

stencils, operate the mimeograph, assemble the magazine, a chore I detest (Me, too, Norma! - Ed.) and mail it off. Fringe benefits are the good friends I make through correspondence with other editors, contributors, etc., and of course, keeping up with the latest reports on UFOs. I enjoy the work or I wouldn't be doing it, for there certainly isn't any money in it as I'm sure every editor and publisher will agree. Some, of course, put their best reports into lectures and books and make a little profit this way, but that isn't my line. SKYLOOK is my "all" and it gets the best I can give."

Thank you, Norma, for your interesting story of success achieved through hard work and reliability, and we're sure that all of our readers wish you continued success with your fine magazine. In conclusion, may we add that Topside highly recommends to its readers Norma's publication SKYLOOK which is always jam-packed with interesting UFO reports and data. Subscription rate is \$4.00 for 12 monthly issues and it is worth every cent. An introductory copy may be obtained for 35¢. Write to SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo. 65078, U.S.A. We have just received the August 1970 issue of SKYLOOK which is described as a "Mid-Summer Special". Send for your copy of this giant-size edition today - we guarantee you'll enjoy every interesting page!

LATEST REPORT ON OTTAWA'S MYSTERY METAL

In our last issue, we informed our readers that we were awaiting receipt of the report on the tests and findings of the samples of the mystery metal as carried out by Dr. E. Smith, Head of Metal Physics Section, Federal Department of Energy, Mines & Resources in Ottawa and which Dr. P. Millman, who heads Canadian Government UFO research, advised would be sent "shortly". We are sure it will come as no great surprise to most of you to learn that to date, over 6 months later, we are still awaiting receipt of this report which, so far, has taken the Canadian Government over 9 years to produce! While we accept this fact philosophically, realizing that it is par for the course when dealing with governments who adopt the Silence Policy on UFO matters, we admit to being somewhat puzzled at the delay if, as alleged, the results of the study show no evidence of extraterrestrial origin - or could it be that the proof of this would not stand up to close scientific scrutiny? And thus, as all along the line, it has been governmental silence which has created much of the mystery that still surrounds the 3,000-lb. chunk of unidentified hardware.

Meanwhile, Arthur Bray, who initiated this latest request for a governmental investigation into the mystery metal, has written again to Dr. Millman asking him when he might expect to receive a copy of Dr. Smith's report. In reply, he received a brief acknowledgment stating that the report would be sent on to him as soon as it was ready. In studying our copies of letters written by Dr. Millman to Arthur Bray, we note 2 rather intriguing and apparently contradictory statements, as follows. In his letter dated 21 Jan. 1970, Dr. Millman states: "I should remind you that in the case of material from space such as moon rocks, meteorites, re-entry debris from spacecraft, there has been no difficulty experienced by competent scientists in recognizing its non-terrestrial nature and identifying it as different to terrestrial material." (It is intriguing to note here that "re-entry debris from spacecraft" is included among the material that competent scientists experience no difficulty in recognizing its non-terrestrial nature. Is this then an admittance that scientists have examined debris from those flying saucers which governments would have us believe do not exist?) And yet, in a letter dated Sept. 9, 1969, Dr. Millman had this to say: "I think I should mention here however, that even with a complete examination and analysis of such a specimen, it is not a foregone conclusion that we can give an absolutely definite yes or no concerning its terrestrial or extraterrestrial origin." In view of these 2 apparently conflicting statements, we can only ask 2 questions: (1) How come they are suddenly so certain that the metal is not of extraterrestrial origin?, and (2) Will the real Dr. Millman please stand up?

Some time ago, at the request of Mr. Lionel Beer, we sent full details of the mystery metal to him and we note that he has featured this material and photos in the Jan. 1970 issue of Spacelink. However, it would appear that the main purpose of re-printing this already widely-publicized material was to apply what can only be described as destructive criticism to it at the end of the article, as supplied by Spacelink's technical consultant, G.C. Brown. While Mr. Brown covers himself nicely by saying that his comments are really no more than conjecture, he goes on to say that the photos seem to confirm that the material is foundry waste. In reply, we can only ask - since when has a photograph, the most suspect of all UFO evidence, been the basis for a scientific conclusion or even a conjecture? He then says that the surface of the material appears to have a slag covering which would support the foundry waste theory and yet later suggests that re-entry from outer space would produce molten disruption of the original mass! He writes off the photo of the inclusion on the outer surface of the metal (which, incidentally, we did not claim to be a meteorite but left it open as an interesting possibility) as valueless, scientifically speaking, as there is no scale of measurements. Mr. Brown has a valid point here, but ends with the facetious remark that it might just as easily be a picture of an egg lying on the beach! Were this not so laughable, it might well be interpreted as an insult to the intelligence and integrity of members of our group who witnessed the taking of these pictures with the aid of microphotography. He states that manganese doesn't burn the way Wilbert B. Smith suggests, but what of the possibility of it being mixed with some extraterrestrial material unknown to us? Nowhere in his comments does Mr. Brown leave the doorway open to even the possibility of the metal being anything but of terrestrial origin, nor does he acknowledge the existence of the many mysterious aspects of the case which over 9 years of extensive research by professional and governmental scientists have not yet been able to explain. This tends to invalidate the judgment of his armchair diagnosis of the origin of the metal.

Spacelink's Editor then adds her comments, most of which we accept as being constructive and more reasonable for she does at least admit to the mystery of the finding of the metal on a shore of the St. Lawrence River. She wonders, however, if the Canadian researchers checked whether ships using the river ever carry foundry waste as ballast or for any other reason, or checked with the foundries. We certainly did, Miss Gregory, and were advised by the St. Lawrence River Authority that it is not the practice of ships to use foundry waste as ballast because of the costly problem of loading and unloading it. We were told that the standard practice is for ships to use water which can be conveniently pumped into and out of the vessel at no great expense. And if, for some inexplicable reason, a ship was carrying foundry waste and decided to jettison it mid-river, by its weight alone, it would sink straight to the bottom of the river. As for the foundries, the nearest one is 50-60 miles up river from the location where the 3,000-lb. chunk of metal was found on the shore of the St. Lawrence River near Les Ecreils, Quebec, and it is hard to conceive of any sane reason why a foundry would go to the expense of transporting this heavy mass of metal all this distance and then, incongruously, leave it delicately balanced on a rock on a boulder-strewn shore of the St. Lawrence River.

In the meantime, private research into the mystery metal continues on a wider scale than ever before. As a result of our last article on this subject, we've received many requests for samples for test & analysis, one from a top-level source which, for the time being, we've been asked to treat as confidential. A full report will be published later on.

A NEW AGE PRAYER

Our Cosmic Father Who art Everywhere, Revered be Thy Holy Name. Thy Kingdom of Love, Light and Peace come to us on this planet. Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in the Higher Realms. Give us each day those material things sufficient unto our needs and enough to share with others less blessed. And forgive us our human errors as we forgive those of others who seek to harm us. And leave us not in our hours of temptation, but protect us from the folly of others. For Thine is the Universe, the Power and the Glory throughout Eternity. Amen.