

In Washington, It's Not the Heat, It's the Hallucination

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Flying Saucer Query Forms Being Readied

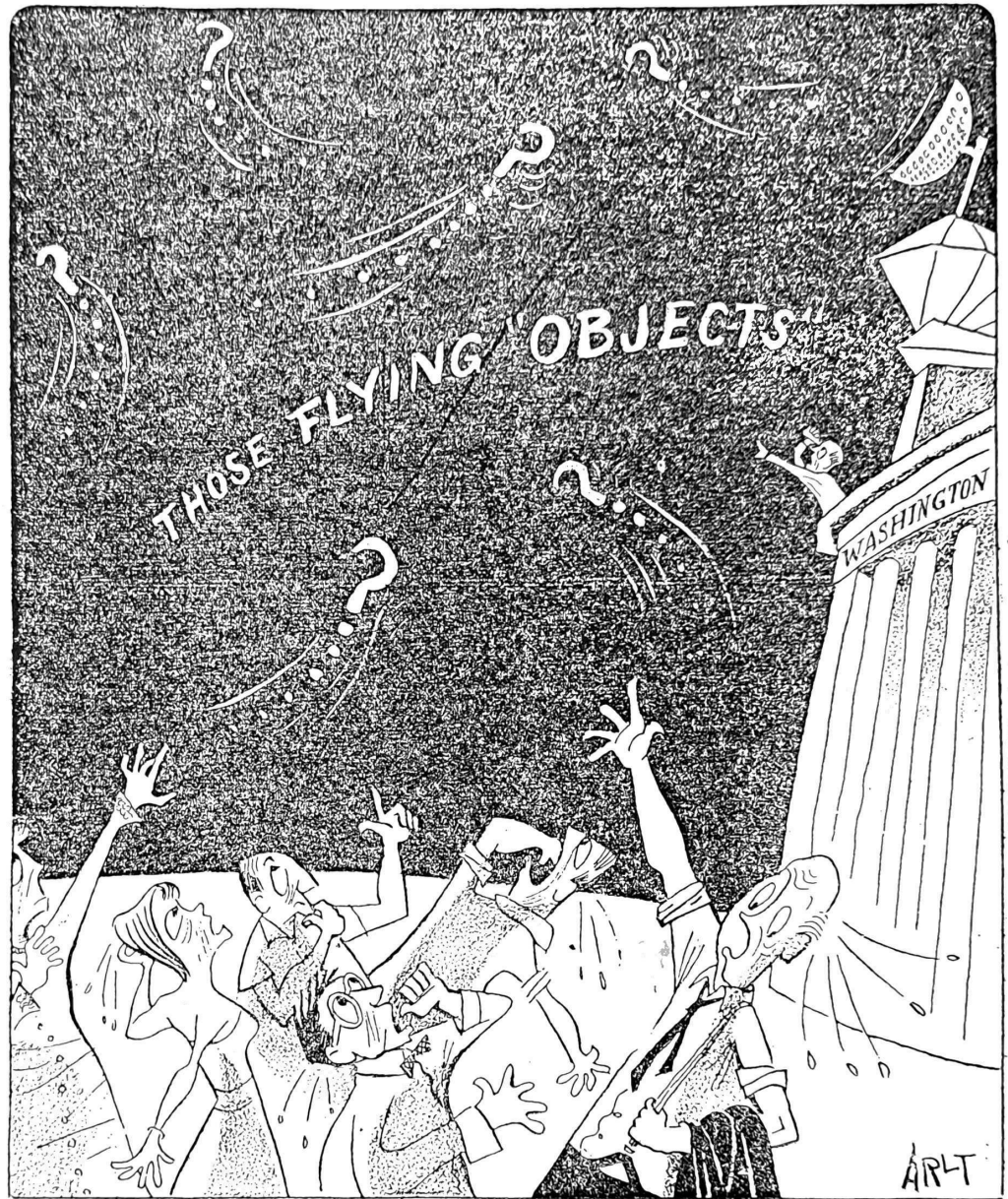
Next time you spot a flying saucer, you will be asked to fill out an Air Force form which eventually will be processed by the 27th Air Division (Defense) intelligence officer at Norton Air Force Base.

A United Press release from the Pasadena Air Force Filter Center stated that the forms would go to Air Intelligence at Norton Base following their evaluation by the Air Defense Command. Officers in the 27th Air Division, however, refused to comment on what they do with the forms.

The form has 25 questions on the "unidentified flying objects" and will be distributed nationally.

Most of the questions concern a description of the object, its surroundings and the time it was spotted. But there is one "loaded" question:

"Did you get any fragments?"



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More Saucers!



The Flying Saucers

THAT five-year-old mystery—the flying saucer—is in the news again.

Fact or figment of the imagination, whichever they may be, the U. S. Air Force says that a “perplexing and tantalizing” 25 per cent of “flying saucer” reports cannot be explained away. Some day such reports may definitely be termed real or imaginative, but until then the stories of witnesses should not be taken too seriously. Or too lightly either.

The Air Force thinks so much of these reports that it has a project, “Operation

Bluebook” to receive, screen and correlate such data. The job is in good hands.

Civilian defense observers, trained in their work, keep an eye peeled on the skies at all times of the day and night. Those who take part in this “Operation Skywatch” are volunteers and should receive our thanks.

The resources of our Army, Navy and Air Force are available, besides.

So sleep well these comfortable nights and leave to the experts the job of tracking down the celestial enigmas

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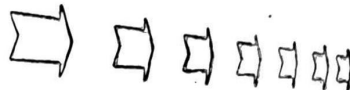
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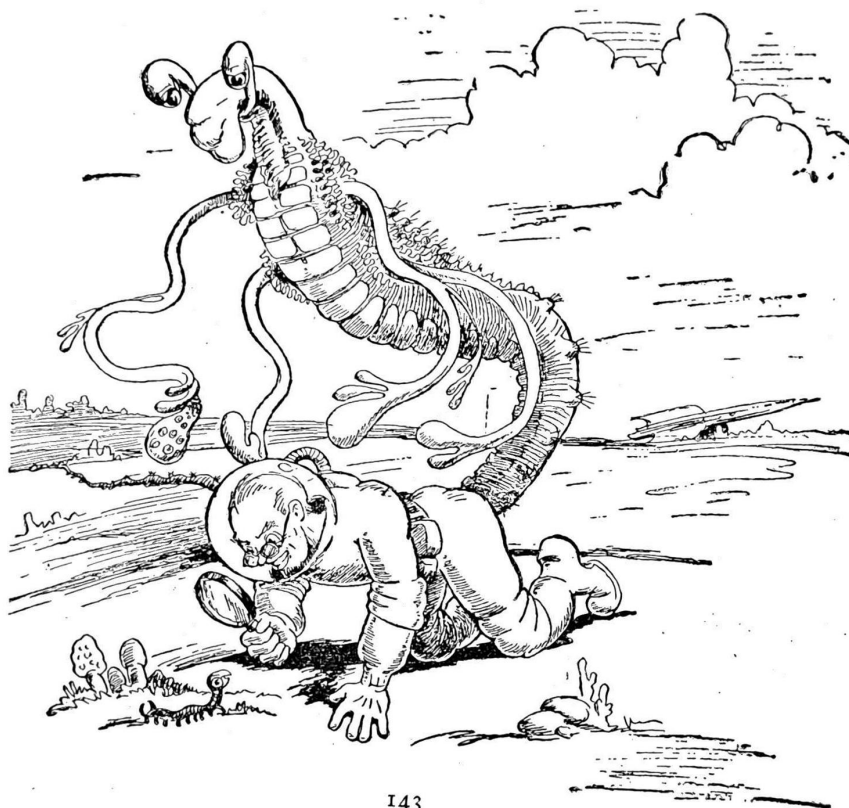
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SPECIAL FEATURES



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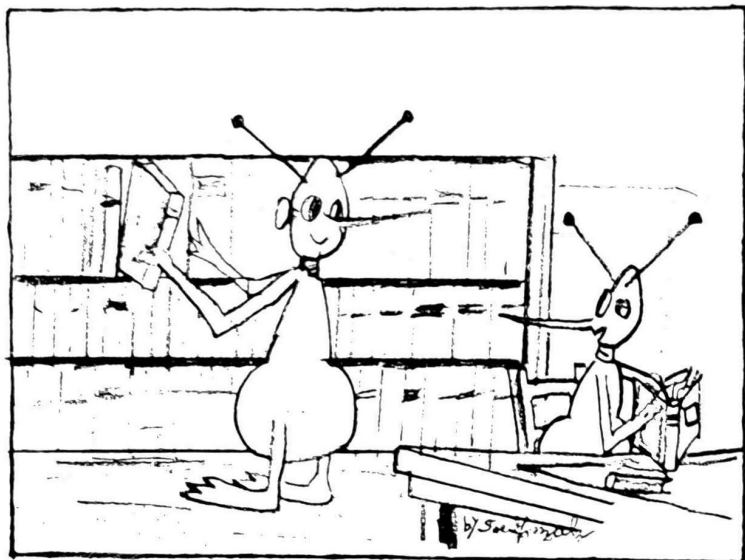
A NEW INQUIRY INTO THE FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY - (Part One)

- by Thomas M. Comella -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Comella has been a noted UFO researcher for a number of years. His last article for our magazine appeared in the February-March 1959 issue. In it, he announced his retirement from saucer research. We are pleased that he has now come back out of retirement, and that his initial article is for SAUCER NEWS.)

Sixteen years ago people began observing strange things in the skies. In subsequent years the incredible phenomena manifested themselves over most of the world, and a crescendo of conjecture arose to account for these sightings. Cigars, disks and lights were seen, and it wasn't long before pilots began to encounter the sky marauders along the airways, and people in isolated places reported huge machines coming close to the ground. Finally, the inevitable happened (if the emerging pattern was to be continued), and the saucers began to land, - their occupants engaging in lengthy conversations with earth people. These visitors pointed out to them the present world crisis, offered their assistance, and issued warnings. Many other contacts followed, involving trance communication, telepathy, etc. A relatively few people from all walks of life, as if inspired, looked to the skies in awe and commenced to pursue this mystery, publishing magazines, forming organizations, holding lectures, and carrying on a continuous research concerning the arrival of the flying saucers.

Out of this conglomeration of occurrences several opinions crystallized. The most popular was that these phenomena represented the vast activity of an advanced race from outer space. This was not a homogeneous belief, as two factions emerged- the conservatives and the radicals. The conservatives maintained that an objective, scientific analysis of the facts proved that the saucers were (1) intelligently controlled and (2) machines which were beyond the technical capability of any nation on earth. This faction, although tolerant of good, close sightings, rejected most if not all reports of landings



"This reference book says that Mars is uninhabited. We better rush back and find out where everybody is!"



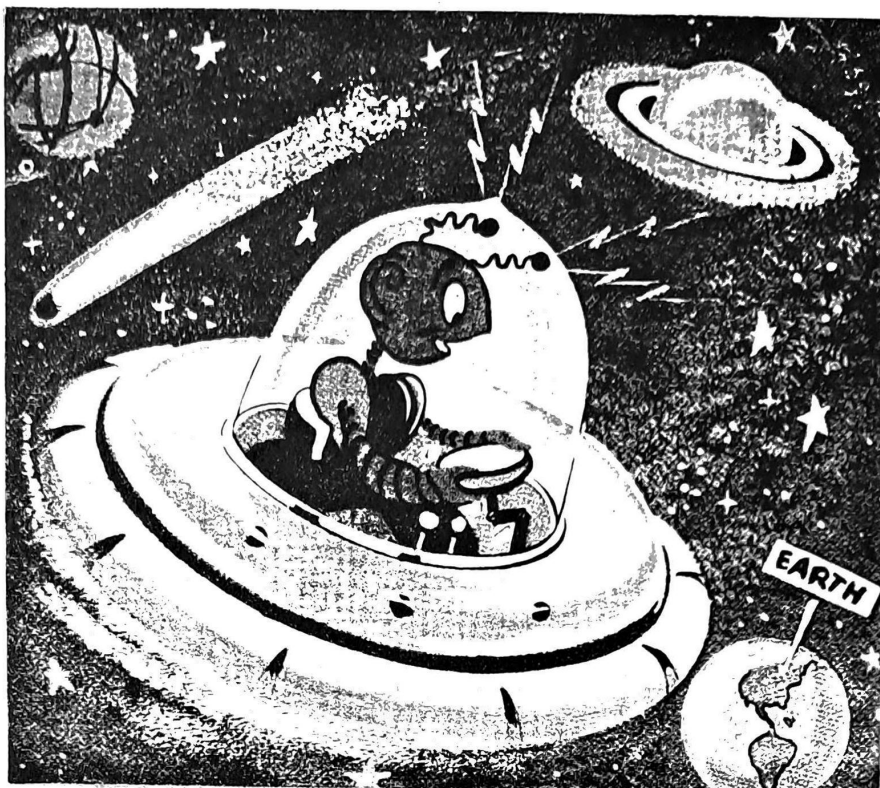
"Long distance, please."

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the new device for instantaneous and continuous examination of X-ray treatments. In Astronomy, where the 200-inch telescope has represented the practical limits of observation, the Lumicon will have the effect of achieving a 1200-inch lens. This is expected to make possible the first photographs ever made of the rarely seen canals of Mars.

(Drawing on right depicts our artist's conception of a Martian.)

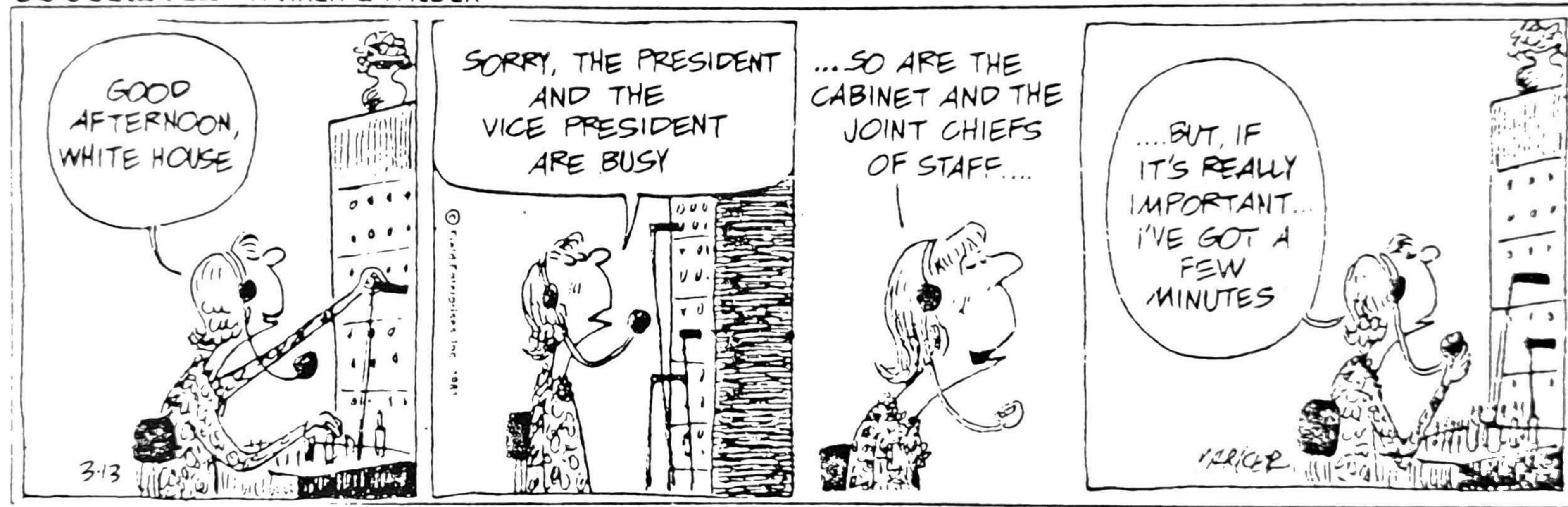


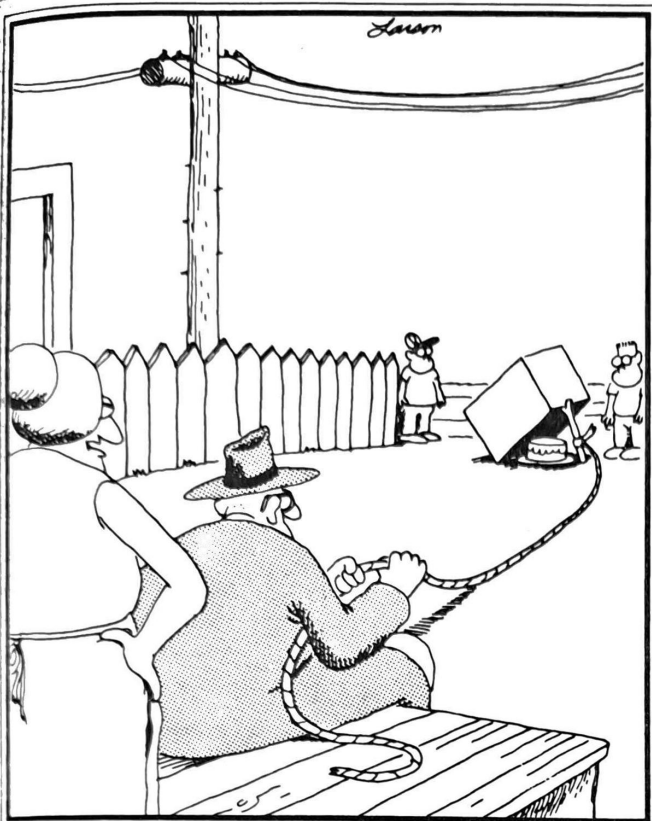
SAUCER DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWN IN NEW YORK: Last May 9th the Editor of SAUCER NEWS was privileged to witness an advance showing, at the United Artists offices in New York, of the documentary saucer movie, "Unidentified Flying Objects". Also present at the showing were officials of the Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group of New York and the North Jersey U.F.O. Group. The showing was sponsored by Felix Morrow, publisher of Gray Barker's book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers".

This documentary contains two genuine previously-secret motion picture clips of flying saucers - the first taken in Montana in August, 1950, by Nicholas Mariana, and the second taken in Utah in July, 1952, by Warrent Officer Delbert C. Newhouse. Although the Newhouse film has received far more publicity in the past, the movie taken by Mariana was actually the better of the two, in this observer's opinion. It is shorter in length than Newhouse's Utah film, but it is clearer, and shows two saucers flying near and behind a good point of reference - a water tower. The Newhouse movie shows approximately 14 saucers in all, moving in a changing formation, but it is not nearly as clear, and has no point of reference.

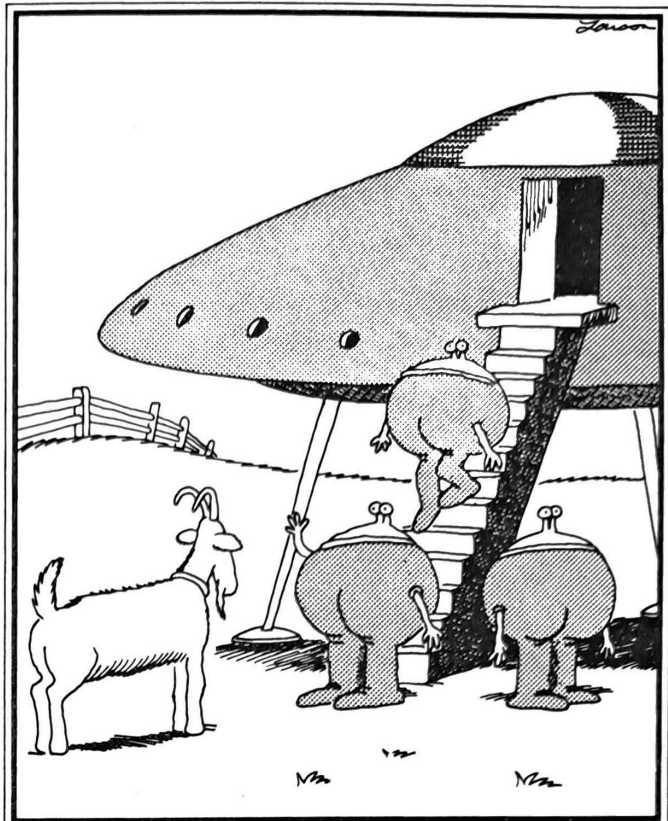
The documentary as a whole is a dramatization of some of the outstanding episodes in "saucer history" - the Mantell Case, the Lt. Gorman "dog fight", the famous night sighting over Washington D.C. in July of 1952, and others. "Unidentified Flying Objects" will be given a general release at about the time this issue of SAUCER NEWS reaches you. Don't miss seeing it if you have the chance.

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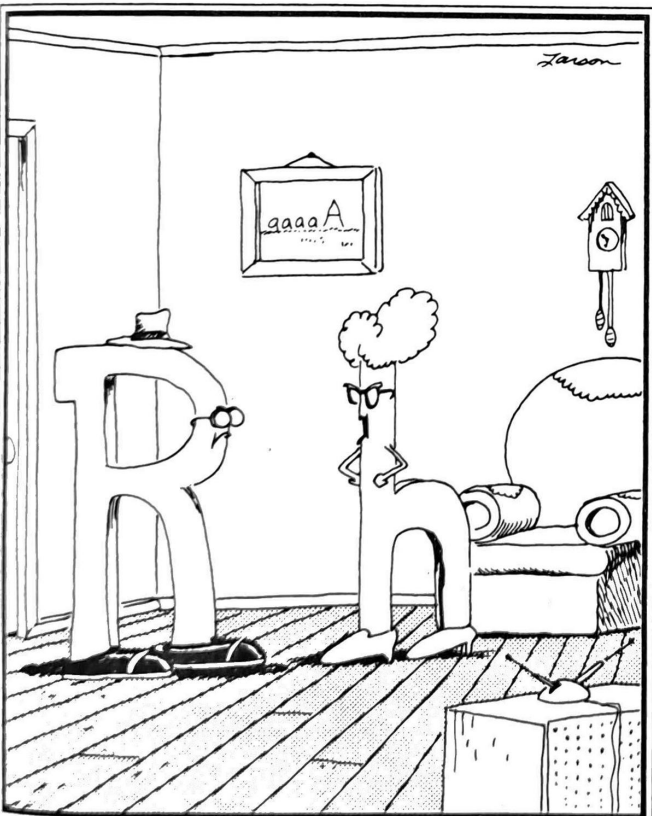




"Good heavens, Charles! You're at it again! ... And with my fresh sponge cake, I see!"



When worlds collide



"All right! All right! If you want the truth, off and on I've been seeing *all* the vowels—a, e, i, o, u ... Oh, yes! And sometimes y!"



"Ladies! Ladies! He's back! ... Our mystery man who does the Donald Duck impression!"



"MISSED!"



"Where's a U.F.O.?"



"It'll take you a couple of days to get used to these express elevators."



"Watch out...the plate's hot."

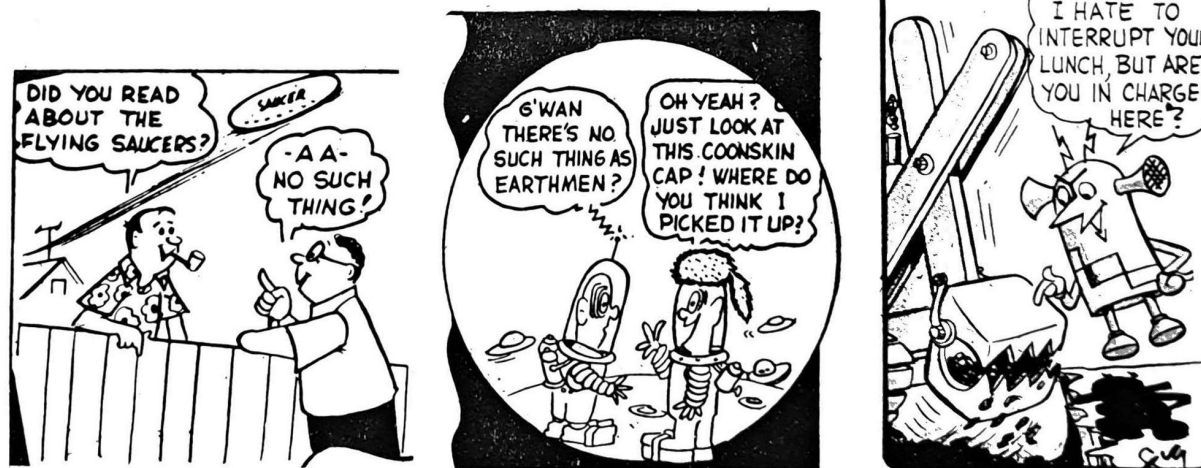
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self preservation. They want to prevent us from being on the threshold of space flight. When we accomplish this, we will visit other planets - for scientific exploration and study, for conquest, for settlement, for the carrying of germ warfare to them, deliberately or unintentionally, as we did to the South Pacific and the Eskimos, and with the same dire results to the victims. Thus, every intelligently-inhabited planet that develops space flight is a possible menace to every other intelligently-inhabited planet.

To keep us from developing space flight and thus menacing them, our visitors can (1) keep knocking our experimental aircraft from the skies; (2) destroy us; (3) establish a dictatorship over us. The first requires perpetual vigilance by our visitors, and the second means they must be ruthless with no moral sense. Assuming they are of higher intelligence than we are, we can hope they decide on the third course of action.

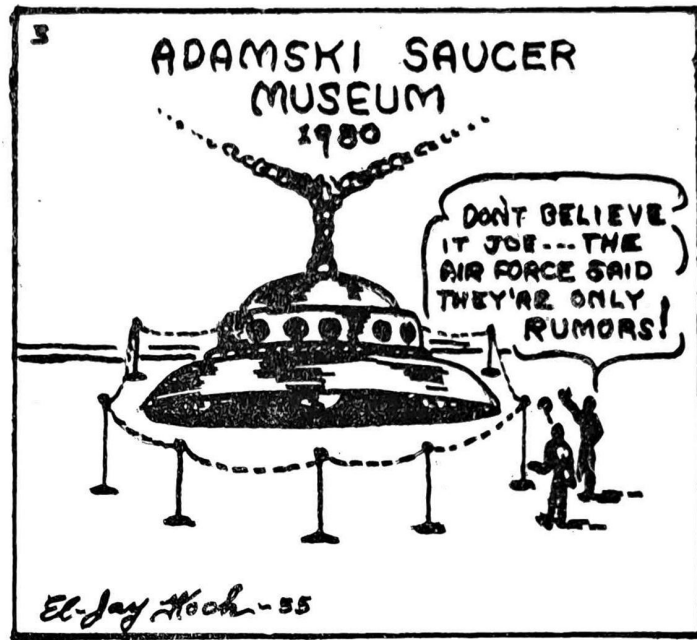
If our visitors identified themselves and displayed their powers, we would be forced to accept their dictatorship. If they made it clear that they intended to keep us out of space until we proved that we have developed enough morally to live without warfare among ourselves, they would bestow a great blessing on us. In this way they would immediately relieve us of the tremendous burden of armaments and free us from the perpetual fear of war. We could then direct our efforts into more constructive channels and solve peacefully the two basic problems of mankind - a rapidly increasing population and a more slowly-increasing food supply.

The coming of space ships to our planet will be an epoch-making event of tremendous importance to mankind. It is bound to happen some day. When it does happen, we have good reason to be afraid. We also have some reason to be optimistic. But in any event, we have every reason to be courageous.



Upon reaching womanhood, she gained a reputation as a sooth-sayer, and people came from afar to listen to her prophecies. She lived to a ripe old age and died in the year 1571. During her lifetime she predicted, among other things, the Great Fire of London, which occurred long after her death. She further stated that someday men would sail around the world, that they would fly in the air, and that they would travel under and over rivers and oceans. This amazing woman even foretold that we would be taxed so that "blood and wars will come to every door." But her most terrifying prophecy is yet to come true; The fate of the world may lie in Old Mother Shipton's last prophetic verse: "The world then to an end will come, in nineteen hundred and ninety one." All her other predictions have come true. Perhaps this one will also! (Reprinted from the British magazine "Forecast!")

SAUCER BRIEFS: Latest saucer magazine to make its appearance is "S.P.A.O.E.", edited by Norbert Gariety of Coral Gables, Florida. The full title, "Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma", is very similar to that of a defunct Connecticut saucer organization....Here in the New York area, the Long John radio program continues to interview leading saucer personalities from 1 a. m. on into the wee small hours of almost every weekday morning....Swiss scientist Alfred Nahon, editor of the saucer journal "Le Courrier Interplanetaire" and president of the Anti-Atomic League for the Protection of Life, has ended a 19-day fast in protest against the use of atomic power. He was joined in his fast by three other European scientists and a Catholic priest.....A fire was spotted in the rugged mountain country near Oneida, New York, last January 17th, after a mysterious flaming object had been reported to have dropped from the sky. Air Force jets and a helicopter were sent to the scene. Police said that all commercial planes scheduled over the area had been accounted for..... Rumor has it that George Williamson was secretly behind Truman Bethurum's recent "Sanctuary of Thought" literature....



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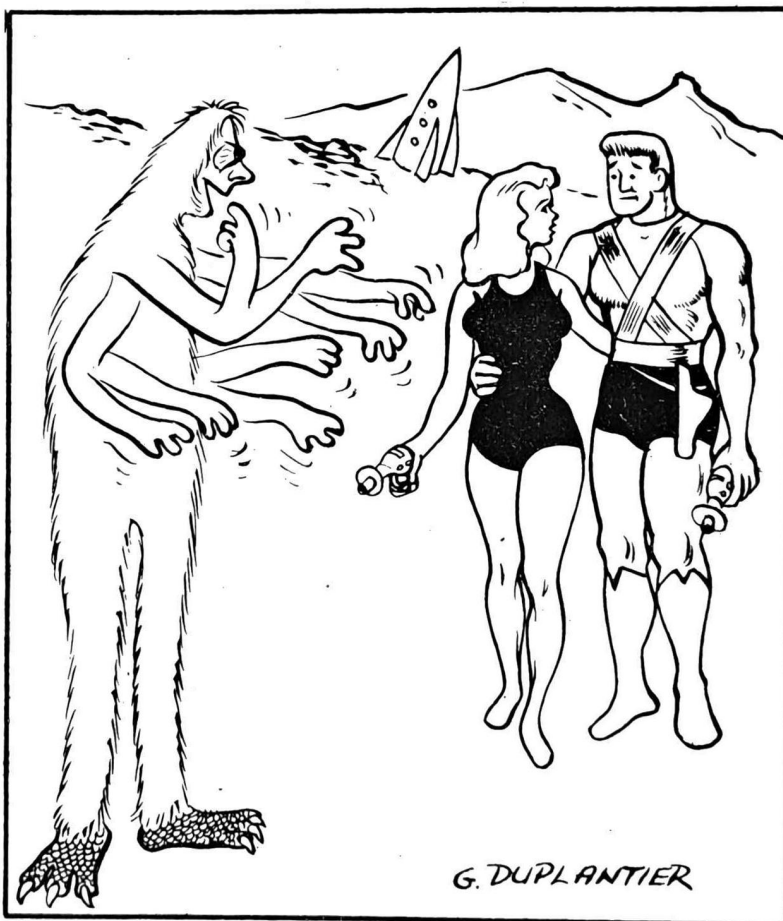
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of eels, about four inches long, were sucked from the nearby ocean, supposedly by a miniature tornado.....On July 15th, an unidentified missile landed with considerable force in a quarry in Dorset, England, narrowly missing workmen. A theory that the object came from a tank on a firing range in the area was not supported by the War Office. Earlier it was thought that the missile had been fired by a warship from a nearby gunnery range, but no ships were in the vicinity at the time. It was also established that the object was not a bomb from an aircraft.

ANOTHER CLOSE SIGHTING IN INDIANA: Indiana really had more than its share of saucer sightings during August! Here's another very good one that reached us just before press time: On August 13th, Mrs. Elfa Levi and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins of Gary, Indiana, reported that at 6 a.m. they saw a saucer about 300 yards from their lakeside home, floating 40 to 50 feet above the water. Said Mrs. Levi, "It looked as if it were made of two saucers, one of them upside down, glued together. It had a sloping hump on top and another on the bottom, and it tapered to an edge all around. Its light was a brilliant white, like a welder's flame, but it seemed to be self-contained and glowed rather than burned. The object was 60 feet in diameter, and perhaps 15 feet high in its thickest part. As I watched, it revolved slowly. After 10 or 15 seconds it swung out in an arc, the light slowly dimmed, and it vanished from sight."

SAUCER BRIEFS:

Gray Barker of the "Saucerian", and Roger Pierce and Howard Neuberger, co-editors of "Cosmic News", were among a plane-load of science-fiction fans who spent September vacationing in Europe. The group attended the annual science-fiction convention, which was held in London this year. Let's hope that as a result of this trip, Barker and the "Cosmic News" editors will put more science and less fiction in future issues of their respective publications....A motion picture based on the "most outstanding contact stories" is being considered in Hollywood by the Screen Guild Press. Apparently the film is only in the planning stage as yet.....August Roberts, our Photographic Consultant, has recently returned from a two-week visit to the Pacific Northwest, where he visited with



...and I thought we girls had troubles on Earth with you guys!

your very eyes, the fulfillment of God's Divine Plan for this planet?
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 c events that will be happening in the future in connection with this work of bringing
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 D'S ARMY IS GATHERING----I your brother Gabriel, say we have had rule enough
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 means of distributing that abundance. Through God's Grace, Prior Choice Economics
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IE TRUTH IS KNOWN----I have a great deal of faith in people. I believe that, once
 e properly informed, they will act wisely. It is now time that the people of earth
 ie truth. It is time that our people stopped hiding their heads in the sand with the
 at if they ignore their problems, they will in some miraculous manner disappear.

E CHALLENGE----What are you now willing to do about it? Do you not believe that
 are better than bullets and bombs with which to build a better world for all?

Space People have learned how to live non-destructively by working and cooperating
 r. Let us see what we can accomplish by working together. Divided we will fail by
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 national motto is "In God We Trust". Let us prove by our actions, as we go forward
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SIGNS OF THE SPACE AGE

*First let's open a
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PACIFIC OUTDOOR



DICK WILLIAMS

★ Mirror Entertainment Editor ★

1951 MAY SETTLE DISK RIDDLE

There is good reason to believe that 1951 may bring at least a partial solution to the flying saucer riddle which continued to baffle the nation for the last 12 months. The government may do a little talking at last.

Most citizens appear to be convinced that the bizarre goings-on in the sky are our own secret new devices and no amount of denials from the armed forces will change their minds.

On the basis of continuing investigations I believe that guess is only partially correct. Aircraft company engineers, pilots and astronomers reiterate that there are objects aloft which they do not believe are ours.

It is general knowledge that we have guided missiles and their phenomenal performances have undoubtedly been mistaken for saucers in some instances. And some shrewd technical guessers I have talked to believe that we are manufacturing flying disks under the atomic project, the best secret cover-up in the world.

But this does not explain away a number of strange sky performances by disks throughout the world—not just in the continental United States—which are increasing rather than decreasing in numbers.

Whether the date of Jan. 17 will have anything to do with the phenomena I wouldn't know, but confirmed saucerians—among them Oil Magnate Silas M. Newton—say watch the heavens on that date. Newton is the geologist and magnetic expert who furnished much of the saucer landings data used by Frank Scully in his recent book.

Recalling the various cults through the last 30 years which have predicted the end of the world on a certain date, I am wary of advance guessing. But Newton seems to know what he's talk-



ing about. Although he's cryptic about what is to take place I gather that it will be some sort of magnetic disturbance—which he claims can accurately be predicted a year in advance.

Among reliable recent saucer sightings in this area reported to me is one from Jay Barrie of 545 Spoleta Ave., Santa Monica, who saw two saucers over Hollywood from Ivar Ave. at 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of Dec. 26. So did nine other people with him.

Based on an airplane flying in the vicinity, they estimated the height of the disks, "which glowed like yellow light bulbs," at 25,000 feet. They were watched for 9 minutes.

Meanwhile still another book on the saucers is due to hit the bookstalls early next month from the old reliable publishing house of Harper Bros. It's titled "Is Another World Watching?" Author is Gerald Heard, British scientist, historian and writer. It's not as sensational as the Scully tome.

Is 'Big Eye' Photographing the Moon?

One of my operatives talked to Prof. Harold Adamsky, reportedly a former member of the Palomar staff, at his restaurant on Palomar Mountain this past week. Adamsky asserts that for the last two weeks the Big Eye has been trained at the moon instead of far more distant celestial objects because photos indicate that the lunar sphere is a busy place right now serving as a base for space craft for someone.

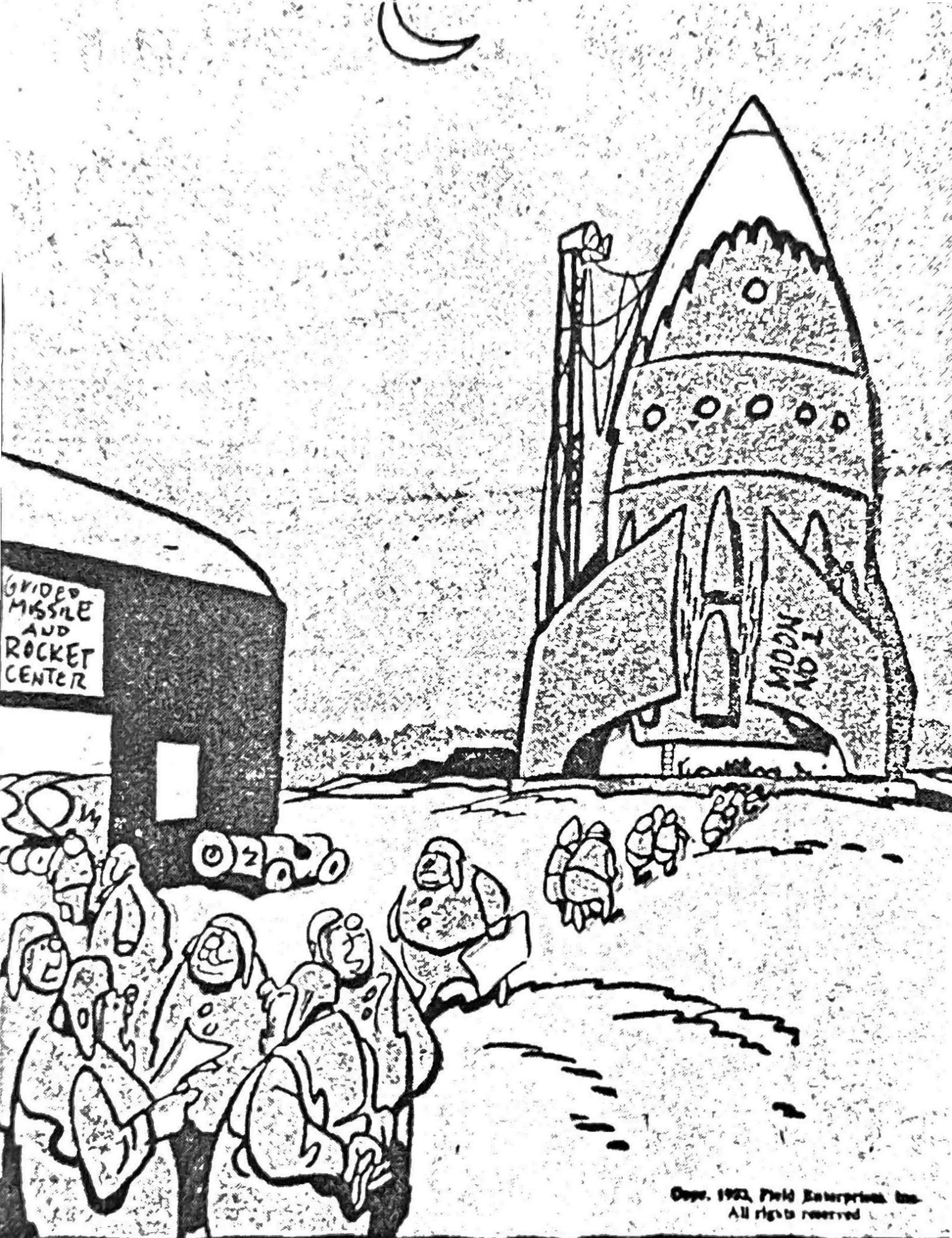
Another amateur Los Angeles astronomer told me that recent photos of the moon divulge strange square "doghouses," as astronomers term them, on its surface. Officially, astronomers term these "doghouses" a natural phenomenon; but, asks my informant, "have you ever seen a square object in nature?" I haven't.

One of the most significant reports to my mind in the last month came from Dr. Harold C. Urey, internationally known physicist and Nobel prize winner, who said that he has **STRONG REASON** (the capitals are mine) to believe life has existed on other planets.

Dr. Urey, who helped develop the atom bomb, told science students at the University of Miami (Florida) that he doubted that the human race was the most intelligent form of life and that his study of the universe "leaves little doubt that life has occurred on other planets."

New films reflect the intense interest in a future space travel era. In "When Worlds Collide," a modern Noah's Ark of 40 persons escapes our dying planet in a rocket ship. In RKO's "The Thing," a strange being from another world lands in the Arctic ice in a flying saucer. An independent company has gone even further by filming "The Man From Planet X," which shows a 4-foot-high man.

Who today can say for sure where science fiction leaves off and fact begins. I know I can't.



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"Our scientific preparations are complete, men . . . all we have to do is wait for a full moon so we'll have more room to land . . ."

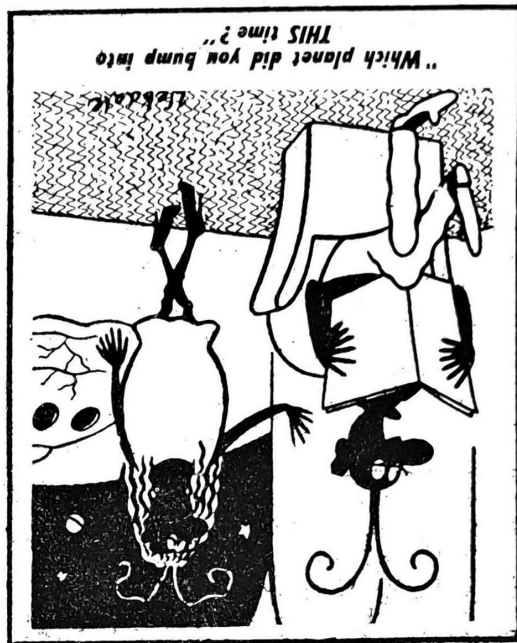
quite a few other people who reported seeing the object, and that their de-

SAUCER SEEN BY SEVERAL IN OHIO TOWN: Edgar H. McClure, a steeplesack of Lima, Ohio, was among about 15 men who got a good view of a flying saucer on August 14th. McClure was driving his car in Lima when he spotted the object. He stopped the car to get a better look. The saucer was at an altitude of about 15,000 feet, and had a diameter of 100 feet, according to McClure. It made no sound, was traveling at very high speed, and looked like a glowing light bulb. It was shaped like a disc, and had no windows or markings of any kind on it. During the period of observation, the object made an extremely sharp turn which eliminated any possibility of it being a conventional craft.

VERY CLOSE SIGHTING IN INDIANA: A woman living in Addison Township, near Shelbyville, Indiana, who declined to give her name because of possible disbelief of her story, told reporters last August 18th that she had seen a brightly illuminated flying object descend vertically to within 100 feet of a cornfield. She said that the thing hovered there for a few seconds and then floated away toward the southeast. According to her report, she had been sitting on her front porch at about 9 p.m., when she spotted a flat, spherical object "about 10 feet in diameter and four feet thick." Lights of various colors were located around the rim of the object. After hovering over the nearby cornfield, the saucer "made a clanging noise" as it changed direction and started to float away. Her attention was attracted to the saucer initially by the barking of dogs nearby.

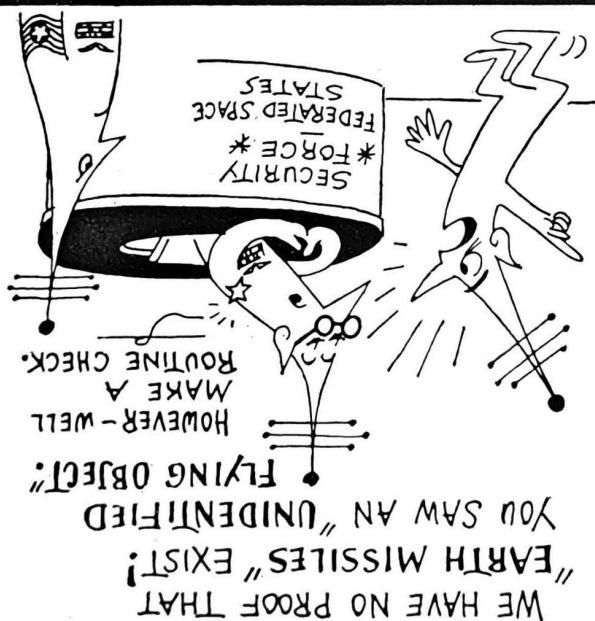
THOUSANDS REPORT UFO OVER INDIANA: During the early morning hours of August 7th, thousands of reports were made from a large area of Indiana, concerning a mysterious "something" that was hovering in the sky and emitting lights of various colors. The object was visible for several hours, and was seen by residents of Pendleton, Indianapolis, Decatur, Greenfield, Kokomo, Muncie, Fort Wayne, and a half-dozen other towns. A great number of anxious calls poured into police headquarters and newspaper offices in Indianapolis and in other areas nearby. Captain Robert Graham of the Anderson Police Department reported that he observed the object from 1-05 until after 4 a.m. He said that the UFO hovered at about 8,000 feet and was clearly visible. It emitted a "whitish-silvery glow", and flashed red and green lights. Suggestions that the object might have been a conventional plane were dismissed by the fact that the thing was stationary. No helicopters were known to be in the vicinity at the time.

OVERSEAS ROUND-UP: A ball of fire struck a house at East Harling, Norfolk, England, on the night of June 5th. All the rooms were instantly filled with smoke, a radio set was burned out, electric-al installations were blown to pieces, and a rainwater pipe was smashed.... On June 9th it rained eels in Piacenza, Italy. Dozens



space flight, is a product of a very long (about one million years) and complex process of evolution, during which time he was affected by a very intricate series of biological and physical conditions and accidents. He is therefore partly a product of chance. If he were destroyed, it is extremely improbable that anything similar to him would again evolve, for the same conditions under which he developed could not be reproduced in the same order, to the same extent, and for the same lengths of time. Other animals, such as those who use their forefeet (as squirrels do) might possibly develop and take his place.

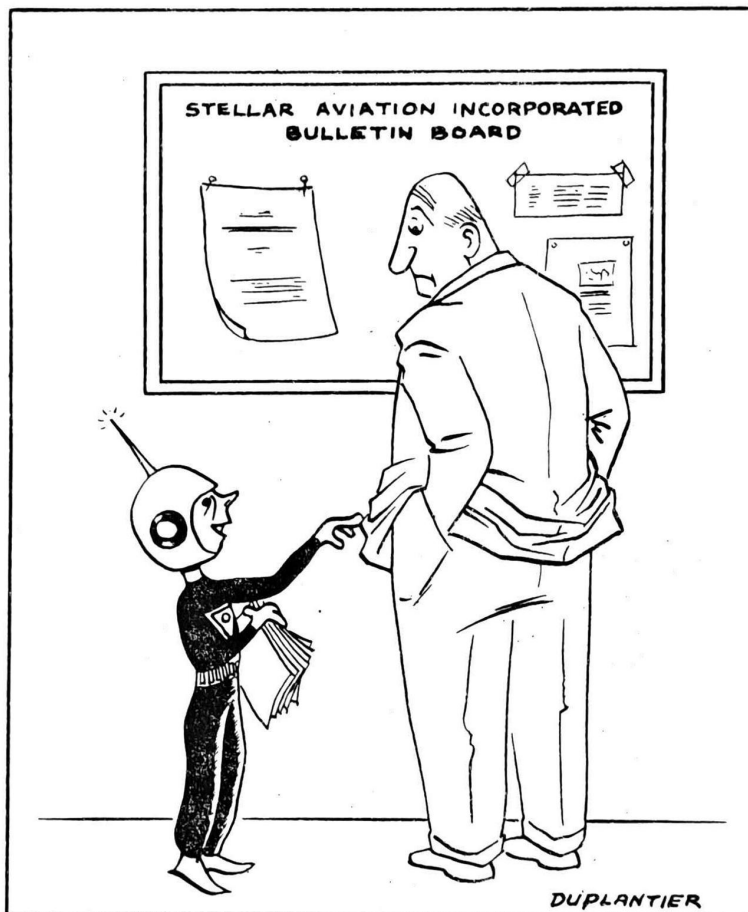
Summing up, Biology and Evolution show that the variety of life is almost limitless, that it will develop and continue to exist under very difficult conditions, that in this growth and development it can take many different



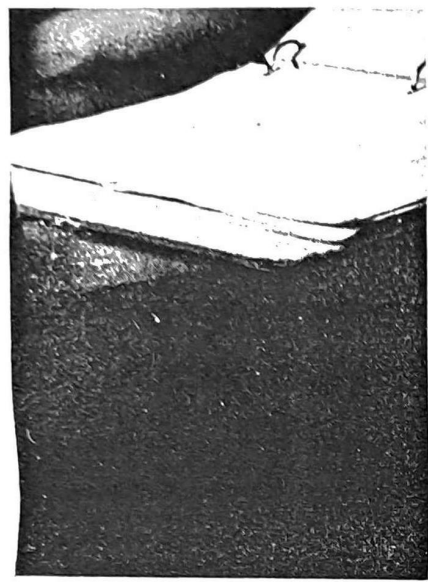
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tions Commission for operating a static generator. The agents said the apparatus was found in a tent about 1,000 yards from his farmhouse. They said the generator was connected to an aerial and that it is capable of interfering with local radio and TV reception. They explained that a warning is issued to those violating FCC laws, and that an arrest is later made if the warning is not heeded. - Incidentally, Menger has remarried, and rumor has it that his first wife no longer supports his contact claims.....London's infamous George King is under investigation by Scotland Yard for selling tape-recorded messages from Jesus Christ and the saints, for 25 shillings (about \$3.00) each. He is also selling blue glass bottles which, it is claimed, if filled with tap water and exposed to the sun, can bring "benefit and relief" to sufferers from various diseases. King, who heads England's Aetherius Society, claims to have been to Mars "in a mental state" and to have conversed with the people there. Not long ago he was also involved in a protest march in London streets, brought on by the British Government's secrecy concerning flying saucers.

UNUSUAL INCIDENT IN VERMONT: A dazzling ball of fire suspended from a parachute, a red flare, blinking signal lights, and a burned-out area in the woods were the ingredients of a puzzling mystery in Burlington, Vt. last April 20th. Most baffled of all was Lyman Cote, who witnessed the entire display. The strange series of events began about 9-30 p.m., when a fireball, at first thought to be a meteor, flared brilliantly in the sky near Burlington. Hundreds of people saw it, but they did not see what Cote saw - a parachute falling earthward from the object. It landed in a nearby patch of woods; Cote called the police, and tried to guide them to the area. A swamp blocked the way, but they could see two blinking white lights, like flashlight signals, at the spot they were trying to approach. A red flare was also seen coming from the same place. The next day they succeeded in reaching the area, where they found a scorched spot in the woods, but no signs of life or the parachute. Later Cote was visited by two Air Force men who cautioned him not to talk too much about the event. An Air Force helicopter was later seen scouting the area, but no statement was issued as to what it found. A report on the incident was sent to Washington.



PARDON ME, I JUST STARTED WORKING
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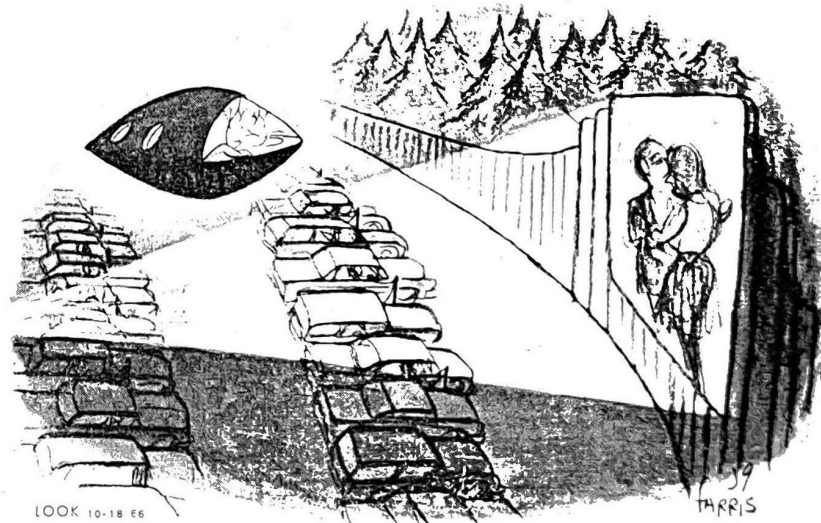
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There are no final answers.

Barney and Betty Hill are not crusading to convert nonbelievers or skeptics into the acceptance of the phenomenon, although they are hopeful that some new evidence might come to light to clarify without question the strange circumstances of their experience. They are content now to let whatever facts that have come out of their story speak for themselves.

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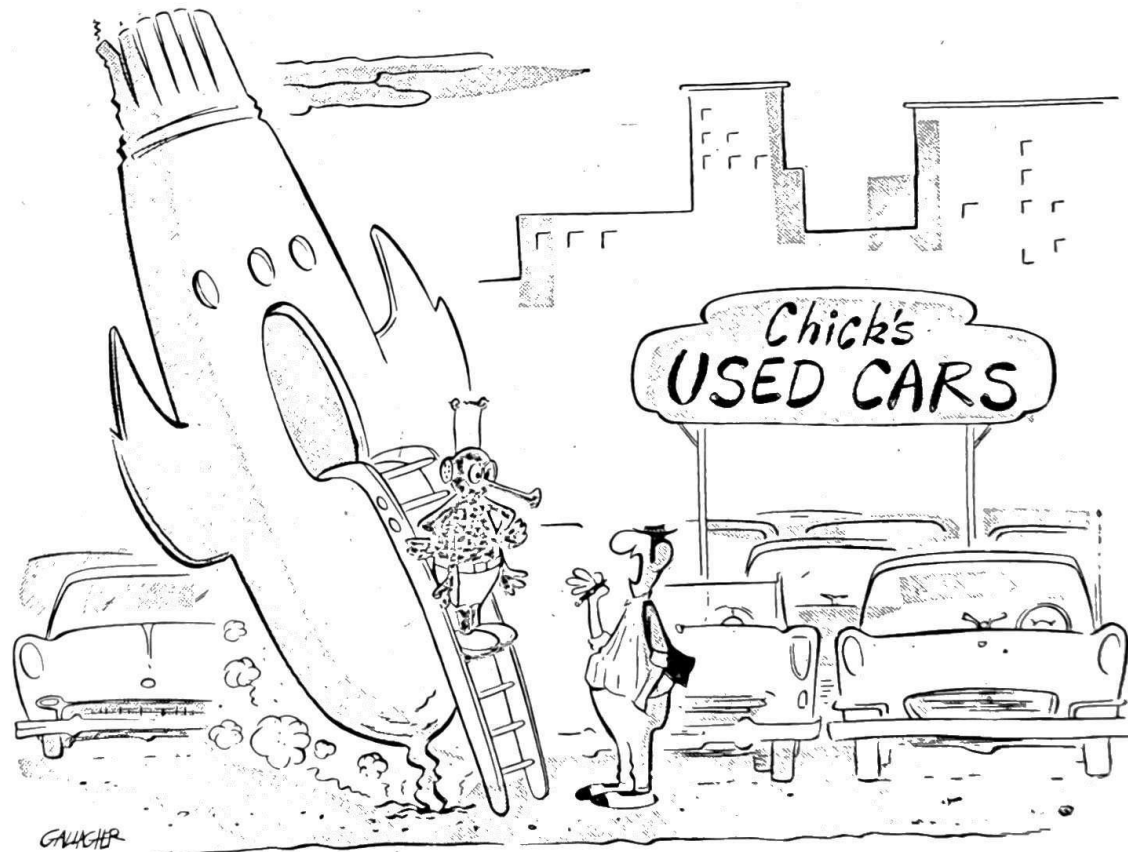
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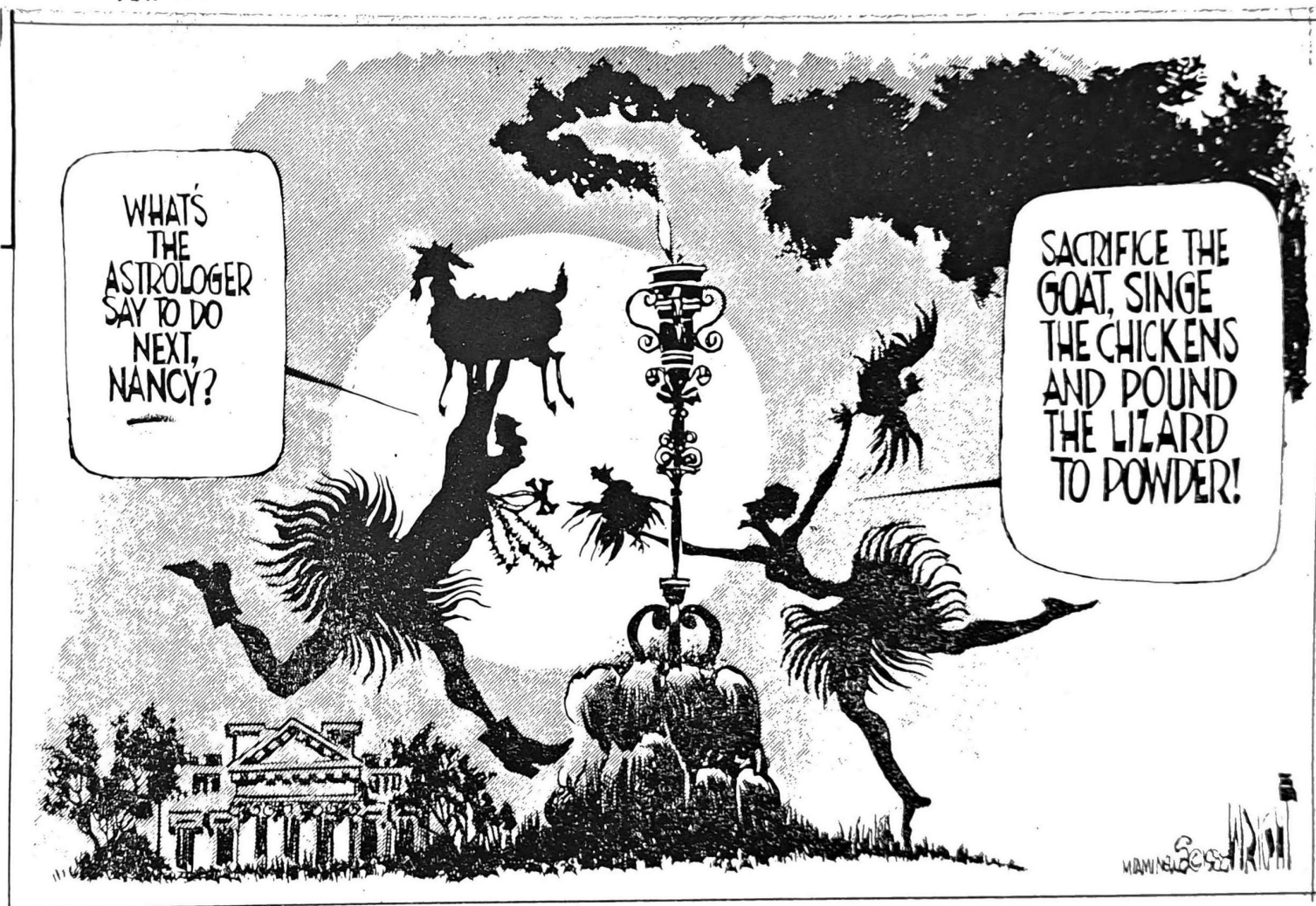
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Many Americans Watch Stars

By RICHARD MARIN

WASHINGTON — Not even the National Enquirer's panel of Top Ten Psychics predicted it: Nancy Reagan consulted astrologers about the president's travel plans and to help schedule important events of state.

While Washington wags were agog at the possibility that the agenda of the Free World was occasionally entrusted, at least in some small way, to the Stallone-Will-Marry-Jackie-O crowd, President Reagan's top spinmeisters were frantically engaged in damage control.

They probably didn't have to bother. Many Americans, it seems, are nearly as superstitious as their president. And if a key to Reagan's popularity is that he is the average man writ large, then he may suffer little lasting damage from the stardirt revealed by Donald Regan in his new "quit and tell" book.

Almost One Quarter Believe

A survey of 1,989 adult Americans by the Roper Organization in 1985 disclosed that nearly a quarter — 23 percent — said they believed in astrology. Another 30 percent hedged their bets and said they "weren't sure," while slightly less than half said they did not believe in it.

A survey conducted for the National Science Foundation in 1979 reported that about one out of five adults said they, like the Reagans, read horoscopes or a personal astrology report "quite often," and one out of eight said they read their astrological forecast every day. In total, more than half of those surveyed said they read such columns at least occasionally.

When the NSF asked those questions again in 1985, it found that overall readership of horoscopes had declined slightly to about one in six, although the percentage of people who said they had decided not to do something because of their horoscope had increased from 5 percent



to 8 percent, a "statistically significant" gain, according to the NSF.

The survey also found that 39 percent of the American public considered astrology to be "very scientific" or "sort of scientific." Naturally, the scientific establishment found those results slightly dismaying. "If the public is not clear about what is and is not a science," an NSF statement huffed, "then it also may not be clear on what views are regarded as scientific. This may help to explain the lack of acceptance of scientific thinking," as disclosed elsewhere in the survey. After the first details about Reagan's Karnak connections leaked out, more accounts of baffling First Family behaviors soon followed. The bill of particulars, as reported by the press, included the president's belief in lucky numbers.

Reagan's lucky number is 33. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater opened a press conference last week by telling reporters he would "take your first question at exactly 12:33 and a half," a joke that Washington Post White House correspondent Lou Cannon reported was part of a strategy to make light of the astrology story without directly denying it.

In fact, many Americans say they have lucky numbers or charms. The 1985 NSF survey reported that 43 percent of the American public believes that "some numbers are espe-

cially lucky for some people." And a nationwide Audits and Survey poll in 1983 found that 12 percent of adults said they had an object that they considered their "lucky charm."

The disclosure about the Reagans' links to things paranormal raises other issues that Enquiring Minds might like to know more about.

What About Ghosts?

Do the Reagans, for example, believe in ghosts? Eleven percent of Americans do, according to a 1978 Gallup survey. And what about witches? Again, 11 percent of 1,553 Americans claimed to believe in them when questioned by Gallup.

Better yet, what about flying saucers? Surveys in recent years consistently show that more than half of all Americans believe that UFOs are real. Those surveys consistently report that about 10 percent of people say they personally have seen a UFO. The NSF poll found that 43 percent believe that at least some of the reported UFOs "are really space vehicles from other civilizations."

Frankly, it might be wise political strategy for Reagan to come out of the closet on UFOs, and peddle the notion of an impending War of the Worlds. After all, what better justification could there be for his Strategic Defense Initiative?

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take in technique and improvement in procedure is
duly mentioned in the Report, though these mis-
takes could as easily have been omitted.

I therefore think that we
can entirely throw out the idea that the Air
Force possesses any proof that saucers are inter-
planetary, and are hiding this proof from the pub-
lic. Still present is the possibility that the
Air Force suspects some of the saucers could be
interplanetary; but if they were subtly trying to
prepare the public for this eventuality, as some
saucer researchers claim, then there would be
some open hint of this in the Report - and there
definitely is not. The only open hints in the Re-
port are to the effect that saucers, if they ex-
ist at all, are not foreign aircraft nor are they
from Space. Though these hints may be subject to
other interpretations as well, let us consider
the following statements from the Report:

"The Air Force says
there are no flying
saucers! Let's file
our report with the
Marines!"



of the.....data.....consisted of.....an attempt to
determine the probability that any of the Unknowns represent observations of
technological developments not known in this country.....On the basis of this
evaluation of information, it is considered to be highly improbable that re-
ports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent obser-
vations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scien-
tific knowledge." (Italics mine.)

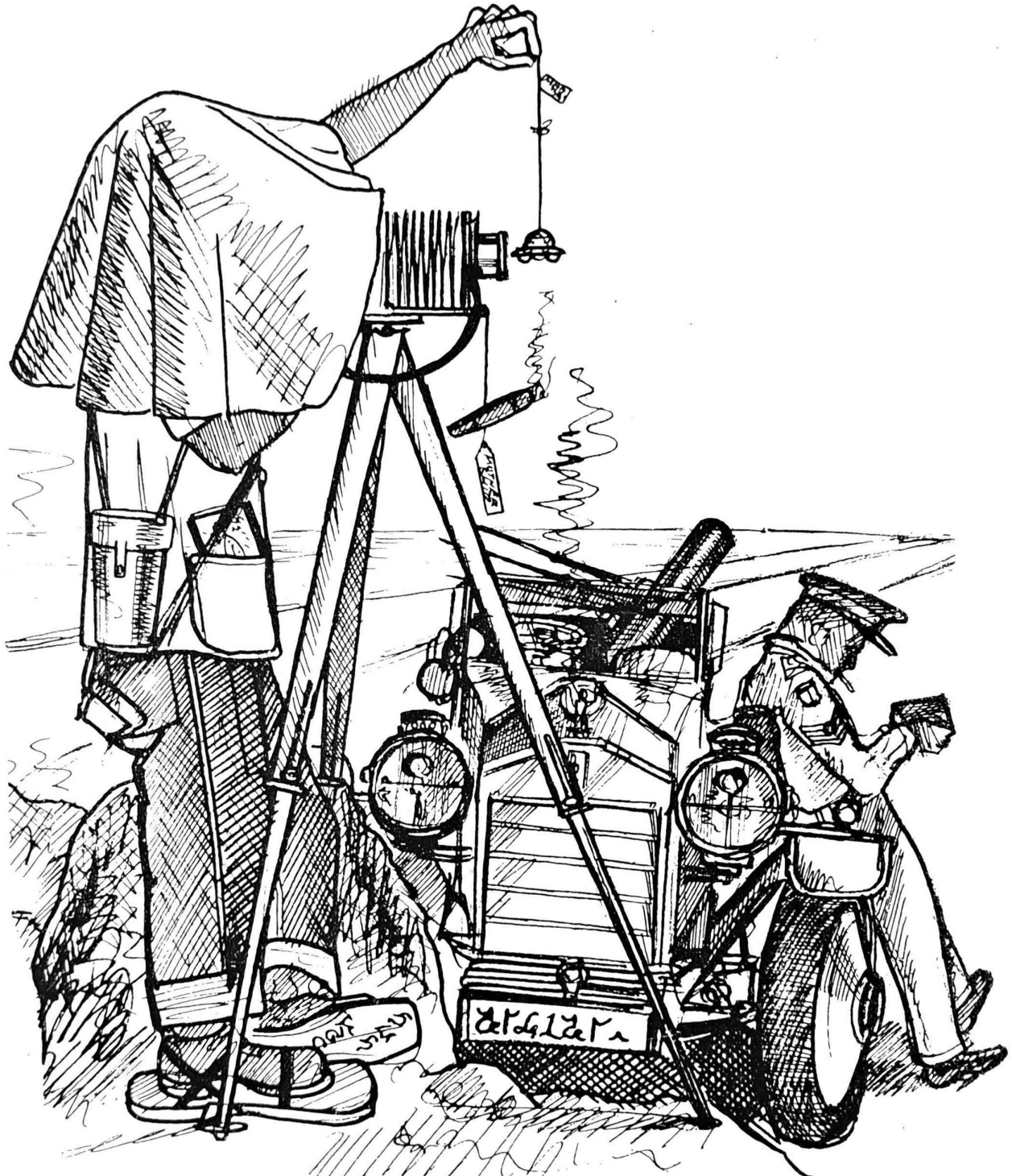
Again from the Summary: "Reports of unidentified aerial
objects.....have been received.....since mid-1947.....There was no evidence that
the unexplained reports of unidentified objects constituted a threat to the
security of the United States." Why did the Air Force feel so certain, from
the beginning, that there was no threat to our security?

From the Report itself: "Shape: There is a high per-
centage of Unknowns in the rocket-aircraft-shape classification." (This in-
dicates to me that these particular Unknowns could have been solved, had all
information on flight routes of rocket-shaped aircraft been made available to
the investigators.) - Also: "There were a very few (of the Unknowns) that would
have been identified as guided missiles or rockets, but that were not so iden-
tified because of the geographical location in which they were seen." (Italics
mine.) Does this not show that these particular sightings could have been
solved except that the investigators did not know, or the public is not sup-
posed to know, that guided missiles fly in many strange places?

Again, in another section of the Report, we read: "A
critical examination of the important characteristics of sightings, plus an
intensive study of the sightings evaluated as Unknown, led to the conclusion
that a combination of factors, principally.....the unavailability of supplement-
al data such as aircraft flight plans.....resulted in the failure to identify
as known most of the reports of objects classified as Unknowns."
I am not suggesting that all saucer phenomena other-
wise unidentified are necessarily U. S. devices. But I do insist that this
new Air Force Report makes it more clear than ever that the vast majority
of recent and current sightings are of U. S. craft rather than space ships or
aircraft of foreign origin.

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This cartoon was drawn for us several years ago by John Pitt, a leading British saucer researcher who used to be a frequent contributor to SAUCER NEWS. Here we have the artist's conception of George Adamski photographing saucers in the Arizona desert, while his chauffeur-driven limousine waits nearby. Note the hieroglyphics on Adamski's shoes and the Army insignia on the chauffeur's coat. Pitt calls this cartoon "November 19th, 1952 - the day before the landing."



FALLING MYSTERY OBJECT ALMOST HITS WOMAN: This story goes all the way back to June 20th, but it's so interesting that we want to print it. Mrs. George Kerwin, of Defiance, Ohio, says that on that date when a falling object came down in front of her house, the object was examined by a physics professor at Defiance College, who found that it contains nine minerals, principally silicon and copper. The professor says that this indicates it is part of a flying missile or saucer, rather than from an ordinary aircraft. Said he cryptically, "We have had some unusual things occur similar to this which cause me to believe these objects come from flying missiles." However, another professor from the same university disagrees, and contends that the metal is nothing more than accumulated waste expelled from the exhaust of a jet plane. Mrs. Kerwin accepts this scientific disagreement calmly. She says that until a little green man knocks at her door and asks for return of the piece of his saucer, she will keep it as a souvenir.

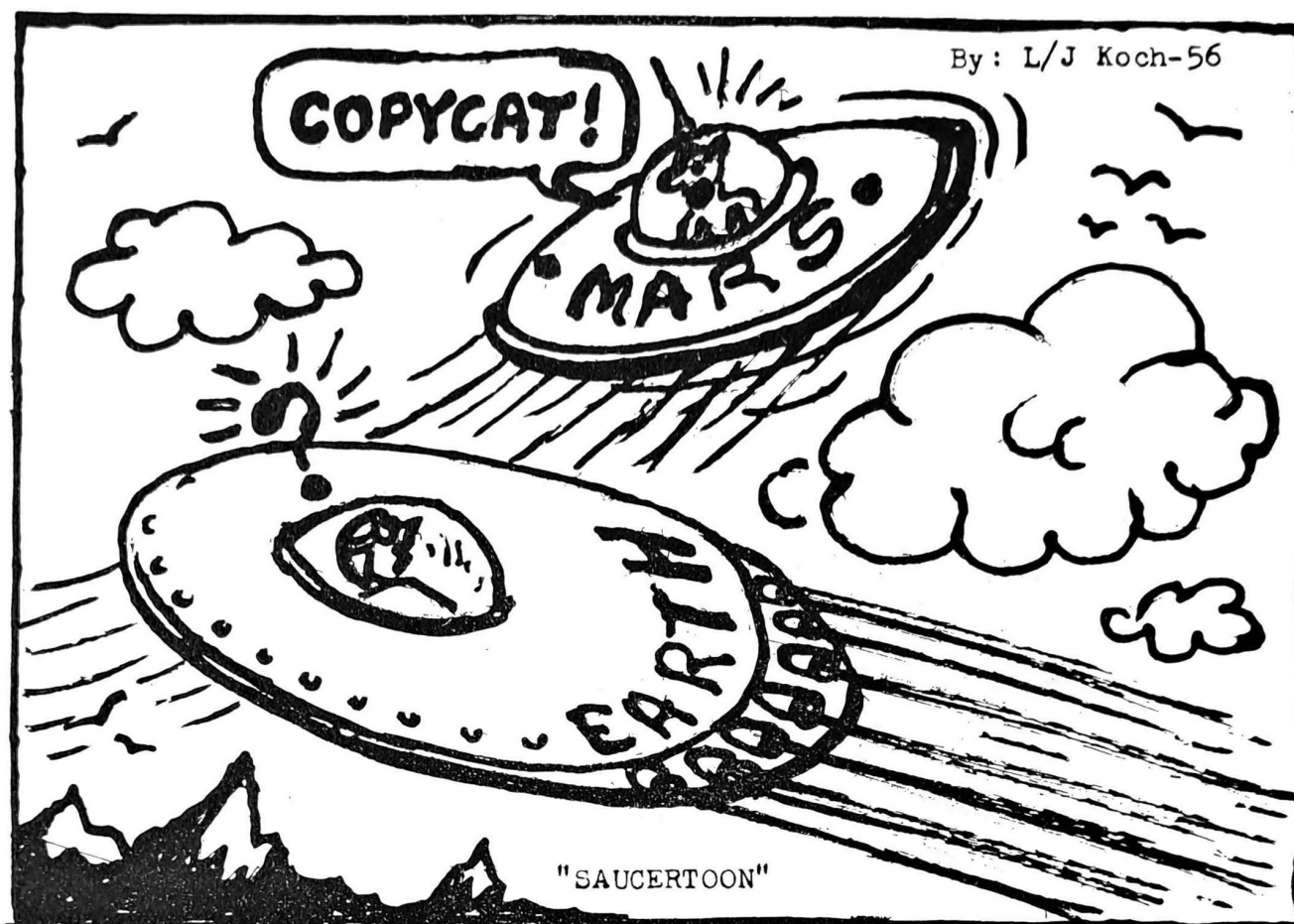
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SPACE MEN VISIT LOS ANGELES AREA (AS USUAL): Ho-hum, more Venusians in Southern California. This time the story is dated July 20th, and comes separately from three persons in the Panorama City area. There were three spacemen also - six feet, eight inches tall, with blond hair hanging down over their shoulders, and wearing tight green suits. They began their reported adventures by telling a housewife that they were from Venus, but not to be afraid. The lady told reporters, "I thought this was some kind of stunt for a movie company, so I told them to get off my property." Minutes after this weird incident, a telephone lineman working in Van Nuys (who, like the housewife, refused to give his name), saw "a big ball that dropped about a foot from the pole on which I was working." He went on to say: "I was so scared that I felt like getting on top of the pole, but instead I climbed down and started to inspect the huge ball. Just then, three guys walked right through the ball and came toward me." The men shook his hand, and showed no hostility. "They seemed to be holding some kind of mental communication among themselves, but they spoke with their mouths to me," claimed the lineman. The third witness also saw the big ball. It landed in his front yard, and the three men got out. Said the witness: "The dogs kept barking so loudly that





DEAD ANIMAL THAT FELL FROM SKY CAUSES WILD SPECULATION:

Here's a really weird story, from San Francisco, Calif., dated Oct. 27th: When Faye Swanson, a local housewife, stepped into her back yard on the morning of the 26th, she found a small, furry body that had obviously fallen out of the sky during the night. The body had struck her clothesline with such force that a solid 4-by-4-inch post was splintered; Mrs. Swanson told police that possibly the body had fallen from an airplane, but a check with the local airport showed that no regular airliner had been transporting animals during the previous night. A lid of secrecy was immediately clamped on the case. Apparently the animal was finally identified as a Philippine monkey of the kind flown in by the thousands to help out in the manufacture of polio vaccine. But the question still remains - how did it get in Mrs. Swanson's yard? It seems that the local authorities know a lot more about this incident than they care to tell.

GIANT SAUCER CLUB FORMED IN WASHINGTON:

A group of about 70 respected and scientific-minded people have formed the beginnings of what they hope will be a million-dollar budget saucer investigation organization, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Although no government sponsorship is claimed, the organization intends to operate on a scale that will put all other saucer clubs to shame; Already a plush office has been opened on fashionable Connecticut Ave; The group is called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, and is headed by Thomas Townsend Brown, a 51-year-old physicist. Other leaders include the following men, whose names will be familiar to avid saucer fans: Frank Edwards, radio and T. V. commentator; the Rev. Albert N. Baller of Greenfield, Mass; and the Rev. Leon C. LeVan. Several

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a rocket 4,000 miles into space will be made by the U.S. Air Research Development Command before the end of 1957. The unofficial height record for a rocket so far is 600 miles. The new project is called "Project Farside", and is under the direction of Brigadier General H. F. Gregory. The vehicle will be a four-stage rocket, 30 feet long, and will have a 10-pound instrument payload. Maximum velocity achieved on the flight up will be 17,000 miles per hour.

NEWS BRIEFS: So many mysterious falls of ice from the sky occurred in Pennsylvania during September that Pittsburg police were asked to bring in samples of it to the State Police laboratory for analysis. The C.A.A. was also called in to investigate.....A California movie director and saucer lecturer named Ron Ormond, claims to have the mummified body of a 17-inch tall space man. The Santa Barbara (Calif.) News-Press of September 4th says that Ormond obtained the body in New Mexico, but does not give further details.....A gigantic rattlesnake, 20 feet long and as thick as a railroad tie, has been seen by people at several different times in the Florida everglades.....Harold J. Berney, the sign painter who was accused last April of swindling a woman out of several thousand dollars on a space hoax, has pleaded



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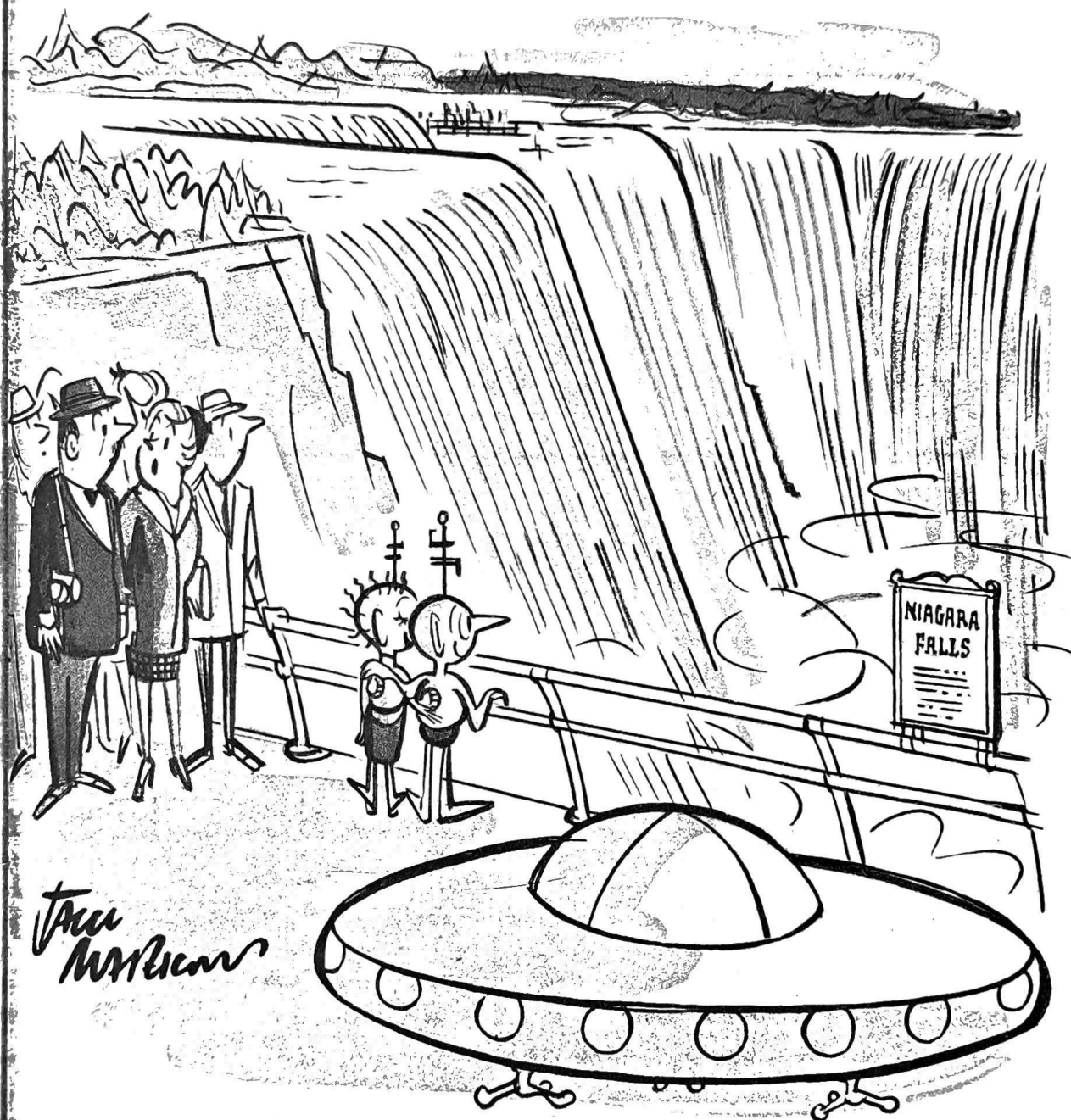
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"Near as I can make out, they're on their honeymoon."

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Summary, Notes and Comments on
PROJECT BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14
(The Air Force Report of May 5, 1955)

- by Justin Case and James W. Moseley -

On October 25th, 1955, the Air Force issued Press Release No. 1053-55, giving out the results of their eight-year investigation of unidentified aerial objects. They stated that "no evidence of the existence of the popularly-termed 'flying saucers' was found." The release quoted Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles as saying that "no objects such as those popularly described as flying saucers have overflowed the United States." However, he said "we are now entering a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear." The Air Force and other Armed Services have unusual aircraft under development, one of which "could result in disc-shaped aircraft similar to the popular concept of a flying saucer." But these strange craft "should not be regarded as supra-natural or mysterious." "They will still obey natural law" and "they will still be manned by normal terrestrial airmen." He said "other countries have the capability of developing" such aircraft, but that "we are satisfied at this time that none of the sightings of so-called flying saucers reported in this country were in fact aircraft of foreign origin."

The press release contained a summary taken directly from the report. This report is 316 pages long, and can be examined at the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, at the Pentagon Building in Washington D. C. Here is a brief summary of this report, made from a direct study of the document itself, in order to see how the Air Force arrived at their conclusions. The report is dated

