dominion" the resident said he saw "a large, circular light of reddish-blue tinge" which flashed down in a north-westerly direction and disappeared at the back of Tawa Flat. The light, which was not accompanied by noise, was about the size of a full moon.

Mr. Thomsen said he had received no other reports of the sighting of any such object. Meteors—known as fireballs when particularly brilliant—were by no means rare, however.

There was an illusionary effect with them—they seemed quite close though they were many miles away, he added.

It was most likely that the meteor, if such it was, would have disintegrated in the atmosphere. Sometimes meteors did reach the earth but there were no reports of any landing in the Wellington area, at least for many years.

Strange Object Flashed Across Sky

WHANGAREI, Today (PA) this morning Whangarei was brightly and briefly illuminated. The light came from an object which flashed across the sky from west to east at such terrific speed that it seemed to vanish almost as quickly as it was sighted. The phenomenon was reported by Mr. J. Coutts and Mr. T. Fields, who were on their way home from their work at Portland.

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Mr. Coutts had a final comment: "No Russian was in it," he said.

Mr. I. L. Thomsen, director of the Carter Observatory, to whom the report was referred, said he thought the object was probably a meteor.

"I should say that this meteor, from its description and the noise it emitted was what we would call a fireball. It is usually very uncommon to hear of such a meteor," he said.

Mr. Cramp believes in flying saucers and seeks to establish in this book a definite pattern from the saucer reports that will establish the saucers' means of flight. There are some intriguing original theories on space flight that may hold the attention of his readers even if they find the flying saucers rather much to swallow. "The Young Traveller in Space" is one to entertain and educate adults as well as young people in the facts and theories of space flight. There are illustrations, some in colour, to support the text. You are reminded here that man's conception of flight through space did not begin in the present age. Cyrano de Bergerac in 1650 had visions of such journeys, and Verne and Wells offered theirs. He covers the ground from these to modern experiments in the dispatch of animals into space by rocket and to the extension of man's knowledge of life on other planets. The author is former chairman of the British Interplanetary Society.

SPECIAL BULLETIN.

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION (N.Z.)

P.O. Box 1914,
AUCKLAND. N.Z.

A SPECIAL CALL TO ALL MEMBERS.

To all our Associates:

Until a few weeks back, C.S.I. had the loan of a Gestetner Duplicating Machine, thus enabling us to turn out the Quarterly Magazine, Newsletters, and all special notices, etc. To have this done by a commercial business would have been quite beyond our means. You can picture our distress when notice was received that the machine was no longer available for C.S.I. use. This was not due to any negligence on our part - for rather the President had almost completely reconditioned the machine to the stage of very efficient operation.

As if by a strange twist of fate, at the moment of our loss C.S.I. was offered a modern electrically operated machine at a price greatly less than it's market value. Something had to be done quickly; C.S.I. did not have sufficient funds in reserve to make the cash purchase offer. Briefly, a member of C.S.I. hearing of our predicament, generously made a temporary loan, thus enabling us to make the purchase of this absolutely necessary and much needed asset.

Now dear members we are making a special and urgent call on your generosity in asking for cash donations, so that your central Committee may pay back this loan. No matter how small, all contributions will be most appreciated, please forward as soon as possible.

To date C.S.I. costs, raw materials, mailings etc., have limited our operations to a hand to mouth recourse. Thus it has not been possible to build up a cash reserve. Like all young Public Organisations, C.S.I.'s existence has depended on enthusiasm, enterprise, voluntary donations, and many hundreds of hours of labour of love on the part of the central Committee and other local members.

This is your chance to help us to survive, progress, and so bring you ever more interesting findings and news of the "Unidentified Flying Objects", which media than promises a most amazing and enlightening journey, perhaps only a short way ahead, for the peoples of our planet, Earth.

CAN YOU HELP US TO HELP YOU!!

Kindest thanks in advance,

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD H. FULTON. Pres, C.S.I. (NZ)

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MARCH EDITION OF QUARTERLY MAGAZINE.

Due to the Editor's absence at Ohakea on Air Force duties from the 10th Jan. to the 27th Feb., the above mentioned difficulties with duplicating printing machine, and the arrival of over a hundred letters in the last month or so from many parts of the world, the Editor and Publisher has found it impossible to get the Magazine out on time. It is hoped that you will bear with us understandingly, and accept this NEWSLETTER as the best we can muster in the meantime.

Additions to Our Committee & Appointments:

Central Committee Meeting, 14/3/55: Present state:- President, H.H. Fulton: Vice President, J. Connell: Secretary, Mrs. J. Yeldon: Treasurer & Asst. Secretary, Mrs. P. Leach: Publicity Manager, D. Foreman. Committee:- J. Purdeu, M. Hinge, Del LaVaris, W. Tennent, D.W.G. Saunders, H. Hinfelaar.

Formation of North Shore Branch C.S.I. On March 2nd North Shore Branch of C.S.I. was formed by Mr. Dan Saunders. Mr. Saunders, a member of C.S.I. central Committee, was elected President of N.S.B. Mr. Clark, Secretary, and Mr. Busing, Treasurer. All members of N.S.B. are full members of C.S.I. and are making much favourable progress in membership promotion and provision for technical apparatus to obtain first class evidence of the UFO'S. Enquiries to:- Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 3496, Auckland.

Special Display of C.S.I. Material & Evidence: A window display will appear in the Epsom Business Centre (407A Manukau Road) on approximately April 10th for a period of 14 days. It is hoped this display will then move to a strategic city position in Queen Street, Auckland.

NEW BOOKS -- MAGAZINE ARTICLES OF INTEREST, ETC.:

New Books on UFO's (Flying Saucers) now or shortly available. "Flying Saucers From Mars", Cedric Allingham, 10/6: "Flying Saucers & Common Sense", by Waveney Girvan, 12/6: both published by Frederick Muller, Fleet Street, London. These books are a "Must" for all interested parties:- "The Secret of The Saucers", by Orfeo Angelucci. Published privately by Ray Palmer. Price 3 dollars. Send to Ray Palmer, Amherst, Wisconsin, U.S.A. This gentleman published "The Coming of The Saucers" in 1952, written by himself and Kenneth Arnold. (Remember Arnold's 24th June, 1947, air to air sighting that started it all) This first book reproduced many claimed photographs.

"Inside the Spaceships", by Desmond Leslie & George Adamski, expected to be published this coming June by T. Werner Laurie. Information comes from America That Capt. Ruppelt (on his own word) (he is the head of "Project Bluebook" 1951-53, U.S. Air Force investigation of the UFO's) will shortly have published a book on UFO's. His manuscript is awaiting official Air Force approval before release.

Major Donald Keyhoe (Retired) most eminent civilian and private investigator of the UFO and author of two excellent books - "The Flying Saucers are Real", 1950, and "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", 1953-54 - is expected shortly to produce a third Pentagon shocker and revealing work.

Other books becoming available, "Aboard a Flying Saucer", by Truman Bethurum: "The White Sands Incident", by Dan Fry: "The Saucers Speak", by G.W. Williamson: "I Rode a Flying Saucer", by G.W. Van Tassel: "Venus Speaks", by C. Richardson.

Recent magazines carrying good articles on UFO's:- "Australasian Post", 13th Jan, 1955 issue: "Everybody's", 11th Dec., 1954 issue: "The Digest", Feb, 1955 issue: "Male", Feb.-March issue: "Practical Mechanics", Feb., 1955 issue. (Practical Mechanics - an English technical monthly magazine, has carried much information on UFO topics since Jan, 1954). "Queen", English monthly magazine for October. Authentic S.F.M. No. 53, 1955. Watch for these series in particular -- beginning Jan. 26th., for a number of weekly issues. ~~Don't~~ "Illustrated" magazine, includes a review and presentation of some of the material in "Flying Saucers & Common Sense" by Waveney Girvan (not yet reached N.Z. Booksellers.)

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LANDING INCIDENTS: Remember the detailed account of Gonzalez clash with the occupants of a "Golden sphere-like UFO" recounted in our December issue of "Flying Saucers", well we will have more details of five other similar Venezuela (South American Republic) incidents, in our coming issue. The whole pattern of UFO evidence since 1947 demanded (if there were real Saucers) that such incidents should be expected of 1954 and did we not, like other kindred organisations, make an accurate forecast of these happenings. Certainly there have been a number of hoaxes (most quickly reveal themselves under investigation) as with all the other forms of recorded evidence. So keep an open and ever broadening mind, it is not a bit of good trying to apply accepted Earth standards, limitations or reasoning, in any planned analysis of this amazing drama of our skies and terra firma. As the crippling shackles of orthodoxy weaken, more and more gifted men of science are realising this and are making revolutionary statements in favour of real UFO's of unearthly origin.

ALL QUIET ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT: Since Mid-February, reported Press sightings in New Zealand and Australia have dropped to nil, nor have we received one private report. Mr. Len Stringfield of C.R.I.F.O., U.S.A., reports in a letter to me dated 27th February, - "Sightings over here are on the increase again." But all is quiet in most places south of the Equator to our knowledge at the moment. Shortly, however, renewed activity by the inquisitive and mystifying UFO must be expected. Perhaps Kiwiland will spring into international limelight with stories of little men and Flying Saucers; as most positively did occur in France, Italy, India, Portugal and Venezuela last October, November, and December, 1954.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT C.S.I. HEADQUARTERS: C.S.I. central Committee has big plans for the future, our Publicity Manager has been briefed to make all arrangements for a public meeting in the city in the near future. The President of C.S.I. was recently favoured with an hour's interview with a Member of Parliament. The findings of our Committee of investigation, examples of irrefutable evidence of real physical UFO's of an interplanetary nature were presented. The M.P. thanked the

President for bringing this matter to his notice, and has promised to try and do something officially. We expect to hear from him in the near future.

Plans are in mind for radio presentation of UFO research and results; the broadcasting people have been approached and discussions are continuing. A number of skilled Radio and Electronics men have recently joined our forces, promising experiments and developments are in the wind: more on this later.

Membership enquiries are being received at an ever increasing rate, the majority of the enquirers immediately joining our ranks on receiving our proforma listing C.S.I. objects, aims, and conditions of membership.

MR. ELLIS DUDGEON, A.R.P.S., F.R.S.A., Emerson Medallist. P.O. Box 152, Nelson. N.Z.

Mr. Dudgeon, Nelson member of C.S.I., is a most qualified photographer. Remember he closely examined Mr. Gibbon's 9th Sept., 1954, "UFO Photographs" and declared them to be 100 percent genuine. Now Mr. Dudgeon has kindly forwarded to C.S.I. prints of a photograph he recently snapped at a Nelson air Pageant, of a Devon Aircraft almost eclipsing the sun which was at the Zenith (directly overhead). On developing, this particular negative showed a "ghost" of the tiny "saucer-shaped" unshielded portion of the sun and the "corona-like" halo, duplicating the real image, but cast to the rear and remote from it. Mr. Dudgeon explains how this is caused by the camera lens "optical abbreviation" affect, and how this similar but reversed image could look like a saucer being ejected from a semi-visible nebula - mother ship. One or two examples of these camera lens "ghosts" have unfortunately appeared in creditable books as photographic evidence, explains Mr. Dudgeon. We thank our Nelson member for the prints and explanations forwarded, the material will be included in the projected display.

MR. G.R. NANKIVELL, F.R.A.S.: Mr. Nankivell, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, member of the Royal N.Z. Astronomical Society, recently forwarded to C.S.I. the details of a personal observation of an "Unidentified Flying Object" which he witnessed from his home in Marlborough at 10.21 p.m. on the 20th December, 1954. Mr. Nankivell was seeing a friend off from the front gate when his attention was first drawn to flashes of fluctuating light on the house across the road from his home. On quickly turning about he saw a disc object at approximately 60° elevation, West South West, about half diameter of the moon, glowing with a dirty yellow colour. Shortly afterwards the object disappeared with a radial (directed away) movement from the observer. Mr. Nankivell gives all other necessary details, explains how he could not reconcile his observation with anything astronomical, electrical, meteoric, or atmospheric phenomena. He classified his observation as apparently coming under the heading "Unidentified Flying Object". We sincerely thank Mr. Nankivell for forwarding the particulars of his observation, so expressing confidence in our work.

UFO'S NOT MADE ON EARTH: In early February this year, Len Stringfield, publisher of C.R.I.F.O. NEWSLETTER, and close associate of Donald Keyhoe, wrote the O.R.I. Defense Dept, Washington, to reaffirm the periodic official Air Force statements denying that UFO's are of Russian or U.S. origin. The closing paragraph of a letter received in reply, dated February 16th stated, "We have been experimenting with new type aircraft and missiles for a long time, possibly some of them have been reported as Unidentified Flying Objects. However, the number of such sightings would be negligible. We have nothing that spins through the air like a disc, pulsates, glows, dematerializes, changes colour, goes from a standing still position to supersonic speed, or can turn at square angles in full flight, as some sighters report."

Signed: Robert C. White.
Captain, U.S.A.F.

Capt. Ruppelt, (Ex-head U.S.A.F. "Project Bluebook") in a letter to Len Stringfield who requested a statement from him, said, "I am afraid that until my forthcoming book is cleared by the Air Force and published, I'll have to stick to what I said in my "True" article, "If UFO's exist they are interplanetary. As for them being of U.S., or any other worldly development, I can categorically deny this."

Signed: Capt. Ruppelt, U.S.A.F.

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YOU RECENTLY READ IN YOUR LOCAL PRESS.

London, March 25th, 1955, a Squadron of Meteor Jet Aircraft, flying at more than 590 miles an hour, chased a "fiery red object" with a red tail across England and Wales on Thursday night. An Air Ministry spokesman said, "A Flight of Meteors from West Malling, Kent, were flying over Manchester towards Birmingham at 7 p.m. when they first sighted the object. It looked like a ball of fire descending rapidly from above them. They were flying at 20,000 ft. and gave chase, but the object made the 500 mile trip from Land's End to Glasgow in about 45 minutes. C.S.I. is immediately aware that many other flyers have seen, chased, and become stupified by similarly described UFO's.

For example, remember the P.A.A. flyers W.B. Nash and W.H. Fortenberry, who saw on 14/7/52, six glowing red discs in formation below their aircraft perform an amazing cartwheel reversal of direction at an estimated speed of 1,000 MPH, and were then joined by two others. The eight glowing objects then glowed brighter as they sped away to disappear with an astonishing acceleration and climb. Remember First Officer Bond K.C. of New Zealand N.A.C., who saw on the 6/1/53 a glowing brilliant red-orange light cross his northbound path from West to East. This UFO was flying a flat trajectory and was in view for 45 seconds. Remember First Lt. Balocco of the American Marine Air Wing who, on the 9/2/53, chased a glowing red object over Washington D.C. for five minutes. The object changed direction, dived, climbed with phenomenal speeds and was finally lost, going up and away like they all do where no terrestrial aircraft can reach them.

Remember the three New Plymouth top-dressing pilots who, while flying a Cessna Monoplane at 7 a.m. (daylight) on the 24th May, 1954, saw first three then 12 more glowing red-orange discs trailing red flames in line formation apparently hovering approx 7,000 ft. above them. Suddenly, as the astonished pilots, Messrs. F. Ferrier, D.L. Palwasser, and N. Dodder watched, all the objects suddenly accelerated at astonishing speed and sped up into the blue. These are just a few of the hundreds of like cases. What they are, where they come from and why, is what we are trying to find out. We feel certain that high authorities could tell you many of the answers - we must be patient.

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PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULAR CALL!

Issued from C.S.I. Headquarters:- 1 Nissan Place, Owhonga, AUCKLAND. S.E.5.
March, 1955.



*Mr/Lt. R. Golding
7. Ventnor Street
Seabourne, Wellington.*

Flying Saucers Evoke Keen Interest

Inquirers Hold Public Meeting

People who believe that flying saucers from outer space exist are sceptical folk. Their organisation, entitled Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.), takes a lot of convincing that objects sighted are really flying saucers.

Many people ring the organisation to report having seen mysterious balls of fire and cigar-shaped phenomena leaving trails of fire, but the C.S.I. (N.Z.) can usually put these down to natural phenomena or hallucination.

On Monday evening the organisation held its first public meeting in the Sunday School Union Hall in Upper Queen Street. This hall, capable of holding 300 comfortably, was packed and extra seating had to be obtained.

Occupations Various

The occupations of members have no apparent affinity. They include accountants, a perfumier who was a squadron leader, a retired jeweller, a "scientologist," a newsagent, radio technicians and engineers. There are 150 financial members. Recently a branch was formed on the North Shore. Throughout New Zealand enthusiasts are in contact with C.S.I. (N.Z.) gathering what material they can. Interest is strong in the South Island.

"We are not going to try to convince you," Mr David Forman told the audience on Monday night. "We shall merely present facts as we know them and leave it to you."

Saucers or Bells?

Many of the audience claimed to have seen "extra-terrestrial matter," and were interested to hear more of the topic. Others had a "wait-and-see" attitude. One man mentioned the fact that veterans of the First World War still talked about celestial lights seen above the battlefields of France.

Enthusiasts said the name "flying saucer" was a misnomer. Photographs had proved them to be bell-shaped. Photographs could be seen in the window of the Manukau Road receiving agency of the Bank of New Zealand, opposite the Epsom tram sheds.

Arizona Incident

The most noted flying saucer enthusiast, George Adamski, has stated in his book "Flying Saucers Have Landed" that he saw a space-ship land in the Arizona Desert. He claims that he approached it, and a figure alighted from it and spoke to him. Adamski published alleged photographs of the flying saucer.

On February 15 this year two school-boys were reported to have climbed a hill in Lancashire to photograph birds. They set their camera to infinity and directed it at a lake two miles distant. They apparently saw a flying saucer land, and their subsequent photographs and sketches are claimed to have matched the photographs Adamski published.

Sceptical Orthodoxy

Many incidents are said to have convinced witnesses that "Unexplained Flying Objects" (U.F.O.) are intelligently guided. But the New Zealand organisation and other such organisations all over the world have their biggest fight against scientists and astronomers. Many reports of unusual matter are dismissed as blood corpuscles, or spots before the eyes, or

mass hysteria, university hoaxes, mirages, temperature inversions, and meteorological and observation balloons.

The president of the North Shore branch of the C.S.I. (N.Z.), Mr D. W. G. Saunders, said the saucers were probably keeping an eye on the earth to see that its people did not go too far with nuclear explosions and annihilate society. They would probably step in and put a stop to the experiments before anything disastrous happened.

Mr H. H. Fulton, founder and president of the C.S.I. (N.Z.), said there were 1000 leading American scientists pondering on atmospheric phenomena. But, he said, some astronomers had, like ostriches, buried their heads in the sand and refused to consider the possibility of visitors from space.

"However," he added, "as the strange objects show no hostile intent, we should not show animosity if we ever come across any strange visitors."



STRANGE OBJECT EVENING STAR (N.Z.) IN SKY OVER DUNEDIN

If all the objects seen in the sky over Dunedin are from space, then the city must rank as the number one celestial tourist resort. The latest object appeared over Ocean Grove last night about 7.30 and startled a young woman who was bringing in her mother's washing.

She described the sight as "a sting-ray" shaped object white in colour, and moving in quick darting motions. As soon as she realised that the object was something out of the ordinary, she rushed into the house and brought out her father and her younger sister, both of whom were also in time to have a good view of the object.

The object gave its farewell with a darting swoop across the sky, this time showing a reddish-brown light, and, according to the father, "moving faster than any jet-plane possibly could."

After the second look, all three were agreed that the "thing" was in the form of a kite, and had a slatted underside.

Strange Object Seen Hovering Over Sea By Two Dunedin Men

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Two Dunedin men may have been the first people outside California to sight a strange phenomenon. The men, motoring near Green Island last Saturday night, saw a ball of brilliant white, tinged round its perimeter with a sulphur colour, hover over the sea, pause for a few seconds and then rise slowly into the sky. The men could see the object plainly in the moonlight, but neither heard a sound.

Mr D. A. Metcalf, Dunedin president of the Civil Saucer Investigation group, an international body studying flying saucers, said this morning that the object did not fit the descriptions of saucers, but said everything indicated that the ball was of the type sighted in great numbers over California in 1952 and 1953.

The ball seen by the men fitted, almost exactly, a description distributed by Professor Lincoln La Paz, of the California University, chief scientist working with the American air force on "Operation Blue Book," a Government assisted investigation into the presence of flying saucers.

Mr R. Stewart, a farmer, of Saddle Hill, one of the men who saw the fire ball (or saucer), described the few seconds it was within their

vision, thus: "It looked at first like a brilliantly lighted ship out at sea, but later it came closer and hovered over the water. It appeared to land, stayed about five or six seconds, and took off again. It was like looking at the inside of a white-hot furnace. It made no sound, and seemed to float on a plane with the surface of the sea."

Mr Metcalf remarked that the Californian fire balls also were the same colour, and followed the contours of surrounding hills. Like the local one, the balls moved horizontally as well as vertically.

FILE



FLYING SAUCERS

(Restricted)

(Reprinted from A.M.S.I.S., March, 1955)

"An Object was reported...."

The origin of the term "flying saucer", as applied to strange objects sighted in the sky, remains obscure, although authorship is claimed by a British journalist. According to him, whilst sitting in a Bronx cafe talking with three New York reporters, one of whom was doodling on a piece of paper, he observed that the drawing looked like a "flying saucer". One of/

of the Americans decided that they "had something" there and, within the hour the term was in use. Within two, it is claimed that ninety people had reported having seen one.

Man has always instinctively looked to the sky for signs and portents, nor has he, even to-day, quite lost his inclination to discern and report celestial manifestations. It is not the object of this article to decry or deprecate such reportings - as Shakespeare wrote "There are more things in heaven and earth Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy" - but it is the intention to encourage a rational approach both to the objects themselves and to the method of their reporting.

Generally, reports are of commonplace objects which would normally pass unobserved but which attract attention in the light of more sensational stories, and lend **support to them.** Thus a meteor or a radio sonde balloon, or even a conventional aircraft, assumes in the perception of some observers speeds, shapes and movements which are entirely uncharacteristic. A well-known astronomer has declared that his experience of the reports of ordinary observers prompts him to reject 95 per cent of what they say, particularly when he knows that they have been startled by a sudden phenomenon which they could have observed for no more than a few seconds.

With such reports we are not seriously concerned. There are a number of other reports on flying saucers which are emphatic statements of visitations from neighbouring planets, and suchlike; these derive both from the imaginings of zealots, admittedly quite serious and sincere in their beliefs, and from charlatans.

Visual Sightings

Reports of sightings themselves reveal certain stereotyped patterns. They usually describe objects as being projectile-shaped, round, oval, or ellipsoidal; they are dazzling-bright, light, shiny, blue-green and generally speaking, iridescent. They move at fantastic speeds in lateral and longitudinal directions; they also hover. Such are the basic lines of description, with inevitable variations.

Practically all of these objects can be roughly identified as follows:-

- (a) conventional aircraft viewed by the observers from unaccustomed angles.
- (b) present-day jet aircraft, flying at great speeds and great heights, mistaken by untrained and/

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and, on occasion, by experienced observers.

- (c) sunlight reflections from aircraft and balloons which themselves are too distant to be observed.
- (d) car headlights reflected on low cloud.
- (e) meteorological, radio sonde and cosmic research balloons of all types.
- (f) bright meteors and fireballs.
- (g) planets observed at certain times of the year.
- (h) birds.
- (j) cloud formations.
- (k) meteorological phenomena, such as mock moons and mock suns.

There are other reports of visual sightings which are admittedly very strange and difficult to classify. They tell of objects which appear to change shape quickly, which move erratically and at fantastic speeds across the sky. Under no consideration could these reports be classified in terms of the objects listed above. It is firmly believed that these reports are made in all sincerity and are in fact actual sightings - but of reflections from conventional objects.

To give a simple and practical illustration, consider the erratic movements of the reflection on a ceiling from a mirror held under a light and moved even slightly by hand. Similarly, on a vaster and more extended scale, reflections from planets, meteors, aircraft and objects on the ground may be projected on to cloud formations and haze. Then there are the sightings of those planets which are low on the horizon at certain times of the year and which appear to change colour and move erratically, and at fantastic speeds, when observed through haze, or misty atmospheric conditions.

Many reports of such sightings have been received and here is an example of a particular instance where a satisfactory answer was provided. A report made by an experienced B.O.A.C. pilot of a sighting at 19,000 ft. over Goose Bay, Labrador, on Wednesday 30th June, 1954, stated that objects had been observed, one primary and six secondary, which "accompanied" the B.O.A.C. aircraft for a distance of about 80 miles; all the time they were under observation, the main object was constantly changing shape. An investigation was carried out by the Americans who obtained a subsequent report from a ship at sea in the same vicinity. This described what was apparently the same phenomenon. Members of the ship's company, however, definitely identified the sighting as the planet Mars, and gave full details of the mirage conditions which were prevailing on that day.

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Of photographic evidence little needs to be said. There is nothing in the world more easy to fake than a photographic film or plate and the majority of photographs which have been seen certainly invite suspicion. There are the few pictures that have been published in the press from time to time which are obviously of natural phenomena, such as mock moons and suns, and which emphasise the probability that the objects in the others are faked.

Radar "sightings" constitute the remaining source of flying saucer reports and these reports, generally speaking, fall into certain explainable categories.

Radar Echoes

Radar echoes can be produced by a variety of objects, not all of which are visible to the human eye. The majority of solid objects which return radar energy produce responses on the radar operator's tube which are easily recognised: moving objects such as aircraft and birds are normally readily identifiable by the size and shape of the response and by the velocities, altitudes and movement they exhibit. Meteorological balloons might also be included in this group of identifiable objects as they normally produce quite distinctive echoes, particularly as many of them carry reflectors specially designed to assist in the plotting of their course by radar. However, some balloons, such as those used for ionospheric sounding, fly at altitudes beyond the reach of aircraft and travel with the upper winds at speeds often in excess of 100 m.p.h. Radar returns from such balloons, when first encountered, could mystify a radar operator and give the impression that a flying saucer has been sighted. On the rare occasions when reports of unidentified objects have their origin in one of these solid bodies it is usually a comparatively simple matter to identify the object by enquiries addressed to the appropriate authority.

Within a group of radar targets which are not controlled or released by man can be included birds, meteorological and astronomical targets. Birds are of little concern as their smallness prohibits responses from them except at very short ranges but, from the other targets, responses with quite unusual characteristics may be obtained.

Echoes from Precipitation

Radar echoes may be produced by condensed water vapour in the form of raindrops, ice crystals or snow,

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a phenomenon which has been put to good use in civil aviation to assist pilots in avoiding dangerous cloud formations.

Responses on a radar tube from these targets may cover a considerable area, exhibit irregular, diffused boundaries and have a rapidly fluctuating intensity. Movement will generally be related to the speed of the main air current in which the rain is situated, and it may be anything from zero to 100 m.p.h. or more, whilst the target altitude may range from ground level to 40,000 ft. Generally the nature of the target is obvious by its size and by the pattern of the responses, but the picture changes with time and may appear unusual and confusing to an inexperienced operator.

Non-Standard Atmospheric Conditions

Under certain meteorological conditions inhomogeneities occur in the atmosphere, and these may be responsible for some unusual radar echoes. The required condition can occur up to heights in the order of 200 miles, but the strength of signals returned from such nebulous targets is likely to be too low to produce a distinguishable response except on very rare occasions. Perhaps it is this very rarity which assists in the creation of another saucer.

Unusual meteorological conditions can also cause radar signals to be returned from objects at distances far in excess of the normal range of the radar equipment. Responses caused by this anomalous propagation are superimposed on the usual radar picture of the area and can lead to confusion. The effect occurs most frequently in tropical and sub-tropical areas and usually persists for an appreciable time, sometimes for an hour or more. The effect is well known and because of its relative stability and duration would not normally give rise to unusual reportings.

Ionised Gasses

It has been suggested that ionised gas clouds in the atmosphere produce a type of radio echo which may be confused with those from tangible objects. Although radio energy is undoubtedly reflected and refracted by ionised gases (long distance, short wave communications depend on this very fact) the effect falls off very rapidly above, say 30 Mc/s, whilst 60 Mc/s appears to be the upper limit at which it has been recorded. Some of the early radar equipment still in use does operate within these frequency limits but it is quite incapable of the definition necessary to contribute to the notion of/

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of flying saucers. Further, except for the very short-lived effects in the wake of meteorites, ionised gases in the quantities required appear rarely to exist at heights as low as 35 miles.

Meteors and Meteorites

It has been known for many years that radio energy is reflected by meteors, and knowledge of the fact has proved valuable in the hands of astronomers. Meteors reach the outer fringe of the earth's atmosphere in numbers as high as 100,000 per hour but only very few survive long enough to come within the range of radar, the majority being vaporized by frictional heat. Meteors approach the earth at all angles of incidence, from vertical to glancing, and at velocities in the order of 10,000 m.p.h. Radar responses from these astronomical targets appear to be rare, but such targets may produce responses at any range or altitude, subject only to the capabilities of the radar set itself and to the size of the meteor.

Unlike aircraft and balloons the presence of these meteorological and astronomical targets cannot be verified after the event except in the most general way: by carefully sifting operators' reports, and studying meteorological conditions on the paths of expected meteor showers at the time of the incident, it is often possible to produce a tentative explanation for the responses but, because of the transitory nature of the target, it is seldom conclusive.

Radar Equipment Interference

Another possibility which deserves consideration is interference from other radar equipment. Generally, the cause of this type of spurious response is immediately obvious but it can happen that the characteristics of the two radar sets bear such a relationship that the interference gives rise to one, sometimes two, bright spots on the radar tube, which may for a short time exhibit some of the characteristics of an actual target. Even in this case, the true nature of the response can usually be quickly determined except when the interfering radar set is mobile and the operator is unaware of its presence.

Investigation

The investigation of reports of flying saucers presents very apparent difficulties, the major one of which is that, ninety-nine times out of a hundred, the scent is completely cold. It is only fair to point out that in every other case, i.e., when reports are telephoned and promptly checked on the spot, the sighted object has been identified as a balloon or a conventional aircraft. For the investigation of cold-scent reports/

reports there are various media through which information and assistance are obtained: the Royal Observatory and the Meteor Section of the British Astronomical Association give information on meteors, fire balls and all astral phenomena; the Meteorological Office, Royal Air Force Station, Cardington, London Airport and Bristol University cover radio sonde, cosmic research and other balloons; Fleet Air Arm and Royal Air Force units and formations give details of aircraft movements; and the civil police assist in the investigation of all types of reports.

From these sources has come most of the information leading to the true identity of reported flying saucers, and their co-operation in the tedious processes of investigation is invaluable. An instance is given of a report by a man who, returning home late one night, stated emphatically that he had seen a flying saucer hovering in a field quite a short distance from his point of observation. The "thing" according to his story, hovered and moved slowly up and down. Evidence was obtained from the local police to the effect that on that night, at that time, and in that place, an unfortunate farmer had lost a hayrick by fire!

Generally it can be accepted that, of all reports received, the vast majority are of things identifiable as one of the conventional objects enumerated above; the remainder are unexplained because the evidence is either too sparse, too vague; or too contradictory.

As a matter of interest, where the reports received are explained it is mainly in terms of meteors, planets, balloons, and aircraft. Noteworthy among the other explanations are included aircraft with rocket-assisted take off, car headlights reflected on low cloud, and the recently adopted navigation lighting system of American civil aircraft.

Conclusion

The civilised world has become conscious or, perhaps it would be more apt to say, it has been made conscious of flying saucers or unidentified flying objects: whenever an airborne body is not clearly recognised as something conventional it becomes a mystery whose magnitude varies according to the observer's susceptibility. Most people are very susceptible to the influence of the Press or the radio. A news item on a flying saucer promptly induces a spate of reported new sightings.

Sensible and rational reporting of unidentified flying objects is the duty of all who are concerned with flying. Apart from astral or meteorological phenomena, which are of interest to specialists in these matters, there is always the chance of observing foreign aircraft of revolutionary design. As for controlled manifestations from outer space, there is not tangible evidence of their existence.

FROM : AIR DEPARTMENT, WELLINGTON.

TO : R.N.Z.A.F. STATION, WHENUAPAI.

DATE : 15th APRIL 1955.

REF : 39/3/3

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Your letter WH.C21/5/AIR of the 13th April 1955, containing a report of an unidentified flying object seen by SgtNav. McMurtrie has been read with interest.

It has not been possible to explain this incident but it appears probable that it was a meteorite. The sensible and rational reporting of similar occurrences by aircrews will be welcomed.

R.E.G.
(RONALD E. GOLDING) Flt.Lt.
for Wing Commander.
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE



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FROM : R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Whenuapai.
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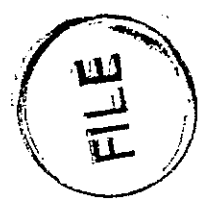
SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. Attached is a copy of a report from Sgt/Nav. McMurtrie concerning the sighting of an unidentified object in the vicinity of Gisborne on March 31st, 1955.
2. Sgt/Nav. McMurtrie is not given to romancing, the report is therefore forwarded for your information.

A.P. Gainsford

(A.P. GAINSFORD, Wg.Cdr.)
for Group Captain, Commanding,
R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Whenuapai.

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R.N.Z.A.F. Station,
WHENUAPAI

4th April, 1955

AFTER FLIGHT REPORT.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that while acting as Navigator on NZ 5904 (Capt. F/O CHEAL) on a Night Cross Country which departed from Whenuapai at 311950M, I sighted an unidentified object flying on a course of 270^{OT} and at about 12,000' in the vicinity of Gisborne. We were at 9000' on a course of 037^{OT} and whilst taking a relative bearing on Gisborne at 2135M I noticed a large blue light approaching from 045^O REL. There was 8/8 Altostratus cloud base at about 15000' and the object crossed our bow at considerable speed in a flat flight path. The Captain was adjusting the auto-pilot at the time of sighting, and by the time I had drawn his attention to the object, it had vanished towards Lake Taupo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Ian McMurtrie

(IAN McMURTRIE)
Sgt. Navigator.

The Commanding Officer,
R.N.Z.A.F. Station,
Whenuapai



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EXCITEMENT ON WEST COAST Object In Sky Almost Certainly Meteorite

GREYMOUTH, Today (PA).—What appears certain to have been no more than a common meteorite, which disintegrated on contact with the atmosphere of the earth, was responsible for some excitement and speculation in the Grey district last evening.

Reports of an object varying in size and dazzling bright flashing from south-east to north-east across the West

Coast towards the mountains, a "mysterious explosion of terrific force" and a column of smoke seen rising from the foothills soon after the explosion, have come to hand.

Some observers put the height of the object at only a few hundred feet. The matter has been placed in better perspective, however, by a Greymouth motorist driving west in the vicinity of Cass, in the Canterbury foothills, about 5 o'clock yesterday.

High Above Alps

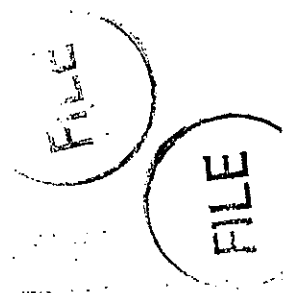
He said he saw an object, "Looking like a skyrocket travelling high above the Alps at an altitude of at least 100,000 feet. After moving rapidly, it disappeared in a puff of smoke high in the air."

This report discounts completely any suggestion that the object approached close to the ground, or that part of it came to earth in the foothills. Many who did not see any object in the sky nevertheless heard an explosion.

Cricketers, fishermen, and other sportsmen in Greymouth, Rotomanu, Brunner, Rapahoe, and even as far away as Westport heard the noise. It closely resembled a long peal of thunder—startling in its effect on a brilliantly sunny day.

Due To Shock Waves?

Many people were left with the impression that the ground trembled with the explosion. It was pointed out this morning that if the meteorite disintegrated on reaching the Earth's atmosphere it was possible that the percussion could have caused shock waves in the atmosphere, giving the impression of a rumbling explosion.



DUNEDIN BY STAR

First Flying Saucers Of New Year

The flying saucer season is with us again. To-day the 'Star' had two reports of "visitations" at the week-end. The first was from Wakari where a school teacher said he was awakened early on Saturday morning by a noise and a light which penetrated his bedroom. From Mosgiel a group of six people reported that they watched a glowing object for an hour.

The school teacher said he leapt out of bed when something "swished" over the house at a "terrific rate" and illuminated his bedroom. He went outside and was in the act of rolling a cigarette when "the thing" came back over the same route and was gone in a few seconds. About a minute elapsed between the time he heard the first noise and the time he saw the object vanishing in the distance.

He described the "saucer" as being of a greenish colour. At first he thought it might have been a jet plane, but on reflection came to the conclusion that a jet could not have made such a quick turn. The object, he said, was travelling at a very low altitude.

He has seen other objects at different times, but would not describe them as flying saucers.

Another report of a "saucer" sighting was received from Mosgiel. For almost an hour, from 10.40 last night, a group of six people watched a glowing object circling the sky over the Taieri Valley at "terrific speed." It was not, they emphasised, a meteorological balloon from the Taieri aerodrome, for while they were watching the "saucer," they noticed a balloon being launched from the aerodrome. They insisted that it

was entirely different from the object they were watching.

Visibility was excellent when they sighted the object, which appeared to have two beams of light coming from it—fore and aft. The lights would shine brightly, then fade slowly until they were completely out. A moment later they would once again shine brightly.

The object, they said, would travel across the sky at a rapid pace, then stop completely, and hang motionless for some minutes before travelling on. It was flying a straight and level course, and was still in the area when the six watchers decided to go indoors.

"Be Kind to Flying Saucers"

Air-Marshal Lord Dowding, Chief of the Royal Air Force Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, has advised his fellow-Earthians to be kind to flying saucers. Said he with all the wisdom of many years in aviation: "It's rude to fire A.A. guns and send fighters to shoot them down. Besides, you never know what they could do to you . . . There is no material we know of that could travel at 9,000 miles an hour—the recorded radar speed of one saucer—without becoming white-hot."

Well, that counsel makes sense—if there really are flying saucers. Lord Dowding, for one, seems to be serious in his belief that these visitors to our skies come from planets ahead of our world in scientific knowledge. Or, since he was addressing the Flying Saucer Research Society in London, was he making a diplomatic effort to tell his audience what they wanted to hear?

Let us suppose for a moment, even against the opinions of many astronomers and the more ordinary run of sceptics, that the former air chief had sound basis for his statements. It would certainly follow that we of this world would be incredibly foolish to pit our wits and our armaments against people from space who can now accomplish what our own engineer-scientists are merely planning with no great confidence in early success. To rouse flying-saucer crews into a spirit of retaliation might create a terrible impact on humanity. As Dr Jung, a lead-

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Flying Saucer Sighted Over Bluff?

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Yesterday five Bluff men saw what they believed to be a flying saucer high over Ocean Beach. Much bigger than a star, it remained stationary for 60 minutes from noon to 1 p.m.

The men described the object as "a bright, shining, silver disc", after looking at it through strong binoculars. They could see no markings or apertures on the disc.

The saucer was first sighted at noon by a Bluff resident who wishes to remain anonymous. He summoned Mr E. Wixon, J.P., Mr J. P. Wyatt, Labour Party candidate for Awarua at the recent election, and two others, and they all observed the object at a high altitude over the west end of Bluff.

ing psychiatrist, once remarked: "Should the origin of the phenomenon turn out to be an extra-terrestrial one it would prove an intelligent inter-planetary link. Our sciences and technology would go to the junk pile. Our world could roll up its Iron Curtain and use it for scrap. This might not be so bad. But we would have been 'discovered' and colonised."

The brighter side to the invasion picture, however, is that the beings from a possible flying-saucer world do not seem in the least aggressive. In one case of a reported landing all that is said to have happened was the scorching of some grass around the machine. It requires little imagination to believe that such ingenious visitors on trouble bent could, if they wished, adopt a full-scale scorched-earth policy. It can safely be assumed, therefore, that the spacemen we have been hearing about are friendly fellows—not Martian overlords as grimly defined in most fiction. In such circumstances it would be a pity to goad them into atomic fury or something worse. By all means let us be kind to them if they ever come within cooe. Whether Lord Dowding is right or wrong in his apparent acceptance of the flying-saucer theory may be open to dispute until we actually come face to face with a representative selection of them. So if they wish to convince the world of their substance they should come right down and see us some time.



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Do flying saucers come from a distant world?

(By PROFESSOR HERMANN OBERTH)

IT IS MY THESIS that flying saucers are real and that they are space ships from another solar system.

I think that they possibly are manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race that may have been investigating our earth for centuries.

I think that they possibly have been sent out to conduct systematic, long-range investigations, first of men, animals and vegetation, and more recently of atomic centres, armaments and centres of armament production.

They obviously have not come as invaders, but I believe their present mission may be one of scientific investigation. After all the official inquiries into the mystery of flying saucers, the fact remains that many of the observed effects still are formally described by the United States Air Force as "Unidentified Flying Objects." Many theories, therefore, are being suggested as an explanation of why the saucers cannot be real.

Some of those who have seen saucers are said to have been self-hypnotised. Others are said to have been the victims of optical illusion, light aberrations or mass hallucination.

I have seen no proof from any satisfactory source to substantiate these suggestions.

Russian papers even have claimed that the United States Air Force purposely started "the big saucer bluff" to obtain more funds for space research and armament.

No proof of this, either, has ever been offered.

The radar screen often has confirmed the fact that observed phenomena were not light aberrations. Any experienced pilot ought to be able to distinguish the difference between optical illusions and real flying objects.

Attempts to explain the phenomena as fireballs or meteors do not meet scientific standards.

Noiseless flight

Speculations that the saucers are secret American or Russian missiles have been supported by no facts. Any man-made object flying faster than sound would cause a tremendous noise when breaking the supersonic speed barrier, while most eye-witnesses report that the saucers they have observed, unlike jets, fly silently.

Far too many observations of saucers have been made between 1946 and 1954 for their presence to be dismissed merely by the statement that the servers have been the subjects of mass hallucination.

I have examined all of the arguments supporting the existence of flying saucers and denying it, and it is my conclusion that the "Unidentified Flying Objects" do exist, are very real and are visitors from outer space.

While believing that the saucers are a reality, I do not conclude, as some investigators have, that they come to us from one of the other planets in our own solar system.

The writer

Professor Oberth, a German, is an internationally known authority on guided missiles and the conquest of space.

SIGHTINGS GO BACK TO THE 18th CENTURY

Observers then reported that "strange globes of light" manoeuvred over Florence, Italy, and there were similar reports from Switzerland on November 2, 1761.

In London on March 29, 1845, and elsewhere in England in 1855, 1859, 1860 and 1864, the same kind of lights were seen aloft as the kind we now speak of as flying saucers.

They buzzed Bloomington, Indiana, on September 7, 1877, ships in the Yellow Sea in 1893, and ships in the Atlantic in 1904.

Why then, if space creatures have been coming to us for a long time, have they not communicated with us?

I believe the reason lies in the conclusion that, just as we do not know anything about their sense organism, they do not know anything about ours.

It is possible that they would react to rays still unknown to us. Perhaps they are trying to reach us with a ray unknown to us.

We can only wait. Their means of communication may be anything from a ray to a para-psychological power revealed to us occasionally in human manifestations of telepathy.

Just as a start, we might try to communicate with them by radio signal. Mathematical symbols might be interpreted by them. A mutual mathematical understanding might be the forerunner of written words and sounds.

We may be sure that they are not slow-thinking. Their intellectual powers, no matter how strange the

creatures' appearance may be, are great. I believe they are demonstrating this by bridging the space between their planetary home stations in a distant solar system and our own.

To come to us from that vast distance they may have achieved the dream of human astronauts. That is, they have been able to travel almost at the speed of light.

This seems to us, now, almost as far beyond our means as our own present rockets would have been beyond the ability of men who made the first steam engines.

Yet we speculate about ways to reach the stars and the Uranides, long ago having passed the stage of speculation, apparently have reached one. That is, having left their own star, or sun, they have come to our own sun, and its planet, the earth.

While we are trying to hasten the day when we can send a ship to one of our sister planets in our own planetary system — our own solar system — the Uranides have got the jump on us. They have broken free of their planetary system far, far away and have come to us.

How can we turn their venture to our own profit? If we can make them understand some kind of message, we should welcome them. We should try by every scientific means that seems feasible to get into contact with them.

Perhaps they can disclose to us secrets that otherwise we might not lay bare in a hundred thousand years.

directed by living beings from an other solar system, or more than one other solar system, and I call this race of visitors "Uranides." I have taken the liberty of making up the word from the Greek word for heaven, "ouranos."

We know too much about conditions on our neighbouring planets in our own solar system for us to argue successfully that the saucers can come from one of them.

The only one that seems to be fostering life, even in the form of plant growth, is Mars, and its surface is not habitable by any creatures that we can imagine as having a brain more highly developed than our own, or a culture immensely broader than ours.

With the planets of our own sun system ruled out, I suggest that the home base of the saucers may be a planet, or planets, revolving around another sun, or suns. Probably this other sun — or star — is one of those nearest to our own sun, which of course is a star.

Despite the immense distance between our own solar system (including the earth) and the nearest other solar systems, a journey from one system to another is theoretically possible, once an unlimited source of power is developed.

I do not, however, believe reports that some saucers are manned by beings resembling men, although we cannot prove this is untrue. I do not believe the visitors resemble any living beings known to us.

Even if they come from a carbonate acid atmosphere and, in our eyes, might be the strangest creatures ever imagined, they still could, theoretically, think logically and develop a highly superior civilisation.

No factual support

Reports that saucer men have been seen who are "beautiful, human-like beings" have no factual support, I think, and probably that is fortunate for us.

Creatures who could move around in our atmosphere without a kind of diver's outfit might be able to settle here. It is more comfortable for us to speculate that saucer men come from an atmosphere far different from our own and are so outlandish in appearance that they do not resemble us at all.

If they do come from a quite different atmosphere, they might find it as difficult to exist on earth as we would find it difficult to exist at the bottom of the sea.

The Uranides, I think, have been examining the earth for centuries.

People call their craft flying saucers and say that the phenomenon is new. It's far from that, for as long ago as December 9, 1731, there was evidence that we on earth were being visited by travellers that seemed to come from space.

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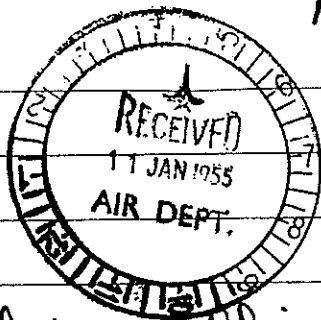
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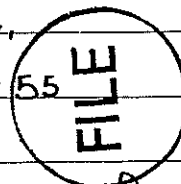
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Box 14,

Otaki,

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Dear Sir,

Whilst walking along the Otaki beach front yesterday (Sunday) evening about 8-25, I, and several people about me, noticed a brilliant orange light moving horizontally across the sky, about a mile inland.

After a few seconds it stopped and it became very dull, then it became about ten times brighter and seemed to drop something about the same size and colour as itself, which, as it fell disappeared. Then it moved along and disappeared into some clouds. I wondered if perhaps a plane may have dropped a flare and that is what we saw, although I doubt it. Could you please therefore inform me if there was a plane dropping flares in the vicinity, or give me any ~~matter~~ information on the matter.

Yours Faithfully

'FLYING-SAUCCERS BEING BUILT!'

(London Special Service)

FLYING-SAUCCERS are top-secret weapons of the United States and Russia, according to Georg Klein, former secret weapons expert in the German Ministry of War Production, and now an engineer in Switzerland.

Klein maintains that flying-saucers are a continuation of German wartime experiments carried on by German scientists who have either gone to the United States or been captured by the Russians.

"Prototype flying-saucers were built in Germany during the war. I saw one reach a height of 40,000 feet in three minutes near Prague, in 1945," says Klein.

Klein says the Russians captured a scale model and top technicians at Breslau, and Walter Meithe, inventor of the V2, fled to the United States. None of the men has returned to Germany.

Klein claims that there are two types of flying-saucer being built today—a five-jet model

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with a diameter of 48 feet and a 12-jet model that is 126 feet across. Raised wing flaps lift the aircraft like helicopters and the big one can hover by turning its jets directly downwards like the British "flying-bedstead" aircraft.

Flying-saucers developed in Canada by John Frost, former colleague of Sir Frank Whittle, have reached speeds up to 1500 miles an hour, and have been inspected by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, says Klein.

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Thinks Outer Space Has Eye On World

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The majority of organisations throughout the English-speaking world investigating reports of strange objects in the sky are now convinced that the only answer to fit all the facts is that the objects are controlled vehicles from the outer space.

The president of the Auckland organisation, Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.), Mr H. H. Fulton, said this in Napier to-day. Mr Fulton, a sergeant in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, is the son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Fulton, of Napier. His organisation has 110 members.

Since its formation in 1952, Civilian Saucer Investigation had actively investigated about 400 New Zealand reports of strange objects in the sky, Mr Fulton said. In addition, his organisation had been exchanging information with kindred bodies overseas. There are about 16 similar organisations in the English-speaking world with which Civilian Saucer Investigation keeps in touch.

OUTER SPACE VEHICLES

"Our investigations over the past two years have convinced us that the strange objects reported can not be explained away as any form of natural or meteorological phenomena, but that they must be controlled vehicles from the outer space," Mr Fulton said. "Nor can we believe that they are meteors or any form of aircraft manufactured in this world."

He said that this was now the unanimous opinion of the majority of similar organisations overseas.

"It is felt that the United States Air Force, in particular, most probably reached this conclusion after investigating reports of strange objects in the sky up to five years ago," he added. "But we think the United States won't admit it because of the fear of public panic."

Apart from a minor number of hoaxes and reports that could be explained away, it was impossible to reach any conclusion other than that this world was being visited by controlled aircraft from the outer space, he said.

SEEN IN ITALY

"For example," he said, "the British United Press reported on October 29 of last year that 15,000 people at a soccer match in Florence, Italy, excitedly watched a flight of 'flying saucers' for 30 minutes. The game stopped and the players joined the thousands of spectators in pointing out the cigar and disc-shaped objects flying at a high altitude. The objects were silvery in colour and dropped trails like spider webs. A knowledgeable professor scooped some up and hurried home and analysed the substance. He later announced that it contained a predominant quantity of boron, silicon, calcium and magnesium."

Mr Fulton also quoted another report: The United States Ambassador to Italy, Mrs Clare Booth Luce, saw some of the droves of "flying saucers" reported over Italy last October. She said she had seen one zooming over Rome, but could not explain what the object was or represented. She was reported as saying later: "My Government may soon tell the world about these things."

Mr Fulton said that no official statement had ever been made on behalf of the New Zealand Government about strange objects reported in the sky over this country.

Air Marshal On Flying Saucers



LORD DOWDING, chief of the R.A.F. Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, who believes that flying saucers come from planets hundreds of years ahead of the world in scientific knowledge.—N.Z.P.A.

18.1.54.

Mistaken Frenchman

LAON (France), January 17 (REX. 11 p.m.)—M. Jean Faisant, a farmer, was fined 15,000 francs (about £15) for firing three shots at a neighbour's car one night last summer because he thought the headlamps belonged to a flying saucer. The bullets hit two cows grazing nearby.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FILES

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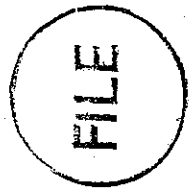
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REPORT FROM FLT.LT.HICKEY.

AT ~~0840~~ 2140 on January 1st I saw three white lights appear to leave a much brighter object which could have been a planet. The lights were in the west and fairly low. They were in line abreast and travelling north and were visible for at least 40 seconds. They were travelling towards the moon and disappeared when they got in the area of the moons radiance.

Jan '55



Checked with Carter & Brewster
but no confirmation D.C.

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Flying Saucers 23

Sir,—In reply to "What Source?" whose observations on the credibility of flying saucers were published on December 14, I suggest he read some of the huge mass of evidence that has been collected over the last few years, particularly in the United States of America, both by individuals and the Pentagon (U.S.A.F.H.Q.). The Pentagon painstakingly sifted and resifted all the available evidence, giving a logical explanation to a large percentage of it, but was unable to explain away the balance. "What Source?" quoted Mr. Thomson's views on probable life on other planets, plus his own, but with all the scientific reasoning in the world one doesn't know what is on the other planets.

One of America's leading physicists who was involved in the Pentagon investigations is of the firm opinion that these craft derive their propulsion from the magnetic lines of force that parallel the universe—minimum speed 186,000 miles a second, which would make the return trip to, say, Venus, in one hour. So much for distances. Puhstian. NO SOURCE.

WEDNESDAY STAR
Dalmore Family
 31 DEC 1954
Watch Object

In the Morning Sky

For 20 minutes early this morning, a woman living in Pinehill road, Dalmore, watched what she thinks was a flying saucer.

At 4 a.m. she was looking at smoke rising from behind the Botanic Gardens, thinking there was fire, when she saw a large, peculiarly white object hovering directly above Opoho.

"I won't say that this was a flying saucer," she told the 'Star'.

"The object hovered for about 20 minutes. I got in and out of bed several times, trying to make up my mind that it was not an hallucination. Then the object began to move quickly away to the north-east so I woke my husband and 18-year-old son, who is in the Regular Air Force.

"The three of us watched it for about five minutes. It was travelling very fast by this time. We could see it faintly as it passed behind clouds and then brightly as it passed a clear space.

"It gradually became smaller and smaller. It seemed to be climbing rapidly and finally we lost sight of it in the distance."

None of the family had ever taken flying saucers seriously, the woman said, but now they are convinced the object they saw was real.

Auckland Star

"Dazzling light emitted by object in sky"

WHANGAREI, Friday (O.C.). A cone-shaped object emitting a dazzling yellow light was observed high in the sky at 3 a.m. today by Mrs. E. Morgan, of Houto. She watched it intermittently for nearly two hours.

The light fluctuated and the object altered height on several occasions, Mrs Morgan said. It was first sighted due east of her home and she called to her brother, Mr W. Boag, to check her observation.

Mr Boag watched the object for 15 minutes. It twice came lower and each time left a trail of light like a tail.

Mrs Morgan said that she also noticed another object due west but much further away. Although very small it had the same characteristics and could also be seen in daylight. The two objects disappeared together about 5 a.m.



"Flying Anchor" Seen By Five

Westmere People

WANGANUI CHRONICLE
 A "flying anchor" was seen in the skies over Wanganui last night by five Westmere residents. The brightly-lit object, which was seen to pass slowly from east to west over the city and Westmere, was described by Mr P. Bagley, of Westmere, as being about the size, but not the shape, of half-a-crown. Mr Bagley said the object seemed at times to be hovering in the air.

His mother saw the object first when members of the family were working outside on their poultry farm shortly before 9 p.m. Mr Bagley, his mother, father, young sister and a cousin watched it for about a minute.

A telephone call was made to the "Chronicle" by Mr Bagley, but when he returned outside the object had disappeared in a westerly direction. It could not be seen from the vicinity of the "Chronicle" office.

Mr Bagley's father described it as being anchor-shaped, and Mr Bagley discerned what he thought was a tail.

No sound of an aeroplane could be heard, and it was impossible to judge the object's height, but it gave the impression of being "very, very high." It gave off "a bright but ordinary-coloured light."

Footnote: The last flying saucer seen in this district—by a man at Castlecliff—landed at Turakina and proved to be a lighted weather balloon from Ohakea. It did not have an anchor shape, however.

More Saucer Sightings

Reported

WEDNESDAY STAR
 31 JAN 1955
 The silver, cigar-shaped object, believed to be a flying saucer, seen hanging motionless in the air about four miles west of Coutts Island by a "Star-Sun" reporter on November 21, was seen by a man and a few days later by a woman.

This is stated in the latest issue of "Flying Saucers," the quarterly journal of the Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.).

The "Star-Sun" reporter and his wife were travelling by car towards Christchurch at 3.46 p.m., when they noticed the object. They watched it for seven minutes before it moved off west towards the Southern Alps.

Cylinder-shaped

"A Christchurch member of the Civilian Saucer Investigation, Mr H. E. Ward, believes he saw the object mentioned," states the magazine.

Mr Ward was at Harewood Airport the same day when he saw a dark, cylindrical form high in the sky. He was about a mile and a quarter away from the object.

A Mrs Gindenberg told Mr Ward that she had seen a silvery object moving north-east near Kalkoura at 10.30 a.m. on November 23. The object was not very high.

She said that she had not read the article by the "Star-Sun" reporter, the magazine states.

Flying Saucers

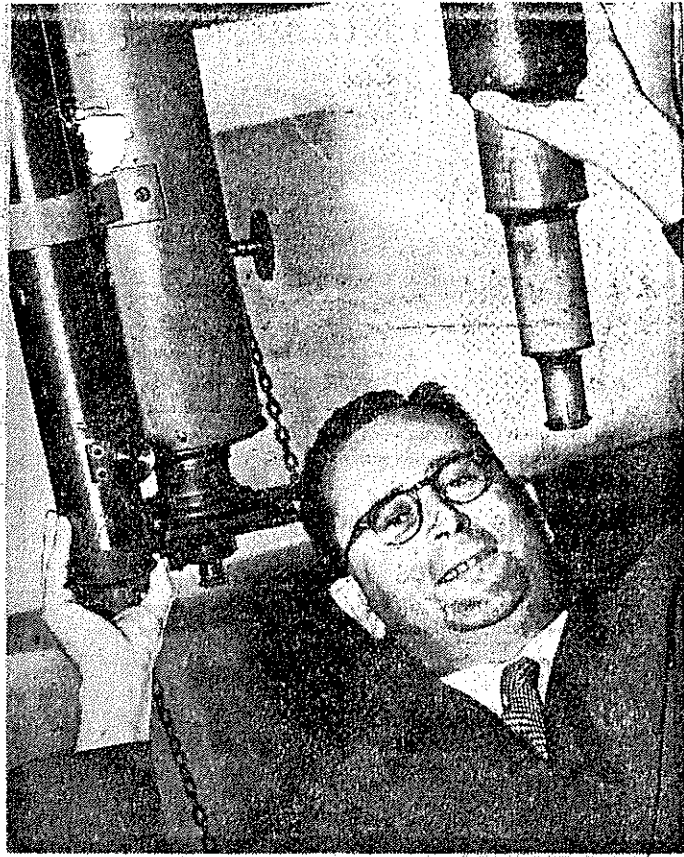
Sir,—Whether an increase of mass, as stated by "A Little Learning" in your December 31 issue, or a decrease of mass, as quoted by myself, would occur at very high velocities, with infinity reached either way at the limiting speed of 186,000 miles a second, proportional effect would occur in either case, as a range of speeds between 16,000 and 93,000 miles a second approximately would be required, according to the relative position of the planets, to do the return trip between Venus and the Earth in one hour, with the certainty of destruction by friction should an atmosphere be entered at anything like meteoric speed.

Returning to the original question as to whether so called flying saucers have a terrestrial origin or derive from beyond, the shape which has originated the term, namely a more or less flattened disc, indicates their earthly source (if they do indeed exist) as this shape is related to the utilisation of support from an atmosphere during flight (e.g. skimming disc) and has no meaning relative to space travel outside an atmospheric envelope where a sphere is the ideal form, or to mechanism for breaking away from the gravitational field of a planet through its atmosphere, which requires an elongated bullet-shaped contour similar to that in experimental use at the present time.

Eastbourne. WHAT SOURCE?

18.12.54

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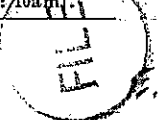
'Flying Saucers' On Radar Near Sydney?

SYDNEY, Dec. 15.—The Navy radar at Nowra air station, south of Sydney, picked up two objects believed to be "flying saucers," the "Melbourne Herald" said today.

The paper said that the Minister of the Navy (Mr. Josiah Francis), who is visiting Nowra, told how a Royal Australian Navy pilot flying back to Nowra after dark was joined in the air by two strange aircraft resembling "flying saucers."

The pilot reported to the Nowra air controller, whose radar showed three aircraft flying together. The Navy pilot identified himself by moving according to a pattern. The pilot said after landing that the two objects were much faster than his Sea Fury fighter. No other planes fast enough to keep him company were in the air at the time.

The Navy said that the identity of the "saucers" remains undiscovered.
—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 10am)



E.P. 17.12.54

SCIENTIST EXPLAINS STRANGE SKY SIGHTS

On top of Kelburn hill two silver observatory domes, gleam in the sun. Inside the observatory a small, cheerful man makes war on humbug.

Mr. I. L. Thomsen, director of the Carter Observatory, Wellington, and New Zealand's best-known astronomer, is not, however, the kind of person to laugh at others' fancies, but seeks only to guide and enlighten those who imagine the worst when they see something strange flying through the sky.

In the realm of "flying saucers" he has been accused of narrow-mindedness. On the contrary Mr. Thomsen is open-minded on the subject but is quite happy to explain from now till Doomsday why such-and-such a phenomena streaking through the night sky is not a forbidding visitor from Mars, but some mass of rock that has been drifting through the universe for aeons.

He has had hundreds of inquiries of this nature and has satisfactorily explained most of them. The remainder have remained a mystery through the inquirer leaving it too long between sighting an object and ringing the observatory.

Mr. Thomsen's willingness to talk of natural things springs from his desire to see New Zealand, as a young country, doing sensible work in astronomy. With few exceptions, other astronomers throughout the world have been above controversy, but not Mr. Thomsen. "We don't want public opinion to go haywire," he says. "We want to put forward a sane outlook on things."

Explains Mysteries

A friendly, unassuming attitude—what many would call the common touch—has endeared him to a host of people. "He is one of the finest men I've met," says the Mayor of Wellington, Mr. Macalister.

To those who know little or nothing of the subject he will try to "sell" astronomy, and in this is helped by an ability to explain in the simplest possible way some of the mysteries of the universe.

Mr. Thomsen was born in Dannevirke and educated at the Dannevirke North School and the local high school. He joined the Department of

Agriculture as a cadet clerk in 1928 and in 1929 transferred to the Dominion Observatory as a clerk. In the meantime he studied at Victoria University College and assisted with seismological and time-service work, becoming assistant astronomer at the Carter Observatory in 1939 and director in 1946.

His interest in astronomy began at primary school. When 13 years old his father bought him a one and half inch telescope. With it he photographed an eclipse of the moon at 17 years. He still has the telescope, one of his most treasured possessions. Also tucked away in the massive observatory library are several black-backed exercise books which contain some of his earliest observations.

Couldn't Pay Fare

There are many highlights in Mr. Thomsen's life, not a few of them sorrowful. For instance, he took an active share in the organisation of an eclipse expedition to Niuafoou Island in 1930 but was too poor to pay his fare.

In 1937 he was the Government's representative on an expedition to Canton Island in mid-Pacific to observe a total eclipse of the sun and for his work there was nominated a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Mr. Thomsen has many achievements. He was awarded the Martin Kellogg Fellowship of the Lick Observatory, California, in 1952, and has visited most of the big observatories of America. In the same year he was awarded the Michaelis Memorial Prize of the University of Otago for astronomical research. The only interest he has outside astronomy is the R.N.Z.-N.V.R., in which he is a lieutenant-commander.

Mr. Thomsen's proudest achievement? Pulling to pieces almost single-handed the observatory's intricate, 9-inch telescope in an old dome on Kelburn Hill and re-assembling it in its present quarters.

"There wasn't a screw left over," he said.

FLYING SAUCERS

Sir,—Comments on the flying saucers by Mr. Fulton, of C.S.I., were perfectly reasonable. People intolerant of such phenomena seem to be lodged in a 19th century fog, and will undoubtedly be embarrassed when world-wide acceptance becomes official.

At this date, scientists, astronomers, and the military of other countries regard the matter with soberness, though without panic.

I have long been convinced that those who are curiously reluctant to admit and welcome the approach of extra-terrestrial co-operation are simply suffering from fright.—I am, etc.,

PLAIN TRUTH.

18.12.54

Flying Discs

Sir,—I wish to confirm "Not Awestruck's" views, published on December 11, concerning flying discs. If the public accepted Mr. Thomsen's largely irrelevant statements, then thousands of reliable observers would have to be branded as liars.

The latest authoritative book on the subject contains the following facts: (1) The United States authorities have definitely accepted the view that the discs come from outside the earth. (2) Most of them appear to be remote-controlled from some unknown source. (3) Reports of landings and conversations with the crews are without foundation. (4) The authorities are unwilling to release the known facts owing to fear of public reaction.

Palmerston Nth. OPEN MIND.

Display Signs Of Peace

Be Nice To A Martian

THIRTY Belgian professional and business men in Brussels formed a committee to welcome Martians. Its public relations officer, M. Marcel Rubens, says the committee wants to prevent a war with Mars and to establish interplanetary trade.

Its official Statutes and Rules for Welcoming Martians include these suggestions:

Approach a Martian displaying signs of peace.

Inform the nearest police station only if he shows signs of hostility.

If you are not wearing a hat, give him an encouraging smile and a deep bow.

The committee agreed that the first martian should be given the following meal: Oysters, lobsters, a two-pound steak, mixed grill with chips, mustard and pickles.

Then he is to be taken to a Brussels nightclub and to museums.

The committee plans Chairs in Martian Philosophy in Belgian universities.

The committee is examining the question of inter-marriage among Martians and Belgians.

M. Rubens said: "We don't believe all these reports about flying saucers."

"But in view of the reports this committee decided that tactful measures must be taken with a view to receiving Martians."



"WE don't seem to be able to prevent wars on our own planet—but to the devil with war with outer space. We can prevent this if we plan to show the Martians we are friendly."

Meanwhile a Vatican spokesman has denied reports that a committee of theologians has been summoned to discuss flying saucers and Martians.

"The least we can say about this report is that it is premature," the spokesman said.

However Roman Catholic theologians have considered the problem of life on other planets, the "Daily Express" correspondent in Rome says.

They have concluded that if living beings exist outside the earth they are not under the jurisdiction of the

Catholic Church—because of the probability that they never contracted "original sin."

11.12.54

Flying Discs

Sir,—Periodically, Mr. Thomsen, director of the Carter Observatory, repeats his claim that flying discs are a hoax. Some of us are not impressed, as his ideas do not march with scientific opinion and knowledge overseas.

These are the facts: Intensive data gathered across the world by responsible authorities show that the discs are officially accepted as interplanetary. Airforce, military, naval and scientific experts have thousands of reports on file from trained pilots, navy men, and airfield technical staffs. Radar has consistently shown the substantial nature of the flying objects, and the extra-terrestrial speeds.

U.S. military authorities have films of the discs in action and the Washington Pentagon admits a huge file of painstakingly tested, double-checked evidence. It has been said by intelligent researchers that there is no logical reason why advanced human life could not exist beyond our solar system.

Wellington. **NO. 1 WESTRUCK.**

S.P. 12.54

'REAL MATERIAL OBJECTS'

Believer In Existence Of 'Flying Saucers'

WHEN the true story about "flying saucers" is told —"and knowledgeable investigators are expecting it any day now"—some people are going to experi-

ence the "biggest jolt and most embarrassing period of their lives," according to the president of Civilian Saucer Investigations (New Zealand), Mr. H. H. Fulton, of Auckland.

Replying to comments on the possibility of the existence of "flying saucers" by the president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (Mr. I. L. Thomsen), Mr. Fulton said today his interpretation of "flying saucer" reports was that they were real material objects.

He believed these objects were controlled by intelligent beings from extra-terrestrial sources.

'Mars most suspect'

"Because of certain evidences well known to all investigators the planet Mars is most suspect as one of these sources," he said. "The craft may originate or operate from this, our neighbouring world. We

are equally certain that top world authorities investigating the saucers more than suspect possible Martian origin."

In the recent "opposition" of the Earth and Mars, actual photographs had confirmed the existence of canal-like criss-cross patterns of lines on the surface of the planet.

Since the first world-arresting reports of unidentified flying objects in 1947 more and more civilian and government-sponsored groups had been formed or commissioned to inquire into the true source of "flying saucers." Prominent among the observers were many men of science and members of all the world's armed and technical services. The majority of these reports had been substantiated by radar and photographic confirmations.

'Flotsam and jetsam'

It could not be suggested that these men were the perpetrators of hoaxes and it was extremely unlikely that they had been confused by "meteors, fireballs, and the other flotsam and jetsam" astronomers believe are up there scouting about the skyways to fool the unwary."

Mr. Fulton said he did not believe overseas Governments would have established investigating agencies if there was nothing in the reports.

12.54

Flying Saucers

Sir,—The president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand, Mr. I. L. Thomsen, in his address at the society's annual meeting on "A Scientific Consideration of Flying Saucer Reports," stated that for intelligent life, similar to that on earth, to exist elsewhere in our own or other planetary systems, earth conditions would have to be paralleled exactly. It does not take much thought to realise in the light of modern knowledge that the likelihood of this having occurred within a distance from the earth capable of being traversed by mechanical aid within the lifetime of an individual is so remote as to be practically non-existent. Furthermore, a coincidence in time between relative stages of development of life here and elsewhere must be assumed at a ratio of billions of billions of chances against such an occurrence.

Viewed in this light, reports of visitors from other planets are revealed as figments of wishful thinking by beings who have only recently become air conscious.

Eastbourne. **WHAT SOURCE.**

"Open Mind" (Palmerston North) says it is evident that Mr. Thomsen has not read the semi-official book, "Flying Saucers from Outer Space," by Donald Keyhoe, and adds, "Should he do so, I feel certain that he will hesitate before repeating his assertion that most of these reports are nothing but hoaxes."

Napier 6th Dec

SML 3556(A)

To G.P.O.

Auckland

Dear Cheynes

Thank you for
your letter 18th November which I have
now sorted out.

To keep the record straight, this all happened
on the 16th October at 1430 when

"Lacklan" Commander Ritchie Napier - Auckland
having sailed at 1300.

3556(A) Lieutenant Commander Hammick
Manukau - Auckland.

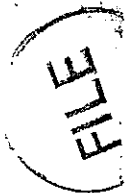
3566(B) Lieutenant Morris - Napier see
enclosed letter.

I was still in Lacklan then - hope this
is what you want. It makes me wonder
about some of the other Flying Saucer reports
one hears about.

enclosed letter from Lieut Morris with details.

Yours Faithfully

J. N. P. I. C.
Lieutenant.



S.M.L. 3566B,
AT Napier,
3-R-54

Dear Price, The following is an account of the actual events referred to in N.Z.N.B.S. N10/14 dated 18th November.

On Saturday 13th November, the Cox'n and I were standing on the bridge of the M.P. at that time parked alongside No 3 jetty at Napier. An object dropped onto the bridge and on examination it was found to be very light and seemingly made of a skin like material, and blown up hard. Shape as shown, & circular if viewed from above.

It was concluded to be part of a gutted fish that had swollen in the sun & sea and had been picked up by a sea gull and then dropped. It made no sound whatsoever, was of negligible weight, and when thrown overboard floated very lightly. Colour was white with faint traces of blood veins in it, and was blown up so hard as to be non resilient.



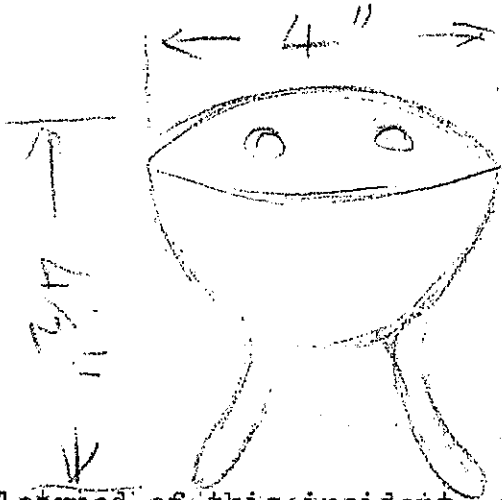
The "Flying Saucer Investigator (Napier)" later approached us stating he had witnessed the event, and felt some the object "was not from our ionosphere". He was humoured and given the above information.

Yours faithfully,
J.S. Jones
Lt.

the object had a lid or was closed on top and had two forked-like prongs protruding from the bottom. The officers of the vessel remarked on the objects most unusual features and plastic-like material appearance. They told our witness, who went back later for further study and to possibly obtain the object to forward us, that they had tossed the object over the side. it could not be found by our observer who was informed that it floated when thrown into the water. Our observer does not believe these government men tossed the object in the sea, and nor do I if the object truly could not be identified by them and was witnessed to fall from a clear sky.

This incident was reported to have happened at 2.30 pm on the 16th October on the Napier Wharf. The survey vessel No. 3566, "Lockland" commanded by Lt Price returned to Auckland a week back but I just missed making a phone contact. The boat is now back in Napier waters and is not expected back here before Xmas. Here is a copy of our witness's sketch forwarded.

Our witness, Mr Steven, 28 Milton Rd. Napier. (Alexander Steven)



You may have learned of this incident, otherwise you may be interested in making inquiries on a security level. We are making further inquiries ourselves and would be most interested to hear from you re this if you have any luck.

In the meantime best of luck &

Kind Regards

Yours Sincerely

Harold H. Fulton

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NIO/14.

18th November, 1954.

Dear *Price*

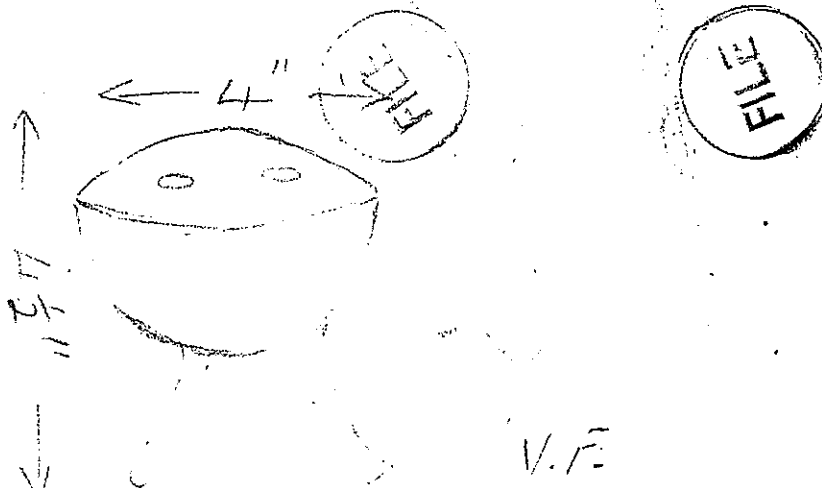
The following is an extract from a letter received by a friend of mine in Air Department who takes an interest in flying saucers and such like reports.

It would be interesting to have your version of this episode to try and elucidate what's what and who's who.

"Received a letter from one of our members in Napier a few days ago telling of a strange bowl-shaped object that he saw fall from a clear sky. As the object fell it made a hissing sound, hit the wharf pier he was standing on and then bounced high and landed on a Government survey vessel. Our witness noted the shape of the object, tells us the object had a lid or was closed on top and had two forked-like prongs protruding from the bottom. The officers of the vessel remarked on the objects most unusual features and plastic-like material appearance. They told our witness, who went back later for further study and to possibly obtain the object to forward us, that they had tossed the object over the side. It could not be found by our observer who was informed that it floated when thrown into the water. Our observer does not believe these government men tossed object in the sea, and nor do I if the object truly could not be identified by them and was witnessed to fall from a clear sky.

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Our witness,



Lt. D. N. Price, R.N.Z.N.
S. D. M. L. 3556A.
C/o Navy Office
WELLINGTON.

*Send Lt. Price initials etc.
and address to send to.*

Pass to [unclear] Golding all [unclear] reply received

Star - Sun?

Did I See a Flying Saucer—or Cigar— Over Canterbury?

By a Staff Reporter

WAS there a flying saucer, a flying cigar, or anything similar that hundreds of people throughout the world claim to have seen in the sky, over Canterbury yesterday? Reporters are not paid to have hallucinations and until yesterday I did not believe that such things existed. Since 3.46 p.m. yesterday I have not been so certain.

It was precisely at that time that an object which was not an aeroplane, a glider, or a balloon disappeared into a cloud bank over the foothills of the Southern Alps travelling quickly north.

We—my wife and I—had watched that object for seven minutes, at least.

When we first saw it, it was gleaming brightly and hanging motionless in the sky probably at a height of more than 10,000ft about four miles west of Coutts Island.

It was cigar shaped and looked as though it might have been chromium-plated, so intense was the light it reflected.

At no stage did we hear any noise in the sky which could possibly have come from it.

Motionless

We watched it for about three minutes while it hung motionless. I then looked at my watch and saw the time was 3.40.

Within a minute it started to move off quickly westward towards the only cloud bank in the sky—over the Southern Alps. As it moved it emitted what appeared to be two puffs of pink vapour.

During movement its shape did not change but it became smaller as the distance increased.

We watched it from the road which runs from Coutts Island to the back of the Christchurch Airport and though the cloud bank was about thirty miles away and its top was at a height of 6000ft (checked with

the Weather Office, Harewood) the object could be seen quite plainly when it was over the bank.

It stopped momentarily over the cloud bank, circled and then headed north into the cloud.

Between 3.40 and 3.45 p.m. yesterday a meteorological balloon was released from the airport. When it was released it travelled from east to west for a distance of two thousand yards and then it retraced its track.

Not Balloon

An official at the Weather Office said this morning that balloons can be seen from quite a distance with the naked eye, but they are often hard to pick up in sunshine as brilliant as it was yesterday.

Balloons are spherical but this object was cylindrical. I am certain the object we saw was not a balloon.

Was the object we saw a flying saucer or a flying cigar? I do not know, but in future I will feel inclined to give a little more credence to reports of strange objects in the sky than I have done in the past.

FOOTNOTE: My colleagues regard me as something of a cynic. Apart from a cocktail before lunch I had an abstemious day.

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MOST REPORTS THOUGHT TO BE HOAXES

**Science Considers Saucers,
But Not Very Highly**

6 DEC 1954

"EVENING POST"

PERSONALLY he felt that most flying saucer reports were hoaxes, but if reliable reports could be obtained the scientific world would be agog with interest, as they would be events of the first magnitude, said the president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (Mr. I. L. Thomsen) at the society's annual meeting on Saturday.

The director of the Carter Observatory (Mr. Thomsen) spoke on "A Scientific Consideration of Flying Saucer Reports."

It was highly probable that other planetary systems existed but it might be a considerable time before the existence of other systems could be demonstrated by observation, he said. Within our own solar system it seemed that no life could exist comparable to that of earth. Life as it was known on earth was confined to rigid physical limits and those conditions would have to be duplicated for similar life to exist elsewhere. Present knowledge of a basis for life on other planets was almost entirely lacking and the existence of such life was purely speculative.

Mr. Thomsen recalled the years immediately after the First World War, when radio was an innovation and enthusiasts were looking for messages from Mars. It was assumed that the Martians were so much more intelligent than the men of earth and had far better sets, so a message was sure to come. Yet with the great development of radio, Mars was still silent. The situation was much the same today about inter-planetary travel. People from other planets were reported travelling the universe and actually being on earth.

Untrained Enthusiasts

Scientists had to receive and examine these reports, said Mr. Thomsen, but the task was not made easy by the host of enthusiasts who made the reports but were completely untrained in every sense of the word. With innocent impertinence they regarded the questioning scientist as stupid, bigoted, secretive or ignorant.

Such terms as "flying saucers, flying cigars, flying paper-clips," had been used, he said. There was no uniformity but they seemed to be of bright lights and such phenomena or fairly detailed mechanical contrivances. He felt sure that the first class comprised natural or well-known phenomena. Not many people looked at the sky regularly and when they saw something they could not explain they immediately concluded that it was a flying saucer. One factor was that so much could be read about flying saucers.

Reports of objects at great heights

and speeds could be immediately discounted, he said. Brilliant meteors and fireballs accounted for an appreciable percentage of reports. Planets and stars were mistaken, as were meteorological balloons and such things as the effect of searchlights on clouds. Whereas the ordinary observer jumped to conclusions, the good astronomical observer constantly checked up on himself and should discover if he was wrong.

There remained the residual of reports not satisfactorily answered, he said. Often they were not precise enough or if a scientific observer had been present he could perhaps have given an answer.

Significant Lack

It was significant that there was a lack of reports from seamen on watch 24 hours of the day all over the world, said Mr. Thomsen. Or from night-watchmen, policemen, and others who worked in the night. As far as he knew, no reputable astronomer had reported seeing flying saucers. Those most involved seemed to be connected with air services, but then they were meeting phenomena not encountered from the ground.

Some claims of the landing of the crafts stretched credulity almost to breaking point, he said. Occupants were said to have a knowledge of our languages and did not differ astonishingly from earthly forms of life. It had been said that they were attracted by the atomic explosions and either did not know what they were about or came to warn us of the dangers of such things, but they had chosen a highly ineffective way of doing so. Nor had they made any attempt to examine the earth. Either they were scared, snobbish, or stupid.

There was no reason for hiding information about them. If they came in peace, they would be welcomed. If they came in war, the people would have to be told. But in the meantime, to keep a sane outlook, the complete worthlessness of much of the material being foisted on to people must be appreciated. Astronomical societies should work harder than ever in the study of their science. It had to be realised that there was much not known and there was a proneness to make mistakes, but also a great deal was known. The degenerate road of easy fantasy should not be taken. It was a serious matter that so much nonsense on the subject was being learnt by children.

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Convinced Flying Saucers Are Real

AUCKLAND, Dec. 8 (PA).—"I am fully convinced that flying saucers are real and of extra-terrestrial origin," Mr. H. H. Fulton, of Auckland, president of the Civilian Saucer Investigation Association, said today. He was replying to scepticism expressed by Mr. I. L. Thomsen, president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand.

"Civilian investigators are interested only in the truth," Mr. Fulton said, "and I for one would not dare to pass on false or baseless findings to children or anyone else."

He deprecated the attitude of astronomers who "debunked and ridiculed" the "many thousands of sincere and fully qualified observers." If they studied the evidence astronomers would either join the flying saucer investigators or confine themselves to their own studies. Contrary to a statement by Mr. Thomsen, many seamen had reported seeing flying saucers. Last July the captain and five officers of the Dutch ship Troote Peer reported seeing an object 80 miles out from New York.

6.12.54

ASTRONOMER GIVES ASSESSMENT OF "SAUCER" REPORTS

Popular opinion demands, and the scientist is forced to admit, that it could be that life in some degree similar to ours might exist on unknown worlds.

Mr. I. L. Thomsen, president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand, said this in giving a scientific assessment of so-called flying saucer reports to the society at the Carter Observatory on Saturday.

Mr. Thomsen said that by the end of the 17th century the astronomer had revealed the arrangement of the solar system. When it was realised that the other planets could be thought of as worlds similar to our own there was the almost immediate suggestion that some might be inhabited.

"Such speculation has continued to the present day," said Mr. Thomsen, "but it has to be admitted that no observational or other proof of a definite nature has been forthcoming.—It is still almost a matter of pure speculation.

"Every astronomer must at some time or another have tried to imagine what it might be like on the other planets. Several eminent astronomers have surveyed the planets of our solar system as possible abodes for life as we know it. Their conclusions are unanimous that the solar system contains no place other than our earth which is at all suitable for life resembling that on earth. Certainly no human being could exist on any of the other planets without the most elaborate artificial aids."

"Much Better Radios"

Discussing flying saucer reports, Mr. Thomsen compared the situation with that shortly after World War I, when radio was still coming into its own. It had been said at that time that if intelligent beings lived on Mars then they were probably much more intelligent than earth dwellers and had probably developed much better radio sets. Hence the theory developed that Martians might have been trying to establish radio contact with the earth.

"You will see the similarity between this type of woolly reasoning and that with which we are being presented today," Mr. Thomsen added. "Sure enough, it was soon reported that Mars had picked up mysterious messages."

In New Zealand the late Dr. C. Coleridge Farr had flouted the whole idea, giving scientific reasons for doing so, the value of which had not been altered by the passage of time. Radio techniques had since been improved almost beyond comparison, and man had even touched the moon with a radio finger, but no messages had been received from Mars.

Brilliant meteors, or fireballs were quite certainly the cause of an appreciable percentage of flying saucer reports. It was very difficult for an unskilled observer to give an accurate report of such objects.

"In New Zealand, during the last war, an anti-aircraft battery was all set to open fire on an unidentified plane, but was unable to set the range because the range-finder showed infinity—this was lucky for Venus!" said Mr. Thomsen.

It was significant that there was a complete lack of flying saucer reports from seamen, who were continually on watch all over the world. No reputable astronomer had reported such objects so far as the speaker knew.

Credulity Taxed

"Such claims as have been made concerning actual landings by these craft stretch credulity almost to breaking point," he said. "There seem to be various types of craft. The passengers are either pygmies or giants, dressed either in a superior type of flying suit or in tin suits.

"They can speak Polish, Latin, French and Norwegian and seem to have a quick ability to understand English. In spite of their various sizes and a few minor peculiarities they do not seem to differ in any astonishing manner from the people of this earth. This dispenses with the speculation that on other planets there may be forms of life strange and unknown to us."

"Personally, I am inclined to the opinion that all such reports of flying saucer landings and many of the

sightings, are nothing more than hoaxes which the perpetrators will some day regret.

"Indeed, when we realise that much nonsense is even being pumped into schoolchildren about such matters by some people who should know better, it becomes a very serious matter.

"Do not let us take the degenerate road of easy fantasy. Remember the history and struggle over the last few hundred years by many thousands of people to give us a treasure of sound knowledge and experience so that we ourselves may progress to greater heights.

"Discard this as well as the basic method of living which has been known for some thousands of years and we can be sure that self-destruction, to which the atomic bomb is only the finality, is already on the way. The Goths did not kill Rome—they merely finished it."

DISCOVERY OF "COMET"

"Don't let us, as astronomers, feel too snug," said Mr. I. L. Thomsen, president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand, mentioning the hazards of inexperienced observation to the society on Saturday night. "I remember one well-known telescopic observer who watched the out-of-focus image of a wireless insulator just outside the observatory for three successive nights and reported the discovery of a comet."

7.12.54

Timely — — Rhyme

Travellers in flying saucers seem to speak most of the languages of earth.—News item.

When in a century or so

Our ships flash out through space,

No doubt the natives will prepare

To greet the tourist race.

On Mercury and Venus too,

Or any other sphere,

We'll find the signs: "On Parle
Français,"

And "English Spoken Here."

Flying Saucer Fever is Contagious in A Bewildered Europe

TARANAKI HERALD

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THE flood of reports about flying saucers which came out of Europe last week has no precedent. Every country has seen them—from Asia Minor around through the Mediterranean as far up as Scandinavia, writes a correspondent from London.

The reports vary from the circumstantial—with thousands of observers seeing exactly the same thing, to the ludicrous—with reputable scientists analysing mysterious substances left floating in the air.

The saucers came in enough different shapes, sizes and models to rival recent London motor show

Europeans, normally tired of this recurring subject, have sprung to a fresh demand for some clear and acceptable scientific explanation. Many newspapers are already offering large prizes for acceptable "evidence."

In every colour of the rainbow, ranging from 4ft to 50ft diameter, speeds from nearly stationary to more than 1,000 miles an hour, these mystery objects have been puzzling or frightening some 200 million people.

CIGARS AND CYLINDERS

There have been "flying cigars" seen in Belgium, a 3ft. high "cylinder" in Italy, the "flying cauldron" in France, another slenderer "cigar" in London flying "alarm clocks" in Greece and "shining discs" in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Turkey and just

about anywhere else near to Europe you would like to pinpoint on the map.

No reputable scientific body seriously believes in the popular theory that these objects contain inquisitive little men from Mars or Venus who have been dropped over Europe from their homelands some millions of light years away just to have a look around.

Nine other explanations have been given by organisations and individuals in the past fortnight—liver, indigestion, sexual frustration, mass hysteria, the work of practical jokers, a new secret weapon being tested by a major Power (either the U.S.A., Russia or Britain), meteors, mirages caused by lenses of air (familiar to people who know the optics of earth's atmosphere) or ice crystals acting as distorting mirrors.

It could be a combination of several of these.

The saucer reports have been more frequent in Italy over the last week, where there have been something like 15 sightings. Significantly they followed a film on flying saucers shown on the nation's television service.

Rome newspapers printed a picture of a flying saucer seen over the city

by several witnesses. It was photographed by a student, Turi Mattarella, flying 1,300ft. above Montemario observatory.

Other were seen over Pescara, Aquila, Lanciano on the Adriatic, throughout Bologna and in Venice and Florence.

In Florence a football game was held up for half an hour while 15,000 spectators watched a flight of "flying saucers."

Mrs. Rosa Lotli, 40-year-old Italian peasant of Foggia Umbria, told police that two Martians three feet high (Martians come in as many different models as their saucers) met her in a lonely field, snatched a bunch of carnations from her and made off in a cylindrical machine.

"SPOKE" TO ONE

France, never to be outdone, when it comes to autumn tourist attractions, has also had its crop of saucer-seers in the last week or so.

A Czech woman in France claimed to have seen a Martian which spoke to her in Russian.

Two Norwegian sisters spoke to one who was "tall, dark and longhaired" in Mosjoen, central Norway. They could not understand what he said, though.

First reports from over the Iron Curtain occurred when people saw a flying disc with a "flaming tail" but a local observatory dismissed it as a meteor.

In Duisberg, Germany, much excitement was caused by flying saucers until one crashed.

Investigation proved it to be twelve feet in diameter, made of red and blue glazed paper filled with gas, and fitted with electric torches. In Lille, northern France, a miner confessed to police that he had built a thousand "flying saucers" as a joke.

12.11.54

"Saucer" Report Sequel

LONDON, November 11 (Rec. 9 p.m.).—Italian police have formally charged a newspaper reporter and a group of youths with "spreading false and alarming news" about a landing of "Martians" in a "flying saucer" at Tradate, south of Varese.

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Canada Stops Building Of A Flying Saucer

OTTAWA, Dec. 3 (Rec. 11.45am).—The Canadian Defence Production Department confirmed today that Canada attempted to build a flying saucer, but said the project was dropped after it was found that the eventual cost was more than it would be worth.

The Minister of Trade, Mr. C. D. Howe, spoke of the abandonment of the project yesterday when he arrived in England.

A departmental spokesman said the estimated ultimate cost if the project was carried to completion and the production stage was 100,000,000 dollars. "But it was dropped a year or so ago after about 18 months' work, and just a minute fraction of the estimated cost was actually spent by the Government," he said. "Its ultimate cost was considered today too much for what Canada would get out of it at this time."

The spokesman added that the oval-shaped aircraft was never airborne and there was no present intention to resume the project.

A. V. Roe Canada, Ltd., did the development work on the saucer at its Toronto plant.

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Flying Plates In 16th Century

KLAGENFURT (Austria), Nov. 17 (Rec. 10am).—A book by the medieval natural scientist Paracelsus, found under a pile of rubbish in a local vicarage, reveals that moon-shaped "flying plates" were seen in the sky during the 16th century.

IS THIS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE.

AN ALL EMBRACING MYSTERY.

By: H.H. Fulton, President, Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.)

FLYING SAUCERS - MYSTERY EXPLOSIONS - THREADS FROM THE SKY - VIOLENT
STENCHES - AND LOUD POUNDINGS IN THE NIGHT !!

I little realised when I set forth with dire determination and honest enthusiasm to probe the mystery of the Flying Saucers, just how complex and all embracing it would become. For today, after seven years of intense interest, and three of active investigation, I feel absolutely confident in stating that, not only am I convinced that the Flying Saucers are REAL, but that the above mentioned equally strange happenings are closely linked or directly associated with them.

It was not until the formation of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) on October 12th, 1952, and the subsequent World-wide publicity which we most fortunately received, that the scope and range of the investigation broadened to a Global basis. Within the first few weeks, correspondence from other countries poured into C.S.I. with the local. C.S.I. ~~was~~ delighted to hear from equally enthusiastic kindred Organisations in Australia, England, and America.

Until a short while ago, there were, to our knowledge, 14 organised civilian investigating groups in these countries, including our own in Auckland, New Zealand. Since early October, however, we have learned that the two largest and best organised groups in the States were disbanding. From personal correspondence, and leading important announcements in the Official Publication of one of these groups (The International Flying Saucer Bureau), we learned that they had discovered the secret of the Flying Saucers and their source of origin. The President of I.F.S.B. sincerely regretted, but he was restricted by HIGH AUTHORITY from passing on the vital information. He further stated that "Everyone should know what I know within a few months, I was profoundly shocked by the facts."

The other U.S. Organisation, of the same name as our own, chose to withdraw without comment, but informed all its members to look elsewhere for further affiliations to Investigating Groups. Such men as Dr. Walther Riedel, Rocket Scientist, and Gerald Heard, author of "THE RIDDLE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS", were leading members of this group. It is clearly evident to members of the C.S.I. (N.Z.), that they, too, had discovered the secret, but like the I.F.S.B., have been reminded where their allegiance lies.

However disappointing this sudden action by the U.S. Authorities to prevent vital information from reaching us, we were not discouraged, because immediately beforehand we had enjoyed free and cordial exchange of information. C.S.I. is well abreast of the latest and pending developments.

It is not my intention to give findings, theories, etc., of whence come the Flying Saucers, so much as to show how and why I consider these other strange incidents are closely allied to them. It is only reasonable to assume that if this planet is subject to visitations by an intelligence from outer space, who have at their command such amazing vehicles of flight, then there should be other happenings, incidents, etc., to add credence and more convincing proof to Flying Saucers.

It is necessary for me to state here that I would never falsely colour or manufacture such evidence, I simply bring these happenings to the notice of the readers, as has been recorded.

MYSTERY THREADS & GELATINOUS WHITE MATTER:

My attention was first drawn to the mention of White Matter that was left behind by seven objects that landed in West Virginia on 12th September, 1952, and as the case was quickly hushed up, and was in itself outstanding, I therefore reproduce it in detail.

"Weird objects scare people in West Virginia. Reporter on scene says investigation fully warranted."

The American newspaper reporting the incident thought it necessary to add the following preface to their Reporter, Ivan T. Sanderson's, account of this remarkable incident.

"The writer, 41 year old Author and Lecturer, was educated at Eton and Cambridge, where he took honours in Geology, Zoology, and Botany. He has travelled extensively to remote areas of the World with many Scientific Expeditions. Author of six books, he also contributes extensively to many leading National periodicals."

"At Sundown," the Reporter wrote, "on the evening of September 12th, 1952, a fleet of pear-shaped objects, glowing dull Red to White, according to their speed of travel, flew in formation over North-eastern West Virginia, less than a thousand feet from the ground, and landed in Braxton County.

Everyone in the State knows about this, and thousands saw the things - two persons were nearly hit by them. Eight people could have touched one, but they were too confused and frightened because something came out of one of them."

"On the spot investigations by this reporter also have brought to light three additional facts, overlooked in the first reports. The exact point of landing of three of the objects is now known. Apart from a terrific SMELL; which long since has gone, nothing but some WHITE SUBSTANCE, which was sent to Charleston to be analysed, has been found. One landing still has to be investigated, and another requires additional research because the area is densely wooded, mountainous, and uninhabited.

Monster or Machine, the 12 foot glowing Green monster, that has been widely reported as having been seen alongside the glowing cone that landed on a mountain pasture near the tiny village of Flatwoods, in this County, was neither a man nor a monster, but some sort of machine like a Diving-bell, if the two frightened adults and five intelligent young boys who say that they saw it are not all the most experienced liars that ever lived.

These youngsters were questioned separately and together, with and without their elders, for two days, and we can report definitely that they were not lying. They have drawn pictures of what they saw, and they keep saying that it was a ten foot man because the top of it was level with the branch of a tree which was ten feet from the ground, and its shape was something like the upper half of a hooded man. They said this because they had never seen a modern deep-water diving suit.

What they describe is a truncated cone, with a smaller cone on top of this. This little cone had a circular transparent window in front, and from behind this two small spotlight beams shone straight out. This whole thing seemed to be floating in the air about five feet off the ground, and just as they turned and ran, it glided towards the huge glowing cone.

NO INVESTIGATION:

This Reporter has also been told locally, that although a sketch of this object made by the mother of the two boys, Mrs. Kathleen May, who was present, had been sent to Washington, the Air Force had decided not to investigate. This is the more incredible, since this whole series of incidents is so much more concrete than any other Saucer report from this country since World War 11, and there still are landings to be investigated.

The objects that landed were not Meteorites, because they travelled horizontally, manoeuvred around hills, stopped in mid-air, and landed vertically. If they are machines, somebody or something made them. If the builders are not earthlings but come from outer space, as the Air Force itself once suggested as a possibility, in an official release two years ago, we would like to know who they are

C.S.I. (N.Z.) received many more details of this incident, and learned that C.S.I. (U.S.A.) had made a personal investigation. The March, 1953, issue of the Quarterly Review of this American body, told how many people had been overcome by a violent smelling oily mist that was thrown off by the object described above.

Quite a number of people were seriously ill from the effects of this evil-smelling mist-gas. Doctors likened the effects of this oily substance on human beings, to that of Mustard Gas. Radio reception in the area at the time of the landings was also affected, and a piece of black plastic-like substance was later found on the site of one of the landings. We understand that the people affected by the gas all recovered, and the Air Force did investigate. The refusal to do so in the first instance was regarded as a blind, to prevent possible panic and further disturbing public reactions.

I am certain that this incident, like others on file, was no fairy story - there were too many people involved, some prominent. In all the reported landings of strange objects, and the accounts, experiences, etc. of those who have come face to face with them, there has been no evidence of open hostility or attack from the occupants of these craft. Rather, they have chosen to temporarily handicap inquisitive humans by throwing out these stenches, gases, and balls of fire, whilst they made good their retreat.

Readers will remember the Scoutmaster incident. Sonny DesVergers' experience was thoroughly investigated by the Air Force. I have no hesitation in saying that I am sure that this was a genuine encounter with a craft from outer space. DesVergers, you will recall, was temporarily stunned by a ball of fire, brilliant white, and an overpowering stench, when he ventured too close to the approximately 30' foot disc, which had a transparent dome on the top centre. He claimed that he saw MEN in it, but was scared to give all the details as it might cause another "Orson Welles" panic.

The Air Force Officers who interviewed him, it was reported, talked to him "like a Dutch Uncle", impressing on him the necessity of remaining quiet with the other details for a certain time, which they specified. The two Boy Scouts who were with DesVergers were interrogated also, and their story could not be flawed. This disc, too, was hovering approx. 10 feet from the ground, in the desolate country of the Florida Everglades.

I will now list with some detail other instances of this White Substance and threads from the sky. Although the two following incidents were published in the New Zealand Press, C.S.I. received greater details from their French Representative, Michel Sejourne, of Paris.

At D'Oloron, near the Spanish border, in early October 1952, about a dozen people saw, at 12.50 p.m., in a clear dark blue sky, the following happenings. In the sky appeared a long slender cylinder, looking like the mast of a ship, inclined at 45 degrees. It was moving slowly in a straight line towards the South-West, at about 2000 metres altitude. The object was whitish but not luminous, and from its top extremity a trail of smoke escaped. M. Prigent, who had worked in a Meteorological Office, took his Field Glasses there were no markings on the side of the cylinder, but there suddenly appeared at some distance from the object, fore and aft, a real flight of other objects, reminding one of what is described as "Flying Saucers".

These Saucers at first appeared to have the shape of a misformed ball, but through the Field glasses M. Prigent could see a central sphere, Bright Red in colour with a Yellowish ring all around. This much inclined towards the earth uncovered the superior part of the sphere, and hid most of the inferior part. (Their appearance was just like that of the Planet Saturn.) These Saucers moved in pairs, keeping the same distance between them. They were not advancing in a straight line, but with the rapid and short movement of a zig-zag.

When these objects got away from each other a bit, there was a whitish trail between them, like an electric arc. The Saucers left an abundant trail in their wake, like flakes of Cotton Wool, which floated slowly to the ground. Many witnesses were able to collect this thread-like substance. It looked like Cotton Wool or Nylon, and soon became gelatinous, then to melt and disappear completely. Some remained for hours adhered to the telephone lines and lightning conductors.

The presence in the air of these objects was confirmed by Radar. In fact, according to the French report, the Radar Unit at Mont-de-Marsan acted most unusually. A short while later this other incident happened, also in France, on approximately 21st October.

About twenty residents of Gaillac, in the south of France, reported a formation of White circular objects surrounding something like a giant "Flying Saucer". As the objects passed overhead, they let fall a string of bright white threads, which looked like Glass Wool, and melted away as soon as touched. A Police Officer said two of his men reported picking up the thread like substance, but it melted. Observers said the objects, slightly swollen at the centre, spun across the sky in formations of two. They were over the area for nearly half an hour.

On the 16th April, 1953, at Onga Onga near Hastings, New Zealand, a fall of this strange thread-like substance puzzled many local residents. I made a note of the very similar description and behavior of this substance to that seen to drop from the Saucers over France. I released a report to the N.Z. Press linking this report with the Flying Saucers, and subsequently received reports of other New Zealand and Australian incidents. Here is the Hastings report.

"A fine thread-like substance has been falling from the sky at Onga Onga, puzzled residents report. They have found it hanging over telephone wires, on fences, and spread on lawns in widely separated parts of the district. People reported that it apparently fell overnight. Reports say the mysterious substance, which is White and not unlike Candy Floss, disintegrates in the hand. One theory is that it is a form of cob-web which has been carried aloft from some Pacific Island. Portions of the substance were up to five feet long."

There were no sightings of mystery objects recorded around Hawkes Bay at the time of the fall, however, the following adds some credence to my suspicions. Two letters were received from ladies. A Mrs. E. Carter had reported the incident to the Christchurch, N.Z., Press, and later decided to write to C.S.I. She wrote:-

"I was walking along Kilmore Street when I saw some tangled threads caught by a splinter on a telegraph pole. On taking them in my hands, I was astonished as they suddenly seemed to disappear, perhaps melted by the heat of my hands. The threads were Bluish White in colour, and about a foot and a half long. I read that same week of the Onga Onga threads."

The other letter was from a group of four persons, who preferred to remain anonymous. It appeared that this group of ladies, wives of private pilots, were at an air display at Ashburton Aerodrome. Shortly after they had witnessed the flight of a swift moving, silvery, disc-like object high over the 'Drome, which disappeared by zooming up into the blue, they, among others present, saw a large amount of thread-like substance falling. They said the air was thick with it. These ladies discussed the matter with their husbands and subsequently wrote to C.S.I., remaining anonymous because they feared it might bring ridicule to themselves and their menfolk, who were well known in the district.

On the 30th May, 1953, this report appeared in the Manawatu Press. "A resident of Palmerston North saw an unusual object in the sky, through his telescope, at 11.10 a.m. today. He is an amateur Astronomer, and was looking for the Planet Venus, which is visible in the daylight now. He thought he had found it, until the bright Blue object seen in the 'scope suddenly dived, rose again, and made off with an unusual irregular motion, quite unlike an aircraft. Continuing to look, he noticed a large amount of filament of a substance resembling spider web floating down."

The Press report says that the presence of threads can be confirmed because one of their reporters brushed through some of it on his way back to work after lunch. The amateur Astronomer examined some of it under a microscope.

The threads, he said, looked like spider web, but were more ashy and white in colour. This report in the Press was followed by a letter to the Editor by a Mr. XD. Mr. XD. reported that shortly after the Hastings incident, he had been motoring near Marton and Rata, and had seen a large amount of this thread-like substance over fences, etc. "It looked like long chains of small Thistle-down, or spider webs of huge size," he said.

I was recently given the brief details of a similar case in Australia. A Melbourne observer of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, reported to Mr. Jarrold, the Bureau's President - "I was cycling home when I noticed what seemed to be threads of long, cobweb-like substance hanging on a tree, and on adjacent telephone wires. I took it in my hands, but it did not disappear until I rubbed it. I took some home and put it on an ink bottle on my desk. About an hour later it had quite disappeared." I note in this case, that the substance did not vapourise or disappear on being handled.

MYSTERY EXPLOSIONS:

There have been many mysterious violent explosions all over the World, dating back to the earliest reports of the Flying Saucers. These explosions have caused much investigation and alarm from the Authorities from time to time, but the cause of many have remained unsolved. Some of these aerial explosions, occasionally accompanied by a vivid Blue flash, have been reported simultaneously with the sightings of strange objects. When the major flurries of Saucers are in the news, so are the greater frequency of these explosions.

On the C.S.I. files there are cases from France, England, America, Australia, and New Zealand. I will quote some recent Australian and New Zealand cases. This report, which I have abbreviated, appeared in the Dunedin "Evening Star" in October, 1952.

"MYSTERY EXPLOSION HEARD IN CITY: What was the mysterious explosion and flash of light seen and heard in Dunedin at 10.50 last night? Many people from all parts of the city reported seeing the vivid flash in the sky, shortly after followed by a loud explosion. It was most unlike thunder. All efforts to find the cause of the explosion have failed, and the Weather Office considers that it may have been a thunderbolt, but few are satisfied with this explanation."

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, July 5th, 1953. Six loud, mysterious explosions rocked Ivanhoe, Heidelberg, North Balwyn, and East Kew at 9.00 p.m., apparently centring about Ivanhoe Golf Course. Hundreds of people dashed hurriedly from their residences, as the blasts reverberated through homes five times in swift succession, vibrating windows and rattling crockery. Two more followed after a short interval. No light flashes were seen, and Police said afterwards that it could have been the work of schoolboys, with home-made bombs or safe-crackers.

WAIKATO TIMES, 9th November, 1953. Mysterious explosion shatters night calm. A loud explosion of sufficient force to awaken a number of people in many parts of Hamilton (N.Z.), and to shake houses as far apart as Hamilton East, Hillcrest, Whitiara, Maeroa, and which occurred right on midnight on Saturday 7th, is still something of a mystery.

Numerous telephone calls to the Waikato Times, seeking the source of the explosion, prompted widespread enquiries, which included calls to the Police, Hospital, Fire Brigade, Army Camps, Railways, Gasworks, and the St. John Ambulance, but the source of the explosion could not be located.

C.S.I. has an "Honorary Observer" in Hamilton, and he reports:- "I heard the explosion, it was not a bit like thunder. I am at present investigating a sighting of a Flying Saucer which was reported by a local resident at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday evening. The only explanation offered by the Press was indeed most amazing. They said that a single loud clap of thunder heard today, Sunday, was a likely clue as to the explosion at midnight on Saturday. On the night of the explosion there was not even a cloud on the horizon."

LOUD POUNDINGS IN THE NIGHT AND STRANGE STENCHES:

It is with reluctance that I relate these personal experiences of an equally strange nature, but I feel that my story will not be complete without them. If the incidents had been confined to myself and ^{not} the other party mentioned, no significance, other than a few days of puzzlement, would have been attached to them. The occurrences, to my knowledge, were confined to the headquarters of C.S.I. (N.Z.) and A.F.S.B. (Aust.), these headquarters being, really, the private residences of Mr. E.R. Jerrold, President of A.F.S.B., and myself, President of C.S.I. (N.Z.)

On approximately 21st July, 1953, whilst I was engaged upon C.S.I. affairs in the late afternoon, our pet Siamese cat became very disturbed at something outside the window (she was on the window sill). Hearing the growling of the animal, I investigated by opening the window, but nothing was in sight and all I detected was a strange odour. The cat, however, defied all efforts to put her out of this window. The matter was soon forgotten.

When I arose to leave for work on the morning of approximately 18th August, a particularly unpleasant smell was noted as I left via the front door. When I arrived home from work that evening my wife immediately told me of a similar experience she had encountered at the back door. I had not told her in the morning of my experience on leaving by the front door. My wife added that the cat, (pedigree), made to dash out as she opened the door, but recoiled rapidly, spat, leapt into the air, and doubled back inside as it ran into the strange stench. We discussed the incident, said it was strange, and forgot about it.

The next day I received a letter from the President of an American Organisation, and was surprised to read that he had been informed of strange incidents at the Australian Headquarters. Some strange odours had been detected outside Mr. Jerrold's doors, I was informed.

For the first time my interest was really aroused, and I wrote to Mr. Jerrold immediately. Two nights after I had written this letter, my wife and I were awakened in the early hours of the morning by a particularly loud and violent pounding on the outside of the house. I awoke with a mixture of fright and apprehension, and the noise stopped as suddenly as it had begun. I lay listening intently in case it happened again before investigating, because I was not exactly sure from which direction it had originated. The noise did not occur again, and I did not investigate.

You can imagine my surprise when I received the following account from Mr. Jerrold of the experiences at his home in Fairfield, Australia.

"REPORT OF STRANGE OCCURRENCES AT A.F.S.B. HEADQUARTERS:

Just as the August issue of the A.F.S.B. Magazine went to Press, a series of puzzling, but apparently related incidents, occurred outside the A.F.S.B. Headquarters in Fairfield. The meaning or purpose behind the events is placed on record as being as inexplicable as the actual happenings themselves.

At 2.45 a.m. on July 21st, the President was awakened by a violent pounding outside the Bureau, and on investigating, a strange odour, suggestive of burning Plastic, was noticed. On going outside, however, nothing unusual could be seen or heard.

Liverpool Police, called in to investigate soon after daylight, were unable to account for the phenomena. (Expressed to the President himself) that a hoax or publicity stunt may have been attempted by someone. Dissatisfied with these explanations, further personal enquiries by the President showed that others besides himself had heard the pounding, and that one other person had smelt the strong burnt odour. A lady residing across the road heard the noise, but did not investigate.

The following morning, July 22nd, at 3 a.m., a mystery car pulled up outside the Bureau and remained there until 6.30 a.m. It was heard to cruise past very quietly several times between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. when it stopped outside. It carried no lights.

At 6.30 a.m. on July 22nd, three other people as well as Mr. Jerrold saw the vehicle outside the Bureau. Two people confirmed that the car carried no lights, but held two men, one of whom asked the time. A little after 6.30 a.m the men in the car were identified as criminals with Police records, the Police being notified by the person who recognised them.

After July 22nd the visitations ceased as suddenly as they had begun, and to date the strange occurrences have not been satisfactorily explained. Mr. Jerrold feels that undue publicity accorded the matter is undesirable, in fact this would be, at best, sensational, and of dubious benefit to Flying Saucer researchers.

The happenings around Australia and New Zealand at the same time compelled us to take notice, and to be prepared for anything in the future, no matter how trivial it may appear in the beginning. Whether the strange poundings have any relationship to our mutual investigations remains to be seen, it was only the dual happenings that gave us cause to credit this possibility in the meantime.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that there is no great cause for alarm. Flying Saucers have been visiting this planet for centuries, and I am sure that one day soon they will be an accepted fact and ordinary public knowledge. The future holds tremendous possibilities yet for all mankind, and it is that future that I am most interested in.

WRITTEN MARCH, 1954.

HAROLD H. FULTON.
President, C.S.I. (N.Z.)

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POSTSCRIPT: OCTOBER, 1954.

Recently I learned of the details of another strange incident which involved the lady Director of a long established American Civilian Investigating Group. This lady had not heard of the incidents involving Mr. Jerrold and myself a little over a year earlier. I am not at liberty to give her name as she fears ridicule, but as she published the details in her Group's July, 1954, Bulletin, I will pass them on as presented. Her Organisation has been investigating since 1949, and was one of the last groups to state its conviction that the Flying Saucers are real and of inter-planetary origin.

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"WOMAN AND DOG BADLY FRIGHTENED BY BRILLIANT LIGHT ILLUMINATING GROUND."

"On May 23rd, 1954, a woman at, was sitting up reading as she kept sick watch on her young daughter, ill with a virus illness. The woman's husband was working, the time was between 11.30 p.m. and 12 midnight. She had the radio playing in the kitchen and suddenly noticed that static interference was blocking reception, she went to check on it. She found the interference all over the band, and then noticed an odd, thrumming noise, coming from outside. As she turned from the radio she noticed the back yard lit up as it would be at noon, and after checking at various windows throughout the house, decided that the light came from above. Shadows of shrubbery were at noon position. She then went to check her daughter in a darkened room, and found the light actually filtering through the thin drapes.

During her rounds of the house, the dog, usually a friendly, innocuous beast, constantly growled low with her ruff up, ears flattened, and teeth bared. She had first noticed the dog's odd behaviour when the radio interference and the noise outside were first heard. She decided to go outside and investigate. When she approached the door the dog ran in front of her and stood facing her, back to the door, and snarled. She said that she knew that the dog wouldn't have let her out, and she decided then that if the dog was afraid of what was out there, she also should be frightened.

She then went back to her chair and sat down, not knowing quite what to do. Her husband was not due to be home until two o'clock. She said that shortly after she sat down the radio started playing normally, the noise outside stopped, and when she went to look out the window the lawn was dark. She had particularly noticed, she said, while the light flooded the yard the garden hose which she had left lying out on the lawn, was clearly seen,

This woman is familiar with all aircraft noises, said the noise made by whatever was above her house was nothing she had ever heard before, and that it could be best duplicated by strumming slowly and irregularly on the lowest note of a string bass. This woman is reliable, not given to easy fright, nor to perpetrating hoaxes.

We present her statement as it is, do not know what to make of it, but felt that it would be interesting to members. It has not been reported for fear of ridicule and, of course, has not been reported to Wright-Patterson, because no object was actually seen."

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Another most interesting article has just been received via Airmail from the U.S.A. It appears in the November, 1954, American "Pageant" Magazine, and adds weight to my theory as to the origin of the mystery threads and real "Unidentified Flying Objects" in Earth's skies.

This latter article will be reproduced at an early date.

H.H. FULTON.

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LETTER to the EDITOR

Aircraft engineer writes . . .

The "saucer" is not a myth

SIR—For the past eight years or so there have been persistent reports of people in various countries having seen "flying saucers."

Unfortunately, the first reports were immediately followed by a never-ending chain of fantastic stories mostly created by irresponsible and rather unbalanced sensation hunters, neurotics, and hoaxers.

Let us have a realistic look at this subject.

I have seen one of these "saucers"—not an "eerie light" or a "strange phenomenon"—but a real thing, made of duralium and rivets, manned not by "super-bees" from Mars, but by ordinary human beings.

During the last two years of World War II I was assigned to an aircraft manufacturing company in Prague as an apprentice of aircraft engineering.

One day (in the closing stages of the war) when I arrived to work, I saw a strange aircraft, oval shaped, and seemingly unpainted, which apparently took off from the neighboring airfield belonging to the Technical Institute of Aeronautics, then occupied by the German *Luftfahrtministerium* (Air Department).

This particular aircraft accelerated at an incredible speed and gained altitude within a few seconds. Then it slightly banked and turned at what seemed to be almost a right angle.

None of my friends working at the Institute could give me any particulars.

After the war I learned from another person (also previously employed by Technical Institute) that this "flying saucer" was equipped with a new type of rocket.

He also drew for me a rough image of the aircraft and explained how it operated. He did not know, however, what happened to the plane when the Russians took over.

EVERYBODY to whom I have spoken about this aeroplane took me and my story with a great amount of scepticism.

Even the U.S. Intelligence officers, who questioned me after I fled from Czechoslovakia in 1948, didn't seem to take much interest in this matter.

Only recently, by a mere chance, I found this in an aeronautical magazine (*Aircraft*, August, 1953):

"Herr George Klein, wartime aviation adviser to Hitler's Supply Minister Albert Speer, stated in Berlin recently that on February 14, 1945, a German research team tested an aircraft of saucer-shape in Prague.

"Carrying a test crew, the 'saucer' climbed to 40,300ft. in three minutes and attained a level speed of 1375 miles per hour on its first test-flight.

"It is likely that members of the research team fell into Russian hands."

It has been admitted (though rather reluctantly) that many countries today are building jet aircraft directly derived from German originals.

I have proof that, for example, the U.S. first swept-wing experimental fighter, Bell X5, is in fact, the Messerschmitt P1101. The newest Russian jet-fighter, MIG19, is an "honest to goodness" Focke-Wulf Ta-183/1 and so on.

So I can't help feeling certain that the Allies of the last war—U.S., Britain, and Russia—have captured German scientists and aircraft designers together with plans and prototypes, they also have continued in research and manufacture of planes employing the ultra-low aspect ratio (or what is popularly called the "flying saucer").

So far only two countries have admitted to building "flying saucers"—Canada (Avro), and Yugoslavia.

But the big Powers are still keeping quiet about their progress in this field.

If the "flying saucer" of 1945 could accelerate and travel at a phenomenal speed of 1400 miles per hour, being powered by imperfect and feeble rockets, the speed and range of those developed after nine years of research is beyond my wildest imagination.

All told, I'd much rather see the Martians than the Russians in possession of such a magnificent weapon.

—GEORGE MARIK

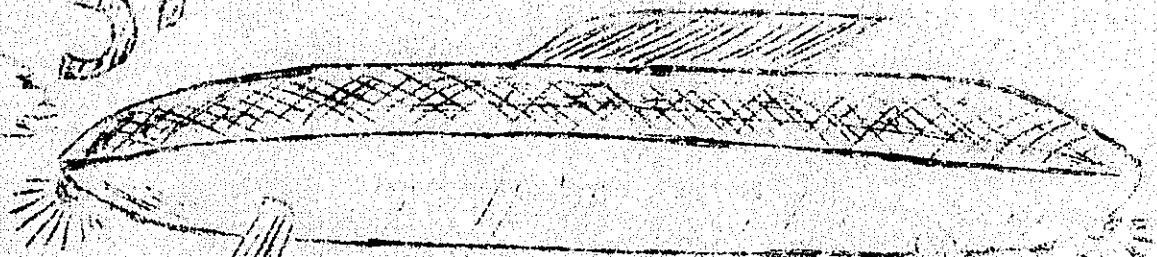
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VENUS SPEAKS by G.C. Richardson, published ---- by Regency Press London. It is understood to be a revelation of "Direct messages (5/6) from a scientist on Venus," regarding Saucers, life on Venus etc.

Get yourself a copy of the following magazines, you may find the articles on "Flying Saucers" interesting and arresting.

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SAUCERS DO EXIST — AND WHY

AN EMINENT AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR PHYSICIST, WHO HAS INVESTIGATED "SAUCER" REPORTS SINCE 1948, EXPLAINS SCIENTIFICALLY WHAT COULD BE BEHIND THE SIGHTINGS. HIS NAME MUST BE WITHHELD BECAUSE OF HIS LINK WITH HIGH-LEVEL RESEARCH.

THE AUTHOR MAKES THESE HYPOTHESES :-

- (1) A certain remnant of reports of unidentified flying objects may only be explained by the assumption that machines controlled by some intelligence are being observed.
- (2) These machines are not manufactured on earth; that is, their origin is extra-terrestrial.
- (3) These machines originate from the planet Mars.

From all corners of the world there have come thousands of reports of strange objects in the sky. They have been observed in ones and twos, in small groups and even by the score, over cities, deserts, mountains, and oceans, from distances of less 50 yards to many miles. Radar plots have checked with visual sightings. Jet fighter aircraft have attempted to intercept them, and have been out-manoeuvred. The governments of U.S.A., Canada, Britain, and Australia have been forced to take official action, and have set up investigation centres. After eliminating all possible alternatives, there remain several hundred reports that cannot be explained by hallucinations, mass illusion, hoaxes, spots before the eyes, reflection, refraction, stars, meteorites, balloons, or similar phenomena.

EXPERIENCED WITNESSES- Observations of a single object have been made by several independent groups of people at approximately the same time. Many of these witnesses have been experienced in making accurate and reliable observations, and yet their evidence usually is not generally accepted by the public. This attitude of ridicule, largely engendered by certain leading citizens and authorities has caused many people to refrain from making a report. This is not desirable if we wish to understand these mysterious phenomena. During the last few weeks there has been two interesting reports from the Melbourne area. At Malvern, a group of six people, attracted by a noise like a motor-bike, observed the sudden appearance out of a moonless sky of a luminous, dark blue "football," the size of a tram, sweeping downwards in an arc only about 80 yards distant. Emitting a "ball of orange flame", the object continued on an upward curve and vanished. The glow from the emitted cloud of vapour or smoke was sufficient to briefly bathe both the ship and the observers in an yellowish-orange light.

A week later an observer at East Dandenong heard a noise like a motorbike from a dark object silhouetted against an evening sky. As it came, nearer with but a single yellowish-orange "headlight" glowing, it suddenly burst into a luminescent silver-grey, with additional yellow-orange lights at the rear and on one side.

The drumming noise ceased, and a ticking noise continued. It began to revolve with a period of three to four seconds. When compared with the size of a house over which it passed, its diameter appeared to be about 35-40 feet. About 35 yards from the observer it stopped its forward movement, but its revolution rate increased until the period was only about a second. It was seen to have three "wheels", which formed the corners of an equilateral triangle and were suspended from a circular base. The base curved over to meet a "canopy" that had two sets of windows in it.

NO SEAMS - RIVETS. The surface was smooth without any visible seams, rivets, or bolts. Like the "Flying Football", this description agrees fairly well with a type of "saucer" described in overseas reports. Because of the proximity of the observers in both cases, these two events alone provide good evidence for the existence of unusual flying craft. In interviews, the integrity and conviction of these witnesses was impressive. In the second case the light available and duration of observation was sufficient to discern details of structure that could not possibly be confused with any phenomena other than a machine that is capable of hovering, rotating, and moving in virtual silence without any obvious method of propulsion. On the basis of the above data, together with hundreds of other reports, it seems reasonable to make the following hypothesis:

FIRST HYPOTHESIS. A certain remnant of reports of unidentified flying objects may only be explained by the assumption that machines controlled by some intelligence are being observed. Who produces these machines? Has Russia a new secret weapon? If so, would the Kremlin advertise the fact by sending fleets to the Western world? Similarly, would the U.S.A., in order to perpetuate a gigantic hoax on its own people, risk losing experimental aircraft, in foreign countries? This would apply to any manufacturing nation. Consequently, the first hypothesis compels the acceptance of a second.

SECOND HYPOTHESIS. These machines are not manufactured on earth; that is, their origin is extra-terrestrial. Most scientists who have allowed their reasoning to reach this stage find it too difficult to proceed. One difficulty arises from the fact that the apparent surface temperatures of the planets is such that only Mars and Venus could be endured by earth-men. Another principal difficulty is that the present evidence for the composition of planetary atmospheres indicates that an earth-being would not be able to live without artificial aid on any of the other planets other than Earth. Many astronomers, like Dr Menzel and Sir Harold Spencer-Jones, on the basis of this knowledge, make the further assumption that no animal life exists on any of these planets and that so-called "flying Saucers" are either a product of the imagination or a misinterpretation of natural phenomena.

Certainly a large number of reports fit into one or the other of these two categories. Assuming that our knowledge of planetary climates is reasonably accurate, then, if we are to accept our two hypotheses, we must look to either Mars or Venus. The available evidence indicates that Venus today is in a similar state to that of the earth some 300 million years ago. Mars, on the other hand, is some hundreds of millions of years ahead of the earth in the gradual process of decaying. IN SEALED CITIES: Is it not possible that in the long distant past a Martian intelligence had evolved that was capable of combating the problem of a diminishing oxygen supply, for example, living in air-conditioned sealed cities? Alternatively, an intelligent form of life capable of breathing carbon-dioxide may have evolved.

On the assumption that Venus has yet to evolve an intelligence, and that Mars may have reached this stage of evolution many millions of years ago, it would appear that Mars is the most likely planet to possess intelligent beings. The possibility of space travellers from another planetary system is unlikely as even travelling at half the velocity of light-- about 335 million m.p.h.-- it would take nearly nine years to come from the nearest star, which quite possibly doesn't possess a planetary system in any case.

COMING CLOSER : As Mars takes about twice as long as the earth to whirl in its space orbit around the sun, it comes into close proximity with the earth every two years and fifty days. At these times of opposition, the separation distance between the planets varies between about 35 and 63 million miles. One would expect a Martian space traveller to prefer journeying during these periods rather than the three or four hundred million miles' flight path necessary about a year later. If the number of reports of "saucers" per month are graphed against time, there are noticeable peaks occurring in 1947-8, 1950, 1952 and now 1954, the principal peaks coinciding fairly well with the times of close opposition with Mars. There appears, therefore, to be some justification in making a further hypothesis.

THIRD HYPOTHESIS : These machines originate from the planet Mars. If the problems of space travel for Martians are such that distances of the order of fifty million miles are considered large, then, there should be considerable in-flux of space visitors during the next few weeks, as on July 2 earth and Mars will be closer together than they have been for 15 years-- actual opposition occurred on June 25. They will be even closer during August 1956.

However, it is unlikely that such distances present a great a great problem to these space travellers. How are these space-ships propelled?. Their comparative silence and long range eliminates the use of a chemical fuel. Our scientists are studying the possibility of using a nuclear reactor, or a conventional power plant to generate electric potentials capable of accelerating gaseous ions to an exhaust velocity almost equal to the velocity of light. Such an ion rocket would cut fuel consumption by a factor of many thousands, enabling considerably greater velocities and ranges to be attained. This type of rocket would operate only in the vacuum of space.

When in an atmosphere either jet or conventional rocket propulsion would be required. However, reported observations of these space machinists would indicate that a far more refined method of propulsion is being used. Could they possibly have found some way of gaining energy from gravitational or electro-magnetic fields. A survey of some of the reports that have been made suggests that these space machines may hover for long periods, change (even reverse) direction rapidly, accelerate at a breath-taking rate and travel at many thousands of miles per hour.

USUALLY TRANSLUCENT : There seem to be three principal shapes -disc, ellipsoidal-- (football and cigar) and a shape that could possibly be likened to an inverted saucer with a domed super-structure. In addition, observations have allegedly, of spherical, pear, doughnut and spoked wheel shapes. The material is usually translucent, and may be made luminescent apparently at will. They are often associated with bright white and coloured lights. Exhausts are often orange or yellow-orange, sometimes green or blue and do not necessarily burn continuously. Usually they are surprisingly silent. As observations continue to be made, the general picture should become clearer, and it may be possible to deduce answers to some of the mystifying quest.

-ions. If some of the reports are true, then these space machines possess properties that are truly fantastic. As far as is known, no earth dweller has suffered harm from one of these machines except by accident, so there is no need for fear, if you are the next to be encountered by one of these machines or their occupants. More information is needed, so, during the next month or two, why not develop the habit of scanning the skies. If something strange is seen, gather as many witnesses as possible, observe carefully and report objectively.

APPEAL TO SCIENTISTS : I appeal to scientists and engineers to take a greater interest in these phenomena, and to cease this ridicule unless such ridicule can be justified. Do not summarily dismiss the reports of reliable witnesses simply because of a preconceived disbelief. Examine the reports closely, analyse them honestly and draw an unbiased conclusion.

APPEAL TO ALL : In such cases that may be concluded to represent descriptions of space machines, we may come across clues that enable a greater understanding of the mechanism of propulsion or power production. Finally, I appeal to the Air Forces and Security Services of the Western world to release their suppressed information. If a number of U.S. citizens once panicked when they feared a Martian invasion was actually in progress, that is hardly sufficient reason to suppose that a similar panic would occur when the public is told that they are merely under observation --- and have been for many years --- by intelligences who have shown not the slightest degree of hostility. If it is hoped to have the co-operation of the public, then first co-operate with the public. The more people that know the truth, the more truth will everyone know. (Melbourne Argus June 26, Brisbane Telegraph July 3.)

C.S.I. COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE

We are very happy, proud and encouraged by this learned scientists findings and expressions, his findings are remarkably similar to ours and other civilian groups elsewhere throughout the English speaking world. We sincerely trust there will be no more senseless ridicule and horse-laughs from the leaders of the astronomical world in the main. C.S.I. is aware that many amateur astronomers and some professionals have not laughed or engendered ridicule, but they have had little say in policy and top directives. Example must come from the top to achieve true results and sobering judgement, but the minds of many top men of science who scoffed so loud and long must of been void of any imagination or reasonable approach, because they have cast aside the evidences of the most qualified, as just so much rubble. However, the light is starting to break through this stupid barrier and some remarkable articles have been recently published authored by some of the most affirmed sceptics of yesterday, their most recent statements show long overdue reasonableness and in some cases almost complete somersaults; let us not discourage them.

C.S.I. is not yet aware of the author of "SAUCERS DO EXIST AND WHY", but we have our suspicions. Have you read the comments made by Professor Harry Messel of Sydney University in Australasian POST 31 Dec 1953 and A.M. (Austrian Magazine) 8th June 1954. Professor Messel by his words in these two magazine articles shows clearly that there is a very high probability that the "Flying Saucers" are real and extra-terrestrial craft. If Messel did not write the article of particular note in this issue, then that means, that a number of distinguished scientists are now taking an active interest.

NOTE ANOTHER LANDING IN FRANCE

THE SECOND MARIGNANE INCIDENT

(9.0 p.m. Jan 4th 1954)

Swept by an icy wind under an astonishingly clear sky the Airport of Marignane was about the last place to be the victim of an hallucination.... Well after dark, on this moonless night, fireman Chesneau was on guard at the big boussiron hangar. The fireman was standing at the entrance, all the more attentive to his duties because the Boussiron hangar shelters a new transport 'plane', the prototype "Hurel-Dubois", with very long wings. With his back to the concrete walls Chesneau was watching the multi-coloured lights of the runway. Suddenly he observed, coming from the south, a machine "rounded and luminous"- which descended at moderate speed towards the runway. The machine was observed to touch the ground and bounce slightly several times.

With professional conscientiousness, the fireman alerted the control tower, but as he was phoning from inside, the machine apparently disappeared. The officer on duty went round the runways with lights full on, but could not find any trace of the machine. Naturally, as in the case of the Customs - Officer Gachignard (who on the 27th October 1952 reported the landing of a cigar-shaped object on the runway which took off rapidly as he advanced towards it) the firemans story was put down as another case of hallucination.

Next morning on examining the area closely, they found debris and some metallic rods at the spot where the machine had landed. The story would of gained no credence at Marseille but for the evasive attitude of the military authorities. This evasiveness added support to the idea that something very much out of the ordinary had indeed ocured. Journalists, when they are systematically put off, have an invincible tendency to believe something is being hidden, and if something is hidden then that something exists. Some of them met insurmountable difficulties during enquiries, so were lead to believe that the Air Ministry was investigating on its own accord in the greatest secrecy.

More and more Marseille people are asking: 'Why this mystery? ; Why this silence?. Is it for fear of ridicule? . Some say that the iron rods picked up are the simple clappers from bells, which are attached to the necks of sheep. These rods were found were found amongst a score of pieces of metallic debris, were some 15 cm long, curved under at one end in a ball, a little larger than a 'marble. Some traces of yellow metal contrasting with the blackish-grey of the 'Marble ended rods', suggested that the later had been brazed onto the rods.

The day after Chesneaus sighting two respected inhabitants of Marseille, claimed that whilst motoring to Marseille from Arles , they had been overtaken by a round and brilliant object, which cut across the road and headed out to desert country. These two Marseille worthies are now confirmed believers in flying saucers. (extract Flying Saucer News, England)

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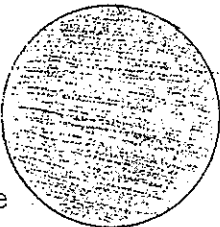
NEW ZEALAND

Our sincere thanks is due to Mr Julian Fletcher, a member and "Observer" to C.S.I. residing in Nelson. Mr Fletcher tracked down all the details to the series of strange events witnessed in Nelson skies from 19- 25th March. Mr Fletcher also obtained and forwarded to C.S.I. a N.Z. Cadastral Map and neatly plotted-in, the position of the various groups of observers and the position and course of the round flat object that came down out of the sky on 19th March accompanied with loud noises. Our 'Observer' also interviewed & obtained written reports from a number of witnesses to the incident. The witnesses are thanked sincerely for there splendid co-operation with Mr Fletcher and the trouble they went to, to provide all details.

Readers will remember reading the brief report in most NZ papers on Saturday March 20th, headed EXPLOSIONS AND STRANGE NOISES IN NELSON SKIES. Loud explosions in the sky followed by swishing noises were heard over a wide area to the north-east of Nelson at 2.35.p.m yesterday afternoon. From Whanganoa inland on the Nelson-Blenheim state Highway to Delaware Bay, on the coast settlers today reported as having heard the strange noises. Now read the first hand accounts as obtained by Mr Fletcher.

Mr Berkett's sighting of object in sky 19th March 1954 2.35 p.m. It was a beautiful day with a clear blue sky, Mr Berkett was inside having a late lunch, when he heard the first noise, but did not take much notice of it. Shortly after, on going out to attend to the pigs he heard a second noise in the sky, he looked in the direction of the sound but did not see anything. After a few minutes there was a third loud noise, like an explosion, on looking up into the sky in the general direction again, he saw for the first time a round whitish soft looking object, not hard like a 'plame'. The object appeared to be twice the apparent diameter of the moon (full) and as it came down from the sky at an angle of 35 degrees it turned over twice. The object when first seen was high in the sky about 40 degrees SSE of Whanganoa. After travelling down to a bearing a little south of east, it suddenly shot up and away to the east and disappeared very quickly. While the object was coming down the noise continued but not so loud. It left behind - a trail that looked like five separate streams quickly merging as one as they diffused. When the object shot up there was no trail but a distinct hissing noise. The loud explosive-like sounds were at approximately five minute intervals. A Heron aircraft was seen at a much lower altitude than the object, planes pass the area frequently and make slightly different sounds dependent on the weather conditions. The object was in view for approx 1 minute and was estimated to be at approx 5000 feet going much faster than normal aircraft. Mr Berkett said the object was flat on one side and oval on the other, on the oval side appeared a hump in the centre of a darker shade. The object did not stop, but kept moving all the time. (see sketch below)

As seen for the first time twice moonsize



As seen coming down second time turning over



As seen for the last time as object stopped falling.



Mr Berkett called two other people Mr Ken Evans of Auckland and Mr Applery an employee. Mr Evans was interviewed on his return to Auckland by the editor and corroborated most of Mr Berkett's observations. Mr Evans was most impressed by the loud noises made by the object at intermittent periods. When he first heard the loud roaring noise he thought that a plane was about to crash nearby. Mr Evans considers that the object did appear to hover for a brief period, whilst it did, he noted that the colour varied from white to a silvery grey. Mr Evans also heard the Heron aircraft pass a few minutes earlier and was positive it had nothing to do with the strange loud noises.

Three Nelson men fishing in a boat at Delaware Bay, heard the loud noises and saw the object and the large cloud of smoke-like trail left by the object. They took the object for a stunting plane. The men also saw the Heron and stated that it was no where near the other object or what they took for a stunting plane, which they thought was in difficulties.

Mr B.T. Rayner writing to "The Mail" Nelson stated that he saw the mysterious object in the sky on Friday afternoon, it was the noise that first drew his attention. Mr Rayner said it was like a jet machine, and resembled a large butterfly (on large scale). Its colour was white and it appeared to approach from a point known as ball-point and went in the direction of Hira before it disappeared. Mr Rayner is a Hira resident.

The following incidents followed. Mr A.W.R. Higginson a resident of Tahuna Motor Camp Nelson sent this account to the "Mail" which was published. Our Nelson "Observer" has also interviewed Mr Higginson and verified his story. Time of Observation 5.10 a.m. to 5.13 a.m. Monday 22 March. Where seen and Direction: Slightly south of overhead when first observed and travelling west to east until it appeared to be approx 2000ft above eastern horizon, when it changed direction to either south-east or south. Height difficult to judge, but considered great. The object was watched for 3 minutes. Speed appeared to be little slower than Tasman Flying Boat, colour extremely bright orange which glittered and sparkled constantly. The sky was very clear except for patches of light cloud, there was no trail or tail to the rear, there was no noise. When overhead the object appeared to be taking a zigzag course. Mr Higginson was sure it was not a shooting star meteor, plane or anything like a weather balloon.

March 24th

Strange Object in Sky When working in his garden at 39 Wellington Street at 10.40 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr G.C. Cole heard a strange swishing noise. The noise was repeated three times and he looked up into the sky and saw in a southwesterly direction at approx 4000ft, a white shining object with black sides. The object swept down and then rose in an arc towards the east. He reported the observation to the "Mail" Nelson. He called his wife and daughter-in-law, who came out in time to see the object move back across the sky at a tremendous pace, whilst they were still watching the object made a complete circle and then zig-zagged about before disappearing in a westerly direction behind some trees. Mr Cole said the object appeared to be able to change direction without losing speed. He estimated it was in sight for a minute and a quarter. Mr Cole is a retired farmer and stated that he had not previously believed in the strange stories of objects in the sky. He then said; I am now convinced that some queer objects do exist.

March 25th Until early this morning Mr D.M. Rout of Nelson, did not believe in stories of flying saucers. At 5.35 a.m. this morning he saw in the northern sky a bright orange-coloured globe moving about the speed of a train.

Mr Rout kept the globe in sight for about half a minute, it contrasted with the stars as it moved from west to east. He can offer no explanation for what he saw, but is convinced that it was something unusual. A few days later a test was arranged with the meteorological staff at Tahuna weather office to release a night balloon (normal schedule) with the view of determining whether the met balloon with its tiny light could of caused the reports of orange-coloured globes. Mr Rout and others failed to even locate the balloon and its light even when they were outside and instructed where to look. It was agreed that the met balloon light was not the cause of the orange-coloured globe reports.

March 26th After the flurry of reports of strange objects in Nelson skies 19-22-24-25th March, hundreds of people were startled to see a grand display of vapour trails at 35,000 feet above the fair city. Hundreds, it was reported rang the news office "The Mail", demanding explanation; some believed they were seeing "flying saucers" or "guided missiles". That evening the "Mail" gave out the answer. Ohakea Vampire Jets caused the high vapour trails, four machines were on a normal training flight. No doubt the majority of Nelson folk were then satisfied that the earlier reports were also caused by the jets and dropped the strange incidents from their minds. However, to those who made the earlier reports and a large number of thinking people there and elsewhere, the arrival of the jets was not accepted as just another coincidence. The jets were there for a two-fold purpose, one of which they achieved very well, but whether the pilots spotted any other strange craft in Nelson skies is not yet known. We are glad the Air Force is on the ball.

There was some mention by astronomers on the 19th March sky explosions over Nelson, Mr I.L. Thompson, Carter Observatory Director, Wellington, stated that from the brief details he had at that time received (Wellington press report 22 March) he considered the Nelson explosions may of been a daylight meteor, but was waiting for more details. A certain meteor expert in the Auckland area, however, had no doubts at all; the Nelson explosions were definately a daylight meteor. In a large write up a few days after the incident, the expert, from the brief details of the incident mentioned in the Auckland press, gave us all the facts, and how those who are versed in the subject of "Flying Saucers" no doubt believed the Nelson incident was caused by one of these objects. We notice that this Auckland astronomer made no allowance for such things as conventional aircraft, noises in the head, mass hallucination, blood corpuscles, hoax, or mirage as a possible explanation of the incident. We of C.S.I. are sure the gentleman had no time to gain all details of the incident in the short time lapse between the incident and the appearance of his explanation in print, yet there was no doubt it was a meteor! After much inquiry into the incident C.S.I. considers that, in view of all the witnesses' accounts and the follow up reports of other strange flying objects or phenomena, it is extremely unlikely that a meteor was the cause of the March 19th explosions. The explosions were stated to be well apart bridging a period of ten minutes, while other noises were heard in between. Are our skies now being frequented by a form of choosey and intelligent meteor? - that looks us over and then heads back to the blue.

April 4th Auckland

Mr N.R.F. Johnson sighted an unusual object in the sky on April 4th. Mr Johnson was returning from a pig hunting trip to Anawhata at approx 7.35 pm. when he saw in the direction and above the Waitakere Mts a disc-shaped object that appeared to be moving at a very high speed. The object's course was in the direction of the Manukau Harbour. It disappeared over the Manukau.

April 30th Auckland

A strange light glowing brightly in daylight and moving at moderate speed was seen by Mrs Caverdish, Mrs Richards and her 11 year old son at 3.30 pm Friday afternoon 30th April. The light was watched for three quarters of an hour during which time it was seen to travel across Auckland city in a northerly direction--- slowly turn to the east --- and then back to south to again cross the city but at a greater distance from the observers. At times, the light took on a solid form, dark in colour, at times a silvery-grey. When first seen, it appeared to be much brighter than Venus on clear nights, there was no sound heard, the flight path was level for some time but increased slightly on turning to the east. Light patches of cloud at times obscured the light, but it could be seen shining through with a halo effect. The observers were sure many others must of seen it, and were very surprised nothing appeared in the press. Mrs Caverdish rang the "Herald" who promised to send out a reporter, but none showed up. The president of C.S.I. interviewed the observers and is satisfied they did see something very strange in an almost clear sky, that didnot appear to have been caused by aircraft -- balloon --mirage etc.

May 7th Whenuapai Auckland Air Force Station

While crossing the station fields at Whenuapai at 7.30 Friday night Sgt W. Rink, the guard commander saw a strange object flash across the sky. "It was the shape of a new moon and half the size", he said, "and flashed across my view from west to east at great speed approx 100 feet up. It glowed with a phosphorescent light and with it came a swishing sibilant sound. I do not know what it was, I have never seen such an object before. President of C. S.I. who is stationed at Whenuapai, interviewed Sgt Rink and obtained the details. Sgt Rink was more than a little disturbed by the incident at the time. It was learned later that a woman living close to Whenuapai had seen a strange light flash past her huuse window at approx the same time Sgt Rink experienced the phenomena. A guard at the station gate, also stated seeing a strange meteor-like light flying low on a flat projectory at that time.

20 May Whenuapai Air Force Station Patrolman Thompson

On the 20th May 1954 while on patrol at the above station, I saw and heard a most unusual occurance low down in the western sky. At Approx 11.10 p.m. 11.15 p.m. & 11.20 p.m., three brilliant flashes of bluish light lit the sky; each flash was of at least 2 seconds duration, followed at a short interval by a deep throated roaring sound. The above was also witnessed by Patrolman C Shakeshalf. C.S.I. President checked on the incident and found that many people in the general Whenuapai area had seen the flashes, they all said that the flashes appeared to be not at all like lightning. Due west of Whenuapai takes you out to sea off the Muruwai coast-line.

May 24th Taranaki

Three pilots of a New Plymouth aerial top-dressing firm saw a number of strange objects flying over Eastern Taranaki at about daybreak this morning. The objects were oval in shape and were seen flying at great speed before disappearing in the clear morning sky. The men were Messrs R. Ferrier, D.L. Falwasser and M Hodder, all of New Plymouth. They had left the New Plymouth airport at about 6.50 a.m., and were flying a Cessna high-winged to a strip near Tahora. None of the pilots had ever seen anything like these objects before. The men were reluctant to talk, but this is how one described the incident: We left for Tahora airstrip and were nearing there when at about 7.a.m. we saw some strange objects in the east in the direction of Taumarun-

ui. We would have been between Uruti and Tahora at the time and flying at 3000 ft, east from New Plymouth. Visibility was excellent and there was no cloud. We all saw them at the same time, they looked so strange we could hardly believe our eyes. At that time of the day we are usually the only people flying. We first noticed three of the objects, they appeared to be hovering at about 7000 ft above us, but as we were flying at 135 m.p.h. it would be difficult to estimate accurately whether or not they were moving.

The objects were oval in shape and looked like giant discs. They seemed to be orange-red in colour with a reddish flame coming from them. We flew on in the same direction for another three minutes and we saw approx 12 more. They appeared to be flying in a single line formation. Suddenly they all climbed steeply and disappeared with altitude.

All are experienced pilots in first class physical condition and have been top-dressing for four years. The pilots further said: "We are quite certain that what we saw are not aircraft as we know them. We have all seen the most modern aircraft flying in New Zealand today and many flying overseas, and these were nothing like any of them."

President of C.S.I. wrote the pilots for all details, but to date there has been no reply. The pilots were members of Rural Aviation Ltd New Plymouth. One of the pilots was interviewed by the broadcasting people and his recorded account was broadcast in Auckland Tuesday 25th May as part of "Daily Diary" programme commencing 6.45 p.m. each evening (IZB). We are fortunate to have a copy of the recording for research purposes.

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The press published a state-made by C.S.I. President to this effect, May 26, "The report by three top-dressing pilots of Taranaki that they had seen a number of discs in the sky on Monday 24th, was very much like hundreds of reports from overseas. Most of the discs seen, fly in line or V formation, (when in numbers) before demonstrating their characteristic swoop upwards with great acceleration to disappear from view. C.S.I. is expecting a number (greater omitted) of reports in June July and August. (it is most difficult to get the press to quote or interpret your statements accurately).

Other reports of the 24th May

At 8.p.m. in Dunedin skies (same day pilots saw discs) Mr Ted MacDonald of Macandrew Bay Dunedin (railway engine driver) saw on this clear moonless night, a dark cigar-shaped object standing motionless, silhouetted against the brighter part of the milky way. The object appeared jet-black and suddenly moved off fast and smoothly in an easterly direction out to sea. This report was made to Mr Metcalf, President Dunedin Group C.S.I. before the published report of the Taranaki pilots appeared in the press.

Whenuapai Air Force Base: A senior N.C.O. reported to C.S.I. that he, his wife and family had watched two very peculiar coloured lights from their home at Hobsonville, through a pair of binoculars for approx $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. When first seen the two strange lights appeared to be hovering over Whenuapai Base, and appeared to be $\frac{1}{4}$ mile apart. The lights appeared to fluctuate alternatively with a mixture of gold, red, green and yellow. Through the glasses the lights took definite shape, but to the amazed observer, appeared to be constantly changing form. The strange lights suddenly "just faded out" as an Air Force aircraft approached the airport. A member of C.S.I. informed headquarters that something very similar and strange badly scared two men at Titirangi the same evening. The men it is reported, did not stop to wonder.

Warrington 26th May (21 miles north of Dunedin)

Mrs J.A. Wallace and her daughter, reported seeing a strange oval-shaped disc, orange red in colour, performing the following amazing flight pattern. The object, was first seen at 9.30 p.m. hovering, shortly, it darted off at high speed out to sea and then as suddenly returned to its original position. The object repeated this movement a number of times during a period of 45 minutes, finally it climbed steeply upwards and disappeared. A share-milker Mr Dougall, when questioned by Mrs Wallace, confirmed her report. He said that he had seen the same thing for three nights running. "Dunedin Star"

Port Chambers 27th May Dunedin

at approx 9.45 p.m. Mr ? who declined to give his name stated that he had seen a weird oval-shaped disc, reddish in colour flying at high speed and great height down the coast. The object was moving too fast for an aircraft and left a shortish white trail, it was in sight for a minute. "D. Star"

Anderson Bay 28th May. Dunedin

Mr B. Jones reported seeing at 10 a.m. this morning an oval-shaped disc, reddish in colour, moving at high speed in a southerly direction. He said it appeared to be lit from the interior and was climbing slightly as it moved across the sky. He kept it in sight for approx one minute. "Dunedin Star"

Dunedin all suburbs 30th May

From 7- to 10 p.m. this night hundreds of Dunedin people reported seeing orange-red discs performing in the night sky. The offices of the Otago Daily Times and Dunedin Star" were swarmed - with phone and personal callers. People saw the orange-red strangers moving at high speeds, hovering, rising up and down out to sea and climbing steeply away to disappear with amazing rapidity. Now, it was later discovered that a medical student at Caversham had made a paper balloon "Montgolfier Special" and had test flown it that same evening. The 'special' consists of a 4 foot high tissue paper bag with a small can of meths suspended on wires, underneath the bag opening. The builder claims, that he first flew it that Sunday night, and that, the can of meths contained only a few teaspoons of fuel. When this came to the notice of the Otago Daily Times, they gave it much space and claimed that it solved the riddle. C.S.I. has studied the facts and evidences and finds that it is most questionable as to whether the Montgolfier Special caused the many reports. The paper balloon was some flyer to have stayed airborne in the local ity for three hours, in widely separated parts of Dunedin. Also, we have the sightings of orange-red discs reported at Warrington, Fort Chambers and Anderson Bay, up to three days previous, at night and day. Perhaps it can now be explained that a fleet of Montgolfier Specials flying in line formation were seen by the Taranaki pilots at 7 a.m. 24th May, these objects too were described as orange-red discs, trailing flames. Anyway Mr X, the builder of the paper balloon was severely scolded by the Dunedin fire-chief, who considered the balloon and meths a serious fire hazard. C.S.I. feels that Mr X's foolish hoax attempt did not fool many, and in the end boomeranged. Mr Metcalf C.S.I. Group Leader, Dunedin, also witnessed the flight of a similarly described orange-red disc that night, and has since interviewed many of those people who reported the phenomena. He is satisfied that the balloon just wasn't in the picture, or the cause of the many sincere reports.

Invercargill 31 May Oreti River

Four people claimed to have watched a flying saucer for ten minutes Monday night. First sighted at 7 p.m. out to sea, the light, approx size of a tennis ball at first, was moving against a 23 mile-an-hour wind.

Havelock North 3 June (near Napier)

asks the Daily Telegraph. Is there an aircraft in New Zealand that can break the sound barrier? At least 5 Havelock North residents are sure they heard the weird bang of a plane breaking the barrier. They state that they actually saw the plane which they believe did it. Reports of strange rushing sounds in the air have come from other residents too. Said one observer: "We were standing outside sometime before midday, when we heard a loud booming noise, something like the sound of blasting. It was followed by the characteristic jet whine", "we looked up and saw a flashing silver plane very high up and moving very fast. White vapour trails broke behind it as it travelled south. We watched it for several minutes". Mr H.J. Taylor and a Fernhill woman also heard the noises. Mr Taylor was sure it was a plane flying very high and leaving a distinct vapour trail. C.S.I. has not checked with Ohakea to confirm if Vampire jets were in the area, however, we do know that the Vampires are not fast enough or permitted to try to reach sufficient speed to break the sound barrier.

Huntly and Hillcrest 10 June (Waikato Times 10-11 & 12th June)

Many separate parties reported to the "Waikato Times", that they had seen one or more strange objects in the sky between 7-8 a.m. 10th June. Some described the object as a bright orange colour and another as "a large golden oval". All agreed that the strange object's light appeared to fluctuate. Some saw the object moving at high speed and others observed it to fly a semi-circular path. A few people reported later, that they too, had seen an object in the sky on the morning, but were certain it was just the sun reflecting off a conventional aircraft. Rukuhia flying control authorities stated that they knew of no aircraft in the air at that early hour. It could of been a top dressing machine, but this was considered most unlikely, as the only fabric covered silver aircraft in the area was grounded.

Pipiwai 12th June (near Whangarei)

Mr N. Clarich reported to the Northern Advocate that whilst driving along Titoki road Saturday 12th June at sunset, he noticed a long dark object in the eastern sky. Stopping his car he got out and watched closely. He said the object might have been a 100 feet long and appeared out of a clear sky, and could not have been a cloud. It was travelling fast, faster than any aeroplane he had seen, north to south. The object entered light cloud to the south and could be discerned until it gradually disappeared. Mr Clarich had no idea what the object was or represented.

Auckland June 25th

A brilliant flash of light over the Waitakere Ranges startled many early risers in Auckland. The phenomenon which appeared like a ball of fire up in the northern sky shortly after 6.30 a.m. fell slowly until it disappeared behind the southern end of the ranges. One witness thought it was an aircraft falling in flames. "Undoubtedly a meteor" said Mr R.A. McIntosh, Director of the Meteor Section of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand.

Warkworth June 25th

Both the "N.Z. Herald" and C.S.I. received a written statement from Mr Milfred Matthews (15 yrs., old) who claims to have spent two nights in the open with a camera, (plate) waiting and watching for the possible appearance of flying saucers. On the second night he claims to have been successful and his developed plates (two) were enclosed with the communication to the "Herald". (two prints not plates were received by the "Herald", my error Ed.) Close

EXAMINATION of these two prints by the "Herald" and President C.S.I. revealed all the signs of an extremely poor attempt at "Saucer" fakery. The accompanying written statement too, was very suspect, because its compilation was almost exact copy of the explanation given by the two Coniston, Derbyshire school boys (England) recently reproduced in PIX magazine May 15th. This issue of PIX was available on N.Z. news stands, approx a week prior the receipt by the "Herald" and C.S.I. of Mr Matthews statement, and alleged "Saucer" photos. C.S.I. has written to Mr Matthews, candidly expressing our findings, but inviting Mr Matthews to show further proof of his alleged experience, should per chance our findings be wrong. (no reply to date). (C.S.I. has no reason to doubt the authenticity of the Coniston photo).

Auckland June 25th

Approx 30 people in the general Whenuapai area, were eye-witness to a strange hovering light, first spotted at 6.45 p.m. 25th June. Three Air Force N.C.O.'s, their wives and families watched this strange phenomena for approx 15 minutes from the Air Force Trig Road Flats. During the observation one N.C.O. who is a local scoutmaster, travelled to Hobsonville via car to meet his Troup. On arrival he noted that the strange light was now directly overhead instead of approx 45° above the horizon and in line with Hobsonville as seen from Trig Road Flats. Cpl Black drew the attention of the 15 members of his troupe to the light and all agreed that it was most unusual. The strange light was orange-red with tinges of blue in colour and appeared to be either turning over, revolving or scribing small circles (orbiting). The sky was clear with calm conditions. The light, after approx 15 minutes, suddenly went out-came on again briefly, and as suddenly, extinguished completely. The intensity of the light was seen to fluctuate repeatedly, and was most time, much brighter than the normal stars. W/O Thompson, Cpl Black and Cpl Moore when interviewed, were all most certain that the strange light was not a met balloon, aircraft light, or star, they have no explanation of the phenomenon. Cpl Black, volunteered the information that he had seen a similar light in the locality a week previous, but no one would at that time accept the account of his experience. Hobsonville Air base is approx 3½ miles NNE of Trig Road Flats.

Taumarunui 27th June "N.Z.Herald" & Auckland Star" 28th June.

It is reported that a flying saucer was seen at 8.30. a.m. between Roto Aira & Mount Tongariro. The object was first seen by a child, who called the attention of her mother, Mrs F. Bell, to the strange object in the sky. Mrs Bell called out to the manager of Weir & Kenny's mill, Mr Jack Mantell. Mr Mantell states "I saw the object quite plainly, it was flying at about 25,000 ft, and it hovered in the sky when first seen. Then it suddenly vanished at terrific speed in a southerly direction." Mr Mantell said, "the object was shaped like a large bowl, flatish and completely circular, I could distinguish what appeared to be two jets operating from one part of it."

Auckland 27th June STRANGE UNIDENTIFIED LIGHTS IN SKY

Observers:- Malcolm G. Laird & Garry J. Tee M.Sc; both science students, residing at the AUC Hostel O'Rorke Hall 49 Symonds St; Auckland C.I. On the evening of Sunday June 27th 1954, we were skygazing with a 3" refractor from the roof of the Hostel (a 4 storied building). Temperatures were low, with haze forming in low-lying regions & extending upwards from the western horizon, about 30° degrees; making observation of Venus fruitless; but there was no perceptible haze over most of the sky & fairly good views of Mars had just been obtained---- the Milky Way clearly visible, & there was no moon in the sky. One of us (Tee) had shifted the telescope to observe Saturn, then nearly overhead & was focussing it when the other saw moving lights in the sky, and called out that meteors were visible: his spectacles

were removed at the time. The other (Tee) looked immediately in the direction indicated (only about 40° from the direction he was looking) and although of limited observational experience, saw at once that the lights could scarcely be meteors & were definitely not aeroplane lights or similar objects. When first seen by both of us, the lights were in Scorpio (then about 50° above the eastern horizon) & in the space of about 8 seconds moved, in nearly straight paths, past the zenith in an arc of about 90° in the direction of Sirius (then low in the west). The lights were three in number, of similar appearance & each of brightness gauged by us to be less than that of Mars, while one of us (Tee) hazards an estimate of their total luminosity as being of the first or 2nd magnitude, but with small reliability attached. In appearance, they resembled large red blood corpuscles with a maximum diameter estimated at 15 to 20 minutes: Their colour was predominantly red, with a strong yellow tinge according to one of us (Laird) and a blue tinge according to the other. The colour appeared uniform over each oval, but not the intensity: they appeared hazy & insubstantial, & we could not detect shape boundaries to them. They were not in a straight line, but roughly kept pace with each other: their general line, however, was roughly at right angles to the direction of motion of the group, & one of us (Laird) considers that the central one remained in the front, giving a V formation; but the southern pair remained closer to each other than the northernmost light, while the angular separation of the two outer lights was about 8 degrees. The lights left no trail as they traversed their paths. There was some motion within the group -- they swerved smoothly, but irregularly and separately, (especially the southernmost one, according to T.). No large change in their apparent size was noticeable during their transit, (except possibly near the end), which suggests that the lights were at a considerable altitude. During the last second or two, they faded rapidly, then vanished simultaneously: one of us (Tee) thinks they swerved towards one another during this last period, possibly an effect of perspective. When they vanished, they were approaching the hazy regions of the sky, in the west.

During the transit (Laird) replaced his spectacles, but the lights remained hazy to him, as they were throughout to the other observer, who has good eyesight, and, while keeping his eyes on the lights attempted to point the telescope towards them, however they were moving so rapidly that it would have been very difficult to find them, let alone keep them in view (only 1° degree for the telescope) -- besides, the telescope was not in focus. We immediately discussed the lights, noted the time 6.55 p.m. & the wind direction (from southwest at our level), and decided to cancel the night's observations to note our impressions. (The notes were recorded 10 minutes after the observations) Various possibilities for the identity of the lights were investigated, with the following results:-

Searchlights on haze or cloud:- (a) The lights were not in a straight line, as they must have been if one beam were responsible: 2 or 3 searchlights following similar paths over such an arc seem unlikely. (b) Their colour was ruddy. (c) Not a trace of any beam could be seen outside the three oval patches of light, although haze was forming in low lying regions. (d) No haze was perceptible over their path, except possibly near the end. The following morning, enquiries were made of the Naval Depot, Whenuapai & Hobsonville aerodromes & Army A.A. & Coastal Defence Batteries; all were definite that no searchlights had been operated by their services on Sunday evening. Aeroplane lights:- In appearance they did not resemble aeroplane lights, being large, red diffuse patches. Perhaps they might have been spotlights from aeroplanes, shining onto cloud layers, but, as above, there seemed

to be no haze over the path, except, possibly, near the end. Again, their high angular velocity ($c0.2$ radians/sec) would demand that, with speeds of known aircraft (assuming that the lights were seen directly, & not by reflection from cloud) they would have to be very low; but no motors were heard & gliders do not normally fly low over a city at night, carrying three large red-dish lights. Finally, enquires of Whenuapai (made X June 30) show that no aircraft were in the air within 30 miles of Auckland at that time. Further one of us (Laird) is fairly definite that no stars between or near the lights were occulted and the other thinks that he would of detected any such obscuration. Fire balloons, meteorological balloons, sparks from chimneys and other wind-borne objects are ruled out by the fact that they moved in a direction almost opposite to the wind at our level- if they were such objects at a higher level, with the wind reversed, their speed must have been large, from their rapid apparent motion; which would cause much turbulence, & this is commonly associated with cloud, apart from haze in the west and at low levels. As for meteorological balloons, they are rarely luminous: besides enquires at Mechanics Bay Meteorological Station reveal that no balloons were released by them that evening.

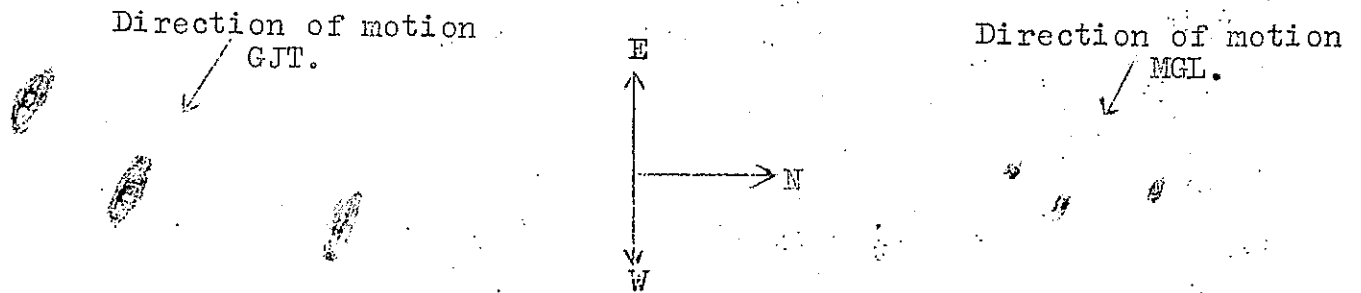
They were not signal rockets or toy rockets, we are definite, for they left no trail, did not explode, were sizeable oval patches, and remained close together, disappearing simultaneously. We have never heard of & find it difficult to imagine any meteors or aurorae presenting such an appearance, while mirages seem unlikely, since the lights passed near the zenith. Further, the vertical temperature distribution, as measured between 4pm. & 5pm. that day reads as follows:- (Mechanics Bay Data)

Altitude (in thousands of feet):-	0	4	6	10	20	Higher
Temperatures (degrees Centigrade:-	II	I	I	-6	-22	Colder

There is a weak isothermal layer around 5000 feet, but no evidence for a strong temperature inversion, such as would be necessary to cause mirages.

The form of this report is based on suggestions on P. 298 of "Flying Saucers" by D.H. Menzel, Professor of Astrophysics, Harvard University.

The configuration of the lights varied (as mentioned above), but their general pattern, as recorded by each of us was as follows:-



Signed.. Garry J. Tee..... M. G. Laird.....
O'Rorke Hall 30-6-54

This excellent report was submitted to C.S.I. on request and permission was granted for reproduction in this quarterly magazine. C.S.I. is most grateful and wishes to record sincere thanks to Mr Garry J Tee & Malcolm G Laird.

Rotorua June 28th (Rotorua Post 29th)

The following most unusual phenomena in the sky was witnessed during an power blackout in Rotorua this night. A lady in Rotorua on going to the front room of her house in Maida Vale Street, to see how much of the town was effected by the black out, was amazed to see a bright star, slightly above the hill behind Whakarewarewa, suddenly, "take off" on a circuit to the right and return to its place. It remained there for a minute or two and then dived to the left, returning to its original position. Wanting a corroborative eye, she called her neighbour's attention to it, and they both watched from the front gate. After several minutes the star obliged by completing a circle, still returning to the same position. Later in the evening, a star, close above the first one, also swerved off to the right and returned. The family were watching for about half-an-hour. The star was low in the sky, but was too high to be anything other than a star, said the lady.

Auckland, Takapuna July 5th

Mr Denis W.G. Saunders reports to C.S.I. that he witnessed the flight of a blue-green flatish object flying at high speed in a northerly direction at 9.53pm. and again at 10.5pm. flying south at a greater altitude. The object when first seen, was estimated to be approx 10,000 ft, blue-green in colour, and appeared to give off a pale blue flame. Mr Saunders phoned the Auckland Star the following morning, but the lady reporter taking the information appeared to treat the informer as the perpetrator of a hoax. Mr Saunders was rather annoyed by her mocking attitude. His report was not published.

Hamilton July 8th

At 3.30pm on the 8th July the "Waikato Times" received a minor deluge of phone calls from people wishing an explanation of the sudden appearance of high vapour trails in the sky. Rukuhia met office stated that there were no jets in the area, they wrote the phenomena off as cloud effects. However, Mr H.E. Silvester of Horsham Downs stated in a letter to the "Waikato Times" "I and two others saw a blurred object moving at tremendous speed and of the forming vapour trail. We also heard the distinct whine of engines". He says that he and his companions never thought of flying saucers, being sure that it was a jet aircraft. They are still sure it was a jet aircraft not in touch with Rukuhia Flying Control. "We have seen vapour trails above Wanganui and surrounding districts from jet aircraft and the spectacle seen here was an exact replica, no amount of explaining away as a cloud effect will convince us otherwise. "I may add that over Horsham Downs there was a large expanse of blue sky which made our observation all the more clear and certain".

There has been quite a number of these reports lately, particularly from Australia where the reports of flying saucers is phenomenal. It was reported that the vapour trails in Hamilton skies went straight up and down in places, just so has been the reports of high forming vapour trails over Brisbane Melbourne and Sydney of recent date. In most cases the Air Force have claimed that no jets were in the area. Just what is making these trails?

Hamilton 10th July. SIGHTING OF OBJECT AT CLOSE QUARTERS

A full report has just come to hand of a remarkable close up sighting by Mr John E. Stuart of Hamilton, a person I know reasonable well, met for the second time approx 3 weeks ago and whos integrity I have no reason to doubt. Hear is Mr Stuart account. "I had been working with my co-organiser Miss Doreen Wilkinson, until approx 2 am, on a theory regarding the solution of Flying Saucers. I retired to bed, after seeing Miss Wilkinson to her taxi

at about 2.45a.m. Suddenly I was awakened from a deep sleep by a "voice" inside my brain; "Look out the window; Look out the window". I arose from my bed to see what it was all about, drawing back the curtains I was amazed to see, not more than 100 feet in the air, a bell-shaped object. I was about to awaken my wife when, suddenly, a "voice" said, "just watch, don't move". This was repeated a number of times. I felt as though I was paralysed. I watched the object and noted that it would be about 30 feet across, and appeared to be black in colour. Around the upper 'Dome' there appeared to be a metal(?) band, with square cut windows. From these windows there appeared rays of medium bright light. Underneath the object there was, faintly visible, two or three (hard to say definitely) spherical objects. I do admit that after I had returned to bed, the object reminded me of the same craft as observed by George Adamski, of America, and the Derbyshire lads of England.

Detailed report

Date of sighting 10th July 1954. Time 3.30 a.m. Weather, cloudy and very cold. The direction of travel--- object stationary. The object is best described as 'Bell-shaped'. Approx dia---- 30 feet. Around upper 'Dome' appeared to be a band with square windows. A medium bright light appeared at the windows. The band revolved very slowly. There was no other light from the object. Colour: hard to say, appeared to be black or very dark grey. Approx height was 100 feet from road. The only movement was a slight swaying motion. After 7 (seven) minutes the object moved slowly (approx 20 m.p.h.) to disappear in the clouds. NOTE After commencing to move all lights were extinguished on the craft. Wind, light to medium; west by N.west. Position of observer; looking through bedroom window. No attempt was made to approach object, something telling him not to. Object finally rose to disappear in clouds. There was no witnesses

SWORN STATEMENT

This statement is made by John E Stuart, of 10 James Street, Claudelands, Hamilton.

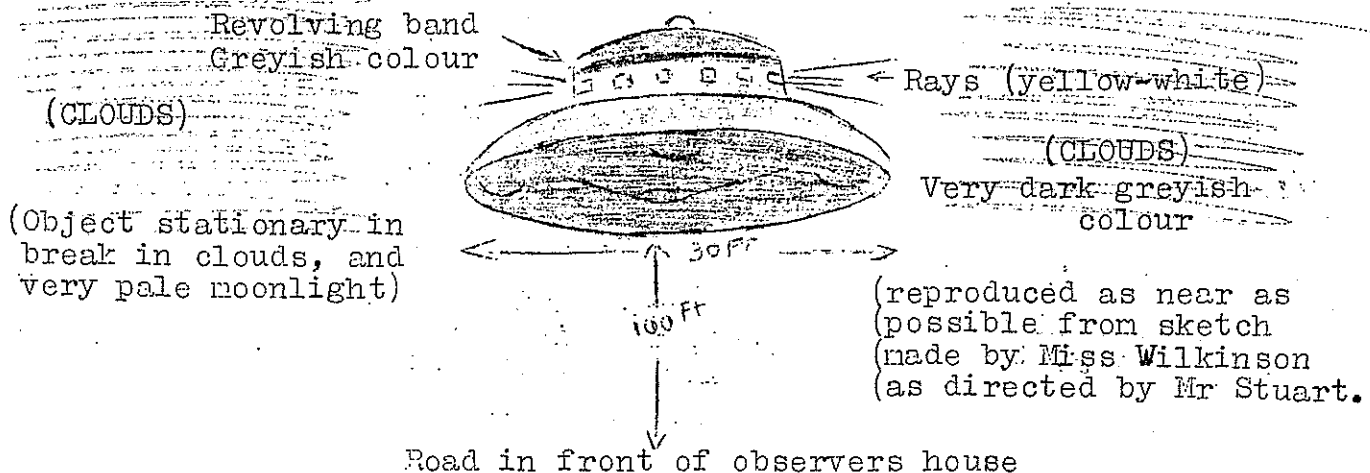
I, John E. Stuart, do hereby solemnly swear that the report, to which I have appended my name, is true in every particular.

I further swear that the object observed by me, and as described in the report, was no figment of the imagination, or was it a dream.

Signed this 19th day of July, 1954

John E. Stuart.

in the presence of
Doreen A Wilkinson.



Auckland. Muruwai Beach 11th July

On Sunday evening 11th July, a group of Air Force personnel, their wives and families, watched a strange moving light out to sea off the coast of Muruwai Beach. The light appeared to fluctuate greatly in intensity and distinctive sideways movement, was apparent. The phenomena was due west of the observers and at about 20 degrees above the horizon. At times the light appeared to be scribing an orbit or revolving. It was white in colour. A number of observers checked the apparent movement against a fixed upright structure, they were sure that the light was moving, it would almost fade out and then appear with renewed brilliance in another position. Some of the personnel who witnessed the phenomenon; Sgts Willis, Yardly and Punter, the wives of the Sgts. Mrs Key and her two children (16 & 17 yrs.) The sky was clear except for small patches of cloud, when the light was temporarily screened by the cloud, it shone through with a hallow effect.

Dargaville 13th July

"Weird and frightening", was the description given by a party of six Dargaville women who saw a huge rocket-like object glide slowly over Dargaville at about 9.50 pm. 13th July. It came from the direction of Whangarei and disappeared in the direction of the west coast. The women were amazed by the slowness of the objects flight and its apparent low altitude. Rocket shaped, yellow in front, followed by bright emerald green. What appeared to be flames were seen leaping from the rear end of the object, which illuminated the countryside over which it travelled. "It was definitely frightening" said one of the women. A resident in Hokianga Road also saw it. He was asleep at the time but was awoken by the bright light from the object. He rushed outside to investigate the illumination, and was in time to see the object disappear over a hill in a manner that suggested to him, would bring the object down to earth. An immediate search of the area failed to locate any sign of the object. (C.S.I. is investigating)

The sketch on the cover of this issue is an artists impression of the airship seen over Kansas City, Chicago U.S.A. on the 10th & 11th April 1898. these cigar shaped craft have been reports for hundreds of years along with discs and other types. The 1898 airship was seen over many parts of the USA that year, and was described as being brilliantly illuminated with two powerful searchlights----- an enormous cigar-shaped object with red and green tail lights.

There has been many reports from overseas recently describing the appearances of cigar-shaped, torpedo, or rocket-like objects, eye-witness accounts tally with the description given by the 7 reported observers in Dargaville N.Z. It is noted that whenever there is reports of flying Saucers "Discs", there is also reports of large cigar shaped objects. According to George Adamski the Cigar-shaped craft are the mother ships, acting as carriers of the various type discs. The mother ship is the space or interplanetary vehicle. As fantastic as Mr Adamski's amazing story may appear to the majority, there is a tremendous amount of evidence that adds real weight to such an actuality.

Auckland July 15th ANOTHER SERIES OF MYSTERY EXPLOSIONS

Six loud explosions were heard in the Point Chevalier-Avondale region about noon yesterday. The cause is not known. Several people reported that the concussion shook windows and "gave us a bit of a scare". Any knowledge of the cause was disclaimed by the Kauri-Point armament base; the Western Springs quarry; the Harbour Board, the Ministry of Works, the City Council; the Railways Department and the Air Force stations at Hobsonville and Whenuapai.

— NEWS OF PROFESSOR ADAMSKI —

We are certain many of our readers will be most interested in late news of George Adamski. Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa, an "Honorary Observer" of C.S.I., resident of Buffalo New York U.S.A., in a letter dated June 24th sends best wishes to all members and correspondents of C.S.I. New Zealand and the following news.

"Speaking of Professor Adamski, "I have had the pleasure of meeting him in Buffalo, have corresponded with him several times and recently talked to him on long distance telephone. Professor Adamski was born in Poland in 1891. He came to the States as a boy and lived in Dunkirk N.Y.; which is a short distance from Buffalo, he later moved to California. He is a pleasant conversationalist--- not a braggart; in fact I should call him a humble man, who believes that one day he will have to face his maker the "Supernatural Judge". Adamski is working on another book on flying saucers, which will probably be published towards the close of this year. The new volume will give confirmatory information as to the materiality of the discs as well as on the humanity and spirituality of their pilots.

As you may have read in the British papers, Pro., Adamski, who is the founder and director of California's "Adamski Interplanetary Research Foundation", lectured on 'Saucers' in Toronto, Canada on June 1 1954. Prior his lecture I phoned him from Syracuse, New York., and asked him if I might inform you of some of the highlights of his forthcoming book. I am glad to tell you that I have received his permission to reveal to you and C.S.I. the following:---

- (1) Professor Adamski has had several personal contacts with the Saucerians.
- (2) The saucer people are humane beings just like you and me. Some are tall others short, still others are of average height.
- (3) He has spent more than 150 clock hours in the company of visiting planetarians.
- (4) Our space visitors are accomplished linguists, and speak many terrestrial languages. Professor Adamski has conversed with one in his own native tongue, Polish.
- (5) The tongue of the visiting planetarians sounds a good deal like "a mixture of Latin and some speech of the Orient.
- (6) Professor Adamski has been in the interior of the scout ship and also visited the internal organs of the "mother craft".
- (7) The smaller 35 foot-diameter scouts are discharged from a controlled opening in the belly of the mother ship, but are allowed to enter the later, through a controlled slot in the upper section of the bigger ship.
- (8) On one occasion the Professor was a guest of the "Diskians" aboard their craft and met outer space travellers from Mars Venus and Saturn. Among the space visitors, he noted male pilots and female co-pilots.
- (9) He explained that the women pilots' presence in the saucer craft was necessary because they are very intuitive and sense danger more quickly than men pilots
- (10) Our air travellers from near and distant planets (a friendly group of people, indeed) are apprehensive over the dangers which we face in this uncertain age of Atom and Hydrogen bombs. They are afraid that we may destroy our kind upon this earth.

Finally says Dr, Benincasa, "What I have mentioned above may sound very fantastic, but Professor Adamski assures me that every word of it is true. When his new work comes out, you will find that he knows what he is talking about.

WE THANK YOU DR. BENINCASA.

LATEST FROM THE AMERICAS

Via Mr C.H. Marcet, C.S.I. "Observer" Colorado U.S.A.

May 10th 1954, Frank Edwards announced over his news commentary programme, "What happened to the flying saucer", Wright Field Dayton, Ohio, has closed the lid on all saucer sightings and developments, Lately in Peru, South America, the people there are seeing the saucers daily, in fact they have seen them so many times they think the saucers have a base nearby. All sighters agree that the discs appear to be interplanetary craft. May 11th--- An article in the "Anchorage Daily" Alaska, states, several people in that area saw some glowing circular objects, Air Force officials stated they had no idea what they were. May 13th. Major Keyhoe guest speaker on Frank Edwards programme stated: In the closing week of March 1954 Secretary of the Air Force, Harold E. Talbott, was on a flight to Palm Springs California, on this flight Talbott's plane was approached by a silvery disc (daylight) to within a 1000 ft below and aft. Sec., Talbott ordered the plane to close in with the silvery disc, when the pilot attempted this the 'Saucer' streaked off and out of sight. Keyhoe also stated, "Two artificial Satellites are going round the earth in space. Government scientists are going to try and find out just what is going on, it is time the peoples new the facts".

July 2. Saucers sightings are really increasing, many are making banner headlines in local papers but are not being put on Wire Services. On May 18th Frank announced-- A news-letter giving all saucer news is about to be published monthly. Director Mr Leonard H. Stringfield, (ex Air Force), P.O. Box 1855 Cincinnati 27, Ohio. Sub 2 Dollars per year. This NewsLetter gives the very latest saucer sightings, Pentagon and Wright Field Developments. On June 8th Mr Stringfield phoned Lt. Col. John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence at Wright Field. In 16 minutes he asked many questions. Here are some of the answers that were published in the July 2 issue, of the News-Letter.

- (1) Average of 700 sightings are reported to the Air Force a week.
- (2) There are 87 cases under "special analysis".
- (3) Over 1000 of the nations leading scientists are working on government saucer projects.
- (4) Dr Clyde Tombough and Dr. Lincoln La Paz are heading the project in White Sands, New Mexico. Here scientists are tracking two artificial satellites circling the earth.
- (5) Secretary Talbott's aircraft was paced by "Unidentified Flying Object" over Fresno California in March 1954.

Letter dated July 10th

Washington D.C. has been visited by saucers several times in the last few months, Shortly after midnight on May 12 1954, Air Police at Washington National Airport watched two large glowing objects, which zipped into view at high speed, made three passes between 12.45 and 2.08 a.m. the following morning. The objects came across the nation's Capital from the northeast, veered off and swung southward. One Air Policeman watched the objects through night glasses. He reported that they were apparently circular in shape, and that they glowed with pulsating lights. Said the Air Force spokesman, don't call them 'Flying Saucers', they are "Unidentified Flying Objects". On the following afternoon an electronics expert was checking some special equipment in Washington. Shortly after 1.p.m. the equipment picked up some sort of huge object at great altitude, approaching the city at a speed of 150-170 m.p.h. It came over the capital at an altitude of 10 miles, moved slowly about and was recorded on the equipment for almost three hours.

OUR NEIGHBOUR AUSTRALIA

Since January 1954 to date of issue, the appearance of "Unidentified object" in Australian skies, has climbed to a figure that can only be expressed as phenomenal. In short, there has been literally thousands of reports and Australian news-papers have gone hardly a day without mention of further incidents, more often than not, the press report would be referring to a number of happenings simultaneously. The government has been officially investigating via the R.A.A.F and Civil Aviation Dept for some years, but never with the openness and seriousness of these last few months.


Mr Edgar R. Jarrold Director of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, has likewise been swamped with thousands of reports from press reported and private sources, sent in by the Bureau's State-wide branches and members. Mr Jarrold is in weekly contact with us and his letters bring a volume of news each issue. Recently Mr Jarrold has received the green light from official quarters, the signs are that A.F.S.B. may not be much longer classed as an unofficial investigating agency. We will not enlarge on this at present, because we do not want to restrict the flow of extremely encouraging news that has recently come the way of A.F.S.B. We strongly recommend to all our readers to send an 8 shilling money-order to A.F.S.B. Headquarters 3 Ferguson Avenue Fairfield Australia and obtain copies of the Bureau's splendid printed Mag. (8/- is sufficient for four issues) (quarterly) C.S.I. has just not the space to print all the Australian sightings of recent months, all the pages of the current June issue could be used up with just a brief reference to a portion of the reports.

England too is receiving her share of reports, and, at about the same date as the very close approaches by mystery flying machines were made to groups of YOUNG people in Melbourne Australia, similar happenings were reported in Hampshire and Somerset, England. It was reported that, the Air Ministry was completely baffled by these reports, because, it was stated, they could not explain it away as any known form of natural phenomena.


Reports are widespread and becoming more frequent daily, recently the BBC News Review featured an interview with Capt James Howard, Capt and chief pilot of a British Overseas Airways Corp. Here is the news report of the particular sighting in case you have not seen it.

FLYING OBJECTS TRAILED AIRLINER, PILOTS REPORT.

London July 1 1954. Crew members of a British airliner reported Wednesday night, their plane was followed for 80 miles by seven weird flying black objects near Goose Bay Labrador. Capt James Howard, pilot of the New York to London airliner said, the mysterious escort vanished when a U.S. Air Force fighter plane came up to investigate. The British Overseas Airways Corp. (BOAC) stratocruiser was at a height of 19,000 ft and about 150 miles southwest of Goose Bay early Wednesday when -- the objects appeared. They flashed into sight suddenly, and were obviously not aircraft as we know them, Howard said. "All appeared black, and I will swear they were solid." They might have been five miles away. They stayed with us for 18 minutes. There was a big central object which appeared to keep changing shape - "Flying Jellyfish" we dubbed it. Sometimes it was wedge shaped, sometimes like a dumbbell, sometimes like a sphere with a tail-like projection. The six smaller objects dodged about, either in front or behind" All ten members of the crew and most of the 51 passengers awake at the time of sighting saw the objects. All were interviewed by U.S. Air Force intelligence.



C.S.I. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS



Since posting out our May 6th news-bulletin, that presented to our readers C.S.I.'s new constitution and for the first time, an invitation to the public, inviting financial membership, many enquires and replies have been received. Today C.S.I. has a membership that is growing fast and threatens to grow faster. Many enquires are also being received following a large article in the "WEEKLY NEWS" July 7th issue, on C.S.I., activities. There is plenty of work in hand for our new assistant secretary Mrs Joy Yeldon.

Membership Cards have been in print for some weeks now, it is hoped to be able to distribute them to in the near future. The cards are of two colour with a "Saucer" half-tone impression in the background.

Approximately a month ago the President of C.S.I. had the pleasure of meeting for the first time, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin Representatives, Branch leaders and associates. The visit was made possible by a special Air Force duty trip to Dunedin. Mr Fulton was the guest of Mr Metcalf, Pres., C.S.I. Dunedin group, whilst in Dunedin for a day, and Mrs E.E. Harber C.S.I. Christchurch Representative and President "N.Z. Interplanetary Society", for 2¹/₂ days. Mr Fulton reports that he had a most enjoyable and extremely interesting visit and wishes to sincerely thank all those concerned for the wonderful hospitality given him. Mr Fulton also had the pleasure of meeting the Editor of "Junior Digest", Mr Dunford, who, a tape recording of a long (made interview. Mention of this appears in July issue of "Junior Digest" and the story of the interview is scheduled to appear in the August number.

C.S.I. sends best regards and a warm welcome to all new members, two of whom have been recently elected to the committee. These are Mrs Joy Yeldon, appointed assistant secretary and Mr Graham West. Committee meetings are held approx once a month as are intentions for general meetings. The first general meeting being scheduled for Tuesday 27th July at 40A Manukau Road, Epsom. Mrs Yeldon has kindly made her home available until a larger attendance demands a hall. Mrs Yeldon will answer phone enquiries on behalf of C.S.I. Phone 60C14. (best time 6pm evenings).

Committee of C.S.I., now stands as follows:- Mr H.H. Fulton Pres., Mrs Joy Yeldon, asst Sec., Mr Geoff Purdeu; Mr Jerry Greager; Mr Del LaVaris; Mr Bill Tennent; Mr Jack Connell; Mr Micheal Hinge and Mr Graham West. The next issue will show list of members.

Apologies are also due for the very late appearance of June issue of our official magazine "Flying Saucers". Absence on duty (Air Force) and many other contributing causes has prevented the editor and producer getting down to work, up to now he has handled all correspondence, research, lectures and numerous other C.S.I. considerations, also - his place of duty is 22 miles from his home and headquarters. However, enough of his excuses, the next issue must appear on time.

ADDRESS YOUR ENQUIRIES TO C.S.I. HEADQUARTERS

To the President or Secretary-----

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More Observers Confirm

"NORTHERN ADVOCATE"

Seeing Strange Object

NOV 6 1954

"I HAVE never seen anything like it in my life."

That is how Mr R. P. Wynniatt, of Onerahi, confirmed statements yesterday by Mrs A. Kasper and Mr John Clark on the strange object they had seen in the Northland sky on Saturday night.

Several other people today added confirmation of the phenomenon.

Mr Wynniatt said he had an ideal view of the object.

He was on top of the hill in Commins Street, Onerahi, when the sun had just disappeared over the horizon. He was not sure of the time.

"I first noticed the object between Hikurangi and Kamo," he said today.

His description of the object was: Cigar-shaped with a steady bright light at the front end, slate-coloured in the centre and a flickering yellow light at the back.

It travelled at a great height at a great speed to disappear into the evening glow over Waipiu.

SIZE OF BIG BOMBER

The "thing" looked about the size of a Super- Fortress bomber.

It travelled a slightly curved course and appeared to rise slightly over the Tangihua Range.

Mr Wynniatt had a 15-second view and had time to call his children and a neighbour.

He first thought the object was a meteor, but soon decided it was not because it was not being attracted to earth.

It did not diminish and the only reason he could not keep in sight was its disappearance into the sunset.

At 7.15 p.m. on Saturday night, Mrs D. Saies, of Moerewa, her neighbour and two children caught sight of the object.

It was travelling east-to-west into the sunset.

"It was like a silver-white rocket," said Mrs Saies today.

"There was no drooping tail and its shape was definite."

There were no stars in the sky at the time.

SEEMED VERY LOW

Up Kaikanui Road, Opuwahanga, Mrs B. Dale was watering her garden about 7.20 p.m.

She looked up and saw the "thing."

"I thought it was very low," said Mrs Dale over the telephone this morning.

"It looked like a glowing ball."

There was no noise and a "bluiey-white" smoke seemed to trail behind.

By the time Mrs Dale had called her husband and children the object had disappeared over a hill.

Mrs H. W. Martin's children let out excited whoops from their Otaika orchard.

They called their mother to see the "shooting star."

But it was no shooting star, according to Mrs Martin when she called at the Advocate office today.

"We have long telephone wires to our house," she said.

"When the object passed over they gave off quite a 'boom' noise."

WHAT WAS IT?

"I wonder what it was?" Mrs Martin asked.

"After reading all the reports I have often thought I would like to see one of them, but I never thought I would."

Mrs Martin saw the object for only a few seconds.

She thought it looked like a star which "flattened out" as it disappeared.

The Martin children were still excited yesterday morning and rushed off to school to tell their teacher.

"When you see one you know there is something in the reports," Mrs Martin said.

Ann Montague (13) of Second Avenue, had a good look at the phenomenon, and was able clearly to describe it.

Mrs E. Steer, next door, and at least four other Second Avenue residents and a visitor from Marlborough, also caught a glimpse.

Mr G. Brocas, of Hikurangi rang to say he had heard a lot about flying saucers, but he had previously not put too much credence in them.

During his experience at sea he had seen plenty of "queer things," including meteors and shooting stars.

There was no doubt in his mind "about this one."

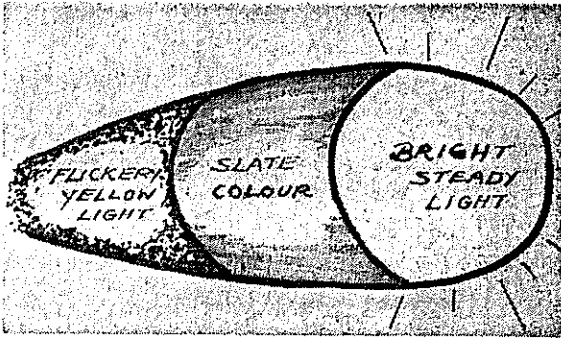


Diagram of "the thing" drawn from Mr Wynniatt's description.

Its steady speed convinced Mr Brocas that it was something well out of the ordinary.

The object appeared to be covered light; there was a semi-circular and darker patch further back.

A light seemed to precede the object—just like the bow of a boat cutting through the water.

A Maori family up the road had also seen it. They were very excited.



Eighteen-year-old Donald Ross and his sister, 13-year-old Beverley, were burning scrub on their father's 70-acre holding at Sherwood Rise when what they now firmly believe to be a "flying saucer" flashed across the sky.

It came in a blue streak from over the Whangarei Heads and vanished above Portland.

They described it as an oval-shaped object, about the size of a half-full moon, bluish in colour and emitting blue flames and sparks from its sides.

It was about 7.30 p.m.—with dusk closing deeply into night—when they spotted the object.

Their father, Mr S. A. Ross, who was working nearby, was called to look at the object, but it had vanished before he located it.

Both Donald and Beverley tell identical stories of its appearance.

It came in a rising arc over the Heads, seemed to dip, and vanished like the switching off of an electric light in the sky above Portland.

From that moment until today, the family has talked over the phenomenon with the result that now they are firmly convinced the object was a flying saucer.

Strange Objects Over Hamilton

HAMILTON, Tue. (P.A.)—Strange objects have been reported in Hamilton skies.

A man reported today that at 7.28 p.m. on Saturday, while travelling with his wife and two children in his car on the main street, he saw a strange-looking object travelling from east to west across the northern sky at a terrific speed.

He said it looked like a tennis ball with an elongated tail, and that it had strong lights underneath but was in shadow on top, and was travelling fast and straight.

His wife and children also saw the object, which was visible for some seconds before disappearing behind a bank of dark clouds.

It was not a meteor or an aircraft, they said.

Later a letter was received in the mail from an 11-year-old boy which said: "On Saturday evening at 7.30 p.m., while travelling from Hillcrest to Hamilton, my father and I saw a strange brightly-lit object going eastwards very high and travelling fast."

"It was like a huge cigar, only the end went off into a long tail. It had a bright white light in the forward part and the middle of it."

"At first we thought it was an air freighter, but it had no wings and was travelling too fast."

The letter was countersigned by the boy's father.

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FURTHER REPORTS OF STRANGE OBJECT SEEN IN HAMILTON SKY

WAIKATO TIMES.
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The published report yesterday of a strange object seen over Hamilton by three different groups of people on Saturday evening has brought more reports from other people who saw the same object than in any other previous report of "flying saucers." And in most of the cases, as in the three yesterday, the people concerned were quite prepared to give their names.

The first ring this morning came from Mrs C. Paterson, of St. Winifred's Avenue. She reported that she, her husband and two friends, Mr and Mrs B. McMahon, were standing in Victoria Street when she noticed a most peculiar object flashing across the northern sky from east to west. "Look, a falling star!" she exclaimed, although as she said it she realised that falling stars do not travel horizontally at great speed. Her husband and friends turned to where she was facing and they also saw it. They, too, were positive it was not a falling star.

Time Coincides

Mrs Paterson described the object as cigar-shaped with a bulbous nose, but it was not "hot" looking like a star or meteor but was a water-white colour. The time was exactly 7.28 p.m., as reported by the other people, and it was easily checked as Mrs Paterson was standing in front of a business clock in the street.

Mrs A. Watson, of Ulster Street, and Mrs Orwood, of Plumket Terrace, were two other Hamilton residents who saw the same object at the same time and they agreed with the previous descriptions of it. Both were sure it was not an aircraft, a meteor or a falling star. Another resident, however, said that from Tainui Street she saw a very strange object in the northern sky at 6.50 p.m., over half an hour before the other sightings. She described it as bright orange with a bluish light. Four neighbours also saw it at that time.

Against Wind

Mr R. E. R. Grimmitt, of River Road, also rang this morning to say that his daughter saw the "saucer" at the same time as the other witnesses. She called her father's attention to the object, but it had disappeared by the time he looked. She said it was travelling approximately horizontally and was about the same size as a chimney-pot at 50 yards' distance. An interesting point was that it was travelling in the opposite direction to the clouds at the time, and the prevailing wind.

Mr K. Hawkins and Mrs H. Wilson, of Victoria Street, also confirmed the report. They had seen the object flash across the sky. Although they saw it only for a second, they described it as being bright gold in colour and tapering from front to rear.

Seen From Te Awamutu

"I definitely would not say it was a flying saucer that I saw but it was a very strange object that was neither an aircraft nor a falling star," said Mr R. M. Tompkins, of Hamilton, today in confirming that he witnessed the phenomenon. Mr Tompkins said he was in camp near Te Awamutu and at the time was on a hill overlooking the countryside. He was looking toward where some of the members of the 4th Medium Regiment had gone when the object caught his eye.

"It appeared like a string of four to five bright lights, but I could not see any shape behind them as some people have described," he said. "It moved very smoothly and rapidly across the sky, far too rapidly for an aircraft and too straight and smoothly for a falling star. After the reports by people who had seen it in the northern sky from Hamilton, the most puzzling thing is that it looked from Te Awamutu as if it were no further away than Ohaupo. It was a minute or two before 7.30 p.m."

Mr Tompkins said there was no one near him at the time but he later heard that three other members of the regiment had seen the object at the same time.

FLYING SAUCER SEASON STARTS

HAMILTON, Today (PA).—For the first time for many months strange objects have been reported over Hamilton skies. A man reported today that at 7.28pm on Saturday, while travelling with his wife and two children in his motor-car up the main street, he saw a strange-looking object travelling from east to west across the northern sky at a terrific speed.

He said it looked like a tennis ball with an elongated tail. What impressed him was that it had definite strong lights underneath, but was in shadow on top and travelling fast and straight. His wife and two children also saw the object, which was visible for some seconds before disappearing behind a bank of dark clouds.

It was definitely not a meteor, a falling star, or an aircraft, according to the man and his family.

According to a Press Association message from Whangarei a strange object was seen in Whangarei skies on Saturday night by Mr. R. P. Wynne, of Onerahi.

"I have never seen anything like it in my life," he said. Several other people confirmed having seen the object, which passed at a great height and at great speed. The observers were definite that the object was not an ordinary meteor.

"FLYING SAUCER" WAS METEORIC ROCK, SAYS CITY ASTRONOMER

WAIKATO TIMES.

The "flying saucer" which was seen over Hamilton on Saturday night was not a flying saucer at all, according to Mr Allan Bryce, president of the Hamilton Astronomical Society. Mr Bryce states this in a letter to the Editor of the Waikato Times.

Mr Bryce, who says the object seen was a lump of meteoric rock from outer space hurtling so fast through the stratosphere that it became white hot, expresses the hope that readers will not be too disappointed that the men from Mars had feet of clay—or shall we say meteoric ash.

Descriptions of Object

"Though I did not see it, I have been interested in reading the reports of the 'strange object' seen in the skies over Hamilton on Saturday evening about 7.30," says Mr Bryce. "The descriptions published are quite good and seem to be reasonably factual, but I notice that most of the reports specifically exclude the possibility that the object was a meteor. This makes me wonder, for from my experience in the observing and recording of the appearance and paths of many meteors I would have no hesitation in accepting the phenomena your correspondents have described as those usually associated with an ordinary meteor, of which millions enter the earth's atmosphere every day.

"There is nothing unusual in its horizontal path, nor its colour, nor brightness, nor shape, nor speed. Meteors can and do vary in an almost infinite variety of ways in all those particulars.

"If its apparent path among the stars could have been plotted as seen from Hamilton and compared with the path as observed from Te Awamutu, its true path across New Zealand could have been calculated and its meteoric nature would doubtless have been confirmed. Such simultaneous observations are, however, very difficult to achieve, but they have been done often enough to enable many real paths to be calculated and they always prove to be the parabolic tracks of meteors entering and falling through the Earth's atmosphere.

"While we all hope to see a flying saucer some day, I feel that this one should be debunked while it is still hot. It was no saucer but a lump of meteoric rock from outer space hurtling so fast through the stratosphere that it became white hot.

High Speed

"Its speed of 30 or 40 miles per second would cause the molten surface to stream off behind it, and this together with the associated envelope of glowing gas formed the 'cigar-shaped body.' The horizontal track low in the north indicated that it probably passed overhead at a spot possibly hundreds of miles north of Hamilton at a height of perhaps 50 to 80 miles.

"The distance such an object travels in the few seconds it is visible can be remarkable, and in this instance was probably not less than 100 miles.

"Flying Saucers certainly have their points (and their ardent supporters), but I think meteors in their own little way have something too."

"Flying Saucer" Reported Over Tauranga

Another report of what is considered could be a "flying saucer" has been received by the Bay of Plenty Times, this time from a Tauranga resident, Mr D. Burrett. He said that a strange phenomenon in the form of a cylindrical or spherical shining object was seen by him and several other people at about 11.40 a.m. yesterday travelling in a south-westerly direction and attaining a great altitude. After about 10 minutes the object changed direction and disappeared to the north still travelling rapidly.

Mr Burrett makes no claim that the object was a "flying saucer" but suggests that it could have been, or alternatively that it was a balloon released, perhaps, by a practical joker.

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FLYING SAUCER REPORTED OVER DUNEDIN

GREY RIVER ARGUS.

P.A. DUNEDIN, Nov. 4.

The first flying saucer reports for months came into the Grey River Times last night in a steady stream. All tallied as to time, but there were widely varying descriptions given. Most coherent account was given by three members of the R.N.Z.A.F., serving at Taieri, at least one of whom is familiar with the sight of jet aircraft flying at supersonic speeds.

They described a brilliant white light, with no apparent solid substance, which swept over Taieri and disappeared in the direction of Invercargill.

"It is naturally hard to estimate speeds, but it was travelling well above the speed of sound—possibly at about 1000 m.p.h.," said one of the airmen.

"It appeared to be between 1000 and 1500 feet up, though once again it is hard to be precise, especially as we saw it for only about four seconds. It made no sound."

Most extraordinary thing about this aerial phenomenon is that everyone who saw it agrees that it was flying straight. A Brighton man suggested that it was white and looked very much larger than an orange—more the size of a football. It trailed white sparks.

More elaborate reports came from some youths at Lookout Point who saw "an orange-coloured flying saucer with blue portholes," which came from over the peninsula and disappeared over Saddle Hill.

A boy said it looked like a football with portholes and had a shower of sparks in its wake.

DREDGE WORKERS SIGHT "FLYING SAUCER" OVER ARAHURA

A small luminous object travelling in a south-easterly direction was reported seen over the Arahura district shortly after 11.30 o'clock last evening by four dredge workers.

Mr H. Arnerich stated this morning that the object was in full view of the men for about two minutes. It appeared to be rotating and the colour changed several times.

The Southside Meteorological Office advised this morning that a meteorological balloon was released at 10.30 p.m. and the light would have gone out by the time the object was reported over Arahura.

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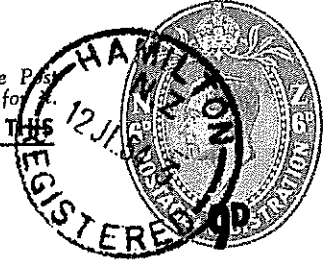
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Flying saucers: Some may be man-made

SYDNEY.—A distinguished visiting scientist thinks 90 per cent of the flying saucer reports are imaginary. "But," he said, "I'm not sure about the others."

He is Professor Otto Struve, a 55-year-old, six-foot, Russian-born scientist, head of astronomical research at the University of California, who is here to advise on developments and research in Australia.

"These things are not from another planet, and Russia is not making them," he said.

"They might be man-made, so there might be a simple explanation. Whatever it is, I don't think there is anything sinister about their origin."

As in Melbourne at the moment, a wave of interest was sweeping the United States as saucer reports poured in.

"Cannot be disregarded"

"The reports cannot be disregarded," he said. "Reliable scientists have seen unexplained phenomena. Deflection of light had been responsible for many reports and some prototype American planes almost circular in shape were mistakenly identified."

He said possible explanations for the "wrong 90 per cent." of reports were:

- Objects seen at night could be meteors—the high speed ones give off a green-blue light.
- Patches of fog or cloud lit by light reflected from the setting sun.

One "flying saucer" he saw himself in California proved to be sun-lit fog when seen through an observatory telescope.

Space subjects

Discussing other space subjects Professor Struve said—

Spacemen—The nearest planet that could support life similar to that on Earth is 10,000 billion miles away, and what life there is on other planets is not intelligent. Earth has not had any visitors from space yet.

Rockets—It will take 25 years to develop a rocket to carry man from Earth to the planets, although by 1964 a rocket to the moon might be possible. Interplanetary rockets would be too costly ever to be justified.

Earth Satellites—For about 3,000,000 dollars scientists could produce an artificial earth satellite—probably a rocket—to send into space, and move indefinitely in an orbit around the earth.

Professor Struve said Australia was a perfect place to star-gaze because the Milky Way was right over us.

Australian physicists led the world in radio-astronomy—a kind of high-plane radar.

The professor is to work at the National Observatory at Canberra.

'FLYING CIGAR' REPORT

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The first "flying cigar" reported in Brussels—fluorescent and moving very slowly from east to west—disappeared after about three minutes behind a cloud tonight, according to several eye-witnesses who included a journalist, M. Edouard Gautier.—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 1am.)

'Flying Objects Thought New Secret Weapon

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Reuter's Belgrade correspondent says that a Yugoslav scientist suggested today that seven "flying saucers" reported to have been seen over the northern and central part of the country yesterday were "some new secret weapon of the Americans or the Russians."

Mr. Peter Djorkovic, assistant director of the Belgrade Astronomical Observatory, said the objects could not have been parts of a meteor, "but must be some technical contrivance."

The Yugoslav Air Force today investigated reports from many parts of the country that up to seven "flying saucers" were seen early yesterday. They were variously described as pear-shaped, cigar-shaped, and round, while their colour shadings were given as blue, green, orange, and white.

He said their steady flight along a straight line to the horizon excluded the possibility of their being meteors. Besides, he added, "They left traces of their rockets' exhaust."

The Yugoslav Air Force would have to find out whether they were not perhaps some new secret weapon of the Americans or the Russians, Mr. Djorkovic stated.—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 11 am.)

"SAUCERS" DID NOT GET COMETS Expert laughs at suggestion

"AUCKLAND STAR"

23 OCT 1954

LONDON, Friday.— Suggestions that the Comet which met disaster in the Mediterranean in January might have been hit by "flying saucers, gremlins, or any other strange things of the air" were dismissed by the director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, Sir Arnold Hall.

At the official inquiry in London today, the Attorney-General, Sir Lionel Heald, asked "Is there any possibility the Comet could have been shot down by an aeroplane from, say, Mars?"

Sir Arnold raised laughter by replying, "Unless they use ammunition very different from ours, I would have expected to find some evidence of that in the wreckage."

Experts were closely questioned at the inquiry on cracks—alleged to have been formed during manufacture of the plane—found in the metal of the Comet which crashed in January.

Sir Arnold Hall said his scientists found the cracks when they examined the wreckage of the Comet called Yoke Peter. He said he believed they had been formed during the process of manufacture because they had been drilled to stop their propagation.

Of the cracks he said, "They have accelerated the onset of fatigue, but I do not think they caused the accident in any direct sense at all. I cannot eliminate that fatigue might have been brought on a little earlier."

Both the Comets which met disaster (with the loss of 56 lives) had flown longer than their "safe fatigue life."

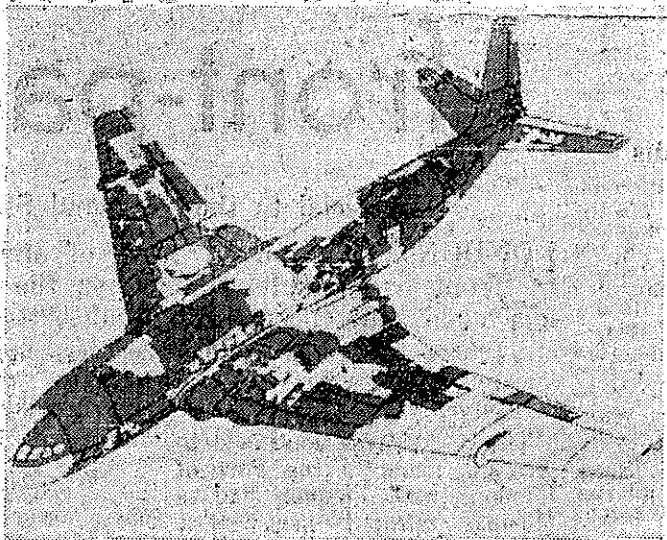
The inquiry was adjourned till Monday.—N.Z.P.A.—Reuter.

Round the bend

PORT ERIE (Ontario), Friday.—Mr Herman Eldridge, aged 51, of Buffalo, New York, wrecked his car on October 11 when it went off the road at a curve near Port Erie.

He was fined this week for careless driving. He drove back in a new car to collect the bail money he had put up when he was arrested.

He approached the same curve and wrecked the second car.



The shaded area in the diagram shows pieces of the Comet airliner recovered from the sea near Elba and pieced together at the Farnborough research station. (Picture by radio and air.)

France's New National Disease is Flying Saucer Fever

20 OCT 1954

"TARANAKI HERALD"

FRANCE, the land of logic, is in the full grip of the fever of flying saucers and of little men in space helmets, who make friendly, if unintelligible, advances to startled peasants, or nail them to the spot with a hypnotic "green ray," writes June Goddard, from Paris.

For the last 10 days there have been innumerable flying saucer reports from peasants, doctors, milkmen, butchers, farmers, housewives, gendarmes, teachers, from the Channel coast to the Mediterranean, from the Pyrenees to the Ardennes, from Brittany to Alsace.

According to all these witnesses, the sky over France is ulight with sparkling yellow "saucers," bluish globes, "flying cigars" (once as dramatically reported from Mulhouse in Alsace, surrounded by "12 little cheroots"), plain aluminium "saucers," luminous "cigars," 10 "saucers" which seemed to perform a sort of ballet in the sky, and sometimes just plain "mysterious machines."

Unlike earlier flying saucers, those reported hovering over France fly low, sometimes at about 600ft., and do not flash across the sky, but remain in view for as long as 15 minutes, or remain apparently immobile.

They variously spit flames, form luminous curtains of light, change colour, land and take off vertically without a sound.

SCIENTISTS SHAKEN

Many French scientists, hitherto sceptical on the flying saucer question, are reported to be somewhat shaken by the multiplicity of reports, and by the fact that some are group observations, or individual reports which tally with others received from adjacent regions.

On the subject of little men or Martians, they reiterate that astronomers have never made any observations which could indicate a high form of life on Mars. They point out that Mars is a thousand million years older than the earth, and that, if life did once exist there, it probably disappeared in the pink icy deserts which appear now to abound on the planet.

The protagonists of the flying saucers and the little men from Mars have been greatly encouraged by an article in the serious technical journal, "Forces Aeriennes Francaises" (French Air Forces) written by a young aeronautical engineer, Lieut. J. Plantier, and approved by an engineer-in-chief of the Air Ministry. Lieut. Plantier does not take sides, but merely demonstrates theoretically and by mathematical study that all the phenomenal behaviour attributed to flying saucers is perfectly

explicable if such machines were using cosmic ray energy.

Lieut. Plantier shows that the reports that flying saucers remain motionless in the sky, accelerate from immobility to 10,000 m.p.h. in a few seconds, without any noise, and that living beings can fly in them without being harmed by the acceleration, are completely logical. If it is admitted that energy of cosmic rays has been harnessed and that machines can fly at the speed of light,

DAILY REPORTS

Irrespective of the views of scientists, however, Frenchmen and women continue to report daily appearances of saucers or cigars and their encounters with the space men.

First reaction of the honest French citizen in the face of any unusual happening or danger—including, it seems, phenomena from outer space—is to inform the gendarmes.

Accordingly, in villages and towns, bold gendarmes have been "alerted" as the French Press has it, and have been kept busy checking reports and examining alleged flying saucer landing areas for "traces." Two gendarmes at Chateauroux in Central France themselves saw three luminous green flying objects.

Their police training immediately asserted itself, and they stopped a motor-car driver and a cyclist so that they too could look and bear witness. Then the gendarmes made out a full report.

The only tangible evidence to date of a landing is that produced by M. Marius Dewilde, a 28-year-old metal worker in the north near Valenciennes.

M. Dewilde, a young man with a hairline moustache, a long—and it must be admitted, humorous—face, said he first saw the "Martians" from his garden near the railway line.

"Two little beings not more than three feet high," he reported, "each wearing a sort of diving suit with metal helmet, were standing near a 'flying cigar,' which had landed on the railway sleepers."

M. Dewilde had no chance to shake hands or welcome the visitors in the name of the Fourth Republic for, as soon as they saw him, they hypnotised him with a "green ray" while they leapt into their machine which, of course, took off vertically in a thick cloud of smoke without making a sound.

Next day the gendarmes, "alerted" at once by M. Dewilde, and two inspectors of the Air Force police, found a series of strange regular marks on the railway sleepers, which could have been caused by the "saucer" in landing.

Most intimate contact with the space men was reported by M. Antoine Mazaud, a farmer, aged 58, with a bushy grey moustache, who lives near Limoges in the Massif central plateau of France.

M. Mazaud alleges that a "Martian" about three feet high emerged from a "flying cigar" and began to talk in an unintelligible tongue. When he realised that M. Mazaud could not understand him, he kissed the farmer on the cheek.

M. Mazaud's argumentative fellow-countrymen, questioning this strange story, immediately wanted to know why a creature from another world should adopt the habit—not even universal on earth, they pointed out—of kissing.

"It is surprising that he did not pin a medal on your chest and kiss you on both cheeks," they scoffed.

In view of this unsympathetic response to M. Mazaud's story, it is not surprising, therefore, that M. Yves David, a farmer of Chateauroux, concealed for some days the fact that he had been touched on the arm by a "space man" before being momentarily hypnotised by the "green ray" like M. Dewilde.

M. David was afraid of being laughed at, he said, but eventually asked a friend if anyone else had seen the space man. The friend spread the news and, of course, told the gendarmes.

Two women in the Yonne department gave independent reports of having seen a strange machine in a clearing with a pilot standing beside it. Neither stayed to investigate, however.

PARIS LAUGHS

Daily the stories continue. No Parisians have yet reported an encounter with a "Martian," although, as the wits point out, you would expect them to land on the "Champs de Mars" ("Field of Mars"), the esplanade in front of the military school.

Cartoonists are fully exploiting the "Martian" and flying saucer season. One, in true Gallic vein, has drawn the classic wronged husband who returns home unexpectedly. He has thrown open the cupboard door to reveal a strange little figure in a spaceman's suit and helmet, and is saying to his guilty wife, cowering in bed: "And that, I suppose, you'll tell me, is a Martian."

Most celebrated flying saucer "spotter" to date in Paris is film star Michele Morgan, who reported seeing one near the Eiffel Tower at about 10 p.m.

When Mademoiselle Morgan later complained of the flood of telephone calls from fans and friends who wanted to hear further details, her mother made the dry and essentially French comment: "You lost a good opportunity that was to hold your tongue."

SOURCE OF SAUCERS

FLYING SAUCERS have been superseded by flying cigars—next we may have flying tramicars. But why scoff? Too many people the world over have observed these aerial visitants for them to be mere imagination. Air Forces of several nations have recorded the passage of these alien craft; pursuing jets have been left wallowing in the vapour-trails of mysterious machines to whom supersonic velocities are just low gear. Baffled officialdom burles its head in the sand, squeaking muffled defiance. "No such things—just meteors, or hallucinations, or something." But hallucinations don't leave tracks on radar screens. Sooner or later we shall have to admit the existence of these space-craft and face up to the real question: Do they come from outer space or from some secret eyrie on our own world?

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"The flying bed-knob"

CHATEAUMONT, Thursday.—M. André Narcy, a 48-year-old road-mender of Mertrud, Eastern France, today claims he saw a man sit tall take off in a "flying bed-knob" as he motor cycled to work yesterday.

M. Narcy says the thing was spherical, orange coloured, and about 30ft across, with a sort of spindle sticking out underneath. It was in a field by the side of the road.—N.Z.P.A.—Reuter.

Flying Saucers

Said To Be

Lightning Balls

HAMBURG, October 5.—An eminent German astronomer, Herr Hans Hafner, has put forward the theory that flying saucers—apart from those which can be classed as hallucinations or reflections in the air—are balls of lightning at great heights. In an article in the West German weekly newspaper Die Zeit, he said that this theory fitted in with all the reports received so far about flying saucers. "Let there be an end to the flying saucer psychosis," he wrote. "The flying saucers are definitely a natural phenomenon within the layer of air surrounding the earth."

Herr Hafner, professor of astronomy at Hamburg University and section chief of the Hamburg-Bergedorf Observatory, declared that all flying saucers seen so far could be classified in four groups:

1. Hallucinations—which are more frequent than commonly believed.
2. Illusions even of the eye of a camera. Alleged photographs of flying saucers are reflections often observed when pictures are taken against the sun.
3. Weather balloons mistaken for flying saucers.
4. Truly "unknown flying objects."

All the objects in group four could be explained by what was known so far about balls of lightning. These, he said, occur rarely and photographs exist of only two or three.

Similar Description.

Description of the size, shape, speed and manner of revolution, movement colour, gleam, duration, electrical composition and manner of dissolution of these balls are "remarkably similar" to the reports of flying saucers, according to Professor Hafner. Most balls of lightning occur at heights of less than 600ft, and have a diameter of between 3 and 40 inches. But because more energy is released if lightning occurs at greater heights, balls occurring at high altitudes are naturally bigger. Balls with a diameter of 750ft, have been observed at a height of six miles.

Professor Hafner said that because they rotate balls of lightning are often flattened out. Reports about flying saucers have spoken of cigar or disc-shaped objects. These reports also stated that the flying saucers were rotating. Balls of lightning often emitted brilliantly shining rays. Reports of flying saucers speak of "streams of bullets" being sent out by the saucers. Balls of lightning are liable to change shape and direction within a split second—as do flying saucers. The changes in the direction of balls of lightning are easily explained by the influence of electrical fields and by the effect when one side of a ball cools more quickly than the other.

Finally balls of lightning always "disintegrate" suddenly, sometimes silently, sometimes with a big bang. This might account for the mysterious disappearance and crashing of an American fighter pilot, Captain T. Mantell, on January 7, 1948, after he had chased a flying saucer. Professor Hafner suggests that Captain Mantell may have collided with an exploding ball of lightning.—Reuter.

FARMER CLAIMS ENCOUNTER WITH MARTIAN

LONDON, October 28.—Aime Bousard, a 47-year-old farmer of Ambusson, Central France, has reported to the police an encounter on the road with a "Martian" creature, who paralysed him for 10 minutes.

"Suddenly I was blown from one side of the road to the other and stayed there for 10 minutes without being able to shout or call for help," said Bousard. He added that during this time two powerful lamps with strong, pale-blue light were shone at him by the creature, which also had a light green lamp on either side of its head.

Bousard described the creature as about five feet tall and wearing something like a diving suit. "At last the blue light went out," he said. "The being crossed the road and vanished. I felt pains in my legs and right hand, and can still feel them."

Police who went to the spot found freshly-disturbed earth and turf torn up over an area of about two feet, but no trace of footprints.—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 11am).

Flying Saucers Banned By Mayoral Decree

AVIGNON (France), Oct. 28.—The mayor of Chateaufeu du Pape, a wine village near Avignon, has banned by decree all "flying saucers" and "flying cigars" from his municipality of 1600 people. He ordered the rural constable to impound any that might land.

The mayor said that a municipal decree was found necessary, "considering that the presence on the territory of the community of Chateaufeu du Pape of air ships called 'flying saucers' or 'flying cigars' could be dangerous; that, moreover, it would be of a nature to disturb public order and the tranquility of the inhabitants."

Last year another village near Avignon, Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, banned by mayoral decree the exploding of atomic bombs on its territory.

French Mayoral Decree Bans "Flying Saucers"

AVIGNON (France), October 28 (Rec. 9 p.m.).—The mayor of Chateau-Neuf-du-Pape, a wine village near Avignon, has banned by decree all "flying saucers" and "flying cigars" from his municipality of 1600 people. He ordered the rural constable to impound any that might land.

The mayor, M. Jeune, said that a municipal decree was found necessary "considering that the presence on the territory of the community of Chateau-Neuf-du-Pape of air ships called 'flying saucers' or 'flying cigars' could be dangerous; that, moreover, it would be of a nature to disturb public order and the tranquility of the inhabitants." The decree reads:

"Article 1. The flights, landings and take-offs of air ships called 'flying saucers' or 'flying cigars' of any nationality are forbidden on the territory of the community of Chateau-Neuf-du-Pape.

"Article 2. Any air ship called a 'flying saucer' or 'flying cigar' which lands on the territory of the community of Chateau-Neuf-du-Pape will be immediately impounded.

"Article 3. The rural constable is charged with carrying out the present decree."

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CLAIM MADE IN BROADCAST

Flying Saucermen Reported Captive

FLYING saucers have not only landed, but there are some, with their crews, in captivity at a U.S. air base, says Mr. Glyn T. Benjamin, Central African representative of the Flying Saucer Club of Britain.

In a broadcast from Salisbury, Rhodesia, some weeks ago, which was reported in the Salisbury "Sunday Mail," he quoted a letter he had received from Professor Mead Layne, head of a research group in San Diego, California:—

"There are landed discs now at Muroc Lake Air Base, California. Our technicians have examined these craft with the aid of the spacemen themselves, and can make nothing of them, either of the metal, mechanism, or propulsion.

President Eisenhower visited this air base secretly while at Palm Springs, California, lately.

'Sounds incredible'

"It all sounds incredible, but it happens to be factual as we have verified this."

Mr. Benjamin also quoted an extract from a letter written to him by Desmond Leslie, a British flying saucer expert:—

"I can assure you from high-level talks I have had here that the authorities are taking a very sensible

and serious attitude towards these investigations, but are quite rightly reserving their public announcement until they have something tangible to show the unthinking mass of voters."

Mr. Benjamin quoted Professor Mead Layne as saying that to know more about flying saucers, the public would have to be prepared to receive information "of a metaphysical nature."

A photograph

Accompanying the report was a photograph showing two raincoated Earthmen each holding a hand of a diminutive figure wearing a type of vest, a sleeveless upper garment and calf-length boots. One of five photographs printed by a Cologne newspaper, according to the "Sunday Mail," its caption read: "Only 75cm. high is this man from Mars. The War Department declares: 'It is not proven that he comes from Mars, but it is positive that he came from one of the planets of our solar system or a neighbouring star.'"

'TALKED TO PILOT'

More Light (?)

On

Flying Saucers

TOULON, Oct. 18 (Rec. 9.30am).

—Two French motor-cyclists swore at Toulon today that they had talked to the "pilot" of a flying saucer parked in the middle of Hyeres-Toulon road on the night of October 14.

The two men, Mario Rapellini and Pierre Ottoviani, told the police they found the flying saucer was a circular object with two legs resting on the ground. It had a bulge on top and two ear-like openings at the side.

As they gingerly approached, they said, a medium-sized man, "dressed in grey overalls of some strange material stepped out."

The following conversation took place in French:—

Rapellini: "Are you a Martian?"
Stranger: "No, I'm French. Where am I?"

They told the "pilot" where he was. He re-entered his machine through a "triangular opening," a stream of vapour issued from the saucer, it rose slowly vertically into the air as its motor roared up. It then streaked off at great speed, leaving an orange glow in its wake.—N.Z.P.A.—Reuter.

Police Prowl For 'Saucers'

VIENNA, Oct. 18 (Rec. 11am).

Herr Josef Holaubek, the Vienna Police President, has instructed his men to report immediately all stories of "flying saucers" and "visitors from another planet."—N.Z.P.A.—Reuter.

Rockets Superseding Flying Saucers?

EVENING STAR (Pm)

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Flying saucers may be on the way out if the object claimed to have been seen in the north-eastern sky last night was not an illusion. For 20 minutes a man, seated upon the roof of his washhouse, noted the gyrations of a rocket-shaped "thing" as it climbed and turned about. He even saw the spurts of light emitted from the "jets" of the strange craft.

For the observer, Mr D. A. Medcalf, president of the Dunedin branch of the Civilian Saucer Investigators, it was the highlight of a hum-drum day. He was perched on the tin roof of his washhouse on one of his routine watches, which all members of the saucer observing group share, when a flickering light drew his attention to the north-east sky.

"I hadn't watched this area for some time, but the dodging light and the flickering on and off of the "thing" caught my eye as I turned to look at my cabbage patch below me. I watched as the thing hovered, dashed inside, and brought out my special night glasses to get a better view," he said this morning.

"Back on the roof again, I focused the glasses, and at once saw that it was not an ordinary flying saucer. It was a glowing silver colour, and it hovered in the sky, like a wobbling, shifting star. At times the movements were so erratic and jerky that I became giddy watching.

"Most of the time it was practically circular, but every now and then it changed its position, and I saw a definite rocket-shaped nose on the craft, as it raced northwards, high in the sky above the sea.

"The movement of the object seemed similar to that of a rocket," he said. "Then it shot south with

definite white and blue explosions at the stern and it could be seen jerking forward with every explosion, like a water boatman (a water insect) darting ahead in a pool. One explosion lasted about a second and it lit up the sky about it. On each occasion it carried out these strange aerobatics, the thing returned almost to the same spot it had started from, except when it finally dashed across the orbit of my glasses and disappeared from sight away to the south-east," he said.

Mr Medcalf jumped from the washhouse roof and raced inside to note the phenomena he had witnessed. It was the second time he had seen a strange object in the sky, and the only thing he was sorry about was that he has no camera capable of taking photographs at night.

"This will keep me interested. I've watched until four in the morning for four weeks and I was beginning to lose heart. I only hope someone else saw it, as I want to compile notes for the Dominion Saucer Investigations Group," he said.

Footnote: The Meteorological Department released a special balloon last night, but the department was sure that it would be out of sight at 12.15 a.m., when the rocket was seen. The Industries Fair officials said this morning that the rocket in the Concert Chamber was not chained to the ground last night.

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'Flying Saucer Circus' Pays A Visit To Lyons

LYONS, Sept. 30 (Rec. 10am).—A "flying saucer circus" has visited the skies around Lyons, according to four separate reports from eye-witnesses.

One, a farmer, 28-year-old Yves David, of Châtellerault, insisted that he was actually touched by a "burbling" creature in a spacesuit who paralysed him momentarily with a green ray and made off in a trail of sparks.

Dr. M. Martinet, of Chambéry, a former artillery observer, backed up by 15 witnesses, said he saw a dark grey mass hovering over the mountains at an altitude of about 6000 feet.

The doctor said that when the grey mass lost height it appeared "in the shape of a plate bottomside up," light in colour, with dark patches all round. Then it "shot away like lightning and disappeared."

A Valence woman said she saw a "flying saucer" making a whistling noise in a field. She rushed to find witnesses, but the "saucer" had disappeared when they returned, leaving a circle of crops nine feet across broken down as if something had landed there.

Otaguhu Council Threatens 'Strong Action'

AUCKLAND, Today (PA).—The predominantly Labour Otaguhu Borough Council has told the national secretary of the Labour Party (Mr. A. J. Macdonald) that it will "take strong action" if the party's candidate for Otaguhu, Mr. J. M. Deas, persists in attacking the council in his election campaign.

The council's warning has been prompted by the circulation by an Otaguhu Labour organisation of a pamphlet in which quoted comments by Mr. Deas, the council alleges, are "deliberately calculated to belittle the council and its members to the political and personal advantage of a candidate."

The council has instructed its Clerk, Mr. J. R. (son) to write to the national secretary

Retired Frenchman Built "Flying Saucers" As Joke

PARIS, October 6 (Rec. 12.30 a.m.).—A retired miner built many of hundreds of the "flying saucers" reported in the sky near Lille, North France, recently, police said yesterday, just for a joke.

The miner made his "saucers" out of strong grey paper on the fire balloon principle. After paraffin-soaked rags had been lit, the warm air lifted the saucers, some about 10 feet in diameter, and off they went into the wind, displaying orange and yellow lights.

The miner, whose name was not disclosed, claimed he had made more than 1000 "saucers."

Police found him out after one landed near a haystack and nearly set it on fire.

But "flying saucer" sightings continue.

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Six Red Discs Over The Mountains

KLAGENFURT (Austria), Oct. 3 (Rec. 1pm).—Inhabitants of Foederlich, near Klagenfurt, reported seeing six glowing red discs flying in a perfect semi-circle over the Karawanken Mountains early yesterday.

Josef Fud, a civil servant, told the police that he watched the discs for some time. Suddenly one of them turned back and zig-zagged to the south. The rest, still in perfect formation, disappeared to the north-east.

The absence of wind and the fact that one of them turned back showed that they were not balloons, he said.

OTAGO DAILY TIMES FLYING SAUCERS?

A mysterious greenish-blue object was reported last night to have been seen over Dunedin. One person who rang the Daily Times said the object was a glowing ball which seemed to fall in a north-easterly direction and which remained visible for about two or three seconds.

This report came from a Green Island resident, and soon afterwards two women reported from Wakari that while walking along Balmacewen road they had seen a rocket-shaped object trailing green sparks. It made a whizzing noise like a spinning top, they said.

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MYSTERIOUS LIGHT IN SKY CHRISTCHURCH PRESS REPORTS BY TWO SHIPS

A brief flash of greenish light was seen from the coastal vessel Picton as she was approaching Lyttelton Heads on Tuesday night. The light appeared in the sky off Banks Peninsula.

The master of the Picton (Captain D. Newey) reported the occurrence to the Marine Department, Wellington, which arranged for Lyttelton Harbour Board staff to search the sea near where the light had been seen.

Captain E. Sutherland, first pilot at Lyttelton, in the pilot launch, searched as far as four miles outside the heads, but nothing was seen.

When the coastal ship Holmwood arrived at Lyttelton yesterday morning, Captain M. M. McArthur, master of the vessel, reported that, as the vessel was leaving Timaru, a greenish ball of light travelling north-west, was seen high in the sky. The object, which he took to be a meteor, lit up the sea for a considerable distance.

OTAGO DAILY TIMES FLYING SAUCER?

Sir,—On Tuesday night about 8 o'clock I was standing looking to the north-east when a blue green light flared up in the sky over the Knobby Range. It only lasted a second to a second and a-half, and was about half a degree in diameter. It gave the impression of having been moving before it became illuminated, and appeared to be continuing after illumination. It did not move fast. Travelling west, it was visible for about three or four degrees.

There was no sound, but the spherical light appeared to me very much like that associated with a static discharge.—I am, etc. H. J. McGeorge. Alexandra.

NOT A COMET, NOT A STAR, BUT A VISITOR FROM AFAR?

The object he saw was neither a falling star nor a comet, a Roslyn resident who observed the object seen by other people in the sky over Dunedin on Tuesday night, said yesterday.

Of bright electric blue, said the Roslyn man, the object plunged slantwise from near the radio masts on the Peninsula to a spot between North-Eas Valley and Opoho.

It appeared to be nearly 1ft long and the gaseous-like haze behind it was of purple-red. He observed it for a couple of seconds from the Highgate bridge.

Before the object disintegrated into two unequal pieces, it emitted a few reddish sparks, according to the Roslyn resident. The object then seemed to whirl round and there was blackness.

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'Flying Bus' Is Latest Reported Sky Phenomenon

PARIS, Sept. 24 (Rec. noon).—A Rural Guard, M. Louis Moll, said yesterday he had seen a "flying bus" bedecked with "tube lights" descend from the night sky and land near the Lorraine village of Tromborn.

M. Moll said: "A great light came down out of the sky. It had the form of a little bus and seemed to have lighter tubes around it. There seemed to be little black objects moving around in the lighted machine. After 40 seconds it took off vertically and disappeared, trailing orange jets. During all the time I heard no sound."

Another report in the recent series of stories of strange sights in the sky over France came from the town of Origny-en-Thierache, in the north. M. Robert Chovel, an industrialist, said he and two of his relatives, "suddenly saw an enormous orange disc which seemed suspended a few hundred metres above the trees." He said it remained still for a time, "and then disappeared at a whirlwind speed."

At Chateauroux two policemen said they saw a luminous machine hovering at an altitude of about 5000 feet. Then two other machines of a greenish colour at a greater height. In the Southern Department of Herault, several witnesses reported seeing what appeared to be a "flying cigar" towing a fiery red ball at a high speed.

A French Deputy has submitted a written question to the Secretary of State for Air asking whether the aerial phenomena are being studied so that the public can be told "what is going on."

'Flying Objects' Thought New Secret Weapon

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Reuter's Belgrade correspondent says that a Yugoslav scientist suggested today that seven "flying saucers" reported to have been seen over the northern and central part of the country yesterday were "some new secret weapon of the Americans or the Russians."

Mr. Peter Djorkovic, assistant director of the Belgrade Astronomical Observatory, said the objects could not have been parts of a meteor, "but must be some technical contrivance."

The Yugoslav Air Force today investigated reports from many parts of the country that up to seven "flying saucers" were seen early yesterday. They were variously described as pear-shaped, cigar-shaped, and round, while their colour shadings were given as blue, green, orange, and white.

He said their steady flight along a straight line to the horizon excluded the possibility of their being meteors. Besides, he added, "They left traces of their rockets' exhaust."

The Yugoslav Air Force would have to find out whether they were not perhaps some new secret weapon of the Americans or the Russians, Mr. Djorkovic stated.—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 11 am).

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'NOT A SAUCER' Large Meteor In Western Sky

A large meteor—a Wadestown man who saw it estimated it to be nearly as big as the moon—was seen in the western sky about 7.35 last night.

It was travelling from south to north, and was visible for two or three seconds.

According to reports he had received, the meteor was of a pale green phosphorescent colour and left a trail behind it, said the director of the Carter Observatory (Mr. I. L. Thomsen) today. It was a big fireball and, though it seemed to be over the Karori hills, must have been out over the sea.

He added that the Wadestown man who had seen the meteor had seemed to be a reliable observer.

"Otherwise, it might have been described as a flying saucer," he said.

FLYING SAUCERS?

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OBJECTS SEEN IN SKY

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

A Nelson man, Mr K. M. Gibbons, while home on holiday from Blenheim where he has been living for some time, has taken what he believes to be four photographs of flying saucers.

At about 2.20 o'clock yesterday morning Mr Gibbons saw three objects in the sky in a northerly direction from his home at Atawhai. He got his 35 millimetre camera, fitted a telephoto lens and took two shots of the three objects before the two outside ones turned on their edge and disappeared at great speed vertically. Mr Gibbons then took three shots of the remaining object and took a fourth as it left, again vertically but at a much slower speed.

Telling his story to "The Mail" today and showing photographs of what he claims to have been flying saucers, Mr Gibbons said he had been lying awake for some time and went to the kitchen for a drink of water. After sighting the objects he watched for about two minutes before thinking to get his camera. The objects were tilted at an angle, were bluey in colour and had a small dark-coloured area in their centres. He had thought at first that they were reflections from car headlights.

The two outside ones, which were wobbling when he first saw them, turned

ed on their edges and streaked upwards while diverging in a V shape. He took three shots of the remaining saucer before it turned flat and also began to wobble. It left vertically at a much slower speed than the others and changed colour slightly to become more white as it started to move. Mr Gibbons took one shot as it was leaving which showed as a blur when printed yesterday. He then looked at his watch which showed 2.25 o'clock.

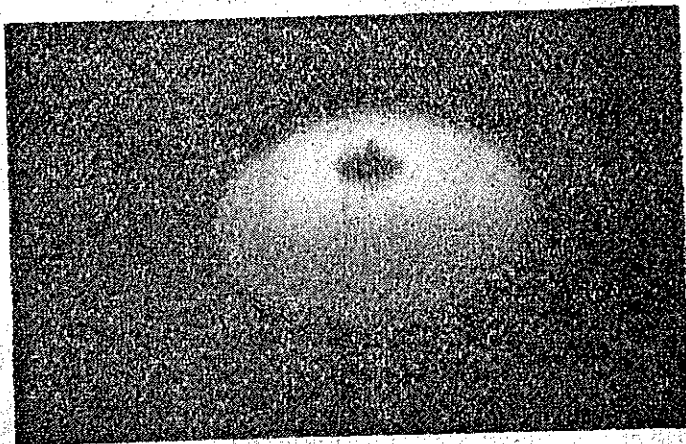
Mr Gibbons said the saucers were out over the mud flat and appeared to be only about a quarter of a mile away from him. He estimated them as being between 300 and 400 feet above ground level. It was quite a bright night and the objects were well below the cloud base.

Mr Gibbons watched the sky for some time but as there was nothing further to be seen he did not wake any one else in the house. He did not even tell his parents at breakfast. As soon as he could he had the film developed which showed the cylindrical objects with the dark centres quite clearly.

CHECK ON RESTAURANTS

(By Airmail) **Tokio**
Tokio health authorities found most restaurants, in government buildings were "filthy and insanitary" during a spot check recently. Worst offenders were the Metropolitan Police Department. The only Ministry to pass with a clean bill of health was the Welfare Ministry—to which the health authorities belong.—Reuter.

MYSTERIOUS OBJECT IN THE SKY



This is a photograph of one of the three objects seen in the sky from Atawhai by Mr K. M. Gibbons early yesterday morning. An account of Mr Gibbons's experience is published on this page.

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Flying Saucer Reports Pose Puzzle in Britain

LONDON: Two people described to the Sunday Dispatch a "huge circular flying machine surrounded by brilliant flame-coloured light" seen hovering over hamlets in Hampshire (Somerset) during the week.

The Dispatch said: "The Air Ministry is puzzling over this extraordinary phenomenon, which is described as a 'perfect example of a flying saucer,' observed from only 30 yards. So far no natural cause has been found."

Nigel Frapple (18) and Doreen Heffer saw the object independently hours apart. Both agreed it was circular and emitted flame-coloured light from a central cockpit. The object hovered for more than a minute, then sped off practically silent except for a slight swish.

Frapple, who was cycling home at 2 a.m. jumped from his cycle, hid behind a hedge and watched the object hovering over the field.

Frapple said: "The body seemed to be metal. I watched it for more than a minute and tried to follow it on my cycle when it moved, but it was too fast."

Miss Heffer saw the object from a window. She at first thought it was a forest fire.

The Dispatch also said the Swiss Air Ministry reported that an illuminated object was observed circling over Zurich on the night of June 11.

Just a spare clipping giving brief details of the English incidents that occurred at approx the same time as the similar Melbourne incidents mentioned in the leading article of our June issue

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**SPEECH SOUGHT
WITH "SAUCER MEN"**

BOCHEM (Germany), July 24 (Reed. 6.30 p.m.)—Two German scientists said today that they believed flying saucers seen above the earth had come from other planets.

Professor Hermann Oberth, 60, who is considered the "grand old man" of German space research, told a meeting in Bochum that research men were already discussing how to communicate with the creators and crews of the saucers.

Dr. Meyer Cords, chairman of the North Rhine and Westphalian branch of the German Society for Astronautics, said he had no doubt that the "saucer men" had reached a higher pitch of mental and technical development than earth man.

Both men said they considered it unlikely that saucers were, in fact, flying objects launched from the earth.

**'TWO LITTLE MEN'
'Saucer' Report
From France**

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Police in Quarouple, northern France, are investigating a claim by a 34-year-old steelworker that a flying saucer carrying two little men landed at the bottom of his garden. They said they found burn marks on stones where the "saucer" was said to have landed, but little else.

This is the story the steelworker, Marius Dewilde, told them:—

"I was reading in my kitchen on Friday night when my dog began to bark outside. I saw a black mass of something on the railway line at the bottom of my garden.

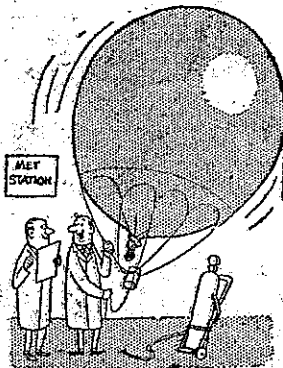
"I levelled my torch and saw two small beings about three feet tall but with very wide shoulders. Their heads were encased in enormous helmets and both were wearing overalls. I saw that their legs were proportionate to their bodies, but no arms.

"I tried to head them off but at that moment a brilliant green light shot out from the object on the railway line and dazzled me. I seemed to be paralysed. Then the object rose into the air with black smoke hissing out from somewhere. It looked like a circular cake cover about nine feet high and 15 to 18 feet in diameter. In the distance it gave a sort of phosphorescent red glow and then disappeared."

N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 1pm).

Flying Saucerman *April 25/54*

STARGAZER of another sort is the Rev. Ronald Cartmel, of Aldridge, Suffolk. In his parish magazine he states his belief that people from Outer Space are watching us from flying saucers, and suspects the fact is being censored. "Man is not the only being in the Universe capable of feeling," he



"Right, Bert, one diamond-shaped, cigar-shaped, boomerang-shaped, fast-moving, hovering flying saucer ready when you are."

says. "Our knowledge of these visitors is being rationed by the authorities." Mr Cartmel thinks flying saucers may be linked with the Biblical prophecy about the end of the world, but whatever one may think about the rector's views he is surely well in the running for the Quote of the Week. Here it is: "If a space craft landed here, I would, as Rector of Aldridge, welcome the visitors to our world. They seem friendly enough."

From 20 Sept

"Flying Cigar"

Tracked By Radar

(7.30 p.m.) ROME, Sept. 19.

An Italian radar station tracked a cigar-shaped object for 30 minutes on Friday night, the Italian Air Force announced at the weekend. Thousands of Romans reported sighting the object.

The Air Force said a station at Pratica Di Mare, 40 miles south-west of Rome, picked up the object which flew at 3600 feet along a 15-mile stretch of coast west of the capital.

It flew slowly before making great speed and disappearing. The Air Force added that the object was shaped like a cigar cut in half, with a big antenna amidships.

A trail of smoke poured from the pointed rear. Many who saw the object said its exhaust trail across the sky was luminous.

Flying Saucer "Nonsense"

WUERZBURG (Bavaria), September 19 (Rec. 8 p.m.)—Professor Otto Hahn, German Nobel Prize-winner in chemistry, said yesterday that nobody with a sound mind could believe in the nonsense about flying saucers.

"If men from Mars or other creatures undertook pleasure flights to the earth they would greet us with a 'Hello' instead of circling round the world at high altitudes," he told a meeting of scientists.

Professor Hahn, Germany's leading scientist in atomic research, said he regarded it as improbable that the weather could be influenced by atomic explosions.

Blue, Globe-shaped Object Seen Over City, Woman Claims

A woman claims to have seen a blue, globe-shaped object moving at great speed across the night sky over the city this week.

She states that, when walking along Allandale road, St. Clair, at 8.35 on Wednesday night she saw a blue object above her head. It was some time before she realised that it was not a star or anything else that she had ever seen, but she was, nevertheless, able to study it for about 20 seconds before it began to move away.

It then moved southwards at great speed in the direction of the St. Clair baths, and in about 40 seconds it disappeared behind the St. Clair cliffs.

The woman described it as "a brilliant blue object, rather more globe-shaped than saucer-shaped, or at least definitely not flat. It was smaller than an aeroplane, but it moved much faster than one."

The R.N.Z.A.F. station at Taiieri reports that there was no flying on Wednesday night.

SPIRITUALISTS CLAIM CONTACT WITH VENUS

LONDON, September 21 (Rec. 7.30 p.m.)—Inhabitants of the planet Venus are reported to have presented their compliments to a band of archaeologists and spiritualists at Avebury, Wiltshire, with their regret that they cannot visit Earth till they are sure that human beings will like them.

The Venusians are said to have passed on this message to a group of 70 persons who came from London on Sunday. To test their powers of mental telepathy on the site of a Stone Age temple the group stood by windswept fields and attempted to contact both flying saucers and the Venusians.

They reported no luck with the saucers, but Mr. George King, one of the spiritualists in the party, was said to have made contact with Venus.

Members of the party described later how "Grey Fox," Mr. King's Indian "guide voice," said, "Some of you would be frightened if we came today. There is too much difference of opinion on Earth."

Mr. King said later that the Venusians wanted to help Earth because they were frightened of the damage human beings may cause with atomic research.

AUCKLAND STAR Wider interest in flying saucers

An increase of over 70 members in three months was reported by the president of the Civilian Saucer Investigation, Mr. H. H. Fulton, at the second general meeting held yesterday evening in Mount Eden. Great progress had been made in the investigation since the decision in May to include public membership, he said.

More appearances of unidentified flying objects had been recorded in 1954 than at any time previously. He noted a definite swing in the scientific world towards acceptance of the saucers as solid, controlled craft, probably from extra-terrestrial sources.

Photographs of flying saucers taken by Mr. K. F. Gibbons, of Nelson, were passed round and will be studied by a qualified photographer.

LATEST 'SAUCER' STORY COMES FROM PORTUGAL

LONDON, Sept. 28. — Reuter's Lisbon correspondent says that the story of aluminium-suited men who climbed out of a "flying saucer" to pick flowers and shrubs, was told in a letter published in the Portuguese newspaper "Dairio de Lisboa."

The writer, Cesar Cardoso, said he saw the flying saucer on a mountain near the village of Almaseda, in the Serra da Guardinha. Three 6ft 7in men clothed in aluminium suits got out, cut some flowers, shrubbery and twigs and put them in a shining box.

Cardoso said that he and three friends were invited to enter the saucer. When they refused the men did not insist, but climbed into their saucer and flew off vertically at a terrific speed, emitting a shower of sparks.—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 11am).

A number of saucers were reported over Woomera after the first British atomic tests there. Many have been seen over the battlefields of Korea.

And that is not all. Flying saucers have been filmed. The United States Air Force is in the possession of at least one film of round bright objects flying and manoeuvring at high speeds.

The pictures were taken in Utah by a naval photographer. He took 40 feet of film, through a telephoto lens, before they disappeared. The film was handed over to officials of both the Navy and Air Force who spent months analysing it. They could find no flaw. They could not duplicate them in any way. Fraud was completely ruled out. They could be nothing but flying saucers.

For a while there was a possibility the film might be given a public showing but once more the bogey of mass hysteria raised its head and the scheme was discarded. Once more the proof was put away behind closed doors.

But some day—and there are many who think it will be soon—the public will be told, officially.

Some believe this year of 1954 will see the saucer riddle solved. We are closer to Mars now than we have been for 13 years. But whether we are officially informed or not, Mr Keyhoe's book has something for everybody interested in the mystery. Read it and decide for yourself.



With this weight of evidence you could well ask why saucers have never been officially accepted. Why no public statement has ever been made verifying their existence. The reason, says Mr Keyhoe, is because the Air Force is terrified of widespread and hysterical panic should it vouch for saucer reality.

If the public in general thought that they were being observed by another race—and if saucers were accepted then all testimony would point to the result could be chaotic.

THE Air Force has every reason to believe this. On July 14, 1952, a huge oval-shaped machine flew at a height of 5000 feet, over the city of Indianapolis. Racing over thousands of startled citizens the bright vehicle streaked towards the north-west, trailing a fiery exhaust. The result was pandemonium.

In two minutes police, airport and newspaper switchboards were swamped with frightened calls. The news quickly spread. For a while panic seemed inevitable. Then, when the saucer did not return, the hysteria gradually died down.

While the strange machine was approaching Indianapolis it had been seen by several airline pilots. All soberly told the same story. They had been flying at about 5000 feet when they first saw it. It changed course and came towards them, dropping to their level, paced them for a while, then took off over the city.

Before this all six pilots had been sceptics. Now they were convinced. But it was the mass hysteria that worried the Air Force.

They immediately clamped down on all reports. Information was classified. Newspapers clamouring for stories through official channels were fobbed off with technical and evasive answers. Nothing was denied—but nothing was admitted.

That has remained the policy. The dread of public hysteria has

THE NEW BOOKS



Do I believe in flying saucers

by Kenneth McKenney B.Sc.

"FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE" by Donald F. Kenhae (London: Hutchinson).

I BELIEVE in flying saucers. I didn't until I read this book. Also I believe that there is at least a 90 per cent chance that they come from outer space; that is to say, they are not of this world. They may come from Mars or they may come from here the chances are greater—a planet we have never even heard of. But wherever they come from I am convinced of their existence.

The evidence for their reality is almost overwhelming. The sightings listed in this book alone number 51. All are official. All have been "cleared" by the United States Department of Defense. In every case an unidentified flying object has been seen or photographed. In many cases the actual speed has been measured by radar, often its manoeuvrability has indicated, beyond all shadow of doubt, that the object was carefully controlled by some intelligent person or persons.

It would be easy to suggest that this evidence was manufactured by crackpots or jokesters. In the sense of amassing evidence this is always a possibility. Yet the most convincing reports come from veteran pilots with thousands of flying hours. Pilots who have scoffed at all saucer theories come in frightened and bewildered and want to report what they have seen. These men in a few seconds change their view and call for nation-wide alerts and twenty-four hour watches. They believe in flying saucers.

Reports of flying saucers have come in steadily since 1952. There were many sightings before this, but at that time few people were really saucer-conscious. Since then Air Force officials in many countries have set up investigation committees to derive the truth from the flying saucer reports.

The method of public indoctrination seems to be one of "leakage." Forthright explanation or revelation, as in the case of A and H bombs, has no place in the scheme—at present.

THE evidence Mr. Kenhae produces in this book is startling. Although there are only five official sightings quoted, Air Force reports show nearly 500 genuine observations. Many more come from civilian sources. Reports on the size of these objects vary from 100 feet across to a mere eight inches. Reports on their speeds vary even more. Some have been reported as hovering without any motion at all—others whirling past at an incredible 42,000 miles an hour.

In almost every instance—except in the case of "mother ships"—it is suggested that transport saucers from one planet to another—the machines are said to be disc-shaped. In colour they change from silver grey to red to white with increased speed. They can alter direction and manoeuvre as well and deliver that any aeroplane we earthlings possess. They are believed to utilise a form of propulsion which does not require fuel—getting their energy from the Earth's magnetic field and transmitting it into a force in any required direction.

STATISTICAL evidence on sightings points strongly to a concentration over atomic energy research stations, military training bases and strong-points and civilian airfields at various points of the Earth's surface.



Even some scientists can't yet make up their minds about flying saucers. Are they . . .

HOAX OR HALUCINATION?

Staff correspondent

SEARCHED on a wooden step in an Auckland garden I manoeuvred a telescope and stared one-eyed at Mars. The red planet glared back. Then, like a Cyclops turning, it glided slowly from right to left, out of sight. . . Yes, Mars has had us wondering ever since it was discovered. Centuries of argument have made it the best-known twinkle in the sky.

It has been a made-to-measure heaven for the science fiction writers, for it seems certain there is life of one sort on Mars. Where scientists leave off with vague talk of rare atmosphere, lichens and mosses, the content pen of fiction goes gaily on.

Now Mars is in vogue with a vengeance as one mystery is added to their. Mars, say some, may be the one of that Will O' the Wisp of the universe, the flying saucer. That was why I stared at 8.30 on a winter evening to see magnified 200 times—a fiery red ball in black of the night. I have never seen a flying saucer—but at least I have seen Mars! Now the first hysteria is over and people point spots on their spectacles or stars in their eyes know them for what they are. It is worth looking at the conclusions reached on flying saucers by reliable inter-

ings of devices which could be defence secrets in one country or another, things would have sorted themselves out long ago, and investigation programmes would have been washed up. Evidently they're not.

"I have an open mind, with no great feeling one way or the other. It's possible, of course, that the facts about saucers were long ago tracked down and the results have long been known in top secret defence circles of more countries than one. It may be regarded as advisable to give people at large no clue

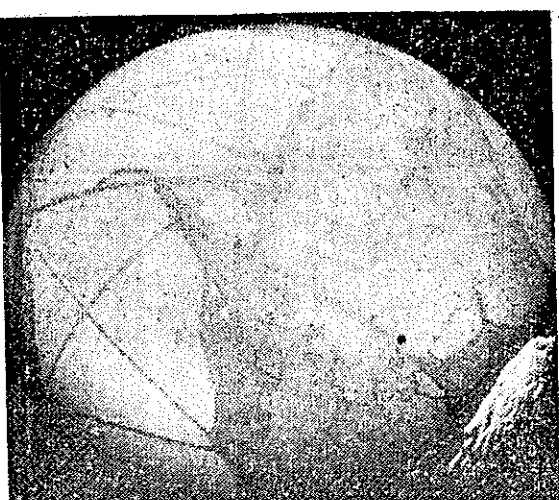
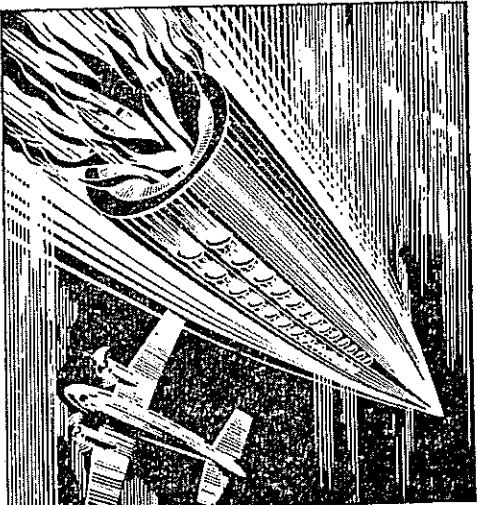
After their brief life in space, in conditions which saucer men would have to face, the fruit flies were radically changed. "There have been some peculiar looking offspring," said the professor. "Big heads, little heads, two heads, one head with two noses, extra legs. And the peculiarities seem to increase and carry on through the descendants."

He said it was possible that the grandchildren of present day jet pilots would develop physical peculiarities, such as big heads on little bodies, and some might even have two

Can't be wiped off

PLAN whose words carry weight is Professor Harry Messel, 32-year-old hearded adnan in the chair of physics at Sydney university, an acknowledged world authority on cosmic ray research. He says:

"The whole subject of flying saucers just can't be arily wiped off or scoffed at. An internationally-sponsored research group in Canada, for example, is making a very active and thorough study of saucer reports in that country. Put it this way. If saucer reports were the result of hallucination, strange atmospheric optical effects, or even of unscheduled sight-



Mars . . . a fiery red ball in the black of the night.

There is a belief that the first nation to design and build a successful flying saucer will have immediate air supremacy. "Give us three years," say the Americans, "and we will have a saucer that can do 2000 m.p.h., with power to take off vertically, hover, fly sideways and backwards."

Chains almost as fantastic have been made in the past—and sceptics have seen them come true. What are we to think at the moment? Do flying saucers exist? Are they man-made, or from another world? Hoax or hallucination? Until the last five per cent of saucer sightings are successfully written off, the case cannot be closed. And meantime, perhaps we'd better keep one eye on Mars—one never knows!

about the true nature of these things. Hence the continuing investigation programmes. I have a feeling that this situation quite possibly exists.

"The alternative is that they are still a real A-grade mystery. This alternative would get me a very low priority. I don't believe that Martians are using saucers for earth reconnaissance trips. But the saucer mystery may not yet be satisfactorily solved. There is a five per cent remainder of saucer sightings unexplained. If these saucers are from this earth it is the best kept secret of all time and has completely fooled everybody!"

Peculiar offspring

ASKED to assume for the purpose of discussion that saucers came from outer space, Professor Messel was on his hobby horse—cosmic rays. Out there, he said, nothing could protect one from the rays. Fruit flies had been rocketed up in cylinders to a height of 20 miles to see what cosmic rays would do. This insect was chosen because it breeds rapidly and mutations could be studied quickly, generation to generation.

heads! "And they are only 60,000 feet from the ground." His findings were, then, that if saucers had beings in them they knew more about cosmic rays than man. They had probably found their protection and might even be using their power.

"If we look back 50 years," he said, "the things once considered fantastic, impossible, unreal, are now taken for granted. The future must hold even greater advancement than we can imagine at present."

Let us turn from a man of science to a man of engineering—an Englishman named John Frost, now living in Toronto, where he is chief designer for Avro Canada. While others ponder and wonder, John Frost has designed a flying saucer. Its principle is what is known as the "Coanda effect." This was discovered by Henry Coanda, a Rumanian inventor, in 1937. Simply it says that by curving one side of a nozzle one can deflect the jet blast through it to follow the curved side.

Design for the future

WORKING with this in mind, Frost has produced a design for the future. In the centre of a 40ft diameter saucer is a small but immensely powerful jet engine, surmounted by a bubble cockpit. The engine has 35 burner tubes radiating to 180 exhaust pipes around the edge. The pilot has movable control over one lip of each exhaust to deflect jet blast and profit from Coanda effect.

In theory, this strange craft takes off vertically by deflecting the blast downwards, so removing air from above the machine and allowing it to rise. Once airborne, lip selection enables direction changes to be made and the automatically moving cockpit rotates so that it always faces forward.

Some Canadians think this saucer will fly one day. And they are not alone in this belief. It is reported that Britain, the United States and Russia are also working on saucer designs.



Professor Harry Messel. . . chalk, equations, an open mind.

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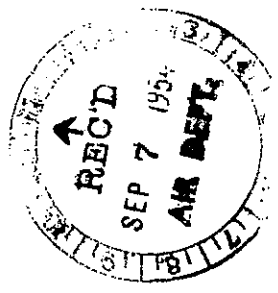


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3 September 1954.

Air Department,
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REPORT - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

1. Reference telephone conversation Flt Lt Golding - Major Aitken of 2 September 1954.
2. Enclosed are a report and a rough sketch submitted to Headquarters Northern Military District in Auckland by Manurewa.
3. Headquarters Northern Military District report that served in the RNZAF during the 1939-45 War and that his credibility and intelligence vouched for.

ENCL: *all*

J. Aitken Major
Major-General,
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

Report submitted by

Tuesday Evening 6:40. Gravity. 24 Aug 57

a rough idea of height & speed
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without hesitation that when I
first sighted this object it must
have been travelling beyond the
speed of sound & accelerated to
about 3 or 4 times that before
disappearing.

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shocks or trail was left.

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night the thing absolutely no
mist, cloud or fog.

R. D. My answer.

26 Aug 1957

P.S. As you as I could tell
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object when first sighted, one at the
rear & the other around & in front
of it.

I observed lights object of unknown
shape & size approaching from the
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direct line in front of & about
500 ft. above me, suddenly accelerated
to a terrific speed, (speed so that
of a falling star), swept that
it gained right gradually. At
the limit of collection, an
orange flame shot out from behind
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a certain speed, & then went
out, before the object should
have been out of the line of
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'Flying Saucer' Man Was Dark, With Long Hair

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OSLO, Aug. 25 (Rec. 9am).—Police in north and central Norway made a search for a "flying saucer" from which two young women reported seeing a dark, long-haired, foreign-looking man emerge while they were picking berries on nearby hills.

They described the man as appearing to be friendly and anxious to talk, but he was unable to understand English, French, or German. After the man had vainly tried to explain himself with words, gestures, and drawings, he climbed into the "saucer," which rose straight into the air, and disappeared.

The north Norway newspaper "Helgeland" reported the women, who are two sisters aged 24 and 32, as saying that the "saucer," about 16 feet in diameter and looking like two saucers put together, started with a slight humming sound like a bumblebee, and rose at great speed. The man wore a kind of khaki overall without buttons, but possibly with a belt.

The women, who live at Mosjoen, at first suppressed the story for fear of being disbelieved, then one told her husband. When the police questioned the sisters separately, both told a similar story, with only minor divergences. They said the man showed them the saucer on the ground in a hollow.

The police decided that the flying saucer occupant must have been just a beautiful dream. Three policemen plodded solemnly into the hills accompanied by the sisters and surveyed the scene of the brief encounter. While the police could not think for a moment that the sisters were lying (their story, told by each separately, hung together too well for that), they could find no sign that the spot had been in recent use as a saucer-park.

A male cousin of the sisters told the police that the sisters before the "incident" had been reading and discussing a book by D. Leslie and G. Adamski called "Flying Saucers Have Landed."

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AN AMERICAN MARTIAN

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Rec. 9am).—According to the Oslo correspondent of the "Daily Mail" the "space man" in the "flying saucer" whom two Norwegian sisters reported that they had found behind a blackberry bush in the hills above Mosjoen, north Norway, on Tuesday, was an American airman in a helicopter.

Even after Air Force assurances, the sisters, Miss Edit Jacobsen, aged 24, and Mrs. Aesta Solvang, aged 32, refused to believe that it was not a flying saucer they had seen. Edit insisted: "We met a Martian and it was a wonderful experience."

EXPECTATION OF LANDINGS BY FLYING SAUCERS

(P.A.) AUCKLAND To-day. Mr A. H. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.), of Auckland, expects flying saucers from Mars to begin landing any day now.

Early in the year, Mr Fulton said he expected a rush of flying saucers from late May to early August.

Now the flying saucer investigators claim a victory. They say their February prediction of a "major flurry" of flying saucer sightings has come true.

Yesterday was to be the peak day for sightings, because to-day the earth and Mars would be opposite the sun and only 40,300,000 miles apart.

The theory was said to be based on the past experience of these "oppositions" and the belief that the saucers come from Mars.

Basically, says Mr Fulton, his prediction has proved correct, although as a result of information received from overseas he now expects the peak sightings a few weeks hence rather than yesterday.

This will be in accord with past overseas experience, he says.

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 Flying Saucer Seen? A report late last night...
 The object was described as long and cigar-shaped...
 A check with the Tairāwhiti aerodrome revealed that no aircraft was scheduled for flying at the time...

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Flying Saucers Are Again In The News

VAIKATO TIMES
Flying saucers are again in the news with the dramatic announcement in America and England that two artificial satellites have been seen in the heavens and are circling the earth. The objects according to the reports, are not the creations of earthmen or the romantic delusions of an over-imaginative mind. They are real.

The report was received in Hamilton by the secretary of the Flying Saucers Investigators of Hamilton, Mr John E. Stuart. He said: "The report was issued by a flying saucer investigating body in America and from the Flying Saucer Club of England.

"The satellites were first seen in January, 1953, and investigation of the matter has been kept secret. There is no indication of their height but, from inquiries, they were not built by anyone on this earth."

Mr Stuart was unable to give any further information, but the Flying Saucer Investigators (no connection with the Hamilton Flying Saucer Investigation Society) hope to hear more of this announcement, which, Mr Stuart said, has been published in all American newspapers.

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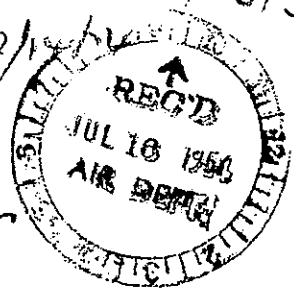
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13th July 1954

Dear Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11th July on the subject of Flying Saucers.

Mr Holland desires me to thank you for submitting your theory.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. H. FORTUNE

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister.

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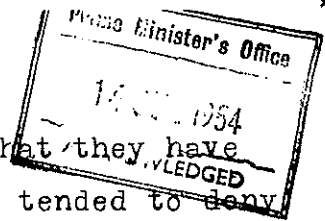
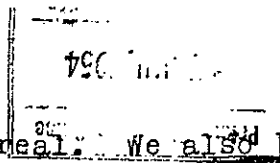
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POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY. Investigated by

and assisted by

Hamilton.



We believe Flying Saucers are real. We also believe that they have already landed on Earth, although the authorities have tended to deny that the objects do (a) exist, or (b) that they have landed.

During the seven years, 1947-54, has observed no fewer than eight (8) of these objects.

We have many clippings from overseas and N.Z. newspapers, plus photos, to study. Many private reports from overseas countries have come into our possession.

The latest "saucer" to be observed by was on SATURDAY, JULY 10th, 1954. The hour of the sighting was 3.30 a.m. Weather: Cloudy. Description of object: The object was approximately 50 feet across; appeared to black; bell shaped (see enclosed drawing); height was approximately 100 feet; around the upper dome was a band(?) which revolved; square cut windows wherefrom light appeared were set in this band; light rays (yellow-white, in colour) appeared at these windows; underneath the object there was, almost indiscernible, three fairly large spheres; the centre of the base appeared to come to a point. The object hung motionless for about seven minutes; it then rose, vertically, into the clouds.

We believe the Flying Saucers are responsible for sudden shortages of water from reservoirs, lakes, etc.

Many reports have stated that a water shortage has been apparent after a "saucer" has been in the vicinity.

We believe the Flying Saucers are coming from outer space; that they may be taking Earth people to their own planet. According to the ancient writings this has happened before: at the time of the Biblical Flood.

We believe the Atom and Hydrogen bomb tests are a "blind" to keep the attention of the "man-in-the-street" away from landings of these objects;

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(Flying Saucers)..

or that the explosions are a signal. We say this as after each blast a "saucer" (or "saucers") are observed.

We believe that there are too many conflicting "solutions" to Flying Saucers by the authorities. If these objects are only imaginary or comets, meteorites, fire-balls, etc., then it would only be waste of time and money to set up huge investigation plans to study the mystery if none exists.

We believe a planetary body is the cause (directly) of the Flying Saucers visiting the Earth. The last published report was that a planetary body was hurtling along directly toward Earth. This gives rise to our theory that the saucers are coming here to transport some of the more learned away to another world before the cosmic upheaval occurs.

A further step in our theory is the American Saucer Investigators' report that two artificial satellites are circling the Earth; further ~~that~~ the report of a "bridge-like structure" on the moon. We feel that this structure is used as a launching ramp for (a) inter-planetary space ships, or (b) Earth-based rocket ships.

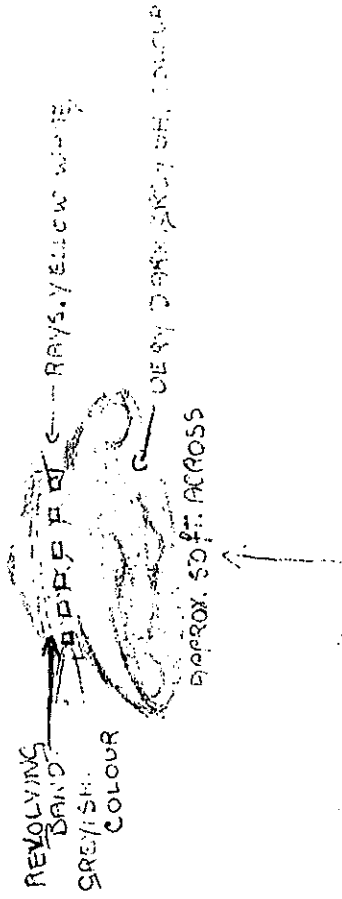
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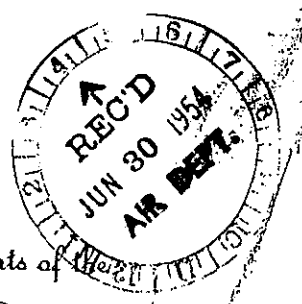
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Has Russia got atomic saucers?

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Special to the Auckland Star — From K. FRANK FELDMAN

LONDON (Airmail).—The contemporary flying saucer mystery is now seven years old. Explanations that the disks are of extra-terrestrial origin have been debunked frequently enough, but the studied silence on the part of successive U.S. Air Force commissions which were entrusted with the investigation of these phenomena was portentous. Apart from hypothetical inter-stellar craft, there is now strong evidence that the Soviets are building flying saucers.

Jet-disk plants were established in an irregular chain south of Kasalinsk, near the shore of Lake Aral. These littoral plants have been working at full pressure. In 1947 a number of German specialists were selected to join three teams in this region. The German technicians and aircraft designers did not know it but there were 174 of them working on the secret disk project.

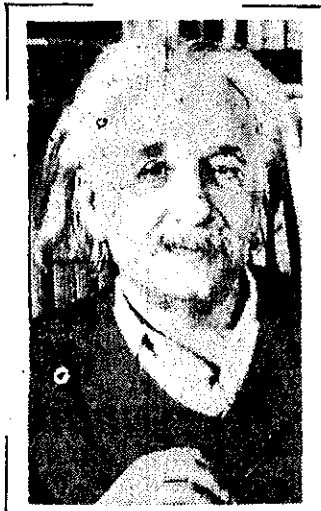
This division prevented the Germans from knowing what was going on. They knew only part of the story. Each team dealt with a different aerodynamic problem.

First success

WITH the passing of time the pattern fell into shape. Six test prototypes failed before the first success could be reported to Moscow. The Soviet engineers assembled the various parts of the disk planes themselves. They permitted no alien to watch this process.

By 1951 the Russians discarded all pretence and allowed their German colleagues to watch a take-off.

The ascent was very quick. The disks did not taxi for a start. They rose vertically at high velocity and were lost to the eye within ten seconds. Twelve lenticular jets powered the saucer.



Professor Einstein . . . what is Kapitza really after?

The code-name for the experimental saucer is COW 7. It is not quite clear whether the disk consists of two independently functioning parts; but, judging by the quartzitic cockpit which is bedded in a rail that feathers on ball-bearings, the outer disk of the superstructure rotates on its own axis.

The disk plane gains altitude at a speed of 630 m.p.h. in vertical

flight and then burns up space at 1000 m.p.h. in horizontal flight.

Berserk craft

A FLANGE rotates around the core of the disk. The saucer can either be deployed as a guided missile or can be used as a manned fighter. It holds up to four flyers.

Chief of the entire project is believed to be the relatively young Soviet Air Marshal Constantin Verschinin.

It is known that occasionally a saucer gets out of control and zips off. Some defect in the "brain" of the machine causes this lapse and the saucer goes ripping through the sky at a tremendous speed, having thrown off its invisible shackles.

Such berserk projectiles are believed to have traversed Scandinavia.

If Russia's flying saucers are designed to carry atomic weapons they would fall within the jurisdiction of Lt General Pjotr Kapitza, 59-year-old former pupil of Lord Rutherford.

Kapitza recently created a first-class sensation when he gave a three-minute interview on Magadan Radio. "I am glad," he said, "to have switched to practical work after so many years research." Russia's Foreign Ministry must have known, indeed must have inspired, this broadcast.

Fled to England

KAPITZA is not a Communist by choice. He fled from the blood-spattered scene in Leningrad shortly after the Revolution, and joined Rutherford in England, staying in Britain until 1934 when he accepted the invitation of a scientific congress and went to Russia.

Stalin refused to grant him an exit permit and for a whole year Kapitza staged a one-man sit-down strike in a Moscow hotel room. Finally his resistance broke.

There is a witty anecdote about this. Baldwin telegraphed to Stalin requesting that Kapitza be permitted to leave the U.S.S.R. "Send us Rutherford," Stalin is alleged to have cabled back, "and you can have Kapitza."

Professor Einstein thinks highly of Kapitza's scientific acumen. "I wonder," the relativity man once said, "I wonder what Kapitza is really after."

The world may never know, although he definitely has had a hand in the disk project. In the three-minute broadcast Kapitza said that he hoped the "nuclear teams" in his charge would never be used.

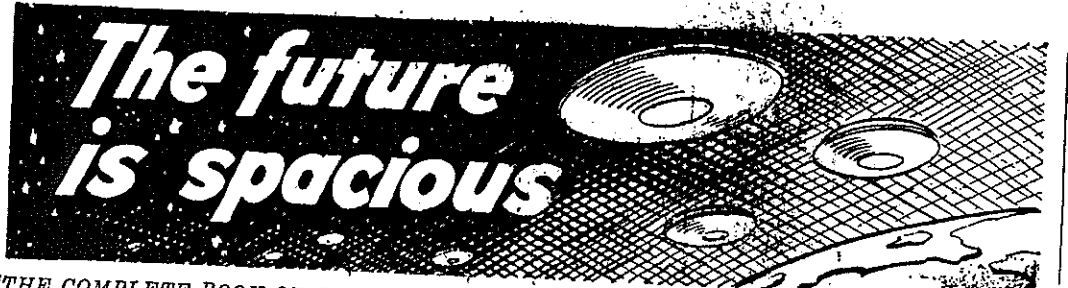
Guided missiles

EXPERTS of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, including its chairman Lewis L. Strauss, believe that Kapitza may have been speaking of guided missiles with atomic charges.

At any rate, Kapitza now resides in the back of beyond Magadan is the headquarters of a region that lies



THE NEW BOOKS



"THE COMPLETE BOOK OF OUTER SPACE," edited by Jeffrey Logan (London: Sidgwick and Jackson).

WITH every second newspaper carrying reports of sightings of flying saucers, who can fail to have some interest in the subject of space travel? This book is a collection of fact and fiction, spectacularly illustrated with diagrams and drawings and photographs — some of them photographs of movie models purporting to peer into the future.

The introduction confidently predicts that within 15 or 20 years people will see a "strange doughnut-shaped moon" moving rapidly from horizon to horizon — a space station; and that a few years after that, a space ship from the earth will land on the moon.

These, we are told, are facts. Serious men of science are working on the plans. Space travel has grown in 35 years "from primitive concepts to the exciting threshold of its realization."

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THIS deadpan earnestness is a bit hard for the ordinary unscientific man to take in—let alone accept. I found myself turning back to see if the learned authors really had said the things I had just read.

I'm relieved to find that the experts don't all believe in flying saucers. They are called "probably the biggest mystery of this century" and the article dealing with them is headed "The Flying Saucer Myth."

There is a space ship time schedule showing that time required for a trip to the moon could be five days, to Venus 146 days, and so on. They are all computed on a one-way basis.

And you can check your weight on an interplanetary chart which shows that if your earth weight is, say 10 stone, your weight on the moon would be only 22lb, on Venus 119lb, but on the sun 3905lb.

The space suit that the smart inter-planetary traveller will wear is visualized as having in-built air conditioning, walkie-talkie radio and a rear vision mirror. It will be of flexible metal with a white plastic outer layer, to reflect the sun's rays.

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THE book finishes with two pages of "space travel dictionary" which tells me that "galactic" means "within our own island universe, the Milky Way."

Whether or not you are able to swallow it all, the book is fascinating even for a middle-aged reader, and must be even more so for the youngsters who, if the time estimates of the enthusiasts are anything like realized, may see space travel in their lifetime.—H.A.S.

LETTERS TO EDI

FLYING SAUCER REPORTS

Minister Suggests An Explanation

Sir,—From time to time people report having seen unexplained objects in the sky which have come to be called "flying saucers."

There have been many explanations of them—the sun shining on high-flying aircraft—meteorological balloons—imagination, etc.

There is another possibility that may account for some of them, which has not been suggested, so far, as I know. On known dates in each year, the earth passes through meteor-streams. These are the remains of meteors that have disintegrated in outer space, but which continue their original paths round the sun in the form of streams of solid particles and meteoric dust.

The fact that the earth moves round the sun in a fixed path and that these debris of meteors also move round the sun in fixed paths, means that the paths of the earth and of some of these meteoric streams intersect each other on a series of dates which are the same each year. The earth sometimes takes a number of days to pass through the more important of these meteoric streams.

The dates of maximum meteoric activity are: January 3, April 21, May 4, June 8, June 30, July 28, August 10-13, October 10, October 20-23, November 3-10, November 14, November 16, December 11-13.

I have lists of the dates over the last several years on which people have reported having seen "flying saucers" in Australia, and have compared them with the dates on which the earth passes through the principal meteoric streams. There appears to be a noticeable relationship between these two sets of dates. By this I mean that there tends to be a grouping of "flying saucer" sightings round about the meteor-stream dates that it is hard to believe is by chance.

And again, there is a relative absence of "flying saucer" reports during the principal gaps between meteor-stream dates. For instance, the minimum meteoric activity in the year is between January and April. These are also the months in which fewest "flying saucers" have been reported in Australia.

I do not suggest that this evidence is by any means complete, or that it is, at best, more than a partial explanation of "flying saucer" phenomena. All that I suggest is that there is some evidence that people seem to report otherwise unexplained objects in the sky round about the dates on which the earth passes through the principal meteor-streams, and there seems to be a lull in the reporting of "flying saucers" in between these dates.

I do not suggest any more than that what I have said may be an explanation of at least a proportion of the "flying saucer" reports.

R. G. CASEY,
Minister for External Affairs.
Melbourne.

← Some evidence suggests that "Saucers" are standard by during meteor showers. (perhaps knocking out the whoppers.)
maybe you consider my theory on whoppers?

*off. confirms and the date is
nearly same meteor shower
1953 July August, no Saucers. Flying*



Getting Ready For The Flying Saucer Season

WASHINGTON, June 1 (Rec. noon).—Air Force officials said today that reports of "flying saucers" had fallen off greatly since 1952. They believed more scientific investigating and better public education were responsible.

So far this year only 87 "sightings" had been reported, but the "flying saucer season"—which coincided with the July-August meteor showers—was just coming in. Reports of "flying saucers" increased when meteors were most common.

The Air Force received 1700 reports of sightings in 1952. Last year the figure fell to 429.

The Air Force said it was still unable to explain about 10 per cent. of the sightings. The idea that some drift in from outer space still received some attention, but the Air Force said it had no such evidence.

"No object or particle of an unknown substance has been received and no photographs of detail have been produced," the Air Force said.

Cameras for Flying Saucers

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WASHINGTON, December 1. The United States Air Force announced to-day that it has installed "flying saucer cameras" to help find the explanation of the mysterious radar-confirmed objects reported streaking through the skies.

The cameras, set up at Air Force bases in thirty-three States, are designed to analyse the moving lights to determine whether they are merely insubstantial glows or come from identifiable material objects.

Official Concern

The announcement reflected the Air Force's official concern over the number of unexplained reports of flying saucers which it has not been able to write off either as man-made objects or known phenomena. These sightings have been made both visually and by radar.

About seventy-five cameras had been installed in areas where "saucers" have frequently been reported in the past. They are called "diffraction grating" devices which separate light into its component parts and register them on film.

Astronomers use similar equipment to determine the composition of stars.

Since 1947

"Flying saucers" have been reported sporadically since 1947 but the Air Force has received the reports with scepticism. It reiterated to-day that the majority of all reported sightings have been found to be fighter aircraft, balloons, or other such objects, or to be meteors and planets.

In a new "fact sheet" the Air Force emphasised that "unexplained aerial phenomena are not secret weapon missiles or aircraft developed by the United States."

It also stated that "no authentic physical evidence has been received establishing the existence of space ships from other planets."

*Star-Sun
3-12-53*

C.S.I. NELSON.

"HONORARY OBSERVER."

1954 FLYING SAUCERS NELSON
June 10 (To the Editor) E.M.M.

Sir.—In the light of past and present evidence one cannot fully agree with all that is in the recent report from Washington on flying saucers. In this report meteors seem to get more than their share of the blame for the seeing of saucers. The meteor theory like some others is wearing thin. Some of the explanations advanced from time to time are an insult to an observer's intelligence. The report stated that a new flying saucer "season" was coming up. The American Air Force like other investigating bodies knows that sightings reach a peak at 2 year intervals (roughly), the last being in 1952. The "season" has been warming up for some time and already the Australian sightings are over four times the number of the May to July period of 1952 and widespread too.

Some saucer news may perhaps be of interest.

A.F.S.B. confirms receipt of a strange substance from one of several mysterious 30ft long unidentified flying objects observed over Shepperton, Victoria, on May 12; substance not part of meteorite and being submitted for expert analysis.

About daybreak on Monday May 24 three pilots of an aerial topdressing firm saw a number of strange objects flying over Eastern Taranaki. Some of your readers probably heard the interview of a pilot over the air from 1ZB about 6.50 p.m. on 25th and also news from 2ZA on 26 h. A short extract from a Press report is as follows:—"They were oval in shape and looked like giant discs. They seemed to be a red orange in colour with a reddish flare coming from them. We flew on in the same direction for another three minutes and saw a number of others. They seemed to be flying in a single line formation. Suddenly they all climbed steeply at great speed and disappeared."

The next day C.S.I. pointed out that these discs' behaviour was the same as hundreds of others in other parts of the world, though some fly in V formation. There were some other important sightings in New Zealand about May 24.

A Press message from Melbourne dated May 31 states that within the past 24 hours 14 people living in Melbourne suburbs have seen a flying saucer-shaped like object just over the rooftops of suburban homes. One man Mr David Reece of East Malvern said he was talking at the gate early yesterday with five friends when an oval-shaped object as big as a railway carriage shot over the house. If this story is true then other details to it are interesting.

I understand some good photographs of flying saucers have been taken in Australia and these should be in Nelson tomorrow or Thursday.—I am, e'c.,

J. E. FLETCHER

Nelson, June 8.

← EFFORTS by Director of Australian Flying Saucer Bureau to have analysed not yet successful. ~~found~~ Chemical analysis appears examine

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They have an eye on this date

JUNE 1954						
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A small group of New Zealanders—and their associates overseas—are watching June 25, 1954.

They expect flying saucer observations to hit an all-time high that day.

If the saucers don't show up these people are going to be disillusioned. Their pet theory will be exploded.

The People: Members of flying saucer investigating bodies.

Their Theory: That flying saucers originate from Mars.

Other planets are suspect, too, but Mars is the favourite. June 25 should decide.

Mr H. H. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.), thinks a lot of flying saucers or other mysterious objects may be sighted on June 25, because on that date Mars and the earth will be opposite each other, in a straight line with the sun, and only 40,300,000 miles apart.

If the expected boom in flying saucer observations does not occur it will merely mean, he says, that the objects are not coming from Mars. He has no doubt they come from somewhere.

The evidence

But Mr Fulton claims that much evidence shows that many mysterious flying objects have been sighted during the "oppositions" of Mars and earth to the sun. That is why the investigators are picking on Mars as the base.

September 11, 1956, should be another red-letter day for the observers. On that day there will be another "opposition," and Mars and the earth will be only 35,400,000 miles apart. They could scarcely get closer.

If space craft do originate or operate from Mars and/or Venus, the moon will no doubt be used as an intermediate base, says Mr Fulton.

This could possibly account for various signs of life of an "inexplicable" nature which astronomers have reported on the moon, he adds.

They have noted apparently moving patches of a darker shade than the surrounding areas, moving lights and, most recently by leading lunar astronomers, a vast bridge-like construction spanning 20 miles in a perfectly straight line.

Mr Fulton quotes Dr Percy Wilkin, director of the Lunar Section of the British Astronomical Association as saying: "It looks like a vast engineering job. It is almost incredible that such a formation could have happened from natural meteoric causes."

Flying saucer investigators claim victory

Flying saucer investigators claim a victory. They say their February prediction of a "major flurry" of flying saucer sightings has come true.

Early in the year the president of Civilian Saucer Investigations (N.Z.), Mr H. H. Fulton, said he expected a rush of flying saucers from late May to early August. Today was to be the peak day for sightings because today the earth and Mars would be opposite the sun and only 40,300,000 miles apart.

The theory was said to be based on past experience of these "oppositions" and the belief that the saucers come from Mars.

Basically, says Mr Fulton, his prediction has proved correct, though, as a result of information received from overseas, he now expects the peak sightings a few weeks hence, rather than today. This will be in accord with past overseas experience, he says.

Mr Fulton expects flying saucers to start landing any time now.

He says that since the sighting of 15 disc-shaped mystery craft by three topdressing pilots over Taranaki on May 24, an impressive number of sightings from many parts of New Zealand has reached his organization. In most cases there were "plenty of witnesses." Overseas reports have been coming in as well.

Mr Fulton would like any one who has information on the subject to write to him at Box 1914, Auckland.

appeared in same issue?

U.S. university may buy papers left by H. G. Wells

LONDON.—Mr Bertram Rota, a London bookseller, stated that his nearly completed negotiations for the sale of the complete literary remains of H. G. Wells to the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Mr Rota said the transaction had been negotiated for the executors of the Wells estate. The price, he said, was "very substantial" and one of the purposes of the purchase by the university was to provide the head of the English Literature Department there, Professor G. N. Ray, with material to write a biography of Wells.

Mr Rota stated that the material included hand-written scripts, typescripts, revised and re-revised in Wells' hand, proofs and corrected proofs. There were also about 1000 copies of his books, many of them bearing inscriptions by the author to his wife. Some of the copies had been corrected for new editions, with marginal notes, some had been decorated by Wells with pen and ink drawings.

There were also letters from Tolstoy, Bernard Shaw, G. K. Chesterton, Einstein and T. E. Lawrence, Sir Winston Churchill, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, and Lord Beaverbrook.

The Press, ALWAYS ADD THE SENSATION TWIST, BUT 25th JUNE STATEMENT NEARLY CORRECT.

There is to my knowledge approx 15 alleged landings associated to the July-Nov. Period of 1952.

SIMILAR HAPPENINGS ON GRANDER SCALE EXPECTED THIS TIME

Strange Things Happening On the Moon

LONDON.—Mysterious things are happening on the moon, which astronomers once believed was dead, unchanging world.

Strange dark patches which might be swarms of insects or vegetation have been seen spreading slowly over parts of the moon's pock-marked surface.

Flashing lights, sudden surges of colour, and odd-shaped shadows, which could not be cast by the light of sun or earth, have been reported by reliable moon watchers.

There is much evidence of recent moonquakes in the form of crumbling craters and colossal landslides. New cracks are appearing in the ash-dry crust. Volcanoes may still be active.

In full view of highly-trained eyes whole craters have been suddenly obscured as though by clouds of dust belched out from underground caverns.

The man who has seen most of these events is Mr Percy Wilkins, a British Civil servant, who has spent much time in the last 44 years watching the moon through telescopes.

Though without academic training, 57-year-old Welshman Wilkins is now internationally recognised as the leading living authority about the moon.

He is already immortal, for one of the moon's big craters has been officially named after him—a distinction he shares with Julius Caesar, Darwin, Newton, and Plato.

From his home-made observatory in his suburban back garden at Bexleyheath, Kent, or from the French observatory at Meudon, Wilkins's eyes have explored mountains and valleys which no man had seen before.

Some idea of the work he has done is given in his fascinating book, 'Our Moon' (Muller), published this month.

Wilkins does not think that the first men to land on the moon will find any animals alive there. The moon's stratosphere is virtually a vacuum, and could not support life as we know it, but it may once have been strong enough for animals to breathe.

So Wilkins believes that the space men may bring back with them fossils of extinct creatures, so strange and unexpected that they may entirely change our ideas of the universe.

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'PATROLS FROM ANOTHER WORLD' Explanation Of Flying Saucer Mystery?

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Flying saucers reported sighted from four Western capitals recently could be reconnaissance patrols from another planet, according to a theory worked out from experts' views.

Major Keyhoe, a leading United States investigator of saucers, said recently that Earth men who wanted to observe another planet where people were believed to be living would send up a "mother space ship" from which small patrol craft could be launched.

If attacked by fighter planes from the "other world" they would zoom away out of danger—just as the saucers picked up on a London anti-aircraft regiment's radar set, behaved.

Base on the moon?

It was stated today that the explanation would supply the answer to the saucer mystery. Earthmen who wanted to observe Mars would set up bases on the moons which circle Mars. Men from Mars may equally well have established a base on the Earth's moon. Flying saucer reports always come just when Mars reaches the closest point to the Earth in its orbit.

The Air Ministry has dismissed 95 per cent. of the "saucer" reports as explainable by natural phenomena, but three members of Parliament have given notice of questions in the House of Commons this week about the remainder. The Air Ministry says that in the other five per cent. of reports experts have been unable to reach any conclusions.

The anti-aircraft men who sighted a saucer at nearly 60,000 feet do not accept the Air Ministry's explanation that it was a meteorological balloon. Two R.A.F. officers flying a Vampire jet on the same day also reported the object.

First spotting station

CANADA, the United States, and South Africa have investigated reports of sighted saucers. Canada has built an official "saucer spotting station" near Ottawa in the first attempt to secure scientific proof that saucers may exist. It is revealed from Pretoria that the R.A.F. is exchanging saucer secrets with South Africa.

In the star system near the Earth there are 22 planets on which astronomers believe life could exist. They think it is reasonable to suppose that life does exist on them. Dr. R. H. Stoy, Royal Astronomer at Cape Town, said: "There's some sort of phenomenon not yet adequately explained."—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 11am).

'QUEER OBJECT' SEEN NEAR INVERCARGILL

Two women saw a mysterious lighted object flashing through the sky above Invercargill about 10.45 last night. One of them, Mrs. J. Davis, of 153 Ettrick Street, said today: "It was a queer object with a lizard shape with two bright red lights in front of it. It came from a westerly direction at a very high altitude and passed right above my house and entered the clouds travelling in an easterly direction. It was no star."

The Invercargill weather office said today that a meteorological balloon was released about 11pm yesterday but that it almost certainly was not what the women saw. The balloon carried only one small light which would be very hard to see.

DAKOTA FOR AERIAL TOPDRESSING NEW PLYMOUTH COMPANY'S PLAN

An aerial top-dressing firm with headquarters in New Plymouth, Rural Aviation Limited, hopes to be the second company in New Zealand to use a Dakota for its operations.

The managing-director of the company, Mr. Miles King, said in New Plymouth today that application had been made to the Air Services Licensing Authority to amend the company's air service licence to include one Dakota aircraft.

The company had applied to operate the aircraft throughout the whole of its present licensed territory, which included the provinces of Taranaki, Hawke's Bay and Wellington. Should the application be successful, the company would become the second in the Dominion to operate a large aircraft on aerial topdressing on a permanent basis.

The other company, James Aviation Limited, Hamilton, had successfully applied for its licence about two months ago. It was proposed that under certain conditions the two Dakota aircraft, one from each company, would operate together and the loading equipment for each company had been designed for such a dual operation. If one field was wet, it was possible the companies would co-operate on the use of airfields to so keep the machines working continuously and economically.

ADEQUATE COVERAGE

James Aviation's licence allowed the company to operate in the northern half of the North Island, and the companies considered their service would give adequate coverage for the potential of work offering for this type of aircraft.

The aircraft would carry a load of 4½ tons and would operate economically to an airline distance of about 40 miles, thus eliminating road haulage expenses. The proposed charges would rise from about £6 per ton at a distance of 15 miles to £9 per ton at 40 miles. The aircraft would carry 10,000 tons in a year's working.

The servicing of the Dakota aircraft would be done in the company's extensive workshops at the Bell Block airport and the additional equipment needed for the complete overhaul of the engines would be installed. The machine would be purchased overseas at a total cost of about £25,000.

*his reply to the letter... Mr. Pictorial
interest to publish photos etc., they have
received confirmation from New Plymouth
representative of success as yet.*

The operation of a large aircraft was not in any way derogatory to the light aircraft which had done and were doing an outstanding job for New Zealand's agricultural economics. The use of the large aircraft was, in fact, complementary to the light aircraft, in that its scope was restricted to relatively large holdings which, by nature of roading and terrain, were economically inaccessible to the smaller aircraft. For this reason, it was felt that the large aircraft would create a new and presently unsatisfied demand. Initial operations were proposed from Bell Block, Masterton and either Ohakea or Palmerston North.

"The company feels that the purchase and operation of such an aircraft is a major step forward in an industry which has grown so rapidly since its inception four years ago and that it will service that group of the farming community which in the past has been unable to avail itself of the use of aircraft for economic reasons," concluded Mr. King.

Pilots See Strange Objects in Sky Over East Taranaki

Strange objects flying in the sky over eastern Taranaki at daybreak yesterday were seen by three Taranaki aerial top-dressing pilots.

At 6.50 a.m. yesterday the three men, Messrs. F. Ferrier, D. L. Falwasser and N. Nodder, all of New Plymouth, left Bell Block airport in a Cessna high-wing monoplane for an airstrip at Tahora, where they were operating.

They had not long left the field when all three saw three strange objects to the east in the direction of Taumarunui. They were then between Uruti and Tahora and flying at about 3000 feet. The sky was cloudless and visibility was excellent.

The pilots at first could not believe their eyes. The three objects seemed to be hovering about 7000 feet above them, but as they were flying at about 135 miles per hour it was hard to estimate whether or not they were moving. They were oval in shape and looked like giant discs. They seemed to be red-orange in colour with a reddish flame coming from them.

The pilots flew in the same direction for another three minutes and saw a number of other objects. It appeared to the men at this stage that the objects were flying in line-ahead formation. Suddenly all the objects climbed away steeply at great speed and disappeared.

The three men are all experienced pilots and have been engaged in aerial top-dressing for four years. They are used to flying in the early morning and this is the first time that they have sighted any strange objects in the air.

They know that there were none of their firm's planes in the area and they were not conventional aircraft. They have all seen the most modern aircraft flying in New Zealand today and many flying overseas and say that these objects were unlike any of them.

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Flying Saucers Classed As "Cursed Subject"

"And now this cursed subject of flying saucers..." said Mr. I. L. Thomsen, director of the Carter Observatory, Wellington, when speaking to yesterday's luncheon of the Advertising and Publicity Club of Wellington. His subject was "Facts and Fancies about the Stars."

The first flying saucer was reported in Canada, and it was not long before a "smart Alec" had to see one in Australia, said Mr. Thomsen. Soon flying saucers were being seen everywhere and people were beginning to think there must be something in the rumours.

"I do not want to suggest that all these reports were deliberately untrue," said Mr. Thomsen. But there were many honest people who, seeing something in the night skies that they did not understand, said: "That is a flying saucer."

There were any number of these things that led people to believe they had seen flying saucers.

"Meteorological balloons are the worst offenders," said Mr. Thomsen. The sight of one of these balloons with a light suspended beneath it had prompted a policeman to ring up him up at an unearthly hour to report a flying saucer over Wellington. A check with the Meteorological Department had shown the flying saucer to be the usual meteorological balloon.

When he was working one night in the Lick Observatory, San Jose, he had been deceived himself, said

Mr. Thomsen. He had seen elliptical lights moving across the sky. "By Jove—flying saucers," he had thought.

The flying saucers had turned out to be discs of light thrown by searchlight beams. In the city papers next morning, however, there were flying saucers in the headlines.

The glint of the sun on aircraft at high altitude was another source of flying saucer reports.

Fighters had been sent up to investigate a strange object indicated by radar above Washington Airport. Reports were radioed back that the object had been sighted but was eluding the fighters. The truth was that the fighters were going so fast they were chasing each other, Mr. Thomsen said.

The flying saucer plague finally grew so bad two years ago that American newspapers refused to print any more "saucer" reports.

Some writers had achieved notoriety by hoaxing the public with graphic descriptions and photographs of flying saucers.

But what had these people to gain by these hoaxes? asked the public. "Well, I ask you," said Mr. Thomsen.

STRANGE LIGHTS OVER SYDNEY

SYDNEY, June 15 (Rec. 11am). —Two weather bureau officials reported strange lights over Sydney last night. Other reports of "lights" came from widely separated areas.

Observers said they saw lights between 7 and 10pm. They said the lights changed from white to red and blue before they disappeared.

The weather bureau officials (Mr. K. A. Smith and Mr. K. McKinnon) saw the lights from outside the bureau. They said the lights appeared to be at an altitude of between 500 and 1000 feet.

"The thing seemed to be revolving," said Mr. Smith. "It showed a flickering bright light which faded away, and then returned. It was most peculiar."

Other Sydney people reported "hovering lights" which changed colour."

Strange Object Seen In Sky

TAUMARUNUI, Today (PA).—It is claimed that a "flying saucer" was seen at 8.30 o'clock on Friday morning between Lake Rotoaira and Mount Tongariro. The saucer was first noticed by a child who called the attention of her mother, Mrs. F. Bell, to the strange object in the sky. Mrs. Bell called out to the manager of Weir and Kenny's mill, Mr. J. Mantell, and he states that he saw the object quite plainly. He thought it was flying at about 25,000 feet and was hovering in the sky when he first had his attention drawn to it. Then it vanished at terrific speed in a southerly direction.

Mr. Mantell said the saucer was shaped like a large bowl. It was flatish and completely circular.

He could distinguish what he thought might be two jets operating from one part of the saucer.

A flying saucer, seen, having opened in Melbourne recently, has extended to Sydney.

So far, our observations have been

a good deal less spectacular than those in the Victorian capital, where a number of people claim to have seen orange-coloured aircraft of curious shape and prodigious speed, spouting flame and making unfamiliar noises.

One apparently reputable citizen and his wife, having studied a saucer from their bedroom window at 2 a.m., described it as being 240 feet long—a remarkably precise estimate of measurement.

But Sydney vigils have unearthed—or rather unskied—nothing more exciting than a strange light which floated over several suburbs one night this week, changing colour in an odd sort of way.

We may yet do better, for the Sydney Telegraph has begun to canvass for F.S. evidence, though it has not gone to the length—as the Melbourne Argus has done—of offering £1000 for an acceptable photograph of a Saucer.

That is probably just as well, for the other day an enterprising New Australian presented the Telegraph with a convincing-looking print of a round object seemingly sky-scadding at speed. It took two days of investigation to establish that this was a photograph of a piece of painted cardboard hanging in a room against a dark background.

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THE SAUCER AGAIN

MELBOURNE, May 31 (Rec. noon) — Within the past 24 hours 14 persons living in Melbourne suburbs have reported having seen an object like a flying saucer just over the rooftops of suburban homes.

One man said he was talking at his gate early yesterday with five friends when an "oval-shaped thing as big as a railway carriage" shot over the house. It was about 70 feet in the air and about 60 feet away, he said. They saw it clearly for about five seconds. A loud buzzing sound had first made them look up. "I could distinctly see dark shapes like 'busts' in the object. If I had seen the same shapes in an aeroplane I would say they they were people," one man said.

Another man reported that a saucer flew over his house at about 70 feet and climbed at a fantastic speed.

In another suburb seven people said they had watched what appeared to be a flying saucer. They were able to see it for 25 minutes while it "hovered and then dashed sideways."

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KICKSNAWS Random Flying Saucers Again

And the repairs...

WHEN Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding says that he believes that flying saucers exist he is, of course, stating only his own opinion.

In contrast, Major General Roger M. Ramey, U.S.A. Air Force Director of Operations, stated two years ago that flying saucers were not solid objects. General Hoyt Vandenberg went so far as to say at about the same time that there were no such things as flying saucers. Well, it is anybody's guess. But the fact remains that flying saucers are no new thing.

The first authentic report of one dates back in Britain to the 13th century. An account of a round flat object stated that it flew over Byland Abbey, causing panic among the monks. In 1902 reports of flying saucers came in from Adelaide in the Southern Hemisphere. Between the two dates a whole host of responsible persons had reported flying saucers, if not by name, at least so that they could be recognised from the U.S.S. Supply at sea it was reported at 6.10 p.m. on February 28, 1904, that an egg-shaped object had been observed in the sky hovering an area of about six suns. It was accompanied by others travelling in a line. Earlier still an astronomer, Walter Maunder, described in the periodical Observatory a strange celestial visitor viewed by thousands in England on the night of November 17, 1882.

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Maunder was at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, when he suddenly saw "a great circular disc of greenish light appear in the E.N.E." It moved smoothly from horizon to horizon, taking about two minutes in transit, he said. When it crossed the meridian and passed just above the moon, its form was almost that of an elongated ellipse. It was estimated at 133 miles above the earth travelling at 10 miles a second.

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Mr Potter's sketch
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INVESTIGATION

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Light rays from
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Dark grey hull against
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NEW ZEALAND

A STATEMENT—INDEED— THE RIDDLE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS IS SOLVED. THEIR SOURCE IS KNOWN.

Such was the outstanding and prominent announcement made in the 15th October and final issue of International Flying Saucer Bureau's publication "Space Review".

What are the astonishing details; what positive information was revealed to the President of I.F.S.B., Mr Bender by his visitors, three men of authority who presented their credentials.

The reliability of the information was apparently beyond question, because Mr Bender and his colleagues, satisfied that the purpose of their investigation had been achieved, decided on the immediate disbandment of the whole organization. This has been carried out to the letter.

A parallel statement reads, "We are not permitted to reveal any of the facts via our publication. The higher authority advises us that it is not the time or place to print such information as has come to our knowledge."

I.F.S.B. was one of the leading U.S. Civilian organizations; well organized and had established representatives in many countries. C.S.I. (NZ) has received Mr Bender's resignation as C.S.I.'s U.S. Representative.

The President of I.F.S.B. further related in private correspondence, "I was profoundly shocked and unwell for a few days following the meeting, I advise all those engaged in saucer work to please be very careful. All should know what I know within a few months.*"

It has recently been established by C.S.I. (NZ) and confirmed through correspondence with the President of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, Mr E.R. Jarrold, that concurrently many other U.S. kindred organizations have suddenly become silent. No further mail is being received, no replies to letters written.

Just what does all this add up to; have the authorities in the U.S. banned private investigation of the saucers, or have they taken the civilian groups into their confidence and requested them, as good American Citizens to stand down and remain incognito, because the U.S. Government has solved the mystery and is preparing a momentous announcement for the near future. We favour the latter.

There has been other incidents of recent date that adds credence to the above expressed views and to views previously published by C.S.I. These may not be of earthly choosing. These are:—

(1) It is common knowledge among investigators that the bigger flurry of sightings occur in cycles (Mars in Opposition), that in each consecutive approach, particularly the last four, the frequency of sightings have shown a marked increase. The 1954 and 1956 Oppositions will see Mars and Earth as very near close as possible in their orbits, so cutting the distance between the planets by millions of miles. (refer article by Lonzo Dove)

(2) Leading investigators in the field and all authors of books on the subject, Gerald Heard, Ex Major Donald Keyhoe, (USMC) Desmond Leslie and Frank Scully, besides being convinced that the "flying Saucers" are interplanetary craft controlled by intelligent beings, have also mooted that late 1953 or early 1954 will be the critical period.

(3) Now we have George Adamski's experience published in "FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED". Adamski has involved the American Air Force in his story on a number of occasions. Has the American Air Force repudiated or denied such reference. Does not this leave Adamski wide open to exposure, IF his story was not true. In this same book as a closing three page section (Record of lecture and discussion on the subject of "saucers" at a conference for reserve Air Force Officers 1st June 1953) many remarkable statements were made by a responsible Air Force Official. All left the conference with the unofficial directive and assurance that the flying saucers were real and interplanetary. (U.S. Air Force Officers)

(4) Recent outstanding sightings in England reported by R.A.F., Civil Airways, and Army Anti-Aircraft, crews, were further and positively confirmed by Radar and Telescope. Over Pretoria South Africa too, Air Force Officers sighted objects, they further stated that their Radar contact was with something "undoubtedly solid".

C.S.I. published and posted to leading NZ News papers a special News-Release dated 1st November. Recent overseas cable news has confirmed much of the views and data contained in our news release. Reproduced is our most recent summary. (Extract 1st Nov. Release) :--

Recent developments in the investigation of flying saucers from all sources of information, compel us to accredit the following as to be a correct prospectus of the truth.

- (a) That Flying Saucers are interplanetary and are controlled by an intelligent race of beings.
- (b) That the United States authorities in particular, through their Air Force's six-year full-scale intensified investigation, have the answer and the greatest knowledge of the matter.

(c) That the recent increasing mention and reference to Inter-planetary Travel in a wide range of literature is part of an organized programme to prepare the peoples of the World for such revelations mentioned above.

(d) That although a number of planets may be involved, Mars is the most suspect------(as before mentioned, (I) page 2.)

In the light of past and present evidence and the greater than ever activity expected of the future, the most successful example of security or hide and seek in the annals of earth history, must soon break for all to see.

End of Extract.

There is no doubt that the answer when revealed in full will be sensational to say the least; the near future promises tremendous possibilities for man. Responsible Governments have a mighty problem on their minds, more mighty than who has the greatest stockpile of Hydrogen or Cobalt bombs. We have fought and struggled for centuries for aims aggressive and peaceful. Since World War I, the "League of Nations" and now as a result of World War II the "United Nations Organization," we claim to struggle only for peace, our efforts have not been very successful to date.

Will the arrival of interplanetary authority prevent a third World War. What else could equal such a powerful sobering effect as the above realization, on the peoples of this planet; what else would give them more cause to pull together and forget they ever had differences; I know of one other force greater.

The evidence to support interplanetary visits must by now be absolute. There is much that has been successfully screened from public knowledge

Everything points to an early removal of this screen,

What are the incredible facts ???

C.S.I. REPRESENTATIVES

Two further representatives have been appointed in two southern cities, Christchurch and Dunedin. Representatives are appointed from those "Honorary Observers" who have shown much enthusiasm and been of valuable assistance to our research.

We would like you to meet Mrs E.E.Hamber 19A Ranfurly Street, St Albans Christchurch, C.S.I. CH.CH. Rep.

and

Miss. V.E.J.Allan, 527 Castle Street Dunedin N.I., C.S.I. DUNEDIN Rep. We advise subscribers to the Review or other interested parties in these areas to contact our Reps if you have information to

Forward C.S.I.

Extract from "SPACE REVIEW" official publication of I.F.S.B. USA.

THE MARS EXPLOSIONS AND THE FLY- ING SAUCERS

In my Letters dated January 13 and 15, 1952, to the Polomar Mount and the Lowell Astronomical Observatories and the Editor of the Strolling Astronomer, Journal of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers, I predicted that within a day of April 15 1952, coming shortly before the close approach of Mars to Earth, there would be a new arrival of Flying Saucer Space Ships from Mars to Earth, 60 days after the launching date from Mars on February 15. This period is recognizable as the astronomically calculated and most natural space-time path for a celestial body moving in an orbit to intersect the orbits of Mars and Earth.

I predicted further that the launching and arrival dates would be marked by gigantic signals across interplanetary space, like the exploding cloud observed on Mars just one Mars Synodic Period ago on January 15 to 16 1950, which was 60 days before the reported "saucer armada" arrival over Earth on March 17 to 18 1959, shortly before that close approach of Mars to Earth.

My predictions were charted out in 1950 from past flying saucer dates and a number symbol was woven into the space travel calculations from basic saucer activities.

In my letters to the Strolling Astronomer, dated April 30 and August 3, I made reference to my previous letters predicting flash cloud signals on Mars and the launching and arrival of space ships by a 60 day journey from February 15 to April 15 to 16, 1952. I pointed out that the recorded abnormal clouds observed on Mars of December 8 to 9 and 27, 1951, coincided with two of the basic periods of my saucer schedule; the return from Earth to Mars and the preceding last good look over Earth in landing tests on the date of the Mars Aphelion. I also submitted a photocopy of my chart and copies of published articles in which I predicted those very dates so prominently figured in the chart. I submitted a photograph that I took on April 15, 1952 of a huge circle cloud 30 miles in diameter and 15 miles up in the sky, a double track a mile wide, with a lead off trail going northwest towards Alaska--where next morning some high vapor trails of "unknowns" caused a nationwide military special alert.

So now, after all this was said and done, the July, 1952 issue of the Strolling Astronomer comes out and on pages 99 and 100 describes "the most interesting Martian cloud of all in our records", a big double cloud of dull hue that stood 60 to 90 miles above the surface of the Planet Mars on April 16, 1952, in the region Eridania, which is near where the similar cloud was observed January 15 and 16, 1950 mentioned in the same article.

We cannot logically escape the significance of the fact that this abnormal double cloud on Mars and the equally abnormal double cloud circle over Earth occurred the very same day, which is also the very same day

I have calculated two years earlier for the main arrival of flying saucers from Mars to Earth three weeks before the close approach of the two Planets—this later within a day of the Rio saucer photograph.

The earlier April, 1952 issue of the Strolling Astronomer, page 47 and 51, also pages 56 and 57, had described the observations of December 27 1951 as follows: "The most conspicuous cloud, brilliant and striking, on Mars"; and December 8 to 9, 1951 the "Extremely brilliant flash and exploding cloud of brief duration on Mars, certainly one of the most extraordinary phenomena ever recorded by students of Mars". These two dates are on my charts, and their nature is surely important enough for interplanetary signals.

The fine book, "The Planet Mars", by G. deVaucouleurs, published in London in 1950, says that "Mars remains the only planet whose phenomena cannot be easily interpreted by the sole use of the physical and chemical laws applied to inorganic matter.

The clouds on Mars, their correspondence with astronomical aspects and space travel plans between Mars and Earth, are shown to be artificial from every angle of reasoning, and not caused by non-biological natural events on a planet like Mars. The saucer activities on Earth explain the synchronous Explosions on Mars, while the Mars events the origin of the flying saucers. The evidences thus accumulating cannot be ignored much longer.

Of all the scientific thinkers, students of astronomy with its inherent mind-expanding quality of the vastness of space and time and numbers of world evolutionary possibilities, should be the last to suffer the blighting effect of commercializing which brands as unprofitable the adventurous love of science for the sake of pure science itself.

It is not at all in the scientific spirit for organized groups of scientists to adopt the obscurantist policies of bigotry which held back science in the dark ages, and to dictate against free discussion of observations, just because it may be contrary to popular belief and may irritate some prejudice.

How in the name of science can a "noted" scientist publish that there is "Zero-chance" for space ships to be coming from a neighbor planet? Or after admitting to uncertainty and ignorance about radar detection, then to declare dogmatically that "in the opinion of experts it cannot and does not see flying saucers". How can they know this, since this is the very point of admitted uncertainty? This is on a par with another self contradiction, "invisible clouds that reflect light", posed as the "cause of flying saucers". (Science Service Releases: Science News Letter of August 9, 16, 30, 1952.

Forgetful of the astro-physical fact that any intelligence on Mars arose a billion years ago at the peak of evolutions on that less-massive planet, and would have used their intelligence to invent artificial means of survival through the withering of their planet to the present day, and would be coming across space in the amazing flying disks.

From the way some professors of science go out of their way to explain away the saucer phenomena, we might conclude that they have something to hide. The trouble is, we the people do the observing of evidences, while those who have never seen a flying saucer make a show by denying the existence of such things. How stupid do they think we are?

Let us not thus discredit the names of "science" by immature statements of more emphasis and less sense than the fanaticism of religion. Let us not conduct a scientific laboratory determination upon observations by declaring before-hand what the answer must not be. True science seeks the truth whatever and wherever it may be.

by Lonzo Dove, Chief Astronomer IFSB.

FOOTNOTE TO "SAUCERS"

by Frank Scully--author of "Behind the Flying Saucers."

Three years ago I seemed to act as umpire between the Saucerians and the Pentagonians and published my findings in a book that has since gone round the world. At least it has been published in ten languages and may even have been published behind the Iron Curtain, for all I know.

My findings seemed to have poked holes in the Pentagonian position that believers in flying saucers were either (a) screwballs or (b) perpetrators of hoaxes. I left the Air Force with 34 sightings that had left them mystified.

I sat in on a briefing of Air Force Reserve officers the other day and found that the Air Force position had changed greatly since that 1949 report of their project saucer. They no longer think that believers are victims of mass hysteria. They happen now to have 750 sightings which have them stumped and most of these were reported by their own technicians and were caught on their own radar scopes. In other words, they are a good deal nearer today the position I advanced in "Behind The Flying Saucers" in 1950.

Meanwhile the front-runners for the earlier Pentagonian Line are left holding a fairly empty bag. Flying Saucers remain a most controversial subject and those who ridicule what others see are well within their rights, but they must stick to the subject and not throw mud on the private character of those who believe that these objects are not light reflections, mirages, or automobile hub caps.

For myself, I believe that flying saucers, like girls, are here to stay. What they are doing may remain a mystery for a while, but their presence in our atmosphere is no longer open to doubt. I suspect that they are mapping our magnetic patterns and studying particularly our magnetic fault zones.

Our earlier position that these space ships were magnetically propelled has not been assailed. That some of their ships grounded (not crashed) and could not take off again, would certainly make them wary of landing again until they were quite sure that magnetic conditions would make those take-offs no longer subject to chance.

It requires a vast knowledge of the magnetic conditions on the universe. The visitors from space are in all probability several light years ahead of us in such knowledge and we are only getting an inkling of what such a force is and how it operates on this earth, which as, after all, nothing but a huge dynamo, traveling in three directions at the same time, for it spins, follows an orbit, and wobbles all at once.

Before I complete my next book on this vast and mysterious subject, I hope to have the answers to much of this mystery. Meanwhile it is comforting to know that the Air Force has moved over much closer to our original position and that I need no longer feel grounded among the flying saucers, but can take off from where I left off. I hope I don't shock the critics as badly the second time as I did the first.

Frank Scully

"WATCHED THROUGH TELESCOPE!"

AN OBJECT LIKE A "FLYING SAUCER" GLOWING IN THE NIGHT SKY OVER NORWICH AND MOVING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED HAS BEEN SEEN THROUGH A TELESCOPE AND THE OBSERVATION IS CONFIRMED BY SEVERAL RELIABLE WITNESSES-----such was the headlines of the London "EASTERN EVENING NEWS" Oct 8, 1953.

Here is the full account of the incident -----

Members of the Norwich Astronomical Society who have been watching throughout the hours of darkness in the hope of catching in their telescopes one of the strange lighted objects whizzing over the city sky have succeeded.

Mr. F.W. Potter, of 25, South Park Avenue, was keeping watch on Tuesday evening at 7.15 with a 3½ in refractor telescope when a very bright object appeared in the south-west as a yellow light of great size. He adds -- I focussed upon it and found the light was given from the object and was not reflected sunlight, as I first believed. It was an internal light being sent out from a fixed apparatus situated around the dome

The rays or beams of light could be seen distinctly from the dome and attached directly beneath it was a much larger and flattened dome with a protruding band running in a circumference around its edge. This was clearly seen in the telescope by the rays of light thrown out from the apertures in the top dome. The underneath of the large flattened bottom dome was hollow and appeared to be glowing red, but there was no vapour trails or gases to be seen.

It did not rotate but kept the same portion of the dome towards the telescope until it changed its angular course. Then it gave me a chance to visualize another of the apertures that previously had been hidden from view. It was then travelling to the north-east and disappearing from view. Mr. Potter added that the night sky was perfect with no clouds and all constellations visible.

The object was noiseless and kept a constant altitude. The duration of the movement on its course from coming into view from the south-west and vanishing in the telescope in the north-east was $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. Mr F. Dewing of 3 Lloyd Road Norwich, saw the strange object about an hour later when he was near the Plumstead Road Library. This time it was travelling on the reverse course and disappeared to the south-west.

The editor of the particular news column goes on to comment that quite a number of further reports had come to him prior this incident, he says the similarity in descriptions is remarkable, even to other mentions of seeing little windows (lighted).

The illustration (on cover) bears a remarkable similarity to the "space-craft" which Mr George Adamski says he photographed and is published in his and Desmond Leslie's book "FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED". This book is now available in New Zealand at Whitcombe & Tombs 12/6.

A MOST CAREFUL, THOROUGH AND — EXPERT AERIAL OBSERVATION —

Here are the facts to a recent most outstanding sighting that should convince the most ardent sceptic, providing he can understand what he reads and is not fool enough to consider the case as just another hoax.

This report appeared as a full page story under 3 in headlines in the London "SUNDAY DISPATCH" 18, October 1953. No mention was made in the New Zealand Press at the time. Was briefly referred to in cable news R.A.F. INVESTIGATING FLYING SAUCERS" published 12, November 1953.

This sighting was also confirmed by Radar along with many others in the European theatre of more recent date. Now read on. -----

Two experienced European Airways pilots have reported to London Airport that on a recent flight to Paris they watched FOR THIRTY MINUTES a mysterious object in the sky that might have been a "flying saucer"

Captain Peter Fletcher of Putney has been a pilot for 18 years, first with the R.A.F., and since its beginning with B.E.A.; First Officer R. L. Lemon of Ever Bucks, became a pilot in the R.A.F. 14 years ago.

Each described the incident Technically and dispassionately. Neither has the least doubt that he saw an "Unusual Aircraft" of some description. They agree, although they cannot prove it, that they were not deceived by a trick of light. Here is their story, factual and unvanishing, it is told by Captain Fletcher:

Our Elizabethan flight left London Airport at nine O'clock on the morning of October 9. There was a certain amount of low cloud and fog, but when we climbed we found ourselves in an absolutely clear atmosphere.

It was a clear day, in fact so clear that when we were over the English Channel we could see aircraft over the Airport at Orly 100 miles away. and if we had been high enough we could have seen the Alps. I had reported our position to Control when we were over Seaford, Sussex. We were en route to Paris on a course of about 150 degrees. London Radar said that an aircraft was overtaking me on my left.

This aircraft a Constellation flying some fifty knots faster than ourselves passed on ahead and a few minutes later reached its cruising altitude of 13,500ft and was in a position immediately ahead of me and above. At this stage the relative position of my aircraft to the Constellation and the sun was such that the sun's light was reflected to me from the top surface of the aircraft's wing, making the lit surface very clear to see, while a darker shadow etched in the lower part. This is important in view of the later observations.

It was then that I first noticed the "flying saucer". It was apparently another aircraft above the constellation and a little way to the left, and it seemed to have similar sun reflections. Bearing in mind that all airliners flying around Europe are basically of similar linear size-- that is a wing span of a hundred ft to 150 ft, I judged this other aircraft was flying at approx 20,000 ft and was about the same distance from me as the constellation or probably a further 20 miles away.

After watching the two aircraft --- and I had no reason up to now to think that the other object was not an aircraft --- it became apparent that there was a subtle difference between the two. I must get a little technical here. Both my aircraft and the constellation were on precisely the same course and therefore its bearing from me remained exactly the same, but as it was drawing away from me at a greater speed, its relative position to me slowly changed. As slight irregularities occurred in the path of the Constellation's flight, the intensity of light reflected from the upper surface varied.

Even when the Constellation was getting on for thirty miles ahead the irregularities of fuselage, engines, and tail could still be distinguished breaking up the reflecting surface of the top wing. But it was quite different to our "flying saucer". First Officer Lemon and I studied it intently. We had plenty of time. IT HAD THE APPEARANCE OF TWO SHALLOW SAUCERS WITH THEIR RIMS TOGETHER. WE NOTICED THAT:--

- (1) Its relative position to ourselves remained completely unchanged for the whole of the 30 minutes that we had it under observation. IT APPEARED TO BE STILL.
- (2) The intensity of reflected light from the top surface remained absolutely steady until the last ten of observation when it gradually dwindled away at a speed consistent with the changing position of the sun.
- (3) The top reflecting surface was smooth and unbroken. It was more highly polished than is usually the case with an aircraft's "skin".

At first I had automatically classified the "stranger" as the Elizabethan that had taken off two or three minutes before we bound for Nice

and reporting his cruising altitude as 19,500 ft. But on crossing the French coast at Dieppe this aircraft reported his position behind me. No aircraft reported crossing the French coast at a time that would have put it in the position of the mystery craft. I was at once interested in my unchanging neighbour and began to check up on other aircraft in the vicinity. I noted the following facts:-

- (1) Low fog had prevented aircraft not only leaving London Airport, but by and large most of the U.K. aerodromes up to approx 8.40 a.m. and I was the fourth to take off from London.
- (2) The three preceding me were a D.C.4. to Amsterdam, the Elizabethan to Nice, and a D.C.3. to Brussels.
- (3) No civilian aircraft leaving Northolt would comply with the height, direction etc., of the mystery craft.

This eliminated all civilian aircraft flying from U.K. to France. I was left with the possibility of a Service jet or an Air France Comet. We ruled out the later possibilities because neither a jet nor a Comet would maintain for thirty minutes a course exactly the same without showing some variation in apparent position relative to our aircraft, for they would be flying twice as fast.

Remember also that we could see variation in the apparent position in the Constellation. The most striking thing to both of us was the absence of fluctuation in the intensity of the reflected light. I admit that at one time I toyed with the idea that it might be a balloon. But it would obviously have had to be an enormous and later observation confirmed the elliptical shape. In this it had the properties of an aircraft wing, being roughly one-tenth as deep as it was long.

It was impossible to estimate the size of the object because we did not know how far away it was from us. The day was so clear that it could have been an extremely large craft up to a 100 miles from us. Given the size of an object one can estimate its distance away. Given the distance one can estimate the size. We knew neither. It certainly looked as big as the Constellation and was farther away from us. How far we could not judge but we estimated that it was somewhere over the north of France. Neither of us have any doubt about one thing: We were not deceived by a trick of light.

WE HAVE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT THE OBJECT WAS SOLID,
HAVING A SHAPE APPROXIMATELY THAT OF AN AIRCRAFT WING
AND THAT IT WAS CONSTRUCTED OF A METAL SIMILAR TO THAT
USED FOR AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION ONLY MUCH MORE HIGHLY
POLISHED

In 18 years of flying I have never seen anything like it. If it had been visible for a few seconds or even for a few minutes I would of dismissed it as an illusion or trick of light. But we had our "saucer" under observation for a full half hour. We had time to consider it and estimate its size. Our Radio Officer saw it and we brought along the steward to confirm what we saw.

Certainly we saw something material in the sky. Whether or not it was a flying saucer we cannot say. But we will not dismiss it as trick of imagination -- not after 30 minutes of wondering what it could be. If it wasn't another conventional aircraft, and I have given my reasons why we do not think it was, Then what was it, But we did see it..

N.Z. SCIENTIFIC AND INTERPLANE- TARY GROUP -

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Mrs E. Hamber.

Formed on the 25th Sept., 1953 from a nucleus of C.S.I.C.H.C.H. "Honorary Observers", and holds meetings once a month. Although this new society is very interested in the ultimate solution to the Flying Saucer riddle, all members are equally interested in all aspects and prospects of interplanetary flight and other complimentary subjects. Interested parties should address their inquiries to The Hon. Secretary 55 Tedder Avenue Christchurch E.3.

WAS IT A METEOR?

PERHAPS ONE DAY WE WILL KNOW FOR SURE
Extract from Nature Vol 42 Page 403
August 21st 1890.

In a paper printed in a new number of the Trans-Prov N.Z. Inst., Mr Taylor White describes an extraordinary Meteor which he saw at Wimbledon, Hawkes-Bay on May 4th 1888 between 8 and 9 O'clock P.M. The nucleus or head was of an oval form, of a transparent light-yellow colour as of iron at white heat. The tail was of in the form of the tail of a pheasant, expanded that is, the two centre streamers were of a dull opaque orange. They were distinctly divided, each from each by dark bands, which consisted of several fine black lines, to probably, the number of five in each band. Mr White is unable to fix the number of orange streamers, but would guess ten as probably correct. The colours blue and green were also certainly present.

NO SOUND was audible while the meteor was in view, but says Mr. White "after I had gone into the house, and was describing what I had seen, the sound of its striking the earth or sea was heard, -- a loud and lengthened noise, to me like the violent shaking of all the forest trees, and evidently above the ground, thereby differing from the sound accompanying an earthquake coming from the Westwards; and this was followed, after a hardly perceptible pause, by a fainter sound, like an echo, to the North-east. Various New Zealand daily papers gave full descriptions of the phenomenon at the time. According to the "NZ Times" the apparent size of the meteor was quite half that of the full moon.

THANKS TO ALL HELPERS

We wish to thank all those who have in the past and present, in various ways greatly assisted C.S.I.'s Flying Saucer Research Project. Many have and continue to forward press clippings of locally reported sightings or any article that referred to "Saucers" in general, others have sent in their theories and not forgetting those very important persons never to be forgotten sightings. We sincerely hope you will continue to do so.

WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING TO YOU MR E.R. JARROLD. PRESIDENT OF "AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER BUREAU".

Mr Jarrold, aged 35, returned to Australia some time ago after spending five years adventurously globe trotting; is married and has two young boys of school age. Has been interested in most scientific subjects from a very early age, with Astronomy and Space-Travel predominating. Has his own private library of over 200 scientific works; likes light reading as well, but can never find the time now, so great is the pressure of "Flying Saucer research."

Since formation of A.F.S.B. July 1952 no time has been found for relaxation or vacation, however, he hopes to make a break August next year but fears that the typewriter will refuse to be left behind. Mr Jarrold's entrance into the flying saucer picture commenced when he became interested in the early 1947 sightings of mysterious objects flashing around global skies, his interest increased tenfold when further outstanding sightings were reported during 1951. One of these sightings he witnessed personally. Over a Sydney Suburb in May of that year, he saw two bright yellow lights that appeared to betoken intelligent control, but the lights had no distinguishable solid body as far as he could determine.

Personal investigations of this and other sightings, left him with the realization that no official body existed in Australia for the recording and correlation of reports of this nature, so on July 31st 1952 singlehanded, he formed the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. From the subsequent investigation and evaluation of all the facts, Mr Jarrold soon became strongly of the opinion that that the "Flying Saucers were very real. He was also near convinced that the objects were coming across space from the nearby Planet Mars and were subjecting old Terre Firma to a thorough inspection.

A.F.S.B. has appointed representatives in most of the larger Australian cities who act as official observers to the parent body. He has also established friendly relations with the majority of the kindred organizations overseas; this global link-up has greatly benefitted all.

Mr Jarrold edits the bureau's official publication "THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE", which C.S.I. NZ considers one of the best in the field, the magazine is printed; is a Quarterly and costs 2/- per copy or 8/- per four issues. Address your request to 3 Ferguson Avenue Fairfield New South Wales.

C.S.I. NZ is much indebted to Mr Jarrold, he has kept us posted of all Australian sightings, and passes on most interesting information gleaned from overseas organizations not normally corresponded by C.S.I. Mr Jarrold has also promised to forward copies or prints of the mysterious object that was photographed by the Deputy Regional Commissioner of the Australian Civil Aviation Dept, while that gentleman was visiting Port Moresby New Guinea on August 31st 1953. This dept is sending A.F.S.B. prints of the object that to date has not been identified.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO MR JARROLD.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF A FLYING SAUCER BY AN ALERT OBSERVER
OF THE AMERICAN CIVILIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE " SKYWATCH"

Shortly after C.S.I.'s August Review was published, actual photographs of a flying saucer was received from Mr Bender, Pres., IFSB. the Photos were taken by Mr August C Roberts On July 28th 1952, while on duty at a civilian Defence Observation Tower in New York. Although Mr Roberts did not have EXTRA good luck in taking the time exposures of the mystery object, the prints definately show proof that something of extreme brilliance was hovering in the night sky, round in shape and most unlike anything ever before seen by the observers.

Shortly after the first photo was snaped the object moved off with increasing rapidity skyward, the ascent was also unusual in that the object rose in a stepping fashion (horizontal to vertical) to disappear in the clouds. Mr Roberts wrote an excellant account of his experience, a copy of which accompanied the photos. The photos thus obtained are the very last anyone would produce to convince a sceptic, or to add credence to a premeditated hoax.

We quote a paragraph from Mr Roberts script, " I was serving as a ground observer on routine duty with a 9-30 power binoculars in my hand. The binoculars were focused on the saucer going through its movements. I noted the round shape which was unlike anything else I had ever seen before. The colour of the object facinated me because it was an eerie orange with a reddish brown rim. There was a dot in the centre of the same colour. When the object spun this centre changed to the same glowin g red as the rim and could be seen quite clearly. At this point it began to speed up; the whole thing flickered and pulsed sitting on its edge in the sky. It had considerable depth. About the best way to describe this, is to visualize two half dollars held together at arms length and turned slightly to see the edge. The rim appeared to be as thick as the edge was wide. The whole thing was flat and resembled identically the two half dollars. It was somewhere between fifty to a hundred feet in diameter."

C.S.I. NZ was most appreciative of the chance to view actual photos of mystery objects, and wishes to record all members sincere thanks to Mr Bender and Mr August C Roberts in this Review.

"FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED."

This new book, in two parts, authored by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski is an outstanding work that will serve to more than shock the average sceptic. Published in England in mid September by T Werner Laurie Ltd., the book is in tremendous demand and has now sold over 20.000 copies.

Some of the facts revealed in this book will perhaps leave you temporary shocked, however the facts are recorded in all sincerity by both authors. Desmond Leslie has acheived a remarkable result from his research of ancient documents and George Adamski has the swore affidavits of the othe five witnesses to his meeting a Venusian and the photographs of the Space Craft. The book is highly recommended. 12/6 Whitecombe & Tombs.

NOT A SECRET WEAPON.

Do you believe that the Flying Saucers are a secret weapon owned by some great power on this earth. Many sincere investigators strongly suspected this at first, but once they learned of the amazing capabilities of the saucer craft and their apparent limitless range in height and distance, pure common sense reasoning established these points.

- (1) What nation on earth has ever before openly advertized to all and sundry that they have a secret weapon of unquestionable superiority and apparently limitless potential. None unless already common knowledge.
- (2) Would any nation possessing such a secret weapon, test fly it over unfriendly territory thousands of miles from its home base, wouldn't the risk of mechanical failure make this a most stupid, hazardous mission to say the least.
- (3) Couldn't any nation possessing such a weapon, be they peaceful or aggressive, confidently name their terms to the rest of the World demanding immediate capitulation and compliance to their wishes.
- (4) Do you think any great power could withhold the secret of this new formulae, when atomic and other great secrets are lost to other unfriendly powers, no sooner are they written down.
- (5) Do you think some recluse scientist or group of scientists, having secreted themselves away in some remote wilderness, could build vast aircraft some 1000 ft across, in vast numbers, capable of appearing over numerous areas of the planets surface simultaneously.

Let us view some of the Flying Saucer capabilities:-

- (1) Radar has many times checked them singularly or in neat formations moving from from a mere hundred to 20,000 m.p.h.
- (2) Then incredibly quickly they can change direction, greatly quicken or lessen their pace or stop with no apparent slowing down.
- (3) Vertical flight, be it ascent or decent is just as rapid and easy.

This is rather excellent performance for a balloon?

- (4) Hovering stationary to one spot as if riveted to the ceiling, only to take off like a Comet if investigated by our aircraft.

Is there any need for Venus to run for cover.

- (5) These strange objects have investigated our aircraft many times, by flying circles around us or standing off at a safe distance with blinking lights or glowing portholes, be it night or day.

Mirage, Temperature Inversion some top scientists say, where educated we would like to know?

If all this information has been learned of the "saucers" why don't we the people know more about them, how is it that we are still ignorant of many of the facts, what prevents the authorities from telling us.

Perhaps there are many reasons, not known to us why the World Authorities have been so reluctant and reticent in releasing the truth or those facts they have by now established. They far better understand public reactions to completely revolutionary ideas than is normally accredited them. There is no doubt that the answer will have far reaching repercussions on every field of science, theology, and mans very understanding of life.

We consider that the authorities must of established up to 7 years ago that there was a high probability that objects from across the space frontiers were entering the earth's atmosphere and subjecting its inhabitants to close scrutiny. There would follow an intence investigation to try to establish the purpose of such visitations, where were they from, did they resemble us in form or something entirely different from out of the chamber of horrors or current science fiction magazine.

Granted that the "saucer craft" were as much beyond our present day Jets as the Jets are beyond the first Chinese Kites, so would be the comparison of intelligence and thinking power of the "saucer" beings and ourselves. So it would be hard indeed to wrist the secrets of the Flying Saucer's power and potential from such a skilled operator. It would not be too hard, however, with our present day knowledge of our Sun and its Satellites to determine whether or not these craft were coming from a near-by Planet. We more than strongly suspect they do and indeed perhaps a number.

The World Authorities know only too well that, when the truth is told to "John Citizen", they the authorities must be ready with all the answers to questions too nummerous to enumerate. They will not tell you until they have established all the facts or are forced to, again we strongly suspect they will have to in the near future.

— = = = = — A LINK WITH THE "SAUCERS"

On the 21st April 1953 the Press reported a news release from the President of C.S.I., closely linking the "mystery threads" that fell from the sky and hung over telephone wires and fences at Ongaonga near Hastings with the F.O.S. Also quoted were overseas cases where a similar substance had been noted to fall from flights of Flying Saucers or mysterious objects. In all instances this greyish-white threadlike gelatinous substance had rapidly vapourized on being handled and disappeared in 24 hours if left alone. We have heard of a number of samples reaching laboratories for analysis but no results have been published.

Since the April report other similar reports have come to our notice, an amateur astronomer from Palmerston North watched an object through a telescope performing in the morning sky, shortly later a great deal of this thread-like substance was seen by himself and a witness. It floated down and some was gathered and later studied through a microscope

Under the microscope the substance, according to the astronomer looked not unlike a form of cobweb but it was more white in colour and ashy in texture than normal spider-web. This Manawatu press report was followed by a letter to the editor from a Mr XD claiming that shortly after the Hastings incident he had been motoring near Marton and Rata and had seen a large amount of this strange thread-like substance hanging over fences etc., "It had looked like long chains of small thistle-down or spider webs of huge size."

C.S.I. received two other reports around this time one from a lady in Christchurch and another from four civil pilots wives. These ladies were at an aero club display at Ashburton Drome and shortly after seeing a silvery round object fly across the drome at high altitude and then zoom straight up to disappear in the blue, noted that a great deal of fine thread-like substance was floating down. They discussed it with their husbands and decided to write C.S.I. of the incident, but wished to remain anonymous.

We were recently given the brief details of a similar case in Australia. A.F.S.B.'s Melbourne Observer reported to Mr Jarrold. "A few days ago I was cycling home when I noticed what seemed to be threads of a long cobweb-like substance hanging on a tree and adjacent telephone wires, There was no great quantity of it but it was very long. I took it in my hand but it did not disappear until I rubbed it. I took some home and put some on the top of an ink bottle on top of my desk. About an hour later it had quite disappeared." We note that in this case the substance did not vapourize or dissipate immediately on being handled.

This substance was also left behind by a number of objects (seven) that landed at Flatwoods West Virginia USA at sundown on Sept 12th 1952. The details to this incident would thoroughly shake anyone, A number of people were violently ill after this incident, C.S.I. has much data on overseas incidents that have not received mention in New Zealand News papers. (the horrible stench and mist-like substance that was thrown off from one of these objects when investigated was the cause of the violent illness (Doctors likened the effect of the mist on humans as to the normal reaction to mustard gas.))

Two other inexplicable happenings are allied with the "saucers". These are:-

(I) The mysterious violent explosions that have occurred quite a large number of times. These explosions have not been traceable to normal causes and have happened quite a surprisingly number of times to our knowledge. We have reports from France, America, Australia and quite recently from Hamilton New Zealand. Waikato Times Nov 9th, A loud explosion of sufficient force to awaken a number of people in many parts of Hamilton and to shake houses as far a part as Hamilton East, Hill-croft Whitiore, and Maerō and which occurred right on midnight is still something of a mystery. The report goes on to say that enquires were made to all those bodies who would most likely be in the know as to the cause of the explosion, no one could account for it. C.S.I. has a report from an Honorary Observer in Hamilton. He says "I heard the explosion it was not a bit like thunder (The Press quoted this) It was a very clear

night and no sign of a storm locally or on the horizon, the President of the Hamilton Flying Saucer Investigation Society is investigating a sighting of a Flying Saucer that was reported by a local resident at 9.30 that night. (the date of the explosion and the sighting was Saturday 7th November) (omitted the word Saturday in quoting from the Press report.)

(2) Insufferable and violent stanches, likened to rotten eggs, burnt plastic or sulphur, have been reported many times particularly by all those who have encountered the landed objects. This stench has also been noted on other significant occasions not necessarily associated with landings or sightings. One of these incidents has a very personal touch for the presidents of A.F.S.B. and G.S.I. NZ.

RECENT .N.Z SIGHTINGS IN BRIEF.

The frequency of reports are again increasing with a new high peak expected in the New Year. Here are the places, dates, times of sightings etc.:—

August 21st New Plymouth 11 a.m. Whitish grey object, like fluorescent tube approx 40.00 ft up, several observers, one heard whirring noise.

August 25th Christchurch 6.40 p.m. fast moving strange light, horizontal course, in view 8 seconds, left trail.

September 20th Lower Hut between 10.45 & 11.45 p.m. moving light bright gold in colour, seen several nights. Carter Observatory unable to ident.

October 15th Hobsonville Auckland 3.45p.m. like an electric light bulb moving aircraft speed, no noise, horizontal course.

October 21st Hamilton 3.15a.m. Orange coloured disc moving across sky at great speed looked 9-10ft diameter, swaying and revolving motion.

October 28th Christchurch 10.30p.m. and several times later fast moving lights. several independant observers one light zoomed up skyward.

November 5th Gisborne 10.38p.m. Orange coloured disc appeared to be revolving, surrounded by an eerie hallow. Rose high above harbour and disappeared with altitude. definately not fireworks.

November 7th Hamilton 9.30 p.m. disclike object, mysterious loud explosion right on midnight. no explanation for explosion, clear night.

November 12th Silverdale Auckland 9.10-10p.m. Bright stationary light clear sky disappeared and reappeared a number of times. Not Planet.

November 15th Russell white disc object moving at great speed, horizontal flight 7p.m. many observers, object appeared to emit silent explosions of blue sparks. many convinced that the object was not a meteor.

November 16th Christchurch 10.30p.m. professional man reported strange twinkling red light moving at great speed on level course, no trail.

November 17th Christchurch 11p.m. two further observers of fast moving brilliant red lights. appeared to be at great height watched for five minutes.

November 22nd Dunedin 9.25p.m. a light approached at great speed and moved across the sky brightening as it neared the observer, within seven seconds was out of sight again in the opposite direction, no sound was heard; no aircraft from Tairāri or elsewhere were in the area at the time.

November 22nd Invercargill 10.45p.m., queer object flashed across the sky, appeared to be elongated with two red lights in the front.

There has been many sightings in Australia too over this period but space is short and the Review is running late. There has been many sightings in England, South Africa & France too of late, some brief mention has been made to the Radar confirmed sightings in overseas cable news.

WHAT DID CHICHESTER SEE.

An account of Francis Chichester's experience in the air when nearing the completion of his 1931 solo crossing of the Tasman Sea from Auckland to Sydney via Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands. (Chichester was a famous early aviator). At the time of his experience he was suffering deep depression because his aircraft's motor showed every sign of failing and a subsequent crash into the sea seemed inevitable.

Having shortly before passed through a storm, his plane suddenly came out into comparatively clear sky and he saw. "What was that. Nothing could glitter and flash in a cloud but an aeroplane?. I watched the spot intently for a time: more flashes occurred and I could see no plane. Turning to the land, I found that it had disappeared, in its place a long purple hued cloud lay on the sea at a great distance. Another illusion.

It thrust me down into the deepest depths of depression. When I looked back at the flashing lights, that too had disappeared. There was not a sign of it, yes, suddenly it caught my eye at thirty degrees to the left front, then vivid flashes in several places like the dazzle of a Heliograph. That it could not be, it must be a flight of planes, they could hardly be connected with me.

Then I saw advancing great heavens..... the dull grey-white shape of an airship. Impossible ??, However, there was no doubt about it, and indeed how should I be mistaken in an airship?. It nosed towards me like an oblong pearl. Nothing but a cloud or two was visible in the sky for miles. I looked left, sometimes catching a flash or a glint there. Turning again to the airship, I found it had completely vanished. I screwed up my eyes unable to believe them, and twisted the plane this way and that, thinking that the airship must be hidden by a blind spot.

There was scarcely a wisp of a cloud anywhere near heavens I thought "am I seeing things" or was I being tantalized ?? Dazzling flashes continued in four or five different places to the left, but still I could pick out no planes. There out of some clouds to my right front I saw another of the same airships advancing. I fixed my gaze on it, determined not to look away for the fraction of a second. I'd see what happened to this one, if I had to chase it. It drew steadily closer until perhaps a mile away, when right under my gaze as it were it suddenly vanished. I was astonished.

But it reappeared close to where it had vanished, I watched it angrily with fixed intentions. It drew closer; I could see the dull gleam of light on nose and back. It came on, but instead of increasing in size it diminished as it approached. When quite near, it suddenly became its own ghost. For one second I could see right through it, and the next instant, as quickly as a flame can vanish, it had vanished.

A diminutive cloud formed perfectly to the shape of an airship and then to vanish or seemingly dissolve. I turned to the flashes, those too had now vanished, I felt stranded in solitude; it was intolerable.

A LETTER FROM MR CHICHESTER.
Dated 23rd September 1953.

Dear Mr Fulton

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th August. Yes, I consider that I was one of the first people to see a Flying Saucer, or at any rate what people call a flying saucer.

As my account of it was published in 1932 when nobody had thought of Flying Saucers I feel it must be regarded as absolutely authentic.

The description appears in my book "Seaplane Solo", published by Faber & Faber (later published by George Allen & Unwin under the title "Alone over the Tasman Sea" starting on page 299 line 11.

Please let me know if there is anymore information I can give you.

Yours Sincerely

Signed Francis Chichester.

P.S. Francis Chichester now controls an Air Navigation School, in London. He is an Air Navigation Specialist and map publisher. We are most appreciative of Mr Chichester's co-operation. Ed.

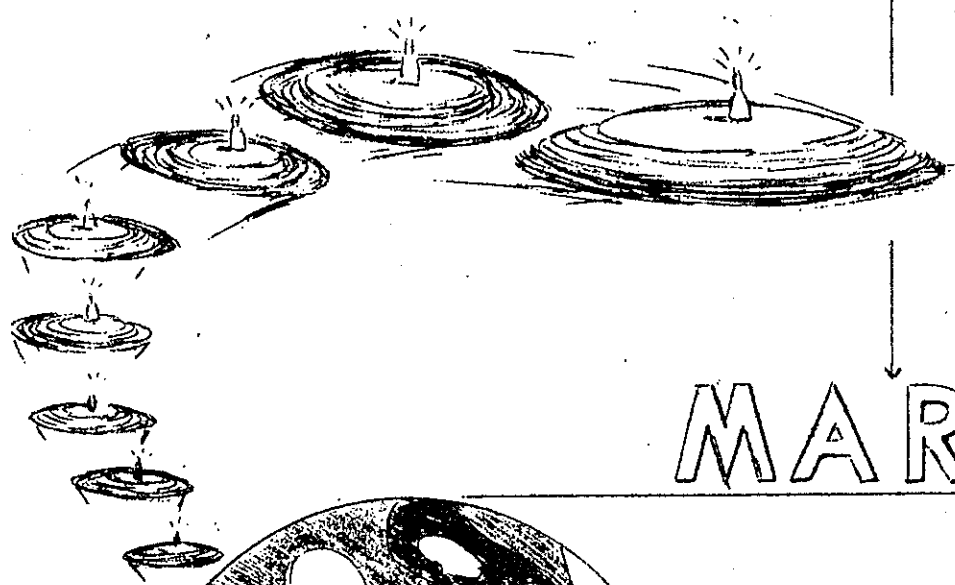
XMAS GREETINGS

To all Representatives Honorary Observers and readers of C.S.I. Review. May we wish you a most joyous Xmas, a view of Her Majesty The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and a prosperous New Year.

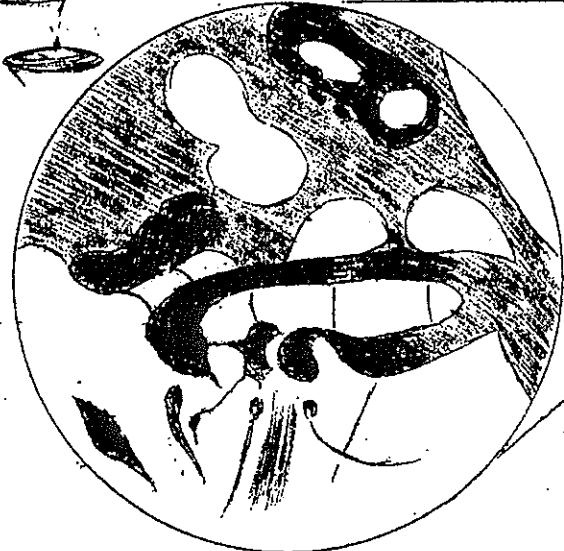
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DO THE SAUCERS COME FROM

Granted that the "Saucers" are real and interplanetary ; for by far the greater weight of evidence supports such an astonishing theory , then from whence do they originate . Have investigators also strong evidence that points an accusing finger at any source in particular. Yes, both the American and Canadian government sponsored "Project Bluebook" & "Project Magnet" respectively plus most of the 15 odd Civilian investigating agencies have for some time recognized "The Wise Old Globe" Planet Mars as suspect No 1.

Government and Civilian agencies have noted from the greater periods of activity etc., that the "Saucer" flurries occur in near regular cycles. This cycle it was discovered coincides closely approximating the "Oppositions" or near approaches of Earth and Mars in space. Since the startling reports of 1947 to the present day, three "Oppositions" have occurred. Each major flurry of sightings has been greater than the last and over a greater area. In between the major flurries there occurs a minor one approximating the half way mark, this leads us to speculate the likelihood of the "Saucers" having established themselves on our satellite Moon or orbiting Space Stations, there is evidence to substantiate both suggestions, all are watching for signs of real proof.

We are nearing the date of the next "Opposition" (June 25th) and the expected greatest yet flurry of Flying Saucers or Interplanetary Vehicles. This renewed activity commencing late May-early June, if the theory is the correct one, will climb rapidly to a peak round June 25th - July 2nd and taper more gradually over a period of 2 or more months. During these "Oppositions" Astronomers professional and amateur alike, take every opportunity to study the surface of Mars and occasionally a significant happening is noted. There was the unusual cloud formations that appeared on Mars preceding the appearance of the Saucers over earth (refer article by Lonza Dove Vol I No 3) and the following extract from the Strolling Astronomer (American) April 1952.

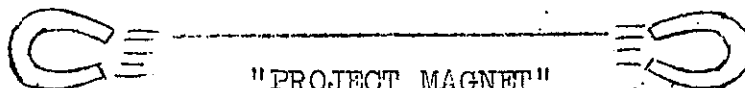
Quote! Dec 8. 6:00 A.M. Eastern end of TITHONIUS LACUS, Mars. N of Equator While observing Mars under a telescope a, "verysmall and extremely bright spot," resembling a "twinkling fixed star" appeared on Tithonius Lacus, it twinkled and grew brighter for five minutes before decreasing in brilliance This phenomenon, unknown in astronomical history of Mars, and all theories of natural causations were found inadequate to explain it. Observed by Tsuneco Saheki, a director in the Oriental Astronomical Assoc., and lecturer at the Osaka Municipal Planetarium.

During the "Opposition" June 25th Mars will be subjected to the most determined, thorough and broad study in all our time. All available and suitably situated telescopes will be trained on the Red Planet. The Hale 200 inch on Mount Palomar in conjunction with a large precision astronomical camera in the hands of the skilled staff will make a coloured movie film of the event. "Space Review" Feb 1954, makes further interesting mention. Quote, "Recently Drew Pearson mentioned in his column that the Air Force (USA) will scan Mars when the planet nears earth this spring. He went on to say.... the Air Force will send high-flying observation planes and guided missiles into the upper atmosphere for a clearer look...when Mars

will approach nearer to the earth than at any time in the last thirteen years. In addition a scientific expedition will journey to Bloemfontein, South Africa, which will be the closest point on earth from which to observe our neighbour planet". You will agree that this is a very significant pointer, it is a very good thing, we are certain that much new evidence and information will be obtained.

Here are the major particulars of the planet of our immediate interest. Fourth planet out from the Sun, Distance from the Sun 141,000,000 miles., Distance from the Earth at "Oppositions", furthest point 63,000,000 miles nearest point 34,600,000 miles. Diameter 4,250 miles., Colour through Telescope, reddish mainly, mass compared to earth 0.11, Volume 0.15. No of Moons 2, Deimos and Phobos. Length of year 687 days. Temperature up to 50 degrees at equator at noon. Diameter of Moons 10 miles. Physical description. Has white polar caps, greenish-blue areas, reddish-brown areas at certain seasons of the year. Atmosphere as near as our scientists can determine is mostly carbon dioxide with traces of oxygen. Many astronomers have seen while others haven't, peculiar markings resembling canals. The length of day or time of revolution is 24 hrs., 37 min., 22.65 seconds. Clouds on Mars vary from red white and blue in colour.

Loose leaflet Feb 8 Staistical Release accompanying Quarterly Review "FLYING SAUCERS" illustrates further particulars of the "Oppositions".



Canadian Project - From the Toronto DAILY STAR of Nov 11th 1953 by Harold Greer: Ottawa, Nov 11, The World's first scientific flying saucer sighting station is being constructed by Canadian electronic engineers at Shirley's Bay 10 miles north east of here. The work of "Project Magnet" --code name for the secret development of a flying disc powered by electromagnetic propulsion-- the station is being equipped with every conceivable type of recording device in the hope of obtaining the scientific measurements necessary to prove or disprove the existence of flying saucers. "Project Magnet" researchers have found that flying saucer reports come in flurries about two years and two months apart. It may or may not be significant that they have occurred when the planet Mars has been in opposition to the earth and that reports are most frequent when Mars reaches its closest point to the earth. Wilbur B Smith, head of the project, told the (Canadian) CP Wire service: Scientists do not believe there is any real proof that flying saucers exist or are interplanetary. However, "there is a high degree of probability that they do exist and are interplanetary". Mr Smith told the TorontoStar that there is a 90 to 95% probability that flying saucers do exist: 60% probability that they are "alien vehicles" 10% probability that they originate here on Earth and a 30% probability that they are inconceivable to men--such as some form of time travel involving a form of life other than protoplasm. (Extract from "SAUCERS" F.S.I. publication, March 1954)

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HOT SHOTS FROM THE NEWS

Sent in by alert C.S.I. "Honorary Observer" in the States. Our thanks to Mr C.H. Marck Denver Colorado. The following news is extracts from Frank Edwards Radio News Commentary week nights New York.

Dec 1953. Saucer over Bermuda. Frank Edwards reports that a huge Saucer flew over Bermuda at only 50 M.P.H., and then streaked away at such speed, it was out of sight in seconds. Civilians and Armed Forces personnel said it was about 200ft in diameter and had a yellow glow around it. The object itself seemed to be silver in colour. Sighted first week in December 1953.

Frank stated that the Air Force Project Bluebook personnel have recently received the movie film taken at Port Moresby New Guinea, The Australian government sent the film to Air Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson Field to have it further thoroughly analyzed. He further stated that the Australian government is exchanging information about the saucers with the U.S. government, but as usual the saucer investigating agency at Wright-Patterson Field have kept the Bermuda and Moresby sightings from the Press. Franks address is Frank Edwards, Mutual Broadcasting System 1440 Broadway, New York 18 New York. Frank is reported to be working with the saucer investigating agency "Project Bluebook."

Jan 4th 1954. Frank announced tonight. Over Quantica Marine Base during the last week in Dec, the Marines saw Flying Saucers for four successive nights. The Saucers would fly in controlled manoeuvres over the base at different altitudes. They flew high and at tree-top level he said, but on the fourth night one of the objects made a landing about half a mile from the Base. The Saucer stayed on the ground for only a few seconds, but when approached by Marines in a Helicopter it took off rapidly and disappeared. The Marines as it is reported got a good look at it. The object was described as round with red pulsating lights. Frank said keep your eyes on 1954, this is only the beginning. Air Force investigators are now questioning the Marines. Quantica Marine Base is located in Virginia.

Jan 14th 1954. Last night Frank said the Air Force and its investigating agency "Project Bluebook" is not going to give out any more information on developments about the Saucers to the Press and public, nor release any more sightings to the Press. The reason for this official silence the Air Force said, is because of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's new book "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE", it has caused too much public alarm about the Saucers.

But here is the real reason for the official silence about the saucers, Frank said, an "UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT" is under observation by scientists at a WEST COAST MILITARY FIELD U.S.A. (This field is reported to be Edwards Air Force Base at Muroc, California.)

Feb 10th 1954, Last night Frank gave out more news of the Saucers, he said that a Scripps-Howard Newspaper stated that that the U.S. Air Force already knows the source of the Saucers, and they are withholding the information from the public. This Newspaper is the "THE WORLD TELEGRAM & SUN" New York. Frank said he had recently spoken to scientists and physicists and they said, the flying saucers are "INTERPLANETARY SPACE CRAFT", there should be "STRANGERS IN THE SKIES THIS COMING SUMMER OF 1954".

THE AMERICAN SCENE

C.S.I. brings this clipping from an American Newspaper in full, it represents the most recent overall comprehensive coverage of the American Scene of Flying Saucer Inquiry.. Written by Richard Reilly published 26th Dec 1953.

AIR FORCE BAFFLED BY FLYING DISCS.

What were the mysterious "unknown flying objects" that appeared over Washington in the early morning of July 20, 1952 and were sighted by air and ground observers and on three radar scopes? After an exhaustive investigation, the Air Force admits ---almost a year and a half later ---that it still doesn't know. It doesn't know either what the objects were that reappeared on the radar screens here on July 26, 1952. On July 29, 1952 Gen. John. A. Samford, head of Air Force intelligence, told a press conference here that both incidents were a result of tricks played on radar by temperature inversions. He said he was "satisfied in my mind" that this was the explanation. A newspaper account of the conference stated, "The chief of Air Force intelligence labeled Washington's flying saucers as heat inversions. CARRIED AS UNKNOWN. Although Gen. Samford still maintains the same view, the Air Force has told the Times Herald that the cause of the Washington sightings is carried as unknown; that they are included among the 20% of "flying saucer" reports that remain unanswered." "The temperature inversion theory was offered only as a possible explanation", a high Air Force spokesman said. Another official said that the Air Force had never accepted this theory. By classifying sightings as unsolved, the Air Force admits it has been unable to attribute them to illusion, hoax, known types of aircraft or natural phenomena. Intelligence officers are still trying to find an answer.

A man who was not quoted extensively at the time of the sightings is Harry G. Barnes, senior controller at the CAA air traffic control centre at National airport. Barnes was in charge on the early morning of July 20 1952 when the unknown objects first appeared here. The incident remains vivid in his memory. A serious, deliberate man, Barnes reputation for accuracy is described as "excellent" by both Air Force and civil aeronautics administration officials. Harry Barnes flatly denies that the "targets" he and co-workers observed on radar that morning could have been caused by an inversion or any other weather condition of which they have knowledge. Barnes has his own opinion as to what caused the sightings ---what these unknown objects were, but he has never expressed it--- because CAA officials won't let him. He can however, describe what transpired and he gave a graphic account to the Times-Herald. Barnes explained that a radar scope has a purplish streak called the "sweep" which revolves like a clock hand six times a minute. This corresponds with the rotation of a parabolic antenna located on a nearby hill. As the rotating beam sent out by the antenna strikes a solid object, it appears on the screen, in the form of a "blip" or small white dot.

The blips reappear every 10 seconds, and take several seconds to fade out. Thus, the objects course can be plotted and its speed determined. The greater the speed of the object, Barnes pointed out, the greater the difficulty of knowing whether it is the same object--- since the blips appear at widely separated points on the 'scope. Unless the objects course is known, he added, it is difficult to determine if it is the same object that appears at these different spots on the 'scope. "On that night" Barnes said, "the targets would appear and drift along from 60 to 160 miles the impression of doing one of two things (a) disappearing and then reappearing at a later time somewhere else on the screen or (b) accelerating at such a terrific speed

that they would give the appearance of having disappeared and reappeared at a wide distance on the 'scope". Cause for disappearance of an object from the screen, he said, could be that it hit certain blind spots in the radar beam --- in other words went below or outside the beam. Referring to the 'objects bewildering performance on the radar 'scope, Barnes declared:

I never saw it happen before. If the acceleration explanation is true, then the speeds involved would be much greater than we know of. "He said jets could not approach such speeds. There was simultaneous visual-radar sightings, Barnes said, and the objects were pinpointed by radar at the control centre, the control tower and at Andrews Field across the potomac. "There is no possibility of a mistake about this" he added. Barnes also said the targets he observed on the radar screen that night "made right angle turns and completely reversed their direction in speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour---something I never saw any plane do. Regarding the inversion theory, Barnes said: "inversion blips are always recognized by experts". We were familiar with inversions before this occurrence. We are familiar with what weather conditions, flying birds and such things can cause on radar. "No inversion caused anything like we observed that night". Referring to the other radar men who observed the strange blips --Edward Nugent, James Ritchey and James Copeland he continued: "We've talked about this often and we've all agreed we never saw anything like it before. Inversion couldn't explain it. I had three qualified radar men with me. We know an inversion when we see it and think nothing of it. This was not an inversion." In addition, Barnes said, the unknown objects "had substance"---very definitely! At times, he said, they gave the impression of "hovering". They did this in the vicinity of the White House and Capitol, he added.

Asked for his opinion as to what caused the unusual sightings, Barnes hesitated, then said: "I do have an opinion on this of course, but so far I have never expressed it. I am willing to do so if ordered by my superiors: so far I have not been. I was told it would not be wise for me to offer any theory or opinion! When CAA officials were asked to give Barnes the necessary permission, they refused. "We can't permit him to do that" a spokesman said. He said that this was for Barnes' own protection. "People would say he was seeing things", he explained. An Air Force spokesman agreed that Barnes could not give an opinion, "for his own protection". He said this was his statement would be regarded as the CAA's position. The strange aspect of the whole thing is this statement made by Barnes: "They do not know what my opinion is --- I have never expressed it!"

Nation Took First Saucer Tales As Joke.

But the Air Force got busy as they continued. Since 1947 the Air Force --- and the American public in general ----- had been bewitched, bothered and bewildered by "flying Saucers". It all began when a private pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported on June 24th 1947, that he had sighted nine saucer-like things flying like geese in a diagonal chain-like line near VaRista, Wash. He estimated that they were going at least 1,200 miles an hour. The story swept the country and was followed by other saucer sightings. At first the nation regarded the reports as a joke. But as the reports kept coming in ---many of them from such reputable observers as veteran pilots ---people began to take a more serious view of the situation. The Air Force itself declared the saucers "are no joke". Subsequently, there have been hundreds of sightings of unknown flying objects reported to the Air Force. During the present year, for example the Air Force has received 366 reports

of which 10% are listed as unsolved. Sightings have been made in all parts of the World. Within the past few days, a new sighting caused a stir in England. Two Royal Air Force jet pilots reported that they were flying at 20,000ft when they spotted a circular object which was much higher and was moving at a tremendous speed. They said it was either reflecting or emitting a bright light. The object was tracked on radar, and was seen from the ground by many observers. British officials said it might have been a giant balloon released by scientists. A possibility also was advanced that it might even have an American Balloon that drifted that far. The sighting remains unsolved. The same pattern applies to many of the unsolved American sightings. The description of a circular object emitting some sort of a glow is a familiar one. The objects have been described as displaying different colours. such as red, green blue and orange.

SOME CIGAR SHAPED. there has also been descriptions of cigar-shaped objects larger in size than the disc-shaped ones. The evidence was sufficient for the Air Force to undertake a special investigation. After 6 years, "Project Saucer", as it is termed, still is incomplete. The Air Force neither affirms the existence of saucers, nor does it deny it. Intelligence officers have had many mystifying cases to puzzle over. One of the earliest was the tragic death of Capt Thomas Mantell. On the afternoon of Jan 7, 1948, hundreds of people near Madisonville, Ky reported sighting a huge glowing object. It later appeared over the Godman Air Force base, and, as it appeared to hover there, Capt Mantell and three other F51 pilots who were flying past on a routine flight, were contacted by radio and asked to investigate. TREMENDOUS, SAYS PILOT. A short time later, Mantell called back that he had sighted the object. He reported that it was tremendous and appeared metallic. It had started to climb, Mantell said that although it appeared to be equaling or exceeding his speed, he would follow it to 20,000ft and then abandon the chase if he came no closer. Those were the last words ever heard from Mantell. Later that day his body was found near his plane some 90 miles from the field. Theories that he was "chasing" the planet Venus or the Moon were advanced but not accepted by intelligence officers. The case is still unsolved. A high-level Air Force officer that served with Mantell during the War told the Herald that Mantell was an intelligent seasoned pilot whose judgment was sound. He said that although it appears that he blacked out from lack of oxygen, he certainly should of known how high he could of climbed safely.

There have been many other similiarly puzzling reports, some of cause were attributable to hoax or honest mistake. others were found to have been caused by natural phenomena, climatic conditions, conventional aircraft or, sky-hook balloons. But still there are about 20 per cent of all the reports that cannot be explained by the Air Force. The Air Force believes that - insufficient information on reports may account for some of the unsolved sightings. "In the early days", commented Lt Robert White, Air Force public information officer, "this caught us unawares". It often was some time before reports could be investigated, and then frequently it was too late to arrive at anything conclusive. We are now set up so that often an intelligence officer can investigate a report immediately after it is received. To obtain more information on the elusive saucers, the Air Force has distributed a specially-constructed "grid" camera to bases throughout the country. It is to be used to take pictures of any unknown flying objects that may be sighted. The camera is designed to separate light into its component parts and record them on film. Ben Stern, Director of the CAAL's airplane information office, said that most of the sighting reports -

received by the CAA have a general conformity of description. "They all describe them as round-shaped objects which accelerate rapidly" he explained. "but I don't know what they are. I honestly don't. All I do is read the reports. None of us here know any more than that." In another attempt to obtain information which may provide an answer, the military Air Transport Service during the past five months has distributed forms to American pilots - both military and commercial---in all parts of the world. The forms are designed to obtain maximum information on every sighting of an unidentified flying object. Pilots are also under instructions to radio the nearest air base when they make an exceptionally good sighting. Commenting on this extensive program, Larry Gates of the Air Lines Pilots association pointed out: "Since our pilots are all over the --- this side of the Iron Curtain --- the military wants to make use of every possibility of getting the answer to this problem."

CANADA TAKES STEPS

Canada is taking an even more drastic step to solve the six-year old riddle. It announced recently that it would construct a new saucer-sighting station near Ottawa. The station which will be under joint authority of the Canadian defence research board and the Canadian transport department, will have special equipment, and a 24-hour watch will be maintained. Wilbur B. Smith, supervisor of the new station stated. "There is a high degree of probability that flying saucers are real objects and 60% probability that they are alien vehicles. The optical illusion explanation is lovely, but in every sighting there is always some factor which precludes this explanation. We have decided to try to learn just what they are." Smith said the Canadian federal transport department, in which he has charge of the communications, broadcast and measurement section, constantly receives reports of sightings of flying saucers. The total number is classified as restricted material.

MORE DETAILS WANTED

In this country the Air Force is hopeful of solving the saucer mystery by obtaining more complete details of the sightings. The requirements of what it considers to be a good report are : (a) source must be reliable: (b) report should be current so that immediate investigation may be made: (c) report should indicate exact time of sighting : (d) exact location: (e) estimated speed : (f) altitude of object : (g) manoeuvre pattern : (h) weather conditions at time : (i) estimated size of object : (j) direction of flight: (k) length of time object was in view : (l) whether any sound accompanied the sighting : (m) overall description of object. The Air Force has on occasion received pictures purporting to be of unknown flying objects . But on this point it declares : "The Air Force does not possess photographs which prove the existence of flying saucers. Because "still" photos are so easily faked, either by using a mock-up or model against a legitimate background, or by retouching the negative, they are practically worthless as evidence." "More attention is given to movie pictures of unidentified flying objects, since they are more difficult to fake. However only a few movie type films have been received by the Air Force and they reveal only pin-points of light moving across the sky. The Air Force has been unable to identify the source of these lights."

SHOW ON UTAH FILM

This brings up the subject of the so-called "Utah film" which shows several bright objects moving through the sky (daylight). The Air Force has classified the objects as unknown, and has added these comments (a) source con-

sidered reliable: (b) possible mirage effect, and (c) possibly migratory birds in flight. However, Major Donald E. Keyhoe U.S.M.C. retired who has written two books on the phenomenon, claims that the Utah film actually proves the saucers are of interplanetary origin. Meanwhile the Air Force is taking definite steps to obtain a definite pattern in the saucer sightings. It hopes that a mechanical computer survey it is having made - and which is due to be completed later this month, will show whether the sightings have any consistency in regard to time and place. All this can be taken as evidence that the Air Force is still quite interested in the flying saucer problem -- and will continue to be until it is solved.

SAUCERS HELD SPACE SHIPS BY EX-MARINE

Are the flying saucers real ---- and if they are, what are they? That in essence, is the question that faces the Air Force and the American public as well. Although it remains unanswered, it has stirred no end of opinions and theories. One theory advanced from time to time is that the saucers are some revolutionary type of weapon perfected either by this country or some other nation. The Air Force, however, depreciates this possibility: In a recent statement it said: "The Air Force has stated in the past and reaffirms at the present time, that unexplained aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile or aircraft developed by the United States. None of the three military departments nor any other agency in the government is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be a basis for the reported phenomena."

Weapon Theory Discounted

In addition, a high-ranking Air Force officer indicated to the Times-Herald that it is believed impossible the saucers could be a foreign weapon. Regarding the question as to whether flying saucers exist, Lt Robert White public information officer, said the Air Force believes that reliable observers such as reliable airline pilots are sincere when they report sighting unidentified objects. The Air Force was tossed a hot potato recently by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S.M.C. (ret), who claimed in his recent book "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE", that the saucers are not only real but that they are of interplanetary origin. Further-more, Keyhoe contends that the so-called "Utah film" possessed by the Air Force proves this thesis. THEORY BOLSTERED. Keyhoe's interplanetary theory was bolstered by a letter published on the jacket of his book from Albert M. Chop, former Air Force civilian expert on the saucer project, who now is with the Douglas Aircraft company in California. In the letter Chop stated. "The Air Force, and its investigative agency "Project Bluebook", are aware of Maj. Keyhoe's conclusion that the flying saucers are from another planet. The Air Force has never denied that such a possibility exists. Some of the personnel believe that there may be some strange natural phenomena completely unknown to us, but that if the apparently controlled manoeuvres reported by many competent observers are correct, then the only remaining explanation is the interplanetary answer." Upon publication of the letter printed on Defense Dept stationary ---- the Air Force challenged Chop's claim and said he was merely expressing his personal opinion. Chop subsequently admitted that he was not speaking for the Air Force, but maintained that some of the investigative personnel had subscribed to the interplanetary theory. He said this was based on "personal contacts with these various individuals," and insisted that it was "a true statement". Amplifying his theory that the saucers come from another planet, Keyhoe claims they could originate from some other body in the earth's solar system--such as Mars or Venus or from some other -

system or universe. Keyhoe charges that the Air Force is convinced that the saucers are space ships from another world, but that it is covering up because of the fear that such a disclosure would result in widespread panic. The Air Force insists that this is not so -- that it is holding back no important facts from the public. Lt. White said the names of persons involved in the sightings are withheld, and reports which divulge the capabilities of our aircraft, radar and electronic equipment are classified. All other information with respect to the sightings is a matter of public record he said. Keyhoe maintains though, that the Air Force has refused to release many analyses of sighting reports. He pointed out that the names and locations connected with the incidents could be deleted if necessary.

WANTS -- FILM -- RELEASED

Keyhoe also claims that the Air Force should release the final intelligence analysis on the Utah film. In connection with this, Keyhoe recently sent a telegram to high Air Force officials charging that since the Air Force had implied that he had misrepresented the analysis of the Utah film, either he or the Air Force was lying. The Times-Herald asked a top Air Force spokesman if Keyhoe had in fact misrepresented the Utah film analysis. He declined to comment. In his telegram -- as in his book -- Keyhoe stated: "The final analysis proved that the saucer formation could not be explained as any known aircraft or other conventional objects. The spokesman was asked if this statement was true or false. He said that to date, the Air Force has neither affirmed or denied it. Keyhoe also contends the analysis concluded the objects were not birds and were not caused by weather conditions. Specifically, Keyhoe claims the intelligence experts reached the following conclusions. (1) The average speed of the objects was somewhere between 653 and 980 miles per hour. (2) All the objects appeared round, of the same size and gave off a blueish-white glow of very high intensity. (3) The objects seemed to be manoeuvring in a circular or elliptical pattern within the group, at very high speeds. (4) because of these high speeds the objects obviously could not be balloons or birds. (5) They were not any type of known aircraft. (6) The sightings could not be explained by any conventional answer. Asked if the Times-Herald could see the final analysis report, an Air Force spokesman said that there were certain reports the Air Force could not make public for security reasons, risk of libel, and other reasons. However the spokesman said the film could be viewed at Wright field Ohio. The Air Force officially neither accepts nor rejects the interplanetary theory.

Brig. Gen. Sory Smith, Air Force public relations chief, put it this way: We do not know enough about it to deny that flying saucers exist. Conversely, we have no proof that they do exist. In our investigation we are not discounting the possibility that the saucers--if they exist-- could be interplanetary. We are interested in anyone that may be using the air over the United States. "However, we have no authentic physical evidence that they are interplanetary". Continuing Gen Smith stated: "For the Air Force to admit that flying saucers exist, it would want indisputable evidence of a physical nature. For such an admission it would want stronger evidence than it has now." Summing up the problem, he said: So far the question of whether flying saucers exist, and if so, what they are, has not been conclusively answered either way." But one thing is certain he added. The Air Force will continue to seek the answer. Meanwhile Keyhoe plans to continue his campaign to compel the Air Force to disclose the facts it is concealing.

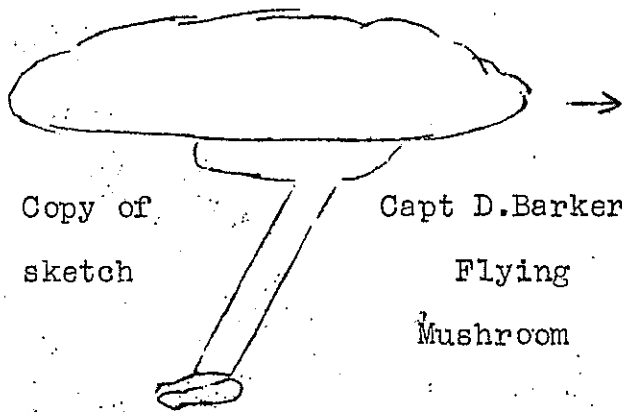
He told the Times-Herald he will continue to make his claims in print and on Television, and will challenge the Air Force to deny them. If any official, after reading the final analysis on the Utah film, says that it did not rule out birds, known aircraft or conventional objects as the cause of those objects, I will call him a liar to his face. I do not like to use such terms, but after all, the Air Force, has, in effect, been calling me a liar and I'm getting tired of it.

Regardless of the charges and counter charges, so long as the Air Force has unsolved sightings in its files----- and until it is definitely known what the flying saucers are----- the average person is bound to wonder Are the flying saucers real?, if so, what are they?. The final chapter is yet to be written in this strange drama. The answer is not yet available to us.

LOOKING AT AUSTRALIA

Since 1st Jan this year, Australia, the State of Victoria in particular has been the scene of numerous reports of Flying Saucers. To give all the details of these sightings and subsequent newspaper articles would fill a book. If it were possible at this stage C.S.I. would gladly pass on all available data, but we are definitely limited in this aspect by major considerations such as Time, Finance and available space in this Review. However here is a brief survey of the recent Australian enigma.

Jan 1st 1954 Capt. Douglas Barker (A.N.A. pilot) sights flying object shaped like Mushroom, at approx 2000ft over the Yarra Valley. He told the Civil Aviation Dept that he saw a semi-transparent object shaped like a mushroom with a stalk, over the Templestowe brickworks at 10.15 A.M. --- I was sitting on the edge on the dining table in my home at East Kew when I noticed the clear-plastic-like out-size mushroom oscillating rapidly in and out of the thick cloud. The object which was flying well below the safety level in that area was travelling faster than any jet I have seen and was roughly four times the size of a DC4 seen side on. It appeared to have something trailing beneath it like a thick stalk and a smaller construction at the bottom end which could have been an observation car. Capt Barker said that he was not trying to impress any one and had not been celebrating the New Year, having retired early the evening previous. I have been flying since 1937 and served for three years with the R.A.A.F., so there is no question of confusion. (CAD tried to convince Capt Barker that he had probably seen a Convair airliner that was test flying in the area at the time.) Capt Barker is convinced that that what he saw was not a plane nor an optical illusion. The object would fly into the clouds for a second and then sink down to the clear sky. Its colour seemed to be changing from clear plastic to sky blue. Capt Barker said that he had expected his crewmated and colleagues at Essendon, sceptical, but he had been surprised, two or three senior pilots had had strange experiences in the air with flying saucer-like objects but were afraid to mention it for fear of ridicule. At the time the object was seen, the sky was completely overcast, Capt Barkers sketch was published and there was much follow up argument and discussion on this sighting in the Australian Sydney Herald and Sun between Jan 1st and 6th.



Copy of
sketch

Capt D. Barker's
Flying
Mushroom

Jan 3rd. Mr A Heinrichs and his wife reported sighting a spherical-shaped object, trailing vapor, flashing across the sky over Box Hill at 2.30p.m. I saw what appeared to be a balloon or large box turning slowly over and over high in the sky, while we were watching, a second object like a ball of white vapor with a jet trail shot down at 45° at the other object. After 4-5 seconds they both vanished.

Jan 8-9th Two flying saucer reports which could have been of the same object were reported of the weekend. Late on Friday night Robert Cobain saw a strange object low on the horizon NNE of Sale. Cobain said the object appeared to be corrugated across the top and flashed crimson lights. He called some neighbours and while watched the lights appeared to change from crimson to misty green and back to crimson and disappeared shortly after. In Adelaide M.D.W. Scherek, a former airman reported having seen a yellowish white object shading to deep orange between 2.30- & 3.15am on Saturday. It hovered and then swiftly moved vertically and sideways. Mr Scherek said he rang Professor Huxley, head of the Adelaide University physics dept. Mrs Huxley saw the object but did not wake her husband. Pro. Huxley was disappointed that he had not been woken and viewed the object. It was he said about the position of Jupiter, but the movement was difficult to explain with this solution in mind. There would have to be extraordinary light refractions to explain the swift movements.

SOMETHING IN THE AIR SAYS EXPERT Source. Sydney Daily Telegraph Jan 9th. An R.A.A.F. officer in Melbourne today revealed that the R.A.A.F. had been investigating flying saucers since 1947. The officer said that an intelligence officer usually interviewed people who reported flying objects. The R.A.A.F. are keeping an open mind on the source of the objects. I believe, he said, from the information we have received, could have an interplanetary source. People on earth should be able to fly into outer space within 40 years, why shouldn't people on other planets already have reached this stage. ----- This report followed one from the CAA discrediting an interplanetary answer. (the objects)

Jan. 12th Sydney Daily Mirror. MARS LINKED WITH SAUCERS. The president of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. (Mr E.R. Jarrold) believes Mars is in some way connected with the appearances of Flying Saucers. He said today that this conclusion was based on extensive data compiled over a considerable period. Mr Jarrold said he did not share the view of the Dept of Civil Aviation, that these objects did not originate from another planet. He said: Because of the unprecedented wave of sightings of "unidentified" aerial objects all over the world in 1950 & 1952 --when Mars was at its closest point in space to the Earth-- record number of reports can be expected this year. This view has already been confirmed by several researchers in the United States. It is the only theory advanced to date which has been found to conform acceptably with recorded visual, radar and photographic evidence accumulated by researchers here and abroad.

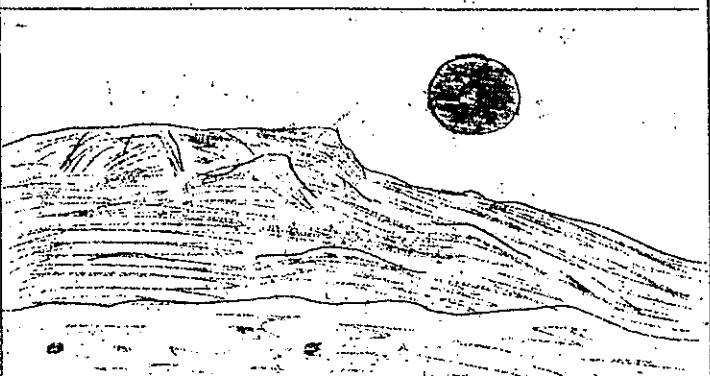
FLYING SAUCER REPORTS TOTAL 50 IN A WEEK Melbourne Argus 13th Jan. Reports from 13 people who claim to have seen "flying saucers" and other objects over Melbourne in the past few weeks were received by the Civil Aviation Dept this week. (CAD had previous press statement inviting people to send in their reports without fear of ridicule)

Highlight of the reports come from Mr. J.W. Boyle, of Caulfield, Vice-President of the Victorian branch of the British Astronomical Assoc. Last night Mr Boyle said: At 11 a.m. on Jan 3, I was walking from the Victory Theatre St. Kilda, towards the beach. My son Ian was with me. "Suddenly immediately overhead, we saw a strange rectangular object flying in straight and level flight. It resembled a huge sheet of aluminium and was flying from west to east. It was clearly visible for 15 to 20 seconds, but too far away to describe in any detail. Ian saw it too. He called out look at the silver-butterfly." It could of been some unknown type of flying machine". Most of the other eye-witnesses told the Civil Aviation Dept that the objects they had seen had been illuminated. Many described the objects as "Discs".

FILM OF SAUCER TAKEN . Sydney Daily Telegraph Jan 25 . A Dept of Civil Aviation employee has photographed on movie film a mysterious flying object. The Minister of Air, said this last night. Mr McMahon said he had the film flown to the United States for enlarging . Mr T.C. Drury a senior Dept officer stationed at Port Moresby took the film. Mr Drury was a former member of the R.A.A.F. He is a reliable creditable person Mr McMahon said. Mr Drury seen a cloud suddenly forming from a dot in the clear blue sky; a silvery object rose out of the cloud . It went higher up into the air and vanished. Mr Drury had telephoto lens on his camera and photographed the object flashing across the sky, on August 20, 1953. Mr McMahon said experts of the R.A.A.F. had examined the film carefully and said that the film definitely showed something in the sky. Mr Drury is the Australian Deputy Regional Director of Civil Aviation.

UNKNOWN CLAIMS HE SNAPPED FLYING SAUCER OVER ALICE SPRINGS.
Such was the headlines in the CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ADVOCATE Feb 5 1954.
The Advocate has published the photo-

-graph left under its office door by the unknown person. This the unknown's story. . . . For several reasons, one of which is because I can hardly believe it myself, I refuse at this stage to come forward and allow my name to be used. But study this picture of a flying saucer for yourselves. I was taking a picture of Mount Gillen on the day that a number of Alice Springs people said they heard something strange pass over. (Jan 15) Suddenly an enormous round looking object appeared from behind Gillen. It went high and then dropped to come quite low between the Mountain and the Town -- it was not traveling fast at this stage-- it fact it appeared to be almost hovering; this was when I took the picture-- almost automatically. It would of been possible to take more photos, but I just looked, then suddenly the thing moved off very fast, it gained speed until it must of been travelling at a terrific pace. " I did not hear much of a whistling sound, the saucer looked to have been anything up to 150 ft across. I don't know maybe Adamski had something about those men from Venus.



Here is a sketch of the photo showing the wheel-like appearance. It is most difficult to determine the authenticity of photos, however you may appreciate the rough sketch for reference. Other reports have come from Central Australia from the aborigines. Four of them said that something sounding frighteningly strange streaked overhead. Another "Alice Springs man (White) confirmed that he too had seen and heard the object, that scared the natives.

CAME TO SEE THE QUEEN

A Darlinghurst man thinks that "Someone from outer space" may have watched the Queen's arrival in Sydney. He is Mr. H.E. Ireland of Liverpool St. Mr. Ireland claims to have seen a Flying Saucer about 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday February 3, while the Queen was on the Royal Yacht Gothic in Sydney Harbour. He says he watched the "saucer" from the doorway of his knife and die casting factory in Burke Street. "It hovered east of Sydney several thousand ft up for about ten minutes then disappeared leaving a blue vapor trail," Mr Ireland said. BRILLIANT LIGHT. "It seemed to be flat and threw a brilliant white light. I called a policeman and he saw what I saw. I knew it couldn't be an ordinary aeroplane. I've flown in all these modern planes -- Constellations and so on. I was Internal Auditor with the R.A.A.F. during the war, therefore I'm not a dill." An R.A.A.F. spokesman said yesterday that he knew of no service plane or balloon which could have been mistaken for a flying saucer on the morning of Feb 3. (Sydney Sunday Telegraph February 14, 1954.)

There has been undoubtable other sightings that we in N.Z. have not received notice of yet from the Australian scene, however we would like to once again record our sincere thanks to Mr Jarrold for his untiring efforts in passing all available information, clippings etc our way. The Overseas Press coverage of the "Flying Saucer" incidents is very poor indeed, we fail to understand the reason for this in the light of the public's extreme interest and the tremendous significance of it all, if, as we are ~~are~~ certain, the Flying Saucers are real and interplanetary. (We are referring to the New Zealand Press coverage of overseas Saucer news)

FROM NEW ZEALAND SKIES

Congratulations due. Mr Douglas Metcalf (C.S.I. DUNEDIN "HONORARY OBSERVER") received a large write up in the Dunedin Star 4, 1953. Mr Metcalf has formed a group from a nucleus of local "Honorary Observers" and interested parties. We are most pleased to see Mr & Mrs J.P. Burke have joined this new investigatory team; Mrs & Mrs Burke witnessed one of New Zealand's best sightings of a mystery flying object in the early hours of Oct 28 1952. Mr Metcalf has sent C.S.I. a copy of his group's proposed program, it is extensive and most creditable. He is also busy writing a book on "Flying Saucers" over New Zealand and has appealed to C.S.I. headquarters for the particulars of all sightings on our records. Unfortunately C.S.I. is unable to comply immediately for there is no one available to do the tremendous amount of copy work necessary. The President of C.S.I.'s spare time is fully engaged in answering ever increasing mail-range, recording data and producing the Quarterly Review. ("Star" 4, December 1953.)

December 6 1953. 3.11 p.m. Sunday. Two men claim they sighted a flying saucer when they were sunbathing at Devonport, Auckland last Sunday afternoon. We saw a disc dull white in colour, which appeared to be moving at a terrific speed," said Mr E. Moen of 60 Grafton Rd, city today. It moved over a full 80 degree arc in about 10 to 15 seconds." He is emphatic that what they saw was no meteorological balloon.

Dec 6 1953 Auckland . A member of C.S.I.'s committee Mr Jack Connell reports that while observing a fire on Waiheki Island (popular pleasure resort three to four miles out from Auckland Harbour) just on dusk, approx 7.45 p.m. , his attention was drawn to a whitish light that appeared to move across the sky at great speed to disappear behind a cloud. The light was twice momentary screened by loose cloud while being observed.An Air Force Sgt From Whenuapai Air Station known by the President of C.S.I. also reported seeing a strange light just on dusk the same evening . He Said: " While walking towards the city my attention was drawn on a number of times to a dull orangy light that appeared to be hovering . The light was quite large with a kind of hallow around it, the outer fringe appeared to be the brighter source of light. I had just began to wonder what it was, when on looking again I was surprised to find that it had quite disappeared. Neither party claim it was a flying saucer.

Dec 6 Tauranga 8 pm. An object in the sky "which might have been a flying saucer", was seen by Mrs H. Spencer, of Fraser Street at 8 pm..... The object, said Mrs Spencer appeared to be hovering in the sky at no great distance, a little to the north. It was round, bright and silvery and gave the appearance of a great chandelier. Suddenly it shot upwards with a terrific hiss, turned and streaked across the sky to the south-east. After the object had disappeared a trail of pink and white "cloud" hung in the sky for about five minutes. (It was reported the following day in the press that several residents had seen a bright meteor that same evening.)

Dec 24 Strange cloud formation observed. A cloud looming over Tangiwa at the time Thursdays Rail disaster, was of strange formation, clearly resembling the form of a Lion ready to spring; this cloud stood out boldly in an otherwise lightly clouded sky. Others reported it as being cigar-shaped and a photo confirming this was published in NZ Herald.

Jan 8th Dunedin:.. 10.45. pm. Miss V.E.J.Allen . C.S.I.Dunedin Rep. reports I saw a cigar-shaped object flying from the south-east to north-east at amazing speed. I thought at first it was a meteor, but there was a long trail of golden sparks behind it. It was very high up ,almost overhead and was gone after 4 seconds. Looking about two inches long the object appeared to accelerate rapidly after discharging a burst of sparks.

Jan 19 Wellington . Letter to Editor by Mr Geoff Bonallack C.S.I. Tawa Flat "Honorary Observer" . Sir, Having read Leslie's and Adamski's book, I can agree with Kickshaws , who reviewed it last Fridays issue. that it is poorly worded in parts, specially in Leslie's opening chapters; but in fairness to the authors and in particular to Adamski , I think Kickshaws should have mentioned that the book contains photographs of the sworn affidavits of several witnesses to the alleged meeting between Adamski and the supposed Venusian. It is difficult to see how these witnesses could benefit themselves by giving false statements. I agree with Kickshaws that the photos of the saucer could of been faked, but there are some very searching scientific methods of checking this and why should Adamski and his photographer , whose name is given, lay themselves open to almost certain discovery ? . Many sightings of saucers are doubtless meteorological balloons ,but experienced pilots are very firm in their refusal to admit that balloons of any kind can fly rings round them and then shoot off like a shell from a gun into the upper atmosphere. Many sightings are certainly meteors But not the ones that go into reverse. Others are cars headlights reflected

from low cloud, but not those seen on clear nights or by day. Some people, specially round about six p.m., see spots in front of their eyes, but it is unusual for ground crew, air crew and radar operators, plus a good sprinkling of civilian witnesses, all reporting independently, to see the same bright disc doing the same antics in the same place at the same time unless there is really something there. Yet this has happened. In the absence of absolute proof of the reality or otherwise of flying saucers, we should as Kickshaws suggests maintain an open mind on the subject. (The President of C.S.I. recently had the pleasure of visiting Mr & Mrs Bonallack and spent two very pleasant evenings discussing the progress of flying saucer research among other things).

Strange Object In Sky (Letter to Editor, Dominion, Wellington 25 Jan. Sir, Though one is lead by some authorities to disbelieve in the flying saucer theory I, for one, and probably many more, believe it to be correct. To help me believe further, while at Waitarere Beach on Dec 30 last, at 10.45 a.m.; my neighbour and his friend, sitting in a car looking out to sea, noticed an object like a plane coming in from the sea. When my attention was called to it, the object appeared to be changing course, not as a plane in a circular fashion, but approx in a vee course. As I watched it, it appeared to tilt and flash in the Sun as it changed course, and went out to sea in the same direction from which it had come or arrived. Ohakea, Nelson, N.A.A.C. and the overseas base was checked with, but no planes were reported in that area at that period. It could not have been a plane, as the wind was blowing in off the sea, and no sound of plane engines could be heard at any stage. A "met" balloon could not have acted in this way this object did, as when it reversed its direction it would have to have gone against the wind. Four people saw this object at the same time in the same area, and were not seeing spots before their eyes. If this was not a saucer what was it. (Many thanks Brian Mackrell for also sending in this report).

Jan 28 1954 A Brilliant Meteor. Certainly a very bright meteor or meteors fell towards the south-east over the South Island leaving a very colourful display and must of been seen by hundreds that night. C.S.I. thanks all those who sent clippings in, it was extremely interesting to see how many reported the occurrence as due to Flying saucers. Some Astronomers say that every time a meteor falls up to 500 reports of saucers pour in. This we know as nonsense. From the large writeup this recent^{NEWS} received in the main South Island Dailies there was only one mention of Flying Saucers.

February 9. The Auckland Star gave C.S.I.'s Statistical Release a front page write up. The contents of this release accompany (as a loose leaf) the Quarterly Review.

February 12 Whangarei. STRANGE LIGHTS FLEW IN ARC OVER WHANGAREI. Two strange lights which could of been flying saucers were seen to fly in an arc over Whangarei last night. They were watched by two business men, Messrs T.H. Busck and R.E.A. Laery and two Auckland visitors who saw them Rust Lane at 10.50 P.M. Mr Busck who saw the objects first, had time to draw the attention of his friends to them and the quartet saw two fairly faint yellow lights describe an arc across the town and disappear to the south-east. Mr Busck said this morning that the two lights appeared from the general direction of Parahaki moving side by side in more or less parallel flight. There was no noise. They appeared to be at great altitude and a long way off. From their pace and distance covered they could of been outside the

earth's atmosphere, said Mr Busck. The two lights were in view for 5 to 6 seconds and all members of the party were certain the phenomenon was not caused by meteors; main reason for being certain of this was the fact that the yellow lights remained constant in brightness and flew in an half circle over the town to disappear in the direction of One Tree Point.

February 12, Gisborne Mr C.F. Taylor and Mr W Davoren were pig hunting at Okaihau station in the Mangatu district, when they spotted dozens of metal objects embedded in a clay wash-out. The men bought some back and the Dept of Agriculture/as pieces of a meteorite. The metal balls dirty green in colour were lying on the surface of the ground when found. The balls were rough on the outside surface and varied in size from a pea to a billiard ball, on breaking one with a hammer, it was found to have a light-greenish centre. (insert above "identified them")

February 23 Auckland Star . Aries column. Attempt to take C.S.I.'s recent Press Release to task and all those that accredit the possibility that Flying Saucers may be real and interplanetary. The press release failed to mention that the 25, June (Mars Opposition date) represented to saucer investigators the approx peak period of expected renewed activity or visitations from mystery craft. Based on sound evidence from the records of all those keeping graphs etc., on the rise and fall of Flying Saucer reports all over the world, and the discovery that the major flurries or period of greatest activity closely coincided the Mars oppositions; particularly the last three; investigators have every good reason to be extremely interested in the next such an occasion. Saucers with the speed of light as mentioned in Aries column may or may not enter into it, the whole argument was a waste of energy because of a misrepresentation in the press. If some of these ardent sceptics took time to study the whole matter a little more closely, I am sure they would never be so keen to rashly debunk it. Right throughout human history we have always had an army of debunkers, more strange than the "saucers" is the fact that, such a high percentage of these progress retarders are among scientists; enough said. Ed.

February 27 Nelson Evening Mail. Congratulations to Mr J.E. Fletcher for the long and well written letter to the Editor, published in that issue. Mr Fletcher is our only "Honorary Observer" in the Nelson area; and a very active one too. Others are encouraged to do likewise, it will all help to make the matter better known, increase public interest and Press coverage.

March 17th 7.30 P.M. Glen Innes, Auckland . Two observers report a bright light moving at high speed in a westerly direction low on the horizon. The light, flying a horizontal path was seen to separate into two lights and then go out. (This was most likely a meteor)

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March 17. 7.30 Palmerston North, Wellington, and Christchurch . A bright object, reported by many to be round and emitting a blue light, was seen heading in a southerly direction. One observer reported seeing the object disintegrating over Cook Strait, however, as it was further reported north of Christchurch also at 7.30 P.M. maybe only partial disintegration took place. The fact that the object was sighted almost simultaneously from these three main centres leaves very little doubt that it was indeed a meteor as expressed by the Director of the Carter Observatory, Wellington. Later that same evening another report of an orange-coloured round object travelling southeast across Wellington at 40,000, was explained by the

Kelburn Weather Office as being most likely the lighted balloon released by them at the exact time (11.3pm) and going in the same direction as reported by the sighter of the orange-coloured object. The observer, however was certain that it was not a plane, a meteor nor a balloon, he said it was travelling approx 800 mph and appeared to have bulges and at intervals gave off an ice-blue light at it tilted on its side.

March 18, Christchurch. Dr C.D. Ellyet, Senior Lecturer in physics at Canterbury University College, claims all Flying Saucer reports have simple explanations. and that there is no evidence whatsoever to support real ones. C.S.I. would like to see how this Gentleman would face up to a gathering of experienced airmen, skilled radar operators, military and civilian highly trained observers, who are prepared to swear that they have seen real strange-shaped flying craft in our skies. It is significant that those eminent scientists appointed by their respective governments to investigate the phenomena, have not found it easy to draw an answer after 6 years of intensive study. They admit today that there is a high probability of there being real saucers. Conclusions based on five minutes study are shots in the dark and will ultimately possibly prove very embarrassing to their originators.

March 19. Nelson. LOUD EXPLOSIONS IN SKY NEAR NELSON. Loud explosions in the sky followed by swishing noises were heard over a wide area to the north-east of Nelson early yesterday afternoon from Whangamoa, inland on the Nelson-Blenheim state highway to Delaware Bay on the coast. Settlers today reported having heard the strange noises. Observers in the Cable Bay area, heard three bangs high up in the sky and saw a wisp of white smoke. Mr P.S. Berkett, a Whangamoa farmer, said that at 2.35 yesterday afternoon he heard loud booming noises which he thought for a moment might have been caused by a plane out of control. He saw a round flat object of whitish colour which he estimated at about 4000ft. It appeared to be turning over and falling followed by a trail of smoke. Two other people on his property heard the explosions and saw the smoke. One of them Mr. K. Evans, of Auckland. (In a letter to the Editor Nelson Evening Mail March 22. A Mr Ellis Dudgeon states in first para. "Three of these men, Messrs Berkett, Appleby and Evans, not only heard noises, but saw a round flat object of whitish colour at 4000ft. The object was turning over and over and falling while emitting loud explosions. It ceased falling, remained stationary for some while and finally ascended out of sight. Surely no intelligent observer could believe these antics to be performed by a meteor." If this is correct C.S.I. confirms the writers view, it would be the most outstanding incident recorded over N.Z, attributed to Flying Saucers. We would like more details on this incident.

It may have been pure coincidence that R.N.Z.A.F. Vampire jets gave an interesting aerial display at 35,000ft over the Nelson area 7 days after the above disturbing incident, We wonder ?

March 22. Dunedin, (Just received) Letter to Editor "The Evening Star." Sir, I don't want to appear to be rushing in, but I must put up some defence in answer to the article in Fridays "Star" concerning the report of Dr. Ellyet's address in Christchurch regarding flying saucers, If these men who hold the ear of the people were to remain unchallenged, it would appear that what they had to say was correct. When a person of such standing in the educational arena makes a statement such as Dr, Ellyet has, that flying saucers have a straight forward explanation, it appears that he has

much information that others of science know nothing of. For instance, Dr. Peter Millman, chief of Canada's Dominion Observatory's astrophysics division, says: "Most sightings of flying saucers could be explained as natural phenomena, but there still remains a concrete group of reports that are 'unexplained.'" That would be a great number if only it were just 10% unexplained. He also said it was a mistake to ridicule anyone who made a sincere report. Many, many reports are made each month by men of science, who should be able to identify a kite or a balloon if they saw one. About 2000 reports have been handed in in the last five years, and no one can tell me that Dr. Ellyet has ever seen them, let alone studied them, while government scientists from other countries have been busy on them all the time and are more cautious as to their opinions of them. The United States Air Force has even set up 400 special cameras to get their own special photos of flying saucers. Why all this preparation if Dr. Ellyet has all the answers? I have on my files from the Dunedin area alone eight reports of objects seen over the last three months. If no one else is, we are still interested in receiving these reports, as the majority of your readers are, I am sure, still not satisfied concerning the origin of flying saucers.

D.A. Metcalf. President Civilian Saucer
Investigation. Dunedin Group.

HAVE YOU HEARD

A French Historian has recently stated that the Duke of Burgundy recorded that on All Saints Eve in the year 1461, a bright object, half the size of the moon, hovered in the sky above his imperial court for one half hour. As one news commentator remarked, "It must have been an ancestor of the ones that have been flitting about our skies of late." (March issue "Saucers"

"FLYING SAUCER OBSERVATORY". From Vienna comes news that Russia has established an observatory for "flying saucers". Somewhere in Mongolia. It has only recently been completed. This is the first news from Russia of any Soviet interest in the phenomena of "flying saucers". Viennese scientists believe that there are several aims behind this project---first to watch for and investigate by secret electronic processes any mysterious objects in the sky, and, secondly for astronomical observations next summer when the Earth and Mars come nearest to one another----40,000,000 miles.
(N.Z. Truth 27, Jan. 1954.)

Another Mystery Blast and Explosion (compare with similar mentions in Dec "Flying Saucers", and recent Nelson N.Z. happening) Dieppe, France Jan 7. A mysterious explosion rocked this port early today, shattering windows, blasting open doors and waking most of the inhabitants. The explosion was preceded by a flash in the sky. Some people said the explosion came 4 minutes after the flash. Some said eight minutes, and they also differed on the direction. The flash was seen 50 miles away. A railwayman at Orchies, near the Belgian border, said he saw a fiery disc in the sky moving at great speed at the time of the Dieppe explosion. (Chicago Daily Tribune 8/1/54)

Washington Jan 27 1954. Air Force intelligence has just about reached the last straw on the flying saucer situation, orders from the top are that every detail on every reported sighting must be tracked down. (Peter Edson. News Reporter.

1909 ——— ENIGMA

(Nelson Evening Mail Dec 6, 1952)

Can we rightly regard flying saucers and aerial cigars as the enigma of the Radar, Jet Plane, and Atom Bomb era, or have these phantom objects been flitting across our skies for at least several decades? For about three weeks in the horse-and-cart days of 1909, reports came from all over the Dominion, telling of dark objects wending their way across the heavens and of bobbing lights. Explanations were far more prosaic than those being considered today and mention of sightings finished as suddenly as they had begun, possibly because observers feared ridicule and doubts as to their sobriety. Although mention of the occurrence did not appear in "The Mail" until several days after objects in the sky had become general news, it seems that one of the first sightings was made in the Nelson district on Saturday July 24, 1909. The paragraph read: "A Riwaka resident reports having seen a mysterious light in the sky. The object whatever it was, was first seen to appear in the direction of D'Urville Island. It came across the bay until it appeared quite close to Motueka. then it changed its course and travelled in the direction of Farewell Spit, where it was lost sight of. The object zig-zagged across the sky, also rising and falling at intervals. The observer watched it for fully 20 minutes before calling the people from the house to see this strange light. The light was described to be as large as an ordinary-sized bucket. Needless to say, the whole family was greatly alarmed."

Not long after, reports began to come in from other districts. The following Wednesday a resident of Opoho, near Dunedin, claimed he saw an airship after the noise had wakened him at 2 o'clock that morning. There must also have been sightings at Auckland, not so generally publicised, for during Wednesday an Auckland fireworks dealer threw cold water on the tales with the comment that he had been seeing an unusually large number of toy fire balloons, considering it was not a festive season.

Airship seen at Kelso

In Otago "fly-by-nights" began to excite tremendous interest. Several Dunedin and Mosgiel people asserted that they saw a moving light in the sky on Wednesday night. One report mentioned a bright light like that a railway engine with a dark body attached. At Kelso the "ship" was seen by scores of reliable people and the police and others began making investigations. This information appeared in the "Mail" of July 29, 1909 under the heading "Aerial Navigation"..... It is interesting to record that in the same column was a report of Mr Latham's attempt to fly the Channel which almost succeeded. Another message from New York advised that the President had watched an official trial at Washington in which Mr Orville Wright.... "acroplanned" with a passenger. On Thursday more information flooded in. Dunedin city and country people said they watched lights during the night, early morning and again that evening. And Invercargill residents entertained themselves in a similar manner. Mysterious lights Kakanui Ranges, near Oamaru had also been observed for several nights, sometimes through field glasses, but the veracity of reports had been doubted. Scoffers were confounded, however, by the unusual story of a settler at Kauroo Hill. It was apparently light at the time. The man sensed something unusual was happening as horses in the yard were restive. He looked up and saw an object shaped like a boat with a flat top", speeding along at something like 30mph.

or mete". After watching it for sometime he ran in to get his field glasses, but by this time the airship had disappeared over a hill. The object was also seen at Mahono. The comment of the Oamaru Press agent circulating the report was "if this the same mystery as something that has been seen in the south of Otago and Southland, the inventor evidently has a machine that can not only take long flights, but it moves at a great rate of speed. The distance between the two points is about 200 miles". It was reported that on Tuesday afternoon, 23 schoolchildren at Invercargill had seen the "ship". Two diagrams drawn by them were published but bore no resemblance to one another. A good deal of excitement and interest was manifested by the passengers on the Hokitika train on approaching Greymouth on Thursday evening, when they were informed by the guard that the mysterious light was visible. As the train was approaching the Teremakau bridge the engine-driver noticed a light out to sea. It was moving up and down and advancing towards Greymouth Harbour. He and the fireman watched it until the train arrived at the Nelson Creek station, when the object came inshore and descended close to the breakers. "The guard passed word to the passengers and they crowded out on-to the platforms to watch. The light or object was noticed to rise and fall every now and then. It then moved off against a strong wind in the direction of the Greymouth bar and then headed towards Point Elizabeth. The object behaved in a most mysterious manner and all sorts of conjectures were made", stated the report. One passenger advanced the theory that it might be a message from Mars. At about the same date a Buller resident 4 times watched a mysterious object floating over Mount Rochfort in the early hours of the morning. The mysterious light alleged to be an airship passed over Timaru on Thursday. The harbour-master saw the light and said it was nothing more than "a ball of concentrated electricity known to sailors as "Jack in the Lantern" and a frequent accompaniment of foggy weather". (continued next issue Ed.)

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Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) (established 12, Oct 1952) is a privately sponsored non-profit organization. Main interests are the study, research and recording of all incidents attributed to "Flying Saucers" or "Unidentified Flying Objects" seen and reported from the four-corners of the Earth. To try and establish whether or not "Saucers" are real or imaginary; to date our findings, from the mass of evidence at our command, favours real "Saucers" with an extra-terrestrial origin. The investigatory committee, 8 in strength, meets once a month to study, evaluate and classify latest informations and decide on future activities.

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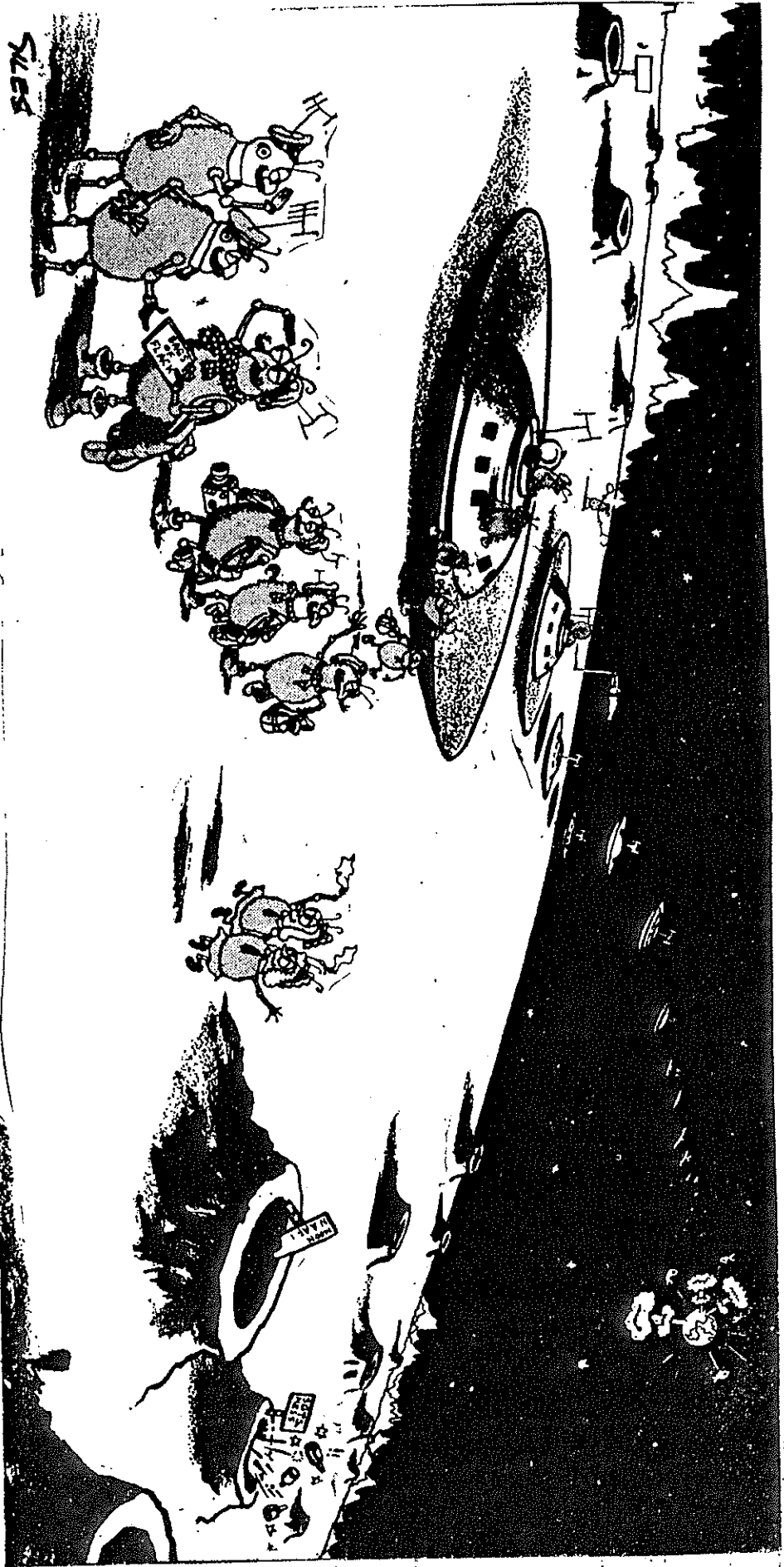
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Great joy was felt by everyone on the Moon when a Moon Air Force squadron reported that the way the Earthmen were carrying on, the danger of a visit by Earth space-ships no longer existed.

Giles in the "Daily Express"

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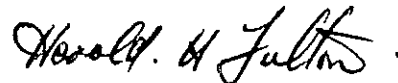
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As yet we have not the answer to the "Mr Bender"
incident in the States, we honestly consider ~~there was some~~
extraordinary happening, we choose not to speculate on this.

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Donald E. Keyhue U.S.M.C. Retired, published by Henry Holt & Co
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Yours Faithfully



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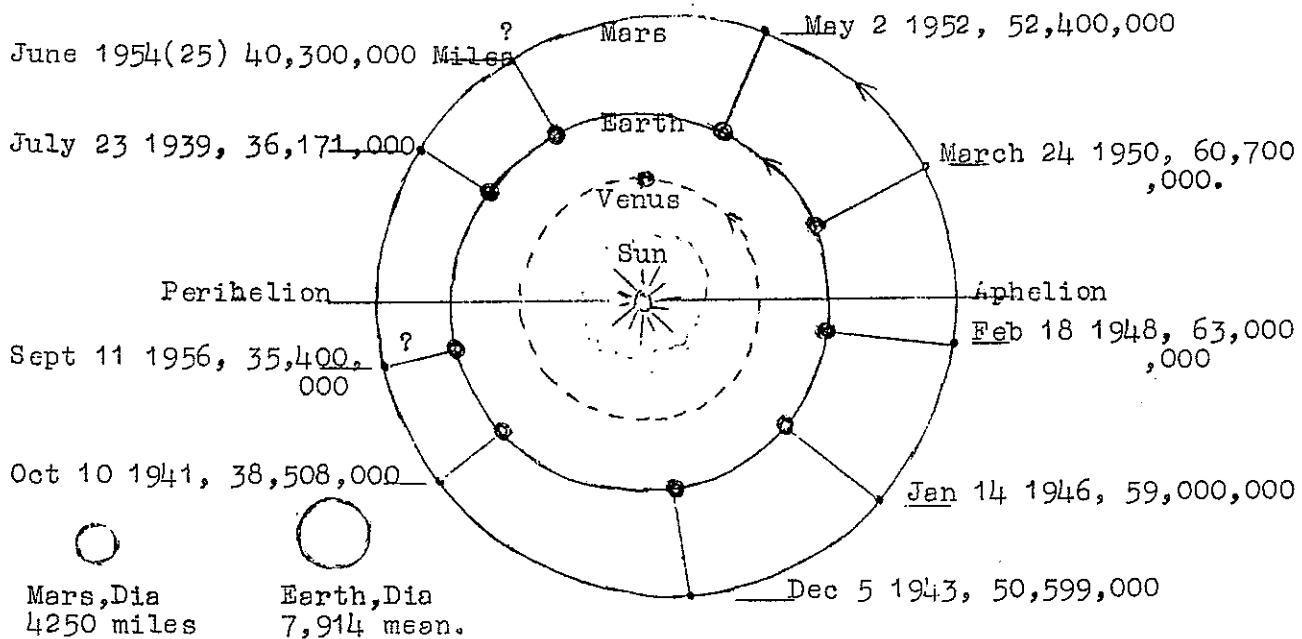
MARS AND THE FLYING SAUCERS.

There is much evidence to show that the greater flurry of sightings of mysterious flying objects have occurred during the "Oppositions" of Mars and Earth to the Sun. The sketch below illustrates the meaning of these Astronomical terms and the significance of the near future to all "saucer" investigating agencies.

Particularly during the last three "Oppositions", the frequency of sightings have shown a marked increase. The near close as possible approach of these two planets in space on June 25th 1954 & Sept 11th 1956, may well present; as yet earthbound man; with the greatest lesson in recorded history.

If indeed these space-craft do originate or operate from Mars and or Venus, it is equally certain to assume that our satellite "Moon" will also be used as a nearby convenient staging base. This could possibly account for the various signs of life or activity of an unexplainable nature astronomers have reported from time to time. There has been noted, apparently moving patches, of a darker shade than the surrounding areas; moving lights and most recently by leading Lunar astronomers a vast bridge-like construction spanning 20 miles in a perfectly straight line. In the words of Dr. Percy Wilkin Director of Lunar Section, British Astronomical Association, "It looks like a vast engineering job, it is almost incredible that such a formation could of happened from natural meteorical causes". (First located or discovered by an American Astronomer July 23rd 1953, in area Mare Crisium).

The following sketch and latter explanations are extract from book "Astronomy" by William T. Skilling & Robert S. Richardson



FAVORABLE OPPOSITIONS, Though Mars is always nearer and brighter than usual when it is opposite the sun (in the east when the sun is in the west, for example) it is not equally bright in all oppositions. When the earth passes it near its perihelion point, it is approx 28,000,000 miles nearer to us than when we pass near its point of aphelion. Mars is in opposition at intervals of 780 days (nearly 2 years & 2 months); this is its synodic period. But only at intervals of sometimes 15 years, sometimes 17 years, does the opposition take place near enough to the perihelion point to be spoken of as "favorable". When an opposition takes place in August or Sept., it is a favorable one, for earth passes the perihelion position of Mars near August 28, each year. Mars and the earth were closer together at the opposition of August 22, 1924 than they will be again for several centuries. At the opposition of 1909 the first successful photographs of Mars was taken. Although the average mean distance between the two planets at passing is 48,600,000 miles, this may be reduced to 34,600,000.

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1st NOVEMBER 1953

FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION REACHING FINAL STAGE.....

Recent developments in the investigation of Flying Saucers from all sources of information, compel us to accredit the following as to be a correct prospectus of the truth.

- (a) That Flying Saucers are interplanetary and are controlled by a intelligent race of Beings.
- (b) That the United States Authorities in particular, through their Air Force's six year full-scale intensified investigation, have the answer and greatest knowledge of the matter.
- (c) That the recent increasing mention and reference to Interplanetary Travel in a wide range of literature is part of an organized program to prepare the peoples of the World for such revelations as mentioned above.
- (d) That although a number on Planets may be involved, Mars is the most suspect. Every near approach of Mars (Opposition) has been marked with a new flurry of sightings; particularly the last four cycles.

EVENTS THAT GIVE C.S.I. CAUSE TO REACH SUCH AFORE-MENTIONED CONCLUSIONS.

The two creditable and best organized U.S.A. Civilian investigating groups, namely, The International Flying Saucer Bureau and Civilian Saucer Investigation USA, have recently quite suddenly ceased activities and disbanded. The reason for this is the leading statement in I.F.S.B.'s Oct 15th and last issue of their official publication.

THE MYSTERY OF THE FLYING SAUCERS IS SOLVED AND THE SOURCE IS KNOWN.

OUR INFORMATION COMES FROM A HIGHER SOURCE, WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO REVEAL ANY OF THE FACTS VIA OUR PUBLICATION.

President Bender of I.F.S.B. informed President of C.S.I. (NZ), that the above was the result of a visit by three men with Credentials. The information given Mr Bender profoundly shocked him, he further relates that all should know within a few months.

American "LOOK" Magazine for October 1953, Reviews ex Major Donald Keyhoe's (U.S.M.C.) new book "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE." The Review of this book reveals for the first time some of the most baffling and unsolved sightings recently released from the American Air Force's previously Restricted Files. It appears from this Review that the American Authorities have positive evidence establishing the presence of Extra-terrestrial Space Craft.

Donald Keyhoe's earlier book "THE FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL" was published in 1950. He was originally hired by the publishers of American "True" Magazine and commenced investigation as a sceptic.

On the 6th and 9th of October 1953 two outstanding sightings of strange airborne objects were reported in much detail by English News-Papers.
(Copies on file)

At 7.15 p.m. 6th Oct 1953 Mr F.W. Potter, member of Norwich Astronomical Society, watched a Flying Disc shaped craft through a 3½ inch Refractor Telescope for 3½ minutes. Mr Potter made a detailed sketch of the object which also appeared in the Press report. Other reliable witnesses supported his sighting (source, Eastern Evening News 8th Oct 1953.)

At 9 a.m. 9th Oct 1953, the Captain, First Officer and Steward of a B.E.A. Airliner flying from London to Paris, watched what appeared to be a large elliptical disc-shaped highly polished metallic aircraft for over thirty minutes. The Unidentified object was flying above and forward of them in perfectly clear sky conditions. The full page report by the London Sunday Dispatch 18th Oct, leaves no doubt that the Pilots tried their hardest to find a natural explanation. Captain Peter Fletcher and First Officer Lemon both with many years of flying experience are satisfied that they saw a solid controlled Flying Ship. Inclusive in the News report is the following statement. The R.A.F. made a serious investigation of the Oct 1952 sighting of a flying Disc reported by Air-Force personnel during Operation Mainbrace, and did not dismiss the report as "Meteorological Phenomena". Last week the Air Ministry said that the special department set up to investigate reports of Flying Saucers have received Captain Fletcher's report and experts are now evaluating it.

The new book "THE FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED" by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski published by T Werner Laurie London, has caused more excited speculations. President of C.S.I. (NZ) is assured through correspondence with the publisher, that the publishers are satisfied Adamski's story is true and have sworn affidavits to support their documents. The book published in mid September 53 has already sold over 12,000 copies.

The much disputed author of "BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS" Frank Scully is also preparing another book. The renewed confidence expressed by Scully in a recent published statement, leaves one with the thought that many of his theories propounded in his earlier book may be correct after all.

In the light of past and present evidence and the greater than ever activity expected of the future, the most successful example of security or hide and seek in the annals of earth history, must soon break for all to see.

CERTAIN AUTHORITIES MUST BE FULLY AWARE OF THIS

WE HAVEN'T LONG TO WAIT.

Signed *Harold H. Fulton*

H.H. Fulton. President C.S.I. (NZ)

TALE OF INTERVIEW WITH FLYING SAUCER PILOT

Review By Kickshaws.

The time cannot be far distant when flying saucers will cease to be a legend and will become accepted or otherwise with other phenomena such as meteors, blue moons, radio, and aeroplanes. Indeed 100 years ago anybody who claimed knowledge of either of the last two would have been considered just slightly eccentric.

At present we are in this era so far as flying saucers are concerned. It is made all the more difficult by the hush-hush secrets which every Great Power nurses jealously to her bosom, surrounded by laws and regulations and various weird enactments to prevent discovery. For that reason everyone is entitled to form their own opinion about flying saucers.

At this somewhat inconclusive juncture Desmond Leslie and George Adamski have compiled a book (*Flying Saucers Have Landed*—Werner Laurie, 12/6). Unfortunately neither author brings forward any proof that could be accepted even remotely to indicate that flying saucers have landed.

The book does, however, provide a wealth of detailed reports of the sighting of flying saucers. They have indeed been observed for periods which go back so far into geological time they cannot even be classified as legend. For example the first flying saucer is said to have been around something like 18 million years ago. As this goes back 17 million years before the accepted period in which human beings have been in the world, strict scientific proof cannot be anything but difficult.

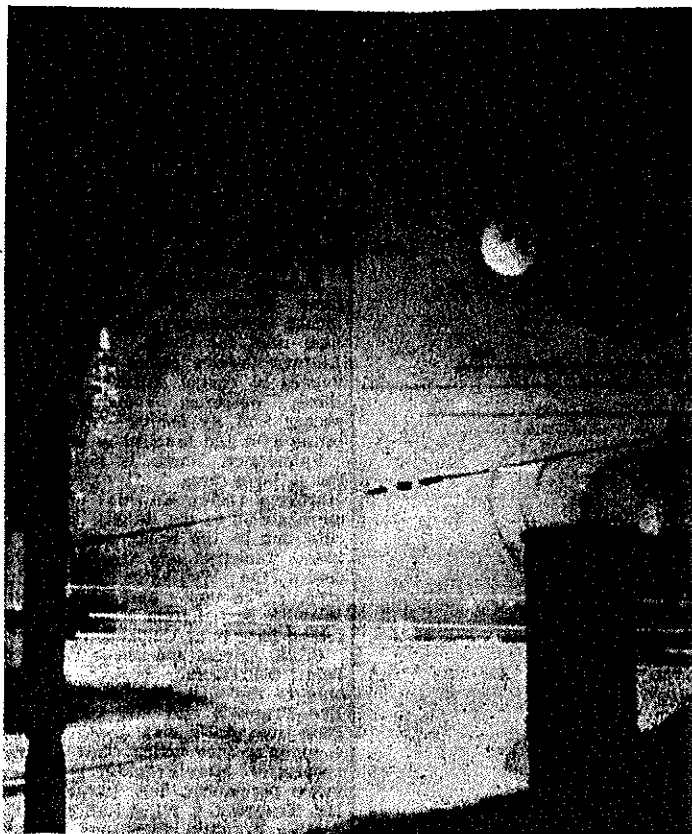
Nevertheless, Desmond Leslie provides such a wealth of obviously genuine reports of flying saucers even the sceptic cannot but become shaken.

Authenticated Sightings

For example, on February 7, 1802, Dr. Menzel Fritsch, an astronomer at Magdeburg, reported a large disc crossing the sun. In 1817 "a howling dark thing" was reported over Palermo. On April 1, 1826, a dark grey torpedo swished to earth at Saarbrücken. But how they knew it was torpedo-shaped is not explained.

Moreover, on July 1, 1896, a dark circular object was observed at the Smith Observatory to traverse the moon's disc. On March 14, 1907, a great black torpedo hovered over Burlington, Vermont, with jets of orange flame issuing from holes in its side. All these and many other reports are capable of being verified and there is no reason to doubt their accuracy.

When the authors of the book claim that flying saucers were used by folk in the mythical land of Atlantis, said to have sunk beneath the Atlantic some 8000 years ago—well, who knows. Certainly scientists would demand far more rigid proof than various esoteric legends. Nevertheless, even those legends are significant.



MYSTERIOUS DISC photographed over New York by August Roberts on July 28, 1952. The object hung motionless for a minute, it was reported.

Models Described

For no very obvious reasons Desmond Leslie declares that not only have flying saucers landed on this world but he even gives a description of the various types. These types as described by Meade Layne roughly fall into three models.

The first is a crescent-shaped craft about 45 feet wide and 18 feet high. It is propelled by jet drive and is now considered somewhat outmoded having been in use for the last 10,000 years or more. No doubt the power system has been improved but in this 10,000 B.C. model a somewhat crude stream of fuel played on a "disc ray" in a closed chamber causing automatic disintegration. Air is the normal fuel but in airless locations metal fuel is used.

The second type of flying saucer is a doughnut-shaped craft about 125 feet outside diameter and 38 feet thick.

In the centre is a hole about 25 feet wide. These are observation craft and employ "electro-magnetic drive."

The third type is a cigar-shaped craft about 100 feet long and 25 feet wide used on escort duties and as a fighting craft. It uses jet drive and other forms of drive making use of "etheric power." A craft of this type was indeed reported over Galliac, France, in November, 1952. This craft carries small flying saucers liberated when close to the earth. There is also thought to be a transport craft about 100 feet in diameter for passenger carrying and cargo.

These various craft employ crews varying from one or two to 50 or more. There are, moreover, miniature saucers used for investigatory roles, one of which is a single seater, about 14 feet across; another is a spherical craft five feet in diameter, and there is also a tiny version only a foot in diameter which carries some sort of report-back apparatus. When finished with this last type is disintegrated by remote control.

Visitors From Venus

All these craft, for no very obvious reasons, are stated to come from Venus. For true space travel they employ universal energy, absorbing power from etheric energy in space. A gravity diverter can also be used when near solid bodies such as the

Flying saucers from time to time jettison various types of objects, including lumps of evil smelling jelly one such lump falling near Rome in May, 1852. A flying saucer seen over Galliac, France, on October 29, 1952, jettisoned various matter which disintegrated before it could be analysed. But "bright whitish filaments resembling glass

wool" are the commonest effluent. When it comes to observed landings of flying saucers the authors of this book seem to have gone to considerable pains to avoid obtaining any really factual evidence which would assist experts and others in coming to an opinion. We have the word of the authors of this book that not only have flying saucers landed, but that a man from Venus has actually been interviewed by one of the authors using "thought transference." As the Venusian dialke being photographed this opportunity was missed.

This part of the book offers nothing helpful to an unbiased person anxious to get the facts for or against flying saucers coming from other worlds. Even the photographs are unconvincing and taken in such a manner that faking could not be ruled out.

Unsupported Story

We have the word of George Adamski that he did interview a man from Venus, but it is not backed by anything which a scientist would consider as supporting evidence.

There is no reason to suggest that either author is trying to carry out a hoax, but on the other hand there is nothing to support the truth. This does not mean that flying saucers have not landed and that at least one occupant has not held thought transference with a man of the world.

But the book is not convincingly written, it is badly constructed and in places badly worded. The references are very vague, the evidence too flimsy and open to misinterpretation.

Anyway, interested folk can read the book and form their own opinions: just as they can about ghosts after surveying the mass of tenuous information available.

Believers in Flying

Saucers

Book Notes

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A new and rather persuasive version is given in a volume bearing the assertive title 'Flying Saucers Have Landed,' which consists of two parts written respectively by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, and published in London by Werner Laurie. Desmond Leslie is a young man of 32 with a Dublin University education and Adamski is a Pole of 62, now an American subject and a lecturer on philosophy. Leslie assembles evidence in support of flying saucers being real from reports covering several hundred years, while Adamski gives a personal experience of observation and what he claims to be an actual account of a meeting with a space man from a flying saucer.

The reader of imaginative science fiction can be forgiven if he treats this somewhat sensational book with reserve. On the evidence of the past it would be quite possible for it to be a work of pure imagination, assembled in its two parts to afford an air of credibility as has often been done in the past.

Even the photographs could be inventions because they bear a striking resemblance to rather old-fashioned fancy electric lamp fixtures. Then there are photostatic copies of affidavits certifying to the truth of Adamski's report of his meeting with a space man and his superficial examination of a flying saucer in which the visitor from Venus is supposed to have travelled.

Scepticism

If the authors should be affronted at such scepticism they could only blame it on that long succession of

How real are flying saucers? In addition to a great number of reports from all over the world about individual and group observations of strange aerial phenomena, several books have been written on the subject claiming that such things do exist, as the means of transport from other planets.

imaginative writers who have led readers to be wary. But their fierce arguments in support of the theory that flying saucers, reported from all parts of the world with extraordinary frequency over a period of some centuries, carry some conviction. Many people all over the world have an open mind on this question and are ready to believe that the whole thing is something more than hallucinations in spite of Governments' refusal to believe in flying saucers. Individuals and groups in many parts are now endeavouring to find the truth of the question.

Desmond Leslie shows intense scorn for the official attitude on the question and argues that it is possible for beings on other planets to be further advanced than earthlings, who expect themselves to travel in outer space within a century. He tabulates from the year 1619 reports of strange objects seen in the sky and these run into hundreds and appear to differ from the conventional sightings of meteors and other celestial phenomena which are readily understood.

There seems to have been a remarkable revival of strange aerial activity since the end of the war. It will be remembered that in 1947 it was first reported that flying saucers had been seen streaking

across Sweden from the direction of Russia. It was then feared that the Soviet Union had made a revolutionary discovery in a new type of aircraft, but almost simultaneously similar objects were seen in many other parts, including New Zealand.

Man From Venus

George Adamski claims to have made prolonged observations with his own telescopes from near Mount Palomar in California, location of the famous 200-inch astronomical telescope. His account suggests that friendly flying saucer craft appeared in his vicinity and that later he had a "hunch" that if he travelled to certain desert country he might actually make contact. On one of these excursions, he claims, he went off on his own and met a strange being in the shape of a man with a radiant and beautiful appearance and actually had a conversation with this individual, which he reports in detail. The "space man" did not understand English, but "caught on" rapidly enough to make himself understood. Afterwards Adamski accompanied this being back to his flying saucer in which a second individual had remained. Friends of Adamski, who had accompanied him but were not actually within earshot, are alleged to have sworn to the correctness of the account. The visitor claimed he came from Venus on a friendly mission.

The publishers state that "this is one of the most startling books ever published." The claim is not ill founded, but many readers are likely to demand more authority for the contents of the book than has been provided. But whether it is fiction or factual, the book makes interesting reading and gives much food for thought.

'PATROLS FROM ANOTHER WORLD'

Explanation Of Flying Saucer Mystery?

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Flying saucers reported sighted from four Western capitals recently could be reconnaissance patrols from another planet, according to a theory worked out from experts' views.

Major Keyhoe, a leading United States investigator of saucers, said recently that Earth men who wanted to observe another planet where people were believed to be living would send up a "mother space ship" from which small patrol craft could be launched.

If attacked by fighter planes from the "other world" they would zoom away out of danger—just as the saucers picked up on a London anti-aircraft regiment's radar set, behaved.

Base on the moon?

It was stated today that the explanation would supply the answer to the saucer mystery. Earthmen who wanted to observe Mars would set up bases on the moons which circle Mars. Men from Mars may equally well have established a base on the Earth's moon. Flying saucer reports always come just when Mars reaches the closest point to the Earth in its orbit.

The Air Ministry has dismissed 95 per cent of the "saucer" reports as explainable by natural phenomena, but three members of Parliament have given notice of questions in the House of Commons this week about the remainder. The Air Ministry says that in the other five per cent of reports experts have been unable to reach any conclusions.

The anti-aircraft men who sighted a saucer at nearly 60,000 feet do not accept the Air Ministry's explanation that it was a meteorological balloon. Two R.A.F. officers flying a Vampire jet on the same day also reported the object.

First spotting station

CANADA, the United States, and South Africa have investigated reports of sighted saucers. Canada has built an official "saucer spotting station" near Ottawa in the first attempt to secure scientific proof that saucers may exist. It is revealed from Pretoria that the R.A.F. is exchanging saucer secrets with South Africa.

In the star system near the Earth there are 22 planets on which astronomers believe life could exist. They think it is reasonable to suppose that life does exist on them. Dr. R. H. Stoy, Royal Astronomer at Cape Town, said: "There's some sort of phenomenon not yet adequately explained."—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 11am).

'QUEER OBJECT' SEEN NEAR INVERCARGILL

Two women saw a mysterious lighted object flashing through the sky above Invercargill about 10.45 last night. One of them, Mrs. J. Davis, of 153 Etrick Street, said today: "It was a queer object with a lizard shape with two bright red lights in front of it. It came from a westerly direction at a very high altitude and passed right above my house and entered the clouds travelling in an easterly direction. It was no star."

The Invercargill weather office said today that a meteorological balloon was released about 11pm yesterday but that it almost certainly was not what the women saw. The balloon carried only one small light which would be very hard to see.

SOUTH AFRICA REPORTS A 'SAUCER'

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 20 (Rec. 10am).—A spokesman of defence headquarters at Pretoria, said today that South African Air Force officers had reported that they had seen objects over South Africa which might have been "flying saucers." He added that the officers were trained in the detection of rockets and other objects moving at high speed. They had given a clear description of the phenomena.

A senior Air Force officer said in Cape Town today that Air Force headquarters was investigating a mysterious radar contact which indicated some unexplained phenomenon in the sky.

Kent Phenomenon

LONDON, Nov. 20 (Rec. 11am).—The Air Ministry said today that a strange object resembling the popular notions of the "flying saucer" which was seen on a Kent Army radar unit could have been a meteorological balloon. Referring to a War Office statement last night that a mysterious object had been traced for 10 minutes, the Air Ministry said a radio-sonde meteorological balloon had been released in the same area at that time. The meteorological station also had followed the balloon's course by radar.

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Support For Balloon Theory

LONDON, Nov. 27 (Rec. 11 am).—The journal "The Aeroplane" is satisfied that the "unidentified objects in the general category of flying saucers" sighted over England recently were balloons.

There seems little doubt, it says, that the object picked up on the radar set of a London anti-aircraft unit on November 3, and quite probably several others recently reported, was one of the non-extensible balloons now being used in America for the collection of upper air data.

Their appearance over Britain, says the journal, is by no means impossible, since balloons launched in New Mexico have been picked up as far away as Norway and Spain.

Some balloons have gone higher than 107,000 feet.

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"Flying Saucer" Cameras.
The United States Air Force announced that it has installed "flying saucer cameras" to help find an explanation for mysterious radar-confirmed objects reported to be streaking through the skies.

Six Men Lose Lives
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The following is an extract from "Intelligence Digest" No. 180 of November, 1953.

This report comes from our best observer in Berlin. He holds an important position there and is not a man readily susceptible to sensational rumour, as he has been trained to evaluate reports.

Our observer says that he himself did not witness the event reported. The news was brought to him from the Soviet zone by a man whom he has known both personally and officially for many years. There is only one eye-witness to the happenings here reported, and he has not yet been able to escape from Soviet controlled territory, where he is lying low. He is very badly wanted by the M.V.D.

Flights of extraordinary objects.

The story begins on July 19. Between then and July, 26th (1953) the inhabitants of some of the towns and villages on the German Polish border along the Baltic coast- especially in the neighbourhood of Stettiner Haff and the mouth of the Oder - observed flights of extraordinary objects, which appeared to be round. They generally flew in groups of six or more, with many abrupt twists and turns, and at what seemed to be very high speeds.

Most of the appearances were towards evening and in the early morning. At night, too, people observed strangely glowing objects streaking across the sky at high speeds. The frequency of these appearances was so great as to be called almost regular.

Reports of this kind were made from such places as Kolobrzeg (Kolberg), Koszalin, Stargard, Goteniow, Odra Port, Stettin and places in Eastern Germany such as Pasewalk, Heringsdorf and Usedom. A large number of people in these places reported seeing these peculiar objects.

Reports were made to both the East German and Polish police, as well as to both Intelligence services. On July 19 and 20, both these services showed great interest in the reports, and sent observers. On the afternoon of July 20, there was a sudden and complete change of attitude on the part of the local services. Both police and Intelligence began flatly to deny the evidence. They declared that nothing of the kind had happened, and threatened people who made reports that they would be dealt with as imperialist rumour-mongers if they did not stop talking. This was enough to put a stop to all open talk; but it did not prevent people from continuing to see the strange objects flying about.

A very strange happening.

From the evening of July 26 to the morning of July 29, no more of these objects were sighted; but during the early hours of July 29 to August 1, the flights were resumed.

The strangest happenings of all took place on July 31 at 7p.m between the towns of Miedzyszaraje and Wolin. The two towns are connected by 24 km of railroad. Leaving Wolin the line goes due north for 13km then turns sharply west towards Miedzyszaraje. Two and a half k.m. east of that turn, a strange object landed - at the time stated above- on a country road running roughly parallel to the railroad.

The landing took place with very little noise, so that little attention was attracted. No one was actually on the spot when the object landed. A short distance away, however, five Poles and two Germans were working. Their curiosity was aroused by

the fact that the object descended practically vertically, and at what seemed to be a high speed. Then it just settled down on the ground. After about 20 minutes, these seven people were joined by a Polish policeman, who - after seeing what had happened - went to make a report.

A close up view.

The seven witnesses approached the object. They estimated its diameter as between 15 and 20 metres. It had a spherical centre - apparently of metal - which was entirely closed. On the outside was a large flat circle on which wide exhaust pipes could be seen, reminiscent of jet engines. No engine however was visible. This outer circle was also of metal. There appeared to be no human beings aboard. There was neither sound nor movement. None of these people dared approach the central sphere, but all were impressed by Russian inscriptions - on both central sphere and outer circle. None had any doubt that the object was Russian.

The man who disappeared.

While the policeman was away, one man - a German - thought it prudent to disappear. He left the place at once; the others remained. Soon after 8pm the policeman returned, and shortly afterwards a Soviet helicopter landed with several MVD officers. Immediate action was taken to close off the area. None of the six remaining witnesses, nor the policeman, has been seen or heard of since.

A police net was thrown out to catch the man who had left. Police and troops were turned out to comb a wide area. The Russian authorities know the man's name; but - up to the time our observer reported - he had not been caught. After this, the area was cordoned off for a week. After that, there was no further sign or trace of the mysterious object.

From August 1 to August 10, no more flights were observed. Then a few more were noticed up to August 15. We have heard no more since then.

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'Flying Saucer' Back ^{El-41/13} On The Newsfront

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LONDON, Nov. 10 (Rec. 10am).—R.A.F. intelligence officers are now investigating every case of "flying saucers" reported over Britain, says the "Daily Express."

"The latest report comes from two flying officers who were together in a Vampire jet night fighter at 20,000 feet over Kent," says the paper. "They saw an object which at first appeared to be a star or bright stationary light. It was very much higher than they were, and after a few seconds it passed over their aircraft at tremendous speed.

"It was maintaining a level flight, was circular in shape, and appeared to be emitting or reflecting a fierce light.

"Two other incidents are worrying R.A.F. intelligence. On October 9 two BEA pilots saw an object in the sky on the way from London to Paris.

On their return to London they were told that the Northolts radar screen had been plotting an unidentified object that circled at 50,000 feet for two hours.

"On September 7, the day Neville Duke broke the world's speed record at Tangmere, Sussex, a saucer was seen hovering over the airfield. It was a circular whitish object and after remaining poised for some time it took off at terrific speed towards the Channel.

"The R.A.F. is now exchanging information with America. The United States Air Force is beginning to suggest hesitantly that flying saucers could be interplanetary."

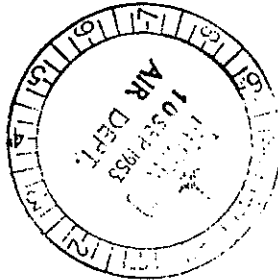
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P.O. BOX 1914,
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8th Sept 1953

Ronald E Golding
Flight Lieutenant
Assist., D of I

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your reply of 2nd September and your Dept's subscription to the Quarterly Review. Please find receipt enclosed.

We will find it a pleasure to keep your dept informed sooner or later the subject research must receive the attention it merits .

Yours Faithfully

H. H. Fulton
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2nd September, 1953.

Civilian Saucer Investigation, (New Zealand)
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Dear *Fulton*

The D. of I. has read your letter of the 18th August and regrets that it is not possible for the R.N.Z.A.F. to provide any of the equipment you request. However, the reports of your Society are read with interest and continued advice of the Society's activities will be appreciated.

Enclosed is a cheque for five shillings as an annual subscription to the "Quarterly Review".

Yours faithfully,

RdG
(Ronald E. GOLDING)
Flight Lieutenant.
For DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE.

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P.O. BOX 1914,
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18th August, 1953.

The Director of Intelligence,
Air Department,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

As you are fully aware of the above Organisation, and as I have had the pleasure of meeting you, no introduction is necessary.

After much serious thought, and with a full realisation of the magnitude of our subject; I have found it imperative that C.S.I. explore the possibility of Government assistance; our approach is made via your Department.

My Committee's financial resources being of modest means, and as we are a non-profit Organisation, there is small chance of adequately equipping ourselves with the precision instruments, machinery, etc., most necessary for a research of this nature.

Although there has been a marked official silence on the "Flying Saucer Saga" in the British Dominions, we feel that World Authorities must by now fully realise that there is a particularly strong case for "There's a Stranger in Our Skies from Outside Celestial Bounds".

However, the World Authorities in all probability, have not the absolute proof as would be expressed in a captive or landed craft with or without superior beings at the controls.

This Committee, in close co-operation with seven Overseas Groups, has filed much convincing evidence. In New Zealand alone (refer Pages 20 and 21 enclosed August Review) there has been many strang happenings in our local skies.

As the frequency of sightings in the last seven years has increased considerably all over the World (greater impetus in particular being noticed in each renewed appearance). Having all this in mind, and remembering those cases where very near approach to the objects have been recorded, surely it would be foolish to ignore its overall significance; perhaps the time is not too far distant when the peoples of this Planet may be rather too suddenly or forcibly enlightened. (Not necessarily by any form of hostility).

Granted that there is a few cases where individuals came off the worse for too near approach, it is considered by the majority of the investigating bodies, that this questionable hostility on the part of the "Saucers" was intended as a purely defensive measure.

EQUIPMENT:

Following is the equipment most urgently required to set up a minor observatory with reasonable chances of detection, identification, etc., in constant readiness for the next perchance or calculated appearance of this strange air-borne object or phenomenon.

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| 1. Binoculars | 2. Small Telescope |
| 3. Special Camera fitted
with diffraction grid. | 4. Theodilite |
| 5. Tape Recorder | 6. Typewriter (Standard) |
| 7. Duplicator | |

I fully realise that this is perhaps a tall order and there will be many intricate complications to such a request, however, Sir, should it be possible to obtain a portion of the above mentioned equipment through your good office; every care and responsibility will be borne by myself as a member of Her Majesty's Forces.

Whether or not your Department, in conjunction with the Armed Forces Intelligence Division or Government Security Headquarters, have or plan a similar parallel investigation, is not known; however, we are most willing to co-operate in every way.

Sincerely hoping that this approach is considered proper, worthy, and understandable.

Awaiting your reply with much anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
C.S.I. (N.Z.)

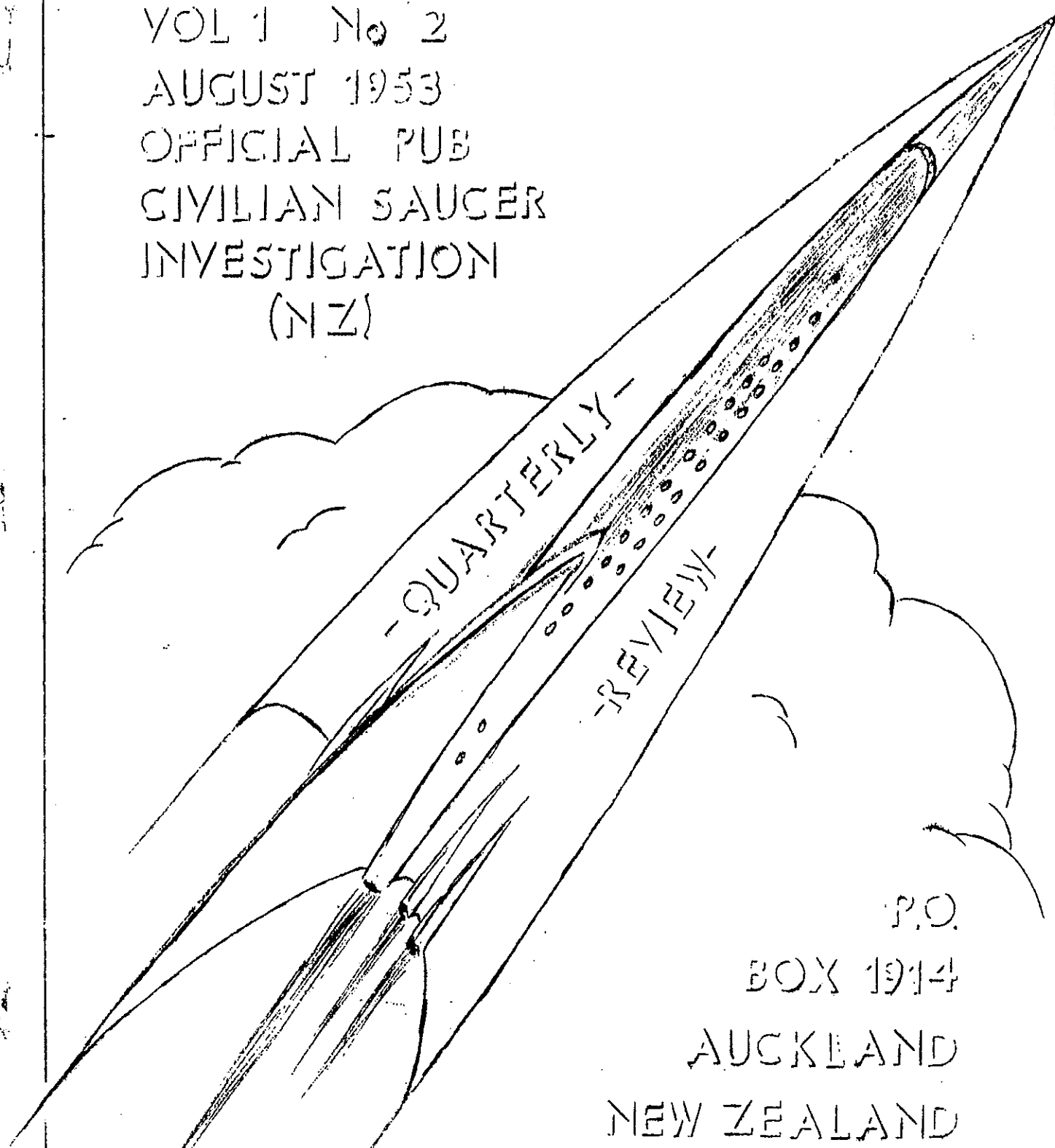
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NOT A FIGMENT OF THE IMAGINATION BUT A FRAGMENT OF THINGS TO COME

Civilian Saucer Investigation, New Zealand, set up late last year with a determination to seriously study and probe the flying saucer mystery, have, by virtue of their existence, accumulated an astonishing amount of data from many parts of the world.

It is still coming in, and practically every week brings to light new evidence, and the existence of still another kindred organisation, either well-established or in the act of forming. This committee is unanimous that their project is well justified and are planning ways and means of establishing the true cause or/ and purpose of the apparent numerous appearances of suspect objects.

A significant feature in the field of flying saucer research is the number of kindred organisations that are now investigating this phenomena on private and civilian level. C.S.I. is now actively corresponding with seven other organisations, (there are four others to our knowledge) all formed within the last twelve months, within countries of English-speaking peoples.

It is not a well-known fact that military intelligence has and is bound to pay much attention and direct considerable effort to solve the flying saucer mystery, if only for security reasons alone. All three Services in the United States have their own flying saucer projects; Great Britain is interested too; the Air Ministry is giving serious study to the problem and a well established Government department to study the subject exists in France. All this would not be if the answer was an easy one.

To the many investigating groups, flying saucers are far-flung from joke, hoax, myth, mirage, or fancy, for short of an actual saucer craft for public inspection, every other form of normally convincing evidence (aided by modern scientific apparatus) has been recorded.

Every class of individual, in widely varied occupations, has either collectively or individually witnessed the flight of strange airborne craft. Astronomers, weathermen, airmen, seamen, (naval and maritime) birdwatchers, police, servicemen, farmer and housewife have seen them. Many of these individuals in making their reports have stated previous positive disbelief and strong scepticism of flying saucers. Their views on the subject now have absolutely reversed.

There are many thousands of eye-witness accounts in the last five years, many individuals having submitted themselves to sworn testimony. Sightings are not restricted to any particular atmospheric or weather conditions.

Photographs taken by amateurs and professionals alike, are by no means rare. Thorough checking by experts has failed to invalidate them.

Mysterious flights of objects have been tracked by radar on numerous occasions in America, Great Britain, Japan, Canada, Korea and on the Continent. The operators of these radar sets are fully conversant with the fundamental facts of what forms of natural phenomena will cause a return on their screens. These have never been confused with flying saucers as some sources of information contend.

Recent events have proved that our aircraft - over the troubled areas of Korea - and many other places, are no match for the speed, elusiveness and adeptness of objects described as "flying clusters" seen by day and night, and again modern radar positively identified as solid objects.

It would indeed be a narrow view, and a dangerous one, if every individual had to personally experience something before he believed in it or, accredited it's possibilities; if this were the case, the story of human endeavour would indeed be a sad one and progress would have never been made.

Because of ever-present prejudice of happenings unexplainable by present day standards, scientists and layman alike (not having seen) have shown a remarkable lack of reasonable trust and confidence in the testimony of their fellow equals.

Unfortunate individuals, once average respected citizens, were subsequently denied this distinction because they choose to relate similar experience or by outspokenness supported the thesis that this planet is subject to visits by beings from other world or worlds.

Indeed it is not wishful thinking or for lack of sensational events that gives cause to such claims. The weight of evidence is over-whelming in its favour; you too will reach this conclusion if your interest is aroused and you care to make yourself conversant with the wealth of information recorded.

Today due to the following reasons, the great majority of the educated people of the world are, openly discussing, giving serious thought and waiting expectantly for subsequent developments. These reasons are:-

- (1) You have personally witnessed the flight of an object,

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it was not a conventional type nor did it conform to present day standards of powered flight. You are certain that it was a solid craft of some sort.

- (2) Someone who you can personally vouch for has seen, a member of your kin, a life-long friend, a respected personality.
- (3) The ever increasing number of witnesses to the flight of strange craft or suspect objects.
- (4) The consistency and frequency of reports that have originated from all corners of the world within last five years.
- (5) Just as you have let the matter drop into displacency, you are jolted back to renewed interest and confusion on reading of still another inexplicable incident of recent happening such as Captain Jones, Chief Pilot, Australian National Airways. (See Australia Sightings).
- (6) One after the other has come all manner of scientific explanations to explain away Flying Saucers. Each author in turn offered the Coup de grace absolute but the Saucers continue to show up and refuse to be classified non-existent.
- (7) Your awareness of what has been accomplished in all fields of human achievement in the last fifty years. Truly, you may consider the words "impossible" "fantastic" as obselesent anti-quoted meaningless terms.

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HAMILTON FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION SOCIETY.

H.F.S.I.S. was formed on April, 21st 1953. Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting the President Mr. F.J.M. Clark and Hon.Sec. Mr. J.E. Stuart, at Mr. Stuart's home in Hamilton. A very pleasurable afternoon was spent and much discussions on the subject of Saucers and their Society's intentions eventuated. Two members, Mr. Stuart and Miss Jolly are Honorary Observers to C.S.I.

Congratulations Hamilton! Your plans are most creditable, we wish you every success.

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ORGANISATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF C.S.I. (NZ)

The formation of C.S.I. (NZ) eventuated from a gathering of interested parties at the Mt. Eden Residence of Mr. J.H. De Marr, at the invitation of his grandson, Mr. R. La Varis. It was a fine Sunday evening, 12th October 1952, to be exact, at this meeting the following Offices were elected:-

President:	Mr. H.H. Fulton
Secretary:	Mr. R. La Varis
Committee:	Mr. G. Purdeu Mr. E.J.M. Greager Mr. G. Gilmore Mr. Del La Varis.

A little later Mr. W.S. Jones was also elected, however, regrettably he was soon to leave us, a new residence was rather far removed from the City.

Early in the New Year, the Secretary, Mr. R. La Varis, reluctantly withdrew owing to Business reasons extraordinary. Mr. R. La Varis was prime mover behind formation of Committee of Investigation and did much pioneer work. A vote of thanks Ray, your efforts were much appreciated.

The office of Secretary was managed for a short while after by Mr. Del La Varis, until he left New Zealand for overseas. He is now back with us.

Committee strength has increased in the New Year. Messrs. J. Connell, M. Hinge and C. Tennent having being duly elected and welcomed to C.S.I.

Present staff consists of:-

President:	H.H. Fulton
Secretary:	Position Temporary Vacant
Committee:	E.J.N. Greager, G. Purdeu Del La Varis, G. Gilmore J. Connell, C. Tennent M. Hinge

Representatives, N.Z.

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Mr. Sam Rix, Bay of Plenty.

Mr. Albert K. Bender, Conn. USA.

Michel Se'journe, Paris, France.

HONORARY OFFICERS

C.S.I. is proud to mention some 60 odd Honorary Observers that have been appointed from keenly interested correspondents

anxious to join us in our efforts to solve the inexplicable riddle of the Skies.

Shortly, suitable certificates will be forwarded to all Hon. Observers who have confirmed their appointment to C.S.I.

"HONORARY OBSERVERS" SPECIAL MENTION

Mrs. Elvert M. Davis of Fletcher, U.S.A., is most highly commended and sincerely thanked for the numerous press clippings, Magazines, books, donations, etc., (relevant to the subject of our research) that she has forwarded us. Her mail continues to arrive almost weekly. Indeed we are most fortunate in having her as our Star Honorary Observer.

The following are thanked for donations and much appreciated assistance:-

Mr. Sam Rix, Tauranga; Mrs. Ethne Hamber, Christchurch; Miss V.E.J. Allan, Dunedin; Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa, Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.A.; Mr. J.E. Stuart, Hamilton; Mr. Brassell, Wanganui; Mr. Fletcher, Nelson.

C.S.I., U.S.A. REPRESENTATIVE.

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Albert K. Bender, Director and Editor of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, Bridgeport, Conn., U.S.A. Undoubtedly, Mr. Bender's Organisation must be the largest and most comprehensive in the field. I.F.S.B. has representatives in many countries. C.S.I.(NZ) is much indebted for information received from Mr. Bender. Photos and Tape recordings are shortly expected.

C.S.I. FRANCE REPRESENTATIVE.

We would like you to meet Michel Se'journe of Paris. Michel may be only 14 years old but his knowledge of the mechanics of Powered Flight to come, rates him an extremely alert and intelligent young man. He is at present experimenting with a magnetically powered Turbine Engine. Michel keeps C.S.I. posted with all Flying Saucer activities over his native land.

IN THE PUBLIC MIND.

A favourite subject of discussion today is Flying Saucers. You will hear the many arguments for and against at almost every mode of occasion, at work or play, by the fireside or social gatherings. Gradually the Saucers are gathering respect and intelligent minds are treating the tremendous possibilities with far less derision. The President is almost every day, singled out with requests for information and his views on the subject.

CONVENTION OF SAUCER PROBERS

President of Flying Saucers International has organised a combined meeting of all interested in solving the Riddle of the Skies to be held on the 16th, 17th, 18th August 1953, at Hollywood Hotel, California.

Members of C.S.I. thank President Miller for invitation extended and regret inability to attend. C.S.I. will be represented by Mr. Albert K. Bender, Director, International Flying Saucer Bureau. (Mr. Bender is our U.S. Representative).

EXTRACTS FROM "SAUCERS" OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF

FLYING SAUCERS INTERNATIONAL, U.S.A.

There is more to flying saucers than just material objects. The Saucers' occupants are not "insects", "vegetables", nor, we believe, "little green men". This is a great period. We must make the most of it. The "Space Visitors" are, of course, of interplanetary origin. They are here for a purpose - not just curiosity. They originate from several planets - perhaps even hundreds, thousands, or millions - in our solar system, others, and possibly other galaxies! This may seem impossible now, but the time differential is possible by Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

Did anyone realize Nostradamus, Astrology, The Pyramids, among other prophetic sources, all predict a "world shaking event" to take place between August 20th to 26th, 1953? This will bear watching. It is believed by many sources to be the "undisputed landing of our 'Space Visitors'."

THE LOCKHEED STAR (official publication of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp.) of March 19, 1953, had a front page article with this heading:

"Mystery Object Sighted by Pilots over Victorville. ---- MYSTERY OBJECT ---- By super enlarging, Lockheed's photo department salvaged this picture from tiny movie camera print. (The object resembled a half-moon). Film was taken from T-33 at extremely high altitude, but object was too distant for good picture"

One pilot described it as follows: "We think it might have been a weather balloon. Except for a couple of little oddities we'd be certain. To be as conspicuous as it was, the thing would have had to be the size of an airplane hanger, as high as it was above us. Another thing that was peculiar was the way it zipped along and then stopped. And it stayed stopped, directly over Victorville, for three hours. It did not move. We could clearly distinguish its shape. It was roughly oval, rounded on top. It just sparkled in

"the sunlight - maybe next time we see one, it will be lower. Then we'll find out."

A person living in Conn., U.S.A., (he will not allow us to release his name) discovered a three foot sphere with a revolving disc inside. The fragments proved to be highly magnetic, he claimed (and we have the photo-stats to prove it), and when analyzed was found to be "Cobalt in its native (free) state" which is not found on this Earth! The metal also contained Iron and Nickel. This incident brings to light an item in the Spring 1953, "Flying Saucer News" (Official Journal of the Flying Saucer Club, England) which claims a railway official found fragments of metal from a "swishing, multi-coloured, hollow cylinder". They are being examined by Dr. Graham White (member, British Interplanetary Society), reports the Rhodesia Herald - 1.10 a.m., February 8th 1953.

FOOTNOTE: A recent letter from Mr. Richard Hughes, Sec. Flying Saucer Club, England. Mr. Hughes states that he had written to Dr. G. White but had not after a reasonable lapse of time received any reply. He presumes the information he requested is restricted.

Ed.

EXTRACTS FROM "FLYING SAUCER NEWS" OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF FLYING SAUCER CLUB, ENGLAND.

INDIA SUGGESTS - "A SPACE STATION"

A luminous nocturnal object, variously described as "the moon's younger sister", a "Flying Saucer", "Space Station" or just plain "meteor" was reported to have been noticed in the skies over Madras from points as far apart as 400 miles, between December 4th and 10th last.

The object was of a blue-green colour and emitted a trail of orange sparks as it flew horizontally in an east-west direction. Its size - "half as big as the moon" - raised the speculation that it might be a space station 7,000 to 8,000 miles above the earth, moving in a fixed orbit, says a United Press report.

AFRICAN SIGHTINGS.

Several photographs have been published in South African newspapers (viz: "Rhodesia Herald", "Natal Mercury" and "Cape Argus") of a strange sky object seen in BULAWAYO in early January. One photo includes an inset of a much-enlarged portion showing the "object". This appears to us to be a collection of closely spaced vapour-like trails - as though made by an aircraft flying in tight circles.....

Since this photograph appeared, there have been reports of saucer-sightings in CAPETOWN (bright stationary object, with lights flashing on and off. Visible 14 min. from 9a.m. January 29th) and again in BULAWAYO (5 saucers-600 to 7000 feet. 10.20a.m. 8th February.

HAIFA: SAUCERS, THEN "CIGAR".

Two saucers, sailing first next to each other, then one-above -the-other, were observed for three or four minutes over Mt. Carmel 9.55 p.m. December 30th, 1952, - says the "Jerusalem Post" in a report just received.

They took the form of "gleaming white discs" flying at about 30,000 to 40,000 feet, in a westerly direction, and finally they disappeared into the upper atmosphere.

The same paper reports several witnesses as having seen a CIGAR-shaped object between 4.5 and 4.12 p.m. on January 4th. The object was "fairly low" and moved with great speed. It had three bright lights: one at either end and one in the centre.

BRITAIN'S SHARE.

LIVERPOOL: Large, brilliant ball of fire with red streak of flame and sparks trailing in tail behind.
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 2.17 a.m. Over West Derby at very low altitude, travelling swiftly and silently in N.W. direction. ("Liverpool Echo").

STREATHAM: Orange ball flying across the sky. Disappeared, then re-appeared some minutes later travelling in same direction, (not given). Seen from Tooting also.

INVERNESS: Grey, oval object: when it turned sideways was of a cigar-like shape. Disappeared twice, but came into view again, and darted back and forth with great rapidity (says Mr. GEORGE MACPHERSON, one of the observers, whom we welcome as a LIFE MEMBER). It was reported in the "Glasgow Herald" and "Greenock Telegraph".

AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

A first class sighting on the Files of the A.F.S.I.C. private report to Hon. Sec. L.T. Whitney.

South Road Park, S.A.
 10th March, 1953.

AT 10 A.M.

"I have recently noticed in our local press that the Flying Saucer Investigation Committee has been formed, and as it is obvious from its composition that it is a well qualified group and not a "crack-pot" organisation, it is with confidence that I make the following report of objects sighted by me on Sunday last March 8th, 1953.

At 10 a.m. S.A. time I was in my radio workshop at the above address, which is approx 6½ miles SSW of Adelaide, when a flight of

FLYING SAUCERS

A craft of the "City of Adelaide" squadron passed by.

I casually looked up at them and sighted beyond them on the same vector a white circular object.

Having a pair of cheap field glasses handy (3/30) I followed the course of this object which was travelling in a wide clockwise circle until 1007 when it faded into a smoke haze in a South-East direction near the Adelaide hills. In the meantime I called my wife who also saw the object clearly with the unaided eye.

An estimation of the size of the object is that it would be approx. the same as a normal aircraft of the B25 class at an altitude of 20 to 25 thousand feet. It was travelling either at a varying speed or else its path was not horizontal. An estimation of its maximum velocity, insofar as I could keep the glasses steady, was from 60 to 80 diameters per second, which if it were of the same size as a normal aircraft would place it in the 3000 m.p.h. class.

There was no vapor trail or coloured tail evident, and the object itself was matt white, exactly the same as the moon which was then visible. No shininess was evident.

The object proceeded north for about 30 seconds, then slowed until it appeared stationary. Then two smaller objects of the same colour appeared to fall away from the larger object, both describing smooth diverging arcs. I lost sight of these as they went beyond the angle of my glasses. Of course these may have been of the same size as the first object but higher up.

The larger object then moved off South-Easterly and was lost in haze over the Adelaide hills at 1007.

At 1012 I again picked up an object with the naked eye, making a wide anti-clockwise circle over the city.

On the Southernmost sweep this object was joined by another identical in size and shape, colour, which was moving in the opposite direction. They swept together in two smooth converging arcs and appeared to become stationary at a distance of about 10 diameters. This was also seen by my wife, with the naked eye.

Then suddenly both parted in diametrically opposite directions, one making due South and the other due North.

I followed the Northerly one, and after about one minute of forward travel it appeared to slow and gradually shrink in size, until it disappeared at 1020 directly overhead.

I conclude that the object was in a vertical climb at this time.

No further objects were seen in spite of considerable searching.

I would say the objects were spherical as in spite of the curves negotiated at an apparently high velocity, there appeared

no evidence of banking, as would be the case with a flat object

To substantiate this report, some personal particulars:-

I am Engineer-in-Charge of Broadcasting Station
5KA, Adelaide.

During the War I served 5½ years in the R.A.A.F.
in which service I was trained in Aircraft
Recognition, as well as serving as an aircraft
W/T Operator.

I am currently a Reserve Officer in the Technical
(Signals) Branch of the same service.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)..... "

EXTRACTS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE (May 1953)
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
OF AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER BUREAU.

EDITORIAL: Those mysterious flying objects, cigars, spheres, balls of light ever and anon reported hurtling at fantastic speeds through the skies of some country or other - What causes them: What are they composed of? And whence do they come?

Are they simply products of "mass hallucinations" on an immense scale? Are they results of some new and extraordinary type of optical illusion. Or are they fabricated, and perhaps operated as well, by Martians, Venusians, or some other kind of intelligent beings, possibly similar to ourselves?

If the latter theory proves correct, and the objects are space vehicles capable of interplanetary travel, of what amazing materials are they constructed, what incredible force drives them? And, of no less importance, if they are driven from within, what kind of occupants do they possess?

The answers to these and scores of similar perplexing questions are being feverishly sought by organisations simultaneously all over the world, and it is significant to note that each country's contribution to universal investigation appears to be in a direct relation to its individual state of scientific achievement.

What fabulous facts will eventually emerge from the several lines of enquiry being hurriedly pursued can only be conjectured at present, but the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau is assisting general research to the utmost of its ability by collecting and analysing reports, particularly from the Australian area, and seeking, by testing various theories and other means, to intergrate all the available data into a coherent, global picture.

Formed last July, the A.F.S.B. still retains its original view that positive identification of the cause, origin and intentions - if they possess occupants - of the objects will in all probability be a lengthy process; but even working on that assumption, already some highly interesting facts have emerged from a careful study of global sightings and other phenomena.

One of the most amazing factors encountered is the bewildering variety of types, speeds and general behaviour associated with the strange objects, those viewed in Australian skies alone within the last year ranging from lights, discs, and cigar-shapes skimming along at far in excess of jet plane speed, to a slow-moving "silver ball" which revolved nonchalantly, noiselessly, and unhurriedly over Parramatta, N.S.W., for fully ten minutes one day in May 1952, in the full view of residents and children.

Why do some flash along at supersonic speed, whilst others merely perambulate?

The A.F.S.B. does not yet possess the answer to this, though it hopes one day to discover the reason for that and other puzzling phenomena. It would, for instance, like, too, to know the meaning of apparently purposeless lights, often illuminating in broad daylight, the nose or interiors, sometimes both, of the strange craft, lights which sometimes glow in shades of soft rose, orange or blue, yet at other times split the sky with savage green, blue or white brilliance almost too unbearable for human eyes because of its unearthly brightness.

SYDNEY, N.S.W. FEBRUARY 23, 1953.

The report of what is believed to be the largest saucer ever observed, reached the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau from Nairobi, East Africa.

Eye witness, Mrs. A.M. King of P.O. Box 2162, Nairobi, wrote:-

"I left Mombasa at the end of June 1947, on the S.S. Llandoverly Castle en route to Cape Town, and going through the Straits of Madagascar about the beginning of July was on deck with another lady passenger at approx. 11 p.m. when we noticed a particularly bright star. It was travelling very fast and approached the ship. Suddenly a searchlight appeared, which flashed a strong beam of light on the water within 50 yards of the ship. It descended, its beam shortening and becoming brighter as it neared the water, and the next instant there was no more light, but an object appeared apparently made of steel and shaped like a cigar cut at the rear end. It remained in the air

about 20 feet above the sea, parallel with the Llandoverly Castle, and travelling in the same direction.

"Gaining a little in speed, after a second or two the whole shape disappeared without a sound, from the rear issuing fierce flames which shot out to about $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the object. It appeared that there must be something like a huge furnace inside the thing, but still we could hear no noise from the flames. No windows could be seen, only a band of metal round the entire thing, which, if it had been a complete cigar-shape, would have been centrally situated.

"The object was very large, about 4 times the length of the Llandoverly Castle, and at a rough guess about 4 times as high.

"We had a wonderful view, but in a few seconds it disappeared. No light was seen forward as it left, it just vanished soundlessly in the darkness. For awhile we thought we were the only ones on deck at that late hour, but walking to the prow of the ship we saw there one of the ship's officers with a few passengers, the entire party of whom had seen the same thing. Whether it is recorded in the ship's log, I know not.

"The story I related to my husband and friends, but without them showing any enthusiasm. I let the matter drop, and to my surprise read later of Captain Bicknell's experience over Mt. Kilimanjaro in 1951, and saw the exact shape in an illustration of what I had seen and drawn previously for my husband and several friends."

(Mrs. King's sketch of the object enclosed with her report tallies in most major respects with a sketch of the object seen by Capt. Bicknell and others over Mt. Kilimanjaro in February 1951, the only perceptible differences being that Mrs. King's reported object did not possess a rear fin as did the Bicknell object; nor did it possess any more than one dark, encircling band about its middle. The Bicknell object had several bands encircling its middle.)

Ed.

SPECIAL CAMERA

We have on our files a photograph of the U.S. Air Force's specially constructed Camera. 200 have been manufactured for the express purpose of photographing Flying Saucers whenever the opportunity presents itself. The camera has two lenses arranged stereoscopically, one lens taking normal photographs, the other fitted with a diffraction grid takes spectro-analysis photographs. From the exposed colour-film shots Scientists are able to determine the exact composition of luminous objects.

SEEN FOR CENTURIES

In 1872—long before there were any aeroplanes or plastic balloons, the Royal Meteorological Society of Britain received a strange report from the captain of the sailing ship "Lady of the Lake". While homeward bound for England from tropic ports, the vessel's crewmen had called Capt. Frederick William Banner's attention to an amazing sight in the sunset-stained sky.

Captain Banner later described it in his log as a most curious-shaped cloud. It looked, he wrote like the sun or moon with a halo around it, it was circular, light grey and luminous. Furthermore it was behaving most unlike a cloud. It was moving against the wind, rising from a point in the southwest where no other clouds were at the time until it was nearly overhead. There it briefly hovered, and the astonished sailers saw that it had strange markings and a distinct tail, like a comet's.

Captain Banner noted that "patches of cirro-cumulus seemed to squirt from the back". Then the frightening object headed downward toward the horizon, still against the wind, and disappeared into the northeast as darkness shut in. Capt. Banner sent a copy of his log to the Royal Meteorological Society. At the society's next meeting, January 15, 1873, the report was read and after some discussion was dismissed as unexplainable.

Similar sights still baffle scientists. Many of the flying-saucers seen in recent years have turned out to be weather balloons. But, an Air Force spokesman admitted this spring "a number of reported sightings cannot be thus explained, and as long as this is true, the Air Force will continue to study the problem".

While pondering this problem, Robert L Unger, who is now a technical writer for the Republic Aviation Corps., of Farmington L.I., began to wonder how long such strange things had been appearing in our sky. Unger flew B-25s in the Pacific theater of operations during the war, and later did graduate work at Yale. While there, he began prowling through the long history of "saucer stories".

He reports now that he has found evidence that men have been seeing things which resemble saucers for at least 355 years. He has collected, he says, 300 such reports, as the one from Captain Banner that mystified the Royal Meteorological Society 80 years ago.

MYSTICS WORK STARTED IT.

The books of a man named Charles Fort, half scientific writer, half mystic, who died in 1932, inspired Unger to continue this fascinating research. Fort had paged through hundreds of scientific journals, some of them dating from the sixteenth century, and extracted accounts of strange happenings in the sky that science had never been able satisfactorily to explain.

Unger, beginning in 1948, followed in Fort's path, eagerly picking out the reports that sounded like current newspaper accounts of flying saucer sightings. He carefully tracked down every source, and found at least half again as many new ones. The 300 accounts

he has gathered data from 1907 back to the late eighteenth century.

Of all the baffling reports that the Air Force has received since 1947, when "flying saucer" entered the language, some of the hardest to explain have been these concerning the Lubbock Lights. That is the name that has been given to mysterious groups of luminous lights or spots which several responsible citizens of Lubbock, Tex., repeatedly saw travel noiselessly across the night sky in 1951 at tremendous speed and in distinct flying formation, usually V-shaped.

SEEN BY NAVY IN 1904

When Unger read the first reports from Lubbock, he immediately remembered an experience reported to the U.S. Monthly Weather Review in 1904 by Lieut. F.H. Schofield, aboard a navy supply vessel at sea. Shortly after six o'clock on the morning of February 28, the lieutenant and two members of his crew were staggered to see what appeared to be three meteors hurtling towards the ship in a tight little group from the northwest.

"At first", Schofield reported, "their angular downward motion was very rapid and their colour a rather bright, glowing red. But as they approached the ship they suddenly soared upward at an angle of 45 degrees and passed through the clouds. After rising above the clouds their angular motion became less and less until it ceased, when they appeared to be moving away from the earth at an elevation of 75 degrees and in a west-northwest direction".

The larger meteor, which Schofield said looked as large as six suns, was egg-shaped and led the formation. The two others were perfectly round, one appearing to be the size of two suns, the other the size of the sun itself. When they shot away from the ship in the direction which they had come "there was no change in their relative positions".

When the newspapers, beginning in 1948, told of terrifyingly bright green fireballs that hundreds of people in the Southwest had seen flash across the bare hills in straight, silent, horizontal flight, Unger recalled a strikingly similar account that he had come across in an old issue of a magazine called The Observatory. The writer, a professional British astronomer, said the most remarkable experience he had ever had took place one clear evening in the autumn of 1802. "A great circular disk of light suddenly appeared low down in the east-northeast, as though it had just risen, and moved across the sky, as smoothly and steadily as the sun, stars and planets move, but nearly a thousand times as quickly," he wrote, "as it moved, in a steady, uniform progress from east to west", it lengthened out. When it crossed the meridian and passed just above the moon, its form was that almost of a very elongated ellipse, and various observers spoke of it as 'cigar-shaped', 'like a torpedo', or a spindle or shuttle.

Like the distinguished German rocket designer, Dr. Walther Riedel and Dr. Maurice A. Biot, a top U.S. aerodynamicist, Unger is convinced that flying saucers, "cigars", and unexplainable lights in the sky at night are all evidence of visitations from some other world. The objects may not be manned; they may be radio-controlled; pilotless craft rigged up with some other world's notion of television to record

what we are up to. Judging by the similarity of the reports since 1870, they may have been watching us a good long time.

By Robert L. Umger.

— AN OUTSTANDING SIGHTING —

THE MT. KILIMANJARO ENIGMA.

February 19, 1951, dawned bright and clear at Nairobi, Kenya, Colony, East Africa.

At Nairobi West Airport, the regular Monday morning Lodestar was readied as usual for its morning flight to Mombasa, and soon passengers filed aboard, little dreaming, any of them, of what was to meet their astounded eyes barely 20 minutes later.

At 7 a.m. exactly with 3 passengers and a crew of 2 aboard, the Lodestar took off.

All went well until 7.20 a.m. when suddenly the radio officer drew the attention of his superior, Capt. J. Bicknell, to a bright object like a white star, apparently hanging motionless easily 10,000 ft. above Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Capt. Bicknell's first reaction, he said later, was to say nothing. The two watched the strange object for 3 minutes, then, as it showed no signs of vanishing, informed the passengers. One began promptly studying the oddity, amazedly through a powerful pair of field-glasses, whilst the radio officer flashed an excited call to Eastleigh nearby, giving an account and description of the thing.

Eastleigh's suggestion flashed in return was that the object might be a drifting Meteorological balloon, but checking on that possibility, after inspecting the enigmatic object for several minutes, Capt. Bicknell found that the more he examined it, the less it could possibly be mistaken for a balloon. It was a dull silver colour and marked at regular intervals along the fuselage with vertical dark bands. The entire outline, he found, was unmistakably distinct; nor, though it appeared to be incredibly distant, was its sharp outline obscured in the least detail by intervening haze.

Capt. Bicknell estimated the thing was over 200 ft. long, bullet-shaped, and apparently constructed of metal which shone brightly. On first sighting it, the Lodestar was heading roughly towards it, and watching it closely as they approached, Capt. Bicknell perceived another detail. The thing possessed a square-cut vertical fin at one end. There were no signs of movement, it was absolutely stationary.

So it remained for 17 minutes. Passengers of the Lodestar were now taking turns with the field-glasses, and two of them had commenced

taking photographs, when suddenly the enormous thing began to move eastwards, slowly at first, and rising as it did so. Before it reached 40,000 ft. at which point it was ultimately lost sight of, the sides of the awesome, whale-like object were seen clearly to be without a break in their smoothness, no windows or portholes relieved the harsh purity of line, no engine mounts or jet pods marred the perfectly streamlined hull.

The day being exceptionally clear, there were no cloud formations in evidence anywhere, and Capt. Bicknell calculated that in the 3 minutes of visible movement, the bullet-shaped object covered 60 miles; that in other words, its speed could have been nothing short of 1,000 m.p.h. during the period of observed flight. It left behind no vapour trail and to all who saw it, had no visible means of propulsion.

During an interview some days later, Capt. Bicknell said that his impression was that the unidentified thing was some kind of flying machine, and with this, his radio officer, a Mr. D.W. Merrifield, unhesitatingly agreed. A 'mirage' was suggested as the possible cause, but the radio officer discounted it. "Mirages are rarely seen without cloud", he stated, "nor would that explain the object's movement". He commented that if the object was a flying machine "it was 500 years ahead of anything we have today".

Nairobi "Sunday Post" the following Sunday said: "If this report had come from a few isolated individuals it would soon be discounted. But it came from responsible airline officials and nine ordinary travellers". It too, dismissed both the balloon and 'mirage' theories, and concluded that hopes of a "natural" explanation had begun to fade. Other theories ranged from Martian visitors to radio-controlled weapons.

Fragmentary evidence accrued since then increase the sum total of knowledge but little. U.S. "LIFE" Magazine early in 1952, published a sketch of the object, which showed it to closely resemble an ordinary lipstick tube lying on its side. More recently, in connection with learning the whereabouts of the photographs taken from Capt. Bicknell's plane, the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau learnt that "the only known public photograph of the object shows a blurred spot on the film". A motion picture film taken by another passenger was "quite clear" we learn, but the same reliable source stated, either laconically or ominously, it is hard to tell which, that "the man with film is supposed to have disappeared".

So the case stands, at present, one of the most puzzling and enigmatic unexplained Saucer Sightings recorded in Australian Flying Saucer Bureau Files.

DID MARS CONTACT EARTH

EXTRACT FROM SPACE REVIEW - APRIL, 1953, - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FLYING SAUCER BUREAU, U.S.A.

On the night of August 22, 1924, our neighbouring planet Mars passed within 35 million miles of this world. Observatories in the Northern Hemisphere were eagerly scanning the big red orb in the still, starry night, hoping to catch some evidence of life, or human occupation on its surface. Every high powered radio station was silenced in the hope that some message would be flashed across space. Suddenly, after a long period of tension, first one radio station and then another picked up a distinct signal on a wave band of 6,000 meters which was recorded on film by an apparatus similar in nature to the sound recording devices used in the motion picture industry today. After these signals ceased the film was developed, and shortly after examined by a group of scientists who were astounded by what they saw. On the left hand side of the film was a series of clear and unmistakable dots and dashes (similar in nature to our Morse Code) and on the right hand side spaced at equal intervals a mass of jumbled lines resembling very strongly the feature of a man's face. This film was then rushed to decoding stations who after studying it for weeks stated that they could not decode it. This film has been kept as a permanent record as proof of the historical activities on that night.

Many famous scientists also claim to have contacted Mars by radio, among them, Senor Marconi himself and Mansfield Robinson, who in 1928 used the Rugby Transmitter for this purpose and, it is recorded, received a reply. Still that is another story.

Can we now probe the theory that it is at least feasible to consider that the Martians have achieved the art of inter-planetary travel? Anyway, it's something to think about!

By JOHN ARMITAGE,
GREAT BRITAIN.

WHAT WILL 1956 REVEAL

Great interest has been aroused and speculation is rife with the resultant data that it is hoped will be beamed from Mars next nearest possible "Opposition" late August 1956. The Red Planet stands small chance of slipping past without revealing some or perhaps many most amazing secrets. Experts at the controls of the (until recently) worlds largest Telescope will train the giant

eye on our near solar neighbour. What this far-seeing eyepiece reveals will be permanently recorded on film by the worlds best Camera a 40" Schmidt. The telescope known as the Hale 200" Reflector is situated on Mt. Palomar, California, U.S.A.

/// PROFESSOR PICCARD TOO ///

19 miles high in a Balloon with 99% of the Earth's atmosphere beneath him, equipped with a suitable telescope, this famous Scientist, also intends to take advantage of the opportunity to probe the secrets of Mars. It is the continual movement, tremors, shakes etc. of the Earth's atmosphere that has always prevented ideal astronomical conditions.

Possibly Britain's New Giant Radio Telescope may be used. For certain, the powerful modern radio receivers and transmitters will again be standing by on this momentous occasion.

This time with radio and astronomical techniques improved ten-fold, if an intelligent race exist on Mars, combined operations planned for late August 1956, have every chance of successful detection.

Ed.

Absence of any full-time staff, plus insufficient time available to carry out the administrative duties involved in inviting financial membership, is the prime reason for our wish to remain a small compact group. The active members, eight in strength, residents of Auckland City, actively pursue the published aims of the organisation in all spare time available in the evening and weekends, outside the normal requirements of regular occupations.

We are much indebted to those of you who, having been fortunate in viewing a mysterious object in flight, have greatly assisted this investigation by the voluntary forwarding to C.S.I., an account of your experience.

— NOTE —

Perhaps you have wondered how best you can help us. Below is a list of suggested means of doing so.

- (a) Should you perchance hear of person or persons claiming to have witnessed the flight of suspect objects, would you forward their names and addresses, if obtainable, to C.S.I. We will attend to the rest.
- (b) If you note published reports in your local newspapers, trim add date, title of newspaper and post to us as early as possible. Many local happenings are not reported in other newspapers.
- (c) Extra copies are also ready material for sending overseas in exchange for information forwarded to C.S.I.

EVALUATION IN BRIEF

Our country may be small and somewhat remote from the thickly populated large land-masses and fields of endeavour that encircle this Planet. But, regardless of these major considerations, Kiwi-land has not been overlooked or classified "of minor importance" by whosoever controls the many mysterious aerial craft that have visited our skies in the past, present, and almost for certain the near future??????

What particular significance warranted the numerous visitations during October, November, December 1952 to January 1953? Someday, perhaps soon, we will know, I feel sure.

The following facts, however, we have learned after careful analysis of the flight characteristics and advent of flying saucers over New Zealand.

Firstly....Far too many reliable people experienced in many fields have seen the strange...objects for the natural phenomena explanation to hold water, certainly, to, there are instances of mistaken identity, hoax, etc. However, most of these reports expose themselves in initial examination.

Secondly....Modern practice, methods, gadgets, are all examples of pure fantasy to the minds of our Forefathers, the great majority of their ranks never dreamed of or envisaged that which is ordinary and commonplace to-day.

What have we learned of the Saucers. The following Graph and map of N.Z. detail the more important factors. C.S.I. has noted that there is a variety of shapes that basically fit one of the five listed, that most objects when seen to hover or flying at slow speeds appear (to our standards of flight) unstable, this instability is suggested by the rising or falling, zig-zag, or hurtling movement noted in forward flight. Perhaps it is due (most likely) to the means or form of power used to propel them.

In many instances the craft have appeared to be spinning at varying speeds, when this variety were witnessed to hover or move slowly the characteristic wobble of the Top loosing spin was noted. The spinning type are the true Saucer or circular shaped and when seen more clearly appeared to have a protrudence, or small dome-shaped canopy on the top centre surface. (refer Mr. Burkes sighting)

It is considered most probable that colour variation is due to varying speeds in varying atmospheric conditions, altitudes etc. The surrounding air may be heated to incandescence, due to surface frictional factors at high speeds or purely the resultant glare of the means of motivity.

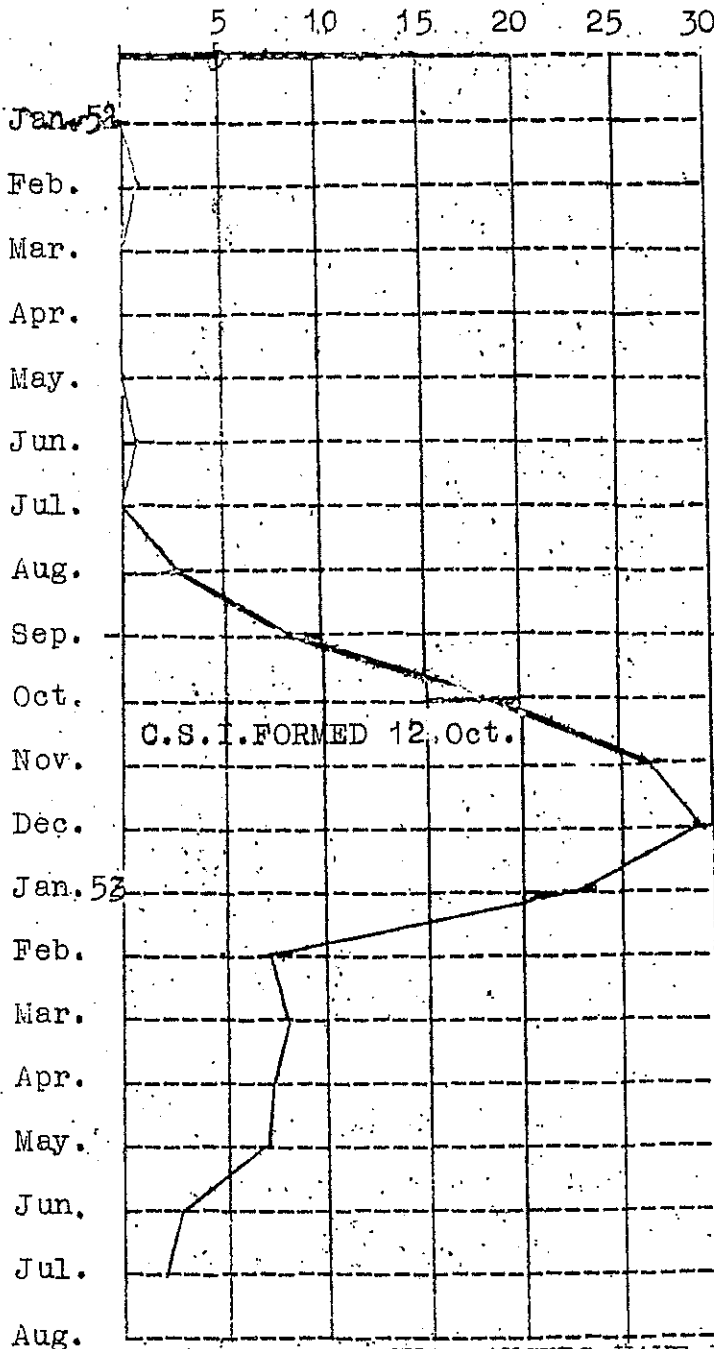
Deliberate heating of the air to incandescence in close proximity of the craft's outer surface may well be the secret of their ability to fly at tremendous speeds in an atmosphere.

OVER PAGE

←---SIGHTINGS---→

AN ANALYSIS

Graph showing recent high peak of sightings and frequency of flying saucers over NZ., Jan. 1952--Aug. 1953.



- 23 Objects seen in daylight
- 130 During darkness
- 73 Saucer, Disc, Round, shaped
- 23 Rocket; Cigar. Tube, "

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Most objects appear to be surrounded by an unearthly "luminosity" when seen at night.

- 7 Arrowhead, Wedge, shaped
- 50 Brilliant Lights, Miscellaneous etc.

All characteristics of flight, variety of shapes, colour range etc., align perfectly with the habits of saucers elsewhere.

FLYING SAUCERS HAVE BRILLIANT COLOURS

Hues ranging from Orange, Orange-Red, to brilliant Red,	39%
Brilliant White, Opalescent, luminous, Incandescent light	19%
Hues ranging from Blue, Blue-Green, to bright Green	19%
" " " Yellow to White	11%
Objects noted to change from Red to Green repeatedly	7%
" showing Silvery, mirror-like, polished metal-like surface (daylight sightings.)	4%
100%	

NEW ZEALAND

-LEGEND-

No	PROVINCE	TOTAL SIGHTINGS
1	NORTH AUCKLAND	13
2	AUCKLAND	20
3	GISBORNE	3
4	TARANAKI	5
5	HAWKES BAY	13
6	WELLINGTON	14
7	NELSON	12
8	MARLBOROUGH	3
9	WESTLAND	1
10	CANTERBURY	23
11	OTAGO	20
12	SOUTHLAND	10

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DATA OBTAINED

Direct to C.S.I. 34%
 Press accounts 66%
 Data prior 1952 4 1/2%

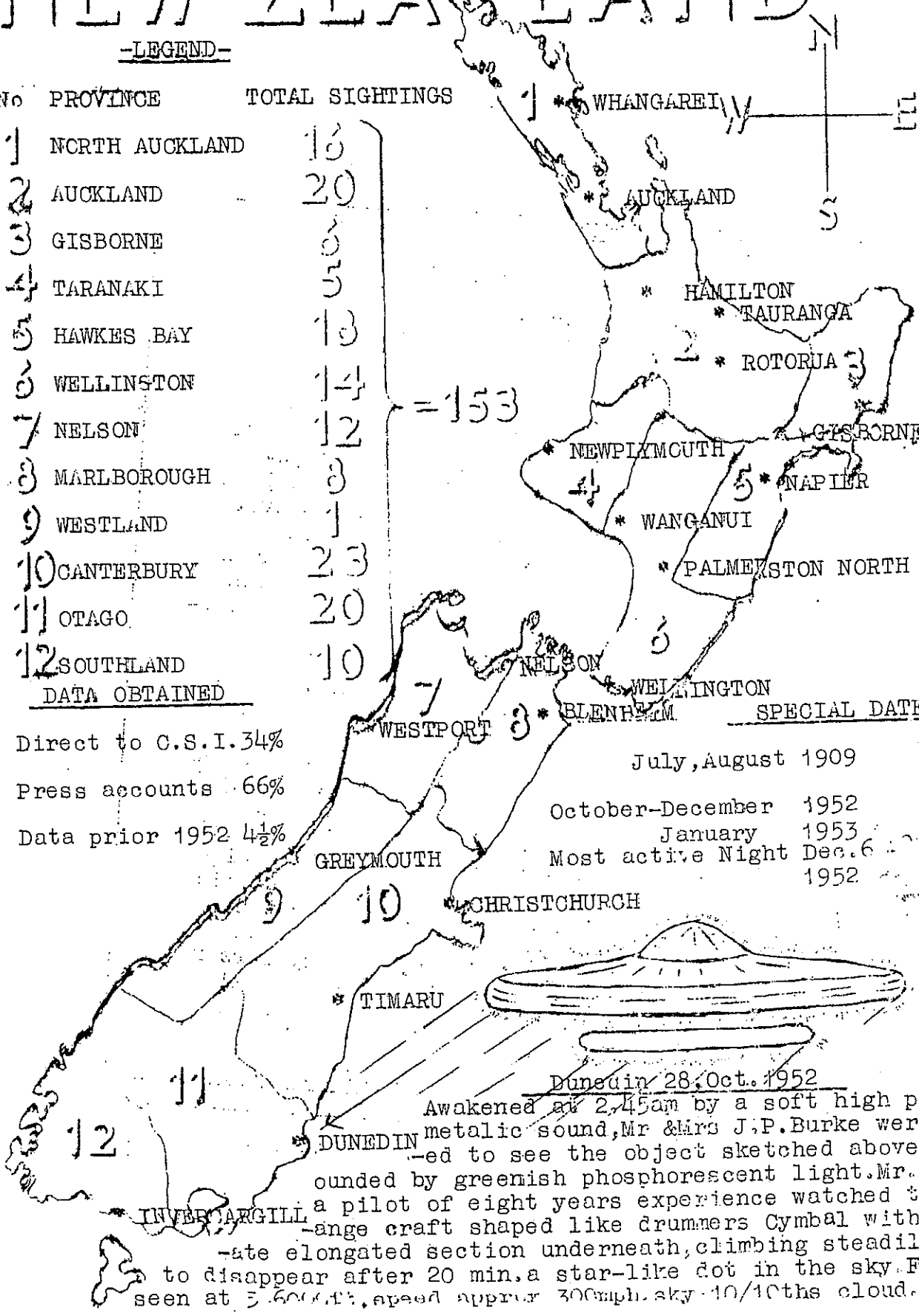
SPECIAL DATES.

July, August 1909

October-December 1952

January 1953

Most active Night Dec. 6 1952



Dunedin 28. Oct. 1952

Awakened at 2.45am by a soft high pitched metallic sound, Mr & Mrs J.P. Burke were amazed to see the object sketched above surrounded by greenish phosphorescent light. Mr. Burke a pilot of eight years experience watched the strange craft shaped like drummers Cymbal with a separate elongated section underneath, climbing steadily away to disappear after 20 min. a star-like dot in the sky. First seen at 3.6000 ft. speed approx 300mph. sky 10/10ths cloud.

Member of C.S.I. Committee sums up.

EVIDENCE FAVOURS REAL SAUCERS.

A brief account of my own opinion of flying saucers would be as follows:-

I have reached these conclusions by reading all available literature on the subject for instance press reports, local and overseas, also Books such as "The Riddle of the Flying Saucers" (by Gerald Heard), "The Flying Saucers are Real" (by Donald Keyhoe) and the findings of other Flying Saucer Investigating Committees (Overseas). After sifting out all information which can safely be eliminated because they appear to be hallucinations or hoax, or are recognised as being one of the many forms of atmospheric phenomena from those which are genuine reports and none of the above explanations will satisfy. I am strongly of the opinion that Flying Saucers are real, they do not originate from our planet; are definitely not hostile and are guided by intelligent beings. The craft have various forms of motive force (noiseless flight).

A variety of sizes and colours varying in diameter from a few feet to a quarter of a mile capable of speeds of up to 18,000 m.p.h. As yet, I do not know of any concrete proof that these saucers do exist, because most reports having originated from individuals and groups of people, not all available for interview or clarification of their experience; so reports have to be taken at face value, also photographs no longer provide unquestionable proof, I understand reports have been recorded for the past 350 odd years and at the moment of writing are still coming in almost daily. If any person has an open mind on the subject and is prepared to weigh out all evidence for and against flying saucers he will come to the same conclusions that I have, "FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL".

W.C. Tennent.

For readers information the following books are available at the Booksellers listed:-

THE FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL - by Donald Keyhoe, price 2/9 available in limited numbers from Mr. Jack Connell, 28 St. Stevens Avenue, Parnell, Auckland. Includ. postage if ordering by mail.

THE RIDDLE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS - by Gerald Heard, price 13/6 available from Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd., Queen St., Auck.

FLYING SAUCERS - by Donald H. Menzel, price 26/- available from Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd., Queen St., Auckland. (This Scientist has a natural explanation for all Flying Saucer reports, he does not believe they are solid controlled flying objects).

Extract from the "Asheville Citizen" Feb 12, 1953.

JET CHASES RED OBJECT OVER STATE . MARINE PLANE NO
MATCH FOR STRANGE BODY.

Cherry Point N.C.

The Marine Corps reported today that one of its jet planes had chased and then lost -- a red lighted object that flashed through the sky at astonishing speed . An F9F Panther jet fighter pilot chased the object over coastal North Carolina Monday night an official Marine Corps said, but the speedy jet turned out to be no match for the object, whatever it was.

The Marine Corps statement was issued at headquarters of the Second Marine Air Wing here. It included the report of First Lt. Ed Balocco, 24, of Antioch, Calif, the pilot who chased the object. The statement gave these details: Planes at the Marine Auxiliary Air Station at Edenton, N.C. had been alerted by a Navy signal tower at Norfolk, Va, to watch for a silver object which had been reported sighted from the ground over an area near the Virginia - N.C. border.

Balocco went to the area, but sighted nothing after cruising around for half an hour. He then took a southerly course to return to his base at Edenton. Over Washington, N.C. I saw what looked like an aeroplane with red lights which appeared below at about 20000 feet. What caused me, Balocco said, to look back at the object was the fact that it moved from below me 10000 ft vertically in a matter of seconds. Balocco said that he turned about and chased the object at a speed of better than 500 mph but was unable to gain on it.

He estimated the object was about ten miles away from him during the three to four minutes chase. At that distance, he said, the object was about a quarter of an inch wide and three inches long. The object was the colour of white heat and it threw out a red glow behind it. It had two red lights on the left hand side, bouncing and flashing off the end, encircling an arc.

Balocco said he seemed to gain on the object for a time but the plane suddenly dropped from his altitude and disappeared towards the coast. Balocco called in other planes to help in the search. Captain Thomas W. Riggs was one of several pilots who responded. Riggs said he sighted an object flying low near the Carolina coast but couldn't identify it. The Marine Corps said it later received a call from Gerald Midget, a farmer living near Oriental, on the coast. Midget reported seeing a flash in a desolate swampy area, and then a ground fire. Marine helicopters searched the swampland and found a small forest fire but no signs of a crash.

The Marine Corps statement said the object was first sighted by a helicopter, which reported the incident to the Navy tower at Norfolk. A Marine Ground Control Interceptor Squadron failed to make any contact. Meanwhile, Balocco had answered the Navy alert.

BALOCCO, THE MARINE CORPS SAID, IS AN
EXPERIENCED PILOT WITH 1000 HOURS OF
AIR TIME, 500 OF THEM IN JET PLANES.

ALL REPORTS INVESTIGATED.

The following Questionnaire (Condensed Confidential Report Form) is forwarded to persons reporting strange Flying Objects. Where published reports do not print names of sighters the aid of that Newspaper's Editor is requested in readdressing C.S.I.'s enquiry to those concerned.

CONFIDENTIAL

Personal and confidential report to Civilian Saucer Investigations from Person or Persons sighting strange or unidentified flying object or objects.

Date of sighting..... What hour..... Visibility.....
 Locality of witness..... Objects first sighted to NORTH/SOUTH/
 EAST/WEST. (Delete as applicable). Direction of Flight.....
 Sweep or length of Flight..... Characteristics of Flight (dived,
 zigzagged, hovered etc.)..... How long observed.....
 Angle above horizon..... No. of objects... Shape of Flight Formation
 Approx. height..... Speed..... Shape..... Colour.....
 Colour or light peculiarities..... Sound... Trail (Vapour or exhaust)
 Did it appear solid, well-defined etc.... Wind direction..
 Weather conditions at time. ... Nature of area (flat, hilly, etc.)..
 Briefly explain how attention drawn to Flying Object.....
 No. of Observers..... Sex..... Age..... Witnesses' Names.....
 Occupation..... Special qualifications.....
 Service experience (Army, Navy, Airforce etc.)... General remarks..
 Is permission granted to the C.S.I. to publish names of witne
 witnesses in connection with this sighting in the Society's Bulletin
 "Quarterly Review". YES/NO
 Signature.

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Extract from advertisement recommending this Book. At last, the authoritative story on the sky mystery that has startled the world. The sensational result of over 4 years of investigation conducted with great difficulty and even risk of life. The honest, undoctored, unbiased Saucer Book.

FOOTNOTE: Kenneth Arnold first reported the Nine Discs flying in Chainlike formation in broad daylight, seen from his private plane in 1947. If you wish to obtain this book and have \$5.00 available, address your request to:- Ray Palmer, RT. 2 Box 36, Ed
 Amherst, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

RECENT AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS

By courtesy of Mr. E. R. Jarrold Pres., A.F.S.B.

Mackay North Queensland May 17, 1953

Captain B. L. Jones an A.N.A. pilot, reported by radio that a strange object, like a lighted glass dome "was manoeuvring around his" plane, just south of the city. At 6.08 p.m. he reported to CIVIL AVIATION Department Control Tower, in Mackay, the object manoeuvred around, his plane a DC3 airliner, then crossed his path and disappeared west, travelling fast. This happened on May 10.

A check with the control tower at the airport showed that there were no other aircraft in the vicinity. Mr. W. Overell, who was in charge of the control tower, said he saw the light apparently climbing from about 4000 or 5000ft. west at a terrific rate, until it vanished, and Captain Jones who still had it under observation then, said it crossed his path again near Freshwater Point.

Frank Hines a radio operator, saw it again at 3 am. the following morning at first as a light to seaward, There were no planes about he said, and puzzled, he switched off the lights in the radio room in order to see it better. The object then shot straight upwards at terrific speed, and vanished.

Captain Jones said that he and his second pilot had watched the object for about five minutes. There was no possibility, he added, (during the course of a radio broadcast) that it could have been a meteorite, the object climbed and dived "yet not erratically" and its speed had varied between 200 and 700 M.P.H. whilst being viewed. Captain Jones said the object did not emit vapour or sparks.

May 19, 1953.

The Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne Victoria, said that it believes there is some basis for reports of strange objects in the sky. An official spokesman for the department said that an instruction had been issued, that all reports in the future were to be treated as confidential. This was to ensure that those who sighted strange objects would not be deterred from reporting them for fear of being ridiculed.

Brisbane May 18,

Rockhampton's meteorological officer while plotting the course of a balloon with a theodolite, located a bright crescent shaped object in the morning sky. It appeared to be moving in a southerly direction. An airline pilot, Capt. G. Hitchcock also viewed it through the instrument and with the naked eye. It gave the observers the impression that it was suspended in space; it was also glittering and reflecting the early morning sunlight.

Melbourne May 19 1953

A group of people at Surrey Hills yesterday reported seeing a four minute display by a rocket-like ship high in the sky. It appeared to be 100 ft long; the sun shone brilliantly off its sides.

A Melbourne astronomer said that the object could not of been a meteor; it is impossible to account for every phenomenon of the sky or the objects that fly about it.

OBJECTS HAD BEEN SIGHTED IN THE CLOSE; IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN AERODROMES DURING MAY 1953. MACKAY, EGGENDON, CONNER PARK AND KINGAROY.

The following are the addresses of the kindred organisations we are actively co-operating with:-

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EXPERTS OPINIONS

THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE in Melbourne on June 1, 1953, announced that, after three months' study, it had formed the conclusion that "some so called flying saucers are real objects, and are not caused by meteors, hallucinations, or any atmospheric freaks". (Currently, the committee consists of twelve members, including two industrial chemists, an electronic engineer, a civil engineer, and five astronomers. Two members are women.

THE BOOKS OF CHARLES

A must for all genuine Flying Saucer Investigators, contains an amazing collection of odd and strange facts dating back to the 16 century. President C.S.I. (nz) obtained a copy some months back; imported on order from the United States, through local booksellers. The original four books are now produced in a single bound volume by the HOLT PUBLISHING HOUSE for the "FORTEAN SOCIETY". This Society was formed after the death of Fort to carry on his great work.

U.S.A. Cost \$6.00. Paid 47/6 locally, Ed.

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Typed on 30th January 1953

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry concerning a report on "flying saucers" by an investigating committee, I am informed by Air Department they have no knowledge of any such report and have not received any papers from the committee.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Watson,
Press Gallery,
House of Representatives,
WELLINGTON.

Minister of Defence

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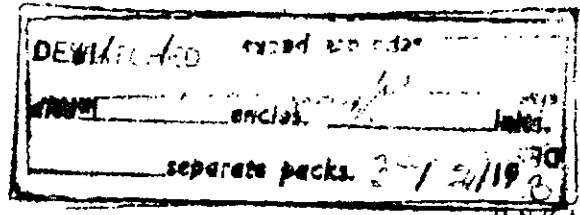
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Minister of Defence

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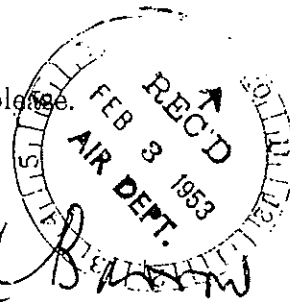
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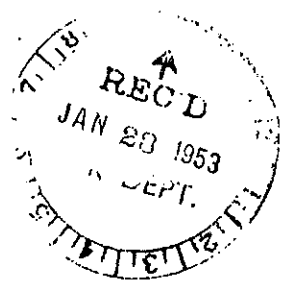
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Office of the Minister of Defence,
WELLINGTON C. I.

27th January, 1953.

MEMORANDUM for:
The Air Secretary.

Mr. R. Watson of the Press Gallery has received advice that a report on "flying saucers" has been submitted to the Air Department by an investigating committee. If this is correct, Mr. Watson would appreciate any comments that can be made available for publication.

Would you please prepare a suitable reply to Mr. Watson for the Minister's signature.

File

W. Wells

Private Secretary.

D. C. W. S.
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29.1.53

Air Sec

The RNZAF has no knowledge of the Report suggested by Mr. Watson.

Jan 30.

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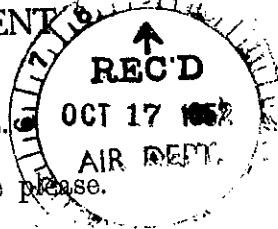
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For approval and signature please.

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16th October 1952

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Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter of 3rd October and thank you for the interest which prompted you to write it. No other cases in any way similar to yours and no cases of visible "flying saucers" have been reported to me, but it is useful to have a factual report such as yours for reference should others be received later.

Yours faithfully,

L. Macdonald

MERCURY BAY.

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To what extent is the member disabled (express as percentage and give duration of disablement at that percentage)?



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Office of the Minister of Defence,
WELLINGTON C. 1.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 3rd October, and wish to say that we have no knowledge in New Zealand of any such objects as 'flying saucers'.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Defence

*The Minister considered this
reply "a bit bare" and
drafted a fresh reply.
W. G. G. 16/10*

Mercury Bay.

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The noise of approach was much greater than
the noise going away, and audible for a longer
period.

From direct enquiries it appears that 20
planes have been in the area...
This matter was mentioned to my wife...
minutes after I came in. As you may remember I am in
a fairly isolated position, and the papers mentioned
did not reach me until mail arrived on...

Previously I was inclined to think that flying
saucer stories emanated from people wanting a
little limelight. Now I am Reserving my opinion
until I know a little more.

If the above is of use then I am pleased to
have been of service. If not

Yours faithfully,

The Air Secretary

For suggested reply for my
signature, please.

Whitianga,

MERCURY BAY.

3rd. Sept Oct. 1952.

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The Minister of Defence,
WELLINGTON. CT

Dear Sir,

After reading the account in "Auckland Star," by an imaginative gentleman in Otahuhu, and seeing photos in the "N.Z. Free Lance," of Sept. 17 purporting to be of the much publicised "Flying Saucer," it has occurred to me that there may be a section of your organisation interested in these things.

Should this be so the following may be appreciated.

On Wed. 1st. Oct. of current year at approx. 10-45 P.M. I was peering by lantern light at a young Peach tree in orchard, when an unusual noise from the south attracted my attention. This noise quickly became more audible and distinct. At the time I was quite sure that I was listening to the whirring of a propeller with a dead motor behind it, and immediately looked up expecting to see a Tiger Moth or similar type plane coming down to a forced landing.

As it happened I saw nothing. My eyes were too slow to adjust themselves to the change of light and had the additional handicap of the glare from the moon which happened to be close to the direction of flight.

2. In September last a resident of Orakahu, in the city of Auckland, reported that he and his wife had seen an "object" flying high over the harbour about 11 p.m. on Saturday the 26th of that month. On this being published two people at Saterview, two at Grey Lynn and one at Epsom said they had seen the same object. It was luminous, bluish-green, torpedo shaped and travelling at a high speed. It was well out at sea opposite Whenuapai immediately to the north of Auckland, and soon disappeared silently. The direction was not given. A man and his wife at Castor Bay, near Auckland, claimed to have seen a similar object about 5.30 p.m. on Friday 25th. It was heading down the harbour in the direction of Clevedon and took about 30 seconds to pass out of sight.

3. A report also received from a resident of Te Puke in the Bay of Plenty appears to confirm the first reported sighting. About 11 p.m. on the Saturday night this man was fishing with a friend on Papanoa beach when an object appeared, slightly above and behind Mount Maunganui, travelling in a southerly direction. Its shape was elliptical and its colour blue-green. It was visible for about eight to ten seconds, when it disappeared behind a bank of cloud. The direction indicated would place the object between Mount Maunganui and Auckland (about 100 miles away in a north-westerly direction).

4. A Pukekohe resident also saw a phenomenon in the sky about 11 p.m. on that night. Pukekohe is about 30 miles to the south of Auckland.

5. The next sighting was at Dunedin. On 28th October, 1952, the Evening Star published a story obtained from [redacted], Mornington, an experienced pilot with eight years flying to his credit, and a former [redacted]. Mr. Burke was awakened at 2.45 a.m. by a ringing metallic noise, which he described as very similar to the noise made by a jet engine with the throttle back. As he was arousing his wife he saw an object through the window. He got out of bed and watched it with his wife for "fully two or three minutes". The object flew a straight and level course under 6,000 feet, then began a gradual climb and disappeared out of sight when it reached the cloud base, which he estimated to be 10,000 feet. "looked exactly like an inverted cymbal used by a dance band drummer. It had a raised portion on the upper centre, and air underneath was an oblong part". The whole machine, making a

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ringing metallic noise, was covered with a greenish-blue phosphorescent light, and was about the size of a Douglas Dakato aircraft.

6. It was travelling at an estimated speed of between 250 and 300 miles an hour as it passed _____ house, and it was not long before the sound disappeared and the machine lost its shape to become a glowing mass of light. Its rate of climb, after it had passed over the suburbs of Mornington and Reelyn, heading towards the peak of Flagstaff, was no greater than the rate of climb for an ordinary aircraft. After twenty minutes the machine disappeared in the distance, emitting a glow very much like a star. As it reached the cloud base and passed into drifting pockets of cloud underneath, the entire formation of clouds was lit with a very bright glow.

7. Visibility was extremely good over the city, and is positive that, although the object he saw was an aircraft of some kind, it was certainly not a type of aircraft well known anywhere in the world. Its climb was smooth, and its passage through the air steady. From its course it appeared to have come over the city from the sea off St. Clair.

8. The same day another Dunedin resident, a _____ of Castle Street, reported that the previous morning he had been driving from Invercargill to Dunedin between midnight and 5.25 a.m. Soon after he left Invercargill he noticed a peculiar orange light in the sky, which occasionally turned a brilliant white. Between Waitera and Balclutha he stopped his car, turned off the lights, and had a good look at the object. It was flying a straight and level course on the seaward side of the Main South Road, and was well above the line of the hills. When he resumed his journey he saw the object several times, still on the same course and still flying straight and level. At no time did _____ hear any noise.

9. The following day (30th October) at about 8 p.m. three Hawera men who were fishing for whitebait at the mouth of the Manawapou River (on the East Coast of the North Island), Messrs. _____ saw an object which they thought was a star, until they noticed that it was moving upwards and in an easterly direction. They watched it for five minutes until it moved out of sight. Mr _____ described it as round and reddish. There were four or five antennae-like balls above the main body of the object and these balls were of a shade lighter colour. He said it could not possibly have been a star because of its colour and movement. "It moved in a swinging sort of motion well above the outline of the hills." The round body of the object became elongated with each movement. Its movement could be likened to a top which wobbled as it spun round. As the men watched it would grow in intensity and then fade. Mr _____ added that he did not believe in flying saucers, and he would not have told anyone about it had not the other two men seen it as well.

10. In the same district a _____ Hawera, was attending to his stock at 3.30 a.m. on Saturday, 15th November, when he saw four bright circular objects in flight. The third object appeared to be much larger than the others. They were flying one behind the other at a height of about 3,000 feet, with about 100 yards between them. Their size "was about that of a Tiger Moth". _____ judged their height by seeing them in line with the Dawson Falls Hostel on Mt. Egmont. They appeared to be flying from the direction of Stratford towards Kaponga and then turned back, "after a wide sweep" to Okaiawa. _____ watched the objects for ten minutes before he lost sight of them.

11. A fresh crop of reports came from the Dunedin district early in November. Shortly after 10.30 p.m. on Sunday 9th November a Ravensbourne resident telephoned the "Otago Daily Times" to say

that he had seen lights in the sky above Kew which appeared to be moving across the sky towards the open sea. They changed colour from red to green while the object was in motion and finally disappeared about 10.35 p.m. near the Otago Heads. Immediately afterwards a call was received from a member of the transmitter staff of 4YA who said that he, with several others, had seen lights in the sky above the city. They were seen a few minutes after 10.30 p.m. and appeared to be moving up and down like a kite. The lights moved slowly towards him, but he had not seen them change colour. They faded away at 10.47 p.m. A reporter then went to the roof of the Daily Times but saw nothing. The sky was completely overcast. On returning inside he received another phone call from the 4YA staff with the information that the object had again been sighted in the area of Tairi Mouth (30 miles to the south of Dunedin).

12. On the 10th November several readers rang the Daily Telegraph to say that they had seen strange objects in the sky in the direction of St. Clair about 10.30 p.m. on Sunday night. A resident of Opoko said that the object changed colour from the brightest green to the most distinct red. It was "going up and then coming down" for from six to eight minutes. It appeared to be the size of a Soccer ball and twice as bright as any star. A Normanby resident saw two objects in the sky at 9.15 p.m. which remained in view until about 9.30. At 10.15 he noticed a single object which remained in sight for about fifteen minutes. He remained on watch and at 12.30 a.m. saw "something that looked like a mushroom". Hues ranging from red to orange were seen, and there were changes of colours at frequent intervals. All the objects were moving slowly.

13. A passenger on the Express from Christchurch saw an unusual light in the sky near Oamaru (about 70 miles to the north of Dunedin) about 4 a.m. He watched it for about a quarter of an hour, during which time the light changed from blood red to yellow.

14. of Hastings saw an object at 10.10 p.m. on Wednesday travelling south-west. Orange in colour and moon-shaped it was just below the cloud ceiling and made no sound. He watched it for about three minutes. His father also saw it.

15. A Cromwell resident reported an object which matches exactly the description given by your correspondents flew from north to south at colossal speed. It looked about twice the size of a large star, perfectly round, with no trail of any sort and pursuing a flat course. It was as bright when I first saw it as it was when it finally disappeared over the Dunstan Range. It took about one to one and half seconds to move across the five mile range of my vision.

16. At Morton Mains, 17 miles from Invercargill, at midnight on November 17 heard a loud hissing sound. Looking up he saw a large brilliant object moving westward. Behind it trailed a stream of small star-like lights. Further back still was a circle of lights which quickly faded out. The main light, however, seemed to hover over the Hokonui Hills. For some time it swung in a wide arc, and after half an hour, diminished in size and was lost in the clouds.

17. By this time the public were becoming interested. Civilian Saucer Investigation (New Zealand) with Mr. H. H. Fulton as President was established in Auckland to prove or disprove the existence of flying saucers. It is affiliated to an international body with the same object. In its column "Fifty Years Ago" the Dunedin Star republished the following paragraph which first appeared on 21st November, 1902.

"Adelaide, November 21. - An extraordinary phenomenon was seen from the observatory yesterday in the form of a slowly-moving brilliant, globular light having a planetary disc. It moved slowly northward, passing within 15 degrees or 20 degrees of the sun. It was distinctly visible for three or four minutes, and appeared like Venus at its greatest brilliancy, travelling in full view over a space of 90 degrees. When near the point of vertical axis its form changed and became elongated. It was then lost in the glare of the sky."

18. A New Zealand Junior Flying Saucer Society formed by six pupils of the Wellington South Intermediate School (average age 12 years) pointed out that "atomic explosions attract saucers and that there have been more seen since the Monte Bello Test". The Monte Bello explosion occurred on 3rd October, 1952.

19. The "Standard" (Labour) in an article published on 5th November, recalled that unidentified aerial objects were freely reported in 1909. In that year reports were received that lights had been seen moving across the sky, but public interest was not really aroused until July 1909, when some schoolchildren and others at Kelson in Otago said that they had seen in the air "a strange machine which they described as shaped like a boat, with what seemed like the figure of a man seated in it. The airship approached from the direction of the Blue Mountains, circled high over the school and then disappeared in the direction whence it had come."

20. Immediately afterwards a story came from Auckland about the appearance of a peculiar light hovering in the sky in the direction of East Tamaki. It was thought to have been an airship. After this, reports of the mysterious airship having been sighted came from many parts of the Dominion including Southland, North Otago, the West Coast and Christchurch. Some people who said they had seen it flying over North Otago described it as shaped like a boat with a flat top and a report from Southland described the body of the airship as resembling that of a whale.

21. But too many airships altogether were reported, and the Standard pointed out that 1909 was the year in which man was beginning his conquest of the air and the descriptions of the phantom aircraft seen over New Zealand were obviously based on aircraft then under construction overseas. The less the person making the sighting knew about aircraft the vaguer the description became. In short this was an excellent example of mass hypnosis.

22. The appearance of these objects in the Dunedin area was taken as a personal challenge by the _____, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and a life-long star-gazer. With some fellow-enthusiasts he began investigating these reports. One object reported, on close investigation proved to be a planet rising above the horizon. _____ finally, on 21st November, expressed his opinion:-

"While not prepared to suggest that every observer has been mistaken in his identification of these mysterious objects, I am firmly of the opinion that all these apparitions have been in fact natural phenomena. It is surely significant that none of the recent reports emanated from an established observatory. Experienced sky-gazers who study the heavens as a matter of routine when conditions are favourable have reported nothing unusual."

"He went on to say that it was also significant that at the time of the reports at least two major planets had been prominent in the evening sky - Jupiter in the north and Venus in the west. Meteors and shooting stars could also be observed on most clear nights. Clouds, with wind and other atmospheric conditions, would account for the seeming movement of these planets.

"To dub them 'flying saucers' is in my opinion natural enough but absolutely erroneous. Anyone who sees what he thinks is a flying saucer is at liberty to ring me up and tell me about it. I will try to give an accurate identification, using binoculars or a refracting telescope. I am sceptical about these reports but I am very willing to cooperate in the matter of identification."

23. On Saturday night, 6th December, of Dominion Road, Auckland, was driving across Green Lane, between 8.35 and 8.40 p.m. when he saw two objects one above the other. One was blue, the other green. At first they seemed to be hovering. Then they increased speed and disappeared south. He left his car but heard nothing.

24. A Gisborne resident saw a blue object flying south at high speed at 9.15 p.m. on the Saturday night. Two observers there also saw a similar object the following night, moving eastward. Its progress was described as erratic.

25. About 9.35 p.m. a of Warrengate Line, Fordell, noticed a light in the sky approaching from the west. It did not pass quite directly overhead, being a little inland from where he was. It went quite silently and appeared quite markedly spheroidal, being about half the size of a full moon and of a distinct bright green colour. Although it was a dark night it did not seem to light up the surrounding sky. There was no sound until it had all but disappeared, when he heard a subdued hissing, which persisted for a few seconds after it had gone out of sight. It was quite unlike in size, sound and speed any night-flying aircraft lights he had seen. His wife, whom he had called, was in time to see the object as it disappeared in an easterly direction.

26. A resident of Fielding reported that he saw a green object travelling in a south-easterly direction towards Palmerston North. It was egg-shaped, moving at a fairly high speed and accompanied by a faint hissing sound. While watching it he saw a similar object, blue in colour, approach from the direction of Hawke's Bay. The blue object seemed to be slightly above the green, and they then proceeded together on a more or less southerly course, with the blue just above the green. This account was corroborated by a witness at Kelvin Grove and two others at Palmerston North. The objects were sighted between 9.45 and 9.50 p.m. and about 12.45 a.m. on Sunday.

27. At Plimmerton a green luminous object was seen to the east, travelling at great speed towards Wellington. It was followed by a hissing noise and had a band of brighter dots around it which may have been windows. It seemed to be round like a ball. It was going too fast and was too bright for a plane.

28. About 10.10 p.m. two objects were seen by a resident of Karori, a suburb of Wellington. One, with a greenish tinge, was flying very fast just below a bluish one. The two were circling around each other, and after a few seconds they shot off in different directions. The bluish one went in a more or less southerly direction, and the greenish one in a westerly direction. After passing overhead at very high speed, they were followed a few seconds later by a soft hissing sound.

29. Several conflicting reports came from Nelson and her two daughters, at Mapua, reported a strange, lighted object in the sky at 10 p.m. They described it as a white cigar shaped object, flat along the bottom and curved at the top. At 10.15 p.m. saw an object with revolving lights. There were four or five red lights revolving from left to right. The whole thing was covered with a yellow glow and was circular in shape. There was no noise. about 10.25 p.m. saw a yellowish white light in the sky. It grew bright then almost faded away. It seemed to be moving slowly, almost hovering.
30. In the meantime the blue disc appears to have gone directly south. was travelling with his son from Christchurch to Wellington on the Saturday night when they saw, at a late hour, a "wee green light" underneath a "blue-looking round object" which moved too fast to be an aeroplane. As the ferry leaves Christchurch about 8 p.m. this would have been about 50 miles to the north of Christchurch.
31. A blue disc was also sighted at Christchurch, Kyeburn (near Patearea) Palmerston, and Waipahi. These reports all said that it was a blue disc, that it flew south at a high speed and that it hissed.
32. The report from Kyeburn told of a disc-like object travelling very fast, much faster than an aeroplane. It was travelling south in the sky, over towards Palmerston, a few minutes after 11 p.m. It was a long way away and seemed only a little larger than a large star. A resident of Palmerston saw a blue disc travelling very fast in a southerly direction about 11.8 p.m. It took only a few seconds to pass over and was followed by a hissing sound. It apparently then passed inland to the west of Dunedin.
33. Four people living at Waipahi were returning from Gore at 11.16 p.m. when the driver of the car noticed a blue light, low down in the sky, climbing towards him. He stopped the car and all four alighted to watch. The light appeared to be a blue disc about the size of an orange held at arm's length. It was travelling at a high speed in a southerly direction and passed directly overhead. About three seconds later a faint hissing sound was heard. It remained in sight for a little over three minutes.
34. It seems then to have returned to the north as a brilliant blue object was seen over the Port Hills at Christchurch at 11.45 p.m. A sighting was then made at Palmerston North at 12.45 a.m., but it is not clear whether this was the green or the blue object, or both.
35. A final sighting took place immediately to the north of Wellington. About 1 a.m. on 8th December Masuae, their daughter and her friend, all saw a bright circular object describing a slow circular route about 2,000 feet above Woburn. It was travelling very slowly, and made only two or three circuits during the hour that they watched it. At the bottom of its more or less circular route the object had an array of sparks round its edges. As it travelled around clockwise, the sparks disappeared and a small red tail light appeared instead. As it began its downward journey the tail disappeared gradually and the object itself diminished in size until it was hardly visible. When it reached the lowest part of the circular route the sparks appeared again and the process was repeated. After seeing the object making its leisurely couple of circles they all went indoors. Checks failed to produce any logical explanation for these phenomena. A meteorological balloon was released at 10.45 p.m. but it would have burst long before 1 a.m. The Carter Observatory, Wellington, did not know of any meteorites, fireballs or other curiosities in the area at that time.

36. When he heard of these reports commented:

"You can't possibly ignore three straightforward, intelligently written reports like these. I can't give any explanation off-hand."

The Director of the Carter Observatory, Mr. I. L. Thomsen, who is an authority on the behaviour of Aurorae said:

"That looks to be quite worthwhile information. You have got times and you have got something that might give speeds. I am quite a little sceptical about this sort of thing but one has to have an open mind. The trouble with these reports from all over the world is that there is no accurate data that any scientific person can get his teeth into, and that is why, I think, scientific people are remaining very quiet about them. It would be interesting if those who want to report on flying saucers would try to notice the correct time, give altitude, direction, and reference to landmarks. Then if anybody wanted to look into the reports they would have something to go on. If we got enough such reports we could correlate them."

37. After they had analysed the reports and another astronomer, made the following joint statement:

'Assuming that the reports of a swift-moving object in the sky on Saturday night are not the result of collaboration (and they appear to be genuine, independent observations) then they constitute a surprising weight of evidence in favour of the supposition that some object of a bluish colour did pass down the South Island at about 11 o'clock that night. The times of the Nelson sightings fit in well with the assumption that the object travelled from there southwards to be observed successively from the ferry steamer, from Christchurch, from Kyeburn and finally from Waipahi. It would be interesting to know if anything unusual was seen from Oamaru which appears to be on the route.

Most detail has been given by the four observers at Waipahi. Their estimate of a sound lag of three seconds and apparent size of an orange at arm's length would indicate an object about the size of a ship (over 300 feet) at a height of 3000 to 4000 feet. The object may well have been smaller as there is a common tendency to over-estimate the angle subtended by an object seen in the sky.

The Christchurch observers given an apparent size of half a crown indicating a height of 6000 to 7000 feet there. If the object passed about twenty miles east of the Kyeburn observer, it would appear about one-third the apparent diameter of the moon, which is not greatly at variance with his account.

Regarding speed, the times given by the observers would indicate 400 to 600 miles an hour between Nelson and Waipahi. The times of the three intervening sightings fit in reasonably well with this assumption."

38. As soon as this was published three Oamaru residents wrote to the Otago Daily Times saying that they and at least two other people had stated publicly that they had seen the "saucer" exactly as described in the reports.

39. A resident of Cromwell also wrote in saying that he had seen an object matching exactly the description given flying from north to south at a colossal speed. It looked about twice the size of a large star, perfectly round, with no trail of any kind and pursuing a flat course. It was in sight for one to one and half seconds, and finally disappeared over the Dunstan Range (to the east). It is very likely that he saw a meteor and not the blue disc.

40. The following is a summary of the reported movements of the two objects. It is worthy of note that almost all the sightings agree in detail and there are no sightings inconsistent with the reported movements of the objects. No radar was operating at the time of their visit and the New Zealand Air Force is not aware of any flights that would correspond to the one under consideration.

<u>6.12.52</u>		<u>Colour</u>	<u>Direction of Flight</u>
8.35-8.40 p.m.	Auckland	Blue Green	S. No sound.
9.15 p.m.	Gisborne	Blue	S.
9.35	Fordell	Green	E. Hissing.
9.45-9.50	Feilding	Blue	SE.
10.10 p.m.	Plimmerton	Green	From Hawke's Bay
	Karori	Blue Green	then both south Hissing S. Hissing W.
10/10.15/10.25 p.m.	Nelson	Yellow/White	
10.30?	Cheviot? (From Ferry)	Blue Green	
	Christchurch	Blue	S. Hissing
	Camara	Blue	
11.8	Kyeburn		S. Hissing
11.8	Palmerston	Blue	S. Hissing
11.16	Waipahi	Blue	S. Hissing
11.45	Christchurch	Blue	
<u>7.12.52.</u>			
12.45 a.m.	Palmerston North		
1 a.m.	Naenae (near Wellington)	Bright	Circling

1. Some conclusions may be drawn regarding these two objects: the blue object seems to have travelled throughout at a speed of about 35-400 miles an hour. The green object appears to have varied a speed considerably.

They flew at a comparatively low height and were apparently familiar with the main air routes through New Zealand.

They flew over or near the main centres of population, avoiding the mountainous country.

They appear to have come from and returned to the north, and to have a considerable endurance. There is no suggestion that they landed in New Zealand.

42. Some other conclusions may be drawn with respect to these unannounced visitations. In almost every instance they appear at night. They apparently have sufficient speed to make interception difficult, but do not fly above the speed of sound. At the same time they seem to be able to travel at comparatively low speeds and to travel for distances hitherto unknown, unless operating from water-borne craft. The design does not conform to those ordinarily adopted for aircraft. It is difficult to understand why they should wish to visit New Zealand at night unless to make identification and interception difficult. Some of the reports suggest that night-photography was taking place, particularly to the south of Dunedin, where the major Air Force Station in the southern half of the South Island of New Zealand is situated, and possibly also at Nelson, the major port on the northwest of the South Island. The Taieri district would be an obvious place for a sea-borne landing.

43. In general the descriptions and behaviour of the objects reported do not suggest anything extra-terrestrial, or machines which could not be built and powered by methods already known to science. The possibility of mass hypnotism is to some extent discounted by the careful wording of many of the reports received. The whole business in fact suggests an aerial reconnaissance of New Zealand.

44. This is to some extent confirmed by a verbal report made to me by the Director of the Dominion Museum, Dr. R. A. Falla, to the effect that some residents of Okarita an isolated settlement on the West Coast of the South Island that they had a day or two earlier seen an unusual machine, description of which is not available, moving slowly along the coast and descending as though it were to alight on the water. The headland however prevented them seeing whether it did in fact do so.

45. A list of some additional sightings reported in the press between 1st September and 15th November, 1952, and a map of New Zealand are attached.

			<u>Number of Persons</u>	<u>Time in view.</u>
Auckland	1.9.52	6 p.m.	6 or more	1 minute
Otago	1.9.52	10.30/11 p.m.	12 or more	6 to 30 sec
Dunedin	28.9.52	12 p.m.	1	3 minutes
Hamilton	29.9.52	3 a.m.	2	
Oamaru	23.10.52	9-10 p.m.	5	20 minutes
Lyall Bay, Wellington	26.10.52	1.30 a.m.	2	
Invercargill	28.10.52	10.18 p.m.	9	17 minutes
Christchurch/New Brighton	29.10.52	9 p.m.	1	
Taradale, Napier	30.10.52	9.28 p.m.	2	3 to 4 mins.
Nelson	30.10.52	6.53 p.m.	1	5 minutes
Gisborne	2.11.52	9.15 p.m.	2	10 minutes
Gisborne	3.11.52	9.15 p.m.	3	10 minutes
Nelson	3.11.52	11.48-51 p.m.	1	5 minutes
Rockville	3.11.52	9.45 p.m.	1	10 minutes
Twyford HB	4.11.52	9.15 p.m.	2	10 minutes
Longlands HB	5.11.52	9.15 p.m.	2	10 minutes

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Random Notes

Sailors Do See Flying Saucers—The Oldest Feud—England's Blue Coat School

A DUNEDIN astronomer claims that flying saucers are very much open to doubt because there have never been reports of them from sailors, astronomers and scientists.

This is a somewhat general assertion in view of the fact that at 9.10 p.m. on August 25, 1951, Dr. W. I. Robinson, professor of geology at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, with two colleagues, Dr. A. G. Oberg, professor of chemical engineering, and Professor W. L. Ducker, head of the petroleum engineering department at the college, all saw a flying saucer. Suddenly all three saw what they described as about 80 luminous beads arranged in crescent shape race across the sky from horizon to horizon in a few seconds. Professor Ducker subsequently declared he had seen 12 flights of these brilliant luminous objects up to the end of November, 1951.

As for astronomers not seeing flying saucers, the discoverer of the planet Pluto, Clyde Tombaugh, saw one in the summer of 1948 at Las Cruces, New Mexico. His wife and mother-in-law also saw the phenomenon and they agreed it was a gold ship of a kind they had never seen before and bore a resemblance to a long rocket-like ship oval in shape, "trailing off at the rear into a shapeless luminousness."

As for sailors not seeing flying saucers, it would seem that they have been seeing them for years, anyway, from 1870 onward. On March 22 of that year the British barge Lady of the Lake was sailing in mid-Atlantic. Captain Frederick Banner and his crew observed in the half-light in the sky a grey, circular object rigid in outline, coming up against the wind. It finally settled down right in the wind's eye, before it became lost in the darkening sky. A sketch made by

the captain and published later by the Royal Meteorological Society reveals that the strange object is almost identical with drawings made in the last few years of flying saucers. On February 28, 1904, naval Lieutenant Frank Schofield, of the U.S.S. Supply, reported three curious meteor-like objects, the leading one of which had an area of "about six suns" and was egg-shaped. The three were travelling in echelon. They were sighted at 6.10 p.m. and all three made near approach to the surface of the water and then soared away from the surface "in a most remarkable manner."

It would seem that flying saucers are not a new phenomenon. Sailors, scientists and even astronomers have reported seeing them for many years. This makes the flying saucer also declared "curiouser and curiouser."

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Mysterious Light In Sky

ELBOURNE, May 18 (Rec. p.m.).—Strange lights in the sky have appeared in Victoria Queensland.

A mysterious light that lit up the London Aerodrome early this morning was reported by two policemen at opposite ends of the airport. They said the light lit up the whole area and was bright enough to read a newspaper.

The object has been under observation today by meteorologists at Rockhampton Aerodrome. The object is of crescent moon-shape, and silver in colour. It can be seen as a mere pinhead with the naked eye. One observer said the possibility of a planet is eliminated as the object has altered its course several times.

Everything that we know leads us to conclude that at the present time the earth is the only body in the solar system that can support intelligent beings," said the professor.

Of the possibility of life on the planets of other suns, only an elementary knowledge of astronomy is needed to show that even if such life exists the distances are so enormous as to make ludicrous the thought of travel between neighbouring solar systems.

Accurate Information Wanted

UNTIL such time as accurate information on the so-called unex-

plained light at all to come to any conclusions. Analysis by untrained people in this kind of work will also be looked upon with suspicion unless the weight of evidence is such that it is overwhelming.

But seeing is believing, it is often said. If I ever see one of these things I shall be the first to admit it. Until then I do not believe the flying saucer phenomenon.

It is a nuisance in the absorption of time better spent in the prosecution of more important work.



CAN'T SLEEP? — JOIN F.S.I.S.

AUCKLAND, April 21 (PA).—Fourteen people, including four women, met tonight in Hamilton and formed the Hamilton Flying Saucer Investigating Society.

Four of those present claimed to have seen flying saucers at various times, and one man said that since 1946 he had seen five of them.

ONE OF THE MOST RENOWNED of the flying saucer photographs. It was taken at 9.35am on July 16 last year at the United States Coast Guard station at Salem, Massachusetts. It purports to show four luminous objects in formation and was referred to the Air Force authorities in Washington. No authoritative report on it has been issued so far as is known.

Melbourne's Mysterious Lights—Examined

Satellite Stations—Twins—Triplets

MELBOURNE folks are puzzled at mysterious lights in the sky, which are getting them all lit up at night. Naturally they have investigated the more obvious causes.

But there remain a number of other factors. This illumination may be due to the Southern Lights, nocturnal radiation, or a new satellite. Most people know the Southern Lights when they see them, although it is usually somebody else who sees them and one hears about it next day. As for nocturnal radiation, at this very moment experts are investigating this mystery. It is well known that there are unexplained types of luminescence in the night sky, apparently not so very far from the world itself, say 10,000-20,000 miles away. This has no connection with star light. It has also been known for years that some clouds glow up in the night sky. Why? What clouds, is still a matter of debate among experts. Usually this form of night lighting is far from powerful. It is difficult to detect unless one knows for what one is looking.

As for the advent of a new satellite to assist the moon, this may well occur sooner or later. Calculations show that it would not be impossible to design a satellite and to propel it sufficiently far away from the earth for it to continue to rotate round the earth for ever. Distances of some 10,000-20,000 miles from the earth have been suggested. The object has to be sent far enough away to be removed from the retarding effect of the atmosphere. However, nobody quite knows how far this would be, as the atmosphere tails off and does not end abruptly.

Satellite stations have been considered the first requirement for any space ship that may be devised. It would be used as a jumping-off place for space travellers, where they could get a last stirrup cup and take on a load of rocket fuel. Just how they would land on the satellite is another matter and what would stop them falling off is also another matter. The strange night lights in the Melbourne sky may be a passenger who has fallen off a satellite that wasn't there. The result would be much the same, because the passenger would become a satellite rotating round the world for ever and ever, or at any rate till struck by a shooting star.

These days almost anything could happen up in the sky, and it might well be that this strange luminescence that is worrying people in Melbourne is no more than a flying saucer falling into a teacup or even a meteor.

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There is no more fascinating riddle, no subject of more controversy today, than flying saucers. The following article is by New Zealand's leading professional astronomer who has recently returned from the United States.

"Until I See One I Won't Believe In Flying Saucers"

In a world frightened by atomic bombs, amazed by phenomenal aircraft performances, becoming used to thoughts of space travel and living in part in an atmosphere of comic strip nonsense, the alleged "flying saucer" phenomena have developed a form of mass hysteria which it is high time we ended by looking at the subject intelligently.

What do astronomers think about this matter? Have they some secret information which they will not divulge, or are they just bewildered.

Briefly, while they are prepared to have an open mind on the subject, I think it can be said that they feel there is probably a perfectly natural explanation for almost all the reports. If only sufficient facts were available. Here is the crux of the matter. Available reports either cannot stand up to critical examination, or are so vague and contradictory that no worthwhile conclusions can be reached.

No Authoritative Report

SURPRISINGLY enough, no astronomer of recognised standing no seaman or no meteorological observer have recorded any exact data on flying saucers. I don't remember anyone in these categories even having seen them. There has not been a single record in any scientific magazine of repute.

In a world full of scientists, and considering the frequency of occurrences attributed to these objects, this is surely a strange state of affairs.

Spasmodically over the past few years there have been epidemics of flying saucer reports. After a burst of reports from the United States of America, numbers of people in New Zealand and Australia seem to see them also. Seldom, if ever, do we appear able to beat the United States of America at this game.

One night, while working with the famous 36-inch refractor at the Lick Observatory in the United States, I was given a spell for a few minutes, and looking out of one of the windows of the great dome my eyes opened in astonishment.

A Hollow Laugh

"GOOD heavens," I called to the other astronomer, "I'm seeing flying saucers!" A hollow sarcastic laugh was his reply. But there they were, elliptical patches of light moving about the sky, one after the other, and giving all the appearance of the many descriptions I had read.

Further examination showed that they were the reflections on high light cloud of searchlights from the city of San Jose some 20 miles away. Clear air made the beams themselves almost invisible.

Next morning there were reports

in the newspaper of flying saucers seen over San Jose. Descriptions and times agreed exactly with my own observations.

At one stage, interest ran high when unidentified radar blips were reported from Washington air field. Interceptor fighters went up, and as they dashed about the sky kept reporting unidentified blips on their radar screens.

When, all the dust had settled, according to one newsman, it was found that these fast planes had been chasing each other. Later, it was thought that the original blips were due to temperature inversions in the atmosphere.

Doubtful Photographs

FROM time to time, photographs have been produced allegedly providing complete proof that such things exist. Unfortunately, even studying prints without the advantages of having the original negatives, one cannot help feeling that these are deliberate hoaxes, or else that some peculiar lighting effect has been touched up to give the required result.

Anyone acquainted with real astronomical photography is perfectly justified in dismissing all such photographs produced up to the present time.

Taking a broad survey of all the reports I have ever read, they may be divided into three classes—deliberate hoaxes, the results of a vivid imagination and honest reports by honest people who are unable to interpret correctly what they see.

All too often, some peculiar thing seen in the sky, by people not accustomed to making such observations, is loosely put down as a flying saucer. To interpret what one sees in the skies is not always as simple as most people imagine.

I have a fund of stories of mistakes even being made by well-trained astronomers, which would become boring because of their number.

Scientific Explanations

REAMS of paper could be used in describing in detail the deceptive appearances under certain conditions of meteorological balloons, U.S. Navy blimps and reflections from the numerous aeroplanes which fill the American sky. Of astronomical and meteorological phenomena we have bright fireballs, brilliant stars near the horizon, mirages, and mock suns.

I know how these things appear, and I know how difficult they are to disentangle sometimes. If only one could be with each observer at the time he makes his observation, then I feel the flying saucer idea might evaporate like the morning mist.

Concerning reports of speed and

distance given by observers, Dr. Joel Stebbins, grand old man of American astronomy, on a television panel from San Francisco had this to say: "If they are so good at this sort of thing they should be in the army as gun layers."

Amateur Observations

IN this air age, observers try to be helpful, and feel they are familiar with heights and speeds. Unfortunately they are seldom right.

Experience has shown me many cases in New Zealand of people who were about to dig in a neighbour's backyard for a meteorite,

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Director of the Carter
Observatory, Kelburn.**

when we knew beyond all doubt that it was easily 50 miles away from them. After establishing a meteor's path through the atmosphere from 50 good reports, I have had an indignant telephone caller telling me it was all wrong.

Gradually, the assumption that flying saucers are from another world has come to be tacitly accepted by many people. Taking up this idea, there are heaps of pulp magazines and a few books in American drug stores screaming with the latest secret information such as may be guaranteed to make one's eyes pop out and hair stand on end.

Those Plausible Stories!

OFFICIAL records are often added, sometimes accurately, to give an air of authenticity. To do this, and weave a plausible story to the untrained is now almost a trade.

I met one man who explained to me his method of concocting such stories on other subjects for amazing science magazines. "Amazing" is not a sufficiently descriptive word.

Dr. Otto Struve, president of the International Astronomical Union, and foremost astronomer in the world, gave a lecture on aspects of this whole subject at Berkeley, California, on August 19, 1952.

I have the official University of California release of his lecture. Dealing with an article which appeared in "Life" in a few words he showed that alleged astronomical information in the article was completely erroneous, and then directed attention to the fact that observational reports were so contradictory that they could be dismissed.

Life On Mars

EXAMINING the planets of the solar system in turn, in the light of known facts, he considered that



Mr. I. L. Thomsen. Jose some 20 miles away. Clear air made the beams themselves almost invisible.

They See Them Over Japan

TOKIO, January 21 (Rec. 11am).—Mysterious flying objects described by a large number of observers as "rotating clusters of red, white, and green lights" have been seen over northern Japan by American airmen from the air and ground.

Intelligence reports say there are too many indications of the presence of something for them to be considered an "observation of nothing." Reports also discount the possibility that the objects are reflected light. The sightings were close to Soviet territory in the Kurile Islands and Sakhalin, where the Russians have dozens of air bases.

Colonel Curtis Low, commander of the Northern Division of the Japan Air Defence Force, said the flying clusters were seen by fighter pilots and ground personnel, and were traced by radar. The commander of a United States fighter wing took detailed observations of one rotating cluster and tried in vain to intercept it in a jet. The radar reaction to objects is reported to be unlike that from normal aircraft, being "very weak and fuzzy, instead of sharp."

Thread And 'Flying Saucer' Link?

AUCKLAND.—The fine, thread-like substance found on telegraph wires, fences, and lawns at Ongaonga, near Hastings, last week resembled matter seen to have fallen from flights of "flying saucers" over France last year, said Mr. H. E. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation (New Zealand), today. So far no reports of "flying saucer" observations over Ongaonga have reached the Auckland investigators.

Hastings reports say the substance, which is white, is not unlike caddy floss and that it disintegrates when handled. Portions of the substance have been up to five feet long.

According to cabled messages on October 29 last year, 20 residents of Gaillac, in the south of France, sighted a formation of "flying saucers." These let fall a string of bright white threads which looked like glass wool and melted as soon as touched. The same year a dozen people at Olden, near the Spanish border, reported that "Flying Saucers" moving in pairs left "an abundant trail in their wake like flakes of cotton wool which floated slowly to the ground, some adhering in telephone wires."

Pierre Closterman, the French flying ace, reported seeing a "flying saucer" at close range over Marseilles with "little white flakes escaping from the rear."—PA.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINES IN NORTH SEA MANOEUVRES

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LONDON, January 5 (Rece. 7 p.m.).—The Daily Telegraph says Russian submarines have been sighted in strength in the North Sea and North-Atlantic approaches.

They are the first Russian manoeuvres by a force of Soviet submarines outside the Baltic.

The naval correspondent of the Daily Express said the manoeuvres of Russian submarines were held during the air-sea exercise of the Atlantic Treaty Powers during September. The Nato naval authorities kept the Red Navy manoeuvres secret but they have now leaked out because of Danish reports that a mystery submarine was twice sighted in a Greenland fiord on September 22.

Rear-Admiral Kjoelsen, chief of the Danish Greenland forces, has confirmed the report. He said the mystery submarines were not Danish, American or British.

Unidentified submarines were also reported off the Firth of Forth and the Norwegian coast, on the north-west convoy routes and in the North Atlantic.

A check of verified "submarines-sighted" reports and logs of Nato submarines confirmed that some of the submarines at sea must have been Russian.

All the strange submarines sighted were of the modern speed-booster type.

Russia is believed to have 320 total submarines of all types.

Observer Certain Sky Phenomenon Was A Meteor

NEW PLYMOUTH, January 7 (P.A.).—An unidentified object glided in the sky by an airman in a National Airways Corporation DC8 near Te Kuiti at 9.27 p.m. on Tuesday, by a Nelson woman two minutes later, and by four Hawke Bay fishermen seven minutes earlier, was according to a New Plymouth man, a meteor.

Mr. D. B. E. Gibson, of Mill Road, saw the object just before 9.30 p.m. He is positive it was a meteor and feels certain that it was the same object as was reported elsewhere.

A veteran of World War II, he spent four years in the Navy and has seen numerous flying bombs, tracers, jet fighters and meteors at night.

The time of observation, the direction and the colour corresponded with reports of the unidentified object.

First report was from First Officer K. G. Bond, co-pilot of an N.A.C. Dakota. He thought the object was travelling too low and too slowly to be a meteor.

At Whangarei, Miss E. Webber, of Nelson, saw an object "slightly smaller than a full moon with a tail 6ft. to 9ft. long." It could have been a meteor, she said. She sighted it at 9.30 p.m.

A Dargaville message reports that three local residents, at 9.28 last night, saw an orange-coloured spherical object moving across the north-eastern sky, at not a great height above the horizon. It was in sight for about 10 seconds before vanishing behind some trees in the immediate foreground.

Plug-hole Vortex

Sir, The letter by "Veritas" headed "Novel Hypothesis," was both erudite and interesting. In passing, it seems a little strange that if flying saucers are due to natural phenomena they have only been observed and reported in recent years. But my purpose in writing is to call attention to a fallacy to which your correspondent refers.

Some years ago, when in England, I read of the theory that the vortex created by water running through the plug-hole of a bath or basin was clockwise in the northern hemisphere and the contrary in the southern. I was interested, and have made some experiments in the northern hemisphere; also, within the past six months, in the southern. I have noted that the vortex in either direction can and does appear in both hemispheres; and that the same bath or basin will produce either on different occasions. Further, I have observed on several occasions the creation of a vortex in one direction which was later followed by one in the opposite sense; both occurring while emptying the same bath.

A series of experiments will be made since those which I have stated that there is no difference from the hemispheres on the question. If it is an effect of the Earth's rotation it would appear to be the same in both hemispheres.

W. G. W.

6.12.52.

8.35 pm - 8.40 p.m.	AUCKLAND.	blue & green.	going Sth
9.15 pm	GISBORNE	blue	" "
9.35 pm	FORDRELL St.	GREEN (missing)	" E.
9.45 pm - 9.50 pm	FIELDING	blue & green	" S.E. ¹
	HADFIELD BAY	no green in from H.B.	" S
	PUMMERTON	Green	" S
10.10 pm	KARORI	(2) Green & blue Blue went South Green went W.	
10.15 pm	NELSON	yellow/white	
10.25 pm			
10.30/11 pm ?	HOKONUI - chediot	blue & green	
?	CHRISTCHURCH	Blue	
	OMARU	Blue	
11.0 pm ?	KYE BURN		S
11.16 pm	WAIPAHU	Blue	S
	limit of Southernly reports.		
11.45 pm	(RESERVED)? CHCH	Blue	no direction
12.52 12.45 am	PANMSTON N	(blue phaps green.)	

FROM : AIR DEPARTMENT, WELLINGTON.
TO : R.N.Z.A.F. STATION, WHENUAPAI
DATE : 14th JANUARY, 1953.
REF : 39/3/676

"FLYING SAUCERS"

1. Your letter of 9th January, Ref: WHC/21/5/AIR has been received.
2. Will you please thank Sgt. Fulton for the summary and tell him that we shall be pleased to receive all the information that he can supply.


(RONALD E. GOLDING)
for Wing Commander
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE


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FROM : R.N.Z.A.F. Station, WHENUAPAI
TO : Air Department, WELLINGTON (Attention D.of I.)
DATE : 9th January, 1953
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SUMMARY OF SIGHTINGS OF "FLYING SAUCERS"

1. The attached summary of sightings of "Flying Saucers" has been supplied by 70667 SGT. FULTON, H.H. who is President of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.), a private group with headquarters in Auckland. The summary is forwarded for your information.

2. In submitting the summary to this Station, Sgt. Fulton makes the comment that "there are many more particulars concerning individual incidents that have not been included in the data supplied." The additional information could be forwarded if required.


(G. GOETZ. Sqn. Ldr.)
for Group Captain, Commanding,
R.N.Z.A.F. STATION, WHEN UAPAI

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CENSUS OF FLYING SAUCER SIGHTINGS
IN NEW ZEALAND AS NOTED BY C.S.I. (NEW ZEALAND).

As at 6th January 1953

Localities of Sighting	Date	Time	Observers	Time in View	Shape	Direction	Sound	Other particulars.
Otago	1888	(Information not available at the moment)						
West districts of N.Z.	Aug. 1909	Night & Day	Numerous	Up to 1 hr.	Cigar	Nil	Nil	Terrific bright light that hovered Shape clearly defined.
Rotorua	June 1936	7 - 8 p.m.	One	2 to 3 min	Disc	Nil	Nil	Bright object completed hexagonal course.
Dannevirke	1942	Daylight	Four	4 to 5 min	Disc	Nil	Nil	Bright light whirling at great speed.
Hobsonville	1943	Daylight	One	3 secs	Saucer	Nil	Nil	Blue green colour.
Hamilton	1948	Bright Sunlight	Three	30 secs	Saucer	North	Nil	Terrific light.
Central Districts, N.I.	July 1950	Night	Approx 12	Up to 3 min	Cigar	N.E.	Nil	Light w/ portholes.
Clive, Hawkes Bay.	Feb 1952	8 p.m.	One	30 secs	Saucer	Nil	Nil	Aluminium colour
Papakura	16.6.52	9 p.m.	One	30 secs	Cigar	North	Nil	Appeared twice
Waipapakurua	26.8.52	3.30 pm	One	20 secs	Cigar	West	Nil	Rocking motion
Waipu	31.8.52	6.45 pm	One	30 secs	Disc	Nil	Nil	Yellow green colours, raised portion in centre.
Hamilton	31.8.52	7 p.m.	One	Nil	Disc	East	Nil	Bright moving light
Auckland	1.9.52	6 p.m.	Six	1 Min	Cigar	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tauranga	9.9.52	11 a.m.	2 adults 30 s. child.	30 secs	Round	Nil	Nil	Vapour trail, aluminium colour.
Remuera Auckland.	14.9.52	Nil	One	30 secs	Oval	Nil	Nil	Large illuminated object.
Gaster Bay, Auckland.	26.9.52	5.30 pm	Two	30 secs	Cigar	Nil	Nil	Intermittent lights
Otahuhu, Auckland.	27.9.52	10.30 p.m.	12 or more	6-30 secs	Cigar	South	Nil	Whooosh Discharging lights.
Whangarei	28.9.52	7 p.m.	One	30 secs	Disc	Stationery	Nil	Cone shaped object.
Dunedin	28.9.52	12 p.m.	One	3 minutes	Disc	Nil	Nil	Nil

Hamilton	29.9.52	3 a.m.	Two	Nil	Disc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hastings	3.10.52	8.45pm	Three	One minute	Cigar	<i>SOUTH</i>	Nil	Nil	<i>GREEN LIGHT. MOVING SLOWLY.</i>
Christchurch	13.10.52	Nil	One	5 secs	Starline	S. to E.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Blenheim	13.10.52	Nil	One	4 secs	Saucer	S.E.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tauranga	8.10.52	10.30pm	One	Nil	Round	Nil	Nil	Nil	Bright blue object
Tauranga	8.10.52	10.40pm	One	10 secs	Round	North	Nil	Nil	Two bright lights one above other
Tauranga	8.10.52	10.42pm	One	5 secs	Disc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Irregular course
Tauranga	8.10.52	10.50	One	10 secs	Cigar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Illuminated
Christchurch	13.10.52	10.30am	One	One minute	Round	N.E.	Nil	Nil	Silver coloured
"	14.10.52	7.45pm	One	5 secs	Three red S. Discs		Nil	Nil	Sky 7/8ths Cloud
Georgetown	18.10.52	7.30pm	One	6 secs	Pear Shaped W.		Nil	Nil	Bright red object.
Omara	23.10.52	9-10pm	Five	20 min	Round	Stationery	Nil	Nil	Described as a teacup with mast
Lyell Bay	26.10.52	1.30am	Two	20 min	Two discs	South	Nil	Nil	Heading south, returned North
Dunedin	26.20.52	12 pm	One	3 min	Round	Nil	Nil	Nil	Illuminated object
Dunedin	27.10.52	12-5 am	One	10 min	Bright	North	Nil	Nil	Sighted intermittently, straight level course.
Dunedin	28.10.52	2.45 am	Two	20 min	Cymbal	N.N.W.	Nil	Nil	Ringing metallic sound, moving slowly.
Invercargill	28.10.52	10.18 pm	Nine	17 min	Bright object	Hovered	Nil	Nil	Descended and moved out to sea
New Brighton	29.10.52	9 pm	One	Nil	Bright object	Nil	Nil	Nil	High speed turned twice.
Taradale, Napier	30.10.52	9.28 p.m.	Two	Three min	Disc	South	Nil	Nil	Pendulum motion
Blenheim	2.11.52	11 pm	One	30 secs	Disc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Blenheim	2.11.52	9.40 pm	Three	2 minutes	Disc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Hovered and moved off
Woodbourne	2.11.52	8 pm	One	3 minutes	Round	Nil	Nil	Nil	Size about 2', bright orange

Gisborne	2.11.52	9.15 pm	Two	10 minutes	Kite	S.W.	Nil	Bright orange colours, intensity of light changed frequently
Nelson	3.11.52	6.53 pm	One	5 minutes	Disc	Oscillating up and down,	shaped like car tyre	
Nelson	3.1.52	11.48 pm	One	3 to 4 minutes	Oval	W. to E.	Nil	Dark centre section, red lights revolving around edge
Rockville	3.11.52	9.45 pm	One	Ten minutes	Saucer	Nil	Nil	Red lights around lights
Christchurch	3.11.52	1115 pm	Two	one minute	Nil	W.	Nil	Apparent greenish fluorescent glow
Twyford	4.11.52	9.15 pm	Two	10 min	Bright	Nil	Nil	Seen on a number of consecutive nights. Orange in colour.
Winton(Invercargill)	4.11.52	10.15 pm	Two	15 minutes	Starlike	S.	Nil	Yellowish tinge
Longlands	5.11.52	9.15 pm	Two	10 minutes	Round	S.	Nil	Orange colour
Invercargill	6.11.52	1115 pm	Three	45 secs	Oval	Nil	Nil	Hovered then disappeared surrounded by lights.
St.Clair, Dunedin	9.11.52	10J0 pm	One	6-8 min	Round	Nil	Nil	Airatic up and down movement lights changed from bright green to distinct red.
Dunedin	9.11.52	9.15 pm	one	15 minutes	Round	Hovered	Nil	Object hovered and moved off slowly.
Dunedin	9.11.52	1230 am	One	15 minutes	Mushroom	Nil	Nil	Moving slowly, red to orange hue
Osamuru	9.11.52	4 am	One	Nil	Bright	Nil	Nil	Blood red to orange colour.
Napier	10.11.52	12-1 pm	Fifty boys 2 teachers	1 hour	Circular	West	Nil	Seen in ones and twos and groups up to ten, grey coloured, at great altitude.
Grey-mouth	13.11.52	1055 pm	One	Nil	Bright	West	Nil	Red to orange lights, moved up and down in flight.
Hastings	13.11.52	Nil	Three	Nil	Disc	West	Nil	Blue Flamed disc
Westport	13.11.52	Nil	Six	11 minutes	Round	South	Nil	Greenish blue glow
Hawera	13.11.52	3.30 am	one	10 minutes	Circular	Wide sweep	Nil	Four lights in line, asfern formation, third object largest.

Invercargill	16.11.52	1045 am	One	Nil Saucer	Saucer	South	Nil	Greyish, crossed path of weather balloon.
Tairāhema <i>Maverik</i>	19.11.52	8.20 pm	One	Three minutes	Cigar	South	Nil	Outlines with silvery blue lights
Wellington	19.11.52	8.10 pm	One	Thirty secs	Cigar	South	Nil	Straight projectile, high speed low horizon.
Richmond <i>NEKON</i>	20.11.52	10 pm	One	Minutes	Saucer	Nil	Nil	Red light changing to green
Blenheim	21.11.52	3 am	Two	One min	Cigar	Nil	Low Whistle	Lit up local area
Blenheim	23.11.52	8.50 pm	Five	Up to 20 min	Starlike	Nil	Nil	Fluctating light density.
Milford (<i>AUCK</i>)	5.12.52	8.40 pm	One	30 secs	Saucer	South	Hissing	Two, a blue above green.
Palmerston North	6.12.52	9.45 pm	Three	30 secs	Two discs	South	Hissing	Blue lighted object, ^{above} a green one.
Masterton	6.12.52	9.55 pm	One	30 secs	Two discs	South	Hissing	As above
Nelson	6.12.52	2.55 am	Three	15 min	Saucer	West	Nil	Appeared to have yellowish tinge light five times density of planet
Gisborne Hill	6.12.52	9:15 pm	One	None	Disc	South	Nil	Flying south at high speed (<i>EXACT</i>)
Wellington-Lyttelton ferry	6.12.52	Nil	Two	Nil	Disc	Nil	Nil	Small green light underneath a blue looking round object.
Christchurch	6.12.52	1015 pm	One	30 secs	Disc	South	Hissing	Blue in colour
Ryeburn	6.12.52	11 pm	One	30 secs	Disc	South	Hissing	Blue in colour
Palmerston South	6.12.52	1108 pm	One	4 secs	Disc	South	Hissing	Travelling fast
Waipahi, Gore	6.12.52	1116 pm	Four	30 secs	Disc	South	Hissing	Blue in colour
Oamaru	6.12.52	None	Four	Nil	Disc	South	Hissing	Observers correlated reports from Christchurch, Ryburn and Waipahi
Invercargill	6.12.52	1120 pm	Five reports	15 secs	Disc	South	Hissing	Blueish colour
Nelson	6.12.52	1015 pm	Three reports	15 minutes	Cigar	Nil	Nil	One report 4 or 5 red lights revolving from left to right yellowish tinge.

Wellington	6.12.52	1 am	Four	Intermittent for 60 mins	Disc	Circling	Nil	Object circled slowly above Woturn. Sparks around edges and red lights. Small green oval disc
Waiwaka Palmerston Palmerston	6.12.52	9.30 pm	One	Nil	Disc	South	Nil	Also above a green object.
Gisborne	7.12.52	Nil	Two	Nil	Two discs South	East	Nil	Progress erratic, appeared to dip once or twice.
Wellington	7.12.52	1010pm	one	Nil	Two discs	South	Hissing	Objects circled round each other blue above green, blue headed south green headed west.
Hamilton	9.12.52	9.45 pm	Three	10 secs	Cigar	Nil	Nil	Described a wide circle, had a feathered tail like a comet.
Hastings	10.12.52	1010 pm	One	5 mins	Round	S.W.	Orange	colour, and appeared moon shaped
Dunedin	4.12.52	9.33 pm	Four	One minute	Object	East	Hum	Changed direction twice, showed orange and red light.
Peer Knights Islands	13.12.52	8.05 pm	Three	Five minutes	Object	West	Nil	Very bright object viewed from ship ...v. Konul, hovered, irregular movement noted. (SHIPS OFFICER)
Gisborne	16.12.52	10 pm	Group	Three min	Cigar	East	Nil	Illuminous. Violent twisting motion Flew anticlockwise round horizon
Nelson	16.12.52	1034 pm	Party	5 min	Object	Hovered	Nil	Several times brighter than star, distinct orange colour.
Napier	16.12.52	3.30 am	One	5 min	Six objects		North	Six in line eastern, yellow in colour travelling slowly high up.
Te Awanga	19.12.52	1015 pm	Many		Light	Movement	Nil	Repetitive bright light appeared fairly regularly high in sky over ranges. Disappears at 1015 pm.
Nelson	21.12.52	Three am	Two	10 mins	Disc	Stationery		Dull orange colour, with long <i>TRAIL</i> of <i>TRAIL</i> pointing down vertically
Nr. Napier	27.12.52	10 pm	Four	30 secs	Oval	Stat-onery	Nil	Luminous egg shaped objects high in sky, one each side of the moon, suddenly disappeared.

OBJECT WATCHED FLYING OFF SUN

NEW PLYMOUTH, Today (PA).—An object flying off the sun at a terrific speed was seen in New Plymouth at 4.15pm on Tuesday by Mr. G. Flett, of New Plymouth, an experienced observer of weather conditions.

Mr. Flett was watching the course of a weather balloon when he saw the object, which he said was round, but ill-defined in shape. It was while the sun was 270 degrees due west and at an elevation of 58 degrees.

The object appeared to be falling and because of its speed he does not think it was the same one as seen by four fishermen off Bell Point at 9.20pm on Tuesday, by a pilot aboard a NAC DC3 aircraft at 9.27, and by a Nelson woman at Whangarei two minutes later.

[In the recently published book, "The Antarctic Today," it is recalled that on March 8, 1947, a group of Australian scientists, while observing a great solar flare through a radio-telescope, detected material flowing outwards from the sun at a speed of about 300 miles an hour. A solar flare is a particular occurrence in which solar particles are emitted. Sometimes, over an active sunspot. Sometimes, there is a sudden flash of brilliant light, the cause of which is not known. Radio "fade-outs," which may accompany the flare, indicating that the energy has travelled with the velocity of light, 186,000 miles a second, are believed to be caused by an extra large burst of ultra-violet light associated with the flare.]

A Meteor?

NEW PLYMOUTH, Jan. 7 (PA).—An unidentified object sighted in the sky by an airman in a National Airways Corporation DC3 near Te Kuiti at 9.27pm on Tuesday, by a Nelson woman at Whangarei two minutes later, and by four Taranaki fishermen even minutes earlier was, according to a New Plymouth man, a meteor.

Mr. B. R. B. Dobson, of Mill Road, saw the object just before 9.30pm. He is positive it was a meteor and is certain that it was the same object as was reported elsewhere.

A veteran of World War II, he spent four years in the Navy and has seen numerous flying bombs, tracers, jet fighters, and meteors at night.

The time of observation, the direction, and the colour, corresponded with reports of the unidentified object.

Report From Napier

NAPIER, Today (PA).—A Greenmeadows man and his son have reported seeing a bright object hurtling at high speed through the sky west of Napier early on Tuesday evening. Mr. S. P. Tuck, chairman of directors of Tuck Bros., Ltd., a timber firm, said today that he saw the object over two hours before several people in Taranaki as well as an Airways pilot saw a similar object.

When he first saw the object about 7pm it was a bright circular light. Within a minute it had faded into a reddish glow and disappeared.

First to see the object was Mr. Tuck's 16-year-old son, Mick. Mr. Tuck and his son were travelling to Napier and were just south of Te Pohue, on the Taupo Road, at the time.

"At first I thought it was the evening aircraft taking off from Napier," Mr. Tuck said. "It looked like a side view of a plane with all the cabin lights on. The cloud base was 5000 to 7000 feet and it was just under the clouds."

'Not a star or meteor'

Mr. Tuck, who is interested in astronomy, was certain it could not have been a star. "A star would not disappear in a clear patch of sky like this object did," he said. "It was quite a large, very bright circular object. It faded into a reddish glow, then disappeared. It appeared to be travelling at a terrific speed towards a rift in the clouds about 12 miles from Napier. It was a peculiar thing! I would not like to say what it was."

Mr. Tuck is equally certain the object was not a meteor. "A meteor would have reacted in the opposite way and become brighter," he said.

Fantastic Tale Of Flying 'Arrowhead'

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A bright colourful object "shaped like an arrowhead" was reported to be in sight over Dallas, Texas, for two hours today, and people who saw it said it was definitely not a star or a plane.

A police official said he first began getting reports of the strange object about midnight. "People called in describing the thing as green, orange, and red. They said it was arrow-shaped, with a green nose and wings that gave off a white light and a whirling noise."

He said he did not become much concerned until several police cars reported seeing the object. Then observers at an airport control tower north of Dallas said it was visible from there.

Up to 100,000ft.

THE controller on duty at the tower said that when he first spotted the object he estimated its height at 30,000 feet, and he estimated that within thirty minutes it had gone up to 80,000 feet, and in another hour to 100,000 feet, when it could barely be seen. He said pilots in the control tower guessed the object was travelling at 2000 miles an hour.

Saying that he had worked in a control tower for 14 years and been a pilot for 27 years, he added: "I should know a plane or a star by now, and this was neither."

A fire department officer also said the object was not a plane or a star. He said he watched it for about two hours, and saw it change colour from orange to bright red. "I wish I had never seen it," he said. "It's too fantastic, and now there'll be a lot of talk."—N.Z.P.A. (Rec. 10am).

Pilot Surprised By Bright Aerial Object

AUCKLAND, Today (PA).—The first recorded air-to-air sighting of an unknown aerial object in New Zealand occurred at 9.27 last night.

The co-pilot of a National Airways DC3, First Officer K. G. Bond, watched a brilliant reddish-orange light move steadily across the path of the liner. He thinks it was too low and travelling too slowly to have been a meteor.

The Dakota was on its way from Wellington to Auckland, and 15 miles west of Te Kuiti. First Officer Bond at once checked by radio with air traffic control in Wellington and was told that no aircraft were flying in the Wellington or Auckland control areas.

When he was startled by the light dead ahead, he had just looked up after checking his instruments in the cockpit. "It was brighter than any meteor, and was moving from west to east in a straight line," he said today. "It was about the size of Venus in the sky, and had a definite tail of colour. It seemed to be about one and a half miles in front and at 8000 feet—1000 feet higher than the aircraft. But it must have been farther away, as the light would have moved towards the starboard wing tip in the 45 seconds that I was watching it. The brilliance gradually faded and the object disappeared. None of the passengers saw it, probably the forward angle was too acute."

[The pilot's description makes it fairly certain that what he saw was a meteor, and this is confirmed by reports from two places, in the Kaipara and Whangarei districts, that a "flying saucer" was seen there at times given as 9.28 and 9.29pm.]

**Visitors From Space? — Boom And Slump
Indicators — Earthquake Zones**

EXPERTS in the American Air Force declare that in spite of numerous reports of flying saucers, there is as yet no evidence that beings from some other world have visited our planet. Undoubtedly this is correct. Until the mystery of the flying saucers has been cleared up, as was that of the Loch Ness Monster, it is anybody's guess where these visitations come.

Nevertheless, there is nothing to suggest that our little world is the only inhabited world in space. Nor is there anything but our own presumption to imagine that there are no beings more advanced than us in other worlds. In view of the fact that other worlds and other galaxies may have been there long before our own, it would be erroneous to assume that there can be no other worlds capable of supporting life as we know it. Experts claim that in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, there is reason to expect that there are suns like ours with planetary systems akin to ours, which there are worlds (too small for us to see) capable of supporting life. Some, in fact, say there is reason to expect that there are hundreds of millions of worlds in our Galaxy on which life could flourish. It may well be that in some of these worlds knowledge has far outstripped our own.

As for travel, it would take hundreds of years, and in some cases thousands of years, for visitors from one of those worlds to reach our planet at speeds of around several thousand miles an hour. It is thus doubtful if we shall be paying them visits for a very long time, if only because it would take a very long time to get there. Even in our own system it would involve journeys of 100 years or more to reach some of the more distant planets. Very little is known about the age of our own planetary system and less about the age of the galaxy in which we are a minute member. Our own world, it has been estimated, is about 4000 million years old. Our sun may be twice that age. Our planetary system is thus somewhere between the two. Just how long ago the Milky Way started,

and how, is almost a complete mystery.

There is thus plenty of room for surprises; but the greatest surprise of all would be if there was no other life in the Milky Way and no other intelligent beings. It would thus seem reasonable for us to expect visitors from space. It should cause us less surprise than did European visits to Pacific Island communities some 200 years ago. Whether or no these visitors to our world will come from members of our own solar system is a matter still under argument by experts. Some claim there is no other planet able to support life as fully as our own. But there are at least two planets which are suspect, including Mars, which perhaps is the most likely. Incidentally, this assumes that life could not be supported under conditions different from our own. This itself may well be erroneous. We may be in for a series of surprises pleasant and unpleasant.

Kandom Notes

Astronomers And Flying Saucers—Big Spots—Wetas—Prince Consort's Advice

FELLOW of the Royal Astronomical Society, who says that flying saucers have their basis in natural phenomena. He adds that no astronomer has reported seeing them.

Perhaps some astronomer could say whether any known natural or optical phenomenon produces a similar intense, peculiar light in bright day, or whether any natural object travelling at great speed makes a right-angle turn. Here is what a pilot of a Dakota who was asked to take off to investigate a "very bright light" observed at Sioux City airport at 8.30 p.m. on January 20, 1951, had to report: He took off with a co-pilot and almost head-on. It passed at great speed about 200 feet above the Dakota's nose. Both pilots turned and to watch it, only to see it had suddenly reversed and was flying parallel to the aeroplane. The moon was shining brightly, and the object was clearly seen. It was bigger than a B-20, had a cigar-shaped fuselage, and a glider-type wing set well forward without engine or nacelles. There was no exhaust glow. The white light was recessed in the bottom of the structure. After a short time the object lost height, passed under the Dakota and disappeared.

Reports of this nature would appear to be reliable. There may be others just as responsible as an astronomer who have made similar reports. On May 21, 1951, at 3.48 p.m. three technical writers for the physics department, U.S.A., were sitting in a factory ground. Their names were Victor Black, Werner J. E. J. Sullivan. This is their report: Approximately 30 glowing meteor-objects sprayed out of the east point about 45 degrees above the horizon, executed a right-angle turn swept across the sky in an arc of 90 degrees, forming a line that looked like a tuning fork on edge. It took about 25 seconds to cross 90 degrees of the horizon before performing another right-angle turn westward, estimated their diameter at 30 and their speed at 1700 miles per hour. They appeared as round, brilliant blue lights, and moved with the

Civil Aeronautics Administration, U.S.A., suggests that some flying saucers may be attributed to natural phenomena caused by temperature inversion. This may be the case, because only last August an American physicist stated he had succeeded in using in the laboratory objects which represented descriptions of flying saucers. By introducing molecules of air into a partial vacuum jar three feet high, orange red spheres were created and a variety of shapes, including discs and cones. Introduction of various gases produced other colours. Movement of the jar outside the jar caused these spheres to dart about in all sorts of erratic directions.

At the time other experts did not consider these discoveries a complete answer to all reports made of flying saucers. However, it might explain the fact that flying saucers have been reported over a far longer period than that of our own time. As long ago as the night of September 17, 1846, an astronomer saw a bright object in the sky, England, flying in a straight line away "a great distance" of "brilliant light" which was seen in a north-east direction and then turned northly from horizon and disappeared in two minutes. When it was seen vertically above, it was estimated to be an elongated sphere, its height estimated at 3333 feet and its speed at 10 miles per second. Moreover, it was seen by other observers and referred to it as "shuttlecock".

Mysterious Light Bucks High Wind

INVERCARGILL, Feb. 3 (PA).—For a long time Mr. John Hanning, a Waitangi barber, has believed that flying saucers are genuine. Last night he saw one.

At least that is what he thinks he saw, and nobody else can give a better explanation. He was motoring along the north coast with his wife, heading in the direction of Waitangi, at 9.45 p.m. when a bright west of Invercargill attracted attention. He stopped the car near the Waitangi River bridge and had a good look. The light was very bright (just light, not coloured) and was travelling steadily north-west. Hanning guessed it would be at Oreti Beach, travelling in the direction of Riverton. Mr. and Mrs. Hanning watched the object for several minutes and, as it faded, drove a hundred yards further north to locate it again. That impressed them most of all was that the light must have been moving east to west against a strong wind. No other reports have been received today, but it is known for an aircraft flying in the time of this sighting the wind was blowing from the south-west up to 1000 feet at gale force. Its speed when recordings were taken was 82 knots, which accounts for the mystery of how a light could move against it.

No Evidence Of Visitors From Other Planets

WASHINGTON, December 26 (Rec. 6 p.m.)—The Air Force says it has no evidence that beings from some other world visit this planet, but added that it would be unreasonable to say that such a thing could not happen.

A prepared statement said: "The Air Force has absolutely no evidence of visitors from space. As limited as man is in his knowledge and understanding of the universe and its many forces, it would be foolhardy indeed to say that the possibility of that higher forms of life existing is impossible."

It would be equally unreasonable to deny that intelligent beings from some other world were able to visit our planet, at least to travel within our atmosphere. However the Air Force desires to state emphatically that there is absolutely no evidence to indicate that this possibility has been translated into reality.

Saucer Visited Invercargill

An Invercargill reader, Mr. E. Williamson, has written to "Evening Post" to say that the "flying saucer" was seen in Christchurch, Kyeburn and Waipahi on the night of December 27. It was also seen in five separate places in Invercargill.

These reports, says, were published in the "Southland Times" but apparently not passed on to "North Island papers." The Invercargill reports tally with the others—the object was a bluish disc which hissed.

Mr. Williamson saw the object at 11.20 p.m., four or five minutes after his observation at Waipahi, which is about 40 miles from Invercargill. According to this, the disc's speed, estimated at 600 miles an hour from the information given by the Christchurch, Kyeburn, and Waipahi reports, was maintained.

The "Southland Times" says a weather balloon was released at 11.15 p.m. and it is supposed to have carried a camera. It travelled at 100 miles an hour, but fast-moving objects would make it seem to travel faster. To this, Mr. Williamson says: "I am sure the object was not a balloon. It travelled very quickly, and was a definite, unmistakable flying object. My observation is related with the other South Island reports, provides proof of the existence, speed, and course of the bluish disc."

Director of the Carter Observatory (Mr. I. L. Thomson) said the description given sounded like a meteor, especially the short time the object was visible. A meteor could be seen simultaneously at points between Christchurch and Invercargill. The reports given were different, but some observers—or their imaginations—were not as accurate as imagined.

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

PRESS CUTTING: From: "Evening Star" Wellington, N.Z.

Date: 15/11

SAUCERERS NOTE

WATCHED by pupils, a flying saucer landed on the football field of Greytown District High School. There was no panic, and no little men stepped out of it.

It was a disc—made of wood and covered with aluminium foil—about a yard in diameter. The remains of a balloon were still attached to it. A science master who had served on meteorological stations at Campbell Island and Auckland Island said it was used by meteorological stations to show the direction of the wind. He was unfamiliar with the pattern, and thought it might have come from Australia.

The Wellington Meteorological Office said it was a radar target, and came either from Kelburn or Ohakea, where such discs were released four times a day to be carried by a balloon into the upper atmosphere. A balloon could not be tracked by radar, hence the foil-covered disc. With it, the progress of the balloon could be followed much further and through clouds—impossible without radar.

They have been used in New Zealand since 1942. Flying saucer sighters must take them into consideration with meteors, stars, planes, ordinary meteorological balloons, and suchlike traps for the unwary when preparing a report that they have been a flying saucer.

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FROM ANOTHER PLANET

SM. As a pilot of one of the so-called "Flying Saucers," I wish to correct several errors with regard to one of the latest additions to your stratosphere.

We are not optical illusions, although the limited intelligence of your public tends to regard anything that it cannot explain as such. We come from a planet that, despite your contrary scientific assertion, is actually inhabited. We have been visiting your world for some time and, had your citizens been able to lift their heads above their present level, we could not have remained unobserved for so long. We do not advertise our presence with loud noises such as you apparently find so necessary in your way of life, but we glide along quietly and serenely, and go further and faster than you will ever go.

We flew over Europe and saw the ruins of a past war. We looked in at Korea and saw the fury of a present one, and wondered why you must always be trying to kill each other. We did not linger over America as, in their civilised enthusiasm, they sent up scores of aircraft to destroy us or shoot us down, just to find out what we are. Is that the way to welcome visitors from another planet?

In desperation, we flew over to New Zealand, only to find a worried people, overburdened with the cost of living, taxation, travel, and even electric light charges. If this is your world, then I doubt our wisdom in coming here at all.

We thank you for your thought waves that tell us you consider us of a higher intelligence than any on Earth. Indeed, could we be lower? Might I add that the "hissing sound" heard by those who were fortunate enough to see us, is our polite opinion of your World in which we have no desire to remain.—I am, etc.,

SAMUEL THE SORCERER.

BLUE DISC THAT HISSED *South-Bound 'Saucer'* Seen At Three Points

PEOPLE in Christchurch, Kyeburn, and Waipahi have written to a Dunedin newspaper describing a blue disc seen in the sky on Saturday night, according to a Press Association message from Dunedin.

Their descriptions tally, and if the times given can be relied upon, the object flew at about 600 miles an hour. All three correspondents said it was a blue disc, it flew south at a high speed, and it hissed.

The Waipahi (near Gore) observation was made by four people, who got out of their car to watch the object.

Mr. W. D. Anderson, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, who some weeks ago undertook to answer the telephone at any time of night to help identify objects in the sky, said: "You can't possibly ignore three straightforward, intelligently-written reports like these. I can't give any explanation off hand."

Mr. Anderson and Mr. E. G. McGeorge, another astronomer, will study the letters and try to suggest some practical solution. Mr. McGeorge, a surveyor, has set up a theodolite in his hall so he will be able to take a bearing on any mysterious sky body reported to him.

'An open mind'

THAT looks to be quite worthwhile information," commented the director of the Carter Observatory (Mr. I. L. Thomsen) when the Dunedin message was referred to him today. "You have got times and you have got something that might give speeds."

"I am quite a little sceptical about this sort of thing but one has to have an open mind," he added. "The trouble with these reports from all over the world is that there is no accurate data that any scientific person can get his teeth into, and that is why, I think, scientific people are remaining very quiet about them."

"It would be interesting if those who want to report on flying saucers would try to notice the correct time, give altitude, direction, and reference to landmarks. Then if anybody wanted to look into the reports they would have something to go on. If we got enough such reports we could correlate them."

Seen from ferry

FRESH interest has been given a report in Monday's "Evening Post" that a Karori resident saw two objects, one greenish and one bluish, on Sunday night, by a Press Association report from Dunedin that a Mr. George Myers had written to a Dunedin newspaper that when he and his son John were travelling north on the ferry on Saturday night they saw a "wee green light" underneath a "blue-looking round object," which moved too fast to be an aeroplane.

REPORT FROM FORDELL

WANGANUI, Today (PA).—Mr. J. E. Phillips, of Warrengate Line, Fordell, has written to a Wanganui newspaper, describing a "most unusual phenomenon" which he observed on Saturday night.

"About 9.35pm," says Mr. Phillips, "I noticed a light in the sky approaching from the west. It did not pass quite directly overhead, being a little inland from where I was. As it went quite silently it appeared quite markedly spheroidal, being about half the size of a full moon and of a distinct bright green colour."

"Although it was a dark night, it did not seem to light up the surrounding sky. My wife, whom I called as soon as I saw the light, was in time to see it disappearing in an easterly direction. There was no sound until it had all but disappeared, when we heard a subdued hissing, which persisted for a few seconds after it had gone out of sight. It was quite unlike in size, sound, and speed any night-flying aircraft lights I have seen."

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REPORTS FROM TWO AREAS

STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY

AT least one Hutt Valley family saw something in the sky early yesterday morning which caused them to ring "The Post" today to give an excited description.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, of Hill Grove, Naenae, their daughter Alice and her friend Ron Middleton, all saw a bright circular object des-

cribing a slow circular route about 2000 feet above Woburn about 1am.

It was travelling very slowly, and made only two or three circuits during the hour that the Browns watched it.

At the bottom of its more or less circular route the object had an array of sparks round its edges. As it travelled round clockwise, the sparks disappeared and a small red tail appeared instead.

As it began its downward journey the tail disappeared gradually, and the object itself diminished in size until it was hardly visible. When it reached the lowest part of the circular route the sparks appeared again and the process was repeated.

After seeing the object making its leisurely couple of circles, the Browns and Mr. Middleton went indoors.

'Probably Seeing Things'

DAD said we were probably seeing things, anyway, Alice Brown said this morning.

Checks with people who might conceivably be responsible for such phenomena produced no results. There was a meteorological balloon released at 10.45pm on Saturday, which would have burst long before 1am. The next one to be released left the ground at 5am.

And the Carter Observatory have heard nothing about meteorites, fireballs, or other curiosities in the area at that time.

The question remains: a thing from another world or merely spots before the eyes?

Karori, also, had them yesterday.

'Convinced'

A CORRESPONDENT who would like to remain "completely anonymous" says he had always scoffed at the reports of flying saucers. "But after seeing them myself, I am convinced."

Karori, however, had two objects, about 10.10pm yesterday. "One, with a greenish tinge, was flying very fast just below a bluish one," the correspondent writes.

"The two were circling around each other, and after a few seconds they shot off in different directions. The bluish one went in a more or less southerly direction, and the greenish one in a westerly direction."

After passing overhead at very high speed, they were followed a few seconds later by a soft hissing sound. "I suppose that must mean they were going at a speed a lot greater than sound," he concludes.

'Absurd, But I Think I've Seen A Saucer'

Two correspondents to "The Post" report having seen objects on Saturday night which they consider may fall into the category of "flying saucers."

The first correspondent says that at about 10.10am on Saturday, while travelling from the city to Karori, he saw "two objects in the sky, flying at high speed. There was a strange sound and sparks were flying out from the back part. They were ovoid in shape, and one was flying above the other all the time. The 'saucers' were of two different colours—the highest was a bluish colour, and the lower one was greenish. They emitted a phosphorescence which was quite spectacular.

"They circled at high speed and then parted. One flew off in a southerly direction, and the other seemed to fly off in a south-westerly direction."

FROM PLIMMERTON.

"I hope you will not think this absurd, but I think I have seen a flying saucer," reads the second letter. "At Plimmerton on Saturday night I saw a green luminous object to the east, travelling south at great speed towards Wellington. It was followed by a hissing noise, and had a band of brighter dots around it which may have been windows.

"It was round like a ball, I think, but definitely not the lights of a plane, which I at first thought, because it was going too fast, and was too bright."

Strange Objects In The Sky

(Special to the "Evening Post.")

PALMERSTON NORTH, Today.—Four reports of strange objects in the sky have been received. They are from independent witnesses, one at Feilding, one at Kelvin Grove, and two others at Palmerston North.

They say they saw a strange phenomenon between 9.45 and 9.50 o'clock on Saturday night and at about 12.45 am on Sunday.

A Feilding resident states that one of the objects was green in colour and travelling in a south-easterly direction towards Palmerston North. The "saucer" was egg-shaped and moving at a fairly high speed and accompanied by a faint hissing sound. While watching this green object approach Palmerston North, he saw a similar object, blue in colour, approach from the Hawke's Bay direction. The blue seemed to be slightly above the green, and they then proceeded together on a more or less southerly course, with the blue just above the green.

Two other witnesses independently corroborate this account almost to the letter.

10.10 a.m. is a misprint for 10.10 p.m. so that the time ties in with the second report from Palmerston North.

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

PRESS CUTTING: From: "Evening Post" Wellington, N.Z.

Date: 1 Dec 1952

THE ORIGINAL FLYING
SAUCER?

Sir.—Under the heading "Fifty Years Ago," the Dunedin "Star" recently reprinted the following paragraph, dated November 21, 1902:—

ADELAIDE, Nov. 21.—An extraordinary phenomenon was seen from the observatory yesterday in the form of a slowly-moving brilliant, globular light having a planetary disc. It moved slowly northward, passing within 15 degrees or 20 degrees of the sun. It was distinctly visible for three or four minutes, and appeared like Venus at its greatest brilliancy, travelling in full view over a space of 90 degrees. When near the point of vertical axis its form changed and became elongated. It was then lost in the glare of the sky.

This suggests that "flying saucers" are at least not a novelty.—I am, etc.,
L. D. AUSTIN.

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Secretary
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SCHOOLBOYS SEND "FLYING SAUCERS" OVER HAMILTON

HAMILTON, November 27 (P.A.).—Three "flying saucers" seen over Hamilton yesterday have been satisfactorily explained. They were nothing more sinister than balloons of hydrogen.

Their source was not Mars but a corner of the Hamilton High School grounds, and the beings who controlled them were not Martians in space suits and "glass bubble" headgear, but a group of Hamilton schoolboys clad in grey shorts, shirts and red caps of the Hamilton High School.

In view of the explanation which has been given, yesterday's "flying saucer" report has become unusual for it is probably the first time a reported sighting of a "flying saucer" has been adequately and authoritatively explained.

When the high school pupils engaged on hydrogen gas experiments had finished their work yesterday they filled three balloons with gas, coupled them together and released them, blissfully unaware of the mild furore their act was to cause among other pupils at the school and to residents in the city and suburbs.

An observer who came nearest to the true explanation is Mr. L. Jones, of Fairfield, who described what he saw in a letter written before the explanation was given.

He said the three objects "appeared to be joined together. They were round and blackish silver and were floating along very slowly. The main opinion of those who saw them was that they were weather balloons."

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PRESS CUTTING:

From: "Evening Post" Wellington, N.Z.

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18 Nov 1952

**'Flying Saucer'
Formation
Over Hawera**

NEW PLYMOUTH, Today (PA).
—Four bright, circular objects
in flight were seen by a Hawera
farmer at 3.30am on Saturday.

Mr. M. McKenzie, of Ohangai Road,
Hawera, was attending to his stock
when he caught sight of a formation
of the four "flying saucers." He said
they were flying one behind the other
at a height of about 3000 feet, with
about 100 yards between them. Their
size "was about that of a Tiger Moth."

Mr. McKenzie judged their height
by seeing them in line with the Daw-
son Falls Hostel on Mount Egmont.
They appeared to be flying from the
direction of Stratford towards Ka-
ponga and then turned back, "after a
wide sweep," to Okaiawa. Mr. Mc-
kenzie watched the objects for 10
minutes before he lost sight of them.
The third object appeared to be much
larger than the others.

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YOUNG "SCIENTISTS"

Efforts To Solve Flying Saucer Mystery

PA WELLINGTON, Nov. 11.

A New Zealand Junior Flying Saucer Society has just been formed in Wellington by six pupils of the Wellington South Intermediate School. The average age of the members is about 12 years. The society has no intention of affiliating with any other organisation interested in the phenomenon of flying saucers. The recently-formed body at Auckland is dismissed as "unscientific."

Young in years and full of confidence, the members of the Wellington society are convinced that they have a scientific theory—of electro-magnetic attraction—which fully explains flying saucers. They hope, by careful observation, trigonometry, and the assistance of the Carter Observatory, to solve the mystery.

Their theory is that flying saucers are from another planet comparatively close to the earth. They hope, by accumulating data about the description of saucers, their height, speed, direction, and time seen, to pin-point the mother planet.

Dissension of the theory breaks out at this point. Some members think the saucers are piloted by little men three feet high who are just observing the earth. Others do not believe in the little men. One school of thought considers that since an atom bomb was exploded in the United States all the saucers are now flying over New Zealand, where there is less radio activity. The opposing school considers that atomic explosions attract saucers and that there have been more seen since the Monte Bello test. Only one member of the society claims to have seen a flying saucer.

Grants For Maori Projects

PA WELLINGTON, Nov. 11.

The Maori Purposes Board has approved grants of £1000 each for two Maori community projects, it was announced today by the Minister of Maori Affairs, Mr Corbett.

The first grant is for the proposed meeting house at Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt, the first peg of the foundation of which was driven on Saturday by the Mayor of Lower Hutt, Mr Percy Dowse.

The second grant is for a community project, including a meeting house and amenities, at Otira, Bay of Islands.

PRESS CUTTING:

From:

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"FLYING SAUCER" REPORT CAUSED STIR IN 1909

THE "flying saucer" stories inevitably recall the "phantom airship" stories that caused great excitement in N.Z. 43 years ago.

It all began with reports of lights having been seen moving across the sky, but public interest was not really aroused until in July, 1909, it was reported that some school children and others at Kelso in Otago had seen in the air "a strange machine which they described as shaped like a boat, with what seemed like the figure of a man seated in it. The airship approached from the direction of the Blue Mountains, circled high over the school and then disappeared in the direction whence it had come."

Immediately afterwards a story came from Auckland about "the appearance of a peculiar light hovering in the sky in the direction of East Tamaki." It was thought to have been an airship and in support of this theory was the fact two residents of Auckland had constructed a flying machine which they had tried in several flights.

After this reports of the mysterious airship having been sighted came from many parts of the Dominion, from Southland, from North Otago, from the West Coast and from Christchurch, among others. Some people, who said they had seen it flying over North Otago, described it as "shaped like a boat with a flat top," and according to a report from Southland the body of the airship "resembled that of a whale."

As the stories about the "phantom airship" multiplied even credulous people began to doubt their truth. There were too many airships alto-

gether. The sky appeared to be swarming with them.

In 1909 man was beginning his conquest of the air. It was in July, 1909, that Bleriot flew the English Channel. In Germany Zeppelin was experimenting with his dirigibles, and in England a Dr Boyd had built an airship in secret and flown it to Ireland. Prior to this flight there were reports from various parts of Britain of a mysterious airship having been seen at night.

All this would seem to be sufficient to account for New Zealand's "phantom airship," the "flying saucer" of 1909.—J.W.

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Secretary,
Department of External Affairs.

1 NOV 1952

SOUTH WELLINGTON SEEKER AFTER KNOWLEDGE—OF FLYING SAUCERS

Into The Dominion office yesterday afternoon walked Kevin O'Brien. He introduced himself as South Wellington Intermediate School's Form 2G flying saucer information collector.

Kevin, who says he likes spending spare moments calculating data connected with a proposed trip to the moon, said 2G's form master had seen a flying saucer and as a result organised a saucer-spotting society among the class.

Kevin is sure there are flying saucers. He thinks they are propelled by electro-magnetic engines, and says two things help establish his theory.



Kevin O'Brien in search of a flying saucer.

One is that saucers, are always seen flying tilted which would be necessary for maximum efficiency with electro-magnetic engines. And the other is that a saucer's glowing light indicates such a machine.

And where do they come from?

Picking his words with tweezers, Kevin said: "I am sure they cannot come from anywhere on earth."

And why not? Because the stresses on the material of a saucer were beyond the strength of known alloys, even tungsten—"though, of course, they're not quite sure about tungsten yet."

What would Kevin do if a saucer landed on the playground, and a troop of little men marched out? Kevin looked serious. There'd be no need to panic, he said. We'd just have to try to settle things peaceably.

Flying Saucers Seen Over Dunedin By Experienced Airman

A "flying saucer" was seen over a suburb of Dunedin early this morning, flying at about 6,000 ft. altitude. And the man who reported sighting the object said this morning that he and his wife watched it for 20 minutes before it disappeared on a north-north-west course.

The "Star's" informant, J. P. Burke, of Glen Road, Dunedin, is an experienced pilot, having flown for 15 years, flying to his former club captain's Aero Club.

He was awakened by a ringing metallic noise to the noise made by the throttle mechanism, as he was aroused he saw the "flying saucer" in his bedroom window.

It was only a matter of a few seconds before he was out of bed and standing by the window, getting a good glimpse of the object.

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The whole machine, making a ringing metallic noise, was covered with a greenish-blue phosphorescent light, and was about the size of a Douglas Dakota aircraft.

GLOWING MASS

It was travelling at an estimated speed of between 250 and 300 miles an hour as it passed Mr. Burke's house, and it was not long before the sound disappeared and the machine lost its shape to become a glowing mass of light.

Its rate of climb, after it had passed over the suburbs of Mornington and Roslyn, heading towards the peak of Flagstaff, was no greater than the rate of climb for an ordinary aircraft, Mr. Burke said. After 20 minutes the machine disappeared in the distance, emitting a glow very much like a star.

As it reached the cloud base and passed into drifting pockets of cloud underneath, the entire formation of clouds was lit with a very bright glow.

Visibility was extremely good early this morning over the city, and Mr. Burke is confident that, although the object he saw was an aircraft of

Sighting on 28/10/52

"OBJECTS" IN SKY

Further Observations Over City

"Flying saucers" or other weird phenomena floating across the sky at night are still being seen in Dunedin. Shortly after 10.30 last night a Ravensbourne resident telephoned the Daily Times to say that he had seen lights in the sky above Kew.

The lights, he said, appeared to be moving across the sky towards the open sea. They changed colour from red to green while the object was in motion, and finally disappeared about 10.35 p.m. near the Otago Heads.

Immediately afterwards, another call was received from a member of the transmitter staff of 4YA who said that, with several others, he had seen lights in the sky above the city. They were seen a few minutes after 10.30 and appeared to be moving up and down like a kite. The lights moved slowly towards where he was standing with the others, but he had not seen them change colour. They faded away at 10.47 p.m.

Investigations made by a reporter from the roof of the Daily Times Building revealed nothing but inky darkness. There were, however, no stars overhead as the sky was completely overcast.

On returning to the inside of the building, the reporter was once more greeted by the urgent ringing of the telephone. This proved to be a member of the 4YA staff again with the information that the "flying saucer" had now been sighted in the area of Taieri Mouth.

SECOND OBJECT

Positive reports could be given but a strange object was seen yesterday morning flying over the coast line from the coast to about Balclutha was reported by Mr. Robert Starr, of Castle street, Dunedin.

Mr. Inrocci could not say that he had seen a flying saucer, but he admitted that what he had seen was very strange, and was definitely not a shooting star or wildfire.

Between midnight and 5.25 a.m. yesterday he was driving from Invercargill to Dunedin. Soon after he left Invercargill he noticed a peculiar orange light in the sky which occasionally turned a brilliant white.

Between Waiverua and Balclutha he stopped his car, turned off the lights, and had a good look at the object. It was on a straight and level course on the seaward side of the Main South road, and was well above the line of the hills.

When he resumed his journey, he saw the object several times, still on the same course and still flying straight and level. At no time did Mr. Inrocci hear any noise from the strange object.

MORE REPORTS

Strange Objects In Sky Over St. Clair

Several readers have confirmed the reports published in yesterday's Daily Times of strange objects being seen in the sky in the direction of St. Clair at about 10.30 on Sunday night. One man, a resident of Opoho, said that the object he saw "changed colour from the brightest green to the most distinct red." He explained that it was "going by and then coming down" for from six to eight minutes. It appeared to be the size of a soccer ball and "twice as bright as any star."

A Normanby resident informed a reporter that he saw two objects in the sky at 9.15. These remained until about 9.30. At 10.15 he noticed a single object which remained in view for about 15 minutes. He decided to sacrifice an hour or so of sleep to await developments, and his enterprise was rewarded at 12.30 when he saw "something that looked like a mushroom." Hues ranging from red to orange were seen and there were changes of colours at frequent intervals. All the objects were moving slowly.

A passenger on the express from Christchurch on Sunday night said yesterday that he saw an unusual light in the sky near Oamaru about 1 a.m. He watched it for about a quarter of an hour, in which time the light changed from blood red to yellow.

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'Flying Saucer' Reported By Hawera Men

HAWERA, Today.—The second "flying saucer" to be reported in South Taranaki within a month was seen by three Hawera men returning from whitebait fishing at the mouth of the Manawapou River about 8 o'clock last night. The men, Messrs. G. Rowlands, K. Frampton, and J. R. Mortlock, all agreed that when they first saw the object they thought it was a star until they noticed it was moving upwards and in an easterly direction.

They watched it for five minutes until it moved out of sight. Mr. Mortlock's description of the saucer was that it was round and reddish. He said it could not possibly have been a star because of its colour and movement. The round body of the object became elongated with each sideways movement.

Mr. Mortlock says there were four or five antennae-like balls above the main body of the saucer and that these balls were of a shade lighter colour. "The thing moved in a spinning, swinging sort of motion well above the outline of the hills. It was going in an easterly direction. I don't believe in flying saucers, and I wouldn't have told anyone about this one if I'd seen it when I was on my own, but there were two others with me and they saw it, too," said Mr. Mortlock.

He added that the movement of the object could be likened to a top which wobbled as it spun round. As they watched it it would grow in intensity and then fade.—(P.A).

29 OCT 1952

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Think I've Seen A Saucer

Two correspondents to "The Press" report having seen objects on Saturday night which they consider may fall into the category of "flying saucers."

The first correspondent says that at about 10.10am on Saturday while travelling from the city to the airport he saw "two objects in the sky, moving at high speed. There was a strange sound and sparks were being put out from the back part. They were ovoid in shape, and one was flying above the other all the time. The 'saucers' were of two different colours—the highest was a bluish colour, and the lower one was greenish. They emitted a phosphorescence which was quite spectacular.

"They circled at high speed and then parted. One flew on in a southerly direction and the other seemed to fly off in a south-westerly direction."

FROM PLIMMERTON.

"I hope you will not think this absurd, but I think I have seen a flying saucer," reads the second letter. "At Plimmerton on Saturday night I saw a green, luminous object in the east, travelling south at great speed towards Wellington. It was followed by a hissing noise, and had a trail of brighter dots around it which may have been windows.

It was round like a ball, I think, definitely not the lights of a plane, which I at first thought, because it was going too fast, and was too bright."

Strange Objects In The Sky

(Special to the "Evening Post.")

PALMERSTON NORTH, Today.—Four reports of strange objects in the sky have been received. They are from independent witnesses, one at Feilding, one at Kelvin Grove, and two others at Palmerston North.

They say they saw a strange phenomenon between 9.45 and 9.50 o'clock on Saturday night and at about 12.45 am on Sunday.

A Feilding resident states that one of the objects was seen in colour and travelling in a south-westerly direction, towards Palmerston North. The "saucer" was egg-shaped and moving at a fairly high speed and accompanied by a faint hissing sound. While watching this green object approach Palmerston North, he saw a similar object, blue in colour, approach from the Hawke's Bay direction. The blue seemed to be slightly above the green, and they then proceeded together on a more or less southerly course, with the blue just above the green.

Two other witnesses independently corroborate this account almost to the letter.

PRESS CUTTING:

From: "Dominion" Wellington, N.Z.

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Astronomer Says Flying Saucers Have Basis In Natural Phenomena

DUNEDIN, November 21 (P.A.).—"Flying saucers!" say the uninitiated. "Natural phenomena", retorts Mr. W. D. Anderson, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and a life-long sky-gazer.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Anderson scouted recent reports of unidentified objects soaring and swooping through space.

"While not prepared to suggest that every observer has been mistaken in his identification of these mysterious objects, I am firmly of the opinion that all these apparitions have been in fact natural phenomena," he said.

"It is surely significant that none of the recent reports emanated from an established observatory. Experienced sky-gazers who study the heavens as a matter of routine when conditions are favourable have reported nothing unusual," said Mr. Anderson.

He went on to say that it was also significant that at the time of the reports at least two major planets had been prominent in the evening sky—

Jupiter in the north and Venus in the west.

Meteors and shooting stars could also be observed on most clear nights. Clouds, with wind and other atmospheric conditions, would account for the seeming movement of these planets.

"To dub them 'flying saucers' is in my opinion natural enough but absolutely erroneous," Mr. Anderson said.

"Anyone who sees what he thinks is a flying saucer is at liberty to ring me up and tell me about it. I will try to give an accurate identification, using binoculars or a refracting telescope.

"I am sceptical about these reports but I am very willing to co-operate in the matter of identification."

Auckland After Th.

AUCKLAND, Today (PA).—organisation — Civilian Saucer Investigation (New Zealand)—was set up in Auckland last night to prove or disprove the existence of flying saucers.

The following committee was elected: President, Mr. H. H. Fulton (a sergeant in the R.N.Z.A.F. attached to engineering); secretary, Mr. R. J. Lavaris (a member of the Territorial Air Force); committee, Messrs. G. H. Gilmore (a former commercial aviation engineering inspector), B. Purdeu (a former R.A.F. intelligence officer), D. Lavaris (a student studying for a science degree), and E. J. N. Greager (an astronomer and engineer). The committee's address is P.O. Box 1914, Auckland.

From discussions last night it seemed that committee members believe flying saucers are real. They consider that the saucers are driven by high intelligence and that they have shown a human way of avoiding aircraft and of seeking out certain obstacles. A globe pinpointed by Mr. D. Lavaris suggests that saucers or their pilots have shown inquisitiveness and curiosity. The most intensive sightings have been around Texas (oil), Fort Knox (gold stores), White Sands, New Mexico (America's atomic energy project), military bases, research stations, and, in the last few weeks, Australia and New Zealand. Is this, committee members ask, because Britain's first atomic bomb was exploded recently at the Monte Bello islands?

...he said that since the social security scheme started in 1939, much more than £100,000,000 had been transferred from general taxes to meet the deficiency. A commission of experts should, therefore be charged with examining and reforming it on a sound actuarial basis.

High taxation, apart from its depressing influence on business, he said, did not permit an adequate proportion of the national income to be ploughed back as capital investment in buildings, machinery, and equipment.

Taxation not only provided the Government with funds, but also served to equalise the distribution of wealth. However, overall taxation should be kept at a level which did not throw the commercial structure out of balance.

Taxation now amounted to about 30 per cent. of the national income, against 19 per cent. in 1938-39.

Capital, manpower, and materials were today far from sufficient to meet demands. New Zealand could not increase production and thereby improve or maintain its standard of living unless it increased technical efficiency.

Should not the Government seek fresh capital through long-term loans, preferably in the United Kingdom, but, if necessary, in the United States or Canada, and thus ease the strain on

NO PRECISE DETAIL.

"One would have to go into all these observers' letters in detail and carry out a big correspondence to get more information," he said. "With meteors, if we get the altitude above the horizon—and it can only be estimated because the meteor moves so quickly—the direction, and a bearing, say, on a church spire or a hill, we can draw a line on a map and do a bit of triangulation. But we need a great number of reports—200, or so—to cancel out possible errors, in spite of all the flying saucer reports all over the world, science has never been given precise information by which it could track such an object as it does meteors."

All over the world people were sighting "saucers" 10,000 feet and travelling at 2000 miles an hour, said Mr. Thomsen. That did not mean a thing. If people were as good at estimating as that they should be in the army as gun rangers.

Mr. Thomsen said that since his name had been mentioned in connection with flying saucers two people had written to him asking if he wanted reports of sightings. He did not want to discourage flying saucer observers, but he did not have the staff to deal with such reports. He would prefer the reports to be sifted first.

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Riccarton Ru Confused By

CHRISTCHURCH, November unsettled nature of the weather heavy track have left plans indecisive horses engaged on the second day of racing at Riccarton tomorrow. Horses going were shattered when drizzle continued intermittently today. The forecast is for southerly winds and patrons are due for another

FLYING SAUCERS.

Various books and Magazines on the above subject.

<u>Title.</u>	<u>Author.</u>
The Riddle of the Flying Saucer. (Published by Carroll and Nicholson, London)	Gerald Heard.
Behind the Flying Saucers (Published by Victor Gollancz, London)	Frank Scully.
The Flying Saucers are Real. (Booklet)	Donald Keyhoe.
Have we visitors from Space.	Life Magazine. 5th July, 1952.
Photographs and Story.	New Zealand Free Lance. 17th September, 1952

Saucer Investigation - Civilian Societies.

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Recent Saucer Sightings reported in the Press.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>No. of People.</u>	<u>Time in View.</u>
Auckland	1/9/52	6 p.m.	6 or more	1 minute.
Otahuhu	1/9/52	10.30/11 p.m.	12 or more	6 to 30 sec
Dunedin	28/9/52	12 p.m.	1	3 minutes
Hamilton	29/9/52	3 a.m.	2	
Oamaru	23/10/52	9 - 10 p.m.	5	20 minutes
Lyell Bay, Wellington.	26/10/52	1.30 a.m.	2	
Dunedin	28/10/52	2.45 a.m.	2	20 minutes
Invercargill	28/10/52	10.18 p.m.	9	17 minutes
Ch'Ch/New Brighton	29/10/52	9 p.m.	1	
Taradale, Napier.	30/10/52	9.28 p.m.	2	3 to 4 min.
Nelson	30/10/52	6.53 p.m.	1	5 minutes
South Taranaki	30/10/52	7.53 - 8 p.m.	3	5 minutes
Gisborne	2/11/52	9.15 p.m.	2	10 minutes
Gisborne	3/11/52	9.15 p.m.	3	10 minutes
Nelson	3/11/52	11.48 - 51 p.m.	1	5 minutes
Rockville	3/11/52	9.45 p.m.	1	10 minutes
Twyford. H.B.	4/11/52	9.15 p.m.	2	10 minutes
Longlands. H.B.	5/11/52	9.15 p.m.	2	10 minutes
Hawera	15/11/52	3.3 a.m.	1	10 minutes

FLYING SAUCERS

The following information of a "sighting" was reported to me by _____ employed as a temporary clerk in this Directorate.

On 10th November 1952 at 1915 hours, a crescent shape object, electric blue in colour, with the horns of the crescent pointing in the direction of flight. It was in the "banked" position of a turning aircraft and disappeared in a northerly direction over the hills of Khandallah. The object was viewed from the Terrace when walking towards Parliament buildings. It was visible for only about two or three seconds.

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Saucer-shaped Avenus

Two pilots of the Australian Government-operated Trans Australia Airlines report that near Canberra on a Sydney-to-Melbourne flight yesterday they saw what appeared to be a flying saucer.

Under consideration: one of them, former Group Captain Gordon Saville, who has had long flying experience, says what he saw might have been the planet Venus rising over the plane.

When flying a freight plane with Pilot Officer F. E. Haglow he sighted eastward and above them a new, bright white light which alternated at 15 second intervals to red. The light appeared to be going in the same direction as the plane but much faster. The plane climbed to 5000 feet but the object appeared to draw away and disappear.

—PA (rec. 10.30 p.m.)

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Random Notes —

The Flying Saucer Investigators — Days

W. B. W. W. Beer — November 11th

A New organisation called the British Saucer Investigation instituted at Auckland to prove or disprove the existence of flying saucers has been affiliated to an international body of saucer investigators. One can but wish members good hunting and good luck.

The evidence at present has been conflicting. Many people have seen flying saucers. Included in the list there are undoubtedly people who have been seeing things that had no existence outside their own imagination. But also included in the list are experienced pilots and others. It is unlikely that all have reported products of their own imagination. There is also included in the list a number of people who may well have seen some natural phenomenon akin to flying saucers. Such things as meteors and certain high altitude effects produce presentations like the flying saucer which may have caused confusion.

Flying saucers have been reported over a period of nearly 100 years and this cannot be classed as new. But the number seen during the last 10 years has greatly exceeded the total reported previously. It would thus seem that there may be more than one source of these phenomena of the sky. One thing that is significant is that their speeds in nearly every case have been given as around 5000 to 10,000 miles an hour, compared with some 30,000 miles an hour, which is a round speed for meteors. Furthermore, at least one person who saw a flying saucer at close range reported that there were people on board.

It is thus not possible lightly to dismiss all the evidence already available. This evidence suggests that we have a choice of three sources of origin: Man-made products, visitors from another world, or natural phenomena. It may well be that the real truth is a combination of some of these or all of them. It might be that the detonation of our atomic bomb has been picked up in other worlds and

investigation expeditions have been sent to see what we are doing. But the most likely cause is still a local one. The flying saucer design is by no means new. Suggestions along similar lines were made as long ago as the beginning of the century, but for lack of motive power little was done. Meanwhile, it is significant that there have been no definite denials from any responsible authorities that they have not been experimenting with flying saucers. Some years ago there was reason to suggest that at least one type of flying saucer was undergoing tests by at least one major power.

At the moment the matter rests there, but the chances of some flying saucers being of local origin would appear to be in the ratio of three to two.

FLYING SAUCERS

Attached is a report of a meteor like object sighted on 16th October 1952 by Mr. John R. Jennings, employed as an occupational psychologist at DSIR.

In view of this and other similar reports which have appeared in the Press recently, I spoke with Mr. Adams, an astronomer at the Carter Observatory. He stated that the numerous "Flying saucer" reports received at the observatory have all been capable of rational explanation. He has received no information from any international astronomical societies which suggests that the phenomena is anything but natural.

The two foremost authorities on meteors in New Zealand are Mr. Ronald MacIntosh of Auckland and Dr. Elliot of Canterbury University. The latter has a radar installation which plots meteors and Dr. Elliot would no doubt co-operate if requested to give information.

17.10.52.

R. Jennings
1952

Also attached is a reporting form prepared by the Carter Observatory. The purpose of this form is to obtain information regarding sightings of meteors, etc.

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FLYING SAUCER OVER WELLINGTON.

Just after 8.30 p.m. on 16th October 1952 I was outside my front door (upper part of Messines Road, Karori, Wellington) facing East, admiring the clear sky and stars, when I saw what for a moment I took for a meteor. My next reaction was that this was a very large meteor about to land uncommonly close. Then, "no, it is not a meteor, it is a flying saucer". The object was flying from East to West, at a guess about mid-way between Eastbourne and the Heads. It went very fast, some three, four or five (?) times as fast as a fast plane. Its appearance was like the reflection of a searchlight on the bottom of a cloud, but its course, from my angle, took it well clear of the two or three small clouds in the sky, which lay to the South of its course. It became obscured by some small trees, and I rushed forward to try to follow its course to the West, but I could not see it again. It did not seem to be travelling at a very great height, perhaps 10,000 feet, but this was very difficult to judge, as was its size. There was no sign of searchlight activity, or a searchlight cone. A "saucer" seemed to be quite a good description of the object.

I went indoors, and said to my wife "guess what I have seen". "A flying saucer" she replied. "Yes". "Why did'nt you call me?" "It went far too quickly". (There was a cartoon in the Evening Post depicting various flying kitchen utensils). My strongest drink had been milk. Having had this experience, I think I should report it, at any rate within my Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

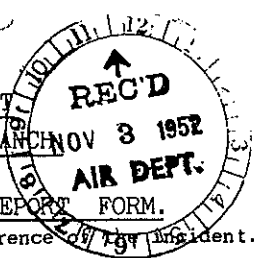
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AIR DEPARTMENT
CIVIL AVIATION BRANCH



C.A. Form D-7.

AIR SAFETY INCIDENT REPORT FORM.

(To be submitted within 24 hrs. of occurrence of the incident.)

Wellington

TO: CONTROLLER OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. (THROUGH AREA CONTROLLER.....)

(Attn, A.I.S.)

The following incident in relation to the safety of air navigation is reported.

PLACE: Sugarloaf hill near Napier DATE: 30/10/52 TIME: approx 9.30pm.

A/C TYPE(s): extremely bright unknown object MARKING:

DETAILS OF INCIDENT: Senr. Sgt. Tanner of Napier police reports that a communication

from a person who gave his name and address and reporting the sighting of the

object has been filed for possible future use and/or investigation. Mr. -----

was driving along the road from Napier towards Greenmeadows at approximately 9.30 pm on thursday 30th October, 1952, when he and his companion saw a very bright light or object over the Sugarloaf hill. It remained motionless for a few minutes then moved to the left then returned to right before disappearing out of sight. It was too bright to have been mistaken for a star and he is convinced that it was a "flying saucer" though the brightness prevented them from discerning its shape.

His companion will corroborate the above details."

(SIGNED) *J.M. Sutherland* REPORTING OFFICER.

ACTION TAKEN BY SENIOR OFFICER AT REPORTING STATION:

Police advised that though the incident was unusual it would be despatched to appropriate section of Air Department for actioning.

(SIGNED) *J.M. Sutherland* S.C.O. Napier Tower.

PLACE: 31/10/52

(For use by AREA CONTROLLER.)

COMMENTS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

File

(SIGNED) AREA CONTROLLER.

(FOR USE BY HEAD OFFICE.)

CLASSIFICATION: OTHER REFERENCES (File No's.)

ACTION REQUIRED:

(SIGNED.)

CONTROLLER OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

FLYING SAUCERS (?)

On 16th September 1952, Wg. Cdr. Gibson, the Director of Civil Aviation stated that on 12th or 13th September, in the early evening, he saw 3 or 4 bright white lights burst in the air over Mount Victoria. On the 15th September at 1755 hrs he saw two similar balls of light burst in the northern sky. Small traces of smoke were left behind.

Enquiries made at Carter Observatory show that the above occurrences are consistent with "daylight meteorites" which are visible in September and October.

Ronald ...
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17th September, 1952

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