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Note Hints Suicide of Missing Traitor Off Catalina

Deportation Fear Told in Message

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A possible suicide note was found yesterday in the Avalon hotel room of Theodore Donay, 51, convicted wartime traitor, who disappeared Saturday under puzzling circumstances from Santa Catalina Island.

The note, hidden in the corner of a legal folder left in Donay's room, read:

"I am living in constant fear of deportation through the Detroit immigration authorities. They are employing false and unfair means for my removal from here. The outlook for my future is a dark one. I don't have the financial means of fighting my case in the Supreme Court in Washington."

Peace of Mind Gone

It continued by relating how his years in prison had caused him great suffering.

Air Saucers Called Top Secret of U.S.

Two Military Types 'Good News,' Radio Commentator Declares

NEW YORK, April 3 (U.P.)—"Flying saucers" reported hurtling through the North American skies actually are two types of top-secret United States military inventions, Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor said tonight.

The real facts behind both are good news for the nation, Taylor said, in an ABC broadcast.

One type is the true flying saucer, he said, a disk that whizzes through space, halts suspended in the air, soars to 30,000 feet and more, drops to 1000 feet and then usually disintegrates in the air. The saucers are harmless, pilotless disks, ranging from 20 inches to 250 feet in diameter, he said, and they've been haunting the skies for three years.

Flying Phantoms

The other zooming objects, which some persons have thought were saucers, really are Flying Phantoms, the XF-5-U jet-propelled aircraft with which

Truman Makes New Plea for Brannan Plan

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—President Truman today pressed Congress to put a stop to piling up enormous farm surpluses and use Bran-

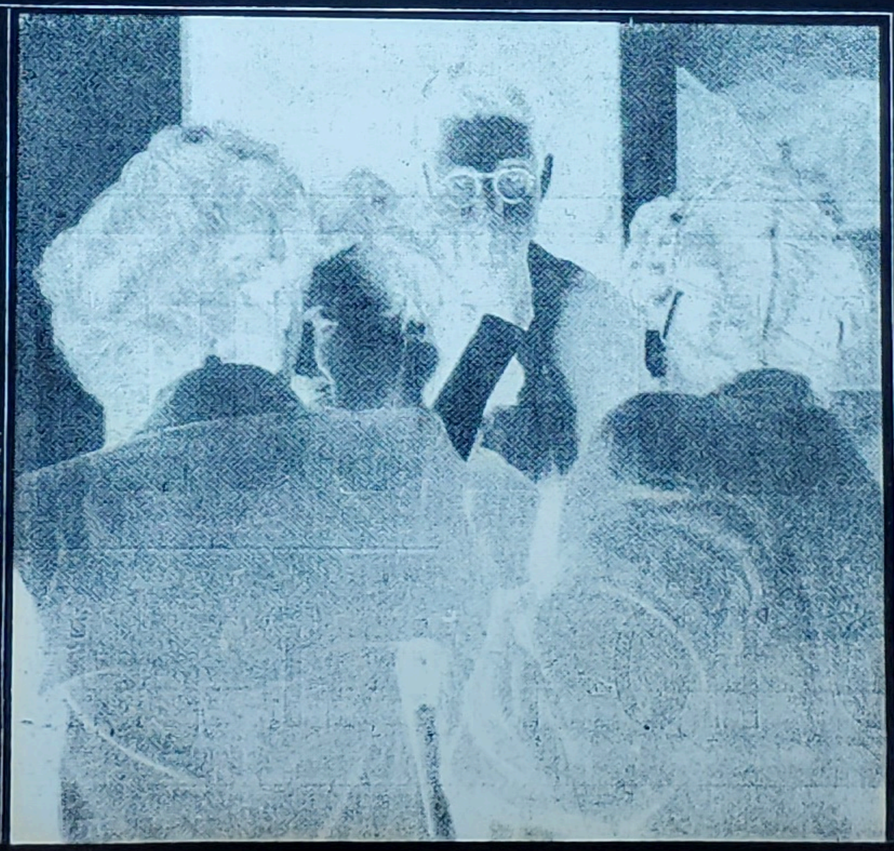
Motor Fails Bixbys Out of Calcutta

Engine Trouble Shatters Couple's Hope for Record

CALCUTTA, April 3 (U.P.)—The flying Bixbys' dream of breaking the late Bill Odom's unofficial round-the-world speed record was shattered at the half-way mark today by engine trouble.

But the California couple, Dianna, 27, and Bob, 36, said they will keep on going to put an official flying time record into the books.

They were more than halfway around the globe and 45 minutes out of Calcutta en route to Tokyo when a cylinder head gasket in the right engine of their plywood Mosquito bomber blew out this afternoon.



Air Hunt for 'Fleet' Called Off

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Vice-Adm. Wilder D. Baker, commander of the 11th Naval District, yesterday called off the aerial hunt for foreign submarines reported seen close to the California coast—but there was little doubt in official quarters that one or more alien undersea vessels were operating just off the coast line.

Adm. Baker ordered the air search discontinued after the return of the destroyer Colahan to port in San Francisco.

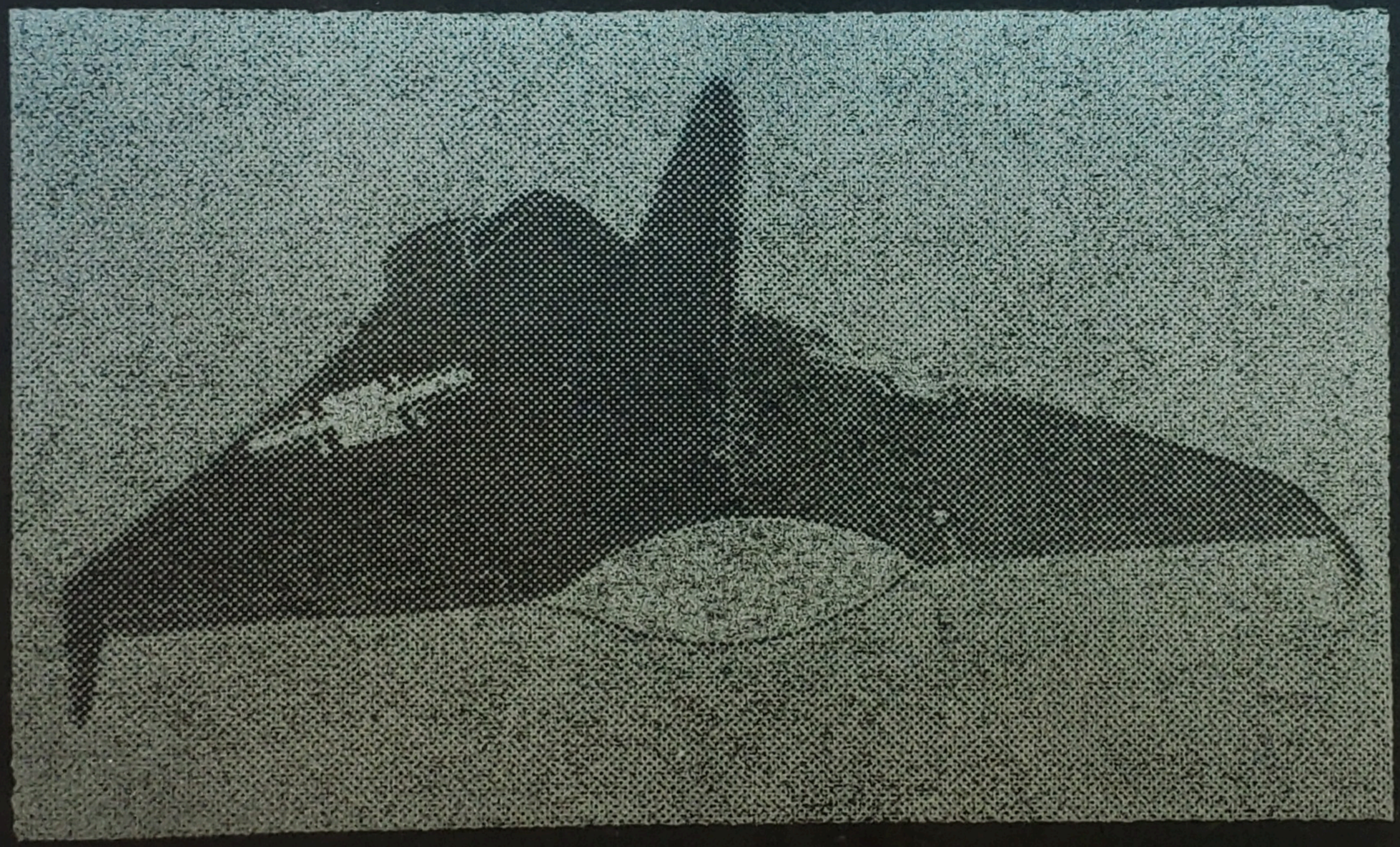
The Colahan was dispatched to search for submarines Thursday after at least nine reports that strange underseas vessels had been sighted off the Northern California coast.

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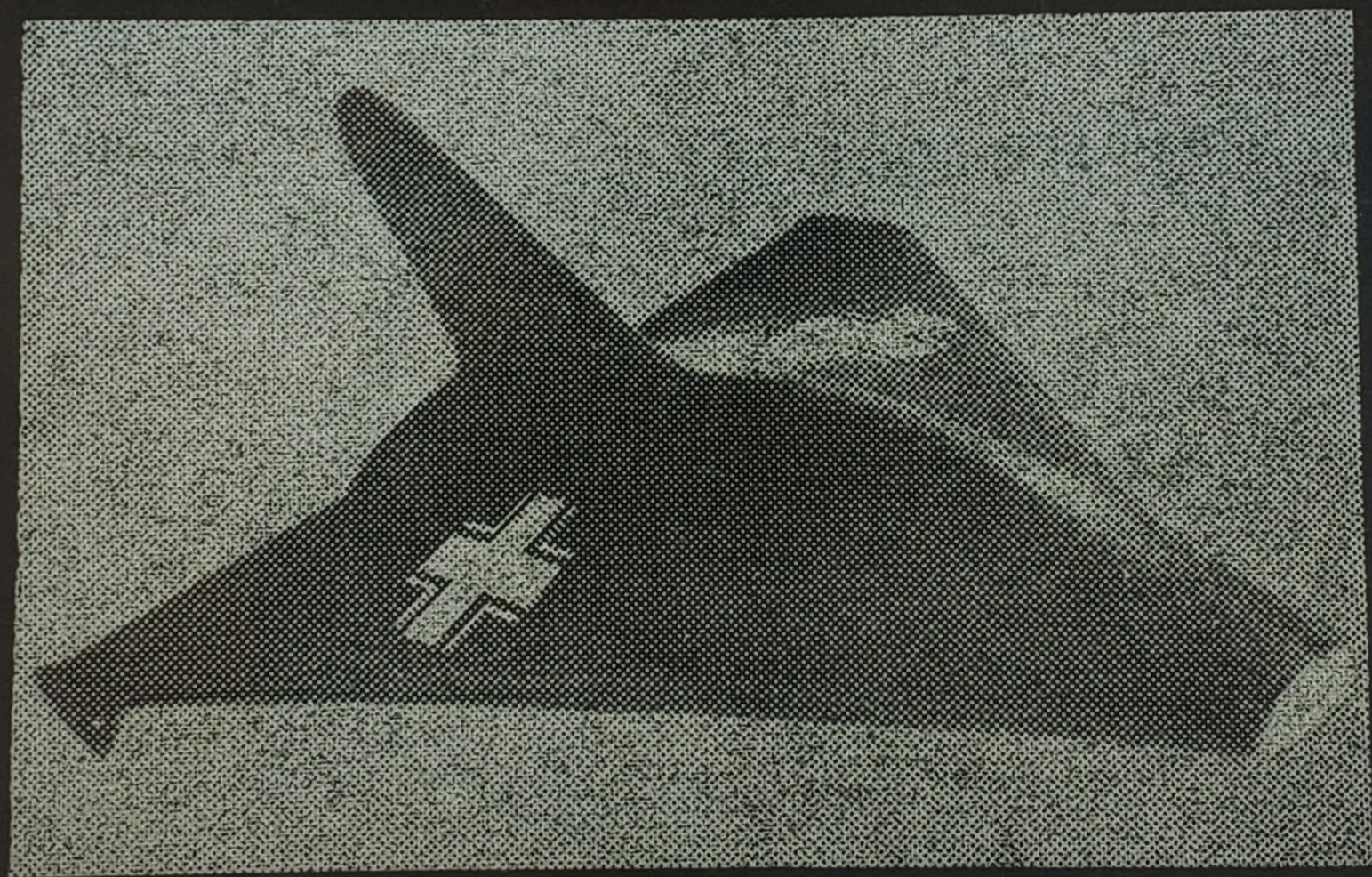
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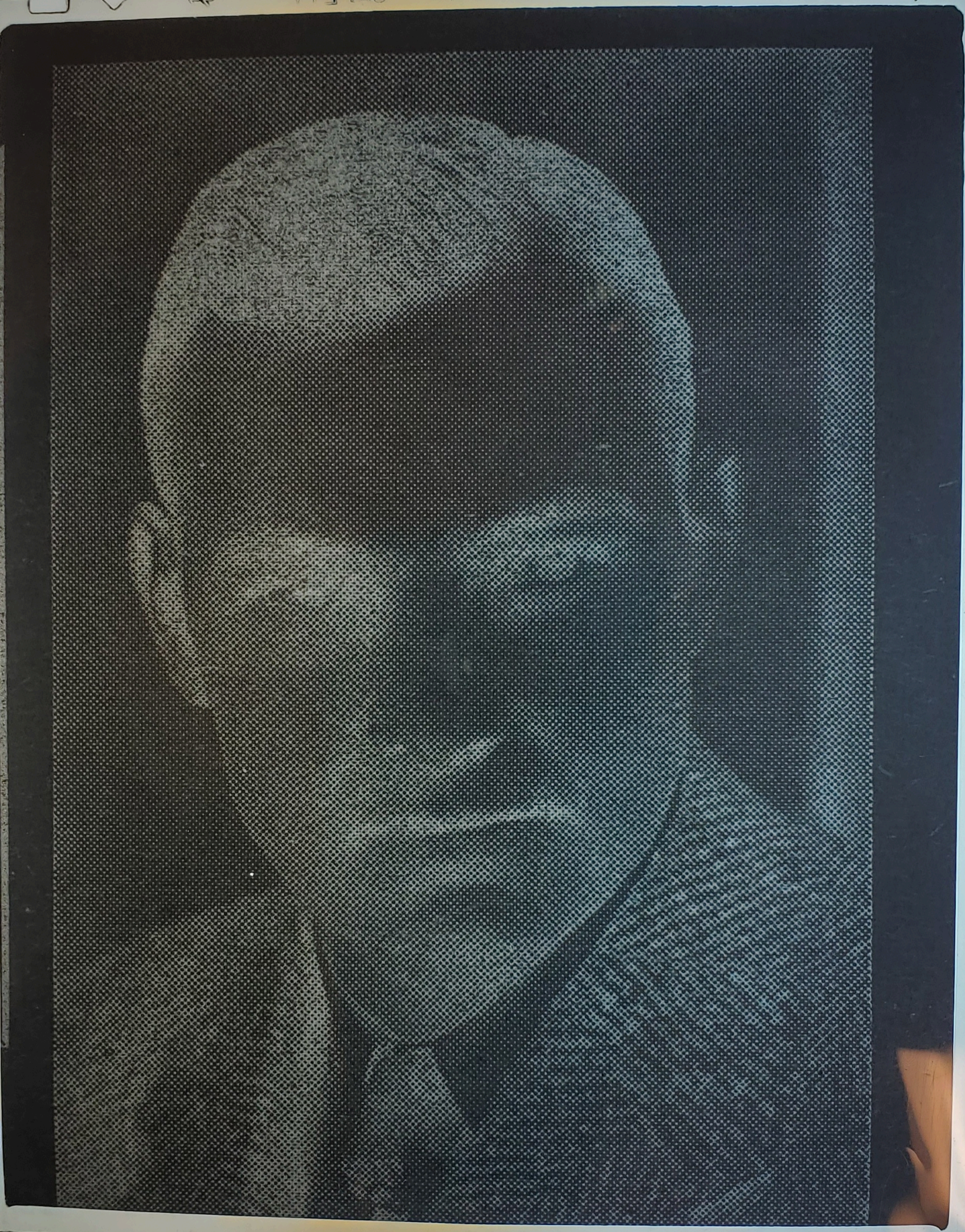
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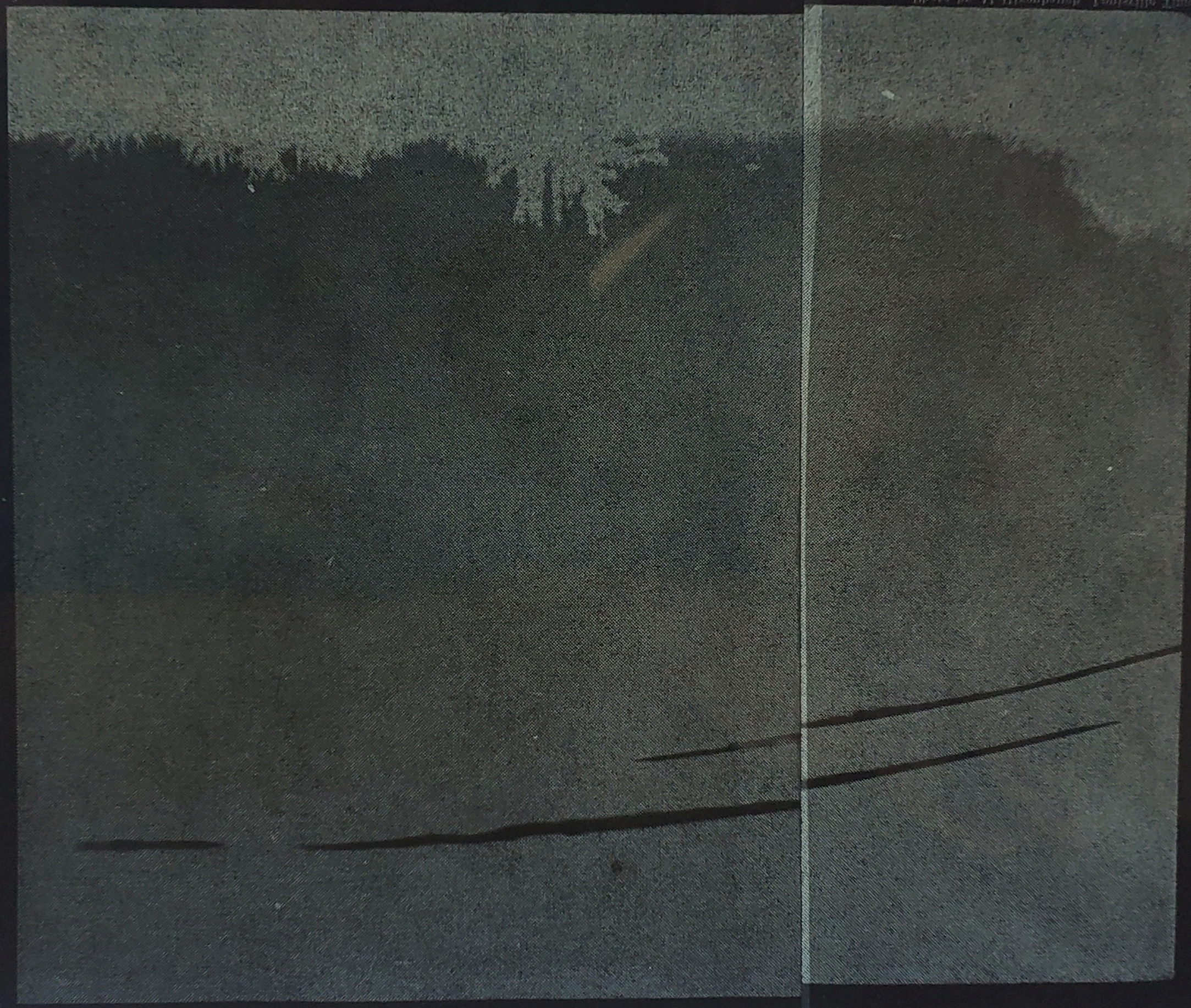
Fog Lifting Around 'Mr. X.'





Denver Post Photos.

The mystery surrounding "Mr. X," who lectured a University of Denver class on flying disks last week, was believed to be lifting Friday after a student, Bill Berry (right), and several others claimed to have identified him from photos as Silas M. Newton, president of the Newton Oil company. Berry says he remembers caddying for Newton (left) at the Lakewood golf course. He said he "has known all along" "Mr. X" was Newton. (Story on page 1.) Denver Post Page 3 Mai 17/52



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Give Us the Facts

There are those who scoff at flying saucers. There are also those who believe firmly that such objects seen in the skies are space ships from another planet. Then, too, there are those who just plain don't know, and furthermore don't want to know.

Yesterday hundreds of reliable, sober people in Farmington saw "something" in the skies. At least half believe what they saw was an armada of space ships. Others saw something they never saw before, but won't venture a guess what it was. And still others say that what was seen was cotton, or jet planes or some other familiar object.

Not being omniscient, the newspaper connot say with any certainty exactly what was seen. We can say, however, that it is high time the government of the U. S. cast aside the cloak of evasion and secrecy surrounding these manifestations, and present to the public the findings it has reached on such matters.

It is hardly a secret that despite public announcements to the contrary, the Army Air Forces have been conducting long and detailed investigations of flying saucers. Other agencies, in speaking privately, do not lough off these phenomena as "imagination."

We strongly doubt that approximately half of the population of Farmington could be duped or hypnotized into believing they saw something that wasn't there. Descriptions from widely separated points, from persons who had no contact with each other, tallied too closely. Something was up there.

The American population is not composed chiefly of children or idiots. Most of us are adults who are willing to embrace new concepts of time and space without panic. Attempts to keep the public in the dark have invariably hurt the general welfare, not helped it.

It is time for the government to make available, in blunt language, exactly what is known and what is suspected about these sky visitors. If there is proof—one way or another—the people will accept it. If there are only indications, we still will accept it. But we think we have the right to know.

Suppose—just for a minute—that visitors from another planet are looking us over. They have not been hostile. We would have no reason to be hostile to them. It just could be possible that a fleet of such objects would land in New Mexico, or elsewhere. What do we do then? Do we shoot them or shake hands with them? Or do they have hands?

Still supposing these things are interplanetary space ships, let's keep on friendly terms with them. Blasting away with a shotgun or trying to shoot them down by plane is not the cordial way to greet guests. If the objects are occupied by space travelers, they're probably trying to find out if we're friendly.

Let's have the facts, insofar as they are known.

Washington Merry-Go Round

By DREW PEARSON

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Washington—A forgotten hero of the revolutionary war, an unspectacular money lender, will soon be immortalized not far from Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson. He was Haym Solomon, the little Jewish patriot who raised the money to fight the revolution but died penniless without ever receiving a dime back from the government whose freedom he financed.

Now, after all these years, a memorial is about to be erected in Solomon's honor. This was authorized by Congress 12 years ago upon a motion by Guy Gillette, then Congressman but now Senator from Iowa.

It was left up to private citizens, however, to raise the subscriptions, so the project lay dormant until this year. Now a Haym Solomon Memorial society has been formed to raise the money, and the chief thing remaining is to have the commission of fine arts approve a design.

Note—At the time George Washinton pulled Solomon out of a Synagogue to scrape up the cash to meet the army payroll. Solomon also paid Jefferson's and Madison's board bills so they could attend the first continental Congress.

Senator on Rampage

Stormiest figure on Capitol Hill is North Dakota's fearless Senator "Wild Bill" Langer who roars at the Senate like an enraged bull moose, is not afraid of the political odds and kicks his heels at Senate tradition.

No one can predict what Langer will do next, but the Democrats are still burned up over his latest surprise. Out of the clear blue, Langer recessed the Senate the other day right in the middle of its proceedings.

Since the Democrats are steering the Senate, it is majority leader Scott Lucas of Illinois who is supposed to set the quitting time—not Langer, who is a lone-wolf Republican. For a moment, however, not a Democrat was on the floor. And Langer glancing in both directions, saw his chance to move for recess. As no one objected there was nothing the presiding officer could do but recess the Senate.

As the bells rang out this news, Lucas stormed into the Senate chamber where Langer was grinning like a boy who had let school out early. Ignoring Langer, Lucas marched up to Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, who had just poked his

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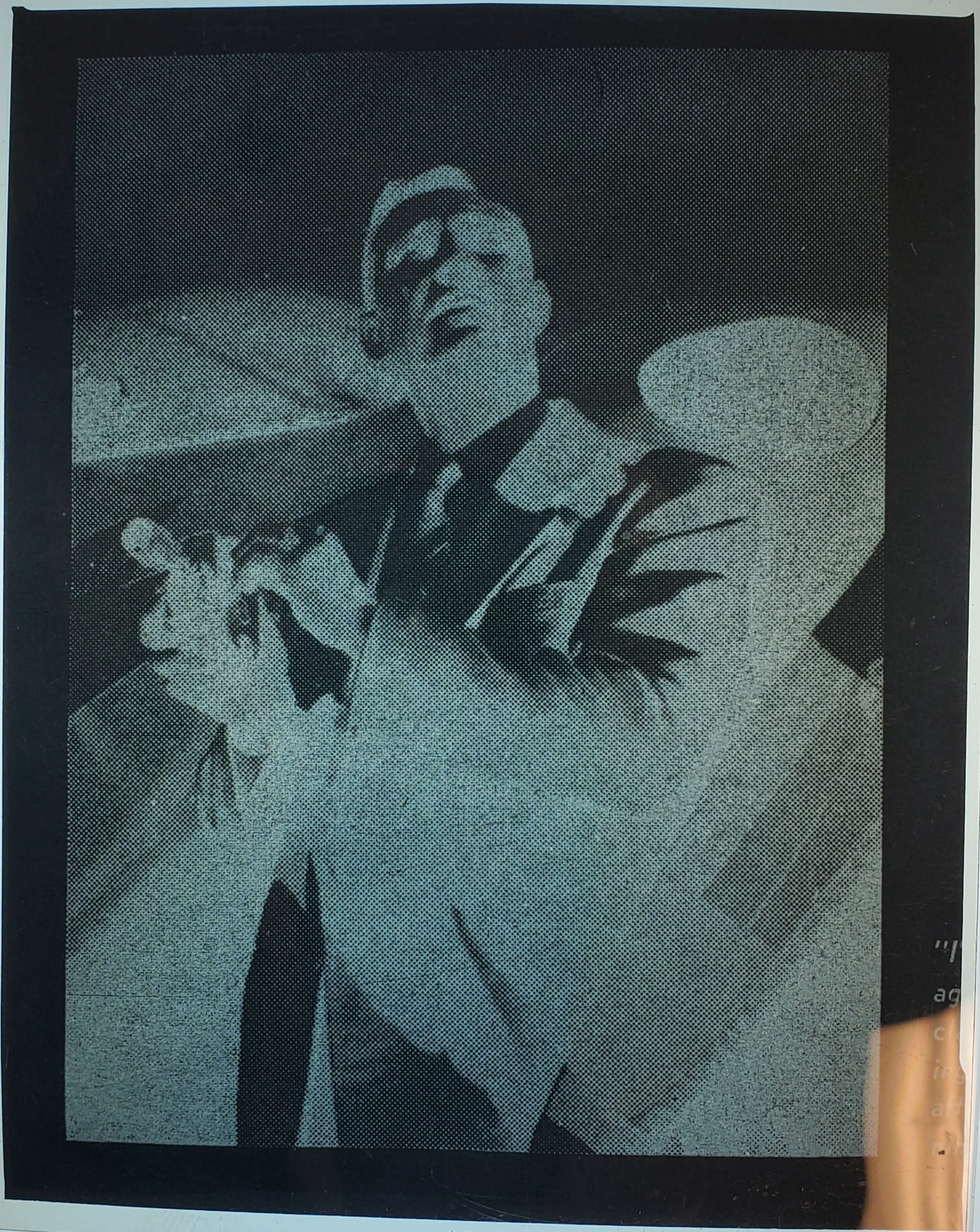
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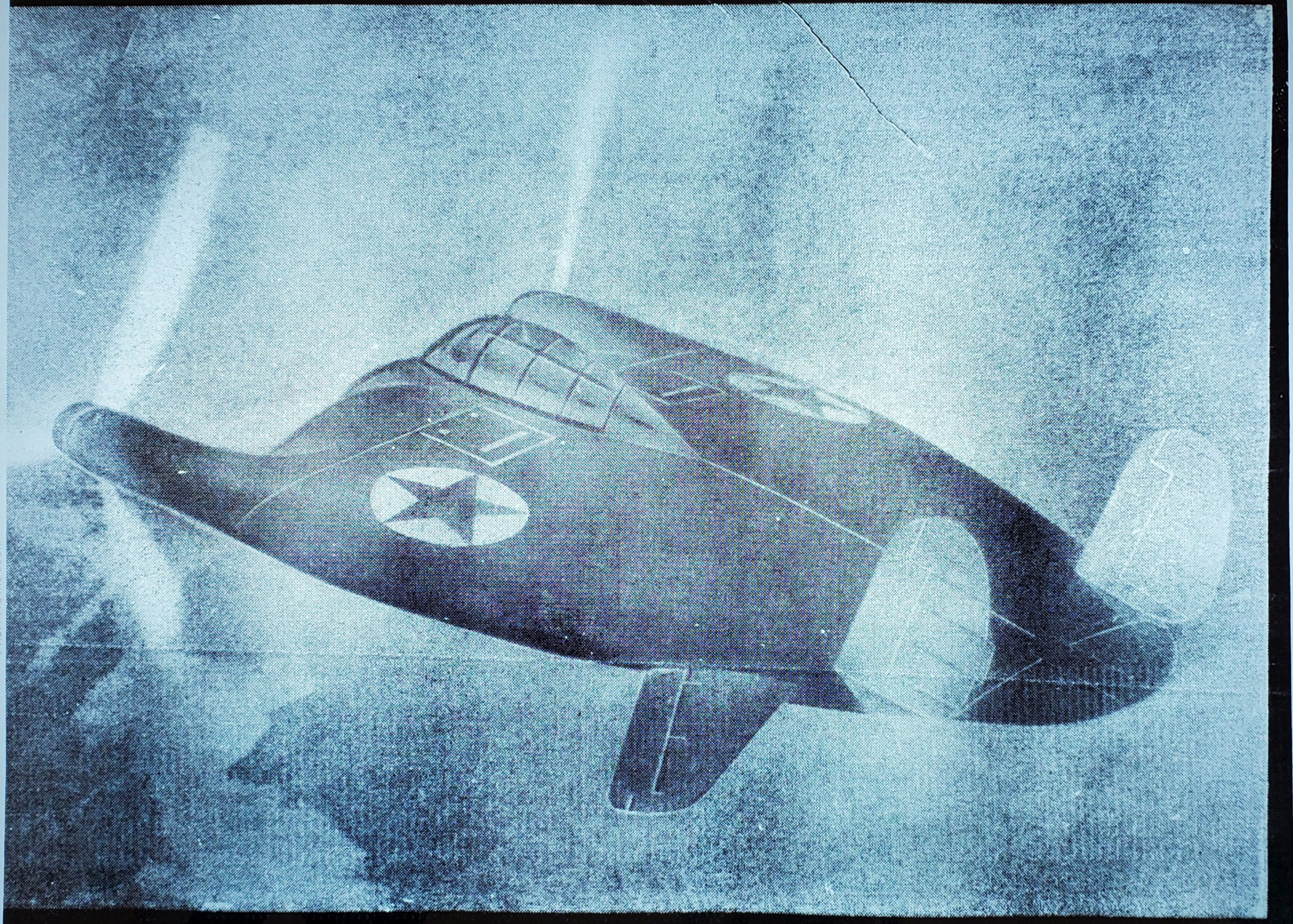
Mr. Taylor, as you perhaps realize, broadcasts over the American Broadcasting Company for General Motors. He is very interested in obtaining a copy of your forthcoming book on the Flying Saucers and has asked me to write you in order to inquire as to the name of your publisher for this book. If you would be kind enough to wire this office collect as to the publisher's name we would be most grateful.

Thank you, and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,
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