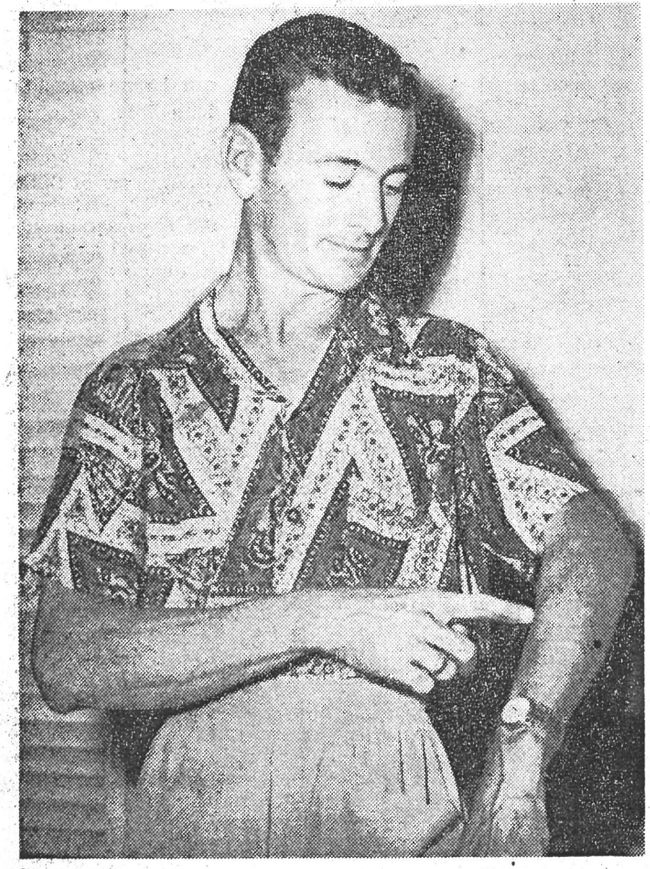
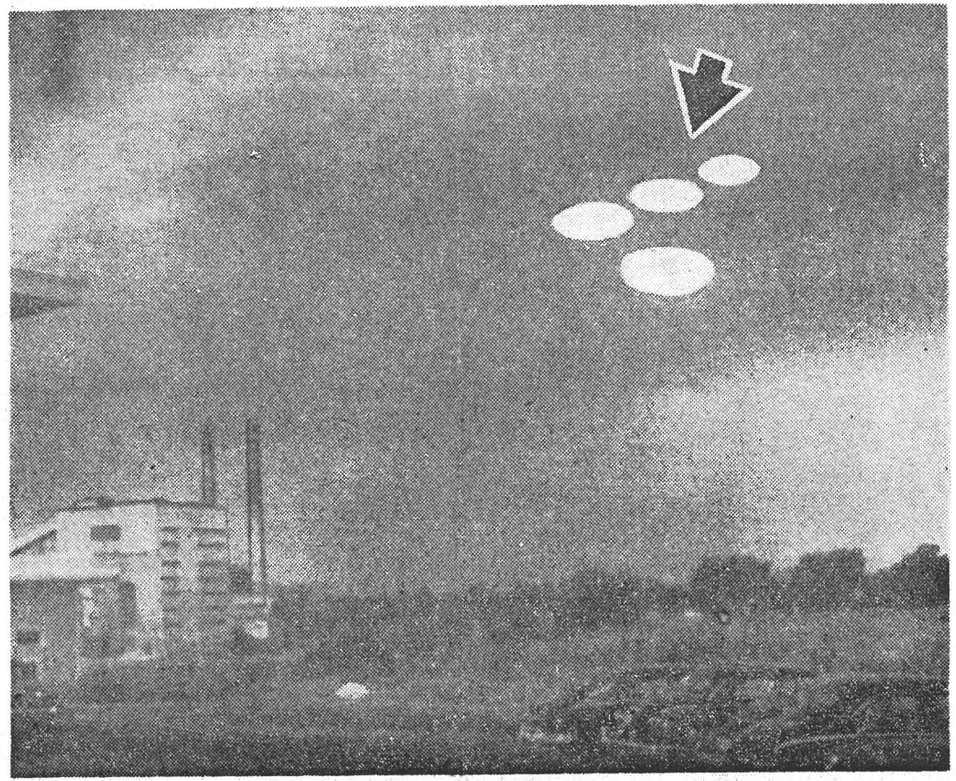
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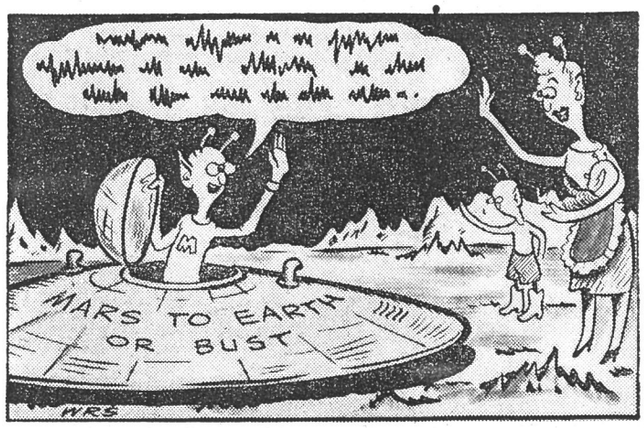
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Earth Told



'I'M GOING DOWN TO EARTH, DEAR'
An Artist's Conception of a Mars Tourist Taking Off for a Trip to Earth

Many Disc Sightings, Hush-Hush Data Told

By DARSIE L. DARSIE

Are you susceptible to hysteria and does the mere thought that we here in Los Angeles may be under observation by space ships from other planets give you the creeps?

Or are you one of the sceptics who smile fatuously at the mention of flying saucers?

At any rate, in the National Press Building, in Washington, D. C. this morning Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. Marine Corps (retired), author of "Flying Saucers From Outer Spaces," published by Henry Holt, held a press conference, presenting to writers and foreign correspondents evidence to prove his conclusions that the scores and scores of sightings of flying saucers are evidence that this country is under observation by aircraft from outer space.

He has worked closely with the U. S. Air Force Project Bluebook, investigating flying saucer sightings, and from Intelligence has obtained the release of hush-hush reports hitherto unpublished because they could cause nation-wide fear.

Reports Saucers 'Buzzed' White House

These releases mark a departure in Intelligence policy, indicating a desire to inform the public so that if one of the saucers should make a landing the people would not see in it cause for hysteria.

He says that the Air Force has motion pictures of saucers in flight, that Air Force Radar has tracked flying saucers at speeds above 7000 miles an hour, and that for some hours a formation of flying saucers hovered over Washington and actually "buzzed" the White House.

We quote from his book.

"On the afternoon of Jan. 7, 1948 a huge, round, glowing object was sighted by hundreds of people at Madisonville, Kentucky...State police estimated it to be at least 250 feet in diameter...Thirty minutes later it appeared over Godman Air Force Base not far from Fort Knox...As it hovered over the field, alternately glowing red and white, Captain Thomas Mantell, flying a F-51 passed over and was asked to investigate.

"Climbing through broken

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Evidence of Flying Saucers Existence Told

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clouds, Mantel called the field: 'I've sighted the thing...It looks metalic and it's tremendous in size...Now its starting to climb...It's still above me, making my speed or better...I'm going up to 20,000 feet...' "

Meets Death Watching 'Saucer'

"Minutes passed. The tower called Mantell but there was only silence...Later that day Mantell's body was found near the wreckage of his plane. One witness said the plane seemed to explode in mid-air..."

"On July 24, 1948, two Eastern Air Lines pilots, Captain C. S. Chiles and First Officer John B. Whitted told how at 2:45 a. m. as they were flying near Montgomery a brilliant cigar shaped craft came hurtling toward their airliner...'It was heading southwest' Captain Chiles said, 'and it flashed toward us at terrific speed. We veered to the left. It veered sharply, too, and passed us about 700 feet to the right.' Both pilots saw two rows of windows and noted an intense blue glow from inside...The speed of the craft was between 500 and 700 miles an hour..."

These reports are a matter of record...But even more fantastic is the report Intelligence released to Major Keyhoe of an encounter in the woods near West Palm Beach on Aug. 19, 1952.

Tells Strange Encounter in Woods

We quote:

"Scoutmaster D. S. Desvergers and three scouts were riding home from a meeting when they saw strange lights in the woods. Leaving the boys in his car, Desvergers went to investigate...Two minutes later the Scouts saw a reddish-white ball of fire. It came from about the height of the trees and seemed to slant down toward the spot where Desvergers had last been seen. When the Scoutmaster failed to return one of the boys ran to the nearest house and phoned for the sheriff...Just as the sheriff arrived, Desvergers came out of the woods, apparently badly frightened and on the verge of exhaustion. He had reached a clearing, he said, when he realized something was hovering above him...Pointing his flashlight upward, he saw a metallic disc-shaped machine about 25 feet in diameter. An instant later the saucer's turret opened. Then a fiery spray shot out at him, scorching his arm and burning his hat. When he got to his feet after lying dazed a few minutes, the saucer was gone..."

"The scoutmaster's arm was curiously reddened, his hat was burned, and the sheriff found a small, scorched area..."

Crash 'Foreign Object' in Skies

These are but three of the stories, but there are others, such as the statement that the crash of a transport plane carrying foreign correspondents just out of Calcutta, India, with the death of all "came after collision with an UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN OBJECT"—and that information has been cleared by Air Force Intelligence.

The reassuring part of it all, Major Keyhoe concludes, is that in all of these sightings there is no indication that the flying saucers were observing us with hostile intent.

But after reading the book when you see a shooting star racing across the horizon you will with good cause wonder if it may be but the glowing forward portion of a flying saucer.

DAILY BREEZE JULY 29 —

Mystery of Light Flashes Baffles Observers in Sequoia-Kings Region

SEQUOIA - KINGS NATIONAL PARKS (AP) — A celestial display of weird flashes of bright yellow light along the middle fork of the Kaweah River near Moro Rock has created a mystery which has park officials and residents baffled.

Park Superintendent E. T. Scoyen said the phenomena occurred four nights last week and were reported seen by more than a dozen persons, some as far away as Visalia.

Scoyen gives this account of one of the flashes:

"My wife and I were sitting on the terrace of our home at Ash Mountain Saturday night when there was a streak of bright yellow light up the canyon near Moro Rock. The light appeared to be traveling from north to south at tremendous speed. About 10 seconds later a big yellow ball about 1,000 feet in diameter rose from that point."

He said other persons reported seeing similar flashes Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Some of the witnesses said the light appeared to have a ball at the leading end, but all agreed on the bright yellow color and the fact the light moved from north to south.

One observer in Visalia said the light appeared to be at least 20,000 feet in the air.

Scoyen said the flash he and his wife witnessed sped directly over his house at a low altitude.

Fern Gray, telephone operator at park headquarters at Ash Mountain, reported all the drops of her switchboard were mysteriously knocked down during the Friday night flash.

The cause of the flashes?

Scoyen said he just doesn't know. It is inconceivable the lights could be caused by explosions, he declared, and "there wasn't a sound accompanying the flash." He also ruled out a meteorite theory because of the regularity of the appearances.

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Strange Aerial Objects Seen Off Coast

Two mysterious aerial objects were sighted about 14 miles west of Seal Cove, San Clemente Island, yesterday, Long Beach Coast Guard headquarters was notified by a fishing boat skipper.

Capt. Brooks Hurst, 4349 Stewart Ave., Venice, told of the occurrence by radio telephone. He said the objects, silver-colored and oblong, changed course at almost right angles while traveling at high speed then hovered over his craft, the Connie Mack.

When his attention was distracted momentarily, Capt. Hurst said, the two objects disappeared. Coast Guardsmen placed the report in the unsolved file.

'Voice from Space' Panics New Yorkers

NEW YORK (UP)—A telephone caller claiming to be "from outer space" interrupted a local radio show this morning and sent the listening public into one of the biggest spins since Orson Welles panicked the country with his "Men From Mars" broadcast 15 years ago.

The caller's warning to "Earthmen" to cease preparations for war "or your planet will be annihilated" sent hundreds of panicky listeners to their telephones to try to find out what they had heard. New York telephone company officials immediately placed tracers on the call.

Jinx Falkenburg and her husband, Tex McCrary, were interviewing Maj. Donald E. Kehoe (Ret.) of the U. S. Marines about his new book "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" on their breakfast show at the Waldorf-Astoria when they received the call through a hotel switchboard.

Keyhoe immediately denied that he was in any way responsible for the call. McCrary assured radio listeners that he and his wife were not responsible. Henry Holt & Co., Keyhoe's publisher, also disclaimed responsibility, adding that "we would never consider such a stunt to obtain publicity."

Miss Falkenburg answered but became too hysterical to converse with the caller. She turned the call over to McCrary who inadvertently held the phone close to the microphone. Listeners heard a thickly accented voice speaking in rapid, grammatical English.

The caller said at first he was calling from a space ship over Los Angeles. He later said he was "now" over Salt Lake City.

The gist of the call was this: "This is a voice from outer space. I warn you Earthmen to stop talking about flying saucers, about bombs and preparations for war, for unless you learn to live in peace your planet will be annihilated. I know this because I am in a position to see and you are not. I am reaching you with difficulty. You cannot see me, and you could not bear the sight if you did. It would be hideous."

The Waldorf switchboard was so jammed with calls for several hours after the broadcast that it took 10 minutes to place a call at the hotel. NBC telephone operators also reported "a flood of calls." Many of the callers expressed anger over "that kind of a hoax" and others wanted to know if the call was "real."

Earthly prowlers are giving Truman Bethurum, 519 N. Gertruda Ave., Redondo, considerably more trouble than the persons from outer space whom he meets occasionally in the Nevada desert.

In seeking local police aid last night, Bethurum explained that representatives of an author of flying saucer articles have been trying to obtain two original messages that he received from the space ship.

He added that when he left Redondo recently to go back to the desert in another attempt to contact the ship, two men apparently followed him and waited at a Nevada restaurant trying to find out about the ship.

Bethurum, who deals with the persons from another planet unassisted, asked that a prowl car check by his home frequently to protect him from his nearer neighbors.

His asserted visits to a space ship from the planet,"Clarion," attracted widespread interest two weeks ago following publication in the Daily Breeze of an article by Reporter John Moon.

Reporter Moon wrote of Bethurum's asserted encounter with the space ship and its crew in the Nevada desert and set off a veritable torrent of phone calls and letters to the Breeze.

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SKYWAYS

Flying Saucer Mock-up Ready

BY MARVIN MILES, Times Aviation Editor

Little by little, info is slipping out on the "flying saucer" project of A. V. Roe, Canada. In secret progress for about a year, the Auro development has reached the mock-up stage, we hear. Called the Omega because it resembles the Greek letter, the saucer—as indicated by the $60,000 mock-up—will be about 40 feet in diameter, with the pilot enclosed in a plastic center cockpit.

One source tells us the craft's jet engine will revolve around its vertical axis, to gain gyroscopic stability. Air intakes will be in the leading edge of the ship and exhaust in the rear. The jet probably would be augmented by rocket boost.

Expected performance, northern reports say, includes exceptionally high speed and ability to turn sharply without banking. Wonder if the Air Force or NACA are at all interested?

'Flying Disc' Nearly Swept Him Off Road, Says Driver

ENID, Okla., July 30 (AP)—A photographic supply salesman told police he was almost swept from the highway last night by a huge "flying saucer" which swooped low at terrific speed.

Sid Eubanks, 50, Wichita, Kan., told his bizarre tale to Desk Sgt. Vern Benell, who said the man was still trembling when he walked into the police station.

Eubanks said the mystery object, appearing as a "yellow-green, then yellow-brown streak about 400 feet long," suddenly swooped low over U.S. Highway 81 and completely reversed directions, disappearing in a few seconds into the west.

He said the "tremendous pressure nearly threw my automobile off the road."

The object loomed suddenly out of the night between Bison and Waukomis, south of here, Eubanks said. He described it as a huge round ball when directly over him.

U. S. Continues 'Saucer' Check

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP)—The Air Force says it's still checking into flying saucer reports, but it's certain of one thing: The saucers—whatever they are—don't seem to be a menace to the United States. Most of the sightings traced to date have turned out to be natural phenomena.

A flurry of reports that scores of unidentified objects had been spotted by radar in the Washington area during the past 10 days led the Air Force to call a special news conference yesterday to tell what it knew—or thought—of the saucers.

The official Air Force conclusion, announced yesterday:

About one-fifth of the sighting reports are "from credible observers, of relatively incredible things—so we keep on being concerned about them."

Of the one-fifth for which there is no explanation, Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, intelligence director said:

"No pattern has ever been found that reveals anything remotely like a purpose or consistency that can in any way be associated

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DOES EARTH HAVE MANY TINY MOONS?

Myriad Dull Spheres, One Foot to 100 Feet in Diameter, Thought to Be Circling Globe

BY WILLIAM S. BARTON

Myriad dull spheres ranging in size from one foot to more than 100 feet in diameter are believed to be forever circling the earth outside the atmosphere at altitudes between 10,000 and 240,000 miles (the distance of the moon).

Existence of these dark objects is suspected by some scientists, including civilian researchers for the United States Army Ordnance Corps. A systematic search for the tiny moons has been started at Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., by Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto.

At 55 S Grand Ave., Pasadena, West Coast headquarters for the corps to which we look for our present and future weapons, you may learn about several basic research projects undertaken primarily to increase the Army's store of knowledge. The greatest of all new weapons, including the A-bomb, resulted from this indirect approach.

Projects Explained

Dr. James Edson, part of whose duties include supervision of ordnance basic research in nine States, explained the Lowell Observatory and other projects.

Tombaugh is searching the skies for these heretofore never-seen objects with the aid of a special 8-inch Schmidt telescope. You could say that he has initiated the first space patrol for the Army between the earth and the moon.

He has a tough job. Because, for one thing, these small dull hypothetical objects, traveling so close to the earth, are expected to make blurs on photographic plates. To find them, the astronomer must divide the distance between earth and moon into a series of shells. One of his first tasks is to calculate the velocity of objects which haven't been seen. It's something like tracking invisible bugs, but techniques employed by artillery to track enemy planes may be helpful.

Mile a Second

Speeds of the supposed objects are estimated at more than a mile a second. An arbitrary table indicates that the 8-inch Schmidt should just be able to see a 100-foot-in-diameter sphere at the distance of the moon. It also should photograph a 42-foot-in-diameter object at an altitude of 100,000 miles and a 50-inch-in-diameter object at a height of 10,000 miles.

The small Schmidt telescope would photograph a V-2 rocket at an altitude of 25,000 miles. The great Schmidt telescope on Palomar would photograph one of these rockets at the distance of the moon.

Dr. Edson says that any of these objects found at a distance of 26,390 miles above the center of the earth would duplicate the earth's rotational speed of around 1000 miles an hour. Thus, such an object might hover indefinitely over a particular part of the earth.

Exciting Event

"If Tombaugh," he asserted, "finds even one of these objects, it will be exciting. We shall immediately alert all observatories to try to calcuate the object's orbit. Indirectly, at least, this project should help the Ordnance Corps.

"The effort should help in increasing the efficiency of our guided missiles and help in the search techniques for enemy missiles. But it also should supply some new data regarding the origin of the solar system and the probable cost of establishing stations in space."

An artificial meteor project, supported by the Ordnance Corps, is under way at the University of Utah. It is directed by Dr. M. E. Van Valkenburg. Made of aluminum slugs, the artificial meteors take off and leave tracks consisting of shock waves. The meteors are white hot, but the shock waves are being studied with radar. The slugs travel at two miles a second and their activity makes interesting comparisons with natural meteors possible.

Image Can Be Distorted

In one of the Ordnance-sponsored basic research tests, radar is bounced between rough ground and clouds of charged particles in the ionosphere at altitudes of 30 and more miles. The results have proved interesting because they shed light on how these clouds may distort the image of a guided missile as seen by radar.

Research done for Ordnance by Dr. Otto Struve, University of California astronomer, has necessitated the revision of the theory of turbulence in the atmosphere. His observations and study of fuzzy spectra suggest they are caused by explosions in the atmosphere of stars. The fact that some of the turbulence gyrates at speeds faster than sound may prove of value in designing supersonic jet missiles. Most of the explosions, Dr. Struve thinks, result from atomic disturbances in the stars.

One of the other basic projects Dr. Edson can talk about is the fixation problem being studied by Dr. Irving Maltzman, a UCLA psychologist. Fixation of inferest to too great an extent makes certain persons inept for certain critical jobs.

For example, some airplane pilots may fix their attention so hard on a target that they become hypnotized and fail to pull the plane out of the way of another aircraft. Drivers of automobiles may become so hypnotized by a long straight stretch of highway that they fail to see traffic about to cross the road.

A similar fixation problem may interfere with creative work. A talented man may build up a great store of knowledge in his head, but fail to realize that this store of information has put him in a cage. Again, a football quarterback may get a fixation on running through the line and forget to take advantage of a great passing opportunity.

'Cosmic Clock' Fed

"The crank," Dr. Edson says, "has no censor. But the highly trained man may need a censor to encourage relaxation."

One of the Ordnance researchers at UCLA has a bottle of liquid which gives off flashes of light. He feeds this liquid into a "cosmic clock."

This clock measures the time between flashes of cosmic ray particles. The time between flashes turns out to be a tenth of 1,000,000,000th of a second. This shows how long mesons, nuclear particles which compose some cosmic rays, live.

Despite their brief lives, mesons, thought to be the "glue" that holds matter together, may portray a new picture of the universe through such experiments.

PHANTOM PUNCTURED?

Were Viewers Left Limp By Night-Flying Blimp?

WILMINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—If anyone doubts the word of Horry County Farmer Lloyd Booth when he says he saw strange lights in a strange object in the sky last Jan. 29, they can quit questioning, says C. W. Hall.

Hall, an employe at the Civil Aeronautics Administration, control tower at Bluethenthal field here, says he's positive Booth saw just what he says he saw but just didn't know what it was.

Booth said he left his house that night when he heard his mules braying, chickens cackling and ducks quacking. It was about 11:15 p.m., he said, and he took a .22 pistol along.

By the light of a full moon he saw a strange object hovering above the tops of nearby pine trees.

Booth said the object moved by a pace slower than a human's fast walk and made a low humming noise. He tried to rouse folks in his house nearby but they were asleep.

"I went directly into the woods, easily catching up with the object," Booth said.

TOOK GOOD LOOK

"I walked under it, around it and viewed it from all sides," he said. "It was about 24 feet long and about 12 feet across, was a light grayish color and was lit up on the inside.

"Two places in the front resembled strange cockpits and were glassed over. I could see the light inside but could see no object in there. The back also had something resembling a cockpit with a stained glass over it. Light was coming through this section but I couid not see through it.

"The object was eight or 10 feet deep. The front sloped upward at the base at an angle of 40 to 50 degrees. The sides came straight outward and joined the base at about a 40 degree angle."

Booth said the overaall streamlined effect was something like half an egg cut from end to end.

"I heard a bullet hit the object. It made a metallic sound and just bounced off. I fired again but did not hear the bullet hit. A bare instant later, the object began making considerably more noise and took off at a high rate of speed at about a 65 degree angle. It kept that same course until it was completely out of sight."

Hall chuckles when he thinks about Booth shooting at the "object."

"There's no question in my mind but that Booth saw a navy blimp. I came on duty that night at midnight and about 2 a.m. saw two blimps northbound from Glynco, Ga., to Weeksville, N. C. A third was about 30 minutes behind them. That would make the time just about right for Booth to have seen one about 11:15.

"I particularly remember the night because there were three northbound and three southbound blimps passing within 20 miles of here.

"And Booth's description of the object he saw fits exactly how their gondolas look at night.

"That night," he recalled, "the northbound blimps were bucking a high headwind and whereas they normally operate at about 500 to 600 feet, they were hugging the tree tops. In fact, I had to send one around the airport because it was coming in so low over the end of the runway.

"I'll bet the fellas in that blimp decided really to get out of there fast when Booth began shooting. Wouldn't be at all surprised but what, if you went up to Weeksville and looked, you might find a dent in the bottom of one of those gondolas where he shot at it."

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MARION RESIDENTS BAFFLED

Mysterious 'Flying Lights' Leave Carolinians Puzzled

(See story on page 8A about Horry County farmer shooting at an egg-shaped object).

MARION, S. C., Feb. 14 (AP) — Mysterious flying lights, sighted three times within 15 days in coastal Carolina skies, had Marion residents puzzled today.

They were the last witnesses to see the lights as they hovered strangely overhead last night.

Were the lights real, or just an optical illusion? Were they natural phenomena, meteors streaking through the sky or vapor trails of high-flying aircraft? And was there a logical, connected pattern to the three incidents?

Many in this rich tobacco-growing country were inclined to dismiss them without too much thought when the first report of their sighting was made in neighboring Horry County. But the Marine Corps reported at Cherry Point N. C., Wednesday that one of its jet planes had chased—and then lost—a redlighted object flying at an astonishing speed. That made people compare stories. And then last night the lights popped up here.

At least six Marion residents saw the lights during a three-hour period. They were Horace W. Hennecy, a line foreman for the Marion Electric Co-op; Grady Lewis; John Lewis Sr., his son John Lewis Jr., a newspaper correspondent; Elwyn Paige and Mrs. Bobbie Smith, a housewife.

Mrs. Smith was the first to report seeing the object—whatever it is—last night. She said she saw what she thought was an airplane or a meteor heading northward about 6:30 p. m. She reported the incident because, she said, it made her think that a plane was crashing in the area. She was riding in a car at the time and said the object had a bright white light on it.

About the same time newspapers received reports that a meteor had been sighted by an Air Force plane near Wilmington, N. C., about 100 miles east of Marion.

But sometime later, Hennecy, the electric co-op foreman, heard that a plane or meteor had fallen near the co-op's substation so he, accompanied by Grady Lewis, went to check the area to see if any of the REA's property had been damaged.

Hennecy gave this account:

While he and Lewis were driving through the area, they saw an object at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. They lost it. But later, when on the Mullins Highway, they saw the object hovering over a house near the highway. They drove about two miles and got directly under it.

The object, when first sighted, was distinguished by a bright yellow light but when they got under it the light went out and they then saw a group of at least 12 red, green and yellow lights arranged in a diamond shape. After they were under it, the object began to move, first slowly and then with a burst of speed. It disappeared in the northeast after they had chased it along the highway at 70 miles an hour.

John O. Lewis Jr., the newspaper correspondent, said he, his father and Paige had seen the lights about 9:30 p. m. near the spot where Hennecy and Mrs. Smith had reported seeing them. Hennecy discounted the Lewis' belief that the object was a blimp or a jet plane because, he said, it cruised too slowly at times and then too fast at other times.

The first report in this area was made by Lloyd Booth, a Horry County farmer, who said he shot at—and hit—an egg-shaped object, with lights inside, late on the night of Jan. 29.

The next incident was the Marine Corps report Wednesday. It said that 1st Lt. Ed Balocco, 24, of Antioch, Calif., had chased and lost a mysterious lighted object, reported seen by at least two other Marine Corps pilots, and a farmer, along the North Carolina coast, at least 150 miles from here, Feb. 9.

Balocco described the object as the color of white heat and said "it threw out a red glow behind it." He said it outdistanced him easily, despite the fact that his jet was doing better than 500 miles an hour.

BOOTH STILL SAYS HE SHOT IT

Odd Death Of Cows Linked With Horry's 'Flying Egg'

By W. HORACE CARTER

CONWAY, S. C., Feb. 14 — For more than 200 years people have reported seeing mysterious flying objects of various colors, designs and speeds, but it remained for Lloyd C. Booth, Horry County, S. C., country store operator, to actually get a shot at one.

In the last three years, these strange objects of space have been sighted frequently and by hundreds of persons in the United States. Some reported sightings have been proven hoaxes. Some have turned out to be conventional aircraft that we mistaken for something unusual. And yet many reports ase still unexplained, even after the U. S. Air Force completed an exhaustive "Operation Saucer" involving months of study and investigation.

Indications now are that Mr. Booth's story is also going to be investigated and that Washington sleuths can be expected to visit him momentarily.

DIFFERENT STORY

His story is vastly different from those of the past. He didn't get just a glimpse of the object, he observed it at tree top height for more than 20 minutes and actually hit it with a shot from a .22 calibre, blunt-nosed pistol.

Booth's story took shape on the night of Jan. 29, a Thursday, and the date of an announced eclipse of the moon. Booth runs a country store and service station on Highway 701, about eight miles north of Conway. He keeps his business open until about 11:00 p. m., as he did on the night of the 29th.

Closing his store that night, he went home as usual. He lives with his parents about a mile from the store and a short distance off the highway. He arrived there about 11:15. His mother had left his supper prepared for him; so he put on a pot of coffee and sat reading his paper until the coffee heated.

A few minutes later, one of his father's mules began causing a commotion at the barn. Booth says he didn't think too much of it because the mule was easily excited anyway. However, in a moment, the other mule began neighing.

"Now that mule is hard to frighten and is always quiet. I knew something was borthering them," Booth said.

DUCKS WENT WILD

And before Booth could get out of the house, the chickens began squawking and a pen of ducks simply went wild with excitement.

On the previous night, Wednesday, Jan. 28, a cow belonging to Booth had died mysteriously. The cow had die of poisioning after having been perfectly healthy the evening before. Thinking perhaps some prowler had poisoned his animal and that perhaps he was back for more mischief, Booth grabbed his .22 calibre pistol and ran to the barn.

He saw nothing at first but a full moon lit up the countryside in a manner as similar to daylight as it ever gets on a fair night with a full moon. The eclipse had long passed over and it was nearing midnight.

As Booth crept around behind the barn, still half expecting to see some prowler, he was shocked and frightened by an unbelievable sight. But there it was just the same. There, just behind the barn and hovering "only 10 feet above the tree tops," was a floating object the likes of which he had never laid eyes on before.

UNFAMILIAR CRAFT

Booth is an ex-serviceman who has been in helicopters, seen all known types of blimps, jets and the aircraft whith which most people are familiar. This was none of them, says Booth, nor did it even slightly resemble them.

"The 'flying saucer' was almost still. It seemed to be drifting along like a balloon. It was moving no faster than a slow walk of a man. I could see it plainly and could detect a slight humming noise. The object was a light greyish color but lit up on the inside," Booth said.

Realizing that he was perhaps getting the best view in history of something that had been in the news for months, Booth had the immediate prompting to call for help. "I hollered to the house, hoping to wake my parents and bring them to the scene but even after repeated yelling, I couldn't make them hear me," said Booth.

Booth was only a little over 200 yards from the house when he first saw the object and was hesitant about following it alone. But when he could wake no one, he grasped his gun a little tighter, and with determination trotted off into the swampy woods to get a better view.

EXAMINED OBJECT

"I walked directly under the object. I got in front of it, behind it and on both sides. I was trying desperately to find some lettering or mark of identification which might clear up the mystery. But there were no markings whatsoever. I'm sure because I could see every bit of it at one time or the other except for the very top of it, of course," he said.

"It is a difficult object to describe, but it was roughly 24 feet long. It was 12 to 14 feet across and eight to 10 feet high. The front of it came up at about a 60 degree angle, the back at about at 40 degree angle, and it blended in all around in a highly streamlined manner. Actually it had a shape almost like a half an egg cut end to end.

"There were two glassed over areas in the front of the craft that might have been some kind of cockpit, although they were not like bubbles which our craft have. I could see anyone or anything inside. In the back was a similar 'cockpit' but it had a stained or tinted glass over it. Light was pouring through that opening but I could not see inside.

SAW OPENING

Underneath the object was an opening that looked to be about three feet across and there was a crescent shaped something protruding that looked like about a third of a large wheel. I took this to be a retracting landing gear of ome description, although I have never seen one like it before," he related.

"There was no visible means of support for the craft. It had no propeller, I could see no exhaust, no vapor trail, could detect no unusual odor and could just barely hear a humming noise coming from it."

During all this observation, Booth was constantly walking into the woods, keeping abreast of the object. He says that he was flowing it for at least 20 minutes, perhaps as much a 30. At any rate, after seeing apparently all there was to see, Booth pointed his pistol at it and fired.

HEARD BULLET HIT

"I heard the bullet hit it. It made a metallic noise and bounced off. I immediately fired again but did not hear the bullet strike because almost instantaneously with the first shot, the object began making a much louder noise, like a big electric motor, and took off at a rapid rate of speed at an angle of about 65 degrees. It traveled much faster than any aircraft I have ever seen before and went completely out of sight at the same angle from which it started," Booth said.

He pointed out that the noise it made could have been heard at his home if some one had been listening for it, although it might have been taken for a truck or fast car on the highway.

Booth is aware of the many hoaxes that have been perpetrated about flying saucers. This awareness almost kept him from even saying anything about the object he saw. But when he returned to the house, his parents had heard him shoot and began to inquire. Booth told them the whole story and a week later he casually divulged his tale to a lifelong friend and neighbor. From there the story broke to the public in five weekly newspapers published in this area.

WORD UNQUESTIONED

Mr. Booth is not an individual whose word is usually questioned. Nor has it been questioned in this instance by those who know him well. He is 29 years old, does not drink, is a member of the Poplar Methodist Church and is known

throughout the Adrain-Poplar section of Horry County as an "honest, Christian man."

Rev. Elwell Jones is about the same age as Booth. They attended school together and lived in the same section for many years. Rev. Jones is pastor of the Carolina Baptist Church in Horry County and he has this to say of Booth, "I have known Lloyd Booth all my life. I have known him to be a good Christian man and when he says he saw something, he did."

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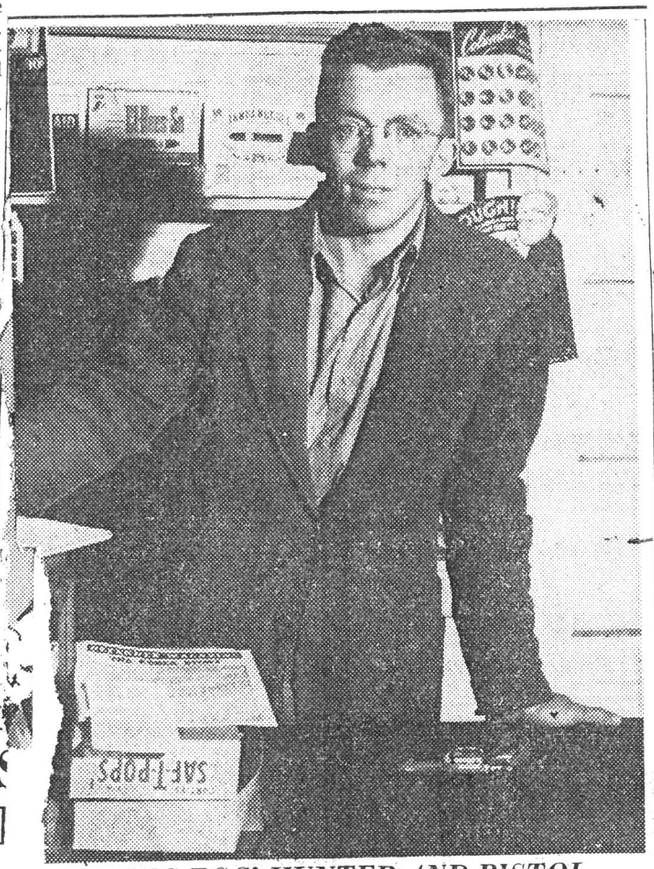
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Booth's story has been accepted by the vast majority of people in this area as authentic, with no plausable explanation of just what the thing was.

A rather unusual number of cows have died in the county this year, some definitely diagnosed as having died from some type nitrate poisoning. A record number of dogs have died throughout Horry and adjoining counties, some of these believed to have suffered from a similar poison.

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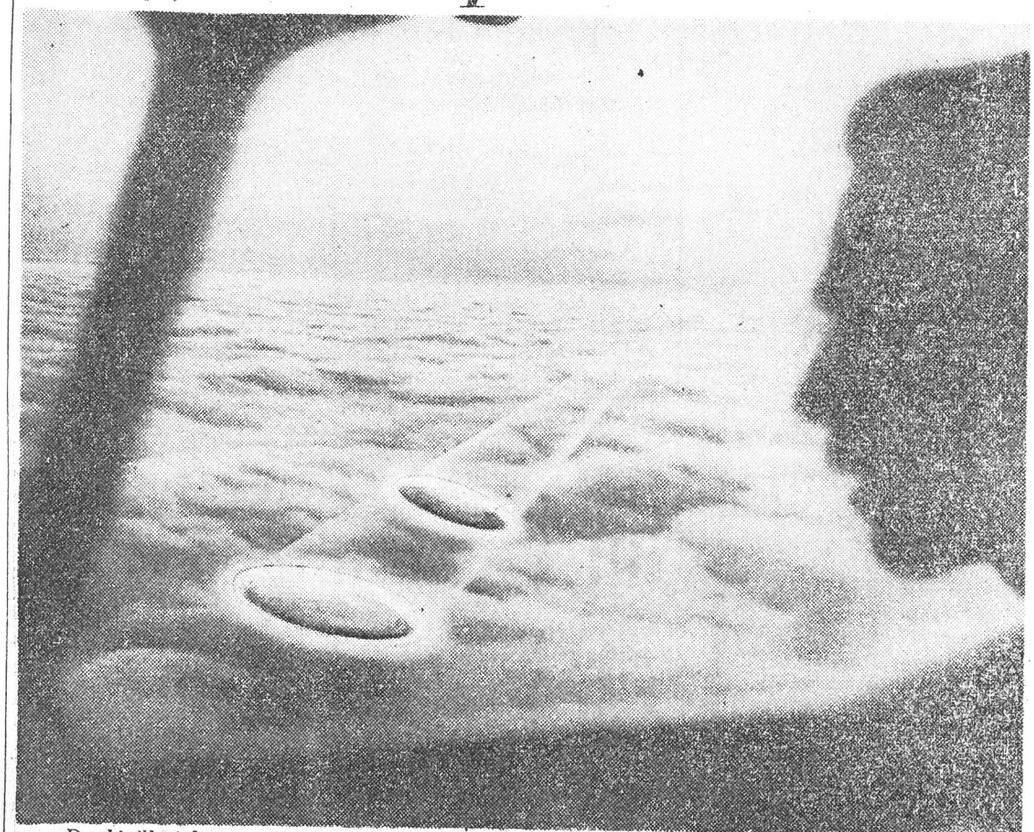
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4.000 "tefat" sedda
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De hittills iakttagna flygande tefatens utseende uppges variera från långa, cigarrliknande saker med eldsvans till lysande svagt kupade plattor. Så här tycks emellertid den amerikanska "standardmodellen" te sig för en häpen iakttagare enligt teckanaren Beverloo.

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Av BERTIL SVAHNSTRÖM

PARIS 22 dec. — (ST) De flygande tefaten, var kommer de ifrån?

Det finns många svar på den frågan, de flesta ungefär lika trovärdiga, eller kanske rättare sagt lika osannolika. Somliga säger: De flygande tefaten kommer från Sovjetunionen. Andra vet bättre besked: De är amerikanska! Andra åter har livligare fantasi: De flygande tefaten kommer från en annan värld. En mänsklighet på Venus eller Mars spionerar på oss.

Ännu andra iakttagare säger: De flygande tefaten, det är helt naturliga fenomen, som dramatiseras — meteorer, flygplan, ballonger, eller rena ljusreflexer. Och så har vi de verkliga skeptikerna, som förklarar: De flygande tefaten existerar inte. De är rena fantasifoster, atomålderns flygande storsjöodjur, resultatet av masshysteri.

Vad ska man dra för slutsats av alla dessa svar om inte att de flygande tefaten är alla tiders största mysterium.

Men det är inte ett mysterium som utan vidare kan hänföras till kategorin hallucinationer, som vissa Mariauppenbarelser, eller till kategorien skepparhistorier, som Münchhausens berättelser, eller förklaras som utslag av naturens nyckfullhet, som kalvar med sex ben.

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EYE-WITNESS:

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By JOHN MOON

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Bethurum has been promised a space flight to the far distant planet by the captain of a flying saucer, Aura Rahnes, with whom he became acquainted last year.

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Bethurum says he struck up the acquaintance with the lady captain of the flying saucer in June, 1952, while he was working on a road-building job near Mormon Mesa. Mormon Mesa is located on Highway 91 in Nevada about 70 miles from Las Vegas.

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Bethurum's Own Story

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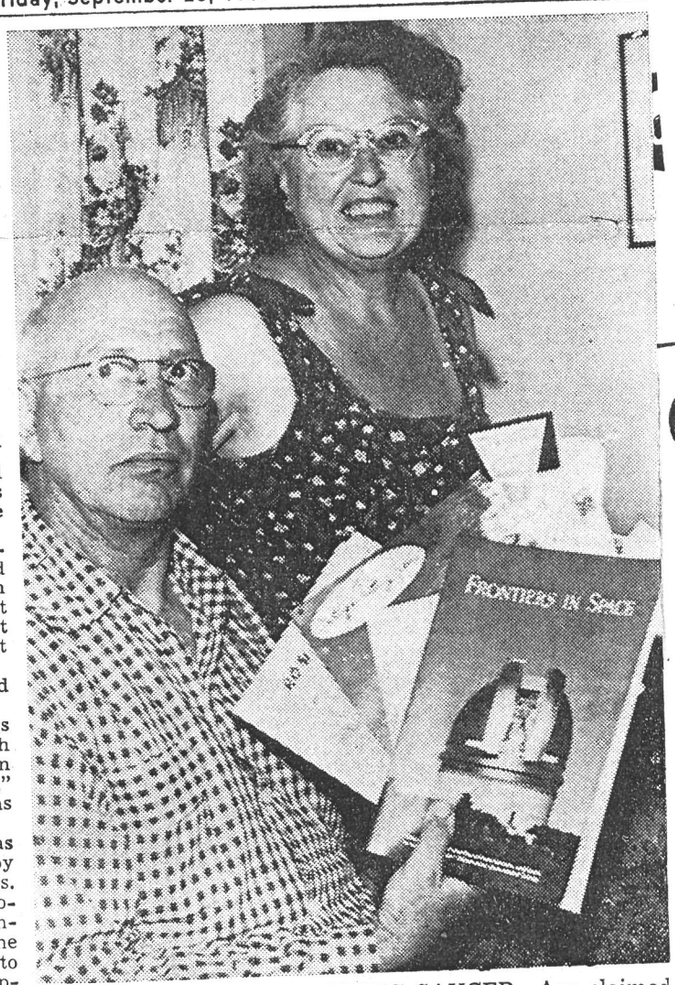
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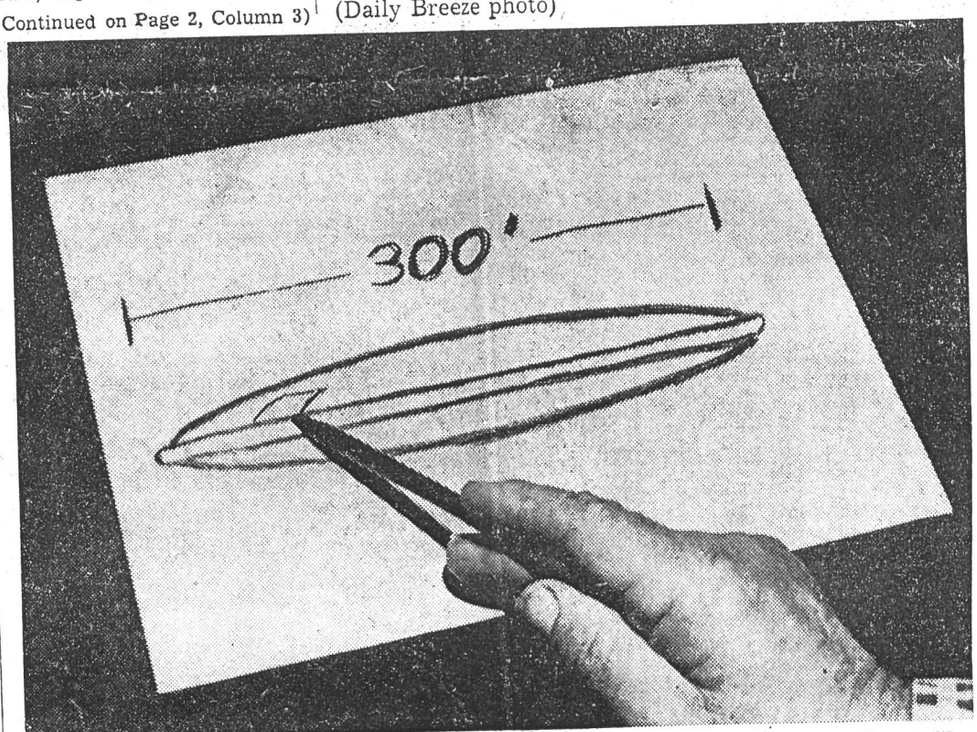
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In August the Bethurums were taken up into the Mojave Desert by a group which has been attempting to make contact with a space ship.

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Doesn't Seek Believers

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He said that one person accused him of being a Communist and of giving secrets to the Russians. That person, said Bethurum, threatened to send a few rifle bullets into his truck if he ever saw it parked alongside a desert road.

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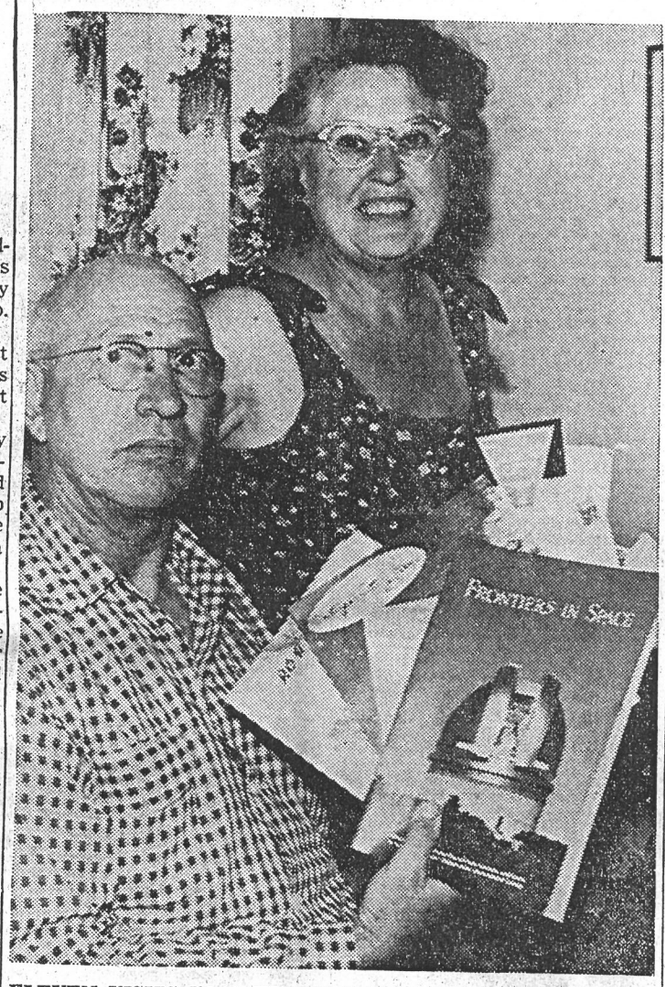
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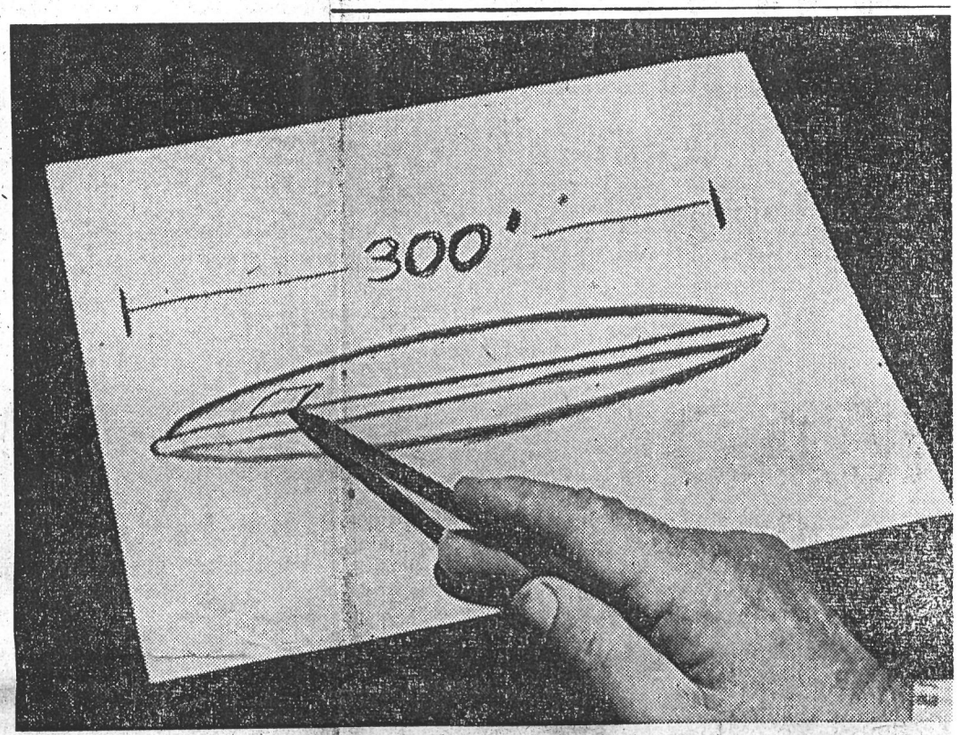
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No Weapons

Bethurum reported seeing no weapons on any of the Clarionites or on the space ship.

He was told that Clarionites are "very religious" and worship the "Supreme Entity, that sees all, knows all and controls all."

When Bethurum returned home to Redondo Beach and to his wife, Mary, he was informed he should keep quiet about his adventure. His wife, who now believes her husband's story, was afraid of what their friends might think.

But eventually the story leaked out.

Since then all sorts of literature and scientific data on the outer space have arrived unsolicited at the Bethurum home.

Also, scientists and all types of persons have visited the Bethurum home for talks. It was visits from well educated persons, said Mrs. Bethurum, "that caused me to start believing."

Said Mrs. Bethurum:

"Some of the aviation experts said that my husband knew too much about construction of space ships to have made up the story."

In August the Bethurums were taken up into the Mojave Desert by a group that has been attempting to make contact with a space ship.

Bethurum also has visited Prof. George Adamski of Palomar Gardens and compared notes with him. Bethurum, who said Adamski lives at the foot of the mountain that boasts of the world's most powerful telescope, adds that Adamski is supposed to have met and talked with people from flying saucers.

Adamski, said Bethurum, also is supposed to have taken a picture of a flying saucer, and picture is considered authentic

The persons seen by Prof. amski, said Bethurum, were portedly from the planet Jupi who dropped in out of the sky park their space ship near Des Center, Calif.

Doesn't Seek Believers

Bethurum explains that ma local persons believe his st "although I never try to ma anyone believe it. I don't care.

He said that one person cused him of being a Commur and of giving secrets to the R sians. That person, said Beth um, threatened to send a few r bullets into his truck if he e saw it parked alongside a des road.

Bethurum, who said he ca down with asthma following w on the Davis Dam, plans to le for the desert and regain health. He said he was going leave this week.

So, if persins reading this st have any questions, don't try query the Star-News-Vanguard Bethurum, who probably will "somewhere in the desert."

Just read the book that Be urum plans to write with the of a friend who is adept wi typewriter. Bethurum did not close when the book would published.

EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

REDONDO BEACH MAN TELLS OF MANY VISITS TO SPACE SHIP

By JOHN MOON

There's a man in Redondo Beach who says he has been aboard a flying saucer 11 times. What's more, he plans to take a flight in it to a distant planet next time he sees the lady captain and makes arrangements.

That trip, when arranged, will take Truman Bethurum, 55, of 519 N. Gertruda Ave., Redondo Beach, to the planet Clarion.

Bethurum has been promised a space flight to the far distant planet by the captain of a flying saucer, Aura Rahnes, with whom he became acquainted last year.

Mrs. Rahnes, who said she had two grandchildren back on the planet Clarion, told Bethurum the trip through space would take "about two nights," in other words about 48 hours.

Bethurum says he struck up the acquaintance with the lady captain of the flying saucer in June, 1952, while he was working on a road-building job near Mormon Mesa. Mormon Mesa is located on Highway 91 in Nevada about 70 miles from Las Vegas.

But for full details of Bethurum's experience on the flying saucer we'll start from the beginning.

Bethurum's Own Story

Here, then, is Bethurum's story as told to a Star-News-Vanguard reporter. Before he began the story, however, Bethurum assured the reporter he was "not a drinking man" and that he had "never been in any institution."

In June of 1952 Bethurum be-

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Canada Hopes to Solve Flying Saucer Mystery

OTTAWA, Ont. (U.P.)—The Canadian transport department has established "the world's first flying saucer sighting station" and officials predicted today it would put an end to the whirling disc controversy.

The new station was expected to be in round-the-clock operation within a few weeks at Shirley Bay, 10 miles west of here.

Scientists who will operate the station will try to find out if there actually are flying saucers.

Equipment at the station includes an ionospheric reactor to determine the height, pattern and conduct of the ionized layer of gases in the atmosphere and changes in the intensity of gamma and X-rays.

There are also electronic devices to measure known and unknown radio noises and disturbances, a gamma ray detector and a new device known as a gravimeter to measure gravitational pull.

Alarm bells hooked to the station have been placed in the nearby ionosphere station where telecommunications experts are on 24-hour duty.

A report was expected from the observers at the station within the next year.

Government scientists have refused to say there are such things as flying saucers but they took the stand there was certain evidence that needed explaining. It was made known the defense research board was studying and investigating saucer reports.

Transport department personnel such as ship captains and weather observers have standing orders to report "objects."

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ENGLAND SEES SKY SAUCERS

LONDON, Nov. 19.—(NANA)—Great Britain's cautious war office tonight released a brief report that a "strange object" seen passing over the county of Kent November 3 was tracked down by an army radar set. This is the first time an official report has been made in this country on the objects commonly referred to as flying saucers.

The mystery object was separately reported by two reliable service sources immediately after its observation November 3. The first report came from RAF flying officers T. S. Johnson and C. Smythe. From their Vampire jet at 20,000 feet, they saw an object much higher than they were—Johnson and Smythe estimated it to be around 60,000 feet—pass over at tremendous speed. It was circular, and was emitting or reflecting fierce light.

No sooner had the officers reported this observation to their air station than it was learned that the war office had a report on an object from a territorial army unit testing a radar set in southeast London.

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Space Ships Come in Three Types, Saucer Devotee Says

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Flying saucers are space ships from other planets, Bill Roach, member of Spheres, Inc., a group of 25 young scientists who are interested in the phenomena, last night told 134 men of All Saints Episcopal church and guests at a dinner meeting.

Roach named two Americans, Prof. Adamski, who lives near Mt. Palomar, and Truman Berthram, formerly of Redondo Beach, whom he reported as having seen space ships land on this continent, and to have talked to the visitors. These men described the visitors as like ourselves, excepting more highly developed and using something like mental telepathy in foretelling incidents and selections of times to make landings.

One of the visitors said he was from the Planet Claria, on the opposite side of the moon from earth. Roach said there are three types of space ships used by visitors, and that apparently those space ships are used even for interchange of commerce between planets.

Following the talk, Roach answered numerous questions, some of which asked why it is that "these things always seem to come through mediums, seances and table-knocking."

The speaker was introduced by dinner chairman Ed Bingham.

Seeing Is Believing

4 in Airliner Report Saucer Over Channel

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LONDON, Oct. 18.

BRITAIN'S Air Ministry was reported today investigating new reports of a flying saucer watched from the air for 30 minutes by two British airline pilots. The ministry named the saucer observers as Capt. Peter Fletcher and First Officer R. L. Lemon.

The two airline men were on a Paris-bound flight over the English Channel when they spotted the saucer. The day was so cloudless and clear, they said, that they could see planes over Orly Airport 100 miles away.

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FLYING at 13,500 feet, Fletcher and Lemon reported they noticed ahead another craft flying at 20,000 feet. They said the craft had the appearance of two shallow saucers with their rims together. The top reflecting surface was smooth and unbroken and highly polished. The craft appeared to be hovering stationary.

Believing their strange neighbor might be a trick of light, the Britons called to the pilots' seats the aircraft steward and navigator. All four said the saucer, if such, was no optical illusion.

Hubby Kidnaped by 'Disc,' Wife Fears

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PLANE VANISHES IN MYSTERY

Wife Fears Hubby in Flying Saucer Kidnap

BY CHARLES RIDGWAY, Mirror Staff Reporter

Two missing electricians may have been kidnaped by interplanetary invaders in a flying saucer, fears Mrs. Wilbur J. Wilkinson of 1933½ LeMoyne Ave., wife of one of the missing men.

The two flying saucer fans, Wilkinson and Karl Hunrath of 2315 S Flower St., took off in a rented airplane from Gardena Airport last Wednesday with a three-hour gas supply.

Despite a widespread search, no trace of the plane or its occupants has been seen.

Wilkinson's wife told The Mirror today that Hunrath was an avid believer in flying saucers. He and Wilkinson believed the end of the earth was nearing, and that strange little men from the planet "Maser" were ready to invade.

Hunt Saucer

Hunrath claimed to know the whereabouts of a flying saucer recently landed. Wilkinson's den, in their rented hillside home, is lined with flying saucer pictures, weird signs and formulas, which his wife says were supposed to be the new interplanetary language.

"Of course, I don't quite go for all the flying saucer talk, but Karl had convinced Wilbur they actually existed," Mrs. Wilkinson related.

"He had tape recordings of conversations with men from other planets who landed here in saucers."

She also pointed to messages tacked on Wilkinson's walls, supposedly received by radio from the interplanetary visitors. One was from a "Prince Reggs of the planet Maser."

The Wilkinsons, who have three children, Patricia, 12; Judith, 5, and John, 2, moved here from Racine, Wis., June 28. Wilbur is employed by Hoffman Radio Corp., where he was recently promoted to be in charge of the inspection department, Mrs. Wilkinson said.

The 38-year-old electrician has a den full of electronic equipment, radios and tape recorders.

"He was planning to go into the recording business," his tearful wife told The Mirror.

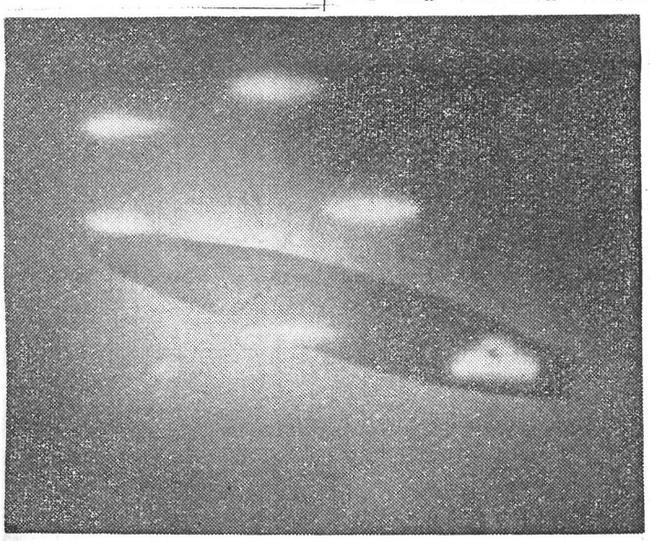
"He really didn't seem too interested in flying saucers except when Karl Hunrath came around. Karl was the one who talked us into coming to California because he said he could actually show a flying saucer to Wilbur."

Deputy sheriffs took a dim view of the "saucer kidnaping."

They warned Mrs. Wilkinson the two missing men might be in for a prison term if it is shown they "stole" the plane.

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Mrs. Wilkinson admitted having an argument with her husband the night before he disappeared, but insisted it had nothing to do with him leaving. "I just can't help but think flying saucers had something to do with it," she concluded.

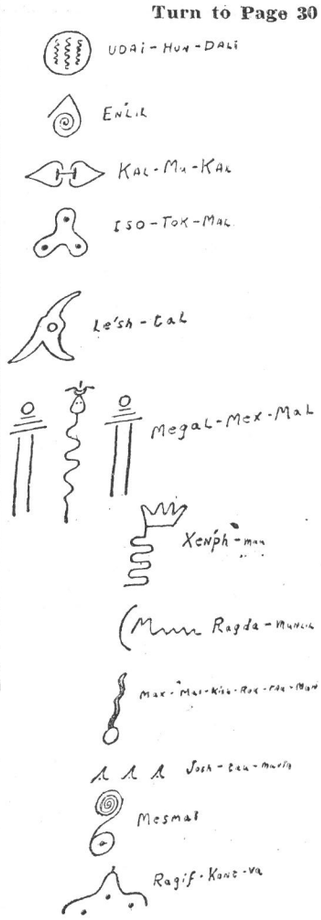


From "Flying Saucers Have Landed," by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski.

A FLYING SAUCER 'MOTHER' SHIP? Were missing fliers "kidnaped" in one?



WILBUR J. WILKINSON
One of missing men.



—MIRRORFOTOS

FROM OUTER SPACE?

These weird symbols and words were found on wall of Wilkinson's home. Some have English words penciled lightly beneath. In upper photo, "Lesh-tal," next to last line, is translated "Create Life." Lower, second line, "Xenph-man" has scribbled under it: "Poseid Returning." Third from bottom, "Josh-tan-marin," is translated: "Births give cataclysm."

FLYING DISC KIDNAP FEARED AS 2 VANISH

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Matt Weinstock

Opinion is divided on flying saucers

Strange, elusive things are going on up in the heavens but even under cold, scientific analysis, no one has any idea what they are.

That's the word from Albert M. Chop, who spent a year and a half with the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, O., then two years on the Air Force press desk in the Pentagon.



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Part of his work was handling intelligence reports on unidentified flying objects. Chop, now with the public relations staff at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, left the Pentagon last February but his interest in UFO remains keen.

He doesn't go along with the often-told tales of little green men from another planet being seen emerging from landed saucers. Despite rumors, no saucers or fragments of saucers, no bodies of these little men, have ever been recovered.

Nor does he go along with well-meaning mystics who report visions they interpret as flying saucers.

There is enough unexplained evidence without these.

SINCE 1946, WHEN the Air Force began paying attention to UFO, something like 4000 sightings have been officially reported. Donald E. Keyhoe, retired Marine major, states in his book, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space," that 80 per cent of the 1952 sightings and 90 per cent of the 1953 sightings were solved as balloons, planes, atmospheric reflections or hallucinations. Chop, who figures prominently in Keyhoe's book, sometimes unhappily out of context or in a misleading inference, questions the high percentage of these figures.

Pentagon opinion on flying saucers is sharply divided. Some officers remain unshaken in their opinion that no such things exist. Others are just as positive, as is Keyhoe, that they are interplanetary.

Every sighting is scientifically analyzed, to separate the hallucinations from the real. The ATIC doesn't talk out loud about it but they can spot a phony at a glance. The fact remains that 10 per cent or perhaps more of the sightings remain unexplained.

HOW, ASKS CHOP, can you write off as a mirage an object that appears on a ground radar screen, then is seen being chased by a jet interceptor equipped with radar, then maneuvers at speeds up to 5000 mph, making sharp angle turns that are impossible in any craft that engineers can conceive?

About 7:30 p. m. Dec. 29, 1952, an Air Force radar base in northern Japan received a call from a B-26 crew that it had sighted a UFO—a cluster of red, white and green lights. Fifteen minutes later an F-94 pilot radioed he had sighted the same object. Col. Curtis Low, commander of a fighter-escort wing, flying an F-84 jet at 27,000 feet, overheard the call and three minutes later he sighted the object and went after it. He switched off his lights to avoid canopy reflection, climbed to 35,000 feet, and got closer. Three white beams remained constant on the saucer but the colored lights rotated counterclockwise. He closed in at 500 mph but the object suddenly put on speed and disappeared. The ATIC summary, although placing confidence in Low's reliability, stated there was a great possibility he had been chasing the planet Jupiter. The official conclusion was that the object was probably astronomical. It may be assumed that Low and the other pilots relapsed into a disgusted silence.

ATIC IS REALLY baffled, however, by what are known as the Tremonton pictures. Shortly before noon in July a Navy warrant officer and his wife were driving seven miles from Tremonton, Utah, when they saw a formation of 12 or 14 bright objects maneuvering in the blue sky. The officer got out his 16-mm. camera, put on a telephoto lens and shot 40 feet of color film. He sent the film to Project Bluebook, the saucer investigation agency. The film was subjected to every test and fraud was completely ruled out. The conclusion: Unknown.

Of these and other unexplained phenomena, Chop says, "We just don't know." Even so, it seems to us the Defense Department should make public the classified information it's sitting on.

Big Meteor Colors S.F. Sky Weirdly

Jan 4/53

SAN FRANCISCO (INS)—The San Francisco Bay area sky was streaked by a dazzling light early yesterday, visible for at least 100 miles and believed caused by a meteor of "once in a lifetime" magnitude. Pas Indie

Witnesses reported it variously as an exploding airplane or a flare sent up from a ship at sea.

But Dr. Otto Struve, head of the University of California Department of Astronomy, said the brilliant light probably was a "fireball." This is an unusually bright meteor which flares into a gigantic flame after crashing into the earth's atmosphere at a tremendous speed.

Persons as far away as Napa and Salinas reported seeing the phenomenon at about 12:15 a.m. Witnesses along the ocean coast in San Mateo said it seemed to disappear into the sea.

All witnesses agreed that the light was very brilliant but some said it was white. Others yellowish, and one said it had green tones. Several also said a discernible shock accompanied the flash, and Dr. Struve said such a shock could be expected. He explained:

"A meteor sets up an air wave when it travels through our atmosphere at 20 to 30 miles a second, causing a noticeable concussion. The friction set up when it leaves outer space and hits our heavier air also causes friction which sets it afire and makes a characteristic sound."

Persons who witnessed the display were asked to report their experiences to universities. Dr. Struve suggested they communicate particularly with Dr. Frederick Leonard of UCLA, a leading authority on meteors in California.

Dr. Struve said that "ordinary" meteors constantly shower the earth but one of the intensity seen yesterday is witnessed only about once in a lifetime.

He said that meteors are fragments of stone or metal which travel around the sun in oval-shaped orbits. He added:

"One in a while such an orbit intersects with the orbit of the earth and a collision can take place when that occurs."

Virtually all witnesses indicated that the object vanished over the sea off the San Mateo coast, either plunging into the water or being consumed by its own heat.

ANOTHER 'MARS' SCARE

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'Outer Space' Hoax Disrupts Radio Show

NEW YORK (U.P.)—A telephone caller claiming to be "from outer space" interrupted a local radio show this morning and sent the listening public into one of the biggest spins since Orson Welles panicked the country with his "Men from Mars" broadcast 15 years ago.

The caller's warning to "earthmen" to cease preparations for war "or your planet will be annihilated" sent hundreds of panicky listeners to their telephones to try to find out what they had heard. New York Telephone Co. officials immediately placed tracers on the call.

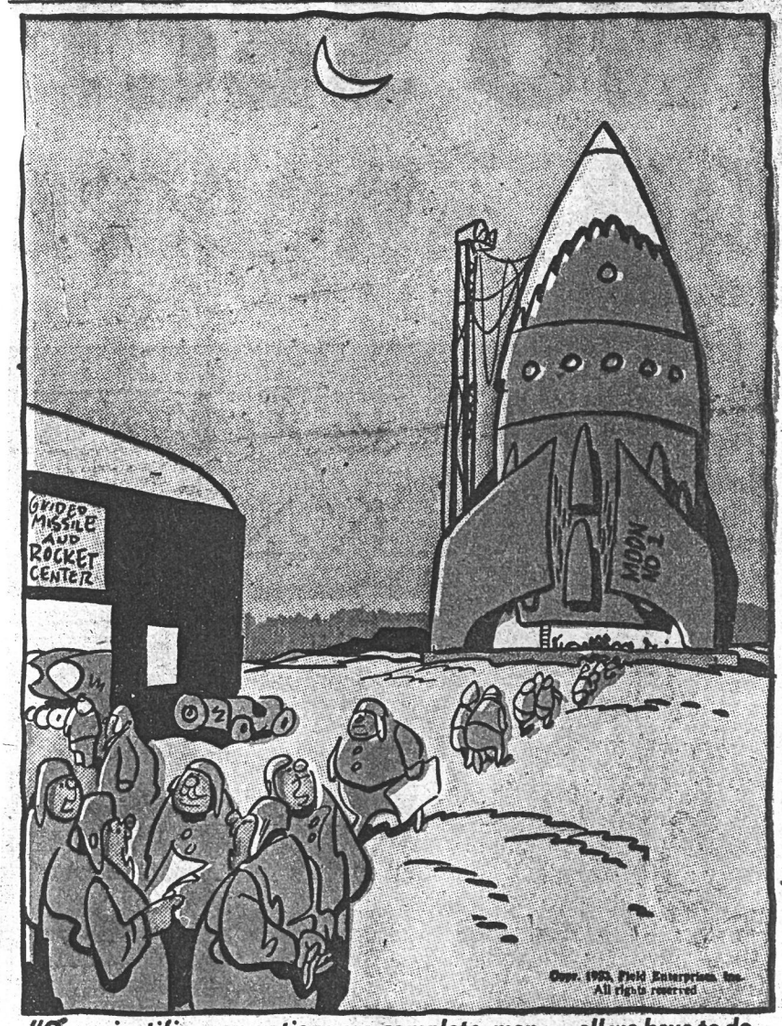
Jinx Falkenburg and her husband, Tex McCrary, were interviewing Maj. Donald E. Kehoe (ret.) of the U.S. Marines about his new book on "Flying Saucers" on their breakfast show at the Waldorf-Astoria when they received the call through a hotel switchboard.

Keyhoe immediately denied that he was in any way responsible for the call. McCrary assured radio listeners that he and his wife were not responsible. Keyhoe's publisher also disclaimed responsibility.

Miss Falkenburg answered but became too hysterical to converse with the caller. She turned the call over to McCrary who inadvertantly held the phone close to the microphone. Listeners heard a thickly accented voice speaking in rapid, grammatical English.

The caller said at first he was calling from a space ship over Los Angeles. He later said he was "now" over Salt Lake City.

The gist of the call was this: "This is a voice from outer space. I warn you earthmen to stop talking about flying saucers, about bombs and preparations for war, for unless you learn to live in peace your planet will be annihilated. I know this because I am in a position to see and you are not. I am reaching you with difficulty. You cannot see me, and you could not bear the sight if you did. It would be hideous."



"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 . . ."

SENATE IS WARNED ON SAUCERS IN SKY

Henry J. Taylor, Nominated as Envoy, Finds Reports of Sightings Disturbing

By RUSSELL BAKER
Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 4 — Henry J. Taylor, the Administration's newly appointed Ambassador to Switzerland, has cautioned the Senate not to laugh off reports of flying saucers.

About 10 per cent of the saucer reports, Mr. Taylor told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggest to him that there is something disturbing and mysterious going on in the heavens.

His testimony was given Wednesday in closed session and released today.

The committee also released the testimony of Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, the State Department's foremost student of Soviet affairs. He is being transferred from Moscow to Manila.

Mr. Bohlen, the testimony shows, confessed a general ignorance of the Orient and said that his only experience of the Philippines was a week's stopover there in 1928 when he was a seaman on a merchant ship.

Nominations Approved

Mr. Taylor is an independently well-to-do writer and broadcaster who was formerly sponsored by General Motors Corporation. He has had no diplomatic experience. His and Mr. Bohlen's nominations were approved by the Foreign Relations Committee and are expected to pass the Senate without trouble.

Transcripts of the hearings show that committee questioning in each case was cursory. Senator Homer E. Capehart, Republican of Indiana, for example, wondered if Mr. Taylor would look up the German-Swiss family of the Capehart who emigrated to the New World in 1731.

Senator H. Alexander Smith, Republican of New Jersey, wanted to know why Mr. Taylor had studied at the University of Virginia instead of at Princeton. Mr. Smith also asked about reports that the new ambassador was a believer in the existence of "flying saucers."

"The more you get into that thing the more fascinating it is," Mr. Taylor replied.

'Difficult to Deny'

He has not "the faintest idea what is happening," Mr. Taylor said, "but it is very difficult to deny that something is happening around us that we just don't quite understand."

About 90 per cent of the sightings reported are "ridiculous, or publicity seekers, or misconceptions, or optical illusions," he said.

But about one of every ten reports, he added, is "very disturbing." There are "too many sober-minded people with photographic and other evidence" who have sighted objects, he said.

"Something is apparently happening in about 8 or 10 per cent of these sightings in various parts of the world which is not clear. I just don't think that we know all the secrets of the universe yet."

In answer to other questions, Mr. Taylor said he thought he was qualified for the Ambassadorship because he had studied and written about the Swiss economy, spoke French and could read "a little German."

Green Voices Misgivings

At the Bohlen hearing Senator Theodore Francis Green, Democrat of Rhode Island and committee chairman, again voiced misgivings about transferring an Ambassador from a country he understands "thoroughly" to one with which he is "unfamiliar."

In his twenty-eight years in the foreign service, Mr. Bohlen testified, his work has been exclusively in Europe except for nine months of pre-Pearl Harbor duty in Japan and six months internment there after World War II began.

"I can't claim that I developed any profound knowledge of the Orient," he said.

He has had no experience of China, he added, and spoke no Spanish though the wide use of English in the Philippines would probably preclude a language problem.

Senator William F. Knowland, Republican of California, defended the transfer on grounds that it was "extremely important" to have "a trained and able foreign service officer" in the Philippines at this time.